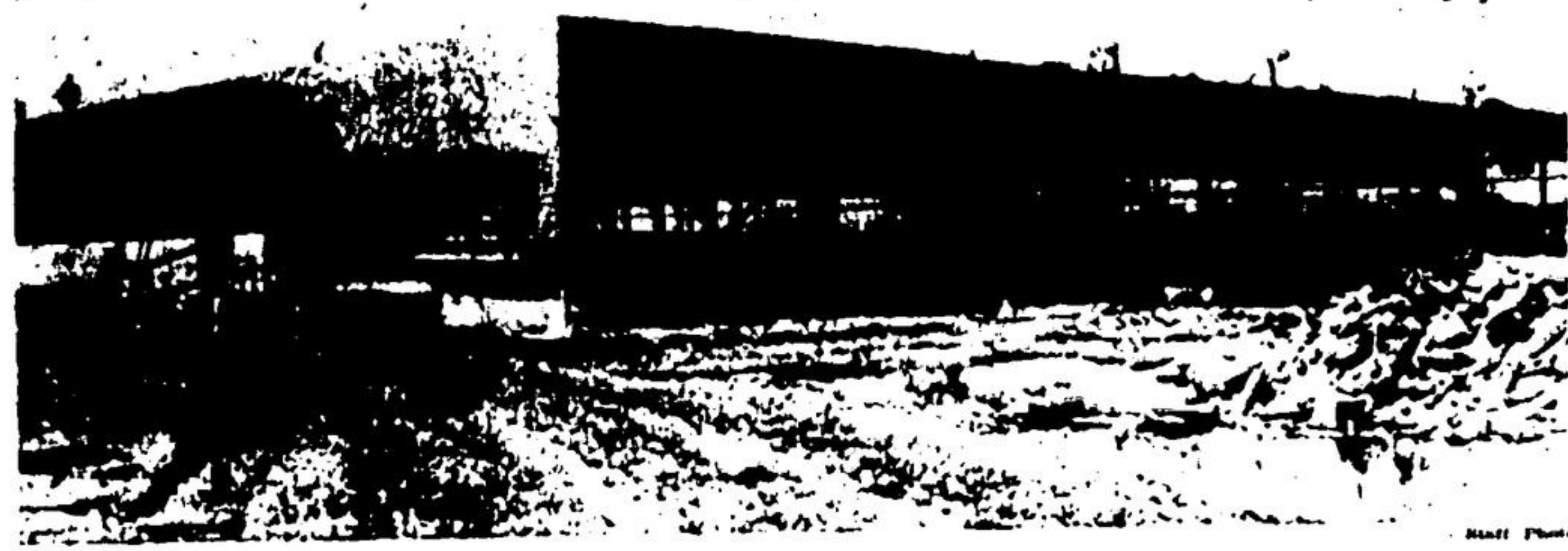


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THE NEW H. K. POYER PLANT IN ACTON shows rapid construction progress day by day in spite of poor weather recently. Pictured above is a view of the front entrance to the plant as workmen complete the masonry. Carl Larocque, building superintendent, reported this week the heating system, gas line and masonry would be completed this weekend.

Council Approves '57 Auditors' Report Reviews, Discusses \$19,990 Deficit

A recommendation contained in the auditor's report to budget for the much discussed \$19,990 deficit caused the previously elected council members to become opposed to a levy of questions, answers and accusations by council members at Monday night's regular meeting.

At a special meeting last week council had discussed this deficit and decided on a 62 mill rate for residential and 68 mill rate for commercial.

In order to keep the mill rate down, council had approved a form of deficit budgeting, which was disapproved of by some members of the finance committee.

Councillor B. Rachlin, writing a previously read letter from the Ontario Municipal Board, addressed to Mayor W. H. Cook, inquired why the letter, which was dated prior to the finance committee meeting time at which two resolutions for a proposed mill rate was reached had not been produced at this meeting.

