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## Council Changes Mind on \$3,808.87 Payment To Pay Only Portion of Debenture Deficit

Acton council Tuesday evening decided to rescind a former motion agreeing to pay \$3,808.87 as the town's portion of a deficit resulting from sale of high school debentures sold on the American market.

During the council meeting July 26 a letter was read from Miss M. Maxted, county treasurer, asking council to make this payment to the county, as their portion of the \$23,182.41 shortage from the sale of \$1,155,000 debentures.

These debentures were for the additions at Acton and Georgetown and a new high school at Milton. The shortage resulted from the heavy discount in the sale of the debentures on the American market.

**Agreed in July**  
At the July meeting it had been agreed to pay Acton's share.

Tuesday evening this motion was rescinded. Council agreed to pay the town's share of 60 per cent of the shortage, providing the town of Milton assumes 40 per cent of the total shortage.

Of the \$23,182.41 shortage, Georgetown, Esquesing, Nassagaweya, Milton and Acton have been assessed proportionately.

When the resolution to rescind the former motion was tabled, councillors inquired as to the reason for the reversal. They were told by mayor J. H. Goy that two meetings had been held with other municipalities affected and it had been agreed that each municipality should pay a portion of 60 per cent of the total shortage which would be adequate.

**Derive Benefit**  
It was pointed out Milton would derive some benefit from

either the sale of, or renting of, the old High school and should therefore assume 40 per cent of the total shortage.

Councillor W. McLeod informed the mayor the resolution to rescind the former motion and the subject of paying 60 per cent of the shortage should be presented as two motions. He agreed with the part rescinding the motion but might possibly disagree with the latter, he pointed out.

The resolution to rescind the former motion carried.

When the resolution to pay Acton's portion of the 60 per cent

balance came to a vote councillors Field and McLeod noted their disapproval.

**Okay Building Plan**  
The green light was given for the construction of a workshop for the town on the cemetery hill, Main Street, at the site of the water tower.

Councillor H. Lowe presented plans for placement of the structure showing parking areas, fencing and other features.

**Different Setting**  
During the meeting councillors could be seen glancing around the newly decorated chambers and

finally building chairman W. McLeod enquired what comments were forthcoming regarding the decorated walls.

It was learned the old pendulum type clock which has adorned the back wall for several years, will be retired and replaced with a modern electric timepiece.

The picture of Acton's first mayor, W. Storey will be modernized with a new frame and will be placed on one wall alongside a picture of Acton's first mayor, Amos Mason.

A picture of the Queen and her consort with a small flag will be added to the wall fixtures to complete the decorating program.

The coat of arms and large Union Jack presented from Acton, England, may no longer be seen in the council chambers but will find a place elsewhere.

Council all agreed to keep the walls as plain as possible in order to keep the room bright.

Mr. Goy suggested perhaps some town organizations might be interested in providing pictures of the Queen and her consort or other articles needed.

**Complaints of Odor**  
The mayor suggested his colleagues be prepared for complaints regarding the odor from turkeys in town. He told them his phone had been ringing almost continuously with residents calling him about the situation.

Mr. Goy told council that by-laws appear to be very stringent and residents can't erect a garage, yet it appears nothing can be done about the odor.

He noted that already several residents of the area have been given assessment adjustments on account of the conditions caused by the turkey farm.

The mayor also stated a petition objecting to the odor was being circulated around town.

**Holiday Pay**  
Council agreed to have the administration committee review payment of temporary employees for statutory holidays after they reached a dead-end by turning down two resolutions.

The first resolution provided for half day's pay for temporary employees on statutory holidays. An amendment provided for a full day's pay after employees have established 30 days continuous employment. Both motions were lost.

