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DOMINION DAY HOLIDAY turned Acton Park into a beehive of activity as adults and children, from far and wide, congregated to enjoy the swimming, fishing, boating, baseball and other facilities. Shown inset are Joey Lancaster and Peter Sorbara, of Guelph, as they take a glimpse of Acton park through the inner tube borrowed from dad's car. Lower photo shows a portion of the beach area at the park during the holiday activity as young and old attempted to beat the heat in the cool water of Fairy Lake. Reports state there were over 400 crowding the beach area.

Seek 97 Acre Annexation Agree to \$4,000 Payment

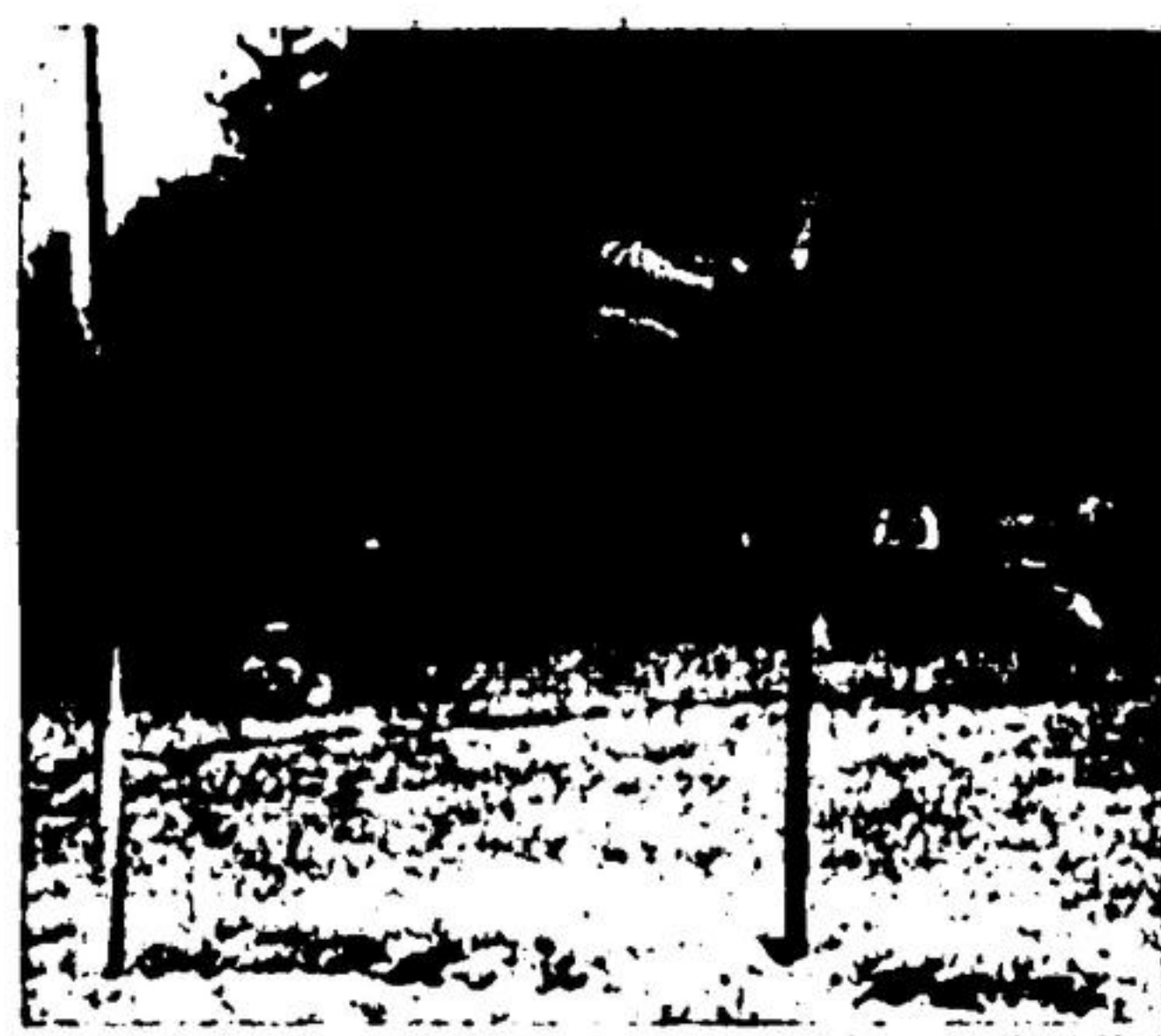
Rockwood School Holds Field Day

The annual field events were held at Rockwood school the last week of the school year with 215 students taking part. There were 16 events and the children could choose any six in which to compete.

