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School Creek Bridge Repairs Walks, Roads Tender Seen

Tenders were opened by the Road Committee of council at a meeting on Tuesday evening. Godson Contracting of Toronto appear to have the lowest tender at \$25,279.05 while the highest submitted totalled \$29,603.19. All tenders will be checked now by the engineers of R. V. Anderson and Associates and will be submitted to the Department of Highways for their approval before the final contract is signed. Ten firms submitted bids.

The tender call was for three specific projects. A tender was called for the Main Street north rebuilding which includes widening the bridge over the School Creek by 20 feet and installing a new sidewalk over the bridge. The street will be resurfaced with three inches of asphalt from the school lane to Mill Street. The road will be widened from the Smith property to Mill Street by eliminating the boulevard on the west side. New curbs and gutters will be installed from Mill

Street to the school lane on both sides.

Sidewalks to be resurfaced with asphalt are in the second project. Main Street west side Mill to Bridge, Main Street east side St. Alban's Drive to River Street; Willow Street east side Mill to Bower; Willow Street west side Mill to St. Alban's; St. Alban's Dr. both sides Willow to Main; Mill Street north side, Main to Park; John Street west side, Mill to Bower; Bower south side, Elgin to Frederick; Elgin east side, Mill to Church. Approximately 16,000 sq. ft. of surfacing is covered in the project.

In the third aspect of the tender, the second and final surfacing treatment, started two years ago, will be applied to the roads in Glenlea subdivision on Mowbray Place, Churchill Road north and McDonald Avenue to the H. K. Porter plant.

Reeve Hargrave observed, "All bids are within the budget." Under the grant schedule of the Department of Highways the department pays 90% of the bridge costs; 75% of the resurfacing costs and 50% of the surface treatment cost. No grants are received on the sidewalk portion of the tender. Clerk McGeachie estimated the total cost to the town as \$9214 plus 25% of the engineering costs.

In setting the budget this year \$7500 had been budgeted for resurfacing; \$4,000 for surface treatment and \$4,000 for sidewalks.

An estimated \$947.76 was received for fencing at the Town equipment yard on Main Street south. The road committee will recommend at the next regular council meeting the acceptance of the tender.

Also discussed were repairs to the '57 Ford truck used for snow plowing and tire replacement on the Ford tractor. Recommendations will be submitted at the next regular meeting.

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—Staff Photo

"ANYONE FOR TENNIS?" might be the proper caption for this picture as three attractive tennis players pose by the net. The tennis club will be active again this year and is starting a membership drive next Tuesday evening when registrations will be taken at the clubhouse. Pictured above ready and anxious to start the season are Mrs. Bob Bruce, Miss Moira McKelvey and Mrs. Case de Jong.

80 Tap Students on Stage For Lively Recital Finale

Enthusiasm and pep of young people dancing to and playing modern music was infectious Saturday evening when a packed house in the Robert Little School auditorium thoroughly enjoyed a dance and recital by the pupils of Carol and Gary Wharton.

It was a family affair. Helping these rhythm-loving young people with their program were their parents, and their grandfather Charles Watkinson sang several numbers with the audience joining in the choruses. Mrs. Wharton had designed the costumes for the entire program.

Carol Wharton started classes in the parish hall last fall and had 50 students here. Also on the program were 36 Rockwood students.

Her brother Gary teaches accordion in Guelph and he had brought about 15 of his best students to add variety to the program.

He acted as master of ceremonies, explaining that the students had only been taking lessons from his sister a year, apologizing for their error pointing out at least "they're all cute."

The Whartons live at R.R. 2, Guelph, and Miss Wharton hopes to be back teaching here in the fall.

Both young teachers favor syncopated modern rhythms which obviously appeal to their students. Miss Wharton showed her own loose, limbed ability in a mambo. The lightest ones and the

most talented accordion students were all "swinging."

Gospel Song

The brother and sister hope to go through Canada and the States doing gospel work this summer, and they sang I'm on My Way to Glory Land. Also with great verve they played and sang Hey Boy, Hey Girl, and Bei Mir Bist Du Schonen.

She wore a white dress with long swinging pony tail.