The letter referred to a telephone call between the Mayor and an official of the Municipal Board discussing the deferring of the \$19,990 spent last year on the purchase of a site for roads and future water supply.

The communication stated the deferring issue was not permitted since the 1947 council had agreed clear they intended to pay the \$19,990 out of current revenues.

This year's council had decided to apply to the O.M.B. for deferring for the outstanding amount and were refused. The letter pointed out that in the case of a deficit in current expenditures, the amount should be levied for in the coming year. It also stated that the budget was mandatory.

Reading Issue

Mr. Rachlin addressing the Mayor inquired "How do you recall council setting the mill rate without taking care of this amount?" This letter was not read at our special April 1st meeting and we struck our mill rate without being aware of its contents.

The Mayor informed the councillor the letter would in no way be after the conditions, stating "You were fully aware of the pertinent facts."

Councillor Rachlin replied, "You are evading the issue. The law says, according to this letter, we must levy for the deficit and we did not do it."

After being reminded by Councillor J. Goy that the Mayor had not voted for the budget, Mr. Rachlin insisted the letter should have been read, asking "How much longer are we going to continue doing things against the law?"

The councillor stated to members the government had informed them what they must do and council should have complied with the law. We should have been given all the pertinent facts before setting the mill rate," he said.

The Mayor assured him all the facts had been supplied without any omissions.

Rev. W. Wilson questioned Mr. Rachlin, referring to a finance committee meeting at which two possible budgets were prepared for council's consideration. He asked Mr. Rachlin why, if he was in doubt, he had agreed to the recommendation.

Under Fire

Under fire from all corners, Mr. Rachlin told the Mayor he did not pretend to be familiar with all sections of the Municipal Act, stating he had gone along with the recommendation innocently.

"We should have been told that such things can't be done legally. Council was not advised as a council of the true facts about deficit budgeting," continued the councillor.

Mayor Cook shouted, "This is not a secret organization. Council WAS aware of all the facts."

Mr. Rachlin directing his statement once again to the Mayor, informed him "You are supposed to direct council and apparently you do not see fit to do so. There's something wrong and I'm just trying to find out about it."

After a review by the Mayor of the \$19,990 deficit, Councillor Rachlin told Mr. Cook, "We didn't know these things. You did. The Mayor remarked "You are not nearly as ignorant as you appear to be."

Councillor E. Fostitt informed the Mayor if the letter had been read last week council would not have budgeted for a deficit.

Following a discussion of the Municipal Act with reference to levies, Mayor Cook instructed Clerk J. McGeachie to have a copy of the Act brought from the municipal office for clarification of the law.

After the reading of sections of the Act by the Clerk and much discussion, Council later accepted the much disputed auditor's report.

Dog Control

Ross Pearen and Alan McNabb of the Oakville Humane Society were present to discuss operation of the present dog control measures.

Asked by Councillor G. Barbeau if there were any particular dogs in Acton the dog catcher has set his goal for but could not catch, Mr. McNabb informed him there were some they had been unable to catch.

Mr. Pearen informed Council Milton had the same problem and quipped, "You would almost think the dogs could read the sign on the truck." He also pointed out there was no scent from the vehicle as after each run, the trucks were disinfected.

Council was informed the Humane Society had discussed the possibility of a system where a warning ticket would be issued to first offenders, and a duplicate kept on file.

Inhumane

Asked if dogs were being picked up on private property or not, Mr. Pearen informed Council in the past they had picked up dogs on private property.

Reeve Wilson told the representatives a person could have a dog under control without being with it, adding "I don't see why dogs should be tied up on my own property," and Mayor Cook informed him it was in the by-law that dogs should be tied up, so therefore they should.

Councillor J. Goy inquired if it was the Humane Society's policy to have dogs tied up 24 hours a day, 12 months a year, adding "It's inhumane."

Mr. Pearen replied that dog control is not the Humane Society's work, but an added service.