Council also:

- Learned that sale of their property in Hamilton netted the town \$64.44.
- Heard a suggestion that council consider a town ambulance.
- Accepted the bid of Etobicoke Construction and Paving Co., amounting to \$575 for resurfacing the sidewalk from John to Main Streets on the north side of Mill Street.
- Agreed to have lighting facilities on Hillcrest and Guelph Sts. improved.
- Accepted a revised plan from the Department of Highways for widening number 7 highway on Queen Street east.
- Accepted a request from St. John Ambulance Brigade to hold a church parade Sunday, September 11.
- Authorized the sale of the 1950 Ford truck for scrap.
- Approved accounts for payment amounting to \$12,904.32.



**TALLYING SCORES**, Brampton and Acton tennis players look over the shoulders of scorekeepers following a match at Acton tennis courts Saturday. Seated in front, left to right, are Forbes Mountain, Brampton and Ron Lewis, president of the Acton club. Back row, left to right, are Miss Audrey Ring, Mrs. A. Johnstone, Brampton, Mrs. Ron Lewis and Mrs. R. Bruce, Acton. The local players defeated the Brampton crew when scores were added at the conclusion.

### Parks Board

## Request Police Enforce Prospect Park By-Laws

Problems of enforcing a parking by-law at Prospect Park sparked a lengthy discussion Wednesday evening, when caretaker Herb Fryer informed the Parks Board cars had parked all over the grass during Minor Sports' three-day celebration.

He informed the members little co-operation had been received from Minor Sports officials and was told by the board his duties did not entail enforcing the by-law.

**Call Police**  
Mayor J. H. Goy reminded the caretaker he did not have to take abuse from any offender not using the proper parking facilities but reminded him it was not necessary to argue with them, but contact the police.

"That is the extent of your duty as far as the by-law is concerned," stressed the mayor. Mr. Goy also informed the caretaker the board did not expect him to enforce the by-law but if police failed to cooperate he was to notify the board.

The board is afraid of the same problem arising during the Fall Fair and discussed the situation. The secretary was instructed to contact the Fair Board secretary suggesting midway trucks be parked on the north side of the arena and an area for cars be designated.

**Will Move Ties If Requested**  
Lloyd McEnery, president of the

Fair Board, was present to discuss the cattle ties installed last year at the north-west end of the park.

Acting chairman G. V. Barbeau enquired if the Fair Board would remove the temporary cattle ties if it was found necessary to enlarge the parking area following the fair. The president agreed this would be done.

Mr. McEnery asked if there was a spot to build a permanent loading ramp for cattle and horse trucks and the board suggested a portable type be erected and stored in the red barn owned by the Fair Board in the park.

I. Kilby asked the board's ruling on allowing heavy trucks to park on the grass area during the fair and was informed by the mayor it was not possible to run a fair and not allow cattle trucks to park in the area of the cattle ties.

Mrs. G. Fryer, secretary asked the Fair president if it was true the Institutes would not be allowed to have their booths at the Fair this year, and was alarmed to learn it was.

Mr. McEnery told her he believed the concessions but suggested an arrangement be made with the midway and private concessionaires.

He explained in the past other midways had allowed private booths but this year it was an

entirely different amusement company and the manager had stressed he was in full control of concessions.

Parks board members refused to enter the discussion stating it was entirely a private argument not concerning the board.

**Rest Area**  
Mrs. Fryer requested the board to consider leaving out the park benches for use of Fair patrons to rest on. The suggestion was accepted and a rest area is to be set up.

Permission for St. John Ambulance Brigade to hold a picnic supper in the park during their corps church parade was granted, following a request.

The secretary informed the board only the tank for the filtration plant had been shipped to date and she was instructed to contact the company for the balance of the equipment.

After the labor day weekend lieaguards and pool attendant will no longer be on duty and a notice regarding this is to be placed in the Acton Free Press to inform the public.

Accounts amounting to \$942.75 were approved for payment.

## Petition School Board To Open, Close Waterloo

Esqueing School Area Board received two petitions at their meeting on Monday evening. Meeting in the new Speyside school, the board received a petition from some parents in the Waterloo school section indicating their desire to have their children attend the consolidated school at Speyside. The second petition requested the board to keep the Waterloo school open for their children and as a community center.

