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## Gas War?

Whether it is classed as a gas war or not is questionable but Acton car owners are enjoying an "after-business venture" being sponsored by half a dozen Acton garages.

The price cutting in gasoline to date is confined to garages with the exception of one in the area east of the C.N.R. tracks, and during the past two weeks snowballed from one to the far extremities of town to the C.N.R. tracks.

Possibly an aftermath of the country wide gasoline war, it is believed the price cut, this time was started as a means of creating more business and in the two week period six garages have taken up the challenge.

Today (Thursday) it was learned some garages in other parts of town have entered the battle with gas selling as low as 34.9 cents a gallon.

## Porter Expands in Acton

With expansion the keyword in the H. K. Porter of Canada Limited, plans have been completed for the installation of a Re-fractories Division at the Diston Saw plant in Acton, and operations for production are expected to be started in the near future.

Finalizing their plans within the last month, the company has shipped machinery and equipment to Acton and workmen are busy setting things up in approximately 7,500 square feet of the present building.

When ready for production, the company will specialize in fire clay and multiple products wet and dry mortars, ramming mixes, and all castables.

## Engage Solicitor to Draft By-Law To Curb Odor and Smoke Pollution

Acton council Tuesday evening agreed to engage A. Briada as their solicitor to draft a by-law to control smoke and odor pollution, following a recommendation by the sewer and water committee.

This action followed a complete explanation of a recent visit to Toronto when Mayor W. H. Cook and Reeve J. H. Goy had an interview with Dr. A. Jeffcoat and his assistant C. Downer, of the air pollution branch of the Department of Health.

Reeve Goy informed council that the problem facing council regarding the odor in town had been outlined to the officials and direction had been requested regarding further action.

Mr. Goy pointed out that the air pollution statute drawn up in 1958 now contain an amendment as of May, 1959.

**Causes Discomfort**

Council also learned that air pollution may cause discomfort, may endanger health or safety of persons and injure animal factor.

The Reeve emphasized that there were two sections under the prosecution clause of the act with the first dealing with odors of a strictly non-combustible nature, with no penalty meted out for ninety days after the by-law becomes effective.

Under the second section council learned that no prosecution could be made for two years plus a day after the by-law became effective. This section deals with combustible sources of odor.

**Fines Imposed**

Reeve Goy explained that for the first offence fines imposed would not exceed \$100 and in the case of a second offence fines imposed would not exceed \$300. It was also pointed out that each day the offender failed to comply it constituted a second offence at \$300 per day.

Councillor J. Hargrave enquired if the city of Toronto had an odor by-law and was informed by the Reeve they did not. Mr. Hargrave replied "It seems ridiculous that Metropolitan Toronto has not passed one and we with a population of only 4,000 are considering it."

Dputy-Reeve J. Greer advised the councillor "You know why they want you to be the goal. This has never been considered and they want you to go to the expense."

The Reeve instructed council his committee agreed that the by-law should be drafted as they didn't think they (council) could go far wrong.

## Will Air P.U.C. Future At Joint Meeting Soon

Plans for dissolution of the Public Utilities Commission and formation of a Hydro Commission by the first of next year will be aired at a joint meeting of the commission and the administration committee of council, following approval at a Public Utilities Commission regular meeting, Thursday, September 3.

During last year's municipal election, a majority of the voters carried a plebiscite favoring dissolution of the P.U.C. in favor of the formation of a Hydro Commission by 1960.

**No Plans**

Commissioner E. G. Tyler Sr. said that to date he had no idea what was planned for the end of the year when the commission folded up.

The commissioner stressed the importance of making the proper authorities aware of the operation of the commission and urged a meeting with the administration committee of council as soon as possible.

In the past, sewer, water and hydro departments' administration has been handled by the five-man public utilities commission, but under the new system being adopted the first of the year, the sewer and water departments will be administered by a committee of council with a separate hydro commission taking over the hydro department.

**Favor Meeting**

Favoring the joint meeting, other commissioners agreed that it was possible that both council and the hydro commission might be composed of entirely new members and stressed the need for having something planned for the operation of the departments.

The commission learned Thursday evening that Gerry Sullivan, Halton sanitary engineer, had reviewed the drainage plan at the new Micro Plastics plant. He reported that the problem of drainage had been relieved with the cooling water system hooked into the town system.

The commission agreed to have Mr. Sullivan inspect various properties where roof water was being drained into the town storm sewer system.

**Safety Campaign**

Approval was given to participate in the Safety Campaign program being sponsored by the Municipal Electrical Safety Assoc. Cost of the program to the Acton commission amounts to \$125.

Hydro superintendent D. Mason informed members that the service line to the new high school addition had been completed and had been hooked in ready for the first day of school.

