

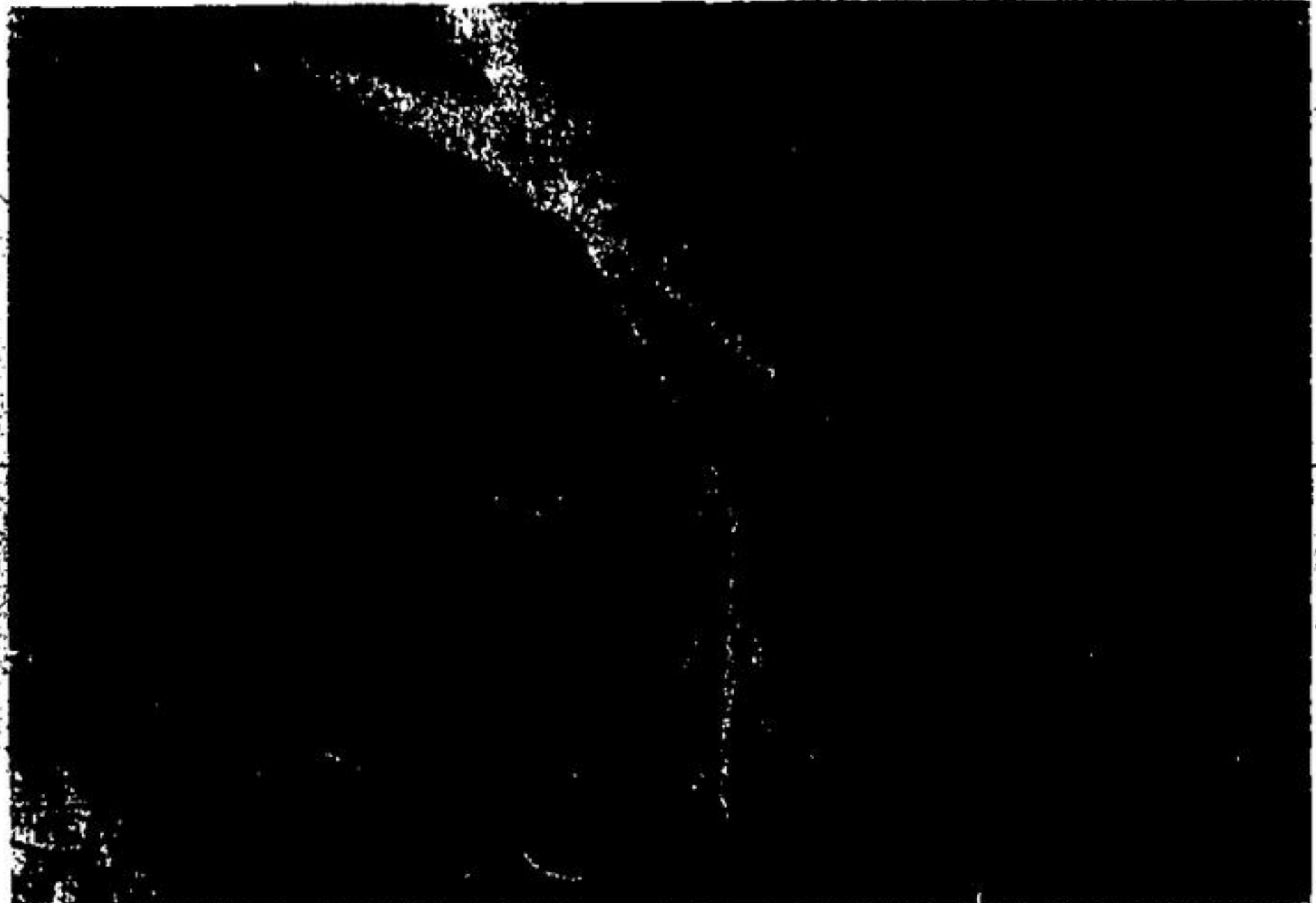
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ACTON'S FIRE TRUCK joined in the huge exercise put on by Halton's firemen after it raced all the way to Burlington's waterfront. Jet streams of water flared from each truck into the bay or, as the wind would have it, into the faces of about 100 spectators. The children especially had a wonderful time as they carried on their own private war with the smoke-eaters on top of the great sand dunes lining the waterfront. After the children were soaked the firemen laughingly turned on themselves and the odd fire chief got an undignified wetting although all was taken in good fun.

