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Buy Office Equipment Estimate Cost \$8-9,000

Acton Council Tuesday evening approved a resolution for purchase of extra office equipment for the town to replace a portion of equipment claimed by the Public Utilities Commission. Following approval of the purchase, it was pointed out the equipment would cost in the neighborhood of \$8,000-\$9,000.

This action followed a report by the administrative committee which informed council an inventory of the town office had been taken prior to the dissolution of the P.U.C. at the end of the year. Council also learned the commission intended setting up a separate hydro commission office and would be moving their portion of the office equipment to the new location.

Councillor H. Lowe enquired why this had not been presented to council before.

Charges Press
Mayor Cook intimated the councillor referred to a report of a recent P.U.C. meeting appearing in the press and charged the paper was only trying to make headlines when they had nothing else to publish.

Councillor Lowe remarked the newspaper had a habit of misinforming the public and said, "I have never seen a more misinformed public through the medium of the newspaper."

Mr. Rachlin, however, commended the newspaper for the editorial which appeared in last week's issue.

"Why does this newspaper start this story the report of the P.U.C. meeting October 1, appearing in last week's issue, when they know it is a deliberate distortion of what took place?" queried councillor Lowe.

Councillor Rachlin again quipped, "The editorial was very well written."

Outlines Plans
Mayor Cook briefly outlined the plans made by the administration committee in conjunction with the P.U.C. and explained it was the committee's intention to have the hydro, sewer and water departments blended into their respective operations.

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Report Correct?

Following criticism by two members of council Tuesday that the "local newspaper" report of the October 1 meeting of the P.U.C. was just to make headlines, members of the Commission present at the meeting were asked this question by the Free Press in a telephone poll taken Wednesday: "Has the Free Press in its report of the P.U.C. meeting of October 1, been incorrect, misleading or imaginative?"

The replies to the query follow: Chairman J. J. Stewart: From what I read you had it pretty much as it happened. It was a very good report.

Commissioner F. G. Oakes: No. It was properly reported as to the proceedings.

Commissioner E. G. Tyler: Nothing was wrong that I can point my finger at. I feel it was an accurate report.

Commissioner R. Everdell: Nothing was reported that did not happen. It was a pretty accurate report of what went on.

These members with the Mayor constitute the Full Public Utilities Commission.

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Air Pollution By-Law Defeated 5-4 At 4½ Hour Council Meeting Tuesday

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able for its preparation and told council it would be a great step forward in the progress of the town if the by-law was adopted.

Councillor McLeod suggested there were quite a number of things contained in the by-law the town could not cope with themselves and cited the case of burning rubbish in the open town dump.

Councillor Pope stated he thought the by-law was far too advanced for the town and as he indicated his opposition to it, he noted the by-law was impeding the procuring of further industry and not helping existing ones.

Too Hasty
Councillor Rachlin reported "he thought the council was too hasty in drawing up the by-law. He noted the town was too small to avail themselves of equipment to determine when a violation was being committed. As he voted his objection to the by-law, he informed council they should confine their attention to recovering the use of the south spring water supply, lost to the town through contamination."

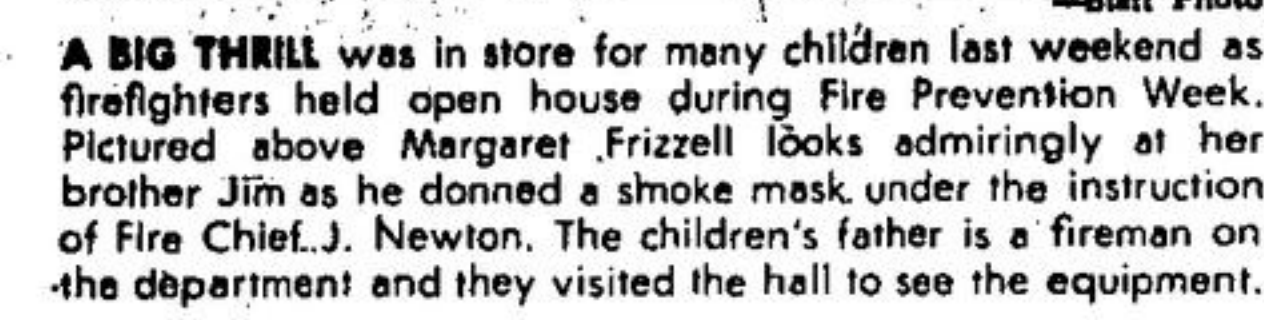
Reeve Gay reminded council the sewer and water committee of which he is chairman had been requested to secure a solicitor in order to draft a by-law to prohibit air pollution. The reeve said it was his opinion that the by-law was a step towards recovering the south spring.

