

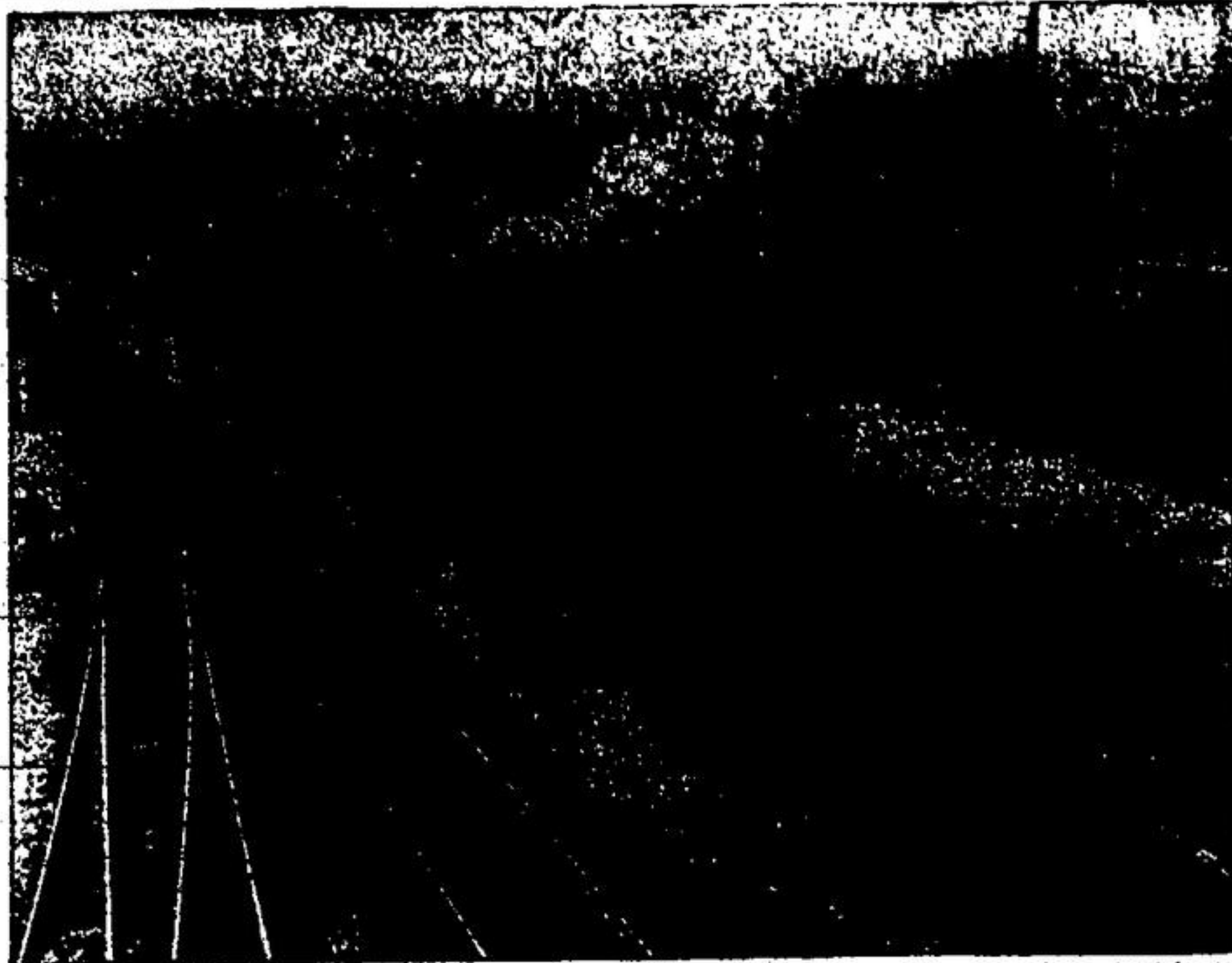
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**THE IRON HORSE** runs dry occasionally, too, and the last steam engines to run over the C.P.R. lines in Ontario are pictured above taking on water at Guelph Junction. On their farewell run, the steam engines have been replaced by diesels. On Sunday over 600 fans boarded the train for a day-long trip and many more chased the smoke-belching train along the route to capture pictures. The shot above was taken from the signal tower as the train was preparing to return to Hamilton on its last leg of the trip.

