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Halt School Dissolution Ask Restudy

The by-law dissolving the North Halton High School District Board and separating it into separate boards in Milton, Georgetown and Acton, was thrown out Thursday evening when members of Halton County council attempted to give it the first two readings.

Members objected first, when the by-law stated letters condoning the split had been received from the three town councils and from Nassagaweya and Esqueping township councils. They noted Milton and Acton had not formally approved the split.

Charge Unfair
Then the township representatives charged the by-law was unfair when it decreed the present 20 year debentures on the new schools would be paid on an equalized 1959 assessment figure, for the remaining 20 years, Revere Geo. Currie of Esqueping suggested Georgetown's assessment might grow by leaps and bounds, where the township's assessment was not expected to grow very fast.

Another by-law was approved providing for partial indemnity to owners of farm animals for losses suffered by rabies in Halton after April 1 of last year. Valuers appointed for the various districts were: Nassagaweya, Arthur Norrish; Trafalgar, Robert Brownridge; Esqueping, N. A. Stark; Burlington, Albert Hunter and Glen Coulson. Only those animals which had been certified rabid by the Department will be eligible for claim. A 40 per cent. grant is available to the county.

Additional road expenditures totalled \$282,677.

J. T. Hurst Hired as Town Bookkeeper Council Gap to be Filled by J. Hargrave

Acton council Tuesday evening engaged J. T. Hurst, Arthur Street, as bookkeeper for the town office at a salary of \$3,600 per year following the recommendations of the administration committee. Councillor E. Pope charged the committee with having a "cut and dried" decision on the appointment.

Mr. Pope informed Mayor W. H. Cook, chairman of the administration committee, that on Monday night when he was present as an interested councillor at an administration committee meeting, during the time the applications for bookkeeper were being dealt with,

he (Councillor Pope) had noticed three of the applications lying on the table open and two sealed before the meeting commenced. He also noted that three of the applications were from females and two from males.

"I don't believe in my own mind any member of your committee gave anyone fair judgment on their qualifications. I feel you went in with a closed mind it must be a male. As far as the qualifications were concerned, you read them out and no one could grasp everything that was said, a decision was made long before

you finished reading them," councillor Pope charged the mayor. Mr. Pope then reviewed a motion at a previous council meeting setting the starting salary for a bookkeeper at \$3,200 to \$3,600 and noted that the application was accepted at the highest rate when the other male applying had requested \$3,200 and the women had not stated any salary.

"If it is the feeling of this council that the individual chosen has better qualifications than the others, I can see no reason why he shouldn't start at \$3,200," councillor Pope suggested.

Following a review of the proceedings at the committee meeting Monday by the mayor, councillor Pope remarked, "I say now the committee was biased against a female being employed."

Mr. Cook told the councillor that he (Mr. Cook) had stated at the Monday meeting the position did not call for a woman. "This position can be accomplished by a male as well as a female and maybe better," replied Mr. Pope.

"It could be the bookkeeper could also go into what is to be a position on the town's working force," suggested Mayor Cook. After further discussion, Reeve J. H. Goy (also a member of the administration committee) requested the mayor to call the vote on the motion to engage J. T. Hurst and councillor H. Lowe enquired if the question had been called in an attempt to stop further discussion.

"You stated this job could develop into something bigger. I wonder how many applications would have been received if that had been stated in the ad. I heard a lot of things regarding town administration that night, which is fine, but it is not the position applied for. Mr. Lowe reminded the mayor.

ACTON, ENGLAND, was represented in Acton, Ontario, this week when P. A. Barrus, managing director of the E. P. Barrus Limited, of Acton, England, distributor for the Disston Division of the H. K. Porter Limited, paid his first visit to Canada. He spent Monday at the Acton plant on business. Mr. Barrus is pictured on the left as G. A. Harrop, Canadian export sales manager, centre, and C. Leonard, general manager of the Disston Plant in Acton, explain the display of products on the peg board.

Firm Assumes no Responsibility P.U.C. Severs Further Connections

Dissatisfaction with a report from the Stanton Pipe Company regarding faulty pipe used during the Churchill Road waterworks installation, prompted the Acton Public Utilities Commission, during their regular meeting Thursday, May 21, to instruct the secretary to notify the company not to have a representative call on the commission in future.

This action followed a letter from the company which informed the P.U.C. the company assumed no responsibility for faulty pipes found when the town was installing the Churchill Road water system from the new well on the former Davidson property.

Secretary J. McGeechie informed the commission that installation of sewer and water services to R. N. Brown's property had cost more than the amount Mr. Brown was charged for the installation. Mr. McGeechie pointed out the property owner had been charged the normal fee of \$105. The cost of machinery for the project amounted to \$108, the labor costs \$35 and materials used had not been accounted for. He suggested the entire project might cost in the neighborhood of \$175.

