



GEORGE EDWARDS, HARNESS MAKER who is retiring the end of this month after 48 years of business, is pictured sitting on his stitching horse, repairing a piece of harness. Mr. Edwards has never had a piece of modern machinery in his building, always doing his work by hand.

G. Edwards, Harness Maker To Retire After 48 Years

Starting in Acton 48 years ago, George Edwards, prominent citizen and harness maker, will retire from his business in his present shop at the end of this month.

Considered to be one of the few remaining harness makers in this district, Mr. Edwards began his business in Acton at the present location on the corner of Mill and Main Streets.

Always a friend to young and old alike, his friendly smile and witty criticism will be missed not only by his customers but also by many retired harness makers who frequented his shop to idle away a few hours.

Never too busy to stop and chat with a young fellow packing cow-poker with his six-guns strapped to his side, he often made necessary repairs to the youngsters' holdalls and sent them on their way with a pat on the back and a warning word to be careful.

In an interview this week, Mr. Edwards noted that he had no regrets at seeing the motor vehicle age but added that equipment for ponies and race horses is suffering from a lack of experienced harness makers.

The harness business the past few years has been composed of repairs only, stated Mr. Edwards, and he has not stocked harness for sale.

Asked if he intended to retire permanently, he replied, "I have got to do something. A person can't just sit still. I hate to quit as there is nothing wrong with me."

Mr. Edwards is considering doing minor repairs at the home of his daughter, Lucy (Mrs. Harvey Walters) with whom he is living.

Oddly enough, Mr. Edwards started his business in Acton on June 1st, 1910, and will close the doors on his establishment May 31st exactly 48 years later.

Kindergarten School Classes Display Talents to Parents

Mothers and fathers attended open house at the Robert Little School, Acton, on Wednesday afternoon of this week when the Kindergarten Class of Miss Alice Sully held a demonstration.

After roll call was answered by repeating "Canada is our country" the morning and afternoon class sang "Jesus Loves Me."

Parents became acquainted with the method of teaching younger children when Miss Sully had the children demonstrate their reading and spelling taught in a series of games.

The afternoon class displayed their ability at numbers by displaying of numbered cards in an envelope attached to the board with corresponding numbers.

Without a side glance around the auditorium for a glimpse of mother or father, the boys and girls demonstrated their knowledge of the three R's with the occasional game to put them at ease.

The Princess game was displayed by the morning class and as the Princess took her place in the forest the lady wearing her wand put her to sleep. Suddenly there appeared a prince who wowed in and out the mass of forest to reach the sleeping princess. Upon touching her hand she awoke.

The afternoon class displayed their musical talents as they kept perfect time with the music played by Miss Sully by tapping out the time on triangles and wooden sticks as the balance of the orchestra played bells.

After the completion of stories and games the Kindergarten class joined in a closing prayer and marched in soldier-like fashion to their class room to enjoy their afternoon chocolate milk.

After the children had returned to their room Miss Sully answered questions for the parents.

Refuse Subdivision Plan To H. K. Porter Company

Representatives from H. K. Porter Company were present at the Planning Board meeting on Tuesday evening to request permission to build houses for employees on their industrial property in Acton.

W. Walker and E. Durning, company representatives in making the request pointed out that several employees from the Toronto plant relocating in Acton would require homes here.

It was pointed out that if approval was granted to subdivide the property facing Main Street North, approximately 12-13 houses could be established.

P. Alan Deacon, planning consultant informed the delegates it was the wrong location for homes as this area had been zoned as industrial land and was the only remaining parcel in town for this purpose.

When explained that property on both sides of Main Street north had been zoned industrial, Mr. Walker explained that it was the intention to do away with the houses already established on the west side of the road. It was explained this was the plan over a period of years.

Board Accepts Tender for Booth Gives Approval for Swim Club

Board of Parks Management accepted the tender of the Ontario Association of Acton for the construction to operate a refreshment booth in Prospect Park for this season at the next meeting on Tuesday evening of this week. One other tender was received.

Members also gave the nod of approval to Jim Buckland to organize an independent swimming club in Acton. Mr. Buckland explained that the club's activities would be held two evenings a week and that the club's activities would not exclude others from using the swimming area of the same.

A request for use of the park by the Int.mediate Baseball Club on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons was carried over to the next meeting.

Representatives of the Minor Sports Association and the Baseball Club should attend the next meeting in order that a non-conflicting schedule may be drawn up.

A request for compensation of the purchase of a new home plate and pitcher's rubber was not acted upon. Board members felt they could not commit themselves to further financial obligation in view of their present projects under way.

The wood from three trees to be cut down in the park was to be offered Mr. Ford if he would cut them down and clean up.

At Kirkness began tomorrow, was present to discuss with the board the time spent on maintenance in the park. It was felt that there would be little increase in maintenance costs this year over last year's figure of \$4807.

Miss Grace Fryer was appointed acting secretary for the balance of 1958. The resignation of Mike Gove as a board member and secretary was accepted. Miss Fryer was asked to keep a record of the date that organizations request use of the park.

