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## County Grants Additional Vote To Acton Reeve

Acton's Reeve John Greer will have two votes in Halton County Council this year, it was announced Tuesday when county council okayed an extra vote for the member. In a letter to council, Acton clerk J. McGeachie explained the last voters' list for the town showed a total of 2,150 voters which qualifies the Reeve for an additional vote.

With Deputy Reeve R. J. Hargrave's one vote, Acton now receives three. Mill also has three while Nassagaweya has two and all the rest have four votes per municipality.

### Welcome Reeve

At Tuesday afternoon's meeting, Reeve Greer was welcomed in the place of former Reeve John Goy, who stepped up to the position of Mayor of Acton two weeks ago. Council agreed Mr. Greer would fill the committee seats Mr. Goy had held—chairman of the printing, education and special communications committee, and member of the finance, hospitalization, assessment and civil defence committee and the Halton Centennial Manor Board.

## High Black-out

Weather was perfect for the total eclipse of the moon Saturday night. Many stayed up past 2 a.m. to see the shadow of the earth pass eerily across the snow-white moon. Some were taking pictures.

## Comet Chemical Co. Picks Acton Will Serve Canada From Here

The Comet Chemical Co. of Newark, New Jersey, will distribute their leather finishes and lacquers and thinners to the Canadian market from a new Acton location opened this week.

The central location of Acton, in the area of Canada being served, has influenced the final decision to locate in Acton itself, Murray R. Garfinkel, president, said.

### On Mill St.

The new Canadian operation will be located on Mill Street next to Dilts Stationery in 2700 square feet of the former Free Press building.

The primary purpose for this operation is to serve the many Canadian customers more efficiently and have better control on the shipments being made. It is also planned that eventually all products will be manufactured in Canada, Mr. Garfinkel said.

### Serves Tanners

The tanning industry of Canada has been supplied for a number of years by the Comet Chemical Company with a variety of finishes for all types of leather. It is also a supplier of lacquers and thinners for application on both metal and wood.

As a result of the high quality of the line of products being supplied, Comet Chemical Company has been expanding its area of service year after year.

### Resident Manager

Frank Heller, 68 Lake Ave., who has been a resident of Acton for a number of years, has been appointed manager of this new operation. He will be in complete charge of sales in Canada for Comet Chemical Company.

Mr. Heller has a thorough knowledge of the leather industry, having both tanning and finishing experience in Holland in his own tannery. He has been connected with the Canadian industry since his arrival, in both technical, sales and management capacities, particularly in connection with the finishing of many types of leather.

## Form Seven Man Commission To Promote Industrial Growth

Acton Industrial Commission was formed at a meeting in the Council Chambers on Monday evening. In accepting the suggestions of the nominating committee, the Commission has its aims set out "to co-ordinate the efforts of all groups concerned with the Industrial Development of the Town of Acton; to promote and maintain liaison and satisfactory relations between Acton industry and the elected municipal bodies and to work directly with the Trades and Industry Branch of the Ontario Department of Planning and Development for the promotion of present and future industry in the Town of Acton."

The nominating committee submitted a slate of nine suggested members, which was increased to sixteen by nomination from the meeting, some of whom declined. The following were elected to the Commission: Walter Cook, Dave Dilts, B. Evans, J. Ledger and E. Tyler Sr.

### Other Recommendations

Other recommendations of the nominating committee accepted by the meeting were:

- The commission be independent of elected municipal bodies and/or other organizations.
- The term of office for the members of the Commission be for a period of three years and placement necessitated by death or resignation be made by appointment approved by the remaining members of the Commission.
- The commission members elect their own chairman annually.
- The commission meet at the call of the chairman at times and places suitable to the majority of the members.
- The commission submit a voluntary written report of its activities yearly to the town council and the Acton Chamber of Commerce.
- The commission convene a public meeting of interested citizens at the expiration of the three year period for the purpose of re-assessing the status of the Commission.

### Select Secretary

Brian Braithwaite was chosen secretary of the commission at a brief meeting of the commission members. A chairman will be selected at a later meeting.

Walter Cook thanked those who allowed their names to stand for the commission and those who had shown their support and interest by attending the meetings.