On the suggestion of Trustee Cunningham, the board decided to hold a meeting with all ratepayers of the section in the new Speyside school next Monday evening. At this meeting the board will be able to meet the petitioners and explain the board's policy.

Board solicitor Van Sinclair and transportation officer Hepburn were in attendance at the meeting to discuss with the board the transportation of pupils to the new school. Mr. Van Sinclair interpreted for the board the regulations governing the bus transportation.

Mr. Hepburn informed the board he had purchased a licensed bus rated as a 42 passenger vehicle. Under the interpretation of the regulations, he will be permitted to carry 56 children. The solicitor pointed out there were no regulations prohibiting children standing in the bus.

Kerwin McPhail of R. R. 3, Acton, was present and outlined to the board his objections to children standing in the bus. He

strongly urged the board to make provisions so that no children at any time would be standing. It is anticipated that approximately 125 children will be transported each day.

The board decided to request the township council to grade a new entrance to the school from the check line, the check line itself, and the parking lot.

Considerable discussion was held regarding the brick of the south wall of the new school. The difference in the shade of brick used is quite noticeable. A meeting is to be held with the brick manufacturer, the contractor and the board to attempt to arrive at a solution to the problem. It is possible the wall may be demolished and rebuilt with brick of one shade. It was felt any work necessary would not delay the opening of school.

**Rained Out**  
Heavy rain Sunday afternoon forced the cancellation of a band concert by Lorne Scots Brass Band after a brief warm-up period.

No sooner had bandmen gathered their chairs under the tall trees beside the race track when rain began to pelt down and from then on it was a mad scramble as spectators and bandmen alike ran for shelter.

Picnickers at the park were forced to head for cars but bathers at the beach area, already wet from swimming, enjoyed the warm but heavy rain.



**DISTINGUISHED GUEST** Lord Peter Baden-Powell visited the Blue Springs Scout Reserve last week, while a scouters' training course was there. He praised the camp chiefs for the pleasant surroundings and chatted with several of the scouters. He is the son of the founder of the Scout movement Lord Baden-Powell.

## Five Run Splurge Earns Acton 8-8 Tie In Quest for Halton Senior "B" Title

A five run splurge in the bottom of the fifth inning that matched a similar one Dundas chalked up in the top half of the same frame, earned Acton Merchants an exciting 8-8 draw in the first game of the Halton County Senior "B" finals last night (Wednesday) here.

Tied 3-3 as they started the fifth, Dundas, shelled Bev Dore, starting Acton hurler, from the mound with four hits, including a four run. Although it gave the visitors a big edge and approaching darkness ruled out any more innings, the Acton club came battling back to tie the count with four base hits, two hit batters and a wild throw.

**Play Thursday**  
The second game of the best of seven series will be played tonight (Thursday) in Dundas. The series resumes here on Saturday, returning to Dundas again on Sunday.

Acton had collected only nine hits from the slants of big Ken Watson, starting Dundas pitcher, up until the fifth. He was liberal with bases on balls, however, issuing nine over the first four frames. In the fifth after hitting two batters and doling out three more singles, Watson was replaced by May who took the brunt of the Acton onslaught. May was tagged for two hits and he gave up one walk.

Dore, Dude Lindsay's nomination for the playoff opener, gave up eight hits and as many runs, struck out four and walked one batter in his five inning tenure. John Cunningham retired the side in the fifth after Ribson, Dundas catcher, smashed a ball into deep left field that scored two runs ahead of him and netted him four bags, retiring Dore.

**Take Lead**  
The visitors went into a first inning lead, Thompson walking, stealing second, making third on

a wild pitch and scoring on McPhail's single. They added another in the second, Knox laying a bunt down safely and coming home on Peer's triple to centre. An error in left field put Thompson on in the third and he made it 3-0 as Lake tripled over centre field.

Acton got their first run, an unearned one, in the bottom of the third when Jim Lindsay took a pass, went to second on a passed ball, to third on a wild throw, and scored after tagging up on Harold Townsley's fly to deep centre.

