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## Instal Siding Pour Concrete At Porter Plant

Progress on the new H. K. Porter plant in Acton indicates the plant will be ready for the arrival of machinery on the scheduled date of July 1, reported L. Ross Hous, building superintendent, this week.

The superintendent pointed out that the office section has the floor poured, partitions erected and by the end of the week, plastering of the walls will be completed.

In commenting on the building progress, Mr. Hous further noted that half the cement floor of the main building has been poured. The heating system installed, 90 per cent of the roughed in plumbing installed, sewers completed and the sprinkler system in.

Outside grading is in progress and the railway spur line was started Monday. All ties were laid to the building and one-quarter of the rails were in place by Wednesday morning.

The parking lot has been graded and crushed stone spread and further work on this section will be started in the near future.

Mr. Hous expressed satisfaction with the progress of the work at the building site, remarking that if approved the job would be completed on time.

The building when complete will house the Dixon Saw Company, formerly of Toronto. Employed to start, will be approximately 150 employees.

## Chairman Cautions Council of \$10,000 Deficit Sewer Operations Not Included in 1958 Budget

Council approved a plot charge of \$110 per square foot and grave opening charges of \$30 for plain box and \$40 for vault at their first regular meeting in three weeks last Monday evening.

This action followed a recommendation by the welfare committee after a tour of the cemetery and review of charges were made by the committee. With regard to

the plot charge, it was stated that 35 per cent of the charge would be used for perpetual care at the cemetery.

Overdraft  
Reeve W. Wilson, in giving the financial committee meeting report, informed council members town auditor J. Hodgins had informed committee members the town had an overdraft of \$67,000 and the Municipal Board had shown great concern over the matter.

The auditor had pointed out that the county underlevy included in the 1958 budget under the general rate was not proper. He informed the finance committee it was not right to underlevy or overlevy and suggested the by-law be

amended providing for the 1958 expenditures.

It was assumed, however, that the amendment would not change the mill rate of the town but only alter an amount of \$6,714 to show in the proper column under county rate.

During the May report of the chairman of the finance committee it had been disclosed his committee had overlooked including the sewer operating costs in the budget. This would mean a \$10,000 deficit at the end of the year.

Mayor W. H. Cook added to the report of finance chairman Wilson and explained the Municipal Board had requested council to submit an audited financial report at a meeting when the town and principals of the parties interested in a new sewage disposal plant were negotiating.

The mayor assured councillors the amending of the by-law would not alter the mill rate but would serve to clarify the situation. He added there should be no false picture at the end of the year when the financial statement is given.

Clark Burdson  
Mr. Cook told council it was his opinion that too much was added to the responsibilities of the town clerk and he had been burdened with more duties than one man could capably discharge.

"Beyond his normal duties in the office, council expects him to attend committee meetings sometimes six nights a week," the mayor stated.

He also pointed out the clerk was at the call of the P.U.C., the North Halton Urban Board, Planning Board, Parks Board, Y.M.C.A. and had to make trips to the cemetery to check the plots.

"On top of this, we expect him to do the budgeting. This is too much for one man," concluded the mayor.

Reeve Wilson suggested one means of cutting the deficit would be to revise sewage rates and pointed out the services available to the finance committee when striking their budget.

It was pointed out Mr. Hodgins had suggested a 25 per cent levy based on the rates of the preceding year which would support the town's expenditures. The committee had an opportunity to fully appraise the town's financial position.

By doing this, the auditor suggested it would discourage an inadequate mill rate which had been the practice for the past 11 years.

Councillor B. Harbin agreed with engaging the services of a competent auditor, then objected to an increase in the sewage rates, adding, "The people in Acton can't stand higher rates."

Reeve Wilson informed the councillor the only alternative would be to add the amount on the tax rate. The mayor told the finance committee chairman this was the problem for the committee to consider.

Council agreed the finance committee would review the situation and bring back a report.

Home Delivery  
Council endorsed a resolution requesting home mail delivery following a letter, received by the clerk. It was pointed out in the letter if council did not see fit to act on the matter, it would be appreciated if the matter was turned over to the Chamber of Commerce for further investigation.

The letter stated several residents of small communities who did not enjoy the services of home mail delivery were burdened by the obligation of going to the Post Office for mail daily, many times only to find a circular in their mail box.

Road for Safety  
A. Irwin and J. Chapman were present as a delegation from Warren Grove requesting council's consideration to installing a road access from the housing area to the new school section on upper Mill Street.

