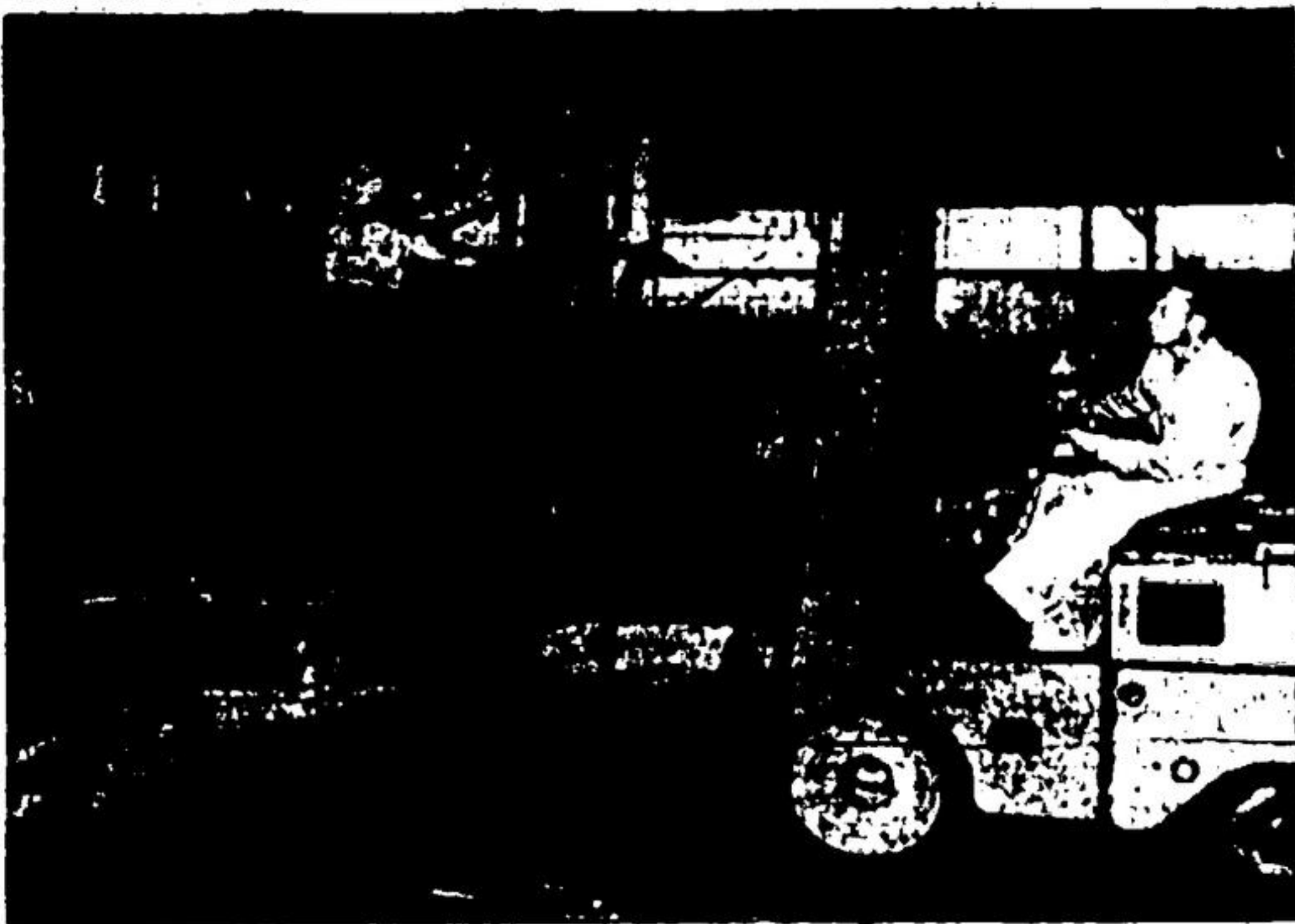


# The Acton Free Press.

Eighty-Fourth Year.—No. 2.

ACTON, ONTARIO, THURSDAY, JULY 10th, 1958

Eight Pages—Seven Cents.



**NEST EQUIPMENT** moved into the H. K. Porter plant this week. Production is expected to begin this summer. Red Burnett operates the fork lift while Joe Young and George Carlen steady one of several machines already in place in the plant. The site was surveyed and levelled last November, with work on the building beginning in the spring.



