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DEMOLITION WORK began at the Robert Little School in Acton on Wednesday of this week when Armishaw and Armishaw, demolition contractor from Guelph, started tearing down the former Home Economics room. Pictured above, Charlie Reinhart left and Reg Armishaw are shown welding wrecking bars as they remove wall boards. Acton council Tuesday evening approved an amendment to the debenture by-law to include an additional \$20,000 bringing the total construction cost for the new addition to \$170,000.

Increase School Debenture Issue to \$170,000 Will Cover Architect's Fees and Furnishings

Acton Council Tuesday night agreed to issue debentures for \$170,000 for the construction of an addition to the Robert Little public school. Council had previously agreed to issue debentures for \$150,000. The additional \$20,000 was requested by the board after they had received tenders and costs for the construction project.

C. W. Bradley, chairman of the school board, spokesman for a delegation of five board members, informed council that 10 tenders had been received and the lowest tender had been accepted.

The board chairman pointed out however that the tender accepted was higher than the estimated cost of demolition of the old section of the school and construction of the new addition by nearly \$4,000 and did not include architect's fees and furnishing costs.

When the board requested an amendment to the by-law to allow an increase from \$150,000 to \$170,000 for school debentures clerk J. McCaehie informed council that an additional \$1,000 would have to be added on to take care of costs of the debenture issue and other fees.

be given an opportunity to work on the project but noted that it was impossible to make it mandatory.

Reeve J. H. Goy, school chairman Bradley at the hearing system included servicing the old stone school and was informed by the chairman that for more efficiency it was decided to install a gas heating system in the stone school rather than pump heat underground from the present site.

Asked if the new gas heating system was included in the estimates, Mr. Bradley replied they were. Following council's consent to debentures for the additional amount necessary, the school board chairman thanked council for their cooperation and support.

Discussion—Cenotaph
Acton's War Memorial was included in a lengthy discussion following a request by Dennis Lawler on behalf of the Acton Legion for assistance in cleaning the cenotaph and arranging an iron link chain around the area, as well as adjustment of the lighting system.

Mayor Cook, for the benefit of council and Mr. Lawler, reviewed discussions held some time ago with representatives from the Legion, United Church and council regarding the cenotaph.

In conclusion Mr. Cook informed the representative he was under the impression the Legion and the

United Church were going to take care of the area.

Mr. Lawler explained the cost of the project would amount to \$325.00 for cleaning the cenotaph and erecting the fence. He also pointed out the United Church officials agreed to the changes but were in no position to assist financially.

Councillor Pope reminded council the town could be judged by the appearance of the cenotaph by strangers passing through town. He suggested council give serious thought to assisting the Legion in the project. Reeve Goy said he agreed but noted it was a question of finding a committee agreeable to give the money.

Town's Responsibility
Councillor W. McLeod enquired whose responsibility the cenotaph was and was told by clerk J. McCaehie it was the town's. A discussion followed and the entire situation explained. Councillor H. Peal, also Legion president, informed his colleagues the cenotaph was not being looked after so the Legion decided to do so.

Councillor McLeod informed council he thought it would come under the jurisdiction of the welfare committee and if it was the town's responsibility they should look after it.

Councillor H. Lowe noted that taxation on the Legion property had been reduced by council for a number of years. He suggested that in view of this, if the town looked after changing of the lighting system at the cenotaph, the Legion

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\$154,026 School Contract Awarded to Battaglia Co.

A. Battaglia Construction, Guelph, has been awarded the contract for construction of a 12-room addition to the Robert Little school at a revised tender price of \$154,026.00 the public school board decided at their regular meeting Thursday evening.

The Guelph firm's bid for the contract was the lowest of ten tenders submitted for construction of the addition and demolition of the old brick school. Others included: Rolnac Construction, Hamilton, \$165,442.; W. A. Stevenson and Sons Ltd., Willowdale, \$188,200.; J. B. Mackenzie and Son Ltd., Acton, \$167,978.; Andeen Construction, Brampton, \$171,290.; Dunbar Construction, Kitchener, \$204,000.; M. Landon, Fergus, \$167,000.; Len Arts, Construction, Guelph, \$180,000.

Architect Explains
The architect, A. Barnes, explained to the board that Battaglia's revised figure included a savings of \$1,849 on aluminum doors not included in the original estimate. Construction will start immediately on the new school providing approval is given by the Department of Education and the Ontario Municipal Board.

On a breakdown of the total cost of the project, the board took into consideration furnishings in the old school. Five rooms can be furnished with desks from the old school and several other items including the Electro Vox system can be utilized. Architect's fees of \$2,242 were required and the board arrived at a figure of \$169,000, broken down for council's approval as follows: tender price for construction \$154,026; architect's fees \$2,242 and cost of furnishings \$5,732.

