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Mayor G. V. Barbeau Resigns Will Fill Vacancy From Council

Following mayor George Barbeau's resignation Tuesday night, Acton council discussed procedure to appoint a replacement. A new mayor will be picked from present council members next week.

The mayor explained the position must be filled from present members and not from candidates who contested the position during the municipal election. He also pointed out the vacancy caused on council when an appointment was made, would be filled by the person polling the next highest number of votes in the council contest at the last election. This was Hughie Lowe, a former councillor.

Reeve H. H. Hinton advised council he did not wish to accept the position noting he was presently involved in work initiated at county council level and wished to see these projects completed. He stated on this account he would not be available for the position of mayor as he could contribute as much to the municipality at county council level. He also said he would do everything within his power to assist the person appointed mayor.

Staffs who have been granted permission to attend meetings by their councils, Mr. Gray pointed out there should be at least a chief, deputy-chief and superintendent to form an active service.

Council authorized the clerk and assessor William Erskine to attend the next general meeting of the organization to see what is involved before making any decision.

Auditors' Suggestions
A letter was received from the town auditors suggesting various changes to be made in keeping books for Acton Citizens' Band and recreation committee. Council also instructed the clerk to notify the public school board, hydro commission, library board, planning board, parks board, recreation committee, Acton Citizens' band and Acton pipe band they would have to pay their portion of the costs involved in auditing their books.

Council discussed complaints from ratepayers regarding blasts at the Acton Limestone Quarries, when windows were cracked in their homes and houses shook presumably from the explosion. It was agreed to have the clerk investigate the problem with officials at the quarry.

Burn Mortgage Convass Friday

Tomorrow night (Friday), volunteers start out on a house to house convass to "Burn the Mortgage" on the community centre. During the blitz, every home will be contacted on Friday and the cleanup and call-backs will be made during the weekend.

To promote the convass, the callers are distributing tickets to the N.H.L. Old Timers game with the Acton Tanners on Friday, April 5. On the same program will be an exhibition between the Tanners, Old Timers and the Elora Rock Old Boys.

Famed Names
Coach Syd Smith of the N.H.L. Old Timers, in a letter reports he will have playing with him in the game, Bob Goldham, Ted Sloan, Harry Watson, Herb Cain, John Henderson and Wally Stanowski and others as yet unnamed.

Herb Woods and Ilio Marz had the Tanners Old Boys out for practice over the weekend. 15 old timers showed up and among them were Sunny Townsley, the Marzovs and Jack Kentner. Tickets will only be available during the house-to-house convass this week and will go on sale in general distribution next week. Every ticket sold will go towards eliminating the mortgage.

March of Dimes Appeal Brings \$440 on Monday

About 50 Marching Mothers received \$440 in their annual March of Dimes appeal. Rotary club officials and the volunteers are gratified at the results which about equal last year's.

Dominion Hotel was headquarters, with Rotarians driving the women to the sections of town they were assigned. Committees in charge there were Jim Ledger, Fred Gordon, Ron Lewis and Tom Shields with the help of others.

This is the third year for the campaign which provides funds to aid crippled adults. The Rotary club sponsors the Easter Seal campaign for crippled children also.

There were six teams of willing volunteer marchers headed by Mrs. Bob Bruce, Mrs. Ted Hansen, Mrs. Tom Shields, Mrs. Stuart Reed, Mrs. John Bowman and Mrs. Clarence Rognvaldson. Mrs. Bowman's group included Mrs. G. Vos, Mrs. Y. Looyenga, Mrs. Y. Kamminga, Mrs. Y. Verbeek, Mrs. Tom De Vries, Miss Willy Van Arragon, Miss Geraldine Bowman, and Miss Rea Hulsman.

With Mrs. Ted Hansen were Mrs. Bern Van Fleet, Mrs. David Cleland, Mrs. Wilfred McEachern, Mrs. Linda Paul, Mrs. Jack Pink, Mrs. Brian Moore, Mrs. Ella Morton, Mrs. John Davidson and Mrs. Betty Maye Roszell.