**RAW MATERIAL** is being stored at the new H. K. Porter plant. When operations begin later this summer, hand saws, ice saws and one-man saws will be made here. Left to right are: Nick Ficara; Jack Sargent, the first Acton man to be hired; Vern Lau and Joe Matheson. Mr. Lau, a foreman, is marking his 30th year with H. K. Porter next month. He is in charge of raw materials.



**MULTIPLE SPINDLE** drill press is moved from a machinery float to its designated place in the H. K. Porter plant this week when equipment began to arrive. The equipment is moved to the plant by the firm of Simpson Zeigel and installation is by the Spade company. Pictured left to right are Red Burnett on the fork lift truck, Joe Young with his back to the camera; Frank Deschamp, foreman of Simpson Zeigel, Bert Meikle, foreman of Spade and George Carlen of Simpson Zeigel.

## Charge Seven

Corp. R. Mason reported seven merchants have been charged with infractions of the Monday closing by-law and the cases will be heard in Magistrate's Court here on July 14.

## Hurl Rocks

Vandalism at the park is causing grave concern to members of the Parks Board. The new change stations, not yet completed, are already the target for destructive young people.

Rocks have been pelted at the doors and metalwork. Two doors were finally pushed in. They had to be repaired. Board members are naturally hesitant about installing the glass window-panes.

## Outcome of War Difference Between \$1,036 and Nickel

John Koeluk found a thousand dollar bill in an old book in a garage.

Just one catch: it was Confederate money.

The well-worn pink and black bill proclaims, "Twelve months after date, Confederate States of America will pay to bearer One Thousand Dollars with interest at ten cents per day, May 20, 1861."

Two engravings of stern-looking Southern gentlemen peer out from beneath pictured clusters of bills. Mr. Koeluk took the money to the bank and was told the bill would fetch—not a thousand dollars—but five cents.

Its value now is for collectors. The Confederacy was a league of 11 southern states of the American Union that sought to become independent from 1861 to 1865. "Confederate money" has since become a joke, and it is generally regarded as worthless.

Had the Confederacy succeeded in its bid to secede from the rest of the United States, the bill would have brought Mr. Koeluk \$1,000 plus the indicated interest, 10 cents per day for 12 months—\$36.50.

The outcome of the war has just made the difference between \$1,036.50 and five cents for an Acton man.

# Order By-Law for \$100,000 on Glenlea Storm Sewers, Paving

## Board, Club to Operate Y

The YMCA Board will take on the function of trustees, policy making and program planning at the Y next fall. Members of the Y's Men's club will carry out the program and supervise the leaders.

No paid general secretary will be hired to replace Dave Docherty who is leaving to further his education in Y leadership. Brian Symington, personnel director of the National Council of YMCA, met last evening (Wednesday) with Board members and Y's Men when the completely new plan was agreed upon with en-

thusiasm. Mr. Symington talked over program activities, reorganization, supervision and leadership with the men.

A full program will be undertaken this fall. It was felt that the situation at Acton at the present time is ideal for the trial of such a new system. The challenge was willingly accepted by the board and club. "Acton Y becomes a very important centre as far as the National Council of the Y is concerned," board president Elmer Smith explained. "The YMCA's will be watching Acton and this is a

great opportunity to set an example.

Several alternatives for operating the YMCA have been under consideration and this setup was unanimously chosen. Direction of the Y by local men brings a long string of general secretaries who have been hired by the board. The system will be tried for one year, and then evaluated. It is expected a trained YMCA professional secretary will be hired later.

The plan requires the hiring of a maintenance supervisor for the building.

Acton council Monday night accepted a recommendation of the Road committee and instructed preparation of a construction by-law for the installation of storm sewers and hard top paving in the Glenlea subdivision, paving on Acton Boulevard to the M. Z. Bennett school and on Churchill Road south.

Reporting for the committee, Deputy Reeve Greer revealed estimated cost of the project would be \$100,000 with storm sewers at \$42,500 and paving at \$57,500 in Glenlea and \$2,000 on Acton Boulevard. A subsidy from the Department of Highways would be available amounting to \$40,000.

**All at Once**  
Deputy Reeve Greer noted it was in the best interests to have the drainage and paving done all at once. He suggested the debt service payments would amount to approximately the same as the yearly maintenance costs.