A discussion followed at which time the commission reviewed the length of time the machinery was in operation and when it was standing idle. Sewer superintendent A. Doby informed the commission that during the time this work was being done, it was raining off and on.

The commission decided to investigate the situation further for future installations.

To Attend Course
The commission instructed hydro superintendent D. Mason to attend an electrical heating course in Kitchener on June 11 but decided not to send representation to the annual meeting of the A.M.E.A.U. in Brantford on May 29.

Water superintendent J. Lambert informed members the high humidity during the week had affected the motors at the pump houses. He asked direction regarding running the motors to keep them from being damaged. The commission instructed the superintendent to keep the fires going in each of the pumping station during this period of humidity in order to keep the motors dry.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Water Accounts	
Bell Telephone Co.	\$ 9.40
Acton P.U.C.	90.02
Canadian Tire Co.	2.89
	102.31

The commission agreed it would be difficult to determine the cause of the trouble, at this time as everything was working properly and instructed the superintendent to leave the situation at present.

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Hydro Accounts
Bell Telephone Co. 64.10
Acton P.U.C. 4.42
Petty cash 11.53
H. Palmer, cleaning 25.00
Ellis and Howard Ltd. 24.88
Prouse Motors 16.45
Wipers and Waste Prod. 15.50
Addressograph - Multi 2.39
H. G. Barlow Co. 6.18
J. R. Kearney Co. 112.22
282.67

Mr. Lambert also enquired regarding services in Glenlea subdivision that had to be altered before the paving was completed and instructed the superintendent to keep the fires going in each of the pumping station during this period of humidity in order to keep the motors dry.

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Across the Ocean

Director Visits Plant Here Came From Acton in England

Home by name but not by nature, P. A. Barrus of Acton, England, Monday of this week visited in Acton at the Disston Saw Plant. He is on a business trip in Canada and the United States.

Mr. Barrus, managing director of the E. P. Barrus Company in Acton, England, represented his firm who are distributors for the Disston Division of H. K. Porter Limited. The Barrus Company in England has been associated with the Disston Division since 1924 and through their offices and warehouse

have distributed a very large percentage of the products manufactured in the Acton, Ontario, plant throughout the United Kingdom.

Mr. Barrus regretted not having an opportunity to tour the town but due to a rigid business schedule found it impossible to see much of Acton.

Family Holds Party On 25th Anniversary
Members of their family surprised Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Sinclair, 43 Willow N., on their 25th wedding anniversary. The surprise party on Saturday evening was attended by about 20 members of the family and friends.

Public Hearing

Committee Refuses Easement Instructs Builder to Cease

An easement of approximately one foot on three lots in the Lakeview subdivision was refused to Sesto Perini, contractor, by the Committee of Adjustment, and the builder instructed to cease work on three houses, Wednesday evening during a public hearing in the town hall.

Mr. Hardman asked the builder why when he had been instructed by the surveyor to stop building, he had continued and Mr. Perini replied "At council, when I was present one man said we might as well allow it. He is going to get it anyhow."

"Who" enquired Mr. Hardman and was told by the builder "I can't recall names as there were nine men there but I would remember the face." Mr. Perini also informed the committee the mayor had said "this is not council's affair."

Received Advice
"I got advice on this and am afraid this committee will have to turn down your request for an easement," the chairman stated. "It appears to me to be a straightforward mistake," continued Mr. Hardman.

Someone is responsible for this mistake and it is not me. I am paying the people to do this work and it is not right," replied the contractor.

No Surprises Foreseen at Nomination Election Preparations in High Gear

Nominations today for provincial candidates were expected to bring no surprises. The official nomination meeting, over the stage for a round of speaking and electioneering, hot in recent years, dwindled to just a nomination.

There is no doubt Stanley L. Hall, Halton's M.P.P. since 1943, will again represent the Progressive Conservatives on the ballot June 11 with Owen Mullin, Burlington representing the Liberals and Jack Henry the C.C.F.

Official nominations were to be held today between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. in Mill in Town Hall. There was no expectation of any crowd at the event.

Meanwhile Returning Officer Fitzgerald has been keeping the election machinery in gear from his Milton office with printing of voters' lists showing an estimated 47,000 voters complete.

Advance Poll
Work is at a feverish pitch preparing for the anticipated balloting in 122 subdivisions with 177 polling places throughout Halton. Arrangements for an advance poll for the purpose of receiving the votes of voters who expect to be absent from the electoral district on the day fixed for polling are being completed. Polls will be located in Oakville, Burlington and Milton on June 4, 5 and 6 for this purpose, the returning officer pointed out.