## Warn Parents

A warning to all parents was issued this morning by Corporal Ray Mason of the local O.P.P. Detachment to keep an eagle eye on their children during the spring floods.

The corporal noted that an abundance of snow is piled up in many areas and if an immediate thaw takes place, it might be fatal if small children are caught in the swirling waters.

## Reduces Micro Assessment \$3,600 Board Dismisses Porter Appeal

A \$3,600 reduction in assessment of the Micro Plastics Company was granted and an appeal by the H. K. Porter Company was dismissed during Municipal Board hearings in the town hall Monday.

Bill Wilson welcomed the crowd over the public address system as the fair opened with a throng ready to buy. At the end of the afternoon, the lucky draws were made by Judy Fong and the winners follow.

Juice set, Doug Garrett; saw, Bill Coon; children's pantries, Sheila Holmes; two chicken dinners, Peg Coon; shampoo set, George Golden; \$2 voucher, A. Patcai; three pounds butter, Pat Dunn; Yardley set, Fran Leonard; Buxton change purse, Enid

### Porter Appeal

During the first hearing dealing with the Porter appeal, it was learned the company was satisfied with the assessment in comparison with other assessments in town with the exception of water pressure for the sprinkler system.

It was noted during the hearing the basis for appeal was to bring the situation before the proper authorities and attempt to arrive at a solution.

The company was represented by Tom Shields, general manager. The town was represented by clerk-administrator J. McGeachie, town assessor J. Ladouceur and county assessor F. Rogers.

During the hearing, Mr. Jamieson asked the county assessor if an industry locating in town, supplying its own water wells, would have a basis for an adjustment in its assessment. He was told it would.

### Recommend Town Action

In dismissing the appeal, Mr.

## Estimated \$24,000 Budget Sparks Heated Discussion

Presentation of an estimated capital expenditure for the Acton Hydro Commission amounting to \$24,000, sparked a heated discussion during the regular hydro commission meeting on Thursday, March 10.

Commissioner G. Beatty queried the authority of the superintendent to set the estimated budget without the approval of the commission.

When secretary-treasurer Mrs. A. Urquhart read a letter from the Ontario Hydro approving the

capital expenditure, commissioner Beatty enquired how this budget was arrived at and who was responsible for its submission to Ontario Hydro.

### Budget by Superintendent

On learning that hydro superintendent D. Mason shouldered the responsibility for the estimated expenditure, Mr. Beatty asked why it had never been brought to the commission table for discussion and approval.

"Do we not budget like any other company?" enquired the

commissioner as he noted the commission was being asked to approve a budget they had never heard of before.

Mr. Beatty reminded his colleagues they were being asked to approve an estimated expenditure of \$24,000, and pointed out that \$1,000 (for the purchase of land on Alice Street) was the only known item listed as an expenditure.

### Explains System

Superintendent Doug Mason explained the system of estimating expenditures for the coming year was a normal procedure. After calculating proposed projects and costs, he submitted the budget to the Ontario Hydro for their approval.

Chairman E. G. Tyler and commissioner F. Oakes verified this procedure and pointed out it had always been policy for the superintendent to do this.

Mr. Tyler explained that if it appeared the commission was exceeding their budget, the Ontario Hydro would take another peek at the figures.

Mr. Beatty noted it might be a good idea for the commission to take a peek at the present time.

### Only Estimated Budget

Commissioner Oakes stressed the commission was only seeking approval for an estimated budget and pointed out it was not necessary to spend the money. He informed members it was the superintendent's chore to estimate the cost of proposed jobs for the year.

Asked by Mr. Beatty if he could produce a copy of the budget, Mr. Mason said he had phoned the report in to Hamilton but would be able to secure a copy of the estimates if necessary.

Commissioner Beatty stated that as a commission should submit any budget and stressed that although he was suggesting this be done, he was not criticizing the superintendent. "It would only be fairer to him if we did this," concluded the commissioner.

Before the discussion ended, Mr. Beatty noted he was not through with the subject and suggested the superintendent submit his estimates for the commission's consideration.

### No Settlement

During the meeting, linesmen Dorson Frizzell and Don Anderson were present to discuss settlement of a union contract for the employees.

