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Refuse Building Permit During Public Hearing

An application by Thomas and Thomas contractors to build a house on lot 38 in the Glenlea subdivision was turned down by the Committee of Adjustment last Friday evening on the grounds the request was not of a minor variance to the zoning by-law.

One week previous during the first hearing regarding this application the committee had reserved judgment in order to obtain guidance from the Ontario Municipal Board and Department of Planning.

K. Hardman, committee chairman, informed the company representatives he had been informed the request was beyond the jurisdiction of his committee.

Blood Clinic

Over 300 people have given their consent to donate during the annual Blood Clinic today. A steady flow of patrons has been passing through the doors to the clinic and by closing time tonight it is expected that 300 will have donated.

Ten hospital cots, a staff of nurses and assistants and volunteers from various organizations are busily engaged in some manner as about 60 persons an hour are being handled.

The clinic today is operating from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and this evening will operate from 6-8 p.m.

If you have been missed during the canvass don your hat and coat and head for the clinic your blood is needed urgently.

Complete Plans for Poppy Day Canvass

The Poppy Day drive on November 6-7 is gradually molding into shape and chairman Harry Otterbein has everything lined up ready for the poppy sellers to start their blitz of the town.

The chairman has completed plans as well for the Remembrance Day Service and expects a large crowd of citizens to join with the Legion and take part in the service.

Mr. Otterbein pointed out that many residents who want to place wreaths at the cenotaph were not aware that such participation was encouraged and stated "This year we would like to have more residents take a more active part in Remembrance by placing wreaths."

Mr. Otterbein said there would be further announcements of the poppy sale campaign in a later issue of the Free Press.

Girls' Champ

Ruth Landsborough won the senior girls' championship at the Guelph Collegiate Vocational Institute on Thursday, October 15, during their annual field day. This is Ruth's first year at Guelph and she is in grade 13. During the field day she took three firsts and one second out of four events entered.

Eddie Bush, Ted Elmes To Present Trophies

The most valuable players award and other trophies will be presented Tuesday evening in the Legion Auditorium to ball and hockey players in the Minor Sports League this year.

Players proving their value to the team for sportsmanlike attitude and playing ability have been picked at an earlier meeting of the organization but their names remain a secret until Tuesday evening.

Nearly 300 boys accompanied by their parents are expected to jam the auditorium to witness the presentations.

Vic Masters, president of Minor Sports, urges parent to attend the meeting to hear an important message and lend their support to their sons.

Scheduled to be present is Eddie Bush, coach of the Guelph Biltmores and Ted Elmes, second vice-president of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association to make the presentations.

In a Month

Highway 401 between Highway 10 at Streetville and Highway 25 at Milton will open sometime between November 20 and December 1, Halton M.P.P. Stanley Hall announced Wednesday.

Mr. Hall said the definite date of the opening was uncertain.

Extra Sleep

You'll get an hour's more sleep Saturday night... but it may be interrupted. Do things properly in changing back to Standard Time, you should set your alarm for 2 a.m.—hour council decreed the change. Jump up, race through the house and turn all clocks back to 1 a.m. Then climb back into bed and enjoy your extra hour of rest.

C. of C. Plan Yule Light Extension

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Railway Crossing Signals Pressed into Service Today

A dangerous railway crossing has been fitted with a set of red flashing warning lights with a sounding bell. Today the new system went into operation on Main Street north.

Working for the past five weeks, experts on signal systems with the C.N.R. struck a tougher assignment than was first anticipated. Additional poles were installed, miles of wires were strung, sets of relay cases erected and fixtures attached.

After hours of testing and re-checking, the newly installed signal system worked in unison with the lights installed some time ago on the Mill Street crossing.

No pomp or ceremony marked the throwing of the switch to put the signals into operation. Top brass officials simply wended their way down the C.N.R. right-of-way checking - checking - and re-checking in an attempt to detect a flaw in the installation.