Canvassing with Mrs. Bruce were Mrs. Jerry Jerome, Mrs. Joseph Miller, Mrs. Ronald Lewis, and Mrs. Norman Fryer.

Mrs. Shields captained a team staffed by Mrs. Elmer Smith, Mrs. Bill Pendleton, Mrs. Eleanor Brown and Mrs. Rae West. Marching mothers led by Mrs. S. Reed were Mrs. Gill Malcolm, Mrs. Alan Lauder, Mrs. R. H. Elliott, Mrs. Lorne Youngblut, Mrs. M. Williams and Mrs. S. Williams.

Mrs. Clarence Rognvaldson headed a group of Mrs. James Gibson, Mrs. Paul Nielsen, Mrs. Douglas Copeland, Mrs. Roy Knapp, Mrs. William Struthers and Mrs. Robert Strerritt Jr.

Anticipated cost of operation for both the M. Z. Bennett and Robert Little public schools during 1963 has been estimated at \$186,842.

Thursday evening, March 14, public school trustees approved the budget and instructed secretary-treasurer William Middleton to requisition council for the town's share amounting to \$68,324.

Budget Breakdown
Anticipated government grants of \$118,518 will reduce the total budget from \$186,842 to \$68,324 which is \$3,147 less than the amount asked from council for the 1962 operation of the schools.

Included in the budget figures for 1963 are: Administration including secretary's salary \$4,065; plant operation and caretakers' salaries \$28,112; instruction salaries \$135,000; and other miscellaneous \$11,000; public service and capital expenses \$5,000.

Continued use of the stone school by senior students of the high school sparked a lengthy discussion concluding with a directive that the public school board would notify the high school board in writing at least one year in advance if they required the stone school.

During the March meeting of the high school board, the secretary verbally informed the trustees the public school board would require use of the stone school by September 1964. Following the report, high school board members talked about an eight-room addition plus possibly another gymnasium.

At the Thursday night meeting, chairman Tom Watson stated his board would give ample warning to vacate the stone school when it was found the space would be needed to accommodate additional public school pupils.

G. W. McKenzie, principal of the Robert Little School, enquired if it was McKenzie's intention to provide high school accommodation at the expense of elementary students. Mr. Watson said in his opinion it was right from the viewpoint of local taxpayers as they were carrying a heavy enough load now without the added expense of a new high school addition.

Trustee Vic Bristow sympathized with the principal, and former chairman Bill Benson wondered why the high school didn't use their school auditorium for classrooms if the same was expected of the public school.

Serious Situation
Principal McKenzie said the average pupil ratio per room was presently around .35 and every pupil over this creates that much more work for the teacher. When the pupil per room ratio was compared between the public and high school members learned it was over 30 in the two schools and approximately 20 in

the high school. Chairman Watson predicted a "major blowup" over what he termed the "serious high school situation" in Ontario, when the cost of secondary school education was reviewed.

In the presence of inspector W. McNeil, he stated, "I am getting sick and tired over the attitude of the Department of Education. They are scared skiddy of anyone with a BA."

"The current high school problem is affecting every village, town and city in the province and goes right back to the Department of Education," declared Mr. Watson. In conclusion he stated, "More businessmen with common sense instead of the so-called educational experts in the positions might be the solution."

Nassagaweya board members Horace Birk and Calvin McInnes were present to discuss possibilities of accommodating an additional class of Nassagaweya pupils in the home economics and manual training classes. Nothing definite was decided.

Reduce Expenses
Dr. Martin explained an attempt had been made to reduce overtime payments to employees and therefore a number of daylight meetings had been scheduled. Reeve William Denny of Acton verified the warden's statement and said "It is impossible to get all the regular and committee meetings in either nights or days. We meet both."

Evening Represented
Chairman Emerson welcomed Esquering Reeve George Leslie and Deputy Reeve Wilfrid Leslie to the meeting and conveyed the board's appreciation for their interest. He extended an invitation to join the board at future meetings. The next meeting was scheduled for April 17 at Milton.



MALTON JUNIOR FARMERS held their annual drama festival at the Williams Ave. high school in Milton last night (Wednesday) and Acton Junior Farmers presented the best play, according to adjudicator Mrs. K. McKie of the Western Ontario Drama League. The adjudicator is shown presenting the W. I. Dick trophy for best play to director Leon Duffield, left, while Marilyn Wilson of Norval and Dave Lockie of Milton, who were best actress and actor, look on at right.

Okay H.S. Boundary Changes Ballinafad Residents Object

A revision in district high school boundaries affecting the Acton, Milton and Georgetown areas was approved Tuesday by Halton County Council. The decision will require the approval of the Minister of Education.

The boundary changes, suggested by the Acton District High School Board and endorsed by Georgetown and Milton, was opposed by a petition and delegation of residents from the Ballinafad-Silvercreek area.

Acton Board secretary-treasurer W. Middleton reviewed to county council the early formation of the three districts after dissolution of the North Halton High School District Board.

12 Pupils Left
Mr. Middleton told the council the boundaries, when established, left 12 students in the area south of Limehouse adjacent to Georgetown in the Acton area although they had always attended Georgetown. Similarly 12 pupils in the Ballinafad area were in the Georgetown district though they had normally attended Acton.

An exchange of these two areas was worked out so those from Limehouse would attend Georgetown and those from Ballinafad would attend Acton. This was altered by an arbitrary Georgetown Board ruling in 1961 that required all pupils in the Georgetown area to attend the Georgetown school. This meant the Ballinafad pupils had to attend the Georgetown school.

Acton now has no non-resident students from Georgetown area attending their school and will be faced with payment of non-resident fees to Georgetown far in excess of what they will receive in return as the Milton area. Under the redistribution of the area Milton will transfer 1,200 acres to the Georgetown district, Acton will transfer 2,400 acres to the Georgetown district, and Georgetown will transfer 3,400 acres to the Acton district.

J. E. Snow, spokesman for a delegation from the Ballinafad district, objected to directing pupils from that area to Acton while they were presently attending Georgetown.

Mr. Snow suggested the Georgetown District High School was one of the best in the province and the parents were happy to have their pupils attend there.

Six Charges
Tracing the education of the 15 students affected by the suggested amendment to the district, Mr. Snow noted they began their education at Blue Mountain, were moved to Stewarttown, then to Public school in Acton, then back to Stewarttown as crowded conditions developed. They began high school in Acton, then went to Georgetown, and will now be forced to return to Acton.

He urged the county council to give the matter serious consideration before reaching a conclusion.

Move It West
Roger Vincent representing a group from the Check line west of Georgetown noted the present boundary is seven-eighths of a mile from Georgetown and pupils beyond that would have to go to Acton. He supported moving the boundary further west to take in the students in that area. He suggested it was more convenient and would cost less for transportation if they were permitted to attend Georgetown.

G. G. Brown former secretary-treasurer of the North Halton District then the Georgetown District and now a trustee on the Georgetown District (Continued on Page Three)

Former Funeral Director Here Victor B. Rumley Dies Sunday

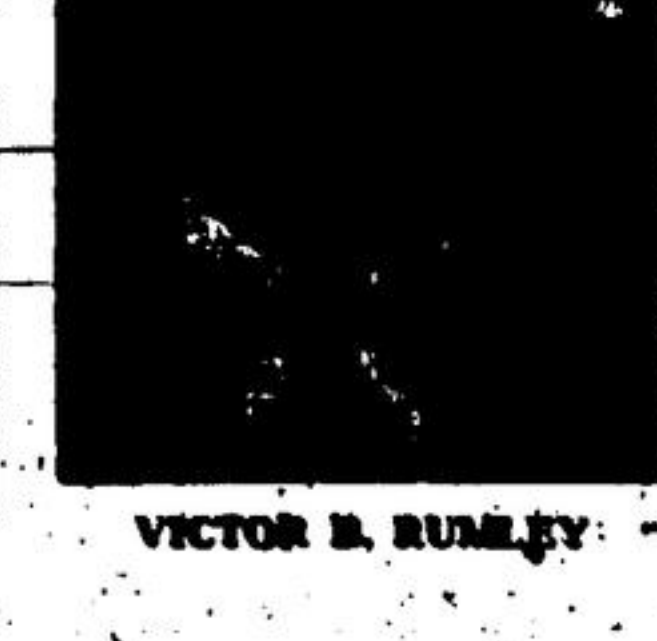
Former Acton funeral director Victor B. Rumley, who was well known throughout the entire district, passed away in Guelph General Hospital on Sunday, March 17. After living many years in Acton at the funeral home on Mill St., he had moved eight years ago to Guelph and lived at 30 Callander Drive there.