Mr. Goy said, "It is unreasonable to ask the Humane Society, when they pick up tagged dogs, to give the owners a chance to recover them without going to Oakville?"

Mr. Pearen, "Have you any suggestions?"

Mr. Goy, "Notify the clerk in order to contact the owners."

Mayor Cook suggested the town supply the Society with a list of tagged dogs in order for them to have the owners notified when an animal is picked up. Mr. Pearen replied it would be losing contact with the purpose of dog control.

He suggested if people had to journey to Oakville they would be more careful in the future.

Council agreed to authorize the Mayor to appoint a committee to meet with the society to discuss Acton's dog control by-law.

Salary Increases

Approval was given for an increase in salaries to town office employees retroactive to January 1, 1958, on a 50-50 split basis with the Public Utilities Commission, as follows: J. McGeachie \$300, J. Price \$150, A. Urquhart \$150 and C. Wallis \$150.

Also approved were increases to town employees under the following scales: T. Jones, \$150; A. Kirkness, \$150 plus \$100 car allowance; S. Tennant, 7c per hour and other town employees on an hourly rate, 2c.

It was approved that the town of Acton commence Daylight Saving Time on Sunday, April 27 at 12:01 a.m. until October 26 at 2 a.m.

Permission was granted to the Duke of Devonshire Chapter, I.O. D.E. to hold a convalescence the first two weeks of May.

Council agreed to endorse a motion of Toronto township pertaining to the conservation levy. The motion stated no municipality would levy for more than 1/4 mill per year.

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Special Services in Churches Mark Easter Sunday Observances

Local churches were filled to capacity on Sunday, April 6 as congregations took part in the special Easter services conducted to mark the occasion.

In St. Joseph's church, the end of Holy Week was marked by Mass on Thursday night and on Good Friday, the church was filled to capacity as the congregation attended afternoon Mass and commemorated the Stations of the Cross.

At 11 p.m. on Holy Saturday, High Mass was celebrated and the following ceremonies were observed, blessing the Paschal candle, striking the fires, reading the prophecies and lessons, blessing the Easter water, blessing the baptismal water for solemn baptisms and the recitation of the Litany of the Saints.

At the conclusion of this service, midnight Mass was celebrated.

On Easter Sunday, St. Joseph's church was beautifully decorated with white lilies and spring flowers for low Mass at 9 a.m. and High Mass at 10:30. Both morning services were conducted by Father McDougall, S.J. of Guelph, assisted by Father V. J. Morgan of Acton, with special music by the choir.

A congregation of over 400 heard Rev. A. H. McKenzie as he presented his theme "The Triumph of Easter at Knox Presbyterian church on Easter Sunday.

The junior choir provided special Easter music at the morning worship, with a solo by Jon Hurst.

In the evening, a special program of music featuring a cantata "The Loves Again" was presented by the senior choir. The cantata was illustrated by a color film strip.

A record crowd of worshippers attended two morning services at the United church on Sunday. Special Easter Communion was observed at nine a.m.

Rev. G. Adams delivered the Easter message and music was supplied by the choir, with George Elliott at the organ.

Holy Communion was observed at St. Alban's Anglican church at 8 a.m. Sunday morning, followed by choral Communion at 11 a.m.

The choir sang an anthem "Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem" at the 11 o'clock service.

Lilies and spring flowers decorated the church for the three services with Rev. Evan Jones preaching as his theme "The Evidence of the Resurrection."

461 Dozen Buns Sold by Groups

More than 5,000 Hot-Cross buns were distributed to homes in Acton on Thursday and Friday of last week by the Scout Group Communities.

Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliaries of the local group orders were taken by canvassing and phone calls with the packaging of the buns being done in the Scout House.

Mrs. G. L. Haggitt, president of the Ladies Auxiliaries, reported this week the project was quite successful and would be a really program if proceeds were distributed for the purpose of providing camping facilities for the Guides and Brownies and the Scout Hall debt.