He noted a similar by-law was in effect in several municipalities and was being prepared in others.

No Solution from O.W.R.C.
Mr. Gay informed members the Ontario Water Resources Commission had been approached on various occasions for answers to problems and council had only received silly, willy-nilly replies. "After three years we haven't received any solution from them so it is time we started to protect ourselves," he exclaimed.

Councillor McLeod queried the by-law having anything to do with the south spring and the reeve reminded him the O.W.R.C. set up

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A BIG THRILL was in store for many children last weekend as firefighters held open house during Fire Prevention Week. Pictured above Margaret Frizzell looks admiringly at her brother Jim as he donned a smoke mask under the instruction of Fire Chief J. Newton. The children's father is a fireman on the department and they visited the hall to see the equipment.

Halton Population is 106,017 Biggest Increase in History

Halton's population as of Sept. 30, 1959 stands at a record 106,017, according to a report on Wednesday. The figure is an increase of 10,494 over last year and represents the biggest one-year increase in the history of the county, he said.

Mr. Rogers noted the local increase was a big one in comparison to figures reported by county assessors across Canada. Largest increases in the county were seen in Burlington, Trafalgar and Georgetown, while all others had small increases and Oakville's total was down slightly (nine) from last year.

Town	Population
Acton	4,190
Burlington	41,838
Georgetown	9,353
Oakville	10,147
Milton	5,257
Essexville	5,602
Nagsaweya	2,230
Trafalgar	27,399

Some Courses Face Knife—Don Bexton
Enrollment figures in nine night school classes at least indicate that they will be carried this year. In other courses, registration lags seriously.

Registration night is being held Friday (tomorrow) at the high school and only an upsurge of interest in certain courses will save them from cancellation.

Advance registration has already proved sufficient in tailoring, upholstery, elementary oil painting, home decorating, elementary clothing, advanced clothing, typing and welding although a few more can be accommodated, board chairman Don Bexton said yesterday.

Classes with too few registered include photography, wood millinery, bookkeeping and the handymen's course.

The Highway 25 overpass at Highway 401 was paved this week and work continues on the approaches.

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To Aurora
Postmaster Frank Terry is on a three to six month assignment to the post office in Aurora, Ontario. He received the keys to the office on Wednesday of this week and assumes full responsibility there. The Aurora postmaster is ill. Gordon McKewen has taken over as postmaster temporarily here.

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300 TULIP BULBS were planted at the three Acton schools on Saturday by Girl Guides of Acton and three of the girls and their leader are pictured above as they prepare the ground for planting. Shown left to right are: Margaret Guthrie, Margaret Price and Janet Rognavaldson. Mrs. J. Barr, Lieutenant with the First Acton Company, instructs the girls in their job.

Guides Plant 300 Tulip Bulbs

Three hundred tulip bulbs were planted by guides from the First Acton Company at the three schools in Acton on Saturday in commemoration of the 50th year of guiding in Canada.

The event entitled "River of Gold" will be the spring present a mass display of golden tulips all across Canada as other centres have followed the same ceremony.

The planting of the bulbs is in gratitude to the people in all communities who have assisted and shown interest in the guiding movement.

Assisting the girls in their planting chores were Captain Mrs. T. Watson at the M. Z. Bennett School, Lieutenant Mrs. J. Hurst at the Acton High School and Lieutenant Mrs. J. Barr at the Robert Little School.

