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A Record of Indecision

Undoubtedly there still exists considerable confusion on the local treatment plant issue. Council has had long and earnest debate on the proposal to provide the services for the new industry to occupy the Wool Combing site and some additional service to the Beardmore firm

Council's action has been slightly wobbly with several changes in opinion as indicated by the following successive resolutions

On August 16th this resolution moved by W. Cook and seconded by J. Goy was approved by council.

"And resolved that approval be granted the Mayor and his committee to accept the proposition of building a new sewer disposal plant to accommodate the new industry contemplating locating in the town of Acton. This approval subject to project being acceptable to the Ontario Water Resources Commission, Act. 1957 and the Ontario Municipal Board"

Present at this special meeting were Mayor Tyler, Reeve Hargrave, Councillors W. Cook, H. Lowe, S. Brunelle, and J. Goy

On October 19th, the following resolutions were tabled and approved

(1) Moved by H. Lowe and seconded by W. Wilson.

"Council of the Town of Acton, endorse the recommendations of the sewer and water committee, that no further action be taken on the proposed erection of a new Industrial Sewage Treatment Plant or the extension of the present sewage facility for other than domestic sewage or additional industrial effluents that end within the present plant's capabilities relative to BOD count"

On a recorded vote this was approved by Deputy Reeve W. Wilson, Councillors W. Cook, J. Goy, S. Brunelle, F. Watts, H. Lowe and G. Barbeau

Opposed by Mayor E. Tyler and Reeve J. Hargrave

(2) Moved by W. Wilson and seconded by J. Goy.

"Council appoint a committee to negotiate with the companies concerned re the installation of sewage disposal plant and that said negotiations be arranged at the earliest convenience"

Approved by Mayor E. Tyler, Reeve J. Hargrave, Deputy Reeve W. Wilson, Councillors W. Cook, J. Goy, S. Brunelle, F. Watts, G. Barbeau

Opposed by H. Lowe

(3) Moved by J. Goy and seconded by G. Barbeau

"The committee to meet with the industries involved regarding Industrial Sewage be as follows: Mayor E. Tyler, W. Wilson, W. Cook, J. J. Stewart and J. Goy"

Approved by Mayor E. Tyler, Reeve J. Hargrave, Deputy Reeve W. Wilson, Councillors J. Goy, S. Brunelle, F. Watts, and G. Barbeau

Opposed by W. Cook and H. Lowe

As we said earlier this is an important problem for the town. It deserves a study of the facts by citizens rather than the acceptance of street corner rumours and private meeting opinions.

Queen of Canada

During her visit to North America, the Queen has been presented in three capacities.

In Jamestown and Williamsburg, at ceremonies commemorating arrival of the first English settlers in Virginia, she attended as Queen of the United Kingdom.

In New York, addressing the United Nations, she spoke as head of the British Commonwealth.

But in Canada—and at Washington—she was both these things and much more—Queen of Canada.

The sovereign's official designation in Canada is: "Her Most Excellent Majesty Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom, Canada and Her other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith."

In her visit to Ottawa, the monarch's role as Queen of Canada was emphasized not only by Canadians but by the Queen herself. In her broadcast address to the Canadian nation, Her Majesty said: "I shall be going to the United States) as the head of the Canadian nation to

pay a state visit to the head of our great neighboring country... when you read or hear about the events in Washington, and other places, I want you to reflect that it is the Queen of Canada and her husband who are concerned in them.

In a message to Her Majesty after she left Canada, Prime Minister Diefenbaker said: During this historic stay, Your Majesty has strengthened in us all our pride in Canada and in Canada's Queen.

With each such visit, the picture of the sovereign as Queen of Canada will become more vivid in Canadian minds.

A Teeners-Parent Code

What should teenagers and their parents do about smoking, drinking and "lights out" parties?

In Minnesota, there is now a state-wide code, largely worked out by youngsters themselves, which answers these questions, reports a recent article.

A parent, or some other responsible adult should be at home when teenagers entertain, but should allow the youngsters a sensible measure of privacy.

