

Load Tests Check Safety Factor Board Calls Tenders for New Roof

Slab load tests taken on six slab beams at the roof of the M. Z. Bennett public school recently indicated the beams were above a normal safe factor but abnormal deflection of the beams was causing damage to the roof topping.

During the public school board meeting Thursday, June 6, members authorized the secretary to instruct their architect to call tenders for a new roof, topping and removal of the present one. It was also agreed to begin legal action against the slab-roofing supplier for costs involved, as well as water damage to the school.

Roof Leaking
Trustees have held several meetings with their architect and the roofing suppliers in an attempt to solve the problem of the leaking roof and after the load tests were taken, they were of the opinion the abnormal deflection of the slab sections was

the cause of the shifting of the roof jutting, which in turn caused the roof to leak during a rainstorm.

Approval was given to teach industrial arts and home economics to Nassagaweya Grades VII and VIII students, the same as in the past year. This will cost the Nassagaweya school board \$2,000, according to the contract.

Positions for Pay
Members endorsed a resolution submitted from the Dundas school board to recommend the Ontario School Act be amended to allow urban school board members an honorarium from their respective councils for the time spent on school board business.

Trustee Roy Goodwin said he was of the opinion the resolution should be endorsed whether board members request the money or not. He cited several instances this year when two of the Acton board members had

spent considerable time from their business attending to school board business.

Members agreed a change in the Act to allow trustees to receive an honorarium did not necessarily mean the Acton board would make a request to council for this money.

Lighting Matches
Principal W. D. Elmer Smith of the M. Z. Bennett school reported three children had been caught on the roof of the school playing with matches recently after a fire had been started in the incinerator. He told the board the parents of the children had been informed and warned police would be notified if the incident occurred again.

Principal G. W. McKenzie of the Robert Little school reported three high school students had been instructed for breaking windows at the school and were each paying the cost of replacement at the rate of \$1 per week.

Underground Cable
The property committee was instructed to finalize plans for the installation of a new underground cable at the Robert Little school. The present cable was damaged at the time underground storage tanks for oil were installed. The committee was instructed to finally remove of 15 tree stumps left after trees were removed.

Prior to the meeting, teacher-management committee chairman Vic Bristow introduced board members to the new teachers on the staffs at both schools. The teacher-management committee was also authorized to arrange for summer classes for any of the new teachers desiring to take a summer course. Accounts totalling \$4,678.11 were approved for payment.

Obsolete Engine Hisses Through

Cars jammed the C.N.R. station parking lot Sunday evening as spectators waited anxiously for an almost extinct steam locomotive to pass through Acton en route to Toronto.

Crowds began to gather shortly before 8 p.m. as people expected the once-familiar locomotive, belching black smoke, to arrive by 8:30 p.m. As more and more cars filled the parking lot and driveway to the station, and many came on foot, out-of-town motorists passing through stared in bewilderment at the line-up. Some stopped and enquired if there had been an accident, then continued after learning the reason for the gathering. Others waited along with Actonians.

A murmur of restlessness began to surge through the mosquito-plagued crowd when the excursion train was overdue about an hour, but at 9:30, the train came whistling through, hissing steam and carrying hundreds of waving steam train enthusiasts in about a dozen passenger cars.

U.C.W. Offer \$25 Scholarship Year's Activities Reviewed

A summary of activities throughout the year was presented by each unit leader at the general meeting of the United Church Women Monday evening in the church.

Projects included sponsoring Bolton choir, catering for the public school board and teachers, catering for a tea, quilt making, travelling baskets, Tupperware party, sponsoring picnic and dinners for the young People's group, Tyro boys and the C.G.I.T., selling of cards, a bakeless bake sale, lunch at an auction sale and others as well.

An annual scholarship of \$25 will be given to any girl in the church who takes church work as her career, to assist with her education.

Delegate to Conference
Mrs. S. Reed, a delegate to the United Church conference held at Waterloo College in May, spoke of the highlights of the conference.

Named to a nominating committee are Miss M. Z. Bennett, Mrs. D. R. Anderson and Mrs. A. Luttler.

All Long and Derek Milnes of the building committee presented to the group the necessity of repairs to the manse and very capably answered questions.

For the flower committee, Mrs. Anthony Ironside reported that bouquets in the church are given afterwards to sick and shut-ins. 13 such bouquets have been delivered this spring.

It was announced Miss Fern Small, who has been helping

Answer Complaints

Every Tree Felled Dangerous, Dead or Diseased, Mayor Says

Complaints about cutting down and trimming of trees in town brought the following reply from Mayor Les Doby at council Tuesday.