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Police Follow All Clues \$2,200 Village Robbery

North Halton O.P.P. reported today that they have "a couple of ideas" and were searching out all possible clues to solve the \$2,200 bank robbery at Campbellville's Bank of Nova Scotia on Friday morning. Police would not divulge much information about their investigation, but said they had been holding a Guelph man's car in connection with the robbery, but could not locate the owner.

The Friday robbery, in which two armed thugs got \$2,200 and missed more, was the fourth for the village's only bank. On January 23, 1958 three armed men held up manager L. J. Hayes and teller Mrs. Joyce Carbert and escaped with \$16,000. They were later arrested and are presently serving prison terms.

First Holdups
Back in 1947, on July 8 manager Frank Quinlan and teller Mrs. Anna Holmes were robbed of close to \$10,000 in cash and securities by three masked, armed men. The bank had previously been robbed in the fall of 1928 but no details on the first robbery were available.

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"This was well planned," one policeman said. The robbers had even wired the gate shut when they left the field.

Police airplanes were immediately dispatched to fly over the area but the men were not sighted. All available officers from surrounding detachments rushed into the area for a manhunt.

At the time of the robbery, bank clerk George Chester, 19, was in the post office across the street. "I probably would have walked in on them but the mail wasn't sorted so I waited for it," he said.

Mr. Hayes said "they just walked in and covered me. I figured" this is it, so I didn't move."

Mrs. Carbert told newsmen she couldn't believe it was happening to her a second time.

Inspector David Adair of the O.P.P. Criminal Investigation Branch in Toronto has taken charge of the investigation. He is working with Constables Roy Hazlett, David Hardy and William Bennett of the North Halton O.P.P. in Milton.

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Fire Prevention Week Reports Show County Brigades' Activity

Reports of fire prevention week in the various Halton County fire brigades highlighted a meeting of the county fire prevention bureau in Milton Tuesday evening.

In Acton, 15 schools were drilled and eight industries and 17 commercial buildings were inspected. Open house was held at the fire hall and a display was entered in the fall fair.

Georgetown Activity
Georgetown firemen inspected 69 commercial places and 16 schools. They have yet to inspect industrial plants.

Milton's brigade held an open house, inspected some of the industries and 35 commercial establishments, and drilled 17 schools.

In Burlington, 25 schools were inspected, an open house was held, and a public demonstration of rescue work and firefighting was given.

Oakville had home inspections, 10 commercial visits and eight industries in a blitz inspection in which 14 insurance inspectors participated. Films were shown to several clubs and an open house was held at the fire hall.

Participate in Blitz
Trafalgar firemen drilled 19 schools and participated in the area blitz campaign with 58 industrial and 31 commercial buildings.

The main hazards found on inspections, firemen reported, were overfused electrical circuits and poor housekeeping habits.

Easter contests are currently being carried out in the schools, and entries for the County-wide grade five contest are to be turned in by October 21. They will be judged by the Kitchener fire prevention bureau. Arrangements are being made for a banquet at which the winners will be presented with prizes.

Letters on safety are being sent to all churches as well, and plans are being made to enter fire safety floats in the various Christmas parades.

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Will Demolish Old Church As Soon as New Finished

Over 50 members of the United Church congregated in the church Wednesday night to hear the report of the condition of the present church building and sanction the completion of the new portion and demolish the old church section as soon as possible.

During the special meeting building chairman Alf Long gave a lengthy report of the condition of the old section of the church and pointed out it was approaching a dangerous state. This was first noted when a large section of plaster fell from the ceiling recently following a church service.

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Ask Early Copy As Plant Moves

The plant of the Free Press goes on the move next Thursday. Renovations at the newly acquired 22,000 square foot plant in Acton have nearly completed and all the printing equipment is now scheduled for the move.

To facilitate the move it would be greatly appreciated if correspondents and others submitting news articles and advertisements would arrange to have them in our hands by Tuesday of next week.

The move is planned for completion in four days. No issues of the paper will be missed but it will not be possible to accept printing orders for completion prior to early November.

If all goes well the plant and employees will be in production in new quarters on October 28 or 27.

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