Mr. Irwin pointed out the hazards involved in allowing the children to travel on Wallace Ave. and from school when so many cars were travelling on this section of road.

A petition had been forwarded to council signed by 84 residents of Warren Grove requesting some action on the protection of the children travelling to school.

Not Finished Road  
Mr. Irwin pointed out he was only interested in the safety of the children and not in a finished road. He informed council noon hour travel on Wallace Ave. was a hazard for motorists as well as children.

It was suggested in the corner a road allowance be provided across the field from the housing to the school.

Clerk McGeachie pointed out consideration had been given this matter by previous councils but said until the area had been planned as a subdivision and approved, it would be impossible to know where to put a roadway.

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## Mr. and Mrs. A. Mason Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary

On June 1st, 1908 Cordelia Alice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Algie, was united in marriage to Amos Mason in a pretty double wedding ceremony at Beaver Hill, the family residence at Acton. On Sunday last, June 1st, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Mason quietly marked the fiftyth anniversary of that event at their home on B. West Avenue in Acton.

Thirty-seven of those fifty years Mr. and Mrs. Mason have made their home in Acton and have been among our most prominent citizens. Friends both from Acton and other points called to extend congratulations and early flowers and messages of congratulations were received from other friends.

During their residence here, Mr. Mason has served as member of the School Board, Reeve, Councillor and was Acton's first Mayor when it became a town. He has been leader of Acton Citizens Band and associated with many of our civic organizations, including the I.O.D.E., etc.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason have one son, George, and four grandchildren, Richard, Frank, John and Jane. He has been with other friends of this couple in hearty congratulations and best wishes on this important milestone in life's pathway.

## Annual Cubaree In Georgetown This Saturday

Over 200 Cuba from the North Halton District will converge on Georgetown on Saturday, June 7, for their third annual Cubaree, when they compete against each other in Cubbing tests.

The three packs from both Acton and Milton have submitted their entries for the event and their leaders have been refreshing the groups in the various tests recently.

Groups from the North Halton District expected to be present include Northal, Milton, Hillfort, Glen Williams, Georgetown, Elm and Acton.

The parade will form up on the school grounds behind St. John's United Church in Georgetown and will move off promptly at 1:15 p.m. and parade through Georgetown to the park.

The Cubaree will be opened with Flag Break at the park entrance and the packs will be assigned to their "clays", where registration will be marked.

Events scheduled for the afternoon program are attendance competition, skipping relay, dressing relay, jungle play, running relay, balancing, somersault relay, hopping relay, tug-of-war, message relay, knotting relay, obstacle qualification race, finals in running and tug-of-war events.

In reporting the winners of grade four at the Robert Gable Public School for the Empire Day Book awards, the names of Nancy Winter and Billy Rogers were omitted.

The contest is sponsored by the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. and the children's work was selected from among their classmates for the award for the year.

Paid Surprise Visit  
Lodge Presents Gift  
A card from members of the Loyal Order of the Moose, L.O.M., of Georgetown this week surprised C. K. Browne of Acton on the occasion of his 85th birthday.

Right Worshipful, Honorable Past Grand Master of Ontario West, in the Royal Black Preceptory, Mr. Browne was presented with a birthday cake and gift from the ladies of the Georgetown Lodge when they dropped in to greet him.

Operating a confectionery store on Main Street North, Mr. Browne claims this year will be his 80th walk on the 12 of July, parade starting to parade at the age of eight. Mr. Browne has worked his way from the bottom through the phase until he reached his present position.

On Wednesday when he officially celebrated his birthday, he went to work at his corner store as usual to greet the small few who patronize his shop before and after school hours, with their pennies.

Entertainment was Bill Wilson. The sale of soft drinks was supervised by C. F. Leatherland. Leader of the Pipe Band was Phil Ciddick.

After the program, there was dancing under the fairy lights in the trees and the usual gay Scottish dances were enjoyed.



DECORATION DAY PARADE consisted of four groups which formed at the C.N.R. station and led by individual parade marshalls marched to the cemetery after brief stop at the cenotaph. Pictured above is the Guelph Sea Cadet Band followed by a guard of honor and Acton Legion Branch. Over 800 attended the service at the cemetery and the streets were lined with spectators as the parade was in progress.

## R.C.A.F. Padre Addresses Large Crowd During Fifth Annual Decoration Day

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they are the children of God," quoted Flight Lieutenant Rev. E. H. Jones of the R.C.A.F., in addressing the large crowd assembled in Fairview Cemetery for the fifth annual Decoration Day observance.

