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VERY OPTIMISTIC, four-year-old Jeff Townsley attempts to float a boat by raising the level of Fairy Lake with a watering can. His sister Karen carefully indicates the normal level of the water with a tape measure while his mother Michael Gervais patiently waits for a boat ride. The level of the water is considered to be the lowest on record and residents on Cameron Avenue claim it has gone down at least three feet. Monday's rain boosted the level by an inch according to a marker placed in the water by Harold Townsley the previous day.

Council Deals With By-Laws For Land Sale, Apartments

Town solicitor Aldo Braida was present Tuesday evening at council meeting with two prepared by-laws for council's consideration. The first dealt with an amendment to the zoning by-law which re-defines apartment houses. The second was a by-law to control the sale of land without a plan of subdivision in various areas throughout town.

The amending by-law, dealing with apartment houses, was given two readings and will be submitted to the Ontario Municipal Board for approval. This by-law is the direct result of a recommendation of Planning Board at their last meeting July 19, when William McLeod on behalf of Perm Construction was present and requested the Board's interpretation of the zoning by-law dealing with the section regarding apartment houses. At this time he outlined plans for the erection of an 11 unit building in the Lakewood subdivision.

The second by-law to control the sale of land received unanimous approval of council and land owners affected will be notified by registered mail.

Mr. Wood said the new water line from Churchill Road North across to the second line at Main Street North had been disinfected and tested by the Ontario Water Resources Commission and he suggested the line be put to use for the first time. Council agreed to seek approval from the O.W.R.C. for permission to use the water line.

"Calamity Corner" No More

Council gave the third reading to a traffic control by-law to make Eastern Avenue from the C.N.R. tracks to No. 7 highway at the Atax corner a one-way street going East only. Council with approval of the Department of Highways will place sandbags at the corner to prevent west-bound vehicles from entering Eastern Avenue. It is hoped this action will reduce the number of accidents and confusion at "Calamity Corner."

Reeve Hargrave enquired when the new assessor would take over his duties and was told there had been some delay in receiving his final consent. Acting clerk Joe Hurst informed council William Erskine who was chosen for the position, had requested finalization of continuation of his present pension plan. He also requested a written agreement outlining his duties.

R. M. Storey Top Grower

R. M. Storey, R. R. 4, Rockwood, was top prize winner in the hay competition sponsored by the Acton Agricultural Society when he scored 95 out of a possible 100 points to head a field of 18 competitors.

Judge for the competition was Norman Bird, Georgetown, who looked the crops over for thickness of sward, balance of cover and grasses yield, quality and freedom from weeds.

The top 16 competitors won prizes with awards going to the following: R. M. Storey 95, G. C. Wallace 94, S. E. Griffin and Son 93, C. J. Atken 89, Ralph Dennis 88, Harry Murray 86, Alex McPhedran 85, Norman Harris 77, Fred Brown 74 and Donald Matthews 72.

The contest is staged each year with the judging taking place when the crops have matured.

Following a recent recommendation from Planning Board to council that violations and contraventions to the zoning by-law enforced, council had requested a list of all violations from the board. Tuesday evening, a reply from the board declared it was council's prerogative to police and enforce the by-law. The letter was referred to the administration committee for further study.

10 Safe Feet

A letter was received from Ontario Hydro regarding the installation of hydro poles on Churchill Road South to service Acton Limestone Quarries with a 27,000 volt power line. Hydro suggested the high voltage line could be constructed above the present power lines on town poles.

Mayor Goy expressed his alarm at town hydro linemen working on the secondary line with the high voltage line directly overhead. He suggested a recommendation to Ontario Hydro to raise the high voltage line at least 10 feet above present power lines. He stated the Acton Hydro Commission would make necessary recommendations to this effect.

Radar Nabs 30

Councillor Frank Toth enquired if each shift of the local O.P.P. Detachment had been instructed to use the new radar equipment. Toth said the use of the equipment had been left to the discretion of the Corporal in charge. Mr. Toth said he had seen a motorist driving down a street at a speed estimated around 50 miles per hour. He was told the police had already nabbed over 30 offenders with the radar.

Mr. Toth suggested that police be provided with an unmarked cruiser but council agreed to continue with the cruiser now in use for the present time.

Train New Help

Councillor Hamilton Peal enquired if the office help being advertised for was a replacement or an addition to the present staff. He was told that Mrs. J. Preston had handed in her notice in advance as she and her husband expect to move back to England. Mr. Hurst said that by obtaining a replacement now, Mrs. Preston could assist in training the new help.