Dancers and their numbers were:

Sweet Georgia Brown; Rockwood girls Charly Packham, Mary Holman, Lee La Voie, Sher-

ida, Kandy and Karen Reid, all in mauve.

Favorite Teddies

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Canine Corps

Corporal Spots Driving Dog Stops Vehicle on Sunday

A canine driving a motor vehicle? This is hardly covered in the rules and regulations laid down by the Department of Transport, still it appeared to be happening early Sunday morning in Acton.

Corporal Ray Mason of the Acton O.P.P. Detachment was enjoying an early morning cup of coffee in a downtown restaurant Sunday when he peered out the window, blinked his eyes and realized a motor vehicle was moving down the street with its sole

occupant behind the wheel. A small dog.

Rushing out of the restaurant and across the street, the corporal quickly halted the car while the canine driver obligingly moved over to the passenger's side. Meanwhile the owner and his wife, across the street in Wilkes bus depot, noticed the policeman in their car and began to wonder what was taking place.

The startled owner was soon put at ease as Mr. Mason explained he was merely halting the moving car.

Town Exempt from Bargaining

At a special Council meeting held last Thursday evening a by-law was passed to exclude the Corporation of the Town of Acton from the provisions of the Labour Relations Act R.S.O. 1960.

The by-law was presented and passed at a meeting attended by Wm. Sharpe, of the law firm of Sharpe & Nichols which was retained to act for the Town on the application for certification for the Town employees before the Ontario Labour Relations Board.

Apparently six of the eight works department employees have signed cards for union certification.

The by-law was passed under Chapter 202 Section 89 R.S.O. and under the provisions of this section the municipality is exempted from bargaining with the union.

Also at the meeting a J. B. Mackenzie & Son account for work at the Community Centre was

passed. J. B. Mackenzie & Son was also awarded the contract for the installation of a new roof on the digester tank at the Sewage Disposal plant.

A brisk breeze, bright blue skies and warm sunshine added to the always-attractive vistas in the cemetery. There were memories in the minds of most as they joined in singing Abide With Me, the strains of the band sounding over the gentle slopes and through the tall pines. After the service, geraniums were planted and bouquets of blooms placed on graves by family groups and members of sponsoring organizations.

Three bands paraded from the station under marshal Vic Patrick, about 30 red-jacketed members of Acton Citizens' Band, the Guelph Pipe Band and Georgetown Girls' Pipe Band. A color party headed the groups. Flags were placed along the front of the platform, flanked by geraniums.

Marching were representatives of sponsoring groups, Cubs, Brownies, Guides and Scouts with leaders. Sponsors are the mayor and council, Acton Legion, the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, Lakeside Chapter I.O.O.F., Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E., Women's Institutes of Acton, Dublin and Bannockburn, Acton Fire Department, Acton Citizens' Band and the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 467. The firemen were in trim uniforms and many of the Legion members wore medals.

Chairman of the committee in charge was Cyril Leighton, 800 (Continued on Page Seven)

\$2 Million Lime Quarry Locates South of Acton

An estimated \$2,424,847 will be spent to equip Acton Limestone Quarries Limited, approximately two miles south of Acton, at the site of the former Linchouche Quarries. President of the company is former Metro Toronto chairman Frederick G. Gardiner. The company owns 250 acres of land in the area and has taken options on an additional 265 acres in the area.

Of the total expenditure, construction of a railway siding will take \$123,512, a shunting engine and rolling stock are estimated at \$546,885, construction of the surface plant, to include all equipment, will cost \$1,685,250, and the balance amounting to \$69,200 will take care of the preparation of the site, installation of hydro, construction of auxiliary buildings, fencing of property and purchase of miscellaneous tools and equipment.

To Install Plant

Barber - Greene Canada Ltd. have been engaged to provide and install a crushing, screening,

stockpiling and reclaiming plant. A primary crushing unit will have a capacity of 2,000 tons per hour and secondary and tertiary crushers and screens are expected to have a minimum capacity of 900 tons per hour of dry material. The plant is designed to be operated with a minimum of personnel.

Exploratory work began on the site in late 1959 when a diamond drilling program was carried out to determine the tonnage and quality of limestone underlying the property. At this time, independent geologists' reports indicated that out of the 250 acres from Thomas Ritchie; ap-

proximately 180 acres are undeveloped by dolomite limestone, estimated to total over 40 million tons. It is estimated in the company prospectus that an additional 30 million tons are indicated on the remaining 265 acres.