## Cameras, Tape Recorders Salute Final C.P.R. Steam Locomotives

Cameras clicked, tape recorders rolled and cheers rent the stillness of Guelph Junction Sunday afternoon, as hundreds of railroad fans captured their final glimpse of the last C.P.R. steam engine in Ontario.

Members of the Buffalo and Rochester chapters of the National Railway Historical Society sponsored the final fan trip from Hamilton to Toronto, Galt and return.

As the shout went up, "The black signal is red, here she comes," everyone scattered to chosen spots and began focusing cameras to obtain their last pictures of the iron monster.

**Squeaking Stop**

As the snorting, hissing, double header ground to a squeaking stop, hauling 16 coaches, gleaming under a fresh coat of paint, nearly 600 fans aboard the glistening coaches piled off to pay their respects to the lordly steam locomotives and shoot more film.

Yes, steam is blowing out to more modern, streamlined diesel jobs, and sorry to see the change are thousands of railroad fans throughout the continent.

Fans had gathered from all parts of the country and among them were members of the Acton Black Creek Model Railroad Club.

Some of the Acton fans had packed a lunch, loaded cameras and headed to Hamilton early in the morning to set up their equipment at Essex.

Why there? It is one of the favorite spots for cameramen to shoot roll upon roll of film as trains shut back and forth in and out of Hamilton.

After capturing several shots of the steaming locomotives heading toward Toronto, the fans raced to their cars, sped along the highway to beat the train to a well known spot in order to snap a few more pictures of the trail of smoke and hissing steam emitted from the engine.

One carload, equipped with a tape recorder, sat alongside the right-of-way near Guelph Junction, eagerly awaiting the approach of the train.

As it approached the crossing and the engineer reached for the whistle cord, the piercing shriek of the steam whistle was captured on tape, to be heard during the long winter nights while diesels are running coast-to-coast.

Meanwhile at the station cameras clicked, whirred and bulbs flashed as passengers and fans trapped pictures of the last of the steam engines.

Soon the engineer glanced at his watch, tooted the whistle and the drivers turned as the Iron Horse began the final stage of its last run in Ontario and returned to Hamilton.

Passengers raced along the station platform, cameras in hand, looking for an open door to climb aboard.

Some more fortunate fans had secured a spot "up front" with the engineer and wearing engineer's caps enthusiastically peered out the windows, breathed the black smoke and watched the steam emerge as the whistle tooted.

Smudges of soot covered other fans who craned their necks out the baggage car to catch a glance at the engines as they went around the curves.

As the train sped into the distance, one misty-eyed fan, camera in hand, sadly announced, "They have taken the romance out of railroading!"

True enough, missed will be the wail and plaintive note of the steam whistle replaced by only the moan of a diesel horn. Gone are the wispy trails of white smoke as the thundering steam locomotive raced along the tracks. Replacing this is the oily

## Esqueusing Sets 20, 23.3 Basic Rate for '60 Tax

Esqueusing Township council Monday approved a general residential mill rate of 20 mills and a commercial rate of 23.3 mills for 1960. These are basic rates paid by all township ratepayers, and each will be subject to additional levies according to the school and fire area district.

The basic rate includes county rate at 5.4 mills and high school debentures at 4.6 mills. Residential homes pay an additional 10 mills while commercial sites pay an extra 13.3. The general township rate is up 2.4 mills from 1959.

**Lighting Costs**

Added to this, residents in Narval pay an extra 1.8 mills for lighting while Glen Williams pays 1.7 mills. Residents in Esqueusing fire area add .68 mills to their less, while Acton area costs an extra 2.6 mills and Milton area ratepayers add 1.7 mills to the basic rate.