He emphasized citizens in the troubled times of the present day could play a most important role as Christian peacemakers.

Rev. Jones reviewed the purpose behind the holding of Decoration Day to remember loved ones who have passed on and to honor the men who gave their lives in order that we might retain our freedom.

"We must carry on where they left off," he stated.

The speaker said there are certain qualities which a true Christian peacemaker must have. First, he must be unafraid and have the courage of his convictions.

Secondly, stressed Rev. Jones, the peacemaker must really want peace. With two-thirds of the population of the world living in sub-standard conditions, it is easy for the desperate peoples of the earth to think war is the only way out.

Unfading faith in peace is necessary, noted the speaker. People must guard against developing a defeatist attitude. They must concentrate on helping remove the causes of war, not just the symptoms.

Over 80 people gathered in the cemetery for the service and tribute to their loved ones who have passed away. Mill Street was lined solemnly on both sides as the parade made its way from the C.N.R. station to Fairview Cemetery, with a brief service at the Cenotaph to place a wreath in honor of fallen comrades who gave their lives during two World Wars.

Cloudy skies and frequent showers marred the weather for the Sunday observance but the rain held off while the parade was held on schedule and the service at Fairview cemetery was in progress before a few rain drops began to fall.

Four bands were in the parade: Acton Citizens Band, Guelph Sea Cadets Band, Guelph Pipe Band and the Acton Junior Pipe Band. A five-man guard of honor of Sea Cadets was stationed at the Cenotaph.

At the Cenotaph the Legion Charge was given by President Hamilton Peal. Prayer was offered by Rev. A. McKenzie, Sergeant-at-Arms James Milne read the names of the servicemen who died in combat. A wreath was placed on Last Post and Reveille were sounded by Charles Landsborough.

The parade then moved off to Fairview Cemetery where the service was opened with a selection by Acton Citizens Band. Mayor W. H. Cook welcomed the large crowd present and commended the various organizations who sponsored the annual event.

Call to worship and invocation were given by Rev. A. McKenzie. The hymn "Abide with Me" was sung. Rev. K. J. Red read the scripture and offered prayer. The guest speaker was introduced by William Matlock.

Following the address of Rev. Jones, the service ended with the Queen and benediction.

While the band played, the graves of servicemen were decorated with potted geraniums. Graves throughout the cemetery were colorful with the many beautiful flowers placed by citizens in memory of their loved ones.

At the same time, graves in the Pioneer Cemetery and St. Joseph's Cemetery were also visited and decorated.

Many civic groups took part in the parade and service, including town official, Acton Fire Department, Legion Branch, and various other organizations.

## Bird Flies into Arms of Law After Two Day Freedom Flight

Blue Jays captured by young George and sent to the office.

At first thinking it was a Blue Jay, the young boy, who realized that the bird was a Red Jay, returned it to the office of George.

When Mrs. Mason was called to the office, she found the bird in the hands of the young boy. She was told that the bird was a Red Jay and that it had been captured by the young boy.

The bird was then taken to the office of George and was kept there for a few days. It was then released back into the wild.

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## Scottish Garden Party Aids Junior Pipe Band

A Scottish garden party was held on the lawn of Dr. and Mrs. Buckner's home, 29 Wellington Street on Saturday evening to raise funds for the Acton Junior Pipe Band.

A bake sale organized by Mrs. Ian Ross was highly successful. The program was under the supervision of Mrs. Buckner. Children took part in many of the proceeds during the earlier part of the evening.

