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Start Springhill Mine Disaster Campaign For Acton and District Residents Friday

Council Approves Formation of Springhill Disaster Campaign

Mayor W. Cook announced Monday that the Acton Council has approved formation of a group and appointed Mayor W. Cook as the town representative.

Council also agreed to seek legislation to amend the Main St. by-law concerning closing by-laws for 30 minutes and dropped the problem in a by-law of amendments engaged in a by-law of amendments.

Group representatives indicated they would meet on Wednesday night to further plans for the local fund. Present Monday was E. Tyler representing the Chamber of Commerce, E. Smith, Ys Mens Club, Miss B. Mowat, Duke of Devonshire 10 D.E., Miss J. Cules, Lakeside 10 D.E., Mrs. F. Foshell, Ladies Auxiliary, Y.M.C.A., Mrs. Fryer, Acton, W.L. Goud, McCulloch, Acton, Legion, Mrs. Johnson, Ladies Auxiliary, Legion and R.H. Lewis, Acton, Rotary.

Mr. Tyler suggested the council should consider asking the federal government to work on relocation of Springhill residents since it was under the name would close. Mayor Cook agreed but the matter was left with the committee for further consideration.

Mr. McCulloch suggested the council representative should be the committee chairman and Mayor Cook was named committee representative but declined to serve as chairman indicating the group could choose its own head.

Information from the Department of Municipal Affairs led council to petition the Board of Transport Commissioners for installation of either a crossing signal or underpass on the Main St. N. C.N.R. crossing. It was explained the road was a county controlled link and that while the town must petition for the protection, the county, would bear the town share of the installation.

55 Minute Tangle
A summary of the town's closing by-laws submitted by solicitor A. Braide took council a 55 minute tangle of discussion that resulted in a motion on which two amendments and a motion were lost and the matter dropped.

The summary explained the only valid by-law presently covering two hours was one requiring a Wednesday noon closing. It was noted this by-law was introduced on a petition of merchants and could only be repealed by the same method.

Deputy Reeve Greer suggested the information be filed. Mayor Cook declared that if there was a law it should be upheld in fairness to the merchants. He suggested publication of the applicable by-law.

The deputy reeve pointed out the by-law could be read in the clerk's office if the merchants were interested.

Abolish All
Councillor Hurst suggested council should abolish all the closing by-law and let the merchants come with the by-law they want.

Councillor Greer suggested if the by-law stood it should be amended. (Continued on Page Two)

Drop Donations in Here

With the Springhill Mine Disaster Fund getting under way in Acton tomorrow (Friday) donations may be left at the following places:

Mr. T. H. Chapman, 124 Churchhill Road
Mrs. H. F. Holmes, 16 Park Avenue
Mrs. G. Fryer, 55 Main Street
Mrs. B. Johnson, 141 Churchhill Street
Mrs. W. Foster, 176 Churchhill Road
F. G. Tyler, 24 Mowbray Place
N. Turner, R.R. 4 Acton
J. A. Leaton, 26 Agnes Street
D. J. Lecker, 115 Longford Road
R. H. Lewis, 40 Willow Street
Jesse Cules, 122 Church Street
Mrs. F. Foshell, 122 Queen Street
Mr. G. E. Hayslett, 4 Westcott Road
John Hardie, 1 Mill Street West
Acton Town Office
Acton Free Press
Bank of Montreal

Mayor W. Cook Campaign Head

Formation of a Springhill Disaster Fund Committee in Acton was finalized at a special meeting in the Town Hall on Wednesday evening with representatives from 10 organizations present and Mayor W. H. Cook presiding.

Mayor Cook outlined the need of funds for the families affected by the mine disaster in Nova Scotia and told the representatives present that the Bank of Montreal would act as the headquarters for looking after all monies collected.

Chairman Named
Asking for a volunteer to act as chairman in charge of the fund and not getting any response, Mr. Cook himself volunteered for the position.

The chairman stated that at the time a donation is received, a temporary receipt would be given the donor by the canvasser. He also stressed the importance of filling in a form with all donors' names, addresses and amount donated to be handed to the Bank of Montreal. It was pointed out also that if any donor wanted to remain anonymous, he could do so.

No Door-to-Door Canvass
It was agreed that door-to-door canvass would not be made but representatives of the organizations would take all information back to their groups and that industry would be approached regarding a possible payroll deduction plan for employees wishing to donate.

Representatives were told that any citizen wishing to donate could contact any representative or go to the bank.

