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## Silvercreek Collision Injures Georgetowners

Two people were injured in a collision on No. 7 Highway below Silvercreek, directly in front of Brown's Wrecking Yard at 11.25 p.m. Tuesday.

Frederick T. Ballantine, R.R. 1, Georgetown, backed his car from the wrecking yard onto the highway. As he started to proceed ahead, the gear shift handle broke off in his hand. He called for help from the yard and two persons came out. One man proceeded to push the car back while the other flagged down cars on the highway for a warning. Ballantine had all the lights going on his 1940 Ford.

**Didn't Slow Down**

A 1956 Dodge travelled down the hill going east and didn't slow down as it approached Ballantine's car. Ballantine jumped from his car because he saw the Dodge failing to slow down. The Dodge ploughed head-on into the Ford, knocking it about 70 feet and flipping it. The Ford rolled over in the ditch and came to rest on its side. Ballantine was

not injured. There were no skid marks where the crash occurred.

Bill Ede, from the Georgetown area, suffered facial cuts when his head was thrust part way through the windshield on the right hand side of the steering wheel. The left side of his face was badly cut around the chin. His hat is still stuck in the windshield.

**Pinned by Wheel**

Doris Kennedy of Georgetown appeared to be driving as she was pinned behind the wheel of the Dodge. The floor of the car was pushed up and forward. She broke one leg and the other is suspected to be broken. North Halton OPP Constable Allan Miles is making further investigations. The injured persons were rushed by ambulance to Guelph General Hospital.

Damage to the Ford was estimated at \$500 and the Dodge suffered an estimated \$800 in damages. There were three witnesses to the crash besides Ballantine.

## Mayor Questions Weekend Park Fee Claims It's "Commercial Enterprise"

Mayor John Goy served Acton Board of Parks Management notice of complaints registered by several ratepayers regarding Sunday park charges during a meeting Tuesday evening. He objected to the charge on the basis it was making the park a commercial enterprise.

In registering the complaints, the mayor enquired what purpose the charge served, noting it was a "piddling amount" to cause so much grief.

Mr. Goy enquired where the line was drawn to designate children and adults and cited a case where a public school student was refused admittance to the park on Sunday without the

customary 10 cent charge. Children were understood to have free admission to the park facilities with adults only being charged. The mayor asked how much revenue was derived at the set rate to offset the trouble it appeared to be causing.

G. V. Barbeau, acting chairman in the absence of R. R. Parker, informed Mr. Goy that only a few Acton people visited the park on Sunday.

The mayor's reply was quick and blunt as he remarked, "I don't blame them. On Sunday the park is becoming a commercial enterprise." He noted something was wrong if one child or adult was deprived of

entering the park on Sunday because of the charge.

Continuing, the mayor stated citizens who want to take a walk in the park on Sunday have a justifiable argument against the 10 cent charge.

**"Only Peanuts"**

Mr. Goy agreed with the gate charge if it was making plenty of money for the board but stated, "In my opinion it is only peanuts."

When he learned the amount received from park revenue in the past year was in the neighborhood of \$1,000, the mayor suggested direct taxation might be the solution. Revenue is presently used to pay lifeguards, attendants, caretakers and provide facilities at the park. Citizens now are taxed only \$1.00 per capita for the park grant.

Alec Johnson suggested the taxpayers expect to carry the park expenses in taxes or they would have turned down the grant to the bands as no revenue was derived from these sources.

**Pay to Hear Concert**

Continuing, Mr. Johnson noted townspeople pay taxes to support the bands and then have to pay admittance to the park to hear the musicians play a concert.

Board member A. Irwin enquired what the solution might be. Mr. Johnson suggested distributing tags to citizens admitting them free and continue to charge out-of-town picnickers.

The board agreed to instruct the gate attendant to keep a record of those walking to the park and paying the 10 cent admittance, in an effort to determine how many local people use the facilities on Sunday.

**Consider Mower**

Board members agreed to attend a demonstration of a heavy duty power mower for cutting grass at the park and if the demonstration proves successful, a machine will be purchased.

The small hand mower in need of repairs is to be fixed and used for lighter work at the park.

It was also agreed that temporary installation of a filtration plant at the wading pool might be possible this year with permanent housing provided early next season.

The board agreed to forego tree planting this year and leave in abeyance the construction of a steel fence at the swimming area in order to pay for the mower and filtration plant.

Other problems arising during the meeting were left for finalization after the mower demonstration when members can view the entire park area.

A salary increase of \$5.00 a week to the caretaker was approved.

**Extra**

Inside this week's Free Press, readers will find a multi-color lithographed insert supplied by General Foods Kitchens. All across Canada this week, hundreds of weekly newspapers will be inserting the same recipe folder with the regular issue.