Halton Firemen Can Co-operate Prove it at Tuesday Rehearsal

Sirens screamed as nine pumpers sped along Halton highways Tuesday evening to extinguish a fire which wasn't there.

It was the annual Halton County Mutual Aid Fire Bureau's training exercise. Taking part in the full scale program were pumpers from Milton, Georgetown, Acton, Trafalgar, Burlington and Oakville. Trafalgar sent two trucks and Burlington sent three. The vehicles rushed to the La Salle Park dock on the Burlington waterfront and immediately set up operations, linking hoses with other trucks and releasing long reaching jets of water into the bay.

First Called

Georgetown firemen were the first to be called at 6:17 p.m. and arrived at their destination at 6:58 p.m. Three minutes later water was spewing from four lines of hose.

Acton firefighters were called next at 6:18 p.m. and they arrived at the dock at 6:55 p.m. In two minutes water rushed from their six hoses and two booster lines.

Milton was called at 6:20 p.m. and eight men arrived at 6:46 p.m. setting up their hoses in two minutes, releasing streams of water in five lines, also two booster lines.

Six Minutes

Burlington No. 3 was next on the call list at 6:21 p.m. and arrived at the scene at 6:23 p.m. At 6:27 p.m. four minutes later their two hoses were spraying the bay.

Burlington No. 1 received their call at 6:22 p.m. and arrived at 6:27 p.m. Although the firefighters worked their hardest, trouble caused by their pumper delayed the opening of the two nozzles until 6:38 p.m.

32 Hoses

Water flared from about 32 hoses into the sky, the bay, or (as the wind would have it) into the

faces of about 100 onlookers. The children, many on the high sand dunes which lined the waterfront, carried on their own private war with the firemen as everybody joined in on the fun of being soaked. Even the odd fire chief got an undignified wetting during the half hour of pumping. As opposition dwindled the firemen turned the hoses on themselves.

Although many amusing incidents delighted everybody, a serious theme of co-operation was the watchword among approximately 60 firemen.

About 7:25 p.m. the water was cut off and the firemen started rolling up the hoses and packing them into their trucks. A breathing spell was welcomed, during which plans were made and orders given for the latter half of the operation.

This hall admirably showed the co-operation so strongly felt. The

Receive Two Opinions Regarding Hydro Status

Following Acton Hydro Commission's recent decision to serve as an unpaid body for the present term, further information had been sought from the Ontario Hydro and the Municipal World regarding existing contracts and remuneration for commissioners.

During their regular meeting Thursday, August 11, the commission received one verbal reply and one written, leading to more confusion on the subject.

Phone Conversation

A telephone conversation with the Ontario Hydro revealed the commission still controls existing power contracts, entitled "Hydro and Water". These services were formerly controlled by the Public Utilities Commission prior to January 1960.

The P.U.C. was replaced this year by a hydro commission and the sewer and water departments are under the control of the town council.

Different Opinion

A letter from the Municipal World informed the commission it was their opinion that since the town no longer had a P.U.C. by-laws relating to it are no longer effective.

It was noted in the letter that proper procedure would be for council to approve a new by-law fixing commissioners' salaries.

parade of fire trucks arrived at Fairfield Public School and lined up in the schoolyard resembling the line up at a starting line of a motor race. To make the job harder men from each brigade were scattered throughout until there was no recognition of who was from where. They were all firemen. For example, the Milton brigade was broken up so that men in the group were with Oakville, Burlington, Georgetown, Trafalgar and Acton.

The tough job of ladder elevation was carried out by those pumpers which had ladders and the spirited firefighters scaled the back walls of the school.

The full scale operation which was carried out Tuesday is an annual affair, according to coordinator A. E. Clement, but he added that there are other exercises on smaller scales throughout the year.

Small Modern Shopping Plaza Planned For Highway 7 Site; Foresee 10 Stores

A small modern shopping plaza may soon be serving the east end of town. The stores are planned to be built on No. 7 Highway at the third line, adjacent to the Brewers Warehouse, L. S. Snelgrove Co. Ltd., Toronto are the exclusive agents for the leasing of this property and expect about 10 stores will soon open their doors there.