Accounts totalling \$14,806.19 were approved for payment.

Aims for C.N.E. Band Eyes \$400

Hoping to add another "first" to their awards, Acton Citizens' Band has been practising for competition at the Canadian National Exhibition on Thursday, August 23. Bandmaster Alf Perrott tells his players he is aiming for a first or nothing, and he hasn't definitely made up his mind yet whether they're going to go. First prize is \$400.

"Hills of Romaine" is the piece the bandmen have all learned their parts already. It's relatively simple and the bandmaster realizes from past competitions that interpretation, tempos and perfect playing will be the deciding factors.

Practises have been coming along well (except for this week, when it's cancelled because of holidays.) Wednesday, August 1 they start concentrating again on the competition piece with sectional practises.

In A New Class

A new class has been created for towns and small cities with 28 players maximum. Band president Ted Tyler says he thinks Fort Erie is entering, too.

Aiming high for the first prize of \$400, the bandmen would also all receive medals.

Acton Citizens' Band hasn't been in competition since the Waterloo Music Festivals were held. The last time they went to the C.N.E. they brought back a first.

Green Light Given Recreation Plans Will Hire Director-Arena Manager

A full recreation program for the entire town will be undertaken by an experienced recreation director and arena manager, to be hired as soon as possible. Decision to form a seven-man recreation committee was made unanimously by council Tuesday.

The new committee, to be appointed by council, will plan, conduct, supervise, encourage and guide recreation in all its phases.

Parks board members, who the night before had considered 12 applicants for the key position, brought their recommendation to council that parks board and the recreation committee should be two entirely separate bodies. (Since the opening of the community centre with artificial ice, the parks board had been in charge there. Now this will be turned over to the new body and parks board will simply provide and maintain parks.)

For the first hour of the council meeting the new program was explored.

Regulations state a recreation committee must consist of seven members, appointed by council, with two of these members from council. The committee will be directly responsible to council.

Grants are received by a recreation committee for which a parks board is not eligible. These will cover part of a full time administrator's salary, part of wages of part-time help, and many other administration costs.

Will Engage Director

Parks Board chairman G. W. McKenzie told council that 12 applicants for the position of recreation director-arena manager had been received following recent advertising and the board Monday had whittled the prospects down to five.

He asked and received permission to explore further the possibilities of engaging a suitable man for the position. Board members will meet next week with Lloyd Minshall of the Community Programs Branch to discuss the most suitable man and interviews will be arranged.

Parks Board recommended council appoint a separate recreation committee. This would leave Parks Board free to concentrate fully on the operation of Prospect Park and development of additional parks within town.

The board did agree, however, to continue serving in a dual role until a committee could be formed but stressed the importance of the formation of a recreation committee before the winter season gets into full swing.

Board member Cliff Bradley told council that under the administration of a recreation committee a portion of the recreation director-arena manager's wages would be covered by government grants as would other administrative costs.

Reeve Jack Hargrave wondered if Parks Board would continue to control the arena if such a committee were appointed and stated, "I am not in favor of taking this control away from the board as they have done an excellent job at the arena."

Can Make Ice

Councillor J. Bert Wood asked if any of the applicants had experience to operate the ice-making equipment and was told four of five of the men were qualified. Mayor John Goy explained that some of the applicants under consideration had refrigeration certificates from the O.A.C. and were working toward obtaining their Department of Labor certificates.

The mayor informed council that when a recreation committee is formed, council would be in direct charge of financing and the committee would not fall into the category of being allotted a direct budget, as parks board has. He stated a recreation committee must comprise seven members including two council representatives.

Mr. McKenzie suggested some of the Parks Board members might prefer to be on the recreation committee and could resign from the board in order to do so. Reeve Hargrave wondered why the board couldn't handle both chores and was told the park operation and recreation management would be too much for the same group.

Embrace Whole Town

Deputy-Reeve Bill Denny asked if the recreation director might look after the Y.M.C.A. as part of his duties. Mr. Bradley thought in time this might occur but the logical spot for the program to begin was the Community Centre.

gradually growing to envelop the entire town. Mr. McKenzie suggested the program might even develop to include school auditoriums, night school assistance and many other phases of recreation which would affect everyone.

Mayor Goy said in his opinion any money which council decided to spend on a recreation program would be an investment. "There would be a certain risk, but we have the facilities for recreation. By having a year-round recreation program we will realize some returns for the investment."