Following the death of George Boylan, a former worker of H. K. Porter's last year Acton council requested a signal system be installed. After investigation, approval and agreements signed, work began.

It is only hoped that the fatality one year ago will be the last stroke of the pen recording an accident involving a car and train in Acton.

Help, Please!

The plant of the Free Press is all geared to move.

Renovations at the newly acquired 22,000 square foot plant in Acton have neared completion 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 starting next Thursday. No issues of the paper will be missed but it will not be possible to accept printing orders for completion prior to early November.

Your co-operation in supplying early news copy will be greatly appreciated.

95 Per Cent

Rewarded for their faithful attendance during the month of September, Acton Rotary Club Tuesday evening was the proud recipient of the Basil Tippet trophy for the club in Ontario having the most perfect attendance.

Climbing from 40th position on the roster to a tie for first place with the Forest Hill Club, the local Rotarians were praised during the Tuesday meeting when the president of the Forest Hill Club presented the trophy to local president F. Prouse.

The trophy, donated by a past district governor Basil Tippet, is presented monthly to the club having the highest percentage of attendance and since its adoption the Forest Hill Club have been the constant winners. The Acton club's percentage for the month was 95.7.

In making the presentation, Forest Hill president Fred Woodburn, accompanied by two past presidents, T. Elliott and D. Morris, congratulated the local club for their excellent record.

A local merchant, Paul Nielsen, sparked a humorous aspect into the meeting when he presented his classification talk. Recent arrival from Denmark, Mr. Nielsen outlined his work since arriving in Canada and wittily briefed the members on

prompted G. Barbeau to ask—"Why not use the lake?"

"We've found many parents will not allow their children to skate on the pond," replied Mr. Bullough.

Several sites were suggested but the Board referred Mr. Bullough to the high school board. They felt the high school property was more level and suitable for that type of rink.

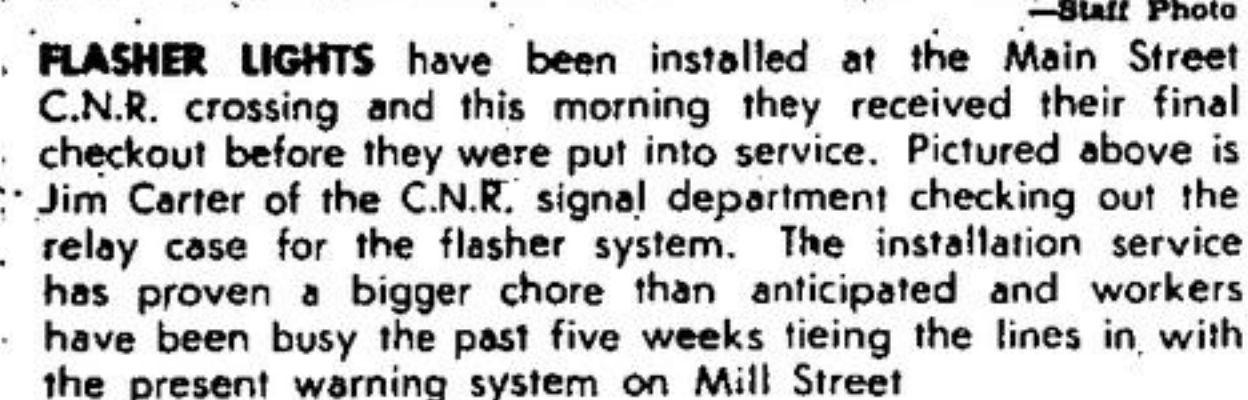
"If you can't reach an agreement with them—then come back and see us again," Mr. Parker suggested.

The problem of levelling the beach at the park was discussed. Only one tender was received for sand to fill in the beach area, that of Norm Turner. His price was 300 cubic yard.

The Board agreed to accept Mr. Turner's tender if the quality of sand was satisfactory. In addition several loads of chip stone for laying under the sand will be ordered.

The chip stone will stop any erosion at the beach and save us doing this job every year," said E.