Their plan shows buildings with a frontage of 196 feet of fireproof construction with either apartments or offices above the stores. The stores will have full basements with individual heating oil units. The stores will have frontages of 15 feet or 20 feet by 50 feet deep to suit any business.

They hope to see one drugstore, one hardware store, etc. for a well-rounded shopping community. Merchants who are already established in town have been canvassed to see if they are interested in moving.

Use Egg Crates

The loot was carried away in egg crates after individual cartons were tossed on the floor.

Constable Mervyn Harness of the Acton O.P.P. detachment was called to investigate and an officer from the fingerprint department in Dundas checked everything for fingerprints.

Dave Manes reported over 145 cartons of cigarettes and several

Was Cattle Showman at 10 J. E. Pearen Active at 90

Hard work and plenty of ambition is the keynote to long life according to J. E. Pearen, well-known district farmer, living at R.R. 3, Acton, who celebrated his 90th birthday Tuesday, during a get-together with his family and relatives.

Mr. Pearen was born in Erin Township on lot seven of the first concession and began his farming at an early age. When he was only 10 years of age he was showing cattle at Erin Fair.

On Foot

He recalls quite vividly, tracking the distance on foot from his home to Erin with a shorthorn cow, to enter the animal in competition at the fair.

Since the first time he showed cattle up to the time of his retirement, Mr. Pearen has been an avid participant in the show business as he has won many prizes at district fairs.

In 1899, he married the former Alice E. Leslie and the couple lived on the Leslie homestead and farmed the 250 acres for the next 30 years. After they retired in 1949 they built an attractive home across the road, on a portion of the property.

The farm remains in the family however as Mr. Pearen's daughter Evelyn and her husband Calvin Aitken are carrying on the tradition of raising fine cattle.

The latest nonagenarian has made an equally good record in the agricultural circles and served as the second president of the Acton Fair Board in 1918. George Havill was the Board's first president from 1913 to 1918.

Mr. Pearen has taken an active part on the board ever since and has never missed attending a fall fair in Acton and has only missed one showing at Erin.

Besides farming, Mr. Pearen found time to serve as school trustee for 35 years in Erin Township area number one and was on the board of directors of the Halton Union Insurance Company for 24 years.

A good deal of his time has been spent serving on the board of health for Erin Township and as an elder of Rockwood Presbyterian church.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearen celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in December, with their family and friends.

Spry, bright and active, Mr. Pearen loves to garden and has his home looking like something out of a picture book, with shrubs and flowers decorating the garden.

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Family Dinner

Tuesday evening a family dinner was enjoyed by not only the immediate family but also by Mr. Pearen's two sisters, Bertha (Mrs. E. D. McPhedran) Rockwood, who celebrated her 86th birthday, August 6 and Elizabeth (Mrs. A. F. Johns) Newmarket, who will be 84 in September who were present to greet their brother.

One of the best moments of the party was a phone call from one daughter Beatrice (Mrs. Ross Allan) who is travelling to the west coast on a holiday. She called her father from Winnipeg.

Other members of the family are Elva, at home and Evelyn (Mrs. C. Aitken) R.R. 3, Acton. Seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren fondly remembered grandad on his birthday as well.

Mr. Pearen made it clear that he was an ardent reader of the Free Press and said "My father-in-law Joel Leslie was one of the first subscribers to the Free Press and the paper has been in the home ever since."

The Free Press joins with his many friends and relatives in wishing Mr. Pearen many more years of good health and happiness.

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Fiscal Agents?

A lengthy discussion was held on the possible appointment of a county fiscal agency, to handle debenture sales and advise on financial matters. Council finally decided against appointment of an agency at the present. Council heard representatives of the Bell-Gouinlock agency explain in the market situation and recommend against hiring fiscal agents at the present time, noting higher firm bids would be realized by putting debentures up for sale on the open market.

A by-law authorizing the granting of \$396,000 in financial aid toward the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital was given two readings. Council also decided to place \$750,000 worth of debentures for the Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital, Burlington, on the market soon. Acknowledgement was given a request for aid toward a proposed 170-bed addition to the Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital, as the usual county grant of \$6,000 per bed will be requested later.