"Each year there is much controversy about the occasional tree the town is called upon to remove or trim, and I would like to assure the public that no tree is ever cut down or trimmed unless there is sufficient reason to warrant this action. Many trees are trimmed by the hydro commission for reasons pertinent to their service to the town.

Dutch Elm Disease
We must trim trees ourselves occasionally due to ice storm damage, which has been frequent of late, and also loss due to Dutch Elm Disease. We also have a concern as to our liability, when dead limbs overhang the streets, walks and parking areas.

Replaced More
"However, our property committee has in the last 18 months, replaced many more trees than have been removed in as many years.

"I would just like to assure the ratepayer that every tree we authorize to be felled is either dead and dangerous to public, has lost its shape and use as a shade tree, or we are requested by ratepayers themselves to have them removed due to a nuisance factor to their own property.

Not Against Shade
"Our road committee is not waging war on shade trees, as phone calls have suggested to me, since we removed three grotesque looking, over trimmed trees in front of our new federal building. We had a job to do and this is part of the price we must pay for progress and our demands for service from the town."

Wilbert F. Darby Buried at Ebenezer

Funeral services for Wilbert Franklin Darby of R.R. 2, Rockwood, were conducted by the Rev. R. Haddock of Ebenezer United Church on Tuesday, June 4, at the Rennie-Shockmaker Funeral Home. Pallbearers were nephews and neighbors: Duncan Mollat, Erland Jay, Lloyd Stokes, Arthur Diamond, Lindsay Ferguson and Vincent Swott.

Flowerbearers were four grand children: Neil Darby, Reger Darby, Margaret Darby and Marilyn Darby.

Surviving are his wife, the former Annie King, a son Gordon of R.R. 5, Rockwood, a daughter, Mrs. Marion Master of Guelph and nine grandchildren. Interment was in Ebenezer cemetery.

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SCHOOL'S OUT!

Up to this point in the year children in Acton have been spending a great deal of their time in school, but with summer rolling around again they will be once more on their own about town. This means that drivers should be doubly careful when driving during the summer months. You can always expect the unexpected when exuberant kids let out a hoop and a holler at the end of another school year. They have a way of dashing out from behind parked cars or racing across intersections without warning. By keeping a sharp lookout and a slow speed, we can make sure that they will ALL return to school next fall.

WE'VE FOUND A USE FOR RUST

Would you be surprised to find that rust is a component in the memory core of a computer, the transformer core of a TV receiver or the antenna rod for radio or radar equipment? Well, we would be too, except for the fact that there is, and it serves a useful and important purpose. Iron oxide (rust) from scrap iron in the form of ferrites with excellent magnetic properties, are being produced by our Northern Electric Company. These low cost components can be molded into any desired form and lose none of their efficiency when manufactured. In the telephone industry ferrite materials are applied to electronic switching systems, electronic switchboards and are expected to be the heart of a push button touch tone dial which is being developed. As a matter of fact, few communication systems presently under design or foreseen for the future will be without a high percentage content of ferrite components.

TRULY CANADIAN

A great many people do not have a clear idea of the scope of The Bell Telephone Company of Canada, and I would like to take a few lines and perhaps shed some light on the subject. Contrary to popular conceptions, the Bell does not extend from coast to coast as our name might imply, but serves Ontario, Quebec and a large section of the Northwest Territories and Labrador. As we do serve a very large segment of the Canadian geography, we must have a rather large employee body which now numbers more than 35,000 people. Ninety-three per cent of our total stock is owned by over 150,000 Canadian residents in Canada. In 1962 the Canadian economy was stimulated through the Company spending over \$400,000,000 in Canada in the form of wages, taxes, construction, operating costs and many other categories too numerous to mention in order to bring to our more than 2,600,000 customers, the best possible telephone service at the lowest cost.

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Accept Cash Register Tapes For Retarded Campaign Fund

The Acton Ladies' Auxiliary of North Halton Association for Retarded Children is still hopeful citizens will donate cash register tapes from the I.G.A. and A-B supermarkets to help purchase school supplies.

During a recent meeting of the organization, the ladies made arrangements to have boxes placed in both stores, where tapes could be deposited for the Sunshine School at Hornby. Necessary school articles are still needed to help the children and citizens are being asked to help raise funds for this worthy cause.

During the meeting, it was

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learned that proceeds from the Acton district in the Retarded Children Campaign had fallen short of the expected mark and residents are being reminded

donations can still be sent to raise funds to assist with transportation of the pupils and buy much-needed supplies for the Sunshine School.

—According to records at the North Halton O.P.P. Detachment there have been 34 accidents with nine injured and a total damage estimate amounting to \$10,215 during May.

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