Mr. McKenzie stated that with council holding the purse strings and controlling the financing, direct control over the spending would be maintained.

Council learned that during last year's operation of the Community Centre, over \$200 in weekly wages had been paid out and board members had spent considerable time at the arena for administration. They were told this heavy load would be relieved when a recreation director was engaged as he would look after all the work, with one or two helpers.

With a word of warning to parks board, Mr. Denny cautioned them against pinching pennies when hiring a recreation director and overlooking a qualified person. Councillor Hamilton Peal asked when the new man would begin his duties and Mr. Bradley suggested he should begin early in September. Parks Board and council members were asked to submit names to the town clerk of any citizens desiring to serve on a recreation committee. These names will be reviewed by council.

585.7-Acre Annexation May Shrink Esqueusing Twp.

Submission of an inch-thick report containing a proposal for annexation of 2,400 acres of land by the town of Milton as suggested by Derek Little, planning consultant, was no shock to Esqueusing council last week, although they learned that of this amount, 1,430 acres are in Esqueusing. The balance is from Oakville.

Although township council first read the report when they received a copy from Milton council last Friday, councillors were well aware the planning consultants had been working in the area since last January.

Met Monday

During a joint meeting of Milton and Esqueusing township councils Monday evening, Esqueusing councillors listened as Milton councillors outlined their views on the annexation report. Some relief was in order when it was learned Milton's council's request for land would be reduced to 585.7 acres in Esqueusing and 205.4 acres from Oakville.

Members of the annexation committee in Milton say Esqueusing township might be justified in protesting the loss of such a large area as the one outlined in the report; however, the smaller area Milton council is interested in annexing "should raise no objections."

Further meetings will be held all summer.

Immediate annexation of 2,400 acres of Esqueusing township around Oakville, surrounding Milton's north, west and east boundaries was recommended in the town of Milton's annexation report prepared by Municipal Planning Consultants. The report was kept a well-guarded secret until last week.

The annexation proposal would triple the size of Milton if it were accepted by Milton council but councillors decided to reduce the request for more land from that given in the report.

South of 401

The area recommended for annexation includes all that portion of Esqueusing lying south of Highway 401 from the Nassagaweya-Esqueusing town line on the west to the point where Highway 401 crosses the Esqueusing-Oakville base line on the east. This part of Esqueusing contains 1,430 acres and is populated by 396 residents. It includes the Milton Brick plant and Milton Heights.

The planner Derek Little said Highway 401 is a logical boundary and Esqueusing could not hope to develop or service land below the highway.

In Milton's revised request they will not seek the Milton Brick plant and Milton Heights.

The revised area proposed by Milton council includes all of the area south of highway 401 north of the base line extending from near the present westerly boundary of Milton to the point where highway 401 crosses the base line. This includes the new County building, the golf driving range, two garages and farm properties.

The area proposed from Oakville is immediately East of the town of Milton from the Base Line on the north to the School Line on the south, stretching one-half concession to the east.

"Parks Only" for Parks Board All in Favor of Committee

A new image was sought by parks board members meeting Monday evening in the council chambers to decide what they would lay before council the following evening. Possibility of the formation of a recreation commission presented them with the poser: "What will become of us?"

Members agreed easily and quickly that they would recommend to council the next night that a recreation commission should definitely be established.

They concluded the parks board would then get a divorce from the arena and start a new life on their original purpose—supplying and maintaining the parks. They also talked over what they hoped the recreation commission would do.

Two Missionaries

Many children in Acton, Rockwood and Limehouse district are expected to attend the Five-Day Bible Club for one hour each day sponsored by the Child Evangelism Fellowship of Ontario and supported by the Acton Baptist and Evangelist churches.

Beginning Monday morning at 9 a.m. the clubs will meet at different times throughout each day under the leadership of two missionaries sponsored by the Child Evangelism Fellowship, Toronto.

On Monday at 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. the Rev. William Ross, 132 Churchill Road South and the home of Lloyd Hilsley, 170 Jeffrey Boulevard, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon children will meet at the homes of Stan Cripps, 95 Agnes Street and J. Porter, 80 Rosefield Terrace. In the afternoon classes will begin at 1:30 p.m. and continue until 2:30 p.m. at the homes of D. Dunk, 104 Park Avenue and 51 Longfield Road, the home of E. Presly.

