

Acton Made Plastic Pipe For Gardiner Expressway

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Beardmore and Co., division of Canada Packers Ltd., will install polyethylene pipe in future sections of the Frederick G. Gardiner Expressway, Toronto, to provide drainage for the roadbed.

About 3,000 feet have already been installed but specifications call for about 20,000 feet of pipe running to many thousands of dollars. R. R. Cawthra, assistant manager of Beardmore's, Carleton place division, told F.P.

According to Cawthra, this is the first time polyethylene pipe has been used for this type of project in Canada and possibly in the world. Mrs. M. G. Reynolds, Acton, Ont., makes the pipe for Beardmore under the trade name Vulkathene.

Expressways is one of the problems facing engineers, F.P. was told. Usually, water flows into ditches in the roadbed, down national pipes to support columns. Mixture of sand, water, slush, calcium chloride etc. can some times freeze — and burst — pipes.

Polyethylene pipe is said to be free from internal and external corrosion, won't freeze up and split, will last life of expressway. It's said to be less costly to install initially and is lightweight compared with steel.

Fittings are made in the U.K. but plans call for them to be made soon by a Canadian firm. General contractor on the section is Orwin Construction; mechanical contractor, Duncan Reynolds.



CROSSING GUARD Jack Bruce had a busy time at the Queen Street school crossing Tuesday morning when pupils started back to classes. He is pictured above stopping traffic as a group crosses from their homes in Glenlea Subdivision. Mr. Bruce is a familiar figure at his post to many of the pupils and new pupils will learn the safety rules before the week is completed.

New Sales Tax Confuses Many

Added confusion when the sales tax started September 1, made things more difficult for most merchants and shoppers as well.

The first few days created many problems and a few merchants report customers were thoroughly disgusted with having to dig for an extra penny or two above the markup price.

One or two customers in a local store couldn't believe the government would add an extra tax and one even accused the storeowner of making the extra profit.

Tearing Hair Out. A number of people are of the opinion the tax should have been added by the wholesaler before reaching the retailer and said one "If this had been done, no one would have cared a bit." Larger stores who have converted cash registers to the tax system have a more simple means of tabulating but smaller and especially some rural merchants are "simply tearing their hair out" as one merchant expressed himself.

One of the hardest problems for consumers to understand is why some articles are taxable and some are not. This nearly always produces rising temperatures as merchants attempt to explain to some irate shoppers.

No More Matches. "At the beginning some smokers were taking their penny change in matches, but now are tucking them carefully away for the next time."

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purchase," one local merchant chipped when explaining his encounter with the public. For the most part people are confident the tax is here to stay and believe when everyone gets adjusted to the change will accept it in good spirit. This is a point which remains to be seen.

SHORT COUNT If all the good resolutions that are kept were placed end to end they wouldn't reach very far into the new year.

HAPPILY EVER AFTER He came home from the play looking bored stiff. "Didn't the play end happily?" inquired his mother. "Yes," he said, "we were all happy when it ended."

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Visit Y's Men In Five Lands

Past president of Acton Y's Men's club Clarence Rognavaldson visited five different Y's Men's clubs in Europe. Mr. and Mrs. Rognavaldson and their two daughters, Janet and Nancy, returned Sunday by plane from the summer touring Europe, visiting Y's Men and relatives.

One highlight of the trip was when Mr. Rognavaldson was made an honorary life member of the Nottingham Y's Men's club and pinned his own past president's pin on their past president. Two occasions coincided — it was the club's first anniversary and the 19th wedding anniversary of the Rognavaldsons.

Met Their Neighbor In England, they were also guests of the Weston-Super-Mare club and in Edinburgh, one of the Y's Men who entertained them had just returned from the conference at Chicago, where he had met their next-door neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. McKenzie.