A weatherproof electrical outlet was authorized to be installed in the change rooms being built in the park. This will be necessary to operate public address systems because the boiler plant being presently used is to be removed.

An account of \$106 for the Bell Telephone service at the park was approved for payment.

Members present at the meeting were E. Taylor, W. Cook, A. Irwin and Mr. G. Fryer with chairman G. Hartman presiding.

Local High School Girl Chosen for Ottawa Visit

Maureen Young, Acton, High School student was chosen by staff members at the school to participate in a four day trip to Ottawa, sponsored by the Acton Rotary Club, in conjunction with the Ottawa Club.

Miss Young left Acton on Monday morning on the "Adventure in Citizenship" to Canada's capital, and will leave now for the nation's seat.

Acton Rotary Club look after with the usual care and attention of the local student. Also taking part in the four day program are 19 students from other parts of the province.

While in Ottawa the boys and girls saw the procession for the opening of Parliament on May 12 and later toured the Parliament Buildings where they were to receive Canadian Citizenship Certificates from Prime Minister Diefenbaker.

Other visits will include Governor-General House, Governor-General's residence, the National Museum, the National Art Gallery and a detailed tour of the RCMP barracks and crime laboratories.

Students will attend a series of lectures on government and political science at Carleton University.

Consider Route

A rumor that a new highway route to be built on a more direct route between Georgetown and Guelph utilizing sidewalk 25 across Halton immediately south of Acton was partially discounted this week by Department of Highway officials.

It was explained no such decision had been made and there was nothing in this year's work program for it. It was revealed, though, that the Department was studying possibilities on No. 7 highway which might lead to straightening it or striking a new route, at some time in the future.

Consultative Group Plans June Report Hears Discussion on H.S. Board Future



MRS. ROBERT MOORE celebrated her 90th birthday at her home in Rockwood, on Sunday, May 11th. Born in Navesagweya Township to the late Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McLeod, she has lived in Rockwood for the past 62 years. Her family, friends and relatives called at the home to honor the nonagenarian.

Recommendation of the County Consultative Committee, studying the future of the North Halton High School District Board, will be submitted at the June meeting of Halton County Council. This was revealed by chairman D. M. McConachie following a 90 minute public hearing in the County Building last night (Wednesday).

The committee reviewed a recent resolution by the District Board favoring continuation of the board as it is presently constituted, resolutions to county council from the five participating municipalities asking the county to issue debentures for a \$1,045,000 construction program, a resolution from Georgetown suggesting that the county be given the decision of the present board and recreation into three separate areas, and a resolution from Acton Council favoring continuation of the board in its present form.

Chairman D. McConachie explained the county-appointed committee of M. M. Robinson, K. C. Lindsay and I. L. Skure had held earlier meetings and with the recent change in rate structure, grants were so different in the rural or urban municipalities.

Mayor Jack Armstrong, Georgetown, said it was the opinion of his council and the Georgetown representatives on the North Halton Board that now is the time to consider setting up three areas rather than one.

Questioned by the committee on what the three areas might be composed of the mayor suggested they could carry on much as they are now with the area surrounding each urban center forming the area. He emphasized Georgetown was not interested in withdrawing from the area. "We're just interested in what may be advantageous for the future."

Warden Card insisted by comment noted the municipalities had asked the county to sell debentures. If there is going to be any division the county is going to look into it, he concluded.

Representatives from Acton, Milton, Esping and Navesagweya offered no comment on the possible continuation or dissolution of the board.

Questioned by J. H. Creighton, Acton, why if the same areas were to be used, there was need for a change, Mayor Armstrong reviewed Georgetown's early reluctance to join the area. He noted they had joined in the face of economic involvement. "Throughout the years all councils of Georgetown have felt that with the area growing it was quite a problem for one board to administer three large schools."

He suggested it had now developed that the administration of various schools was largely in the hands of the representatives of the municipality or adjacent municipality. "If such is the case, it might be feasible to have the representatives of one area in one board."

The mayor emphasized Georgetown council only asked the Consultative Committee to consider the possibility and the motion suggesting dissolution was only a suggestion rather than one.

Directing a question to J. H. Creighton an Acton member of the District Board, Mr. Armstrong asked if the general administration of the affairs was being given external on the shoulders of local representatives.

Mr. Creighton replied that the setting of policy and salary schedule were all part of the general business of the entire board. "I cannot see an increase in efficiency with three secretaries and three administrators. It is very much in favor of continuing the trustee method."

K. C. Lindsay, a member of the committee, inquired of the secretary of the board, what the possible financial savings might be if the county issued the debentures of the current building program of \$1,045,000. Col. Brown replied that if the county sold the debentures at five per cent as compared to the likelihood of the town selling them at six and a quarter per cent, the saving over 20 years would be about \$200,000.

A discussion on original plans to include accommodation for home economics at Acton and shop at Georgetown and its later deletion from the report to the department, set Mayor Armstrong seeking.

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Approve \$7,495.00 Tender To Construct Pumping Station

Acton Council approved the tender from J. B. Mackenzie and son to construct a pumping station on Churchill Road N., at the amount of \$7,495.00 at their regular meeting on Monday evening.

