

Seek Complete Details on \$330,500 H.S. Addition The Acton Free Press. Council Hears Board Request Discusses Need for 11 Rooms

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Two Oppose Selling Land Designated as Park Area

Sale of previously designated park land, rezoned to allow sale of the property for private homes, sparked a mild discussion Tuesday evening at council. Councillors Hugh Lowe and Albert Irwin opposed signing an agreement with prospective buyers.

The land, located on Mill St. E. near the high school, was deeded to the town for park land at the time the Leishman survey was made for a housing project. Since that time, Parks Board considered the land of no use for park land. Council received individual offers of purchase from five prospective buyers and agreed to sell the lots on the understanding additional land at the rear of the area was bought from Tony Seynuck to qualify buyers to erect homes. At this time both Mr. Lowe and Mr. Irwin disapproved.

Tuesday evening clerk Jack McGeachie informed members Ontario Hydro had agreed to remove three hydro poles located in the area and the town would rectify a drainage problem. An agreement to be signed with prospective buyers on the basis the work would be completed by August 24 was approved with councillors Irwin and Lowe opposed.

Clerk McGeachie took exception to an article published in the Acton Free Press two weeks ago, quoting a letter submitted by ratepayers in the Mill St. E. area and stating 53 ratepayers had signed the letter published which had been submitted to the Ontario Municipal Board and a copy sent to the council.

The clerk stated no letter to this effect had been received but on June 28, he received a letter signed by 11 residents represent-

ing seven homes objecting mainly to houses being erected opposite their property. The letter stated the 11 residents had been told before purchasing their homes the land was deeded as park land and no homes could be erected there.

Letter Late
Reeve H. H. Hinton informed council the business of selling the lots in question had been transacted before the letter of complaint had been received. Councillor Eric Johnston stated he had received complaints from residents stating the land had been sold and not properly advertised. Mr. Hinton stated the land could not be advertised for sale because lots did not conform in size for building lots. He said the proposed buyers had to purchase additional property from Mr. Seynuck before any agreement to sell was made by the town.

Other Places to Play
Mayor Les Duby explained the land had been turned down by Parks Board for use as parkland and turned over to the town for disposal. Councillor Hamilton Peal said he had been told residents in the area were worrying about a place for their children to play if the land was sold. He told members "It would be different if these children had no place to play, but they are pretty well supplied with areas at the two school properties nearby. They possibly are a lot better off than a lot of children in town."

Mayor Duby was of the opinion since the water and sewer services were already installed in the area, the town should acquire some revenue from the land in assessment and taxes.

Cemetery Extension
Council learned preliminary investigation for the cemetery extension had been completed by the engineers and the welfare committee of council was instructed to obtain prices on surveyors' plans indicating grades etc.

Council also learned the Acton Chamber of Commerce, owners of the benches in front of the former post office, intends to repair broken benches for the use of residents wishing to rest. A letter from the Acton Agricultural Society thanked council for its financial cooperation during past fall fairs and requested consideration for this year in view of the fair's 50th anniversary. The request will receive attention by council.

Part-Time Clerk
The clerk was authorized to obtain part-time office help for a month in the absence of Mrs. Lorna Clark who is returning to England for a month on compassionate leave due to a death in the family. Included with the month's leave will be Mrs. Clark's annual two-week vacation period.

A request from the building committee to obtain prices on an air conditioner for council chambers and police office was met with disapproval by Reeve Hinton and councillor Eric Johnston. Mr. Hinton favored shorter council meetings and fewer air conditioners. Council agreed to investigate prices.

Accounts totalling \$3,738.60 were approved for payment.

New Boiler At Tannery

A 40-hp oil-fired boiler was shifted into position Friday at Beardmore and Co. to complete the final phase of transformation from coal firing to oil.

The large boiler, made in Galt, arrived by truck-boat shortly after noon. It was followed by a huge mobile crane which was used to shift the boiler into position in the engine room.

The new equipment was the third oil-fired boiler and will produce 60,000 pounds of steam pressure per hour for the tannery. The smaller of the other two produces between 12,500 and 15,000 pounds of steam pressure per hour while the second in size is of 25,000 pound per hour capacity.

Before the boiler could be hoisted into place on the solid cement base, a hole was knocked in the engine room wall. Tannery engineer Guy Ross planned the construction of the latest type boiler and supervised the installation.

The library housecleaned shelves at the library and put out a shipment of new books this week.



ACTON FIREFIGHTERS haven't adopted lady firefighters as this picture might indicate. They played host to the Dublin W.I. Thursday evening of last week, gave the ladies a tour of the hall and showed them firefighting equipment as well as a film. Recently firefighters also played host to the Cubs at the fire hall. Left to right are deputy-chief Bill Williams, past president Mrs. Calvin McIntyre, firefighter Dorson Frizzell, secretary Mrs. Norman Douglas and firefighter Harry Otterbein.

\$16,125 Post Office Bid Not Matched By Council

Acton council Tuesday evening turned thumbs down on an opportunity to purchase a \$16,125 bid to purchase the old post office on Mill St.

Council was given the first opportunity to submit a bid for the government property by Crown Assets Disposal Corporation and tendered \$10,000 for the building. This was refused by Crown Assets Corporation and a request to consider a higher bid was submitted to council. Failing this, public tenders were called and the highest bid received was \$16,125.

The town is given the chance to meet the highest bid on government properties within the boundaries but Tuesday council refused a chance to meet the highest bidder. Stipulation ruled council would have to use the building for municipal purposes only.

Build Two Bridges
A new bridge on Church St. West and another on Brock Ave. will be constructed this year as part of the streets and roads committee plans. The Brock St. bridge is expected to cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000 and the Church St. bridge approximately \$13,000. Including engineering fees the two projects are expected to cost \$248,000. Government grants will amount to 90 per cent of the cost.

Costs More
Council learned the previous estimates for piping water from the south spring to Beardmore and Co. amounting to \$7,500 were short of the mark. After investigation, by the Department of Highways, it was learned the cost of crossing the highway with piping would bring the cost into the neighborhood of \$12,000. The clerk was instructed to notify

Beardmore and Co. of the added cost involved before any agreement is signed.

During the report of No. 2 committee it was learned the clerk had been instructed to inform Reeve H. H. Hinton a sidewalk at his property must be replaced within 14 days after he has been notified. During Tuesday's meeting the reeve's request to meet with the committee was granted.

During the enquiries by members councillor Eric Johnston apologized for arriving at the meeting late and explained an irate ratepayer had him down at the dump to observe five different fires burning at one time. He told members the area was being covered with black smoke causing a nuisance to the residents in the area. Mr. Johnston requested the clerk have the fires doused Wednesday.

No Report Yet
Councillor J. Bert Wood would have presented a report from the assessment committee of county council regarding hiring a county assessment commissioner. The reeve explained there had only been exploratory discussions to date but the committee intended to recommend the engaging of an assistant assessor for county assessment.

Members learned their request to the Department of Transport to govern the speed limit of all vehicles on Church Hill Road S. at 20 miles per hour had been turned down. An alternative speed limit had been suggested by the Department at 25 miles per hour. Council agreed a five mile per hour reduction wouldn't serve any useful purpose.

"As far as I'm concerned we

Acton council members napped their brows Tuesday evening after receiving a request from high school board representatives for permission to build a proposed 11-room high school addition at an estimated cost of \$330,500. Government grants are expected to amount to \$180,000 while Acton, Esqueping and Nassagaweya councils will be asked to pick up the tab on the remaining \$150,000. Acton portion will be the greatest.

As mayor Les Duby partially recovered from the blow he informed the board members council is presently burdened with a very high debenture debt. "You are handing us a release," he stated.

Debt Over Limit
Mr. Duby told the delegates per capita debt for the town is presently exceeding the \$200 limit laid down by the Ontario Municipal Board. "We are going to be faced with other expenditures as well as a school addition. This leaves us in a very awkward position," stressed the mayor.

Council postponed any decision on the school addition pending a complete written report from the school board outlining all particulars why an addition is necessary. Councillor J. Bert Wood and clerk-administrator Jack McGeachie were instructed to visit the Department of Education regarding the school problem.

The proposed addition includes a guidance area, science room, six standard classrooms, library, special commercial room and gymnasium. Jack Reid, chairman of the school board, told council the architects' preliminary plan had called for a lunch room which the board had deleted.

Expense Gym
News of the deletion of the lunch area failed to cool off councillors as they sweltered in the overheated council chambers when they learned government grants on the proposed \$104,000 second gymnasium would only amount to \$18,000. Government grants on gymnasiums are based on 73 per cent of the estimated cost of a standard classroom laid down by the Department of Education which amounts to \$25,000.

Mr. Reid, accompanied by building chairman Wallace Swackhamer and finance chairman Chester Anderson, gave council members copies of the architects' preliminary plan for the proposed addition and explained the various areas affected.

The school board chairman explained projected figures for enrollment at the school up to 1967. Highest projected enrollment is 511 in 1963; after that it decreases. Present enrollment is 463 students.

Mr. Reid reviewed that the stone school owned by the public school board was used by the upper grades from the high school as a stop-gap measure and partially solved some of the problems created by excess enrollment. He told council the only method of overcoming high school problems was to have all classrooms under one roof.

Council was told some teachers had resigned this year because of commuting between the stone school and the high school.

Can't Fix Grant
Clerk McGeachie told the board members it was difficult to determine the exact amount the government grant would be as grants are based on yearly debenture debts. He explained council would have to issue debentures on the capital cost of the school and grants would be received according to the yearly payment.

It is impossible to know what percentage the grant would finally be, he said. The Robert Little school addition grant had

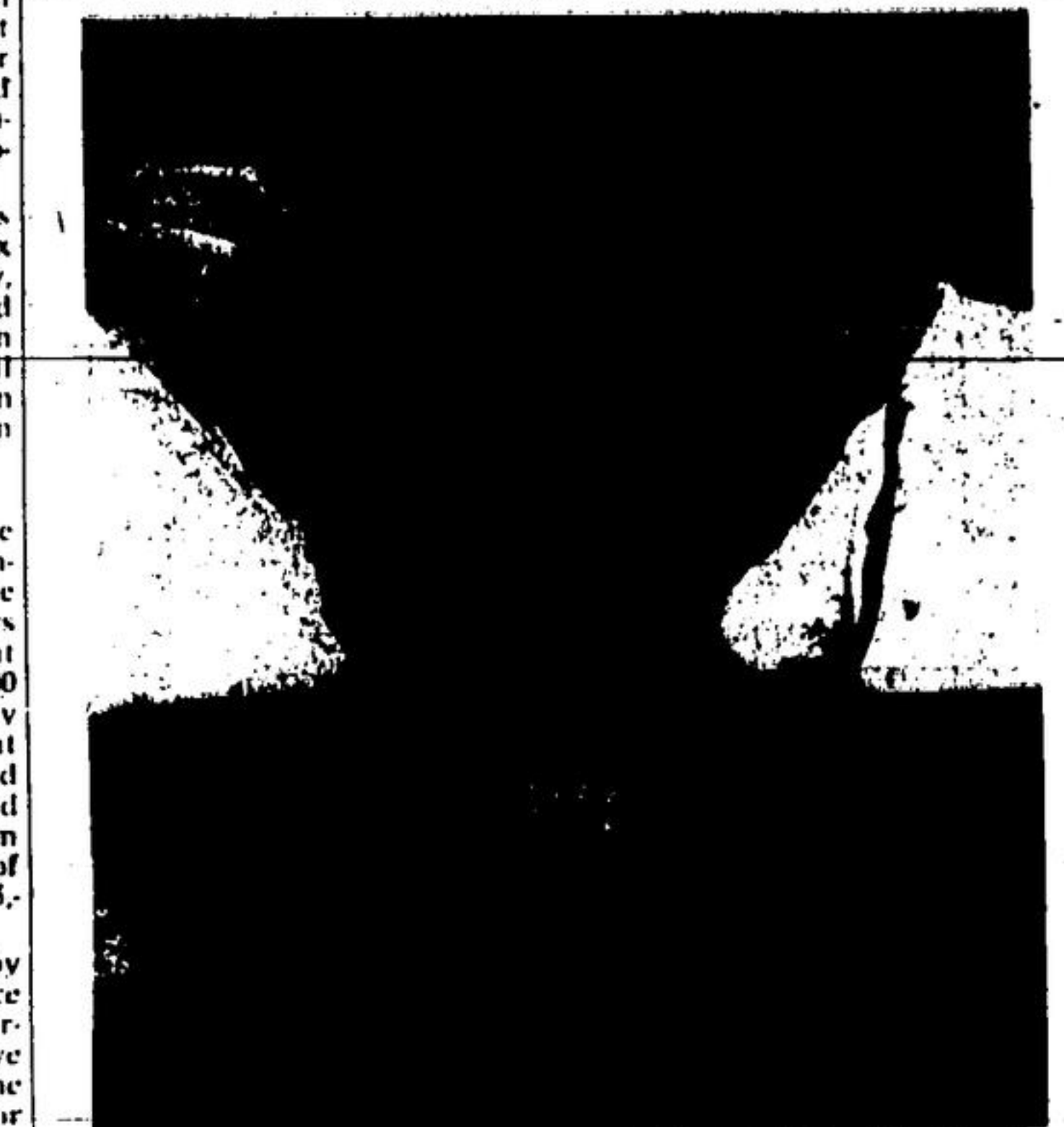
started out at 61 per cent and has dropped to 48 per cent based on the yearly debenture payments.

Mayor Les Duby enquired if the proposed addition would be large enough or too large according to the student population. The mayor wondered if the increase might not be realized immediately in view of the fact, quite a number of pupils from Esqueping, Nassagaweya and Acton public schools had graduated from grade eight this year.

Projected Enrollment
Mr. Reid gave student enrollment figures considered from 1961 and projected to 1967. Enrollment at Acton District high school in 1961 was 365; in 1962, 427 students and in 1963, 463 students. Expected enrollment in 1964 will be 489 students; in 1965, 511 students; 1966, 482 students and 1967, 485 students.