It was pointed out that all donations were deductible from income tax and that an official receipt will be sent to the donor from the national headquarters.

Each canvasser was instructed to leave a temporary receipt at the time a donation is made.

The campaign begins tomorrow (Friday) and continues for one month, ending December 5.



ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES were present at a special meeting in the Town Hall, Wednesday evening to finalize plans for a Springhill Disaster Fund in Acton. Pictured above are members who were present at the meeting. Front row left to right are R. H. Lewis, representing the Acton Rotary Club, Mrs. I. H. Cochran, St. Albans Guild, Mrs. W. H. Lecker, Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, Mayor W. H. Cook, chairman, Mrs. M. McAulley, W.L. Mrs. H. F. Holmes, Duke of Devonshire, I.O.D.E., and J. McCulloch, town clerk. Back row: Fore Chief J. Newton, D. Lawler, Acton Legion, H. J. Townsend, Bank of Montreal, E. G. Tyler Sr., C. of C. and N. Turner, Acton Ys Men's Club.

Engage H. Perkins Assistant Assessor

Harold Perkins, Alice Street, was engaged for the position of assistant assessor for the town of Acton and commenced his duties Monday, November 3. There were three applicants for the position.

Theron Jones, assessor, pointed out that the assistant would be kept busy for at least two years while assessing under the new Department of Municipal Affairs Manual is being conducted.

Court of Revision Sets Adjustments of \$2,375

Adjustments amounting to \$2,375 were made by the Court of Revision during a two-day sitting in Acton Council Chambers on Monday and Tuesday of this week.

The adjustments represented 10 different properties including \$200 for land \$1,000 for buildings and \$675 for business. Following the hearing of 26 appeals.

Present at the two-day session were 11 property owners, with some questioning the entire assessment and others concerned with the nature of land depth factor.

It was pointed out that the new depth factor is now 100 feet against the previous 132 feet, according to an increased assessment of from one to 1.16 per cent.

Present for the hearing was Alex. Near, chairman and a committee comprising of G. Brown, G. Fish, D. Flemming and J. Blair.

Also present was county assessor F. Boxer and court clerk J. McGivach.

The court to uphold the assessment was town assessor T. Jones.

Monday's session lasted from 10 am to the morning 2 until 4:30 pm and Tuesday session from 10 am until 3:45 pm.

Survey of Pre-Schoolers To Indicate Future Need

Looking ahead in problems of overcrowding at Acton's two public schools, members of the school board authorized a house-to-house survey of pre-school children this week. Results will be tabulated and discussed at the board meeting tonight (Thursday).

Senior students of the schools covered the town recording the names and ages of all pre-schoolers.

Board chairman, Cliff Bradley explained, "We can't wait until the next census. We have to be prepared."

The board as well as anticipating the enrollment at the schools next year is estimating the possible number of children who may

move to town from houses already under construction and permits already issued.

Rooms Full
The school rooms are all now in use and comfortably filled. More could be accommodated in the kindergarten at the M. Z. Bennett school, Mr. Bradley said.

The board hopes to avoid staggered classes. Inspectors also found on this he added.

Alternatives for solving the overcrowding problem include building an addition to the Robert Little school, increasing the dividing line for attendance at the two schools and staggering some classes.

Hallowe'en Hooligans Cut Trail Of Vandalism Through County

Officers of the County O.P.P. detachment were extremely busy Hallowe'en night as calls poured into the office until nearly dawn on Saturday morning.

No. Nine school on the Fifth Line of Nassagaweya received nearly \$300 damage when vandals threw balls through the screens and windows and broke the sash. Parents in the school section called a meeting to decide what action could be taken to repair the expensive damages.

Gates Go Down
Township station house were tipped and torn down, signs were smashed and relocated in humorous locations and several farms reported lost and broken gates the following morning. One gate was carried half a mile away, another landed in a meadow field.

Mailboxes were ripped out with cars and trucks, a trough not as many as in some previous years. One truck full of hooligans was seen moving a gate.

Skunk in Car
At Campbellville, a wagon was placed on a railway crossing and was crushed apart when the next freight train collided with it. In the village, Douglas found a skunk in the rear seat of his car and rotten tomatoes were plastered on the outside of it.

James Hartour of R.R. 2, Rockwood told police a window and door in the barn were broken around 3:30 a.m. Ronald McEachern of R.R. 1, Acton told police at 1:30 a.m. someone broke a windshield on his car and windows in the barn.