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FLASHER LIGHTS have been installed at the Main Street C.N.R. crossing and this morning they received their final checkout before they were put into service. Pictured above is Jim Carter of the C.N.R. signal department checking out the relay case for the flasher system. The installation service has proven a bigger chore than anticipated and workers have been busy the past five weeks tying the lines in with the present warning system on Mill Street

Request Board's Consideration To Build Outdoor Rink at Park

In spite of declining activity in Acton park, the Board of Parks Management had a full slate of problems for their attention at their regular meeting Tuesday evening.

Jack Bullough, representing Acton Minor Sports Association requested a site for an outdoor ice rink in the park. He referred to the unsettled position of the arena and the lack of ice time available for hockey leagues due to more out-of-town competition. His organization felt an outdoor cushion would solve the problem preferably if it was located in the park.

"The experience of other years seems to indicate there is not enough interest in an outdoor rink," said Board chairman R. R. Parker. He named several instances when rinks had been constructed and abandoned due to the lack of interest.

"The Minor Sports had nothing to do with those cases," I. Kilby reminded the chairman.

Discussion with Mr. Bullough on whether this type of rink would kill grass and leave a portion of the park unavailable next summer

regarding the dissolution of the P.U.C. at the end of this year and the setting up of a separate office for the hydro commission.

When chairman J. J. Stewart informed the members the time had come to give consideration to obtaining office space, Mayor W. Cook reiterated certain council members' feelings regarding the

break-up of the town and P.U.C. office during last week's council meeting.

Suddenly, Mayor Cook heatedly informed members that some things published in the Acton Free Press were "enough to put the fear of God in the people" and referred to a recent report of the

P.U.C. meeting appearing in the Free Press.

The mayor claimed the paper was very biased in its reports and stated he thought a lot of harm was being done to the town through the distortion of facts.

The commission was told the mayor was not alone in his feelings as this had been brought up at council the first of the week.

Asked by commissioner E. Tyler if he was referring to a council meeting report or that of P.U.C., the mayor replied the P.U.C.

"The representative of the Free Press present at the P.U.C. meeting also grew heated and finally voiced his objections to Mayor Cook, informing him the accusations were false."

Chairman J. J. Stewart told the mayor there was no rhyme or reason to councillor Lowe's objections to the report of the P.U.C. meeting appearing in the Free Press (Mr. Lowe is not a member of the commission and was not present at the meeting under discussion, the report of which he criticized. At this meeting the mayor put forward proposals for a new town administrator. This has never been discussed at a public council meeting.)

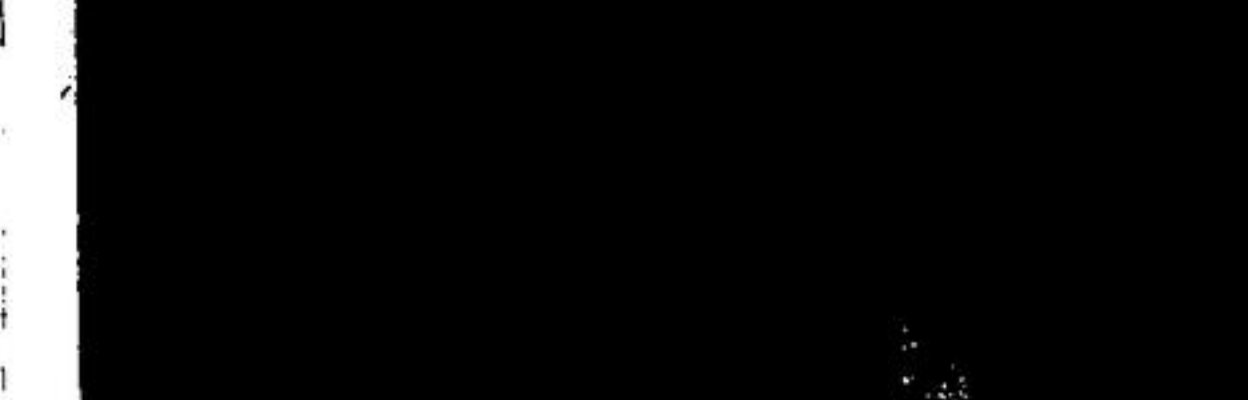
Mr. Cook claimed the Free Press report of the last P.U.C. meeting would cause distortion but was assured by the chairman there had been no distortion of facts appearing in the report of the Free Press.