On top of this are school area charges as follows: Ligny 8.89 mills, Quatre Bras 10; Pinegrove 13.9; Hornby 19.24; School area 1.1672; Milton separate school 1.672; Georgetown separate school 1.652; Acton high school 8.25; Georgetown high school 4.39; Milton high school 4.70.

Commenting on the township's financial status, auditor W. H. Lever said, "Esqueusing is in an excellent financial shape because of its very small debenture debt." He suggested the council make a provision for uncollected taxes.

Plans for a small subdivision on the Seventh Line just north of Steeles were discussed, but no action was taken.

Some residents wish to put calcium on roads near their homes and pay for it themselves. Reeves-Cam Sinclair told council the road superintendent was authorized to let residents have calcium from the stock.

## Biggest to Date

### Seynuck Blows in 33rd Well

Tony Seynuck, Acton, brought in the biggest gas well of his career Tuesday morning, and it is estimated to produce 1,000,000 cubic feet of gas. The well is on the farm of Bill Thomson on the Ninth Line of Trafalgar just 1,000 feet south of Highway 401.

The well is so big Mr. Seynuck had to cap it and make it into two wells. The well is 1,707 feet deep and took two months to drill. The drilling was delayed about a week because of heavy rains.

**Third in Trafalgar**

This is well No. 33 for Mr. Seynuck and No. 3 in Trafalgar, the rest being near Speyside. The other two wells in the area were brought in on the Tenth Line farm of Halton's M.P.P. Stan Hall and on the Ninth Line farm of L. Marchment. Both farms are close by but each well is entirely separate from the other wells, said Mr. Seynuck.

Over 50 spectators were illuminated by great rushes of burning gas from the top of the 56 foot tower Tuesday evening, after a workman sealed it and lighted the gas with a torch.

At first the flame wavered in the breeze like a blue and yellow banner but when more pressure was released, it flowered into 30 feet of searing flames. The heat it caused could be felt on the ground 100 feet away. As pressure built up another valve was released at the side of the well.

Mr. Seynuck started his career in 1929 when he spent six years drilling his first well. After all his trouble with that well, he bought a machine which has brought him good luck ever since. With the use of this machine, he brought in all the rest of his gas wells since 1955.

## Holiday

In observance of Victoria Day next Monday, the Free Press office will remain closed all day. Advertisers are asked to have their copy into the Free Press not later than Tuesday at 3 p.m.

## At Commission

### Conventions, Higher Deposit Mooted

Acton Hydro Commission, at its Thursday meeting, decided to establish a commission policy with respect to payment of expenses of delegates attending conventions. After considerable discussion, review of past conventions and an explanation of the policy adopted by the council, it was decided to pay the delegates' registration fee, first class rail transportation and \$25 per day to cover loss of time from employment.

During the discussion, Mayor Gow pointed out that at county council level, it was quite easy to get delegates to attend a convention in Vancouver but almost impossible to find delegates able to attend the same convention if held in Toronto or Hamilton.

A letter from Bert Wood outlined the distribution of the insurance premiums among the local agents on the policies held by the commission.

The operating report for the first three months of 1960 was received from the Ontario Hydro Commission. \$5,638.96 profit was realized on the operation for the first quarter.

**Raise Deposit?**

Commission received a letter from a consumer and discussed the policy on the collection of delinquent accounts. On Commissioner Beatty's suggestion, the possibility of raising the consumer deposit from \$10 to \$15 is to be investigated. The increase was felt necessary to more nearly pay accounts of consumers who are cut off or move from town without paying their accounts.

A saving of \$1,000. will be effected by installing underground cable on the hydro line serving the Main Street South spring water supply. Mayor Gow advised the Commission that an additional 100 feet of right-of-way had been obtained along the spring lane.

**Trenching Alterations**

Superintendent Mason told the commission the underground cable would cost \$1,850 with an additional \$300-\$400 for trenching and fittings. He outlined two alternatives for the trenching.

