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**TEARING UP KNOX AVENUE**, workmen this week began making repairs to the paved section of the street, which had heaved and broken up. The Credit Valley Paving Company are the contractors for the repairs and report the work will be completed early next week. Total repairs are estimated at \$2,498.

## Consider New Store Closing By-Law Approve \$2,498 Knox Avenue Paving

A recommendation submitted in the form of a motion to engage Aldo Braida, architect, to draw up a new store closing by-law, was met with a flurry of comments and accusations, when council met on Monday, August 25, in the council chambers.

Following the reading of the motion, councillors passed their viewpoints of the situation recently experienced when it was ruled the amended store closing by-law was invalid.

**Authority to Close**  
It was pointed out to council that the old by-law ruling (according to law) was the only means by which council could control the closing hours of stores.

It was noted that council had the authority to close stores in the municipality of Acton from 8 p.m. in the evening until 5 a.m. the following morning. Councillor F. Fostitt remarked "according to law every store must close at six o'clock in the evening and any store remaining open can be fined," adding "Why don't we enforce the law?"

Mr. Fostitt enquired if the police were going to issue summonses to every person breaking the Friday night rule of closing at 6 p.m., noting that on one occasion it was done for breaking the Monday closing.

Mayor W. H. Cook informed the council that the instructions had been issued by him not to serve the summonses and regardless of these instructions it had been done. The mayor also informed members the council had taken quite a drumming over it.

**Lengthy Discussion**  
A lengthy discussion followed when a motion was turned down to have the retail section of the Chamber of Commerce notified to warn the merchants of the proposed setup.

The majority of council agreed it was strictly up to individual merchants. It was further pointed out after considerable debate that merchants in the same type of business could, if they so wished, approach council and object by way of a recommendation or petition.

**Set up Committee**  
The nod of approval was given the establishment of a committee to include the sewer and water department maintenance, presently handled by the P.U.C., into a town works department.

Various discussions arose before the finalizing of the committee regarding the present arrangement operated by the P.U.C. The Administration Committee were selected to meet with P.U.C. regarding the situation.

During the committee report Deputy-Reeve J. Greer informed council that three tenders for the resurfacing of Knox Avenue had been received with the lowest tender from Credit Valley Paving Company considered by the roads committee for the amount of \$2,498.

Following the reading of a by-law to sign an agreement with Credit Valley Paving Company for the renovation, councillors in turn voiced opinions and objections regarding the original paving job in town, following which the Knox Avenue area broke up.

Councillor B. D. Rachin queried the Knox Avenue stretch of pavement broke up if the engineer had done his work properly.

**Underground Works**  
He also wondered why, if the engineers had taken tests which should have revealed underground springs that are assumed to have caused the deterioration of the pavement, were council not made aware of the situation?

Assured by Deputy-Reeve J. Greer, who is also chairman of the road committee, the engineers had been instructed to prepare the road, council sanctioned the contract to be let to the Credit Valley company.

**Turned Down**  
A recent recommendation from the Board of Parks Management to provide a by-law to change Prospect Park into an athletic field in order to receive a grant through the Community Centre Act, was turned down.

**Highway Signs**  
A letter was received from the Department of Highways notifying council that a sign had been omitted at the corner of Young and Queen Streets Council were assured it would be rectified.

This action followed a letter from the town council reminding the department of the recent fatality at this corner.

**Pay Accounts**  
The following accounts were approved for payment:

Fire Accounts \$ 490  
Welfare Accounts 50.00  
Road Accounts 33.12  
Police Accounts 8.60  
Administ and Finance 115

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## P.U.C. Delays \$750 Addition Promotes Hydro Employees

A motion to accept the tender price of \$750.00 from J. B. Mackenzie and Son Ltd. for an addition to the pump house on Main Street South was removed from the table pending investigation and the securing of further information on the situation, when the Public Utilities Commission met on Thursday evening, August 21.

This action followed a lengthy discussion by the commission after Commissioner C. Lindsay reported he had obtained two estimates, the other for \$600.00.

**Price Too High**  
Chairman J. J. Stewart stated the commission was not prepared to spend this amount at the present time.

"We are getting along reasonably well under the present conditions and although the addition would be a considerable improvement we can get along for a while without it until we know we can afford it," remarked the commission chairman.

Commissioner Lindsay agreed there was not a dire necessity for the new addition at present in spite of crowded conditions at the pump house, but he pointed out that if the financial position of the P.U.C. warranted the go-ahead signal the commission would be used to build the addition now as future prices would probably be higher than at present.

Commissioner F. Oakes enquired how long the new space afforded by the proposed addition would be sufficient, reminding members the commission was growing.

After further discussion, the motion to accept the tender was withdrawn.

**Employees Promoted**  
Hydro superintendent D. Mason recommended the promotion of two of his employees.

The commission agreed to classify Don Anderson, an employee of six months as a class B linesman, effective September 1st. Also effective the same date A. Showers will be advanced from class "B" to class "A" linesman.

Water Superintendent J. Lambert informed members he had diverted an extra run of water at the spring into the reservoir and a noticeable increase in the supply was apparent.