Seek Another Building Site

Harrassed by failure to find a suitable site to locate the proposed new county administration building, Halton County Council turned Tuesday to yet another site—this time just outside Milton in Esquesing Township—and made arrangements to have the building committee negotiate the purchase of at least 10 acres from the owner.

This newest site in a long list of possibilities, is owned by Ted Harrop, and sits just north of the Ontario St. Base Line intersection, part of Lot 1, Con. 3, Esquesing.

Chairman Disagrees

The site is thought to be the best of three suggested to council Tuesday by the committee. However, building committee chairman Mrs. Mary S. Pettit, Reeve of Milton, argued it was unsuitable as 22 trains a day were predicted for the next-door Canadian National Railway line in 1965.

"I am worried about the rumbling freights that will be roaring past the County Building," she said. She added her choice of sites was on Highway 25, just south of the town of Milton boundary. Acton Deputy-Reeve Jack Hargrave argued this lot was too narrow, and fell away to a ravine 550 feet from the highway.

"We are looking forward to a successful venture," he said.

Truck, Car Collide

Estimate Damage \$30

Approximately \$30 damage resulted to a car driven by Karl Ulakovic, Acton, Wednesday evening at the corner of Mill and Main Streets, when a tractor trailer truck struck the left front fender.

114 Minor Sports Hockey, Ball Players

Guests of Maple Leafs Sunday Afternoon

Toronto Maple Leaf stadium echoed with cheers of 114 Acton children Sunday afternoon as the Leafs played a double-header with Jersey City.

The boys, members of Minor Sports hockey and baseball teams, were guests of the Maple Leafs and certainly indicated their enthusiasm for the Toronto club during their rooting.

Between cheering and booing the boys were busy devouring hot dogs and other goodies as they sat on the third base line watching the games.

Steady Rooting

Although Toronto lost the first half of the double-header 6-1, the youngsters never lost heart and kept up a steady cheering section

whenever the Leafs came to bat. In the second half, Toronto downed their opposition 3-2 in an eight inning battle.

For many of the youngsters it was their first trip to the stadium and their impression could only be noted by the wide stares around the huge enclosure as they sat motionless, taking in every detail.

Acton Legion Minor Sports Association paid admission fees for the drivers who donated cars and time for the occasion.

Ready and Waiting

The boys were on hand at Acton park before 11 a.m. and waited eagerly for cars to arrive.

As drivers pulled in to park, youngsters would run down the street yelling, "Can I go with you?"

Signs were posted on each car indicating the load was from Acton Minor Sports and the cavalcade of 23 cars was soon wending its way to the stadium.

Drivers

Drivers of the cars which transported the boys to the game were Ivan Kihly, Jack Bulough, Bill Nicolak, Mel Jordan, Frank Rogers, Ab Robinson, George Baylis, Barry Inscow, Gord James, Bill Shea, Pete Vale, Ed Owen, Brian McLaughlin, Julian Zajac, Garry Ockenden, John Buchanan, Phil McCristall, Doug Ruddleck, Sam Brunelle, Charles Hubbell, Ken Marshall and Algic Vary.

Acton Man Suffers 85 Per Cent. Burns

Bruce Vollner, 25 year-old Acton man was admitted to Newmarket Hospital on Wednesday suffering from 85 per cent. burns to his body when his clothing caught fire after his truck struck a pole and burst into flames.

Mr. Vollner was driving a gravel truck when it crashed into a hydro pole near Aurora on Wednesday, bursting into flames.

The driver jumped from the cab with his clothes in flames and rolled on the ground in an attempt to put out the flames.

He was taken to Newmarket hospital by ambulance and this morning (Thursday), Mrs. Nesbitt, hospital superintendent, reported his condition as only fair.

Louise Wasowicz Heads Grade 13 Exam Results

Louise Wasowicz, with an average of 73.9 per cent., led a list of 16 students who wrote upper school examinations at Acton High School. Results were announced Tuesday.

Of the 16, nine will receive their certificates as having completed grade 13.

Results follow:

Brown, Donald N.—Eng. Comp. 52; Zoology, 50.

Clow, Grace M.—Eng. Comp. 50; Algebra, 60; Zoology, 51.