Winners in the Juniors were John Thomson and Reid Hefferman. In the intermediate class Lynn Glass was girls' champion, while Grant Husk and Billy Schneider tied for first place as boys' champions. Both had four firsts and one second.

Senior champs were Marilyn Patterson and Bob Gilhally.

Rockwood Home and School Association sponsored the event and the winners will receive cups in the fall when school resumes.



DAVID HARRIS clears the bar during the pole vault event at the Rockwood School field day last week when 215 students took part. Children competed in fourteen events during the day and the champions will be awarded trophies by the Home and School Association when school resumes in the fall.

Acton Figure Skaters Successful in Tests

Four Acton skaters were successful in passing seven tests at the Guelph Summer Skating School, held at the Guelph Curling Club during their closing spring session on Sunday, June 29.

This year quite a number of Acton skaters are taking advantage of the facilities at Guelph and the following were successful in the recent tests:

Preliminary figure test - Sharon Bradley.

Preliminary dance test - Dutch waltz, Sharon Bradley, swing dance Sharon Bradley.

Bronze dance test - Ten fox trot, Peter Gibbons.

Silver dance test - Four teenstep, Peter Gibbons, fox trot, Linda Brudie.

Senior silver dance test - Three, lobe waltz, Mary Jane Force.

The school is being operated for the spring, summer and fall seasons by Ross Smith, senior professional of the Guelph College Figure Skating Club for the last four years.

OBITUARY

Former Acton Merchant Dies Thomas Watson was Baker Here

A well known businessman in Acton for many years, Thomas Watson passed away on Sunday last after a lengthy illness, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Grant MacDonald, Orangeville. He was in his 74th year.

Since the death of his wife, Adelaide, he has resided with his daughter but his visits to Acton were quite frequent since his retirement from business and he had many friends here and in the district. He conducted a bakery business here in the store now occupied by the Osvette Bakery.

He was a member of Acton United Church and served on the Church Board and was active in the advancement of church interests in earlier years. He was a member and enjoyed the activity of the bowling club.

Surviving are one daughter, Hazel (Mrs. Grant MacDonald) of Orangeville and a son, William H. Watson of Grand Valley. There are three grandchildren, Mrs. Phyllis Barber, Alan MacDonald and Ruth (Mrs. J. R. Holmes), Acton and eight great-grandchildren. The late F. O. W. Watson was also a grandchild of the deceased.



THOMAS WATSON

The funeral was held on Tuesday with service from the Sime's Funeral Home, Grand Valley, at 11 o'clock. Interment was in Union Cemetery, Grand Valley.

Acton Park Jammed On Holiday Weekend

Acton Park was literally jammed with cars and people during the holiday weekend as visitors from far and wide enjoyed the facilities for swimming, boating, fishing, baseball and picnics.

Adults and children alike donned bathing suits to go for a dip in the cool waters of Fairy Lake, while others braved the rays of the strong sun to get a suntan.

Present to cope with injuries and emergencies was the St. John Ambulance Brigade, who treated a few picnickers and swimmers for minor cuts and bruises.

High School Principal Announces Exam Results

Year-end promotions were announced by Principal E. A. Hansen at Acton High School.

Graduation Diplomas

The following have earned High School graduation diplomas: Keith Anderson, Mary Jane Force, Michael Homer, David Hunter, Michael Hurst, Bill Johnson, Ruth Landborough, Shirley Mason, Bruce MacPherson, Margaret Morrison, Diane Newton, Jean Parker, Nancy Skippin, Valene Valey, Lenora Watson, Marilyn Young.

Promoted to Grade 12

Judith Abram (Alg.), Bruce Andrews (Alg. and Phys.), John Bakker, Anne Burns (Alg., Ft.), Grace (Clow) (Phys.), Mary-Lou Creighton, Barbara Davidson (Phys.), Laurence Duly, Donald Emmerison (Alg.), Sharon Gerxavi (Phys., Ft.), David Grahaime (Alg., Lat.).

