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A BLAZING BULLDOZER caused Acton firemen to rush to the scene by Ron Saunders of R.R. 2, Acton, was loaded on a truck at O'Rourke Welding Company, this morning, when sparks set off the time but during the height of the roaring fire was dumped some oily rags, stuffed around the engine. The machine owned by the firemen soon had the blaze extinguished.

Board Agrees to \$16 Building Permit Members Clarify Legality of Chairman

The Board of Parks Management agreed to take but a \$16.00 building permit for the erection of the new bathing houses in the Acton park at a special meeting on Tuesday evening.

This action followed advice of the building inspector.

The situation was discussed by E. G. Tyler Sr., board member, with T. Jones, building inspector.

Chairman Harbeau informed board members that in a recent telephone conversation with Mayor W. H. Cook, the mayor had questioned if the Parks Board was working under the Public Parks Act. Informed they were, he told Mr. Harbeau that as a town councillor he was sitting on the board illegally.

The chairman assured board members he had read an amendment to the act dated in 1954, that stated where a board consists of five or more members, council shall appoint two representatives.

Mr. Tyler enquired if the mayor was authorized by council to do this checking or whether it was a whim of his own. He suggested if it was on his own it was not council business, but added he was satisfied to have this matter cleared up.

Parks Board members had assured Mr. Harbeau at an earlier meeting they had recommended his appointment as a citizen not a council member.

"The Board of Parks Management accepted a tender to begin construction of the necessary building in Prospect Park on the strength of a one mill grant."

"It was pointed out by Councilor Harbeau that the passing of the by-law with a reduction of the Park Fund Rate was not within the power of the Council."

"This fact was pointed out on prior occasions and Mayor Cook did not apparently think it important since he had made the statement at a Parks Board meeting to the effect that 'We can give you five dollars up to a mill.'"

"Council, in setting the mill rate with an illegal reduction in the Park Fund Rate, gave the Board of Parks Management three choices:

(A) To request the amount re-

quired as set out in R.S.O. and thereby be singled out as the prime cause of a deficit budget.

OR

"(B) Accepting the illegal reduction in the Park Fund Rate and starting out with a possible \$1,740.01 deficit, in which case the Parks Board would be discredited at the end of the year.

"(C) Being forced to accept a loan through the year, thereby creating unnecessary interest costs through the Council's illegal cutting of the Park Fund Rate."

"The Board of Parks Management do not appreciate being placed in this position and hereby request that the foregoing in its entirety be so recorded in Council minutes."

Firemen Extinguish Blazing Bulldozer

Firemen this morning extinguished a blazing bulldozer at the home of J. F. D. O'Rourke, R.R. 4, Acton.

The bulldozer owned by Ron Saunders of R.R. 2, was being worked at the time by Mr. O'Rourke, while it was loaded on the back of a truck.

It is believed sparks touched off some oily rags stuffed around the engine. When firemen arrived, flames were leaping in the sky as the bulldozer gave out a greasy black smoke.

Firemen immediately used an extinguisher of foam and followed with a stream of water from the booster hose.

During the heat of the excitement, before the arrival of the firemen, Mr. Saunders raised the hood on his truck, dumping the flaming machine to the ground.

Reports are that the bulldozer contained approximately 15 gallons of gas at the time.

Acton Officers At Assembly

Attending the Rotary International Assembly, District 707, at the Seaway Hotel, Toronto, April 28th, were Acton Rotary president elect E. A. "Ted" Hansen and secretary elect K. C. "Ken" Hulford.

Under the chairmanship of outgoing I. P. "Brett" Brett and district governor nominee Ed L. Ruggles, the day long session was an instructive forum for the 707 district newly elected officers.

The members from the district's 42 Rotary clubs in attendance were luncheon guests of the Swansea Rotary Club.

Daylight hours have lengthened in the evening since daylight saving started.

Police Investigate Break-in, Car Theft

Corporal Ray Mason of the local O.P.P. detachment reported this week a break-in at the Robert Little School in Acton on Tuesday night.

Entry to the building was made by forcing a basement door. Nothing was reported stolen.

The same night, a car owned by Ray Atkinson, of Main Street south was stolen from in front of his home.

Police are investigating both incidents.

Today is the opening day of the trout season. Don't forget the Free Press contest.

Georgetown Theatre Destroyed by Fire

Children playing with fireworks are believed to have been the cause of a fire that almost totally destroyed the Roxey Theatre in Georgetown on Saturday, April 26.

Bill Leslie, manager of the Acton and Georgetown theatres, pointed out this week the Georgetown theatre had been inspected recently by the fire inspector and was found to be in excellent condition.

