



"SAUCY HOLLANDAISE" was presented at the Robert Little Auditorium Tuesday and Wednesday evening of this week. Pictured above are Kay Dennis and Peter Marks, who depicted the King and Queen of Holland. The auditorium was packed for the two performances.

Re-Establish Committee To Study School Needs

Halton County council Tuesday agreed to re-establishing the county consultative committee on high school expansions when public school inspector L. L. Skuce, secretary of the last committee, reported that Milton, Acton and Georgetown high schools were all asking for additions next year (see story, page 12) and the building proposals had been submitted to the Department of Education.

The last committee, comprising Mr. C. Lindsay of Equestrian, D. A. MacCoshie of Oakville, and M. M. Robinson of Burlington, had been disbanded a year ago when they reported to council that no building would be necessary until 1960.

Mr. Skuce made strong recommendation that a committee be set up immediately to study the high school needs, especially in the North of the County.

Councillors agreed to have Mr. Skuce call a meeting of the three committee members at once.

Community Officials Hold Annual Dinner

Mayor and Mrs. E. G. Tyler were presented with a chrome finished cocktail set from town officials and other guests in attendance at the annual Municipal Party held at "Hilltop Lodge" Erin, on Friday evening, December 6th.

Members and wives of council, P.U.C., the local Planning Board, a number of Municipal employees, Mr. Alan P. Deacon Planning Consultant and Mrs. Deacon, Ken Hyde, engineer from R. V. Anderson and Associates Consultant Engineer and Mrs. Hyde and Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Dills were present to enjoy the delicious turkey dinner served at the lodge.

Speaking at the dinner, Mayor Tyler expressed hope the annual party would be continued in the future and extended warm greetings to all present.

G. A. Dills in commending the town officials on their excellent work this past year led the group in a toast to all officials.

The evening was spent in a singing and dancing to the music of Les Doby and his band.

County Asks Full-time Crown Attorney Deputy-Magistrate also Recommended



MAYOR AND MRS. E. G. TYLER are pictured with the powder style chrome finished cocktail set, presented them at the Municipal Party at Hilltop Lodge last Friday. The gift to honor the couple was from town officials and workmen.

County Council, at the last meeting of the year Tuesday afternoon, recommended to the incoming 1958 council the hiring of crown attorney Lloyd Dingle of Burlington as full-time, salaried crown attorney. A further recommendation noted that if Mr. Dingle, who presently acts as crown attorney on a part-time basis, does not with the full-time position, another person is to be appointed to fill the job.

According to Reeve Don Bath of Trafalgar, the police were concerned whether or not to lay charges against individuals, and were never certain what charges should be laid until the crown attorney was consulted. Police officers experienced some difficulty, he explained, in locating Mr. Dingle when occasions arose.

The finance committee, chaired by Reeve Stan Allen of Georgetown, recommended the appointment after studying the suggestion over the past two months. The committee also recommended that each Halton municipality pay presently overdue accounts to Mr. Dingle for cases lost by the crown attorney.

New Deputy-Magistrate

The appointment of a Deputy-Magistrate to assist Magistrate K. M. Langdon with the increasing work in the county was also recommended, this time by the town of Burlington. The suggestion was turned over to the finance committee for consideration, and copies of the request are being sent to the Attorney-General and all Halton municipalities.

Members tossed out a roads committee recommendation that the Board of Transport Commissioners be approached to install short-arm crossing gates and automatic signals on the Second Line C.N.R. crossing in Trafalgar just north of the village of Bronte, to favor an underpass in its stead. Reeve Card, in opposing the petition, explained the situation was the same in Oakville where it was found the gates would cost \$32,000 while an underpass could be obtained at a cost of \$45-50,000. He deplored the present basis of sharing costs, forming it "outraged" and declaring "these municipalities that have railways are stuck with this cost," while people from anywhere can use the facilities.

Audience Packs School Auditorium To View "The Saucy Hollandaise"

Presentation of the operetta, *The Saucy Hollandaise*, at the Robert Little school auditorium, was enjoyed by a packed auditorium on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of this week.

The operetta included a cast of over 600 children from the M. Z. Bennett and Robert Little schools.

The Saucy Hollandaise was the story of a Princess of the royal house of Snyder Saw who possesses the State secret. The Queen, knowing the Princess propensity for gossip and talking in public, appoints Hans the linker, a green country boy, custodian to watch over her and see that she does not talk too much.

About this time, a foreign Prince and his fleet arrive in Holland, ostensibly on a mission of goodwill, but really to learn the great State secret. Then the Prince learns that the secret is shared by the Princess, he decides to gain her confidence by his wiles and fascination, but owing to a bad case of rose fever and Hans' vigilance, he has a hard time of it.

To complicate matters still more, Hans, finding Holland alluring and much to their liking, decide to stay, and to do so, mutiny under the leadership of Joe, a tough old salt.