Here are the key provisions of the code. "Lights out" games have no place in a well-ordered party.

Young people and their parents should agree on a definite time for getting home from dates.

Young people should come directly home from an evening out unless other plans have been approved by parents.

Parental consent for driving the family car should be based on: (1) possession of a driver's license; (2) young people's proof of ability to control themselves and the car.

Riders have a share in the responsibility for safe driving. Dares and jeers from riders have been responsible for many deaths.

Young people should understand that it is not a disgrace to decline an alcoholic drink.

Suggested times for terminating social affairs on non-school nights range from ten o'clock for the seventh grade age level to one o'clock for high school junior and senior formal dances.

Perhaps parents and teenagers might find some common grounds for agreement in this outline that deals with a situation that confronts every responsible parent at one time or another.

Mutual agreement among parents too would relieve the situation where "So and so can do it why can't I?"

Reflecting on Sputnik

The age of the satellite has arrived. No one knows, at this stage, what this will mean to mankind but the comic book stories of space ships that were in the realm of fancy only a few weeks ago don't seem quite so improbable today.

The Russians, with Sputnik, their 184-pound satellite, have conquered space and it is just a matter of time before the United States too will have its satellite circling the earth.

There is a world of difference between an unmanned sphere and a manned space ship but the Russians claim they soon will be sending animals up into outer space. Once the problem of staying alive in the thin atmosphere has been solved human beings will follow.

But that doesn't mean that man will be travelling to the moon tomorrow, the next day or even within the life span of persons living today. Russia's satellite is less than 600 miles above the earth, the moon is 238,840 miles away.

Russia's achievement, great as it is, probably is as remote from a trip to the moon as the Wright brothers' first airplane flight was from the transatlantic crossings of today's jet airliners.

One immediate result of the first earth satellite, however, is already evident. Radio and television comedians have found a new subject for their jokes; the first satellite toys are on the assembly line and there should be a booming market for them this Christmas.

In Detroit that city's junior advertising club has announced it will begin an immediate study of advertising in outer space, its possibilities and its problems.

Club president Rex Ciovola has stated that a code of ethics must be developed "before we find ourselves swamped with such problems as satellites broadcasting recorded commercials; blinking satellites with messages readable from earth and billboard rental space on the moon."

"We've a feeling Mr. Ciovola is being a bit premature but it might not be a bad idea if space billboards replaced the signs that now clutter our highways, especially at this season of the year when the trees are decked in their lovely autumn colors."

Brief Comment

Holding of fire drills... may not seem to some people to prove much, but the success of the drills can mean the saving of lives in case of real fire... For panic is the greater danger in case of fire. It is this, more often than fire itself, which causes injury or death. —Trenton (Ont.) Courier-Advocate



"Toby"

Photo by Esther Taylor

G.A.D. About...

Looking at Past--Planning for Future

Recently there came to my desk a booklet entitled "Credit Valley Conservation Report 1957". One often approaches a report with a sense of duty and not particular eagerness. In view of the general local interest lately and its effect in our own town, we admit that we was our approach, but as we progressed through its 140 pages, we received both pleasure and information from its reading.

Of course, we all know that Acton is not in the Credit Valley, its relationship to the Credit River is somewhat of a second cousin.

The head of the Credit is actually above Orangeville and its main course runs more or less than in Halton, but down through Wellington, Esquimaux and Peel are numerous little tributaries that eventually make up the Credit River as they form it on its way to Port Credit and Lake Ontario.

What is commonly known as the Back Creek is the tributary that rises above Acton and flows into Fairy Lake and on down to Steyriarthon. There are similar little streams all through the route of the Credit watershed.

The book is divided into six sections: History, Land, Forest, Water, Wildlife and Recreation. It is well illustrated with many pictures of early buildings and landmarks. It is of passing interest when the land prices are as they are today.

Today is a note a quotation from the first land portion division of 1815. A strip of land containing about 84,000 acres along Lake Ontario between Ebeoback and Burlington Bay for a depth of five or six miles from the shore of the lake was purchased from the chiefs of the Mississauga Indians for 1,000 pounds sterling, about three pence sterling per acre, according to the record in the book.