Georgetown firemen battled the blaze for several hours before bringing the fire under control.

Forced to vacate the building were residents of two apartments, a lawyers' office and electrical store contained in the same block.

J. Gregory of Okaville, was the owner of the building.

Board to Seek Municipal Approval On \$1,045,000 High School Additions

A \$1,045,000 expansion program at three high schools will be presented to the five municipal councils for approval, members of the North Halton High School District Board decided at a meeting in Milton on Monday, after having received tentative approval from the Department of Education.

The program at Milton includes seven classrooms, an art room, library-classroom, commercial room and two labs with a single gymnasium-assembly. The new school would be constructed on a recently

purchase site on the southern boundary of the town. It would accommodate 360 pupils and cost an estimated \$430,000.

The program at Acton would include construction of an additional four classrooms with single gymnasium-assembly and provide for an additional 150 students. Estimated cost of the plan for Acton is \$300,000.

In Georgetown the plan calls for construction of five classrooms, art, music, commercial, lab, and

single gymnasium-assembly. It is estimated this would provide for an additional 360 pupils and the old school would be demolished. This would provide for an enrollment of 710 and the rest of the addition is estimated at \$415,000.

Seek Municipal Approval

The tentative approval from the Department of Education, voted the board, should obtain the assurance the debentures would be issued when funds are available an architect may be engaged and plans prepared for submission to the department for final approval.

Representatives on the Board were to meet with the councils of Acton, Milton, Georgetown, Esquimaux and Nasawegways.

Concern on R.H.S.'s

After reviewing the construction plans Trustee E. Fongrave explained that Georgetown principal was concerned about the shift classes necessary because of planned demolition of the old school.

Members suggested it be considered with the architect that the old school be left standing until sufficient accommodation could be provided in the new facilities.

Later in the meeting secretary-treasurer G. O. Brown suggested members consider leaving the Georgetown school standing, divert a bus from south Esquimaux to the Georgetown school from the Milton school and avoid staggered hours in both schools.

Consider Plan

A meeting was set for this week with board representatives and principals to consider this plan with a meeting set for next week with the architect to consider the amount of the new Georgetown school that could be constructed without disrupting the existing building.

Resignations from the Milton High School staff of Frank Rogers, J. Marcellus, Roger Daigault and John H. Walker were accepted as well as Mrs. Gunn from Georgetown.

town staff. Earlier resignations from the Milton staff were J. Reagin, J. W. Baker, Miss Valerie Evans and Mrs. H. Morgan.

Alarm at Difficultly

Resignation from the Acton High School had earlier been accepted from Miss Dorothy Griddle and it was reported Miss Howard had been engaged as a replacement with one additional teacher yet to be hired.

Milton representatives on the Board expressed alarm at the difficulty in engaging teachers for the Milton school at the previously set salary schedule.

Chairman John Hall suggested the salary schedule was not adequate to obtain teachers for Milton.

Believed Comparative

Trustee Craghton pointed out the committee had studied schedule and believed the Boards to be comparative.

Members agreed to the need for a uniform provincial salary schedule that would avoid the annual problem of bargaining.

Further advertising was to be carried to obtain the necessary teachers for the Milton school.

Earlier in the meeting Trustee Fongrave, Acton, read a published report of county council proceedings regarding Georgetown's bid to a school from the five municipalities. He questioned why such a plan had not been discussed with other board members before council took action.

Big Enough

Georgetown representatives explained a number of the members of Georgetown council thought the town was big enough to operate its own district.

The secretary-treasurer noted the county committee committee was meeting soon and the matter was dropped.

Copies of letters of one suspension in Milton and six in Georgetown were received by members.

Churchill Road Water Project To be Completed in Six Weeks

J. H. Goy, chairman of the Water and Sewer Committee of the Acton Council, this week reported on progress at the Churchill Road water project.

To date, 6,000 feet of 12-inch main have been installed from Peel Street to the Davidson farm on the third line, where the new water supply is situated.

Also installed is 825 feet of eight inch main and a road graded from the property to the well site.

Approximately 3,000 yards of fill have been put on the Third Line and the road has been graded and put back in good condition, stated the chairman.

A hydrant has been installed near the entrance to the Davidson property ready to serve the surrounding area in case of fire.

A 3/4 inch copper line is being installed this week from the well site into the property owners barn according to the purchase agreement.

It was also emphasized by the chairman that over 80 per cent of the present water consumption in town would be available from the new site.

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Completed in a power line from Peel Street to the pump-house site which will be hooked up to the present town pumping system. Mr. Goy pointed out that all water pumping systems will be controlled from one source at the present pumping station on the cemetery hill.