5:45 a.m. Crime
The vandals didn't take any time off to sleep. At 5:45 a.m., Mrs. Harry Herensberger of Spessate said a full "bottle" of milk was thrown through a window into the house.

Annual Conservative Rally Hears Welfare Minister



HALTON CONSERVATIVES heard the Hon. Louis P. Cecilie, Minister of Public Welfare, speak at the annual meeting held in Milton Tuesday evening. Above, Mr. Cecilie seated at the left of the front row, discusses party politics with M.P. "Sandy" Best, returned Halton P.C. president, Leslie M. Clark of Georgetown and M.P.P. Stanley L. Hall, Standing, left to right, are other members of the executive, including David Green of Milton, first vice-president John Sammons of Bronte, second vice-president Mrs. Eileen Hammill of Trafalgar, Young P.C. president John Whyte of Burlington, and secretary John H. Depow of Oakville.

One of the largest crowds to ever attend an annual meeting of the Halton County Progressive Conservative Association gathered at the town hall, Milton, on Tuesday evening.

As well as electing almost the same officers as held positions last year and hearing an informal message from Hon. Louis P. Cecilie, Minister of Public Welfare for the Province, the group noted the strong upsurge of younger P.C.s and paid tribute to a few of the "old guard" who returned to local P.C. circles recently.

Tribute to Two
Particularly mentioned were former Halton Sherif William J. Johnson of Lowville, and former Crown Attorney Edward D. Dingle of Burlington, who have both shown active party interest since giving up their public office.

Returned as president was Les M. Clark of Georgetown, while others returned were first vice-president John Sammons of Bronte, second vice-president, Mrs. Eileen Hammill of Trafalgar, secretary, John Depow of Oakville and treasurer David Green of Milton. John Whyte of Burlington took over the Y.P.C. reins as president, replacing Mac Sprout of Acton who held the post for five years and last year was appointed to the Provincial Executive.

Treasurer Dave Green gave a financial report showing a \$38 deficit at the start of the meeting, but two hours later reported the deficiency had been cleared from the

books through donations and the evening's collection.

Minor changes in the constitution outlined by Mrs. Hammill were approved by the audience. They were changes in wording to clear up the terminology of the by-law.

Plans were made for returning the active municipal and county clubs and the Y.P.C. municipal groups.

Ask Votes
As the Burlington and Nelson municipal groups amalgamated two weeks ago, Burlington voters actively asked two more votes to cover the last Nelson balloting power. At the suggestion of the secretary, the group will wait until next year when the 1960 election can be changed to include changes in Bronte's vote power as well.

C. A. Sands, B.C. Federal Member for Halton, outlined his activities during the 21st Parliament and praised the Prime Minister, Diefenbaker for his actions in strengthening Canada's position amongst foreign countries.

Provincial member Stanley Hall welcomed the "old guard" to the meeting and praised the Halton Executive for their fine work. He pointed to the St. Lawrence power project and the Skyway bridge opening as significant moves for the benefit of the people of Ontario.

Double Manoe
The guest speaker, introduced by Mr. Hall, had earlier toured Halton Central Manor in Milton with the board of directors and spoken to the residents. In his informal

message he covered many aspects of public welfare work including the fact that the Manor would soon be doubled in capacity.

The Department of Public Welfare is set to add this year spend \$52 million dollars on general services of between three and five cents per capita.

He pointed the work of Mr. Hall in Toronto, adding "I have never seen a servant of the people that is as good as you."

Mr. Hall, a member since 1943, had helped newcomers to Queen's Park when he himself when he went there in 1944.

Noting the enthusiasm at the political rally in Milton, the cabinet minister, wished he had that support in Eastern Ontario where the youth and female support is lacking.

Turning to his visit to the Manor, Mr. Cecilie said "I felt so good when I visited the home that I couldn't help but tell them I wished it was a school so I could give them a half-day holiday. Then he added "but they've got holidays seven days a week."

Followed Crowd
A travelling salesman was planning to stop in Acton for his supper on his way home to Galt Monday evening. When he saw all the cars outside the Presbyterian church, he suspected what was going on, stopped his car and peeked inside to see. He was one of nearly 600 satisfied diners at the annual turkey supper.

\$250 Damage to Car Caused by Huge Buck

A huge buck darting out on the road in front of a car was responsible for \$250 damage to a vehicle owned and operated by D. L. Baker, 16 Brock St., Acton, on Friday, October 31.