Trustee T. Watson said he would go along with this figure provided "everyone sticks to the \$169,000 total and decides right now there will be no extras. This building must be put up to the architect's specifications. We've got to pull in our belts and pull them in tight."

Members of the board agreed with these sentiments but trustee E. Marks had a question.

"Shouldn't we approach council first, before the architect contacts the contractor?"

"This is just a letter of intent. We have nothing but a moral obligation to fulfill it," replied trustee Wolfe.

The board assented to the motion by finance chairman Wolfe that council be approached with the revised figure of \$169,000. Original request was for \$150,000. The chairman said he anticipated no trouble with council. "We have proved our need, and I am sure they will understand."

Questions Publication
At this juncture, secretary W. Middleton enquired if the board intended to ask members of the press to refrain from publishing unsuccessful tenders.

"It is customary for all tender prices and the name of the firm to be published," answered architect A. Barnes.

"This is public business the public has a right to know," said another member.

"I see no reason why the press shouldn't publish the figures," said chairman C. Bradley.

Inspector R. Bornhold commented, "It is unusual in this county at least for the press to quote tenders."

No action was taken.

Principals' Reports
The board, with the lion's share of business completed, heard Principal G. W. McKenzie's monthly report. It included the information that transportation was being provided for orthopaedic patients; pupils unable to walk to school; a request for P.T. equipment such as bats and balls for the Robert Little School.

Mr. McKenzie explained the difficulties encountered when shifting pupils to allow demolition of the old brick school. He said the new system was working well. He also requested that officials of the school

Acton P.U.C. Accept \$2,294 Tender Price For Hydro Department Truck

Acton Public Utilities Commission at a special meeting on Friday, May 1, agreed to accept the tender price of \$2,294.00, submitted by Franklin Prouse Motors for a new truck chassis to be used by the hydro department.

This information was revealed during the reading of the minutes at the regular meeting on Thursday, May 9, when it was noted that five tenders had been reviewed by the P.U.C. at the special meeting.

During the regular session, the commission agreed to apply to the council for purchase of a piece of property owned by the town in the vicinity of the present hydro buildings on Alice St. Purchase price is to be \$1,000.

Following a request from sewer superintendent A. Duby, the commission authorized the clerk to have a contract signed with the Durban Construction Company for the construction of a sewer manhole on Westcott Road in the Glenora subdivision at a cost of \$250.

An application accompanied by deposit was received from R. N. Brown, Churchill Road, for installation of water and sewer laterals to his property. The application was accepted and the superintendent was instructed to commence work as soon as possible.

It was agreed to write off outstanding accounts and in turn have a reliable collection agency attempt to obtain these debts.

An analysis report from the Ontario Water Resources Commission regarding the Acton sewage disposal plant pointed out that the chief complaint during samples taken April 1st, was the lack of suspended solids. The report informed the commission everything else appeared to be satisfactory.

Following a report of the recent Waterworks Convention in Montreal attended by water superintendent J. Lambert, the commission approved payment to the superintendent of expenses for the convention amounting to \$100.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Waterworks Accounts:	
Acton Welding	\$ 7.50
Thompson Motors	4.15
Canadian Brass Ltd.	100.14
	111.79
Sewerage Accounts:	
Grant's Motors	76.77
Acton Motors	12.06
People's Fuel	53.30
Thompson Motors	42.35
Harlock Schultz	12.95
Symon Hardware	4.64
E. L. Holcomb Mfg. Co.	1.40
Roy's Electric	17.50
Shortill Sheet Metal	122.17
	343.08
Hydro Accounts:	
Petty cash	50.48
Town of Acton, taxes	523.80
Acton Motors	3.91
R. Thompson Fuels	35.87
Underwood Ltd.	6.70
Ten Pro Distributors	2.65
Acton Free Press	12.27
Addressograph - Mult.	4.42
W. Knell and Co. Ltd.	26.38
Postmaster, postage	100.00
Grant's Motors	35.58
Thompson Motors	60.35
J. B. Mackenzie and Son	9.92
H.E.P.C., power	14,095.00
H.E.P.C., lamps, poles	127.87
Northern Electric	44.55
Powerlite Devices Ltd.	36.90
Symon Hardware	3.56
Receiver General	40.50
Standard Wire & Cable	339.64
J. R. Keatney Corp.	388.55
	15,049.50

School Demolition Started Wednesday

Demolition of the old burned-out section of the Robert Little School started on Wednesday of this week, when Armishaw and Armishaw Demolition Contractors from Guelph began tearing down interior walls in the former Home Economics room.

Reg Armishaw stated this week that he expected work to progress rapidly on the demolition and that crews with crane equipment would be moving in shortly to begin demolition of the roof and exterior walls.

Contractors for the demolition and erection of the new 12 room addition are A. Battaglia Company of Guelph and the company presently working at the school are a sub contracting firm for demolition purposes.