A trenching machine could be rented from Brampton Hydro at a cost of \$400 per hour. A local contractor, Mansell Neils, had quoted a price of \$800 an hour, including labor, trenching and back filling of the trench. The superintendent advised members it would be necessary to engage an outside lineman to make the underground splices which may be necessary.

The safety of such an installation, which will carry power at 2,300 volts, was questioned. After discussion it was agreed the installation would be quite safe and markers will be installed to indicate the position of the underground cable.

## Driver Receives Cut Nose When Car Topples on Roof

An Acton man, J. P. Dunne, 29 Mill Street, narrowly missed serious injury Sunday evening when the car he was driving struck a guard rail and toppled over an embankment into the Beardsmore creek on Main Street South.

The driver of the car was assisted from the wreckage after the car had come to rest on its roof near the bed of the creek and was treated by a local doctor for a minor cut over his nose.

Constable Merv Harness of the local O.P.P. detachment, investigating officer, reported the Dunne vehicle had backed out of a laneway near the scene of the accident. When the car was proceeding north, it struck the guard rail and toppled into the ditch.

Although no estimate of damage was given by police, it is believed the car is a total wreck.

## Board Hires Two Park Attendants Purchases New Filtration Plant

A new filtration plant for the wading pool is scheduled for installation in the near future and Tuesday evening Acton parks and recreation board gave the nod of approval to spending \$1,200 for this item. It was agreed to purchase the plant from the Francis Hankan Company and erect a suitable building to house the unit.

Members discussed applications for park gate attendant and pool supervisor and engaged W. Roszel as gate attendant at \$1.00 per hour and Miss Ruth Landborough as wading pool attendant at the rate of \$1.00 per hour for the summer season. One application was received for gate attendant and three for pool attendant.

The board also agreed to purchase a boat from Acton Woodcrafts at a cost of \$54.50. The boat will be used by the life guard at Fairy Lake during swimming hours. The life guards were hired previously.

Vic Masters, president of Legion Minor Sports, was present and requested use of the hard ball diamond on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays for peewee and bantam games. This request was granted.

Following a lengthy discussion on restricting the ball diamond Wednesdays to the intermediate ball team or the softball league, the board processed a motion to allow the first town organization requesting the use of the diamond on Wednesdays to have it.

When a vote was called on the motion, chairman R. R. Parker was left in the unpleasant position of breaking the tie vote. However, after an attempt to explain the reasons each voted as he did, A. Iwin consented to vote in the affirmative.

**Prompt Request**

Before the meeting was adjourned, Harold Townsend, manager of the Intermediate ball club, appeared to request the use of the park on Wednesdays. This was promptly granted.

The secretary was instructed to obtain estimates to move the telephone booth to another location.

The board agreed to visit the park next week to view the balling beach area and decide on spreading sand and stone chips. Accounts totaling \$16.65 were passed for payment.



**SCOUTS SAW** the light on Saturday. As a matter of fact they saw a large quantity of lights. It was their annual light bulb blitz and the chore was mainly handled by members of the First Acton Rover Crew with a few of the scouts assisting. Pictured above prior to their venture are a few of the boys. Shown kneeling left to right are Bob Hinton and Bill McKeown. Back row left to right are Rick Currie, Brian Otterbein, Dave Peal, Andrew Smith and Ken Gardner.

## No Footprints for Posterity In Fresh Cement at School

Grauman's Chinese theatre may be the place where Hollywood celebrities leave their footprints in fresh cement, but principal G. W. McKenzie of the Robert Little public school disagrees with the practice at the school.

Monday morning contractors poured fresh cement for an addition to the sidewalk and levelled off other areas to provide a flower bed. The job was completed prior to the moon moon break and pupils were steered clear of the area in case any ideas prevailed in their minds.

The cement hardened in peace and nobody's footprints are going down to posterity there.

**Operation "Fix Up"**

This week Operation "Fix Up" is foremost on the minds of the school board and caretakers. Old jobs held over from last fall are being completed.

The section in front of the main entrance is having the sidewalk widened, sodding done, flower beds made and a canopy erected.