Mr. Baker and family were returning from a shopping trip to Milton turning from a shopping trip to Milton when they were near Streetsville around 10 pm a huge buck darted out on the road from a hedge and collided with the front of the Baker car, smashing the grill, radiator and hood.

Unable to drive his car, Mr. Baker called police, who found the huge deer lying at the side of the road. Police reported the animal would be taken to the Peel County Manor at Brampton.

Add Extra Nine Months For Three Days Freedom

The driver of the stolen automobile which crashed into the side of the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Wilson, 240 Elmwood Drive, Acton, on Tuesday last week is back at the Ontario Reformatory at Guelph with nine months added to his sentence as a result of his short freedom.

Brian Baker, 17, Toronto, appeared in court in Guelph Monday on an additional charge of stealing a car from Erasmus township which was given six months confinement.

He still has nearly 16 months to serve of a sentence imposed in Toronto on charges of car theft and three of breaking and entering. If he had not responded, he would have been eligible for release on April 19, 1960.

Week's Remand To Mrs. E. Lingard For Examination

Mrs. Ethel Lingard, 44 year old widow and mother of the late Donald Lingard of Acton, who was charged following the death of her son last week is being held in Milton all pending an examination by a Psychiatrist.

The charged woman has been remanded one week by the magistrate pending the outcome of the examination, authorities reported this week.

Last Post, Reveille Remembrance Day
The Last Post will sound again next Tuesday, when the annual Remembrance Day services are held at the cenotaph and in the Baptist church. It will be followed by the Lament played by the Junior Pipe Band, and then Reveille.

Rev. Gordon Hoffman will give the Memorial Address at the service at 11 a.m. Also taking part will be Rev. H. B. Stokreef, Rev. Andrew McKenzie, Rev. Rochef Greenhouse, Rev. Gordon Adams and Rev. Kenneth Reid.

In Nassagaweya, there will be services Tuesday afternoon to honor our district servicemen. Wreaths will be placed at the Soldiers' Memorial at 2:30 p.m. A service in Nassagaweya Presbyterian church will follow, with Rev. H. C. Marr giving the sermon.

Mr. Kenneth Griffiths and Rev. R. P. E. Jeffers will assist.

\$1,300 Damage To Two Vehicles In Tuesday Crash
A late model car and a dump truck received an estimated \$1,300 damage in a collision at the Queen-Young street corners in Acton on Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 pm.

Constable Bud Buckwald, of the local O.P.P. Detachment reported a car driven by S. Didero of R.R. No. 2, Acton, proceeding west on Queen Street, collided with the truck making the turn at the intersection when Mr. Didero told police he was blinded by the sun.

The truck owned and operated by Lyle Krueger, of R.R. No. 5, Stratford, received approximately \$800 damage and the Didero vehicle approximately \$1,000, reported the constable.

Const. Buckwald reported no charges have been laid.

Re-Appoint G. V. Barbeau President C. of C. Discusses Santa Claus Parade

G. V. Barbeau was returned to office as president of the Acton Chamber of Commerce at their Christmas dinner meeting, held in the United Church on Wednesday evening.

Also re-elected for another term were E. G. Tyler Sr., first vice-president, J. Bert Wood secretary and W. Woodburn, treasurer.

W. McKay was elected second vice-president for a one year term and W. Benson was elected to the board of directors for the same length of time.

Elected to the board of directors for a two year term were H. Dewey, J. H. Holmes, O. Chapman and N. Braide.

Directors completing their two year term on the board are A. Braide, J. Ledger and F. Prong.

Following a roast beef dinner provided by the Friendly Circle of the United Church, F. Terry thanked the ladies for the delicious meal and the 40 members in attendance showed their appreciation with a round of applause.

F. Terry chairman of the Christmas street lighting committee, informed the members that a recent canvass of merchants and business men to contribute toward additional street lighting at Christmas was quite successful.

The chairman outlined his committee plan for arrangements of the colored lights and informed the members his committee purchased three large stars and several strings of colored lights.

Jim Lecker, chairman of the Santa Claus parade committee, reported that 21 floats have been obtained for the parade this year. He told the members that six bands were expected to participate and that Santa Claus would be flown in again this year in a helicopter.

Plans were made for the annual Ladies Night at Hilltop Lodge. The following new members were accepted into the organization: Leslie Kula, Paul Neilson, Melvin Beeman, Harold Callan, Norman Braide, Robert Grant and Ray Tiffany.



G. V. BARBEAU
By-Laws Accepted

The by-laws of the chamber were accepted following a review of amendments and revisions.