Firemen Fight Four Grass Fires Easter Week-end

Grass fires over the Easter week-end had Acton firemen rushing to the rural areas on four occasions.

On Thursday, March 3 at 4:30 p.m., the fire department were summoned to a grass fire on the farm of R. McArthur on the third line north.

On Friday, April 4, a passing motorist sighted a burning telephone pole one and a half miles west of Acton and turned in the alarm at 10:00 a.m. Firemen extinguished the burning pole, which is believed to have been caused by burning grass along the C.N.R. right-of-way.

The same afternoon, firemen were called to a grass fire at the home of H. Doida on No. 25 side-road. Fire chief J. Newton reported the fire was caused by burning rubbish.

On Saturday, April 5 a grass fire burning out of control on the farm of A. Christensen, R. R. 3, Acton, caused the loss of several rods of land fence before Acton firemen brought the blaze under control.

A new lighting system is being installed at the Bank of Nova Scotia this week.

Honor Rev. R. H. Costerus Following Farewell Sermon

Rev. R. H. Costerus brought to a conclusion almost five years as pastor of Acton Baptist Church Sunday, April 6th. A large congregation including friends from the sister churches, were present to say farewell and wish goodspeed to the Costerus family.

Comparing a minister's farewell with an incident from the life of Lord Byron, Rev. Costerus stated that no life is ever finished without being changed in some way. The pastor stressed that each person is vital and necessary within the church and urged continued unity of purpose in working together to God.

At the conclusion of the service a social hour was enjoyed. Mrs. Helen Scowen and Ron Smith, representing the Acton Scouts, expressed thanks of the Scouts and presented Mr. Costerus with a pocket secretary. Wilmer Eyer spoke for the church and L. Metcalfe presented Mr. and Mrs. Costerus with a fruit-light lamp.

Mrs. Helwig presented Rits and Peltis with gifts of jewellery. Misses Helen Lambson and Maura McKee thanked Mrs. Costerus for her work with the B.Y.P.U. and presented a gift of water glasses.

W. Coles gave some interesting memories of ministers who have served the congregation. At the Sunday School session the Explorers group thanked Mrs. Costerus for her leadership and Gail Timms made the presentation of a pin and scarves.

Mr. and Mrs. Costerus thanked everyone for the kindness shown them, and wished God's blessing on all endeavours of the church. The Costerus moved Tuesday to their new home at Delta.

Plant Construction Makes Good Progress

Carl Larocque, building superintendent at the new Disston Saw plant under construction in Acton, reported this week the inclement weather had slowed work up but the building construction was still ahead of schedule.

The superintendent stated the extent masonry, the gas service and heating units would be completed this week.

Back filling and grading had been stopped due to the weather but will begin again this week and Mr. Larocque stated the sprinkler system will be started some time next week.

\$700 Damage to Cars In Rear-end Collision

North Halton District O.P.P. reported \$700 damage to two cars in a rear-end collision on Thursday, April 3, three miles west of Acton.

A car driven by Roy Douglas of Toronto collided with a car driven by William Marshall of Wilcox Lake, when the first car stopped for an accident.



THE LAKESIDE CHAPTER I.O.D.E. celebrated their 40th Anniversary at a dinner in the Legion Auditorium on Tuesday evening of this week. Pictured above with the birthday cake are left to right, Mrs. R. Spielvogel, first vice president, Miss J. Coles, Regent and Mrs. G. Somerville, standard bearer. A number of former members from out of town were present to hear guest speaker Mrs. J. E. Houck, of Brampton.

Approve \$1,835 Panel Truck For P.U.C. Meter Department

Purchase of a new \$1,835 Volkswagen panel truck was authorized by the P.U.C. at their regular meeting on Thursday, April 3. The decision was made following a discussion and review of estimates obtained from Acton Motors by Commissioner C. Lansbury.

It was further decided the new vehicle would be fully equipped to handle meter repairs and would carry a spare supply of meters.