The mayor informed the commission he thought there was a lot of discussion in town resulting from the way the reports of meetings were written up in the paper. He told them it was the fault of the person sitting at the meeting representing the Free Press.

Others Support Accused

Mr. Tyler informed the mayor he had received a phone call on Wednesday evening prior to publication of last week's paper asking him his opinion of the report of the recent P.U.C. meeting and

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ACTON ROTARY CLUB were the proud winners of the Basil Tippet Perfect Attendance Trophy and Tuesday evening received the award from the president of the Forest Hill Club, top winners. The local club came from 40th place on the roster for highest attendance and tied the Forest Hill Club for first. In view of the remarkable feat, the Forest Hill Club made the presentation during the Acton Club's meeting Tuesday. Pictured left to right are T. Elliott, past president of the Forest Hill Club; F. Prouse, local president; R. Lewis, Acton club secretary; F. Woodburn, president of the visiting club and D. Morris, a past president of the Forest Hill Club.



—Staff Photo

MRS. A. M. BELL of Stratford brought a touch of the theatre with her to the Home and School meeting Monday evening when she displayed magnificent costumes and props used in the Stratford Shakespearean Theatre. Pictured above, left to right, are Mrs. J. E. Dowling, Mrs. J. Puncheon and Mrs. Bell as they admire court costumes used in the play "As You Like It". The large audience Monday night were amazed at the beauty and work of the costumes and other props displayed.



—Staff Photo

THEATRE PROPS held the interest of the many parents attending the first Home and School meeting for the season on Monday evening as Mrs. A. M. Bell of Stratford displayed costumes and other articles used in the Shakespearean Theatre in Stratford. Pictured above are some of the executive committee as they examine a helmet used in As You Like It this summer. Shown left to right are Mrs. J. Hurst, Mrs. R. Buckner, Mrs. W. Sproston and Mrs. Bell.

Shakespearean Theatre Recalled by 200 As Costumes Shown at Home and School

About 200 went "backstage" at the Stratford Shakespearean Festival Monday. Guests and high school students joined the members of the Home and School Association to listen raptly as Mrs. A. M. Bell spoke on costumes and properties, and to examine some of them personally. The meeting was held in the auditorium of the Robert Little school.

Mrs. Bell, wife of a director of the festival, has been associated with the festival since its inception and found herself caught up in the fascination of the wardrobe and properties department. Gradually, she began to take on unskilled sewing jobs to relieve the skilled designers and artists. Soon her home became "open house" for those associated with the most successful venture.

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Gowns had to be heavy as the actors and actresses could feel their weight and manage them properly. Mrs. Bell could scarcely lift a gown made for a petite star. They are lined, weighted and held by straps.

She showed one gown which had a duplicate, ripped and disheveled, with mud painted at the hem. A barbaric queen's gown had a duplicate stripped of its jewels for a quick change.

Among the costumes were Alec Guinness' blue velvet tunic for Richard II and Frances Hyland's gown for her role of Hermione in The Winter's Tale.

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Mrs. Bell showed the largest pants ever worn at the festival—Douglas Campbell's from his role as the oversized Falstaff in Henry V. The smallest were worn by his son, playing the part of one of his attendants.

She traced the history of a costume, from its designing to the selection of fabric, the sewing and the decoration.

She paid great tribute to the people in the wardrobe department, who will work all night if necessary. An actor's life is not an easy one, she pointed out.

R. R. Parker introduced Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Robert Buckner expressed the pleasure of the group at hearing her.

President Charles Landsborough presided.

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