



POPULAR POPLARS DISAPPEAR at the Acton Tennis Court this week as they are being removed by Beardmore employees. Officials from the company reported this week that the poplars had reached their life span and had come to the dangerous stage when they might fall and injure someone. W. J. Beatty pointed out that plans had been discussed for replacement of the trees but nothing final had been reached.

\$25 a Week

The Ups and Downs of Humor

The following article was gleaned from the newsletter of the Engineering Employees' Association of Northern Electric. As our staff couldn't help but chuckle when they read it, here's hoping you will too.

The silliness of corporations such as yours is astounding. Let me review my case. I carry an accident policy No. 1 in your company, by the terms of which you agreed to pay me \$25 a week during such time as I was prevented from working because of an accident.

A week ago I went around on Sunday morning to inspect a new apartment house that is being built for me. I climbed the stairs, or rather the ladder now located where the stairs will be when the house is finished and on the top floor I found a pile of bricks which were not needed there.

Feeling industrious, I decided to remove the bricks. In the elevator shaft was a rope and pulley and on one end of the rope was a barrel. I pulled the barrel up to the top and, climbing down the ladder, fastened the rope firmly at the bottom of the shaft.

Down the ladder I went again, five stories, mind you, and untied the rope to let the barrel down. The barrel was heavier than I was and, before I had time to study the position, I was going up the shaft with my speed increasing every second. I thought of letting go of the rope, but before I had decided to do so, I was so high up that it seemed more dangerous to let go than to hang on. So I held on.

Half way up the elevator shaft, I met the barrel of bricks coming down. The encounter was brief but spirited. I got the worst of it and continued on my way toward the roof. That is, most of me went on, but my epidermis clung to the barrel and returned to earth. Then I struck the roof at the same time as the barrel struck the ceiling. The shock knocked the breath out of me and the bottom out of the barrel.

Then I was heavier than the empty barrel and I started down the shaft while the barrel started up. We met in the middle of our journey and again the barrel overtook me, pounded my solar plexus, barked my shins, bruised my body and skinned my face. When we became disentangled, I resumed my journey downward, and the barrel went higher. Soon I was at the bottom and stopped so

401 Contracts Let in District

Three contracts were awarded by the Ontario Highways Department last week, one for a section of No. 401 Highway west of No. 6 Highway for 3.57 miles. It was given to Sterling Construction Co. of Windsor for its bid of \$494,630.

Mowbray Construction Co. of Wingham was awarded the contract for structure and approaches for a bridge on No. 491 Highway in Nassagaweya Township for \$103,932.50.

One other went to King Paving Co. of Oakville for grading, gravel base, concrete base and hot mix paving of .62 miles at the interchange on the west side of Bronte Creek on the Queen Elizabeth Way.

Mrs. Hargrave W.I. Hostess

Mrs. Geo. Hargrave, Wallace Ave., was hostess for the New Year meeting of the Acton Women's Institute.

Mrs. George Fryer, the president, wished all present a happy New Year at the opening of the program and all joined hands in singing "Auld Lang Syne" and together repeated the Mary Stewart Collect.

Many items of business were dealt with. The secretary, Mrs. Maddox, presented the account from the Mayfair Restaurant for the lunch served those who took part in the Santa Claus parade. This was moved to be paid.

Penny Sale, Euchre Held in Parish Hall

Ladies of Acton Agricultural Society held a euchre and penny sale last Friday evening in St. Alban's parish hall. A large crowd attended with 31 tables for the euchre.

Winners were: ladies' first, Mrs. Alex. Near; second, Mrs. B. L. Davidson; men's first, Jesse McEnery; second, Willard Britton; lucky chair, Leonard Thompson; door prize, Wallace Swackhamer.

Lucky winners for the penny sale were as follows: necktie, Mrs. Tony Seynuck; pillow cases, Mrs. Josie Kenner; dolly, Bert Watson; socks, Jack McEnery; groceries, Lucy Ann Elliott; basket and dust pan, John Dennis; groceries, Mrs. Arthur Griffin, R. R. 2; eggs, Mrs. Kingsmill; tray, Dorcas Geyer; apron and dolly, Mrs. Josie Kenner; socks, William McArthur, R. R. 2; groceries, Mrs. Ruth Lillie; tray, Mrs. Leo Jamieson, Ballinacraig; apron and pillow cases, Mrs. Lloyd Reunick.

Necktie, Evelyn Bird; bowls, Miss Edith Thompson, R. R. 2; gloves, John Black; ballinacraig eggs, Mrs. Footitt; pillow cases, Mrs. A. Pappilon; nylons, Mrs. Florence Robinson; towels, Mrs. E. Masters; wallet, Robert Denny, R. R. 2; chicken, Mrs. Clare Wilson; bouquet, Mrs. Wilfred Waldie, R. R. 2; towels, Mrs. B. Anderson; ham, Mrs. Calvin McIntyre, R. R. 1; necktie, Mrs. C. K. Browne; belt, Mrs. Alice Wilkinson; cushion, John Dennis; condom set, Mrs. J. Crossley; nylons, Mrs. Arthur Wilson.

Lunch was served and brought the evening to a close.

Other officers named included district deputy Alf Elliott of Trafalgar as secretary-treasurer, and Chief George Wright of Trafalgar and fireman Bill Hyde of Georgetown as auditors. William O'Sullivan of the Fire Marshal's Office conducted the election.

High School Board Approves Plans For Proposed 12 Room Milton School

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plans, the board approved and installation at the addition in Milton in preference to it.

A Kelly of Milton enquired if it was possible to have the Milton school completed by next September. Mr. Burnett replied they anticipated the pending portion of the school would be ready for occupancy in September.