Waive Deposit

The P.U.C. agreed to waive the \$2,000 security charge asked of H. K. Parker Company, for a new meter deposit fee at their new plant in Acton.

This action followed consideration of a letter from the company advising the commission that the company had a considerable amount of money invested in the plant here.

The deposit was recommended by the H.E.P.C. at an earlier meeting and was payable in cash or bonds from the P.U.C. to discontinue passing in the vicinity of the town water supply.

Report

Hydro Superintendent D. Mason reported the new little giant power-line mercury vapor lights had been installed on Main street north and informed the commission it was intended to continue with this type of light to the southern end of the same street.

It was suggested the old lights would be suitable for other areas in town.

Receive Letter

A letter was received from Beardmore and Company asking for a copy of a permit to discontinue passing in the vicinity of the town water supply.

It was stated that there was a possibility the company's spraying system was responsible for the sodium chloride content in the water and also pointed out there was a possibility it originated by some other means.

Commission members agreed to have the letter referred to the sewer and water committee of the town council and suggested a three way meeting including Beardmore officials, O.W.R.C. and Town representatives be held in the near future.

Waterworks Accounts	
Thompson Motors	18.00
Beardmore & Co.	104.28
	\$ 122.28
Sewerage Accounts	
Harlock-Schultz Ltd.	11.87
The Sanfax Co.	105.50
	\$ 207.37
Hydro Accounts	
Petty Cash	33.43
Thompson Motors	1.00
The Bell Telephone Co.	50.00
Jack Rutley	44.00
Frank Terry	100.00
Boroughs Ltd.	245.00
Hays Steel Product Ltd.	50.24
Jensen Elect. Maint. Co.	41.40
Lane & Cable Access.	343.20
H. G. Barlow Co. Ltd.	22.90
Gratetner Ltd.	57.05
Phil & Howard Ltd.	174.20
The Acton Free Press	90.75
Boscawille Devoes Ltd.	294.40
H. K. Butler	89.26
Canadian Line Mat. Ltd.	71.42
	\$1,758.43

Thieves Enter Homes Steal Money, Bonds

Police are investigating reports and expect completion of investigation this week, following this information.

Police revealed the "Kaye Shop" owned and operated by Miss K. Bezzell, was broken into and a small amount of cash and some bonds taken.

Also reported were three other break-ins at homes on Peel Street where small amounts of 50 cent pieces and silver dollars were taken.

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Tentatively OK 5 Room Addition To Include Gym

Members of the North Halton High School District Board last week received verbal approval from the Department of Education for demolition of the present Georgian town high school old section and construction of 12 new rooms and gymnasium, construction of a five room addition at Acton with gymnasium, and construction of a new 12 room school in Milton with gymnasium.

Ask All Youngs

The Board is seeking the Department's tentative approval before they can approach the individual municipalities for their approval, the final Department approval and the Ontario Municipal Board approval on the debentures.

At a Board meeting in Acton on Tuesday of this week members took exception to reported comments of Mayor Jack Armstrong of Georgetown at a recent North Halton Urban Board meeting. The mayor had criticized the cumbersome operation of the board. Members argued they were not jealous supporters of their own school only.

Insurance Approved

Liability insurance on the school pupils in the three schools was approved for renewal with the Frank Cowan Co.

The Greenock Women's Institute entertained their husbands and families at a Hot Luck dinner on Monday evening followed by a social time playing progressive euchre.



CHARTER MEMBERS of the Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. are pictured with guests at the 40th Anniversary Dinner held by the Chapter in the Legion Auditorium on Tuesday evening. Left to right are: Mrs. D. Taylor, Mrs. L. L. Skuce, guest, Mrs. H. Walters, Mrs. J. Adamson, Mrs. J. E. Houck, guest speaker and Mrs. P. Watson. Charter member absent when picture taken was Mrs. N. W. Simmons, of Guelph.