Flying Up Ceremony At Guides Tuesday

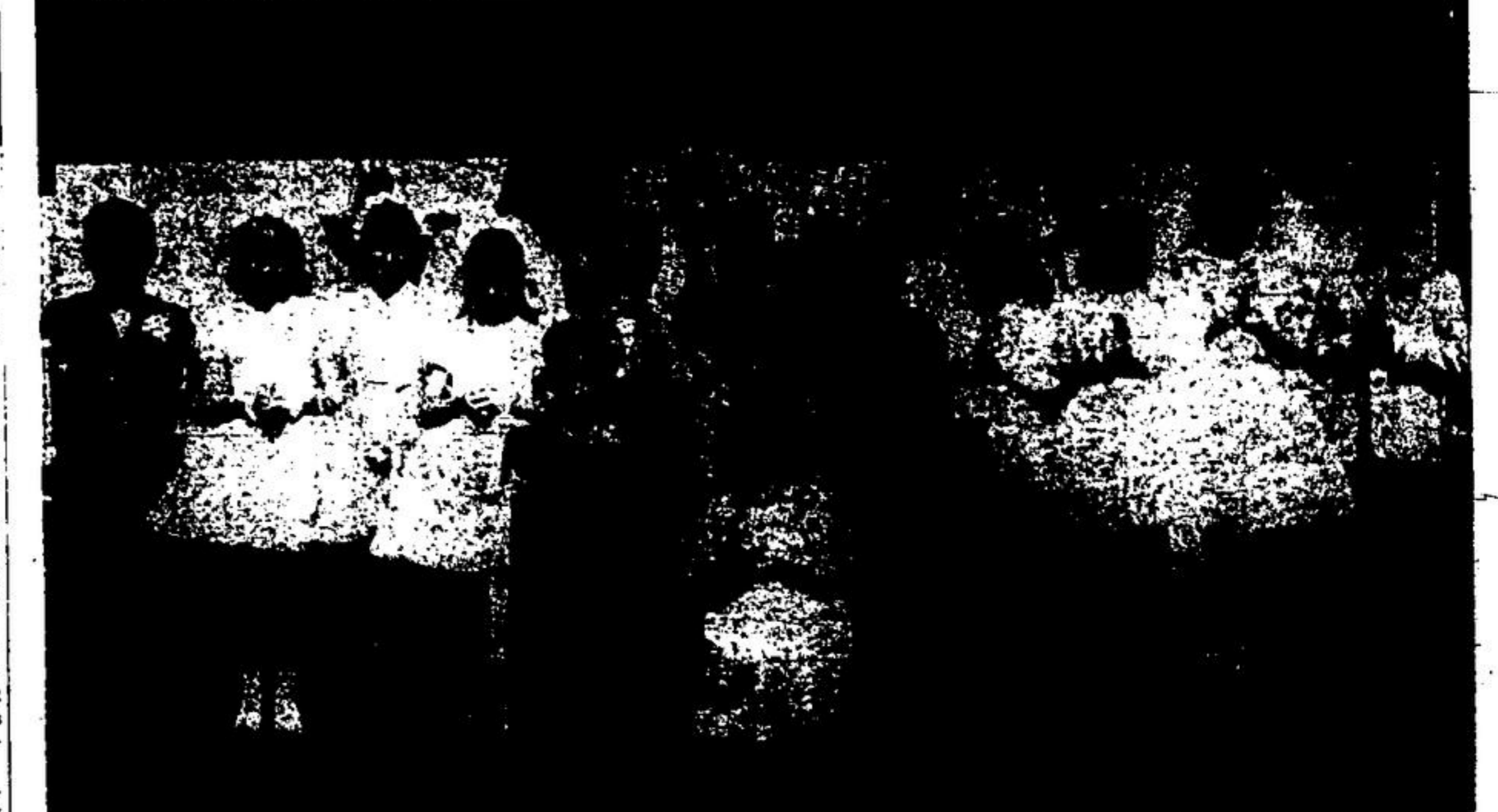
The Brownies flying up ceremony took place in the Scout Hall, at the Guides regular meeting on Tuesday.

The first Acton Brownie Pack formed a tunnel and the Brownies flew through the tunnel into Guide land.

Those flying up were Susanne Adams, Nancy Rognvaldson, Margie McKenzie, Mary Crisshaw and Lynn Vale.

They were escorted by the Guide Commissioner Mrs. G. Adams and welcomed into Guide land by Captain Mrs. T. Watson.

Kae Chisholm received her golden hand and wings from Mrs. Adams.



FIRST COMMUNION was taken by 19 children at St. Joseph's Church in Acton on Sunday, May 24. Pictured above following the church service are: front row, kneeling, Bill Diczak, Kathy O'Rourke and Jimmie Slaven. Centre row, left to right: Billie Semenek, Lorene Paul, Barbara Frost, Beverley Howard, Robert Lindsay, Paul Braide, Joey Van Hoekelen, Johnny Seifen, Debbie Reid, Dianne Bennett, Sheila Jeffrey and Mark Kowall. Back row: Harry Oehrich, Olga Diczak, Rev. Father V. J. Morgan, Dorothy Field and Joe Cyganek.