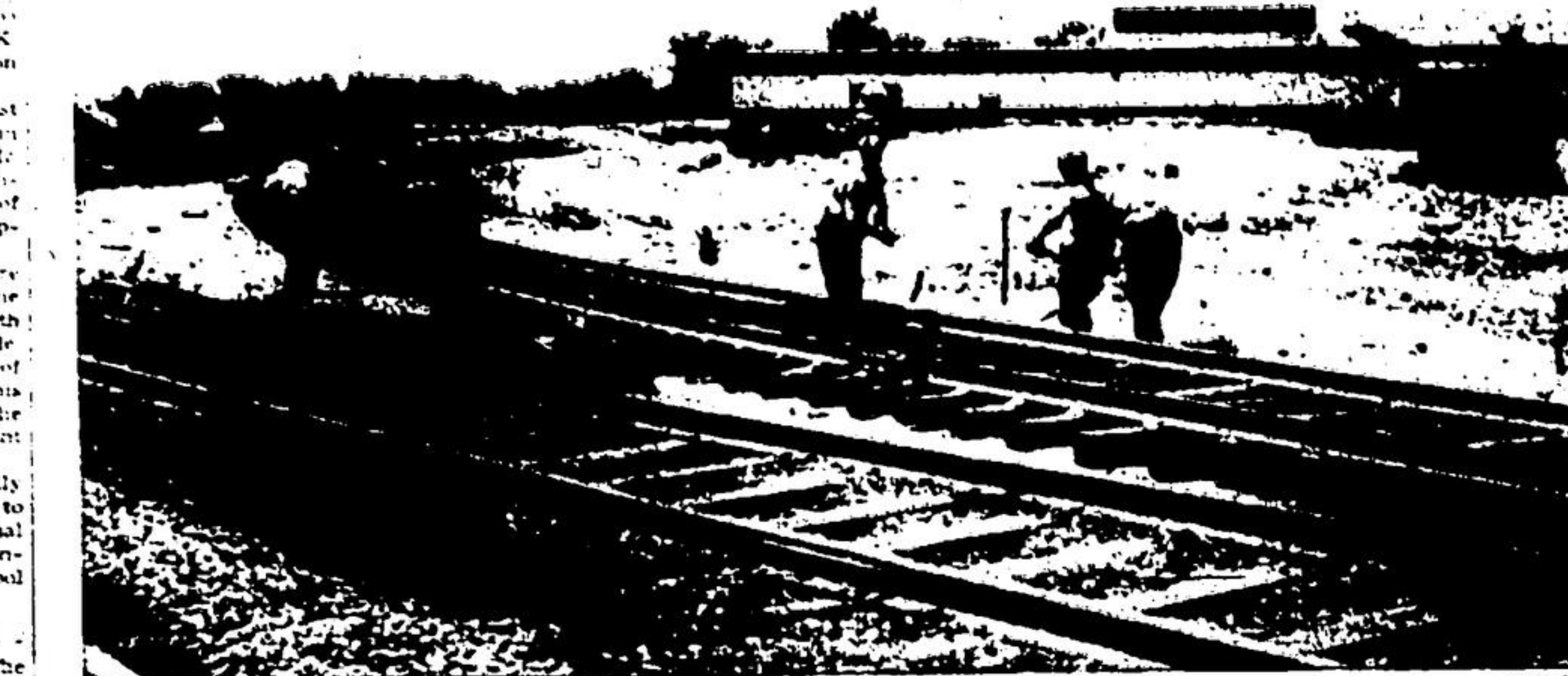
A dance Grand Old Duke of York was enjoyed led by Mrs. K. Allan and Mrs. K. Alger. The pipe band marched up to the grounds, proceeding to the town to start off the proceedings. Two orchestras were given by the first, Karen Gervais, Sally Wilson, Jill Hurst, Jennifer Taylor, Joyce and Donna Rennie, Geraldine Calder, and Barbara Norton; and in the second, Susan Wilson, June Rennie, Ruth Landsborough, Susan Tennant, of Guelph, Janet Buckner, Mrs. Will-Wilson, Mrs. Jock Calder and Mrs. Bob Currie of Guelph.

Several selections were given by the Pipe Band. The Five Straws, well known local singing group, sang Battle Eve, The Whiffenpoof Song and The Happy Wanderers.

Lively action songs. The Wee Geese, Eileen and Bonnie Dundee were enjoyed, with the solo parts taken by Sally Wilson and Robbie Buckner. In the chorus were Paul, Stephen and Michael Wolfe, John and Terry Dowding, John and Heather McGeachie, Sally Dick, Angela and Evelyn Ross, Ellen Walsell, Hillary Pope, Ruthann Leatherland, Jill Hurst, Donna Rennie and Jean Sprout.

Master of ceremonies for the evening was Bill Wilson. The sale of soft drinks was supervised by C. F. Leatherland. Leader of the Pipe Band was Phil Ciddick.

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RAILWAY SIDING for the new H. K. Porter plant in Acton was started on Monday of this week. Pictured above workmen are shown as they poun in the spikes to hold the rails in place. The ties were laid to the end of the spur line and rails were installed about one-quarter of the distance at the time this picture was taken. The plant is expected to be completed by July 1st for occupation, and machinery is expected to be moved into the building on or before this date. Outside grading is continuing with workmen still busy inside pouring the cement floor of the main section.

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