Of course, the early industries in Esquimaux were great and saw mills and in 1845 there were four great mills and nine saw mills. By 1854-55 there were 18 saw mills and six flour or grist mills in Esquimaux with one steam saw mill.

All of these were dependent upon the little streams that formed the Credit. Tanning and leather-working were among the early industries. There were tanneries at Simonsville, Georgetown, Noval and the first tannery was at Acton in 1842. There were about 10 tanneries in the Credit watershed at Stewarttown, Erin, Churchville and Glen Williams. In 1891 there were about 10 tanning plants in Halton County.

Another early industry was the wooden mills. By 1850 there were about 10 wooden mills and seven or eight of them were weaving cloth. At one time there were 15 to 18 wooden mills along the Credit valley. That was in 1881 and 10 years later, many of them were closed down.

There was, of course, the wood-working industries, the shingle and lath mills and the cooper shops. There is reported about 1871 to have been nine or 10 shingle mills in the Credit area. The census of the same year also gave 25 carriage factories in Halton and 23 in Peel.

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THE GOOD OLD DAYS

BACK IN 1907

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, October 24, 1947

Two squads of hunters after any live thing tame or wild they could legally kill—a dozen in each squad—representing the Dominion and the Acton Hotel, scoured the woods surrounding Acton on Monday to see which side could kill the largest number. The Acton side won and the Acton representative had to pay for the supper which followed the day's killing.

Miss Amelia Hushard, daughter of Mr. J. W. Husband of Young St., has been appointed supervisor of the nurses in Hamilton hospitals, at Erie, Penn. and has come home for a ten day leave prior to entering into the duties of the responsible position.

From the Winnipeg Telegram we note that Mr. Samuel Brown, son of our esteemed townsman, Robert Brown Esq. Bower Avenue, has the contract for the fine new Union Station of the Canadian Northern and Grand Trunk Pacific Station at Winnipeg.

Mr. William Hensel has been appointed agent for the Acton Granite Works and is receiving orders for monuments.

Reeve W. Wilson says that his man William is at home on Monday and has proposed to be in the council chamber as he himself has been in getting in the new entrance and gates to the new cemetery.

Charles Sney who has been recuperated by his mother from a week of illness at the hotel at home again.

The young ladies of the Fellowship League, who gave up dressing daily several years ago, got it again. They are dressing 50 or more to send to the Daughters Home, Toronto, for distribution among the poor little bits of the city at Christmas time.

The bricklayers commenced operations on Mr. D. M. Henderson's new brick residence on Bower Avenue on Monday.

Mr. John Godwin of the Station Hotel has purchased the vacant adjoining his present property.

The old house on the Beadmore property known as the McLean House is being torn down.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27th, 1957 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship 7:00 p.m.—Evening worship with Wednesday, 8 p.m. — Mid-week service	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27th, 1957 ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer 10:00 a.m.—Morning Church and Church School 11:15 a.m.—Morning worship 7:00 p.m.—Evening Service Rev. Geo. McLullen
METHODIST CHURCH IN CANADA KNOX CHURCH, ACTON Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D.	THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA St. Anne's Church, Acton, Ont. Rev. Alan H. Jones, B.A., L.T.S. Rector, 185 Jeffrey St., Tel. 245
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27th, 1957 9:45 a.m.—Church School 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship 7:00 p.m.—Evening worship with drawn for Acton United church anniversary.	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27th, 1957 (TRINITY KIX) Layman's Sunday 8:30 a.m.—High Communion 9:45 a.m.—Church School and Bible Class 11:00 a.m.—Befriender Classes 11:00 a.m.—Services conducted by members of the Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen. 4:15 p.m.—Holy Baptism.
ACTON PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY Meeting in the Y.M.C.A. Pastor Rev. E. J. Reid 31 Cook St., Telephone 416-W	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27th, 1957 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship 7:00 p.m.—Evening Service Wednesday 7:30 p.m.—Prayer meeting and Bible study.