A poster sign installed at the

**MOVING DESKS** into the Scout Hall proved an easy chore for the caretaker of the Robert Little School, Doug Price when he received assistance from two older lads. Pictured above left to right are: Tom Beoney, Peter Marks and Mr. Price. A staggered class was set up in the Scout Hall when workers were unable to complete a five room section of the new addition in time.

## 1,200 Pupils Start School on Tuesday Registration Up 80 From Last Year

As temperatures hovered in the near 90's, over 1,200 school children made their way to classes at Acton's three schools, Tuesday morning.

For some it was just a case of returning after a long holiday but for many it spelled excitement and interest as they entered the school doors for the first time.

At the Robert Little Public School over 500 pupils enrolled and in spite of earlier predictions the new 12 room addition was not ready for occupancy on Tuesday and five rooms were allocated in other areas to ease the problem of space.

The Scout Hall was pressed into service and two grade 7 classes allocated there with one attending school in the morning and the other in the afternoon.

**Stagger Classes**

Two grade eight classes are using the same room but like grade 7 are working under staggered hours. One half report to school from eight in the morning to 12:30 and the other from one o'clock to 3:30 p.m.

Two grade four classes are using the school auditorium and kindergarten this year has an enrollment of 66 pupils.

At the M. Z. Bennett School, nearly 400 pupils enrolled for classes Tuesday with kindergarten receiving about 60.

At the high school about 280 students registered showing an increase over last year of about 16. The school addition, although not entirely complete, offers accommodation in three classrooms. Neither the gymnasium-auditorium or laboratory is completed as yet.

For the most part pupils in the older grades returned to their classes without much pomp or show but in kindergarten classes drama and comedy were enacted as some of the protesting youngsters hounded to meet their teacher in order to embark on a new venture in life.

**Child Balked**

One interesting case noted at the M. Z. Bennett School, was the approach of a young pretty but weedy looking mother, being pulled and pulling a child in each hand.

Howls of grief were set up by the older boys in the party who was dressed at one time in the

**Flagpole Near Calm**

Principal G. W. McKenzie of the Robert Little school was assured that swings and slides would be installed as soon as possible and the flagpole would be erected near the "Bell Curve" with the board assuming the responsibility of locating the flagpole.

Approval was given for the re-

**Feeder Line**

Chairman C. W. Bradley advised the board he considered it necessary to have the gas company install a large enough feeder line to service the entire school in case of future needs.

Secretary Wm. Middleton reported the tender of J. B. Fank for \$200.00 had been accepted for despatching at the Robert Little school.

Mr. Middleton also reported that non-resident fees received by the months of May and June had amounted to \$260 for the Robert Little school and \$60 for the M. Z. Bennett school.

Accounts amounting to \$1,011.34 were approved for payment.

**Returns Home**

Mrs. George Somerville, one of 30 Canadian Women's Institute delegates to the August conference in Edinburgh, has returned home and next week a feature story on her trip and experiences will appear in the Free Press, possibly accompanied by pictures of the month long stay.

**On the Greens**

Acton Open Golf Tournament Expected to Attract Many

Clubs and irons will be the order of the day when the many Acton golfers head for the Orangeville Golf course on Saturday, September 26, for the yearly Acton Open Tournament.

This year the golfers will be competing for four trophies as well as hundreds of smaller prizes with tee-off time scheduled for 9 a.m.

The Roy Butler trophy has been donated for competition this year and will be presented to the golfer turning in the lowest net score accompanied by a presentation Ontario Golf Association handicap card for the runner-up is the J. B. McKenzie and Son trophy for second low gross.

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Golfers will also be competing for the "Oxon" Varsity trophy for low gross and the J. Bert Wood trophy, donated last year

## Board Decides Double Classes Use Scout Hall for Grade 7

Faced with the problem of allocating five grades for a number of days due to the holdup in the building program at the Robert Little School addition, Acton Public School Board decided to press the Scout Hall into service and double up higher grades, during a special meeting on Monday afternoon.

Realizing the five rooms promised by the builder to be ready for school opening would not be completed in time, chairman C. W. Bradley called a special meeting and the board decided to allocate grade seven in the Scout Hall.

**Stagger Classes**

Classes in this grade are staggered with 33 pupils attending class in the morning and the remainder going to school in the afternoon.

Grade eight is operating under a staggered class as well with half attending school in the morning and the other half in the afternoon.

Grades four have been doubled up and allocated in the school auditorium and will attend full day classes.

Board members expressed their alarm at the five rooms not being completed for occupancy on Tuesday but agreed by keeping the children out of the addition for a week or two, workers would be able to complete the work much faster.