Cut Too Much?

Chairman Bradley told council members his board were very desirous of cutting as low as possible, adding "Perhaps we have done so too much."

Councillor E. Pope enquired why within two months the estimate had increased from \$150,000 to \$170,000 and was informed by Mr. Bradley that perhaps the board and architect were at fault.

The board chairman explained that the architect had given the board a rough figure for the work but failed to include his fees and other equipment and Mr. Pope exclaimed, "It was a very rough figure at \$20,000 less."

Work for Unemployed
Mr. Pope also enquired if the company engaged intended to utilize local unemployed in the project. He was informed by Mayor W. H. Cook that it was understood that when any work was undertaken in town, local unemployed would

70 Years in Lodge Attends Convention

Although he hasn't been in the best of health, C. K. Browne was able to take his first "outing" for some time when he attended the 33rd annual convention of the Royal Black Precinctory in Hamilton. He and Mrs. Browne left Sunday and returned Tuesday.

Mr. Browne, who has been 70 years in the Orange Lodge, met many friends at the Royal Connaught hotel during the two-day session.

He is Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of Olive Branch 877 of the Royal Black Precinctory, Guelph. The present Grand Master of the Lodge, Whitney Street and Mrs. Street, went with the Brownes to the convention. Mr. Street was elected first committeeman of the Grand Lodge.

Few Register

Principals G. W. McKenzie and W. D. Elmer Smith of the Acton public schools this week noted that Kindergarten registrations have been slow in arriving at their offices and advise parents to complete the forms which appear in the Free Press and have them turned in as soon as possible.

Mr. Smith pointed out that interviews with the parents and pupils are scheduled for the last week in May and in order to qualify for this interview parents must complete forms and have their children registered immediately.

From Australia Business and Pleasure Jaunt Brings TV Executive to Acton

Associated with the Melbourne Argus, a daily newspaper in Australia, for 30 years and now managing director of the Associated Broadcasting Services Limited in Melbourne, Sydney Joseph Albert Kemp is combining business with pleasure as he visits cities and towns in Canada and the United States. He is presently staying with his aunt, Mrs. E. A. Adams, and his cousin, Rev. Gordon Adams and family in Acton.

Mr. Kemp, born in England, became a seafaring man at an early age and on one of his trips to Australia decided to stay ashore and start a new experience with a newspaper.

With Paper 38 Years
He joined the Argus in Australia the same year, in 1928, and was associated with the paper for 30 years. He was instrumental in forming the country broadcasting system for his newspaper.

First curiosity, then desire, intrigued Mr. Kemp to mark a visit to Wingham, Ontario, on his agenda during his stay in Canada, to meet one of the pioneers in small town radio and television, W. T. Cruikshank of the radio town.

Curiosity was first aroused when Mr. Kemp's son-in-law showed him an article in Popular Mechanics magazine regarding the pioneer in radio circles. Upon reading of the Canadian businessman's accomplishments, Mr. Kemp arranged for a personal interview and tour of the radio and television station owned by "Doc" Cruikshank, as he is familiarly known to many.

Studies Canadian TV

Primarily Mr. Kemp's visit to this continent is for TV reasons as he has formed his own company in Australia. When his charter is received he expects to give TV service to the area of Victoria and reported this week in Acton that his company has some very excellent financial backing.

A married man with two daughters, Mr. Kemp is travelling alone on this visit. His wife and two daughters, who are both married, are remaining in his home town of Melbourne.

Mr. Kemp noted that when he left Australia by plane May 3, the weather was just as a continuation of summer with very little rain. He stated his impressions of Canada were quite favorable since he is striking summer weather here also.

Although this is the first time Mr. Kemp has seen Mr. Adams and family it is like "old home week" to visit Mrs. Adams Sr. his aunt.

During his business trip here the Australian businessman expects to visit some very large TV and radio operations and when he leaves on May 20 for the U.S., he will visit New York, Washington, Tennessee and many other large centres before returning to his homeland.

Child, Two, Killed by Car At Ashgrove Wednesday

Steven Lee, 21 month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Forest Leland Lee, Ashgrove was instantly killed in an accident just before noon on Wednesday of this week at Ashgrove on Esquimaux's seventh line.

The child is reported to have stepped from the shoulder of the road into the path of a car driven by Magistrate K. M. Langdon proceeding north.

Dr. C. V. Williams, Georgetown, attended the child at the scene of the accident a few feet north of the Ashgrove intersection and at the side of the child's home. Coroner Dr. G. Syer was also summoned to the scene.

Mr. Langdon said the child was on the shoulder of the road and just walked out into the path of his car. Police reported independent witnesses said the driver didn't have a chance.

In December, 1957, the child was injured when thrown from the back seat of his father's car in a head-on collision near Stewarttown.