Dundas went down in order in the fourth while the Merchants put together a hit by Pete Lawson, a base on balls wangled by Bob Bruce and Red Anderson and a bit of loose fielding from the visitors to tie it 3-3.

In the last inning, Dore hit his mound opponent, Watson, with a pitched ball, Rowe went down, Thompson singled to right scoring

Watson, Lake singled to right, McPhail singled scoring Thompson, Ribson then hit a circuit clout and Acton was behind 8-3.

**Acton Rally**  
Harold Townsley led off the Acton half by being hit by the pitcher. He went to second as Barrager hit safely over second. Bruce was hit by the pitcher, leading the bases. Dude Lindsay inserted Jim McGregor in to pinch hit for Pete Lawson and Jim cracked a hit through the infield scoring Townsley and leaving the bases loaded.

Dude Lindsay, continuing his strategy, put Scotty McCristall in to pinch hit for Don Lindsay but Scotty whiffed. John Cunningham put a ground ball to second that retired MacGregor but the throw to first for a twin-killing attempt was wild and Barrager and Bruce scored on the overthrow.

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**HALTON MANOR** residents were guests of the Acton Women's Institute Sunday at Acton park for a picnic and band concert. Pictured above, left to right, are Miss Muriel Thompson, former Georgetown resident, Robert (Scotty) Brooks and Mrs. Bentley Wilson, both former Acton residents. Mrs. G. Hargrave, W.I. president, is pinning a flower on Mrs. Wilson.

## Mrs. C. Britton Appointed Assistant Postmaster Here

Word was received from the post office department on the weekend by postmaster Gordon McKeown that Mrs. Chris Britton had received the appointment as assistant postmaster at the Acton office.

The vacancy was made available following the transfer of former postmaster F. Terry to Owen Sound and the stepping up of Mr. McKeown from assistant to postmaster.

Mrs. Britton has been employed at the post office for the past five and a half years and during the period last fall when Mr. Terry was on temporary duty at Aurora, she assumed the responsibility as assistant to Mr. McKeown, who was serving in the capacity of acting postmaster.

**Open to Staff**  
The position as assistant postmaster was available to all mem-

bers of the staff in Acton and applications were carefully reviewed by a board of three officials.

This morning (Thursday), Mr. McKeown also received official word that David Peal had been selected as permanent clerk on the staff.

With the appointment of Mr. Peal, the staff at Acton is brought up to full strength including three part time workers.

The present staff includes Mr. McKeown, Mrs. Britton, Mrs. J. Chapman, Vic Bristow, Mrs. L. Masters, Dave Dodgson and Dave Peal. Temporary clerks are Mrs. H. Cook, Mrs. K. Reid and Mike Homer.

—Caretakers at the three schools are completing last minute chores in readiness for school opening.

## Long Record Started Banking Career Here Percival H. Howarth Retires

Starting his banking career in 1913 when he first entered the Merchants Bank in Acton, Percival H. Howarth has reached the age of retirement following a long career with the Bank of Montreal, successors to the Merchants Bank.

Mr. Howarth and his wife are presently enjoying a trip to Europe and on their return are expected to settle in Montreal.

Beginning his banking experiences in Acton when the Merchants Bank was located on the site where H. Mainprize's barber shop and Watson's music store are now situated, Mr. Howarth

later served at other rural branches and in London, Toronto and Quebec City. In 1941 he became assistant superintendent in Winnipeg.

In 1945 he returned to head office in Toronto where he became superintendent of the Ontario division. In 1951 he was appointed manager of the Toronto branch and in 1955 became assistant general manager, head office, Toronto.

The Free Press joins with other Actonians who remember Mr. Howarth in wishing he and his wife much happiness in their retirement.



**TAKING PART** in the Sunday band concert in Acton Park Sunday, were four well-known residents of town. Left to right are Archie Kerr, Charles Allan, now living in Georgetown, Charles Landsborough and Ken Allen. Unfortunately the heavy rain halted the concert just as the Lorne Scots band was about to begin. They were scheduled to play for the Halton Manor residents, guests of the Acton W.I.