The Prince, in order to break up

the mutiny, has an operation of trephining performed on Joe. The Queen, learning that the operation is to take place, orders the King to be operated on at the same time, hoping for the good of the country, to cure him of a sleeping sickness contracted while in the Orient. The result is that the contents of the two heads become mixed. Joe wakes up docile as a lamb and the King his old autocratic self.

In the meantime, the Princess, desiring to keep the Prince and his men in Holland, promises to divulge the great secret if they will stay, assuring them that it will be impossible for them to leave after learning it. The Prince, by this time really caring for the Princess and knowing full well that his father, the King, will give him a cold reception should he return home with his mission a failure, decides to stay, much to the joy of his men.

Then the Secret, which has to do with Hans Brinker and the Holland dykes, is told and all ends happily.

On both evenings, Ken Knowlton played the Prince, Helen Benton the Princess and Brian Sprouton, Doctor Quick, who performed the operations.

Tuesday night, David Ludka was Joe, the old salt; Ralph Matthews was Hans; Jill Hurst played Meena,

Hans' sweetheart, the cheese girl; Graham Wyndett was the King and Susan Heard was the Queen.

Wednesday night, Don Price was Joe; Brian McCrystal was Hans; Mary Beth Elliott played Meena; Peter Marks was the King and Kay Dennis the Queen.



KEN KNOWLTON portrays the Prince in the Public School Operetta which was presented this week in the school auditorium. Much praise was given to the ladies who assisted in making the costumes, and directed the boys and girls during the past months of training.

Siren Calls Firemen To Television Scene

Acton Fire Department were called to the home of Mr. C. Higgins, 28 Guelph Street, Tuesday afternoon, when a television set developed electrical trouble and began to smoulder.

After smouldering for a short time the affected part extinguished itself and the firemen returned to their quarters.

Damage was considered to be slight although Fire Chief J. Newton could give no definite estimate at the time of the fire.

Crown Champion For Y Table Tennis

Brian McCrystal was crowned new table tennis champion, at the Y.M.C.A. last Saturday.

Brian edged the crown from Don Price, who held the glory for one week.

In the semi-finals the scores were: Brian McCrystal (21, 21) against 20, 21; Don Price (17, 21) 21; George Harris (21, 9, 18).

The finals were played off by Brian McCrystal and Don Price with Brian winning out (22, 18, 23) against 20, 21, 21.

Y. Secretary D. Docherty announced interest was high in this competition and each week promises better skilled competitors.

Skating on Fairy Lake seems to be a popular pastime these days.

The Public School operetta was a huge success with everyone enjoying the performances.

Ten Candidates Pass Home Nursing Course

Ten candidates successfully passed the St. John Ambulance Brigade Home Nursing Course held for the last 10 weeks in St. Joseph's church basement.

The lectures were given by Mrs. G. Benton, R.N. and the examination by Miss D. Gibbons, R.N. which was followed by a lovely lunch at which gifts were presented to Mrs. Benton and Miss Gibbons.

Those successful in passing examinations are as follows:

Mrs. J. Denny, Miss B. Roszell, Mrs. D. Spicer, Miss M. Smith, Mrs. E. Heffernan, Mrs. J. Buckman, Mrs. G. Hargrave, Mrs. Perryman, Mr. G. Hargrave, Mr. D. Spicer.

Work is continuing on the H. K. Porter property in preparing for construction in the early spring.

Board Finalizes By-Law Submit to Council to Pass

After completing final revisions to the zoning by-law, the Acton Planning Board agreed to submit the by-law to the town Council with the recommendation it be passed as constituted, at their regular meeting on Tuesday evening.

A request from Beardmore and Company for a reproduction of the aerial view of the town of Acton, designating a required area was discussed at length regarding charges to be made for the photos.

The Board decided to have Alan P. Deacon, Planning Consultant review the original photo strips in order to decide a reasonable rate to charge for reprints.

The Planning Board were informed of a request from Edwin Colea to build semi-detached homes in his subdivision on Queen Street.

The Board decided not to allow semi-detached houses to be built and in leave double duplex houses as listed in the zoning by-law.

Authorization was given Alan P. Deacon, Black and Shoemaker to proceed with finalization of compiled plan for registration.

Accounts amounting to \$3,022.00 were approved for payment.

Over 100 Attend Junior Hi-Y Dance

Over 100 boys and girls attended the Junior Hi-Y dance at the Y.M.C.A. on Friday, December 6.

The large group of teenagers danced to music supplied by records and refreshed themselves at the pop cooler, reports Y. secretary Dave Docherty.

Commission Hears Report Effluent Tests 98% Pure

A report of tests taken at the disposal plant in Acton by the Ontario Water Resources Commission showed the final effluent to be 98 per cent pure according to a report read at the regular meeting of the Public Utilities Commission on Thursday, December 5.

Clerk-treasurer J. McGoschie, in reading the report, noted the sewage entered the plant at 250 lb. 75% BOD content and in going through the final clarifier, it showed a BOD content of 1.4, with the final effluent being 2 BOD count.