List Pupils Promoted A.I.S.S. No. 9 Esquesing

The list of promotions of S.S. No. 9 public school, Esquesing, were released this week as follows:

Junior teacher, Mrs. G. M. Quinlan.

To Grade 2

Honors: Johnny LaFrank, Gregory Duran, Teddy Brown, Raymond Crawford, Teddy Clarke, Betty Kain.

Pass: Stephen Kerr, Harry Brown, Allan Huber, Randy Scott.

To Grade 3

Honors: Bruce LaFrank, Janet Duncan, Bonnie Yates, Kenny Jones, Edgar Kain, Robbie Roughley.

Pass: Margo Ruffell, Bobby Findlay, Michael Noble.

Recommended: Norman McDonald.

To Grade 4

Honors: Jo-Anne Kerr, Freddy Yates.

Pass: John Clarke, Lillian Brown, Charlie James.

To Grade 5

Honors: Mary Lou Brown, Renée Johnson, Paul Turner.

Pass: Donna Kerr, Paul Huber, Jean Findlay, Marie James, Jimmie.

Acton Firemen Entertain Wives

Acton Fire Brigade members entertained their wives at a strawberry social last Friday evening in the fire hall when strawberries, shortcake and whipped cream was enjoyed.

Each wife was played with Mrs. William Chisholm receiving the prize for the highest score, and Mrs. H. Townsley receiving the award for being lowest.

Chief J. Newton presented Mrs. Norm Price with a flight bag as a going away gift from the fire department, prior to her vacation in England in the near future.

The evening was concluded with a dance.

Successful Pupils Are Promoted At Robert Little Public School

Following are the list of promotions released this week by Principal G. W. McKenzie of the Robert Little Public School.

Kindergarten to Grade 1

John Beatty, Dianne Bonnette, Susan Hyman, James Buckwald, Marianne Coles, Paul Crump, Archie Dunker, Johanne Dunn, Judith Esen, Richard Erser, Edward Platt, David Ford, Michael Frame, Steven Garrett, Fiona Gudman, Diane Anne Graham, Dorothy Graham, Kenneth Gray, Mary Heikamp, Gay Hurgell, Jacqueline Lemon, Brian Leslie, Lillian Longham, Kenneth Marshall, Edward McDowell, Roberta Nessett, William Neolak, Ian Norfolk, Kathleen O'Rourke, Joseph Petric, Gary Price, Nancy Quennell, Charles Reed, Deborah Reid, Marion Rudout, Kevin Root, Angela Ross, Gail Ross, John Seelan, Karen Townsley, June Vine, Jane Watson, Mark Wolfe.

Grade 1 to Grade 2

Susan Allan, Georgina Angel, Harry Bares, Betty Bibbee, Beverly Brunelle, Daniel Calder, Christopher Coyle, Garry Crisp, John Chisholm, Wayne DeFrost, Judith Dean, Heather Ann Dyer, arch, Bryan Dunn, Ruth Everett, Gayle Ellis, David Fetuk, Thomas Fraser, Lloyd Gadd, James Gately, Teresa Gawdzala, Ralph Hetke, Sylvia Hanousk, Samuel Hughes, David Hargett, Elaine Huggles, Elizabeth Horst, Elaine Inoué, Elaine Johnson, Carol Buchanan, Robert Lamb, William Laing, Gordon Lauby, Lynda Lawson, Peter Massey, Michael Marchmont, Michael McEwen, Paul Milne, Noel Mox, Gordon McKee, Marina McKenzie, Terry McMullen, Patricia Neolak, Sandra Oakley, James Papillon, Jacqueline Palmer, Colleen Perkins, Dean Post, Boris Ross, Ft. Wolfe.

P.U.C. to Spend \$23,128 On Local Improvements

Improvements and extensions to the street-lighting and electrical distribution systems are included in a Hydro program to be undertaken this year by the Acton Public Utilities Commission.

J. J. Stewart, the Chairman, said today that the expenditure of \$23,128 approved by Ontario Hydro for this work and for the purchase of utility equipment will be financed from available funds.

Commenting on these plans, he stated that they would help the local Commission to provide still more efficient service and, at the same time, meet the growing needs of the community.

Such undertakings are part of a long-range expansion program at present under way in the Province to provide improved service for both urban and rural Hydro customers, who are depending more and more upon electricity for a wide range of conveniences to enable them to "Live Better Electrically."