The 250 acres owned by the company includes parts of lots 23 and 24, concession 4, Esquesing, which were bought from Ian Moore, Toronto. The property previously formed portions of the William Stalker farm, Harvey Kirkwood farm and the former lime kilns. Under option to provide access for the railway siding production is expected to begin some time this fall.

Officers of the company include Mr. Gardiner, president; John B. Regan, vice-president and general manager; John D. Mingay, vice president; John J. Fitzpatrick, O.C., secretary-treasurer.

Work is continuing on the project and the main gas line serving the town of Acton and C.N.R. telegraph lines have been moved to provide access for the railway siding. Production is expected to begin some time this fall.

Discrimination?

Vigorous Objection Grets County Equalization By-Law

The annual equalization by-law presented by County Assessor J. Ford Rogers to a meeting of Halton assessors May 23, recommending a 3.05 per cent increase in Georgetown's assessment, has been greeted by vigorous opposition from Georgetown Assessor Joe Gibbons and Deputy Reeve William Hunter.

Georgetown made a partial review of assessment last year but did not use the Provincial Manual as did Acton, Milton, Esquesing and Nassagaweya in their reassessment. County Assessor Rogers made a spot check on 86 Georgetown properties and concluded that, to bring its assessment to a County level, an increase of \$459,899 was necessary. This represents approximately 3.05 per cent of the total now \$15,505,154.

Georgetown assessor Gibbons charged the County with "discrimination to the highest degree" and went on to claim that the town's present assessment is two per cent higher than if the Provincial Manual had been used. The increased assessment will cost Georgetown taxpayers about \$1,400 more.

The town may decide to take legal action to oppose the decision. Oakville did take action recently and lost the decision and around \$5,000 in court costs.

The County Assessor's report also showed an increase of 4.04 or 3.58 per cent, in the population of Halton from September 1960 to September 1961, while in the same period assessment increased slightly over \$20 million or 9.12 per cent.

Figures for Milton showed a population of 5,614 in a taxable acreage of 835 acres. The town's

total assessment was \$8,296,966, or 3.45 per cent of the Halton total. Of this figure, only \$902,915 was industrial assessment. Acton with a population more than 1,400 below Milton's registered a total industrial assessment of \$1,268,750 over \$350,000 greater than Milton's.

High school teachers qualifying under the standards laid down by the board for previous experience which is an asset to their profession will enjoy an increase in this allowance. Also eligible for previous experience allowance is any teacher who has taught public school and qualified as a high school teacher.

This decision was reached at the monthly Acton District High School Board meeting Monday.

This resulted from an investigation by a committee of the high school board who reviewed several applications for an allowance increase. The secretary was instructed to notify teachers affected by the increase as well as those rejected. It was the opinion of the board the previous allowance given was unfair. The increase will begin in September at the start of the fall term.

Block The View

Students being distracted by passing motor vehicles on Acton Boulevard and others distracted by Physical Education classes outdoors will be able to concentrate fully on their studies if the property committee reaches a decision for blocking their view. Principal E. A. Hansen recommended some means of frosting or etching the lower portion of the classroom windows.

Property committee chairman Wallace Swackhamer was instructed to investigate a method. Chairman E. S. Force told board members they had constructed the school too soon as the trend today is to build schools without windows.