The Acton Home and School Association is sponsoring the erection of the canopy. Monday workmen poured the four foot base. Soon the canopy, topped off with the cornerstone from the old school demolished last year and the old school bell, will be in place.

The old flap pole is gone and a steel base for a new one is passed.

## Water Level Lower Flooding Danger Over

The water level at Fairy Lake and other spots is gradually subsiding and flooding danger appears to be over.

During the danger period, Beardsmore and Company removed three stop logs at the dam and excess water caused a flooding condition in the Beardsmore creek.

An overflow of water being pumped from the Main Street lift station caused the water capacity to increase at the sewage disposal plant.

The school creek is still above normal but has subsided considerably since the rains stopped.

A number of farmers are still unable to work some of their fields lying in low areas where rain water has accumulated.

Today the sun is shining brightly and signs of rain and wet weather appear to have passed.

## 197 Rotary-Sponsored Students Receive Citizenship Papers from Hon. Fairclough

Susan Wilson was chosen this year as the Rotary club's delegate to the "Adventure in Citizenship" - a Rotary sponsored event which takes place in Ottawa each spring. Miss Wilson wrote the following account of her trip this week.

Flying to Ottawa was the first of the many new experiences I was to encounter on this trip. Our departure was delayed due to radio trouble which of course my mother thought was engine trouble.

Shortly after the take-off we were served a delicious lunch, after which we were asked to fasten our safety belts, as the pilot was expecting rough weather. The two other girls whom I was travelling with and myself immediately began to expect the worst, but the flight remained smooth and we landed in brilliant sunshine, and a temperature of 70 degrees.

**Gather Strength**

I was met at the airport by members of the Ottawa Rotary Club and by my hostess Mrs. A.



SUSAN WILSON

on the patio gathering strength for the activities ahead of us.

The "Adventure in Citizenship" began officially at ten o'clock on Monday morning in the Convention Hall of the Chateau Laurier, where 197 students from across Canada gathered. We were welcomed by Mayor Neilson of Ottawa and also by Mr. Grier, president of the Ottawa Rotary Club.

As this was the tenth anniversary of the "Adventure in Citizenship," a 1950 advertisement, Peter McLelland who has since won a Rotary Fellowship and studied at Oxford for two years, gave a report on the 1950 adventure and urged us all to make good use of our time and experiences in Ottawa.

He was followed by Professor Kesterton who explained to us the discussion groups in which we were to take part on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

**Spends Money**

Following luncheon, we had an address by the Honourable Donald M. Fleming, Minister of Finance. (I think he is the man who spends your tax money.) Mr. Fleming explained to us the traditions of our Parliament and told us something that few of us knew - the Governor General of Canada has never stepped inside the House of Commons.

In the afternoon we had a conducted tour of the Parliament Buildings, the House of Commons, the Senate Chamber and the Library, which is of carved cherry wood.

The Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, the Honourable Ellen Fairclough presented all of the eligible students with their citizenship papers. This was indeed a proud moment for all of us to become officially Canadian citizens.

**School Theatre**

Monday evening was spent at Fisher Park High School, which has an enrolment of 1900 students. After a delicious supper served by the ladies of the Rotary club, the students of the school put on part of their annual school concert for us. I think that you

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**RECEPTION** was staged by the Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E., Acton, for 57 New Canadians after they received their citizenship papers in Milton court house Thursday, May 12. Members of the chapter who took part in the program are pictured above with Judge W. Cory and Mrs. R. A. Gillies, representative of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration. Shown left to right are Mrs. M. McCullough, Mrs. H. Helwig, Mrs. D. Manning, Mrs. F. VanWyck, Mrs. J. Inglis, Mrs. J. Mann, Mrs. E. Footitt, Judge Cory, Regent Mrs. P. Spirlvogel, Mrs. Gillies and vice regent Mrs. W. Sproston. Among those receiving papers were Mr. and Mrs. Jan Van Der Meer and Mrs. Jane Janssen of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration.