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NATIVE COSTUME was worn by a group of Ukrainian youths from Oshawa Sunday when they entertained a large crowd at the Ukrainian Youth Camp near Acton. The program concluded a summer outing for Ukrainian youngsters attending camp and marked the 20th anniversary of the Ukrainian Secret Army. Pictured above left to right are Walt Matyczak, Jerry Kowal, Elsie Kuz, Helen Charysz, Walter Kniazuk and Jerry Kuzemchak.

School Board Prods Contractors Complete New Limehouse School

Architects and contractors are being prodded daily as Esquing school board presses for completion of the new Limehouse central school before classes begin September 4.

Tuesday evening at their meeting, members crossed their fingers in hopes the six classroom building will be completed on time. It will be occupied by pupils who formerly attended Gibraltar, Bannockburn and Blue Mountain schools. Materials and equipment have been late in arriving, but the contractor, Q. Los-traco, has assured the board the school will be ready.

Chairman R. J. Cunningham informed his colleagues that steel cabinets had not been shipped and blackboards on one wall cannot be installed until the cabinets are in place. Inspector O. G. McDowell suggested that in the event the cabinets do not arrive in time, it would be advisable to begin classes, utilize the one blackboard and have workmen complete the job after school hours.

Ack New Bus Route

Eight irate ratepayers from the town line were present during the meeting Tuesday to request a change in the proposed bus route. The delegation, headed by Mrs. Norman Douglas, asked the bus route presently slated to run up the first line, be changed to run up the town line.

Mrs. Douglas said 19 pupils are on the town line, while only five children are picked up on the first line. In making the suggestion, Mrs. Douglas told the board she wouldn't like to see the children on the first line not picked up, but asked the route be altered.

Transportation committee members William Lawson and Mac Sprawl produced a map of the route in question and after a review, recommended the route be altered to include picking up the 19 children as well as the five on the first line. Mr. Sprawl explained the bus routes had been drafted last June and it was the opinion of the transportation committee at that time, some changes would have to be made at a later date.

Bob McMaster, manager of the Esquing Bus Company, who received the bus contract, told the board, "You can figure the routes out on paper and everything looks fine but the second day of school, changes have to be made."

The board assured the delegation the transportation committee would iron out any immediate problems this week and bus routes will be published prior to the start of school to inform parents of children attending school.

Another New School

While board members are "sweating it out" in hopes the Limehouse school will be ready in time, they are planning the construction of another new school on the fifth sideroad at the seventh line above Hornby on a section of the Claude Picket farm.

The secretary advised the board the Ontario Municipal Board has not approved the tentative plans for the proposed school to date and no further action could be taken until this was received. To date, the property has been purchased, a well drilled and tentative plans approved for the new building.

Trustee Sprawl said the railway crossing on the fourth line near the Acton Limestone Quarries has become more hazardous for school buses since grading has been completed at the quarry. He suggested advising the C.N.R. a wig-wag system should be installed at this crossing. The secretary was instructed to contact the solicitor for advice on this problem.

While dealing with the safety of children travelling on the school buses, members sent a request to Esquing Township Council to improve the road bank on the west side of the fourth line above the given road at lot 25, where it intersects the fourth line. Members also agreed to petition County Council for stop signs at this area.

The board discussed the possibility of selling one-room schools closed in June and will seek direction from the solicitor before any action is taken.

\$10,000 Goal Almost Reached

Bullinad area residents have answered the plea. The canvass for \$10,000 for a new community hall is almost ended. Committee members are hopeful of reaching the objective this weekend.

Mrs. C. E. Snow, campaign chairman, reported this morning (Thursday) her committee expects last minute donations to surpass the expected \$10,000. The proposed \$21,000 hall is offset by grants and a donation amounting to \$11,000. Residents were asked to raise the \$10,000 balance.

Through the tireless efforts of canvassers, generosity of the public and hours of planning, the goal is nearing the end. Several donations have been received from outsiders as well as local residents.

William Hall contractor for the project is waiting word to order materials and work is expected to begin as soon as possible.

Town Leads County Move To Cut Hospital Grants

County council grants for the construction and equipping of hospitals in Halton County was lowered from \$6,000 to \$4,000 per bed Tuesday. Councillors at the August meeting in Milton approved a revision in the hospital grants by-law by an 18-4 recorded vote.

Just how soon the lowered grant will have any effect on hospital construction or additions is not known. The 792 beds in four present hospitals in Oakville, Burlington, Milton and Georgetown are expected to serve Halton's population until 1969, council's finance committee chairman Reeve C. A. Martin explained.

The revised by-law states no more hospitals or additions will be approved until the ratio of beds reaches less than 5.5 beds per 1,000 of population.