Guests in Essen, Germany, at the home of Y's Men, they en-

joyed typical German food. In Holland they visited more Y's Men and talked on the phone to Mrs. Dick Schull, wife of a former Acton Y secretary. Mr. Schull was away and she was just leaving on holidays so they were unable to meet, but Mrs. Schull remembered friends here well.

Visit "Our Chalet" Janet and Nancy, both Guides, visited "Our Chalet" — the international home for Girl Guides high on a mountain in Switzerland near Interlaken, and in London they were guests at luncheon at "Our Ark", the English Girl Guides' headquarters. They have French Guides' badges as souvenirs of a camping encounter.

All in all, the Rognavaldsons visited France, Northern Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Holland, Belgium, England and Scotland, spending two weeks in Sheffield, England, with relatives with whom they had corresponded for years, but had never met.

With the cost of living so high today, a great many people find they can't afford to work for what they're worth.

BALLINAFAD

Whistles Bring Memories School Opening in News

Holidays are over and once again the children have returned to school. Mrs. Richard Shortt at Blue Mountain and Mrs. Somerville at Reacock as teachers.

Miss Beth McEnery will be teaching at Speyside School this year.

Gift from Friends Mrs. Arnold McEnery is attending nursing school at Hamilton. On leaving her work in Georgetown she was given a beautiful club bag by the girls who worked with her.

Whistles Bring Memories Quite a number from here at-

tended the Antique Steam and motor days at Milton and all report a good display and a large crowd. The W. L. had their booth and realized a nice sum for their work. The steam whistles blowing brought back memories.

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Pears on Cherry Tree Rare Garden Oddity

Peaches are picked from a peach tree, apples are picked from an apple tree, plums are picked from a plum tree, but pears picked from a cherry tree are something only Mother Nature can explain.

Dick Johnstone, Scene Street, has several cherry trees in his garden which this summer has produced basket after basket of fruit but one of the trees has a cluster of pears growing as plain as day near the top.

A call at the Free Press by a neighbor reporting the incident almost caused the reporter to make for the hills but a tug of

the garden and first hand sight of the situation verified the story. The cluster of pears, thriving quite nicely, was growing from an upper branch while a few cherries still unpicked remained on other parts of the tree. Quite a number of cherry trees surrounded this particular one and a couple of pear trees were also growing in the garden.

Mr. Johnstone couldn't explain the situation and anyone contacted could only report it was a "tweak" of Mother Nature.

When you are using a rotary beater for mixing, it is often noisy. Set the dish on a damp dishcloth. This keeps the bowl from slipping and also cuts down on the clatter.



EAGERLY WAITING for school to begin two young girls visited the M. Z. Bennett school on Monday to help custodian Colin McColl mow the grass. Left to right are Anne McMillan, age 11, Debbie Papillon, age six and Mr. McColl. The girls were frequent visitors to the school during the summer holidays and chatted with the caretaker.

At last people aren't walking on my tail all the time. Time was, we were so crowded that I had to sleep with one eye open. But now the house has been enlarged and we can all breathe easier, especially me. You ask where the money was saved?

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How all of us here in Acton love to see our children going back-to-school! Scrubbed and outfitted . . . young, active, healthy . . . enjoying their new important role as students. That route they take going to and from school seems simple enough to you. But to the eager child, it holds many dangers — dangers that can be avoided if you take time out this first back-to-school week to give your child the benefit of these safety rules:

- (1) Plot the safest route for your child to take to school. A route away from heavy or dangerous traffic, even if it's a little longer.
- (2) Take the younger children to school personally for the first week, pointing out the hazards along the way. Tell them where to cross the street . . . where not to. Explain what the traffic lights mean.
- (3) Be sure to tell children to wait 'til approaching cars come to a full stop before crossing. The driver may be trying to beat the light, he may not see the light or his brakes may not work.
- (4) Give children riding bikes to school all the necessary cycling safety instructions.
- (5) Tell children to obey the signals of the Policeman and student safety patrols always.
- (6) Ask your older children to watch the younger one . . . and keep them in line if they're disobeying any rules of safety.

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