Mayor Cooke added the committee hoped councils of the future would continue with the drainage project to protect the existing pavement on town streets.

It was noted the by-law, after approval by council, would still require Ontario Municipal Board approval.

**Prepare Specs**  
The road committee also recommended that R. V. Anderson and Associates prepare the necessary specifications for re-paving Knox Ave. that Wilbur St be raised and asphalt sidewalk be tested on this street with a new catch basin to be installed and that purchase of a second snow plow be considered to speed winter street cleaning.

Councillor Goy, reporting for the sewer and water committee, explained a revised agreement from Canada Packers had been discussed in committee. Following a meeting last Wednesday it was to be revised. The chairman reported that when the agreement was received in satisfactory form he would make a proper presentation of it to council.

**He explained** construction of the pump house at the Churchill Rd water source had been held up awaiting a valve that was delaying the plumber and contractor.

**Bus Service**  
Mr. Reynolds applied to Council for permission to operate a bus service in Acton. Mayor Cooke reported the police committee had reviewed the application and indicated the only requirement was town approval.

**Apparing on** the application, Mr. Reynolds explained he would use one 12-passenger vehicle at first with the hope of adding vehicles. He agreed with members on the importance of maintaining a regular schedule. It was explained present plans would call for early morning runs to get people to work continuing through the day with several stops in the downtown area.

**Rates for** the service had been considered at 10 cents a ride or perhaps three tickets for 25 cents, Mr. Reynolds explained.

**A three month** franchise was suggested and the matter was referred back to the police committee for discussions and preparation of a necessary by-law.

**Limit Parking**  
Council approved a two hour parking limit on Mill St between

Main and Elgin for a three month trial period as well as no parking on Acton Boulevard from Peel St. to Mill Street.

The action followed the recommendation of the Police Committee when it was suggested Acton had a parking problem and the committee felt some action should be taken.

**Councillor Raehin** questioned the necessity of 24 hour a day regulation and Councillor Goy suggested the action was taken in the hope something could be learned on where the cars might go. Councillor Raehin and Deputy Reeve Greer opposed the unlimited regulation.

**Dedicate Park**  
A by-law designating a parcel of land in the Lakesview Heights subdivision as park land was approved after a debate over the authority of the Parks Board, in leasing or selling the land.

Members expressed that the town owned land was being turned over to the Board of Parks Management after requests to purchase the land had been made to council by private property owners.

Councillor Raehin inquired if the Parks Board planned immediate work on the land and whether they had the right to sell or lease the land when it was turned over to them.

**No Money**  
Councillor Harbison, also chairman of the Parks Board, noted the Board would be working on the area but presently had no money to spend on it. It was suggested the Board did have the right to lease the land.

The Councillor explained that once the land was turned over to the Board council had no control over it but the Board would continue to work in the interests of the citizens.

The clerk reviewed an April motion calling for preparation of the by-law turning the land over to the Board and the by-law was approved.

**A copy of** the application from the Bell Telephone Co. for an increase in rates was noted and the members agreed to oppose the request. "We'll ask an increase at the same speed they come along with dial telephones," Councillor Goy suggested.

Councillor Raehin asked and was granted permission not to vote on the motion since he held shares in the company.

The administrative committee reported review of the nuisance by-law and a meeting with the crown attorney on his procedure on town prosecutions.

**The nuisance** by-law, tabled later in the meeting, was referred back to the committee since it failed to deal with the problem of refuse blowing from one yard to another.

**Law Proves**  
The mayor, in reporting for the administrative committee, also reviewed an interview with Mr. Denning, representing the H. K. Porter Co. and expressing concern at the low hydrant water pressure available. Mr. Cooke said the representative asked an additional man to meet the Fire Underwriters' standards and assurance the reservoir planned would be constructed within a year.

The possibility of another main to loop the system and eliminate

## 150 Registered For Y Classes In Swimming

About 150—including 20 adults—are registered for the YMCA swimming classes being held this summer in the park.

Two classes were postponed last week due to inclement weather. Derek Street's class and D Bothwell's class were postponed from Friday evening to Tuesday evening.

Monday evening was a hive of water activity with five YMCA classes participating. Mrs. Calvert's non-swimming girls, B. Ridout's boy beginners, Mrs. Vivian Smith's ladies non-swimmers, B. Ridout's men non-swimmers and R. Weaver's Acton Water Y's swimming club.