New Committees  
M. M. Cole, Eastman township representative, was appointed chairman of the 1959 board and J. H. Creighton of Acton was named vice-chairman.

Committees appointed were as follows:  
Finance and management: E. S. Forre, J. H. Creighton, A. Kelly, P. Latimer, E. Forgrave and J. Goodlet.  
Transportation: G. Thrown, W. Coan and H. Carbert.  
Buildings: F. Masterson, W. Coan, H. Carbert, J. Hall and J. Wynn.  
Poperty: M. Haselgrove, C. Anderson, E. Forgrave, J. Goodlet and E. S. Forre.  
Cul. G. O. Brown continued as secretary-treasurer of the board.

Revised Figures  
Revised figures on the contract price of the Georgetown addition, showed a price of \$427,710 as against \$430,710 for Acton, the revised cost was \$207,536 as against the original price of \$211,451.

Secretary Thrown, proposed figures for the heating of the Acton, Georgetown and Milton schools, with a breakdown showing a cost of \$130 per day for Acton and Georgetown and 80 cents per day for Milton.

A letter from the Pfeiffer Sound System informed members extensions on the present sound system at the Georgetown school would cost \$2,413 and at Acton, \$1,297. The board agreed the present system should be extended by the same company in order not to interfere with the present set-up.

A reply from the Imperial School Desk Co. informed the board desks would cost \$17.35 each. A \$300 increase retroactive to September 1958 was granted to M. Haza of Milton in view of his past teaching experience. The increase was granted at \$100 per year for each of three years' past experience.

It was suggested that in future teachers present documentary evidence of their qualifications for teaching when an increase was requested.

Accounts amounting to \$2,451.05 were approved for payment.  
At the conclusion of the meeting, Chairman Cole informed the board they should give some consideration to the recent submission from E. S. Forre regarding his views and suggestions for the improvement of education in Halton.

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The finance and management committee was instructed to meet the teachers' representatives and bring back a report to the board.

Truancy Prominent  
Mr. Lambert, principal of the Georgetown High School, reported that 17 students from his school had been suspended for a short period since September to the end of November with two of the students being suspended twice. He indicated that in 14 of the suspensions truancy had been the chief reason.

He noted perhaps weakness in attendance officer might be some of the fault. He suggested that the board give serious thought to strengthening the position of the attendance officer as the present man was in poor health.

A discussion arose when Georgetown representatives were informed the attendance officer was paid \$38 a year for his services. It was suggested the Georgetown members investigate the situation further.

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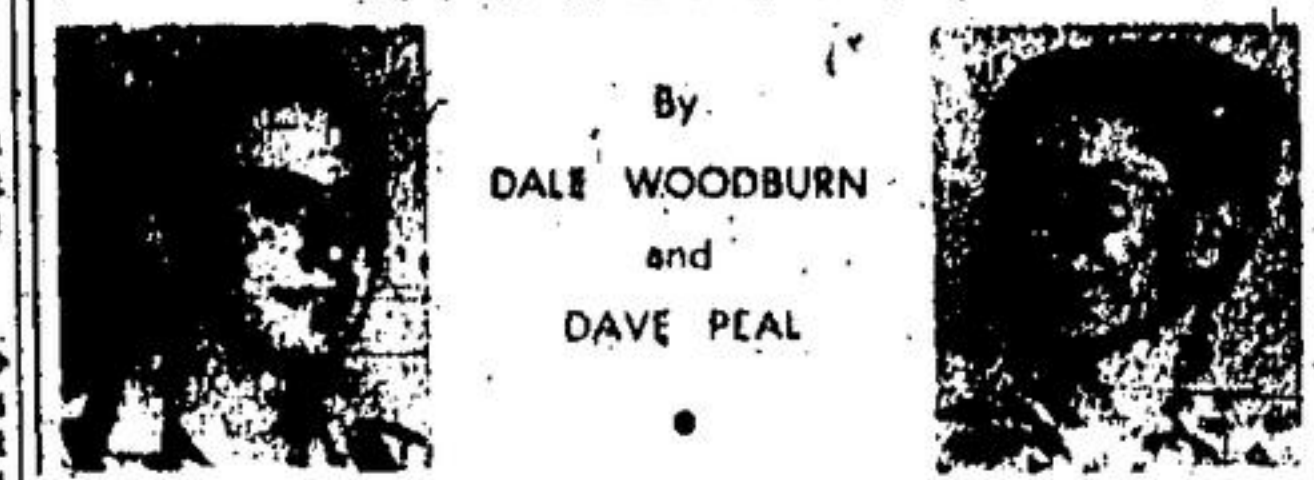
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ACTON HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



By DALE WOODBURN and DAVE PEAL  
In beginning this series of articles I think it only fair to pick on Ross Shuttell as my first target. Once a week Ross as president of the Student's Council is in conference in room 1 making arrangements for very special social events in the school.

I remember one day that he handed me an orange and a bag of candy that was at the Christmas party, when he was even helping Santa.

There was a dance at the school one night when Ross acted very efficiently in the capacity of bouncer. The offender is still rolling.

On the football field Ross always played a good game. Whenever we needed an extra yard or more we could depend on him. We relied on him to get the extra point after touchdown. Ross was also captain of the team, and he did his job well.

In the classroom Ross is ready with the answers. The same spirit of willingness and co-operation prevails here.

At present there is underway planning of the annual At Home. Ross and the rest of his council are fighting to meet the deadline. Now going Ross.

Guest Minister  
Murray McBride took the service at Acton United church Sunday.

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