Acton Tennis Courts Utilized by Players

Tennis players have been congregating at the tennis courts the past few weeks getting in a spot of early practice and the 1959 executive announced this week that the hard court will be in excellent shape for play this weekend.

The new executive has been formed and will be announced in next week's issue of the Free Press. It is expected that a schedule may be available at this time also.

Erin Council Makes Changes In Assessment

There were 30 items of correspondence dealt with at the meeting of the council of the township of Erin at the Exchange Hotel, Hillsburgh on Monday, May 4. All members of council were present and reeve George Wallace presided.

Council agreed to join the Ontario Municipal Association and the fee was directed paid.

Many accounts were reviewed and paid, including welfare accounts, fire calls, show plowing and other road expenses. Fox bounty was paid to D. Peavoy, M. Teeter, G. Lonstreet and H. O'Connor. G. Vanzevelen was paid for a sheep and lamb killed.

Chester Burt, G. C. Burt and Jesse McEnery were appointed fence viewers.

The report of the auditors for 1958 was accepted and the auditors' account was passed.

After Assessment
The commercial assessment of Mrs. E. Hubbs of \$100 was struck off the 1959 tax roll. S. Snow's 1959 assessment was reduced \$1,000 as a result of fire. E. Brockdorf's assessment was reduced \$1,100 as a result of fire.

Reeve Wallace acted as chairman of the court of revision.

The school of George Johnson, R.R. 2 E-7, was heard and the assessment confirmed.

Registration for Minor Sports Baseball

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Governor-General

The Right Honourable Vincent Massey, Governor-General of Canada, will pass through Acton in his special train enroute to Georgetown at 4:38 this afternoon (Thursday).

This afternoon the Governor-General is scheduled to lay a wreath at the cenotaph in Georgetown following a brief address.

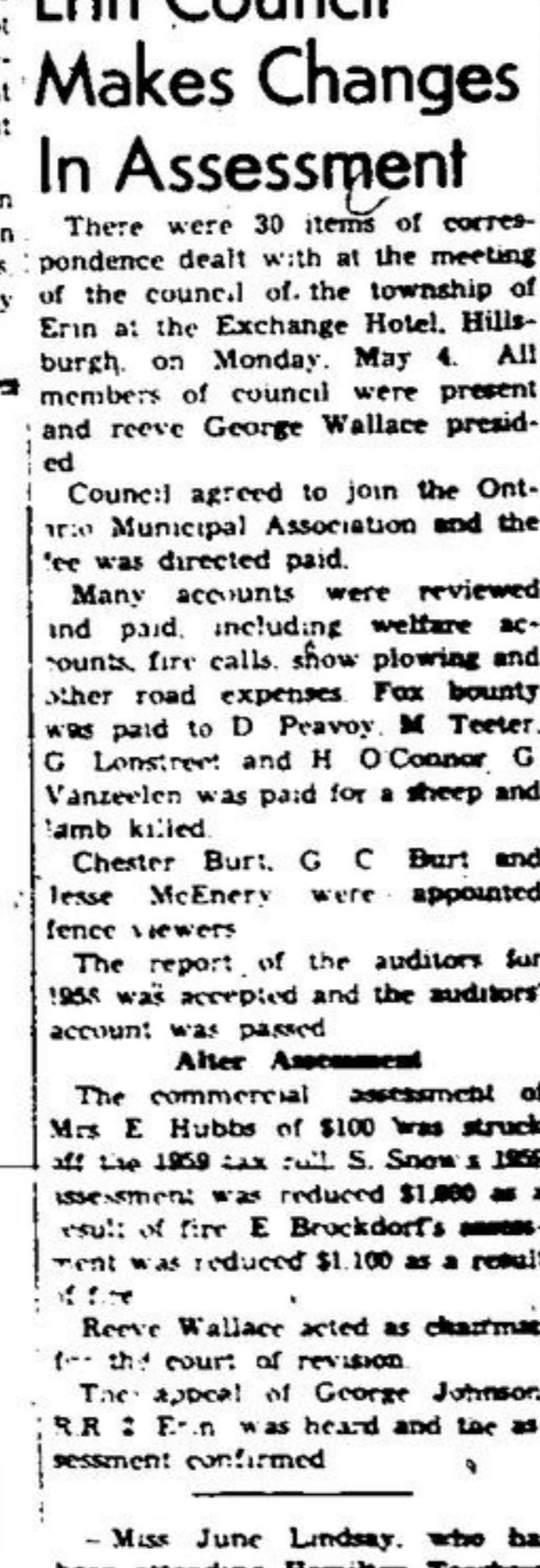
Miss June Lindsay, who has been attending Hamilton Teachers' College, has been engaged to teach at the W. I. Dick school in Milton.

Miss Ruth Laking of Milton, who is teaching at Acton, will be teaching in Milton next year as well.



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