Many friends called at the funeral home he once owned to extend sympathy to the family including his wife, the former Alice Mae Johnson of Acton and now of Guelph, daughter Joan (Mrs. Harold) Foster, Guelph, son Robert, Kitchener, a brother Roy from Vancouver, who arrived Tuesday, by two sisters Mrs. I. Masters, Acton, Mrs. Richard Bartz, New York and Mrs. Russell Townsend of New York. Mr. Townsend was also here. Mr. Rumley had seven grandchildren.

Buried at Fairview
Flowers were banked downstairs and during the funeral service on Wednesday, only a few mourners were seated upstairs in the Rumley's former home.

The service was conducted by Rev. Crawford Smith of Guelph and the Rev. Andrew H. McKie of Knox Church, Acton. Interment was in Fairview cemetery, Acton.

26 Years in Business
Mr. Rumley, who was 82, was born at Silverwater, Manitowish, Wis., in 1901, son of Thomas and Mary Rumley. When he first came to Acton he managed an ice cream parlor where Watson's restaurant is now. Then he went in business with the funeral director, William Johnson, and after five years took over the business in 1928 when Mr. Johnson died. He retired in 1954.



Acton Bell Telephone Subscribers To Call Guelph Toll Free By 1964

Bell Telephone customers in the Acton area will enjoy toll-free calling to Guelph sometime during 1964. Rates would be increased to take care of the additional service. This information was revealed at the North Halton Urban Board meeting, Wednesday evening in Georgetown.

Bell Telephone officials C. J. Gaudin, Guelph area manager; H. A. Blatchford, Oakville area manager; and Lloyd Denny, Georgetown area manager, were present to discuss future planning in Halton County for Bell extensions.

As they gathered into their usual Bell local meetings, could long range planning to attract telephone users in their area. Members were present from Acton, Georgetown and Milton.

As the crystal ball cleared, Acton representatives, Reeve H. H. Hinton, Deputy Reeve, William Denny and Councillor Les Dubs, could discuss toll-free calling to Guelph by 1964. Possibilities of toll-free calling to Milton in the distant future and vague possibilities of dialing Brampton without a toll charge were also mentioned.

Milton representatives Mayor S. G. Childs, Reeve C. A. Martin and Councillor Austin Ledwith, could detect possibilities of toll-free calling to Acton with slight hopes of dialing direct tree of charge to Oakville, Burlington, Streetsville, Freeland and Watford in the far distance.

Georgetown representatives Mayor Eric Hyde, Reeve John Elton, Deputy Reeve Bill Hunter and Councillor Jim Emerson, could detect chances of dialing toll-free to a more extended area than telephone subscribers presently enjoy.

The Bell officials told members consideration for extended service was based on a survey of present calls placed to these areas.

Night Meetings
Board Chairman Councillor Jim Emerson of Georgetown objected to County Council holding nearly all daylight meetings. He stated this prevented possible guest councillors from all municipalities stepping up to the position of reeve or deputy-reeve, since they would not be in a position to take time off work during

the day to attend meetings. He enquired if county council had passed a resolution to hold all daylight meetings and said this was an understanding he had been given. County Warden and reeve of Milton, Dr. C. A. Martin, denied any such action and told the chairman such a resolution had never appeared before county council.

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POPULATION 4250

AFTER HIKING over 50 miles from 12:30 a.m. Saturday morning until 8:45 p.m. in the evening, five successful Acton high schoolers pause gratefully beneath the town sign as they enter Acton on No. 7 highway from the east. John Gov. Allan Hall, Garry Muir, Selden Dyck and Keith Ranney began their hike at Richmond Hill. Sandwiches and hot coffee kept up energy for the young hikers. Two others dropped out.