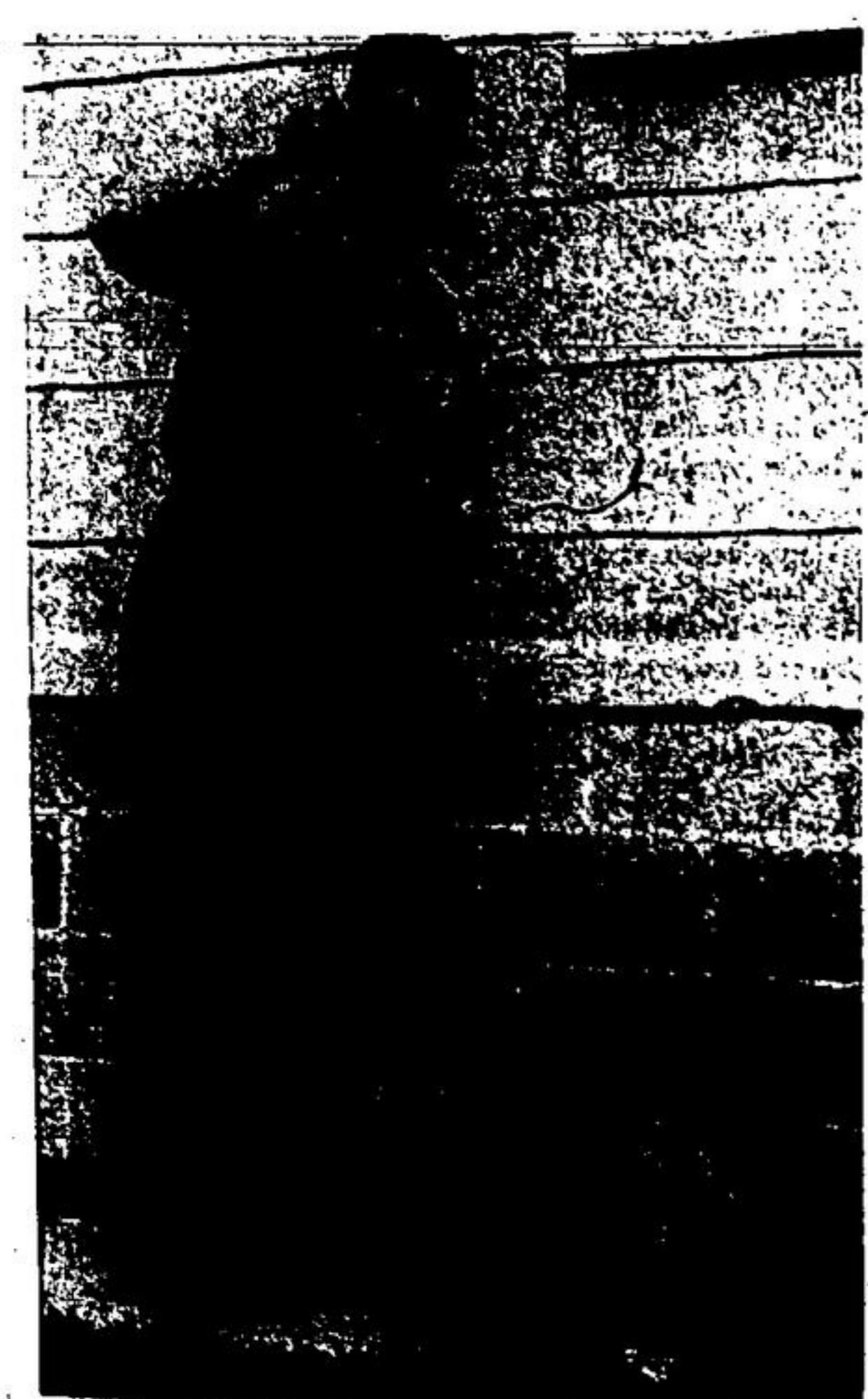
The principal also suggested a method of parking students' cars in the fall and proposed students driving their vehicles to school register at the office and abide by regulations set down before being allowed to park on school grounds. It was suggested only students' and staff members' cars would be allowed to park within the school grounds. One trustee thought the board might establish if the cars were a necessity with most students, and det-

Teachers Enjoy Increase For Previous Experience

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MAYOR JOHN GOY reviews the P.S.I.-sponsored Acton Community Health Plan with local manager Charlie Stone. The company moved into their Acton headquarters on Wednesday in the Van Gils building next to Lovell's Butcher shop. A spokesman for the company informed the Free Press that any person living within the town limits of Acton would be eligible to enroll regardless of age or present condition of health as of June 11.



SEASON'S LARGEST FISH reported to date was caught by John Buckland, Mill Street East, Sunday morning while fishing near Honey Harbor. Pictured above holding the 45-inch-long pike weighing 21 pounds is Mr. Buckland, while his daughter Diane, age three, holds the bottom of the tape measure. The fish was caught on a Mepps spinner with a 14-pound test line.