Commissioners remarked that it was as pure as any drinking water.

Refusing water services to the Christian Reform church on No. 7 Highway, the Commission recommended the delegation present apply for annexation into Acton.

H. Hansenburg and E. Kamuning, representing the Christian Reform church, pointed out trouble had been experienced in drilling for water and with the possibility of being annexed into Acton within a few years, the Board of the church hesitated to spend between \$400 and \$500 for equipment.

The commission explained a resolution was in force not to supply services in anyone outside the town limits, and if one was given services, more would be applying.

Mayor E. Tyler explained it would be a simple matter to apply to the town for annexation and be assured of a water supply.

It was suggested the Board of the church request a temporary supply of water from W. Little, garage operator in the district, until such time as annexation has been made.

Referring to an earlier report of a clogged drain in Lakeview, Superintendent A. Doby explained the pipe had settled and had caused sand to gather, preventing a continual flow of sewage. He reported the trouble had been fixed and appeared to be in good working order.

Mr. Doby, in giving the sewer report, told the commission the demonstration with the equipment for pushing rods through the sewer or mains which had been requested by the commission, had proved quite satisfactory.

A discussion followed the super-

intendent's report on the possibility of purchasing a machine at a cost of \$300, and the commission agreed the cost was high for the amount of equipment received, but the work it would do on one job would more than compensate for the outlay of money.

It was agreed to purchase the machine if the cost could be billed to the first of the year.

The superintendent explained the sanifax, a chemical for relieving clogged drains, had proven quite satisfactory and he asked if the commission was interested in purchasing one pound containers of the product for resale to the public.

Chairman J. J. Stewart suggested an additional supply be ordered and tests be continued with town sewers and mains.

Hydro superintendent D. Mason reported on completing the colored lights on the standards on Mill St. and explained they were designed to be left up all year round by simply unplugging them.

A request for street lights on Mowbray Place was made by E. G. Tyler. Chuckling, he added, "I'm on the other side of the fence now and as a ratepayer who has paid taxes for a good many years, should be given consideration."

The commission referred to a previous agreement, given verbally by property owner E. Brada, that street lights would be put in when his property was divided into a subdivision.

The clerk-treasurer was instructed to approach Mr. Brada with an agreement for him to sign.

Dr. F. G. Oakes, commissioner, inquired what had been done about tampering with town fire hydrants and was informed by water superintendent J. Lambert he had been told plumbers could purchase keys to fit the hydrants.

It was resolved by the commission to recommend to town council passing of a by-law prohibiting the use of the hydrants by builders and construction workers and that a penalty be imposed on the person misusing the equipment.

Rounding out the large cast of 600 were the many children who portrayed sailors, ladies of the court, villagers and the choir.

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Public School Board Set Date for Opening

The date for the official opening of the M. Z. Bennett School was set for Monday January 20th, when the Public School Board met on Wednesday, December 5, at the Robert Little School.

Applications for the use of the School Auditorium by Beardmore and Company for their Christmas party and the Junior Farmers, were approved.

The secretary was directed to advertise for tenders for decorating the Principal's Office at the Robert Little School.

Receipt of \$100 annual Scout Hall token rental and \$120 non-resident fees were reported by the secretary.

The inaugural meeting of the new Board was set for Thursday, January 2nd.

The financial statement, amounting to \$2,356.35 was approved for payment.



ACTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS' OPERETTA was well attended on Tuesday and Wednesday evening at the Robert Little School Auditorium, when they presented "The Saucy Hollandaise" a two-act play. The above picture shows the junior choir in one of their opening numbers and lower photo is the grade 1 children going through their dances. Many hours were spent in preparing the scenery and making the costumes.

At the suggestion of Reeve Fred Atkinson of Burlington, copies of the letter are to be sent all municipalities and the Attorney-General.

Reeve Bath reported planning directors G. Serena of Nelson and Ed Cummings of Trafalgar had met the Naasagaweya and Equestrian councils and studied road patterns and suggested setbacks for widening in the two northern townships. He said that as the Guelph Line north of Highway 401 would become a main artery for traffic to Guelph, the group planned to widen it to 120 feet, and decided to notify the Department of Highways of this on the underpass of overpass at 401 would coincide with their plans. As well the planning directors were making a tour of the roads in the two townships with the thought of a roads pattern for the area, especially around Highway 401.

Won't Hurry Annexation

Reeve Atkinson asked why the roads committee had submitted no plans at Tuesday's meeting for the maintenance of the roads in the annexed portion of East Flamboro for 1958. Committee members replied the maintenance would have to be set out by by-law and could be drawn until the first of the year when the annexation comes into effect.

At the November meeting, councillors had decided to ask collector J. T. Weir what progress had been made in the case preparation for the proposed annexation of Burlington into Wentworth County. Clerk G. Brown reported Mr. Weir had said nothing should be done at present to put the Municipal Board into dealing with the now dormant application, until either the Board or Wentworth decided to revive the annexation talk.

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