Creighton, Mary-Lou M.—Eng. Comp. 51; Eng. Lit., 50; Algebra, 60; Trig. and Statics, 53; Physics, 50; Chemistry, 60; Latin Auth., 75; Latin Comp., 82; Fr. Auth., 72; Fr. Comp., 67.

Duby, Laurence G.—Eng. Comp., 54; Eng. Lit., 53; Algebra, 51; Fr. Auth., 50; Fr. Comp., 50.

Force, Elizabeth J.—Zoology, 83.

Gardner, Kenneth B.—Eng. Comp., 75; Eng. Lit., 67; Algebra, 65; Geometry, 56; Trig. and Statics, 62; Physics, 54; Chemistry, 57; Fr. Auth., 69; Fr. Comp., 58.

Gervais, Brian W.—Botany, 61; Zoology, 62.

Homer, C. Michael—Eng. Comp., 52; Eng. Lit., 50; Algebra, 65; Geometry, 56; Trig. and Statics, 64; Physics, 54; Chemistry, 62; Fr. Auth., 76; Fr. Comp., 58.

Hurst, Michael D.—Eng. Comp., 50; History, 53; Algebra, 76; Geometry, 62; Trig. and Statics, 64; Physics, 62; Chemistry, 67; Fr. Auth., 57; Fr. Comp., 50.

Jany, Ella H.—Eng. Comp., 83; Eng. Lit., 69; Latin Auth., 82; Latin Comp., 79; Fr. Auth., 77; Fr. Comp., 82.

Johnstone, Wm. J.—Eng. Comp., 50; Algebra, 68; Geometry, 61; Trig. and Statics, 50; Physics, 50.

Lovell, Lynda R.—Eng. Comp., 60; Eng. Lit., 55; Algebra, 54; Geometry, 55; Trig. and Statics, 54; Physics, 50; Chemistry, 56; Fr. Auth., 75; Fr. Comp., 65.

Macpherson, J. Bruce—Eng. Lit., 62; Algebra, 75; Zoology, 55; Physics, 50.

McEweny, Elizabeth E.—Botany, 69.

Mariscak, Frank W.—Eng. Comp., 50; Algebra, 58; Geometry, 58; Trig. and Statics, 53; Physics, 55.

Moffat, B. Jean—Botany, 50; Zoology, 76.

Newton, Dianne S.—History, 75.

Swackhamer, James C.—Eng. Comp., 55; Algebra, 71; Geometry, 50; Trig. and Statics, 55; Physics, 55.

77; Chemistry, 55; Fr. Auth., 57; Fr. Comp., 55.

Wasowicz, Louise A.—Eng. Comp., 83; Eng. Lit., 69; History, 72; Botany, 76; Zoology, 79; Latin Auth., 77; Latin Comp., 85; Fr. Auth., 75; Fr. Comp., 69.

Those who tried nine papers this year, passing them all, were Louise Wasowicz, Mary Lou Creighton, Kenneth Gardner, Mike Homer, Mike Hurst and Lynda Lovell.

Ella Jany passed her upper school German literature and German composition in 1958, and also receives credit for music, giving her a total of nine papers.

Bill Johnstone, who passed five papers, wrote three successfully last year.

Elizabeth McEweny, who has

been teaching school, was short just one subject for her diploma so will receive it now.

Dianne Newton, who already had nine subjects to receive her diploma, successfully passed her 10th.

Elizabeth Force, who goes into grade 12 this September, obtained an average of over 90 per cent. in grade 11, and also received first class honors in upper school zoology.

Announcement of names of winners of bursaries has not been made yet.

Principal Ted Hansen notes results are better this year than last. Of 14 who wrote last year, seven received diplomas. This year 16 tried exams with nine to get diplomas.

114 YOUNGSTERS were guests of the Toronto Maple Leaf ball club Sunday for a double-header at the stadium in Toronto. Acton Minor Sports made the arrangements for the outing, provided each driver with admittance fee and gave each child an envelope containing 35 cents for a hot dog and cold drink. Five of the boys getting ready to leave Acton park, left to right, are Ken Marshall, Danny Calder, Ramsay Hay, Les Carmochan and Wayne Deforest.