An earlier meeting between the commission and the employees' representatives had resulted in a stalemate and the commission held a special meeting to discuss a counter proposal.

During last Thursday's meeting, the representatives refused the counter proposal and informed commission members the next step would be to inform their union representatives of the action.

### Receive Refund

The commission received a refund on the 14th power bill from the Ontario Hydro amounting to \$5,798.56.

Superintendent Mason informed members the running boards on one of the trucks were in need of repair. The property committee was asked to inspect the truck and make a final decision.

## Choose B. Evans Chairman To Head Planning Board

Bud Evans was chosen by his fellow board members as chairman of the Planning Board for 1960 at the meeting Tuesday in the town office. Joe Whitham was selected as the vice chairman. These two men and secretary Jack McGeachie were authorized as signing officers for the Board.

The application for the issuance of a building permit, for lot 38, registered plan 599 in the Glenlea Subdivision, was again turned down. The Board recommended to Council that the request be not granted and any decision as to granting a building permit for this lot be left to the discretion of the Ontario Municipal Board.

The lot under discussion is the same one on which a Municipal Board hearing was conducted last month. The lot does not conform to the area requirements of the Zoning By-law.

Action on an application by the Bell Telephone Company for a permit to build a dial exchange on Church Street was postponed until the Mayor and Planning Consultant have held discussions with the Company.

The program for the year was discussed and the consultant was authorized to implement a preliminary area study. In this study the consultant will investigate the water and potential water supply of the municipality.

Board members held the line on their budget to be submitted to council and agreed to request a grant of \$1,500 which was last year's estimate.



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## Price War Increases Sales To Almost Summer Volume

Acton's gas war being waged by garage operators swung into high gear this week when one even 34 cents a gallon.

The price slashing began around the first of March. In spite of attempts by gasoline company representatives to curb the war and settle the price dispute once and for all, local garages are enjoying higher gasoline sales.

Operating on approximately half the normal profit, many of the garages have doubled their sales and are on an equal gallonage turnover with summer trade.

Most of the increased business is coming from transient motorists and seldom does an outsider drive away with less than a tankful of gas.

Tuesday, Jack McCallum, one of the operators, noted that one of his customers, an Acton resident, remarked he was heading north. He asked Mr. McCallum if he would remain open until one o'clock in the morning as he

would be returning then and would fill his tank again.

The province-wide gasoline war last fall reduced the standard price from 43 cents to 39.9 cents per gallon. Acton garages shared in this standardization for only a few days and then price slashing began once again to bring the consumer's cost below the 39.9 cent level. It remained slightly below the standardized price until the first of the month when once again prices began to drop and today nearly all Acton garages have lowered their prices of gasoline.

There was plenty of applause for David Benham of Rockwood on the Ken Sobie amateur hour program on Hamilton TV Sunday evening. He played the accordion.

### TV Contest

He was one of several contestants on the show. Winners are announced next Sunday.

## Third Fun Fair Busiest, Best Yet Over 700 Flood School Saturday

Saturday's third annual Fun Fair was the most successful yet when over 700 excited youngsters and jostled parents flooded the Robert Little public school for an afternoon's concentrated shopping and entertainment. Over \$500 was raised for the Home and School Association.

Booths ringed the auditorium, prizes banked the stage, games, entertainment and refreshments filled nearby classrooms. Youngsters with cautiously saved money dropped from one to the other parting with pennies for "six cents worth of candy" or "just two tries with the ball."

### Everything Sold

Wars were all sold out in record time and games and fish pond simply had to close down when every prize was gone. Last to keep up business were the Runch and Judy show and magician's act which drew awed youngsters until five o'clock.

Acton Citizens' Band made the atmosphere gala playing on the platform.

The eye-catching decorations were again under the supervision of Mrs. Monty Root.

### Conveners Busy

General convenor was Mrs. J. Dowling.

Mrs. W. Wolfe was in charge of shifts of ladies taking admissions at the door.

Around the auditorium were the attractive booths. In charge of the laden bake table were Mrs. F. Heller and Mrs. M. Symon. Mrs. George Haggitt was in charge of the white elephants. Selling very popular used jewelry were Mrs. D. Garrett, Mrs. C. Heller and Mrs. B. Buckwald.