It marks a "first" for many newspapers who have never used this type of promotion before. Hope you enjoy reading it, and it makes a handy recipe folder.

## Eramosa Central Schools Rejected by Slim Margin

By a slim 35-vote margin property owners of Eramosa Township rejected Monday a plan to establish central schools in the township.

Totals were 321 for to 356 against. Only 50 per cent of those eligible voted.

A decisive factor in the election was the emphatic "No" to the rejection of the plan by Speedside voters, with only seven in favor to 77 against.

The new system would have ended one-roomed schools in Eramosa, and reduced the number from 10 to four. The schools at Eden Mills and on Highway 24 would have been extended to four rooms, a new one of three rooms would have been constructed at Quisic and the Rockwood Central School would have remained with eight rooms.

New construction would have cost \$130,000 of which a grant of 61 per cent would have been made by the Ontario Department of Education, as compared with

the present grant of 54 per cent, said township school board chairman, Duncan McPhedran.

Central schools had the approval of the minister of education, the majority of school board members and school inspectors, who are of the opinion that this type of school would provide better facilities and education for the children, as well as tending to attract better trained teachers.

A plebiscite on this issue in November 1957 was rejected with 40 per cent in favor to 60 per cent against.

Duncan McPhedran, chairman of the Eramosa Township school board said, "The number of voters who exercised their franchise for this important question was disappointing. While the by-law was defeated by the small majority of 35 votes, it showed strong voting against the issue from the north, and a favorable vote in the south. Perhaps that indicates consideration should be given both parts."

## Postpone Garage Problem After Two Hour Discussion

For a few minutes of their Tuesday meeting, members of Acton Planning Board thought they had an answer to the thorny garage building problem they have encountered recently.

They proposed an amendment to zoning regulations lowering requirements for building a garage on all present lots with dwellings thereon, registered plan-at-the-time of the by-law, to a 26' side yard, with a maximum 6" eave projection. Vacant lots, however, would have to conform to existing by-laws.

Planning consultant P. Alan Deacon, at first in agreement, then suggested several loopholes which could occur including snags invalidating a C.M.H.C. mortgage, and some board members changed their minds.

**Go Over Each Street**

A recent attempt to secure prior knowledge of garage building contemplated by asking ratepayers to submit plans in advance, elicited several responses that would solve the problem. He suggested the board should go over each street by lots until they had a solution which would

be discriminatory towards none. Members, discussing the problem from every angle for over two hours, left it over for another meeting.

Said Joe Whitham, "I'm fed up with it all. I'd go along with any reasonable solution."

**Ask P.O. Details**

A letter from the Department of Public Works asked the board's consideration for a change in zoning on the John Smith property where the department proposed to erect a federal building. Members reviewed the site of the proposed building, parking considerations and decided to ask the department for more details including sketches, before any decision was given.

Several amendments to zoning by-laws before the Ontario Municipal Board were reviewed and clerk J. McGeachie informed the board of receipt of a letter stating one amendment was approved and awaited only the minister's signature.

Chairman Bud Evans presided at the meeting with members H. Hinton, J. Whitham and R. H. Elliott also in attendance.

## Council Studies County Museum Queries Two Halton Legal Seals

Halton County Council tossed around the idea of a long-awaited County Museum at Monday afternoon's June meeting, and the agricultural committee was urged by Warden Doug Sargent of Georgetown to look into its possibilities.

Esquing Deputy Reeve Wilfrid Bird kicked off the discussion when he wondered if the recently-acquired John Coulson estate at Hornby might be a suitable location for a museum to contain the county's century of history.

But Milton Deputy Reeve Mrs. Mary S. Pettit declared the building — although needed — should be in Milton, the county town. She noted some old photographs were only growing moldy in the county building's basement and should be rescued soon.

The antiquated, broken down glass case in the corridor of the Court House, the county's only display of anything historical or museum-like, was scored by Trafalgar Reeve F. Alec Phillips. The committee agreed to investigate the matter.

Delving further into the county's history, council learned that since the county's incorporation, two county seals had been used. The one showing an By-law No. 1, which was approved in August, 1853, to form a county council in Halton, was not the same crest now appearing on county stationery. Members who delved into the matter agreed the first seal was much more attractive and should be preserved for its historical value.

It was agreed to obtain a replica of the first seal for future use.

The annual equalization of assessment of all county municipalities was passed, this year without objections from any corner of the county. Assessor Ford Rogers reported the taxable assessment was valued at \$202,905,687 and the addition of \$693,019 worth of non-taxable Hydro and Government properties brought the county's assessment value up to \$203,598,706.