A. Duby, sewerage superintendent, notified the commission the sludge beds at the disposal plant were almost filled to capacity. Following a discussion regarding disposing of the sludge for the purpose of fertilizer, the commission agreed that a new lagoon be prepared if there was room at the site.

**Flat Rate Heaters**  
Following receipt of a letter from the H.E.P.C. at Hamilton regarding proper installation of water heaters for flat rate D. Mason informed members he would recommend the type of water heaters used in the Ontario jurisdiction for flat rate service.

Following a discussion on the flat rate cost for the particular type installed at the subdivision, the commission agreed the residents should be informed of the cost before any changeover is made.

A letter from the Ontario Water Resources Commission informed the commission that the latest analysis taken at the sewer plant was very good.

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## Maim, Kill, Rare Valuable Birds

Three Guelph district youths have been charged following an alleged escape that sped out years of work and caused inestimable damage when they entered the Mack bird sanctuary in Puslinch township.

Horace Mack of Guelph owns two sanctuaries. The one near Guelph was entered on August 16. Better known locally is his other property at Eden Mills, where Mr. and Mrs. Grover Mack have shown the wildlife to Acton and district school groups on many occasions.

Mrs. Mack is also an author and photographer and a regular contributor to Free Press columns.

**Birds Dead and Injured**  
Armed with homemade spears, it is charged the boys left a trail of dead and injured birds in the federal wild life sanctuary. They apparently built a fire, roasted and ate some of the valuable birds. Some of the species killed are irreplaceable.

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## Minor Sports Group Shows \$3.93 Deficit On Three-Day Event

The secretary-treasurer's statement indicated the Minor Sports executive ran \$3.93 in the red on Civic Holiday weekend, when the report was given at a meeting this week.

M. Bennett told executive members the total expenses for the three-day program amounted to \$1,066.73 with total income amounting to \$1,062.80.

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## Award \$1,075,631 Highway Contracts On 401 Section Through Nassagaweya

The Department of Highways revealed this week that tenders have been awarded two companies for grading and culverts on the stretch of Highway 401 between Highway 25 at Milton and Puslinch. As well, two bridge contracts have been let.

Forty per cent of the work is to be completed this year and finished by the summer of 1959. The estimated cost of the department bid the Champlain. When the work is completed, contracts for paving will be given.

**Over Million Dollars**  
The four contracts already awarded total just over a million dollars—\$1,075,631.

Peel Construction Co. Ltd. of Brampton was given the grading and culverts work between Highway 25 and the Campbellville Road (Guelph Line) a distance of 4.56 miles at a contract price of \$331,174.50.

Work on the second stretch of the road, from Campbellville to Highway 6 was given to King Paving Co. Ltd. of Oakville at a contract price of \$545,100.50. Total mileage here is 6.83 miles.

**Bridge Contracts**  
The bridge at the C.P.R. tracks 10 miles west of Milton will be erected by Bedford Construction Co. Ltd. at a price of \$224,115. Mowbray Construction Co. Ltd. was awarded the contract at \$66,351.75.

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## Pay \$638 in Fines In Magistrate's Court

Corporal R. Mason of the local O.P.P. detachment reported this week that \$638.00 was paid in fines in Magistrate's Court on Monday by traffic violators.

He also reported investigating complaints of children breaking windows at the Robert Little Public School.

agreed to pay the postage for the letters.

Secretary-treasurer, W. Middleton gave reports and outlined the financial statement reporting on the progress of the construction of the recent addition to the Scout House.

**Resignation**  
A letter of resignation was received from Cubmaster Murray Seymore announcing his resignation as cubmaster of "B" pack. He indicated he was resigning to take the position of District Cubmaster but informed the members he would assist with the Acton Cubs until a replacement was found.

The Scout and Guide Mothers' Association served lunch following the meeting.

Mrs. G. Haggitt informed chairman T. Watson the Scout and Guide Mothers' Auxiliary had

## Boy Scout Association Hold Re-Organizational Meet

An urgent demand for more leaders in the Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies was stressed at a re-organizational meeting of the Boy Scout Association, when they met in the Scout Hall on Tuesday evening of this week.

Four new members offered their services to the Group committee boosting the committee to nine members.

Those now on the committee are: T. Watson, W. Middleton, S. Snow, J. Goy, W. Cook, S. Newton, K.

## Veterans March

An veterans of the South African War, W. Coles of Acton and A. Shepherd of Hannonckburn took part in the Warriors' Day events at the Exhibition on Saturday.



ANOTHER NEW INDUSTRIAL PLANT takes form as heavy equipment began tearing up the land at the new Micro Plastics site on Main Street North. Shown above is Dick Nelson, field superintendent with Hahn and Paton Limited, general contractors, as he procures the proper level through the transit Norm Turner Construction Co. are sub-contractors for the land preparation, and B. A. Robinson, plumbing and heating, are installing the temporary electrical services. A total of 40,000 square feet is involved in the plant site.

## \$600 Damage as Cars Sideswipe

An estimated \$600 damage resulted in a ten-car collision that occurred on No. 7 Highway, one and a half miles east of Acton on Saturday morning last.

George Mann of Willowdale, driver of his car, received \$400 damage to his vehicle and a car driven by Alvin Sheard received \$200 damage when the two cars sideswiped.

Constable William Bennett of the Milton D.P.P. detachment investigated.