Mrs. J. Gibson had an appealing table of doll clothes under her supervision while Mrs. W. Sprouton headed candy sales.

One corner was vivid with plants from Roughley's greenhouses. Limehouse, sold by Mrs. K. Allan and assistants.

Book sales were directed by David Lidka, David Sproston and John Dowling.

Home and School literature was displayed by Mrs. H. R. Force.

### Plenty of Games

Rooms the length of two corridors were busy with other attractions. Ron Smith was in charge of the bingo room, George Haggitt directed the games room, while Mrs. E. Lidka and Mrs. J. McGeachie directed the fish pond.

Refreshments were available all afternoon with Mrs. J. Davidson in charge of hot dogs and soft drinks. Directing the coffee bar were Mrs. Lois Mackenzie and Mrs. T. Cochrane.

Delighted audiences watched Guelph teacher Rupert Helmer with his baffling array of magic tricks. His act was alternated with the Punch and Judy show, entirely made, written and acted by Home and School executive member Mrs. E. Browne.

Several St. John Ambulance Brigade members were on duty in the nurse's room.

Unexpected racket above the hubbub was provided by the insistent buzzing of the school's fire alarm system, apparently triggered by some faulty wiring. Luckily there was no fire, a caretaker and principal rushed to put a halt to the noise.

### Over 30 Prizes

Bill Wilson welcomed the crowd over the public address system as the fair opened with a throng ready to buy. At the end of the afternoon, the lucky draws were made by Judy Fong and the winners follow.

Juice set, Doug Garrett; saw, Bill Coon; children's pantries, Sheila Holmes; two chicken dinners, Peg Coon; shampoo set, George Golden; \$2 voucher, A. Patcai; three pounds butter, Pat Dunn; Yardley set, Fran Leonard; Buxton change purse, Enid

Tarrant; Avon air freshener, Enid Tarrant; four quart motor oil, W. Nicolai; tray, Leslie Ann Cochrane; TV service call, Paul Tyers; saw, Heinrich; paint, roller and tray, P. Lazebny; children's pantries, Mrs. R. Lee; shampoo set, W. Sprouton; candle, Tom Cochrane; cushion, V. Hurst; \$3 voucher, Mrs. G. Wallis; two boy's shirts, Sharon White; toaster, John Abram; pen, Mrs. Newman; china ornament, F. Bosley; \$3 voucher, Lois Shannon; glass bowl, Lorne Wieck; \$3 voucher, S. Brunelle; child's jacket, Mrs. Blunn; child's dress, Garry Price; record, Mrs. Laing.

### Booth Draws

Several special draws followed with Debbie Bousfield winning the candy, C. Roberts the wheelbarrow, Miss Kuhn and Marion Jermye the cake draw and Christine Preston the doll's dress draw.

The attractive prizes were all donated by Acton merchants. Bingo prizes had all been donated to the Fun Fair as well.

## Capital Punishment

Do YOU favor capital punishment? This subject, recently sparking heated discussions from the street corner to the House of Parliament, has turned into one of the largest controversies of our time. If you have an opinion, why not voice it?

The Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association has asked its membership to assist in a survey of readers' opinions on the abolition of capital punishment. All readers are urged to mark and mail, send or bring the attached coupon to the office of this newspaper as soon as possible. It is not necessary to sign the form. (If you wish to attach a note expressing your views, please feel free to do so.)

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| <b>DO YOU FAVOR CAPITAL PUNISHMENT?</b> |       |
| YES                                     | ..... |
| NO                                      | ..... |
| YES (with reservations)                 | ..... |



SWEATERS were presented by Acton Y.M.C.A. Board on Tuesday evening to the group leaders assisting the Y secretary. Pictured above the young men are proudly showing off their sweaters. Shown in the front row on the left is Chris Norfolk with his buddy Vic Roach on the right. Centre row, left to right, are Frank Cooper, Ruddy Holmes, Fred Dawkins and Pete Hurst. Back row, Sid Saitz, Y secretary, John Creighton; Bob Foyers Jr. and Bob Foyers Sr., Y board member who made the presentation.