As all municipalities are taxed on county expenditures by their portion of total assessment, the following are the percentage levies for this year, based on the 1959 assessment rolls: Acton 2.71; Burlington 39.85; Georgetown 6.67; Milton 3.41; Oakville 11.49; Esquing 3.11; Nassagaweya 1.12; Trafalgar 31.64.

Further hospital grants on

construction approved at the June meeting included \$396,000 for the 66-bed Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital, and \$386,500 as the second quarter grant to the Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital, Burlington.

The county engineer was instructed to study traffic at the intersection of 10 Sideroad and the Guelph Line, Burlington, and see how improvements could be made.

He was also instructed to study improvements at the Seventh Line, Sideroad intersection in Trafalgar (Drumquin corner), following a petition from Trafalgar.

Permission was granted for the Children's Aid to use up to \$200 per month for emergency assistance to families, following a report that the Avro and Orinda employees' emergency fund was rapidly depleting. C.A.S. director J. P. Joffite reported the fund had been useful in helping families maintain their homes and keep the children together.

The open deer season (or lack of it) was again on the agricultural committee's agenda, but no action was taken. The town of Burlington asked an open season north of Highway 5, and the Georgetown Anglers' and Hunters' Association sent a petition signed by 14 farmers who asked an open season this year.

The committee, however, reported the matter was settled and no season would be held this year.

However, the requests will be given to the 1961 agricultural committee at their January meeting.

Council by by-law rescinded the rabies indemnity on livestock. It was noted the Department of Agriculture had ceased assistance on the indemnity.

**Library Stays Open All During Summer**

Readers are happy to learn that the library will remain open this summer. Last year, for the first time in its history, the library was closed for two weeks in July.

At their final meeting before September, the members of the library board voted to continue regular open nights throughout the vacation period. Substitutes will replace librarians away on holidays.

## Esquing Must Pay Dam Share To 16 Conservation Authority

Esquing Township will have to pay its levy toward the Kelson Conservation Area this year, despite a motion of non-payment passed three weeks ago by the township council.

Representatives met with the Sixteen Mile Creek Conservation authority in Milton Tuesday and were told that their motion came after the 30-day protest period. The township share of the costs is just over \$10,000, or about 10 per cent of the total cost of the dam.

**More Grievances**

At council's regular meeting on Monday night, it was agreed to obtain the solicitor's advice and an estimate of costs for closing the old Norval Anglican Church cemetery and placing the grave-stones in a cairn at the new cemetery. The council learned the cemetery board could not afford to maintain the ancient grounds in good repair.

Road superintendent Bill Townsend informed council a new road grader should be purchased.

chased. No action was taken on the request.

Council agreed to permit wartime houses and cottages to be moved to township sites, provided they conform to the township by-laws. Permission was asked to move five from Toronto.

**New Pastor**

The Baptist church has a new minister. Last night (Wednesday) the Rev. James M. Rudd accepted the call extended at a meeting of the membership of the Baptist congregation. He will begin his ministry here July 18.

Mr. Rudd just graduated from Gordon Divinity College of Beverly Farms Massachusetts. A native of Niagara Falls, Ontario, he was recently married. He and his wife will live in Lakeview subdivision.

Church members have already met Mr. Rudd. He was here for their picnic and took services then. He phoned his acceptance last night.

## Okay \$38,021 Payment For Queen St. Substation

Acton Hydro Commission on Monday evening during a special meeting authorized the secretary-treasurer to issue a cheque amounting to \$38,021 to the Ontario Hydro, for the purchase of hydro substation number two on Queen Street.

This transaction had been waiting final approval by the Ontario Hydro. Acton hydro commission will assume control of the substation beginning July 1.

**Debate Heaters**

Consideration was given to entertaining a long-range program with the Ontario Hydro regarding hot water heaters. After reviewing the schedule, the commission agreed in part with the program but hesitated to approve of it in its entirety.

Further consideration will be given to this at a later date.

The Commission amended a previous motion passed May 26, controlling convention expenses, to provide for delegates to produce receipts when they return.

**Former Motion**

During the one and a half hour deliberation on the subject during the May 26 meeting, the majority of the commission agreed to the following resolution, sponsored by G. Beatty and seconded by J. Goy:

"The A.H.C. will pay for delegates from the commission or its staff on the following basis: (a) transportation — an amount no greater than the first class railway fare; (b) registration (not including any accommodation or

meals that may be a part of a total registration fee) — total amount will be paid members of the commission or staff only; (c) all other convention expenses shall be limited to \$25 per day."

**Show Receipts**

During the special meeting this Monday commissioner Beatty introduced the subject once more in view of the convention taking place this week in Kingston and suggested that expense account receipts be produced by those attending.