Unauthorized Canvass For Funds Illegal

Robert S. Hart, Division Superintendent of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, this week announced an unauthorized canvass for funds in the name of the Brigade has been taking place in Acton.

Mr. Hart reported the Brigade is not permitted to raise funds by this type of canvass and citizens are warned not to participate in this local private endeavor.

It has been brought to the attention of this newspaper that a complaint has been lodged with the local O.P.P. and an investigation is being conducted into the matter.

Former Mayor, Wife Entertain Acton Band

Former Mayor E. G. Tyler and Mrs. Tyler were hosts to Acton Citizens Band last Sunday at their cottage at Pine Beach on Lake Simcoe, following a parade and concert on the privately owned beach.

The band, under the leadership of bandmaster A. H. Perrott, played several numbers for the more than 1200 persons who vacation at the summer spot.

Following the concert, band members dined their scarlet tunics, with some enjoying a dip in the fresh waters of Lake Simcoe while others enjoyed a quiet rest under the shade of the trees.

St. Alban's Ladies Hold Pot Luck Supper

St. Alban's Ladies' Guild enjoyed a pot luck supper and social evening in the Parish Hall on Wednesday evening, June 25, at the final meeting of the season. Thirty members sat down to the supper prepared and served in sporadic board style, topped off with generous servings of strawberries and angel cake with cream.

The president, Mrs. G. Barbeau, said Grace. Following the supper, the members enjoyed games under the direction of Mrs. G. Franklin, Mrs. V. Bristol and Mrs. G. Townsend.

Students Pass Examinations At M. Z. Bennett Public School

Principal W. D. Elmer Smith of the M. Z. Bennett School this week announced the exam results and promotions in the school.

Kindergarten to Grade 1

Brian Binnie, Paul Braida, Barbara Browne, Jerry Buchanan, David Bugala, Billy Colquhoun, Lenora Dowling, Larry Drysdale, Judy Dwyer, Joan Gibbons, Roger Haggett, Marianne Heffner, Charlene Higgins, Beverly Howard, Olga Hnatiw, Mark Hurst, Jackie Irwin, Ann Kamminga, Mark Kowall, Valerie Laing, Cheryl Lee, Sherry Lott, Roy Mainprize, Peter Marzo, Billie McCurdy, Kay McKellar, Jimmy McKeown, Leslie Myles, Craig Norman, Beverley Norton, Hugh O'Rourke, Kendra Page, Jimmie Pezcha, Linda Roberts, Terry Scanlon, Bonnie Shortill, Debra Shinglerland, Timothy Stanciliffe, Jimmie Stevenson, Donna Taylor, Alan Thompson, Heather Thompson, Patrick Vale, Robert Virtue, Cathy White, Debra Winter, Ellen Wisenz, Uwe Zundel.

Grade 1 to Grade 2

Robert Andrews, Archie Binnie, Jennifer Bishop, Janet Branda, Barry Buchanan, Laurie Chisholm, Kevin Cooke, John Courtney, Linda Damm, Dugald Dick, Leslie Donnelly, Terry Dowling, Barbara Frost, Ann Gordon, Linda Gordon, Berja Greenesbier, Frances Higgins, Marlene Herrmann, Patricia Holmes, Bert Huisman, Sheila Jeffrey, Carolyn Jettome, James Jordan, Andy Laing, Patricia Laing, Peter Martingell, Christopher Osborn, Sandy Patcau, Lorene Paul, Anne-Marie Quinn, Kenneth Robertson, Andrew Scanlan, Jane Sterritt, Evelyn Van de Brink, Leonard Valey, Patricia Wheeler, Yvonne Yateman.

Grade 3 to Grade 4

Brenda Aherne, Irene Anderson, June Benson, Robert Brown, Jean Bulmer, Barbara Cook, George Cook, Leslie Ann Cochrane, Paul Dunk, Garry Gibbons, Robert Hart, Yvonne Yateman.



TWO WERE HOSPITALIZED Wednesday night when their south bound car hurtled off control at Silver Creek, dropped down a six foot ditch, splintered a telephone pole, clipped off two fence posts and came to rest upside down as shown by the photo. Alex VanHorne and Bert McMenemy assisted in pulling the two occupants from the car and they were sent to Guelph General Hospital after the pre-dusk crash.

C.S. Keith Indicates 20 Cent Increase For One Party Line

Increases of 10 cents per month for two-party residential telephone service in Acton and of 20 cents for one-party residential lines are proposed in Bell Telephone's application for revised rates filed in Guelph with the Board of Transport Commissioners for Canada, according to C. S. Keith, the company's manager here.

The proposed increase for one-party flat rate business service is 35 cents monthly and for two-party business service it is 20 cents monthly.

Special Service Held by W.M.S.

Sunday, June 22, was the annual Women's Missionary Society service in Acton United church. Special music was contributed by the junior choir.

Rev. Gordon Adams gave a splendid and instructive talk on the work of the Society in our own land as well as in the different missionary fields where the work is carried on.

A proposed annexation of approximately 97 acres of Esquesing Township land into the Town of Acton, upon payment of \$4,000.00 to the township and subject to the approval of the Ontario Municipal Board, was given the nod of approval by Acton Council at a special 40-minute meeting on Wednesday evening in the council chambers.

This action followed a meeting of the industrial committee of council with representative of Esquesing township council on Friday, June 27. At that time the township agreed to accept \$4,000.00 to cover the 1955 annexation, the proposed annexation and the third line road in its present condition, without any further work by the town.

Reviews 1955 Annexation

Mayor W. H. Cook explained to council that representatives from the township were quite happy about the agreement. He also reviewed the 1955 annexation and explained that at the time, when land in Esquesing township was annexed into the town, council signed an agreement to pay \$60,000.00 to the township, which was later ruled out by the O.M.B.

The annexed property at that time included property from Beardmore Co. Wood Combining Corp. The balance of land in Lakeshore and Glenora subdivisions and a portion of property owned by H. N. Brown, Margaret McCullough and R. H. Vise.

The mayor told council it was the committee's opinion the town had a moral obligation to the township.

The mayor also informed council members the township was not satisfied with the condition of the third line since the installation of sewers to the new town water supply.

To Be Zoned Industrial

Mayor Cook told council the proposed annexation of approximately 97 acres to be zoned industrial area, included approximately 25 acres from A. Van Gils on the west side of Main Street North, approximately 60 acres of land owned by Anthony Hufnagel, and 12 acres purchased four years ago by Micro Plastics Limited.

Councillor B. Rachlin enquired if the town would run into trouble maintaining the roads in the proposed annexation area. Clerk J. McGeachie informed him the road would be considered a county road. The town would maintain it and be reimbursed by the county.

1958 Council to Pay

Deputy Reeve J. Greer enquired if the \$4,000.00 was to be paid by the 1958 or the 1959 council. The mayor informed him it had been requested the present council look after the payment.

Councillor Rachlin asked finance chairman Reeve W. Wilson where the money was going to come from and the Reeve replied, "I don't know it wasn't budgeted for, but is one of those things that crop up that have to be looked after."

Councillor Rachlin asked the mayor if he had any suggestions regarding what town work could be curtailed for the present. Mr. Cook informed the councillor the chairman of the various committees knew now of the situation and it was possible they could find a solution.

Increased Assessment

Councillor J. Goy informed members it was his opinion the size of the new proposed Micro Plastic plant would be considered an increase in assessment to the town and said, "If we have to end up the year showing a deficit, it will be justified."

Councillor Rachlin enquired again if there was any way to let some of the proposed work around town go for the present. Councillor W. McLeod informed Mr. Rachlin the finance committee had already chopped budgets down \$19,000, adding, "What do we stop?"

Road Budget Cut Drastically

Councillor J. Hurst informed council the road budget had been cut far too much already and they were doing absolutely fringe work at present in order to complete projects. He told members, "I feel we are only beating about the bush, trying to find this money in current accounts."

Following further discussion on the situation, council approved three readings of By-law No. 1138 to annex the proposed properties to the town of Acton.

Approval was also given to the United Suburban Gas Company to install a two-inch gas main in the Glenora subdivision on Mowbray Lane and Longfield Road, as laid out in submitted plans.

After receiving a motion to adjourn, Mayor Cook remarked, "This is the shortest council meeting in history." The meeting lasted exactly 40 minutes.

Clerk McGeachie later informed the press that council at their meeting held in camera following regular council business on June 16 had agreed with this proposed annexation.