This action followed a report by sewer and water committee chairman J. Goy when he informed council his committee had opened and considered five tenders for the project at a meeting held on April 29.

The chairman reported that tenders were received from J. B. Mackenzie and Sons, \$7,495.00; Wilson Ltd., \$6,304.00; G. C. Romano, \$6,513.00; Cash, Construction, \$10,010.00; J. M. Fuller, \$6,400.00.

Mr. Goy pointed out these tenders after checked were forwarded to R. V. Anderson and Associates for their approval.

He told council member that on May 8 his committee was advised by the engineers that tenders had been thoroughly checked and it was their recommendation to accept the lowest tender, Wilson Ltd.

Wrong Figures

The committee also was advised of the council the following day a communication from Wilson Ltd. had informed the sewer and water committee that an error amounting to \$750 had been made in one of the sheets submitted. It was pointed out by the Wilson company they would be able to deliver a tender of \$429,000.00 for the job at the tender price quoted.

It was stated however they were prepared to go ahead with a contract at an additional \$600 and for the deposit fee of \$200.

Mr. Goy informed council that in view of the awkward situation, he had previously his committee felt it wiser to have the council take a whole debate on the tender before a vote with the result that a slight variance with the next lowest bid.

Deputy-Rieve J. Green informed council it was his opinion that it was no longer legally the Wilson tender had been bid and it was no longer of public utility the other four tenders had a chance to be submitted prices.

Mr. Green told council a very obvious the next lowest tender should be accepted in view of the situation and council agreed unanimously to accept the tender of J. B. Mackenzie and Son.

Uphold Rights

A letter from Lewis W. Spencer, solicitor for Mr. Aeri, owner of the fish pond adjoining the new well site, informed council in view of their recent action (decision to file a letter of complaint with regard to possible damage to water supply at the client's property through the installation of the new well project, there was no alternative but to hold the town liable for part of any damage incurred through the drainage of their pond.

After a discussion of the situation council agreed to hand the matter over to the water and sewer committee for further investigation.

Open Old Sures

During a period of trying to pinpoint whose opinion appeared in the press referring to a statement made by a certain J. H. Hartman, council agreed to hand the matter over to the water and sewer committee for further investigation.

Pandemonium

Before the Mayor could get turned back to his original channel of thought pandemonium broke loose and the chamber was filled with shouts as a near doom-brook broke loose.

However whether councillor Hartman who is also chairman of the parks board, went home satisfied with his enquiry or not could not be told from the poker faced appearance registering on his countenance.

Mr. Hartman, who had taken over duties of control, raised the matter and had caused himself for a brief recess shortly before the hour of his meeting to adjourn the meeting in accordance with the provincial by-law.

Part Payment

Prior to adjournment, councillor Fordy asked that a motion sponsored by himself be read before the council of eleven. His request granted council agreed to allot \$900 to the Acton Citizens' Band as part payment of their grant for 1958.

Earlier Business

Clerk J. McGeorge was authorized to attend a clerks and finance conference to be held at Honey Harbour, June 23-25.

A letter was received from the Milton and District Association for Retarded Children requesting consideration for a grant from the town of Acton.

It was pointed out that two children from this area were attending the Sunshine School in Milton and were being transported by taxi.

It was suggested that council consider a grant.

The finance committee was instructed to investigate and bring reports back to council.

A copy of minutes from the Credit Valley Conservation Authority was presented and the clerk was instructed to have such council members made familiar with its content.

Firemen Hear About Chemical Hazards

Representatives from all fire brigades in Halton County attended a meeting at the Milton fire hall on Sunday afternoon.

Students were selected on the basis of academic standing, as well as capability in school activities and ability in public speaking. After the "Adventure in Citizenship" in Ottawa is over they are scheduled to describe their experiences and impressions to home town audiences.

Guest Speaker Discusses Trip Through Russia

The Duke of Devonshire Chapter 1011, met at the home of Mrs. H. Elliott where plans were made for Devotion Day and also for the presentation of books to the two public schools.

Miss D. Folter gave a short sketch of the life of Harold MacMillan, and also of Sir Grantley Herbert, Adams, the prime minister of the West Indies. She closed with a poem in tribute to another.

Mrs. Grace Kaye of Toronto was guest speaker. She was one of a group of 30 people who were the first in 22 years to be allowed to tour Russia, where they spent 17 days. Mrs. Kaye showed pictures taken on the trip, passing through Denmark, Sweden and Finland, as well as Moscow, accompanied by a pleasant and instructive commentary.



EXPLORER AND C.G.I.T. GIRLS of the United Church held their combined Mother and Daughter Banquet in the Sunday School rooms on Wednesday, May 7th. Pictured above are (front row: Miss M. Z. Bennett, president of the W.A.S. and Miss A. Peterman, missionary from South America. Back row: Miss E. Goodwin, Explorer leader, Mary Beth Elliott, Chief Explorer, Key Dennis, C.G.I.T. president and Mrs. E. Anderson, C.G.I.T. leader.