Councillor Hugh Lowe thanked the school board members for their verbal submission, but wondered if it was possible for council to obtain a complete breakdown in writing on full expenditures and reasons why the addition is necessary.

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FARM SAFETY is being stressed this week in Halton County in keeping with National Farm Safety Week. Harold McIntyre, R.R. 3, Acton, watches as Mac Sprowl, chairman of the Halton County council applies a special green and black sticker to a hay baler.

Jumping Course Tricky for 189 Riders As Style Acres Ranch Stages Horse Show

An early morning downpour failed to discourage 189 horsemen and horsewomen as they took their spirited animals over the tricky outdoor obstacle course at Style Acres Ranch, four miles northeast of Acton Saturday afternoon, when Bruno Schizzi, well-known hair stylist, staged his first public horse show.

Shortly after skies cleared and the sun began to shine, the first of 80 horses began to arrive at the farm. Mr. Schizzi himself owns 15 well-bred horses.

Excellent Course
Dave Humphries of Malton, popular Canadian horse show judge, considered the course one of the best he has seen. His opinion was supported several times during the day by well-known horsemen from throughout the province. Those who have competed at the Winter Fair and top shows eyed the outside course with admiration as they hoped their horse would take the challenging jumps with ease.

The course was also very good from the spectators' point of view.

Local riders competing included Donna Ledger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ledger, Acton; Patti McKay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff McKay, Speyside; Karen McNair, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McNair, a neighbor of Mr. Schizzi, and Rosemary Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Campbell, Molfat. They have also participated in Acton and Milton Fall Fairs.

Approximately 300 spectators passed through the elaborate farm gates and watched as the enthusiastic horsemen and horsewomen put their sleek animals through their paces. A late afternoon rain halted the program briefly, but before nightfall all 14 events had been completed.

Although this show was run independently, Mr. Schizzi applied

immediately for registration in the Canadian Horse Show Association and is hopeful of running a similar show this fall. He intends making this an annual affair. He comes from Milton, but now teaches hairdressing techniques in various cities. Special courses have been run at the farm in hair style handdressing with special instructors.

Too Hazardous
Judge Humphries, ringmaster George Ritchie and assistant ringmaster Jim Walker considered

seven of the outside jumps too hazardous in view of the wet and slippery condition of the ground and they were banned from competition. In spite of this, several of the riders took their horses over some of the jumps only to be disqualified when they strayed off course.

The following are the results of the show listing the winners in order for top four places with address and the horse's name: Western pleasure horses — 24 entries — Magnolia Sorel, Joan

Tomson, Georgetown; Susie O. Lawrence, McCloskey, Toronto; King Jimmie, Marvin Rice, St. Thomas; El Bandido, Don Lawrence, Oakville.

Road hacks — 15 entries — Black Ace, Patti McKay, Milton; Happy Time, Sarah Hand, Puslinch; Dandy, Bonnie Bolton, Bayview; Brave Decision, Nicola Kendall, Caledon.

Green Working Hunter — 20 entries — Cleopatra, Allan Clark, Nashville; Harkaway, Rose (Continued on Page Two)



BRUNO SCHIZZI, well-known hair stylist and horseman, staged his first horse show at Style Acres Ranch Saturday. The event attracted 189 competing horsemen and horsewomen in spite of a heavy early-morning rain. Left to right are Mrs. Evelyn Hathaway, Donna Ledger, Karen McNair and Mr. Schizzi.

NEW RECORD for dolphins was set this week. Wilmer Fryer reaches toward the top of a plant seven feet two inches tall. Mr. Fryer also had one earlier in the season which measured one inch taller. He also had 5 stalks in one plant, measuring seven feet tall.

Swimmers Lose Money at Lake

Bathers at Acton park are being warned by police against leaving wallets, purses and other valuables unguarded while swimming in Fairy Lake. Several wallets have been taken and money removed while swimmers are in the water.

Last week one bather lost \$65 from his wallet while in the water. Police have received several complaints of money being taken while the bather is in the water only a short time.

Corporal Ray Mason of the Acton O.P.P. Detachment advises everyone going swimming to leave money at home, locked in the car or guarded by someone not in the water.



PRETTY ADRIENNE NURSE of the Seventh Line of Esqueping, was chosen as Halton County's 1963 Dairy Princess Saturday evening, despite the postponement of the Horby Baseball Club's annual Garden Party. Adrienne, an 18-year-old student at Georgetown District High School, is shown phoning to tell her parents the good news. The Garden Party has been rescheduled for Saturday night and the Dairy Princess will receive her gifts, presents and banner then. The Dairy Princess was chosen at the Ken Ella farm, before a small crowd of about 40. She was one of three contestants.