Thorny Problem

Hospital grants have been a thorny problem, hotly debated by councillors and hospital representatives for the past several months. The \$6,000 per bed grants have been in effect several years, and first discussions on lowering this figure began this year after Oakville hospital board officials requested a \$6,000 per bed grant for a new addition.

County councillors wondered if a \$6,000 per bed grant was necessary when the hospital addition comprised mostly extra beds, utilizing the present administration and plant facilities. The town of Acton, the only Halton town without a hospital, decided this was the point to complain about the town's continued support of hospitals the residents would never use. Acton councillors demanded the whole hospital by-law be thrown out.

Tuesday, council's finance, legislation and by-law committees turned in a report to the council, recommending council give a grant not exceeding the total of Federal and Provincial grants (which presently range from \$4,000 to \$6,000 per bed).

Acton, Georgetown, Esquing and Nassagaweya representatives voted this motion down, by a 13-9 recorded vote.

A counter-motion was placed by Acton representatives, asking the present by-law be rescinded in its entirety and a new by-law considered. Deputy Reeve Bill Denny pointed out if this action was approved, county council could size up the financial situation when the next hospital requires a grant. This way, he said, the county could do what it could afford when the time comes, and not promise something it could not finance.

Acton and Nassagaweya voted in favor, Milton, Burlington and Oakville councillors were against, and the reeves of Esquing and Georgetown voted in favor while their own deputy reeves were against. The motion was lost, by a 13-9 vote.

A third motion and a third recorded vote, this time setting the grant at \$4,000 per bed, was approved with only the Acton representatives objecting.

"It is impossible to build a hospital with only a \$4,000 county grant per bed," said Reeve Martin of Milton, after the lowered grant was passed. "You are virtually saying you are going out of the hospital subscription business."

Reeve J. Hargrave of Acton countered that the survey had shown there was no need for new hospital construction for seven years, and suggested if there was to be no construction, the present by-law was useless and should be rescinded. He proposed scrapping the grants by-law until such time as new construction is warranted.

Hold Funeral Service Friday For Popular M.P.P. S. Hall

Stanley Hall, Halton's member of the provincial parliament for 19 years, died in Milton District Hospital on Tuesday morning.

Funeral service will be held in St. Paul's United Church, Milton on Friday at 2 p.m. Participating as honorary pallbearers will be government members, members of Halton County Council, Judge George E. Elliott, former sheriff William Robinson and president of the Halton County Progressive Conservative Association Peter Tulley, Ontario Provincial Police and Milton Police will be providing the escort.

Three Ministers

Rev. Ewart Madden, former minister of Eden United Church, will conduct the funeral service assisted by Rev. J. L. Graham of St. Paul's United Church, Rev. A. W. Downer, former speaker of the provincial house, will also participate in the service.

Pallbearers will be Elmer Waite, Elmer May, Bill Sargent, Cleber McDowell, Les Clarke and Sandy Best.

Mr. Hall had been in poor health for the past year. He was confined to Milton District Hospital two weeks ago following a stroke.

The Halton member of the legislature was well known throughout the county and in many areas beyond. He was prominent at most county activities and took his duties to constituents seriously.

Premier John Robarts said in a statement that Mr. Hall represented Halton zealously to the satisfaction of his constituents and with credit to himself and his party.

Served Well

"Mr. Hall was a man of great common sense, quiet but with a genial and understanding personality which in his many contacts justified the confidence reposed in him far beyond the confines of Halton riding," the Premier said.

"As a tribute to his memory, the flag flies at half mast in front of the Parliament Building where, in the Legislature, his first concern was always for his constituents and their welfare."



—Staff Photo

Mr. & Mrs. G. McPhail Mark 50th Anniversary Saturday

A bride and groom of 50 years ago were married in St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, by Rev. J. E. Tolmie, Aug. 16, 1912.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McPhail held open house on Saturday afternoon and evening.

Pouring tea in the afternoon were Mrs. Goldstraw, Campbellville, Mrs. G. McAlpine, Eden Mills; Mrs. J. Gilbertson, Eden Mills; Mrs. Murray McPhail, Campbellville; in the evening, Mrs. Albert Gray, Rockwood; Mrs. Wm. McLean Sr., Mrs. R. Gordon and Mrs. George Peel, Rockwood.

Granddaughters serving were Mrs. Michael Boulton, Toronto; Miss Margaret McPhail, Milton; Miss Diane McIntosh, Guelph; Mrs. Jim McPhail, Georgetown; Miss Sandra Muir, Falconbridge. Assisting in the kitchen were Mrs. Gilbertson and Mrs. Wallace Tasy.

Approximately 30 guests attended a family dinner held in the Manor, Guelph, on Sunday.

Many Teachers, Pupils Attend Limehouse Gibraltar Reunion

Gibraltar school reunion was well attended on Saturday, when 329 signed the register presided over by Harry R. Brown.

Quite a number of old school pictures were on display where the older folk spent some time reminiscing as well as renewing acquaintances on the grounds.