**Enrollment High**

Principal G. W. McKenzie of the Robert Little School reported that

## Wins Two Awards At C.N.E. Friday

J. W. Wolfe's entry, six year-old B. P. Advance Ginger, purchased recently at the B. H. Bull partial dispersal sale at Brampton won Senior and Grand Champion Jersey Female at the C.N.E. last Friday.

Mr. Wolfe, owner of Lorraine Farms, recently was the top buyer at the Bull dispersal sale in Brampton.

## House Too Hot Firemen Called

With temperatures hovering in the 80's Bob Lazbeny, of Crewson's Corners found himself unusually hot on Monday afternoon when the house he was shingling caught fire.

Seeing smoke billowing out from under the eaves, Mr. Lazbeny climbed to the ground and searched through the house for the source of the fire.

Entering through the attic he saw the flames and assisted by his father doused them with pails of water from a nearby well.

Acton firemen were called and had the smouldering embers under control in a short time.

## Firemen Plan Week Of Fire Prevention

Halton's firemen are preparing to tell the public all about fires and better still, how to prevent them.

The Halton County Fire Prevention Association is currently mapping out final plans for Fire Prevention Week, coming this year from October 4 to 10. At the next meeting near the end of the month, the group will distribute literature on prevention, to be circulated throughout the county.

## Minister to Review

It was explained that council could only give two readings to the by-law and then it would, be sent to the minister for his perusal for 30 days before the third reading could be given.

Councillor Hargrave informed his colleagues he would like to see an entire community with a by-law in effect before Acton went to the expense of hiring a lawyer. He explained that Mimico with a population of nearly 151,000 people was bothered with objectionable odors and in spite of this Toronto had not

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## Wins Car

What started out to be just another ticket purchase ended up in the form of a new 1959 Vauxhall car for Doug McEachern of Acton this week.

Holder of the lucky ticket drawn at the Elmira Fair under the auspices of the St. Jacobs Lions Club, Mr. McEachern was surprised Monday night to learn his name had been drawn.

Sound asleep in his bed when the phone rang, the lucky Acton winner could not believe his ears at first when notified around midnight he was the lucky ticket holder.

Thinking at first some practical joker was at work, he was ready to hang up the phone when he was convinced the caller was authentic.

Already the owner of a larger model car, Mr. McEachern has not decided what to do with the second vehicle but claims he will not be stuck for transportation with two cars on hand.

## Business Man From New Zealand Visits Diston Plant in Acton

Irving Hayes, a quiet, well spoken, middle aged business man, halting from New Zealand, although on a right business schedule in this continent, has, during the past few weeks, enjoyed the beauty and hospitality of the Canadian country and made many friends during his brief but important stay in Acton.

President of E. Hayes and Sons Limited, hardware merchants in Invercargill, he and his wife departed by plane from the New Zealand shores, August 10, for a business trip to the North American continent.

A large dealer for the Diston

Saw products, Mr. Hayes paid a visit to the Acton plant on Wednesday and spent considerable time discussing business.

Although pressed for time, he was taken on a tour of the community and commented on the beauty spots in the area and the cleanliness of the town.

The businessman's impressions of Canada will no doubt live long in his memories and recalling his trip east from Vancouver where he and his wife landed from Honolulu, he marvelled at the beauty of Banff and Lake Louise.

Comparing wage scales and prices in Canada with his homeland, Mr. Hayes stated that wages are higher here and most commodities lower. The price of a standard automobile selling in Canada for around \$3,000 retails in New Zealand for almost \$5,000, the business man claimed.

A day at the Toronto Exhibition proved a tiring one for the Hayes' and reports of the low attendance this year could hardly be realized as they made their way through the grounds.

With the temperature hovering in the 80's on Wednesday, one would expect the visitor to be accustomed to it. Instead, Mr. Hayes was showing signs of weariness caused by the intense heat.

Asked why he felt the heat when he came from a country noted for a warm climate he remarked, "Where I come from if the temperature reaches 80, it makes headlines."

In the area of his homeland, which boasts of a population of some 40,000 people, dairy farming and sheep raising range among the highest industries with saw mills and wood industries following in line.

In spite of the category placed on the wood industries, Diston products are much in demand and in his home town alone there are hundreds of contractors and carpenters in business.

During the visit to North America the business in New Zealand is being carried on by his son Norman.

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**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL** at the M. Z. Bennett kindergarten proved an interesting and exciting time for nearly 58 new pupils as they met their teacher and became acquainted with the surroundings. Pictured above some of the new children try their hand at making projects from colored wooden blocks. Shown left to right are: Kathy Prescott, Johnny Pancai, Jay Bouskill, Howard Coultrap, Miss Betty Mae Fosbury, teacher, Rodney Gibbons and Janis Lamb.