Yarders have been called for the construction of a pump-house on the water site, to include equipment.

Providing weather permits, completion of the entire project will take possibly another six weeks, noted Mr. Goy.

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Instal Ralph McKeown President Y's Men's Club

The regular meeting of the Acton Y's Men's Club on Thursday, April 24, marked the close of a successful term in office for President Mansell Nellis. He and his officers discharged a very heavy responsibility and succeeded in blending labor and fun into a busy year for Y's men in Acton.

The installation of the new officers was the official function of District Governor Al Indick of the Brantford club. He inducted and charged the incoming president, Ralph McKeown, with the duties of his office and handed the gavel to him with instruction to employ his membership as his team of workers.

The signal event of the evening was the inspiring address delivered by Basil Tippett, vice-president of the National Council of Y.M.C.A.'s in Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Tippett are world travellers "par excellence" and further, they have expanded their wanderlust into a hobby of world service.

For these two voyagers, globe trotting is an education and they have majored in research of the mind of the young Oriental. They point out the differences between the east and west are manifold but it may be said that the east "missed the boat" by not accepting Christ-

ianity.

Mr. Tippett noted the Christian philosophy was characterized by a dynamic property a will or motivation to do good. Christians are such, he continued, are people with a dynamic personality—a community of men for whom the sage observation that "gratitude is first with the giver" is a vital force in their lives.

In this connection, Mr. Tippett pointed out that there can be no isolation in world service. You cannot now, in this age, shut yourself out from a needy nation by some hypothetical fence of your own design. It is a privilege to serve, he emphasized.

The speaker stated service is not now or ever, a sacrifice, but a privilege. Furthermore, he asserted it was not our station to judge our quality or capacity to serve, but rather, having seen the need, men must rise and freely and gladly give of their talents.

Mr. Tippett, in outlining the stand taken by the Y.M.C.A. in non-Christian countries, emphasized that the Y is not a solid wall of Christians in the exact sense of that term, but an administration wherein Buddhism and the faith of Islam all coalesce into a common goal.

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To Complete 401 Paving Next Year; Grade Now

The paving of highway 401 will be completed from Toronto to over, 10 underpasses, seven interchanges, and two rail overpasses. Eight township roads will have to be closed since traffic on them does not warrant the expenditure of \$200,000 to \$300,000 to provide an overpass.

Provide for Expansion

The engineer explained that between highway 25 and highway 10 there would be 50 feet between the east and west bound lanes to provide for future widening to a six lane road when necessary.

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Design Speed 70

Mr. Siddall explained the design speed of the road was for 70 miles per hour but the limit would obviously be set lower than that. A 200 foot right of way is provided with two 24 foot lanes of paving and 10 foot shoulders for the road construction.

Between highway 25 and Toronto

the new highway will have one flyover, 10 underpasses, seven interchanges, and two rail overpasses. Eight township roads will have to be closed since traffic on them does not warrant the expenditure of \$200,000 to \$300,000 to provide an overpass.

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Submits Memorandum

The Parks Board Chairman, told members he had been thanked by the Mayor for his board accepting the cut in their grant for 1958. He assured board members he had pointed out to the mayor it was accepted only after objections had been voiced and conditions made.

Mr. Harbeau also told members that a conversation with Mr. Cook and Councillor B. Rachlin, revealed they were not aware a letter had been received from the finance committee after submission of the parks board original request for a 1 1/2 mill grant, stating it would have to be cut to one mill.

Board members agreed the following memorandum be submitted to council and requested it be recorded in their minutes and also published in the press.

The Finance Committee of Council, through improper guidance and contrary to R.S.O. Chapter 314, Section 417, Article 63, presented for acceptance a budget which contained an illegal reduction in the Park Fund Rate. By communication dated March 28, 1958, the Board of Parks Management had been advised that our budget had been pared by one-half mill and that we would be granted one mill.



PLACING THIRD in the triple duet at the Halton Musical Festival being held today at the Robert Little School, were grade 5 and 6 students of the Robert Little School. Pictured front row left to right are: Donna Landsborough, Karen Heller, Margie McKenzie, Susan Fleming, Jane McCrea and Barbara Symon. There were eleven entries in this class.



DISCUSSING Y. WORK during the dinner meeting of the Acton Y's Men's club on Thursday, April 24 are guests and local members. Left to right are: C. F. Basil Tippett, president of national council of Y.M.C.A.'s, G. W. McKenzie, International Director of Y's Men's Clubs for Ontario, A. Fallis, District Governor, from Brantford, W. D. Elmer Smith, president of Acton Y and M. Nellis, past president of Acton Y's Men's club.