A number of sports events, arranged by Mrs. Gisby were run off.

Prize Winners

The prize winners include: races, boys under 4, Ronald McDonald and Ronnie Heisler; girls under 4, Debbie Hamilton and Karen Moore; girls 6-8, Ellen Duncan and Donna Moore; boys 6-8, John C. and David McDonald; boys 8-10, Gordon Foster and Joe Rice; girls 10-12, Marlene Heisler and Diane McDonald; boys 10-12, Robbie Roughlev and Harry Brown.

Balloon race, girls, Marlene Heisler and Rosemary McDonald; balloon race, boys, Gary Heisler and David McDonald.

The men enjoyed horseshoe pitching on the north side meantime.

Mrs. Bert Benton, convener, and her assistants provided homemade baking and drinks from a booth on the grounds. Mrs. Roughlev and Mrs. Ted Brown (Continued on Page Three)



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KNUCKLE RAPPING was dispensed with when three former teachers got together during the Gibraltar school reunion Saturday near Limehouse. But no doubt during the years the school was in operation the pointer was used for this purpose. Pictured left to right are former teachers Mrs. A. W. Benton, Mrs. Bert Benton and Miss Fern Small. The school closed its doors in June and pupils will be attending the new Limehouse Central school.

Metro Appoints Dr. Fenn Medical Planning Officer

Dr. Victor W. Fenn, Acton resident for the past two years, has been appointed to the staff of the Toronto Department of Health as Medical Planning Officer. He will be seconded to the Emergency Measures Organization where his duties will be directly connected with the overall planning of the E.M.O. He will begin his duties September 4.

Dr. Fenn is a graduate in public health of the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore and served with the British Government for 23 years in the Burma Health Services. When Burma became an independent republic, he left to join the United Nations as a health program officer with UNICEF, representing that organization for seven years in Pakistan and three years in France.

Active Service

When Burma was occupied by the Japanese armed forces, Dr. Fenn with two of his brothers escaped to the Hukong (Death) Valley and trekked 396 miles on foot through the jungles for 32 days to India, during which trek one of his brothers died from starvation.

On reaching India he was commissioned in the Medical Corps of the 14th British Army and was in active service on the Burma Front during the war, attaining the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Dr. Fenn immigrated with his family to Canada in 1959 and took up residence in Acton in 1960. Although he will be serving in Toronto, he intends to maintain his residence in Glenora sub-division.



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The awards were presented this week in Winnipeg where managing editor David Dills accepted the certificates. The presentation was held during the annual convention of the C.W.N.A.

The Competitors

First and second prizes in the best editorial competitions in class III went to The Times, Port Elgin, Ont. and Ponoka Herald, Ponoka, Alberta. The Free Press tied with The Standard, Elliott Lake and The Kamsack Times, Kamsack, Saskatchewan.

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Over 30 Awards

Since 1939 the Free Press has won more than 30 awards in the competitions open to more than 500 weekly newspapers. Papers are judged in various circulation groupings. The Free Press is in the class with papers of 1000 to 2000 circulation.

Other Halton winners in the Canadian competitions this year were The Canadian Champion, Milton, that won first in the best all round paper, the best editorial page and the best front page in the class for papers with 2000 to 3000 circulation.

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Four Store Block Approved At Planning Board Meeting

Acton Planning Board Wednesday evening approved the construction of a block of four stores in the Glenora subdivision area. Plans for the stores began early last year but were held up when the planning board refused a permit on the grounds the area was zoned residential. Since that time it has been changed to commercial.

Secretary Jack McGeachie informed the board the applicants for the stores had received approval from the Department of Highways and were "breathing down his neck" for a building permit. It is expected that Nana-nee Investments will be issued a building permit amounting to \$25,000.

plant of Dills Printing and Publishing Co. in Acton and David Dills accepted the awards for this paper in Winnipeg.

Another Halton winner was the Oakville Journal, that won first for the best all-round paper, second for the best editorial page and tied for third in the best front page competition. The Journal competed in the class for papers with over 3000 circulation.

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The new buildings will be erected on the property fronting on No 7 Highway to the west of Bill Toth's service station. It is believed construction will get underway immediately.

Acton's zoning by-law, adopted in 1958, is subject to review by the Department of Planning Board members learned during their meeting the departments had offered to review the by-law and make necessary revisions to bring it up to date. It was agreed unanimously to have this done.

Secretary J. McGeachie enquired if members had given any consideration to engaging a new planning consultant and noted the present consultant was acting on a semi-retired basis. He suggested a new consultant should be considered. It was agreed to investigate possibilities of obtaining the services of a different consultant.

Requests Addition

Dr. A. J. Buchanan was present to request permission to erect a 20x15 foot addition on the east of the garage on the property recently purchased at 90 Church St.

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