Commissioner F. Oakes said it was his understanding the question had been settled once and for all during the May meeting.

Mr. Beatty said he would like some justification of the amount received by delegates.

**Fish Survey**

A complete fish survey of Fairy Lake in Acton will be taken soon by the Department of Lands and Forests, Halton game warden R. M. Reid announced this week.

Mr. Reid said the Department would study contour of lake bottom, water temperatures and oxygen content with a view to future stocking of fish.

He also announced that between now and July 8, about 2,200 pheasants would be released in Nassagaweya and Esquing townships. The birds come from Department hatcheries.

"Why spend all that time and pass a former motion if you are going to wreck it now?" enquired Mr. Oakes.

Reminded he was not destroying the previous motion commissioner Beatty noted he would like to see some administration.

**Open Account**

Mr. Oakes suggested the commission disregard the former motion controlling convention expenses and have everyone go on an open expense account if they didn't intend to honor the motion.

He was told by commissioner Beatty that some justification was forthcoming to eliminate the commission paying for wives attending conventions adding "We should be particularly careful when spending public funds."

Following a lengthy discussion, when tempers began to flare, the following amendment to the original motion was approved by the majority:

"The Acton Hydro Commission will pay itemized and where possible receipted convention expenses for delegates from the commission or its staff on the following basis: balance of motion to read as originally passed."

**Rebuild Lines**

During the superintendent's report submitted by the secretary, it was noted that several poles would be purchased from Guelph for the rebuilding of lines on John and Willow Streets.

## With Brush, Paint

## Beauty at School, Mill, Home Captured by Visiting Artists

It takes an artist's eye to see beauty where most other people miss it every day. Certainly this was proved last Saturday when 35 men and women of the Five Counties Art Association converged on Acton for their second sketching trip of this year.

Three groups, each with an instructor, went to different areas. Dressed in shorts, slacks, smocks and huge sunhats, the artists assessed their areas carefully, squinting their eyes to imagine the finished effect, before opening up all their equipment and setting to work. Slowly at first, then gaining speed and confidence, they captured a variety of most attractive vistas that Actonians ignore every day of their lives.

**Shady Trees**

After meeting at the parish hall, some just walked down the street to the Robert Little school grounds to find satisfaction with the deep-green, sweeping trees and sparkling creek.

Others trekked over to Lindsay's Mill, and once there tried to decide which way to face across the pond or toward the mill itself.

Some went up to Queen St. to reproduce a weather-beaten frame home, surrounded by trees. As for the media: almost as different as the views. Most used

oil paints, some water colors, a few pastels or ink.

**Instruction Comment**

About 3.30 they headed back to the parish hall to hear what the instructors had to say about the day's efforts. Comments were given by Mrs. V. Pierson and Mrs. Edith Smith of Port Credit and Major Newman of Georgetown.

In the morning, Mrs. Smith also gave a demonstration when, inside an hour, she painted St. Alban's church.

Many picnicked in the Robert Little school grounds at noon.

The Five Counties Art Association sponsors four sketching trips each year, two in the spring and

two in the fall. The next one is in Doon in September.

George Bowman was in charge of the one here and other Acton painters playing hosts were Miss Bella-Mayer Russell, Mrs. Gord Beatty, Mrs. Bud Evans, Mrs. W. Dubois and Mrs. J. Whitham.

Painters came from Georgetown, Brampton, Guelph, Kitchener, Port Credit, Burlington, Orangeville, Preston, Cooksville, Caledon, Streetsville and Clarkson.

The day proved thoroughly pleasant, and as for all those curious talkative children who popped up at their elbows, well—painters are used to it.

## Barbecued Steaks, Trimmings Complete Rotary Boat Cruise

A full turnout of Acton Rotarians enjoyed the annual outing at Belwood Lake Tuesday evening when a steak fry with trimmings and a tour of the lake in boats were enjoyed.

A full course meal was provided as potatoes roasted over the charcoal embers while steaks and other trimmings were prepared. A hearty sing-song and games filled out the evening before boats were placed on trailers and passengers piled into cars to head for home.



**GOLF CHAMPIONS** of the Acton Open staged at Fairview Golf and Country Club, Guelph, on Saturday proudly display their trophies at the conclusion of the match. Pictured left to right are Rev. A. H. McKenzie, winner of the J. B. Mackenzie and Sons trophy with the second low net of 77, Andy Nolan holding the Roy Butler trophy for the golfer playing with an O.G.A. handicap (he shot a 72), Tuck Cochrane, who shot an 83 to win the J. Bert Wood trophy for the best low gross and Gord Beatty with the Coon Varey trophy for the golfer with the low net.