On Tuesday Mrs. Joan Smith takes girl non-swimmers. Wednesday classes include Mrs. M. Tarwinski's girl non-swimmers. Only class on Thursday is Miss Balla-Maye Rozell's girl non-swimmers.

Two classes of boys non-swimmers are under the direction of D. Bothwell and D. Street on Fridays.

## Looking Ahead

### Staffs Completed for Fall

Eleven new teachers have been hired by Acton public schools for the fall season.

There will be five new teachers at the Robert Little School, where three of last year's teachers resigned recently. Mrs. Arlene Bruce, Mrs. Ena Gibson and Miss Elaine Elder. Miss Elder will be teaching in Toronto.

Mrs. Doreen Byeman is coming from Brussels, Miss Marilyn Gordon from Terrace Bay in northern Ontario, Miss Marlene Taylor from Owen Sound and Mrs. Marjorie White from Chateaufort. Mrs. June Doherty, the former Mrs. June Watkins, taught here before and is returning from the south of the county.

Returning to the school in the fall are Miss Isabel Anderson, Mrs. Marie Andrews, Keith Black Douglas Copeland, Mrs. Jane Gamble, Mrs. Anne Gwizdala, Mrs. Grace Reed, Miss Alice Sides, Miss Anne Wiebe and the principal, G. W. McKenzie.

There will be five new teachers at the M. Z. Bennett school as well

## Mayor Charges P.U.C. Buildings Are Fire Hazards, Asks Action

### Commissioner Landsay Voted Agreement with the Overcrowded Situation but Added it Could be Overcome

W. H. Cook, town representative on the P.U.C., told the commission it was his opinion the P.U.C. should take some action to control the town pumping station on the cemetery hill and the building adjoining the hydro building on Alice Street, as they created a fire hazard, when the commission met on Thursday, June 3.

This suggestion followed a recent tour by the mayor of the various P.U.C. buildings when he reported finding gas and oil stored near a gas motor, oily rags jammed in corners and drawers and no room for a person to move about in a hurry if a fire started in the building on Main Street south.

**Recommendation**  
He also recommended a new heating system be installed at the hydro building on Alice street and utilize the space that is occupied by the coal storage for a shower room for the workers.

Upon finalizing his findings during his tour, he remarked "How, as an elected body, can we expect to control town business if we allow conditions like these in our own buildings?"

Commissioner C. Landsay (also chairman of the building committee for the P.U.C.) advised Mayor Cooke he would agree with only 50% of his findings, and remarked "If you go out looking for trouble you can find all kinds of it in almost every house or building in town."

**Heated Words**  
Commissioner Landsay and Mayor Cooke began a two-way argument at this point and Mr. Cooke informed the commissioner he was not looking for trouble and his colleague answered "Oh, yes, I have viewed all these buildings and I say there is no fire hazard".

Mr. Landsay told the mayor he would agree with the fact the pump house was overcrowded but added "You are looking for trouble at the Hydro building".

F. J. Oakes, acting chairman in the absence of J. J. Stewart, broke into the two man debate and informed Mr. Landsay the mayor had visited these buildings and was only expressing his opinion.

Attempting to have his viewpoint clarified, Mr. Landsay informed the acting chairman that he thought Mr. Cooke went looking for trouble.

The mayor continued, with his findings at the pumping station on Main street and pointed out that if a fire started in the building the superintendent would have to get

## SLICING THROUGH the park, heavy equipment prepares the way for the sewer and water lines which are being laid in the new change stations in the park.

While the shovel digs the trench, public utilities commission men install the pipe, with the bulldozer in the foreground promptly refilling the trench with earth.

Water superintendent Jack Lambert, with curious children nearby, looks down into the trench at workmen John Palmer and superintendent Alf Duby. When the picture was taken, work had just commenced at the park entrance.

Continued on Page Three

Continued on Page Three

Continued on Page Three

Continued on Page Three

Continued on Page Three

Continued on Page Three

Continued on Page Three



**SLICING THROUGH** the park, heavy equipment prepares the way for the sewer and water lines which are being laid in the new change stations in the park. While the shovel digs the trench, public utilities commission men install the pipe, with the bulldozer in the foreground promptly refilling the trench with earth. Water superintendent Jack Lambert, with curious children nearby, looks down into the trench at workmen John Palmer and superintendent Alf Duby. When the picture was taken, work had just commenced at the park entrance.