From 3:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. children at Rockwood will attend the classes at the home of W. Hunt and those at Limehouse will attend at the home of C. Hill.

Children are invited to attend the classes nearest them. The two missionaries go from one place to the next each day.

At Sunday Services

The missionaries will also be at the outdoor service at Prospect Park this Sunday and will assist the Rev. Stanley Gammon of Acton Baptist church and the Rev. J. H. Wilson of Evangelist Baptist church.

The Child Evangelism Fellowship is an interdenominational organization. In the summer months, the Five-Day Bible Clubs

are conducted outdoors in backyards, parks and beaches. The aim of the organization in both types of Clubs is to reach children with Bible teaching.

Added Staff

This summer, 32 Bible College students have been added to the staff, and are travelling across the province each conducting four of these outdoor clubs each week. A total of over 25,000 children is expected to be reached.

Child Evangelism Fellowship is a world-wide organization. It has been operating in Ontario for the past 19 years, and is incorporated under the Ontario government.

In addition to its teaching ministry, Child Evangelism produces and distributes large quantities of visualized and laminated materials for use in Sunday schools and other children's meetings.

Hour-Long Bible Clubs Sponsored by Baptists

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Three Months S. S. Work Done at Vacation School

The equivalent of three months' Sunday School lessons was taught during the two-week Daily Vacation Bible School at the United Church, the Rev. Dwight Engle, told about 75 parents and friends at the closing program Friday.

He stressed this was not a summer recreational project but was very valuable requiring a great deal of work by those who have concern for the children.

Knowledge of the Scriptures was important in the program of which the theme was "My Bible and I." The cost is "borne happily" by the stewards, he said.

The children who enrolled began their program with "Good Evening to You" and then each class came to the front of the church to sing and recite.

Joyful Noise

About 25 in the primary class all played instruments in a rhythmic band. Some of the instruments were made by the senior class. This Mr. Engle smiled, was one of the meanings of making a joyful noise unto the Lord.

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50 Intermediates

There were 20 Intermediates telling of the Vacation School. The four-to-six-year olds were delighted to be wearing Indian headresses.

Nassagaweya Mill Rate Drops Down 10 Mills

Residents of Nassagaweya Township will pay a lower mill rate in 1962, but their taxes will probably be about the same as last year.

Township councillors met last week to set the 1962 mill rate, and ended up with a decrease of about 10 mills from the previous year's figures. However, the township was reassessed under the new D.M.A. manual last year and most properties were increased in assessment, hence the lower mill rate and similar tax payments this year.

The 1962 taxes will raise \$133,199.37.

The general administration rate is 3.94 mills, county rate is 4.30 mills, and township rate is 8.86

On top of this, residents in the Acton high school district will pay a 9.19 high school rate, while the Milton area rate is 9.91 mills. Township public school area rate is set at 16.42 mills with S.S. 6 section paying 9.03 mills. Eden Mills ratepayers pay an additional 11.02 mills and Campbellville villagers pay 3.56 mills.

Separate school rates are the same as public schools. Acton fire area takes another 1.21 mills and Milton fire area pays 1.29 mills.

By these figures, a person living in Acton high school area pays a total of 43.92 mills, Milton (Continued on Page Six)

Leaders and Helpers

The responsibility for the school went to the following leaders and helpers: primary, Mrs. Jim Gibson, Mrs. M. Nessett, Miss Donna Sieritt, intermediate, Mrs. W. Little, Mrs. I. Gohn, Mrs. Dvett, Miss Ruth Lamb; senior class, Mrs. E. Smith, Miss Jo-Ann Force, Miss Kay Dennis; other assistants, Richard Ironside, Marilyn Kirkwood, Miss M. Mainprize.

Two young scholars took up a collection, one of them displaying astonishing form by successfully carrying the full collection plate up the aisle on the tips of just two fingers.

Does Booth Pay?

In a brief discussion with board member Mrs. George Fryer, who has been in charge of the booth at the park, members wondered whether the booth paid for itself during the week or whether it should just be open Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. A report will be made.

The motor in the arena which was bought at low cost from Carling's Breweries will be taken to Guelph and checked. It may have to be rewound. Members thought a weak spot might have developed while it sat unused before coming to Acton. "It's very fortunate the motor didn't burn out when it ran all last winter," Mayor John Goy concluded.

Members at the meeting were chairman G. W. McKenzie, Cliff Bradley, Mrs. George Fryer, Nino

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