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Special Section Will be at Fair

A special tabloid-size section with this week's Free Press contains historical information, old pictures, news and congratulatory advertisements for the golden anniversary fair Friday and Saturday, September 20 and 21. A very interesting account of the fairs over the past half-century, 1863-1963, biographies of all the past presidents and secretaries have been written by this year's fair publicity chairman, energetic Mac Sprout.

The merchants are putting their spotlights on "fair week specials" which are being advertised a full week before the fair begins.

A thousand extra copies of the special section have been printed and will be available at the fair.

Jim Peal Helps In Y Program

It's registration week at the YMCA, and although many of the membership cards are valid until October, quite a few signed up so far for another year's activities there.

To lift secretary Sid Saltz' load the Y board has engaged Jim Peal to help with the program in the evenings and weekends. He works days in the lab at Acton Limestone Quarries while Mr. Saltz is in the tannery office.

"Many want to be lead but not many want to lead," said Mr. Saltz ruefully. In particular he's hunting someone to teach ladies' gymnastics.

He already knows of quite a few women who would register. The program starts next Monday on much the same lines as last year.

The building has been repainted during the summer and the Ys Men's club has donated \$400 for sports equipment which will arrive before long. This includes playroom equipment for the large downstairs room.

Acton Industry Boosts Permits

A \$100,000 permit for McNair Products Ltd. for a mushroom plant on Highway 25 south of Acton, boosted Esqueping Township's August building permit total to an impressive \$203,300.

Building Inspector William Halls reports CHIC Radio from Brampton helped swell the total with a \$7,000 permit for a radio equipment building, plus \$30,000 for steel towers. The rest of the permits were for houses and garages.

Three Councils Will Hold Meeting To Consider High School Addition

Before Acton council gives approval for a new high school addition a meeting will be held with council members from Nassagaweya and Esqueping Townships to review school costs. This action was agreed upon Tuesday evening after a report from the school board had been reviewed.

Finance chairman J. Bert Wood outlined the board's most recent proposal for a five-room addition in place of the original 11-room plan presented earlier. The new proposal followed a meeting with board members and council; a lengthy discussion took place then and board members were asked to give a full report in writing and consider an alternative plan in view of the town's debt.

In the new proposal the five-room addition would only take care of student enrolment up to the end of 1964, and is meant to locate students presently attending the stone school at the main school on Acton Boulevard.

Councillor J. Bert Wood and clerk Jack McGeachie visited the Department of Education following the original request.

Verbal Report Later
"It's a pretty sticky wicket," was the only reply made by councillor J. Bert Wood when asked for a report on the visit to the Department. He offered to give

a verbal report at the next committee meeting.
In giving his reasons for doing this, Mr. Wood stated he was afraid to report at a public meeting in case the report was misconstrued. "This is in all fairness to everyone concerned," he concluded.

Budget Report
In giving his budget committee report Mr. Wood remarked "I am afraid this might be misconstrued as well."

He explained both high and public school boards request money for their budget each year as well as other boards and committees in town and it is the intention of No. 2 committee to set out by by-law a standard method of requisitioning of money from council. It was agreed to have the clerk draw up such a by-law whereby all boards and committees will follow the same method for requesting money at budget time.

Pound Foolish?
During a discussion on the proposed school addition, Mr. Wood warned council members "If we are going to be penny wise and pound foolish we may be faced with another addition in two or three years. In all fairness to ourselves and ratepayers we have to consider this."

"We can't keep putting an addition off. If the addition is to

be ready by next term it will have to be started immediately." The school board realizes the town's debt, Mr. Wood went on and doesn't want to burden taxpayers further; therefore they reduced their original request from 11 rooms to the minimum of five but realize another request for a further addition will follow almost immediately.

Council learned that more students are staying in school today because there aren't jobs for

them and they also realize an education is a necessity to obtain a job. In conclusion Mr. Wood said "The committee realizes something must be done but which is most suitable and economical is hard to decide."

Garbage Control Discussion Reveals Coons, Alligators

Pesky coons and domesticated alligators somehow crept into the No. 1 committee report when its chairman, councillor Hamilton Peal, reported on garbage collection Tuesday evening at council.

In giving the committee report the chairman outlined a meeting with George Ram who is under contract with Georgetown for gathering garbage. Mr. Peal reported garbage collection in Acton would possibly cost in the neighborhood of 60 cents per month or \$7.20 per year for each household in the event Mr. Ram was engaged on a similar basis to Georgetown. He also pointed out the present dump site would outlive its usefulness within another two years and stated, back-filling of garbage and a steel fence surrounding the area have been recommended as a source of control. Further investigation is to take place regarding garbage collection.

Mystery Animal
Councillors took time out from their busy agenda to turn their heads to a humorous side of the meeting when councillor J. Bert Wood informed them of dogs

knocking over his garbage cans early in the morning.
"Perhaps it's coons," suggested deputy-reeve William Denny. "They have stripped my corn patch."

Councillor Alec Johnson said an Oakville resident is keeping alligators at his home and wondered if one of the alligators was causing councillor Wood's concern.

No Apartment
A letter from the Ontario Municipal Board informed council the appeal from Giuseppe Gitto against the town's decision against him erecting an apartment house in Glenlea subdivision had been turned down. Earlier Mr. Gitto had applied for a building permit and when application for a change in the zoning by-law was made, this was refused.

During a public hearing objection was raised by several Glenlea residents. On this basis the O.M.B. turned down the appeal.

Deputy-Reeve Denny reported on recent No. 2 committee meetings and outlined a discussion regarding sale of land owned by

the town which had formerly been designated as park land on Mill St. E. He stated three of the applicants had already purchased land from Tony Seynuck in order to have their property conform with the building by-law. Before houses can be erected in the area a change must be made in the zoning by-law from conservation to residential.

His committee recommended a by-law be prepared by the clerk for the zoning change and a refund amounting to \$200 be made to prospective buyers, A. Lucarelli, S. Rocci and E. Mansini on their \$300 deposit.

Mr. Denny explained the \$100 balance would be held as assurance for the proposed buyers to confirm the final purchase of the land.

When the vote to refund the \$200 to each proposed buyer was presented councillors Hamilton Peal and Albert Irwin voted in the negative. Mr. Irwin was of the opinion the entire deposit of \$300 should be returned and if the land was put up for sale again, the people interested could bid again.

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A few water breaks occurred throughout town (these were never definitely determined caused by increased water pressure) and council agreed to cut back on water pressure following a report from Insurance Underwriters who took pressure tests throughout town.

According to Underwriters' recommendations, council set water pressure at a maximum of 50 pounds at the fire-hydrant on the highest level. Monday evening council questioned the reduced pressure and wondered if 50 pounds would be adequate for sprinkler systems in certain industries. It was agreed to have town superintendent Al Duby take periodic tests at vital spots in town to determine if adequate water pressure is available in these areas.

Avoid Winter Breaks
Mayor Les Duby informed council he was of the opinion reduced pressure for the winter months was ideal to prevent major water

breaks; repairs would be hindered by frozen ground.

The clerk also informed council street name signs are already here and town workmen are waiting for standards in order to install the signs. He reported the standards are expected within a couple of weeks.

Dog Report
According to the report received from the dog control officer for the month of August four animals had been either destroyed or a home found for them, fines imposed on four owners and warnings issued to 19 other dog owners for animals running at large.

Mill St. on Friday Night Said No Place for Ladies

A thorough crackdown on Acton police on rowdiness on Acton's main business section was urged by councillor Eric Johnston after he gave a personal account of hearing obscene language and watching a disturbance last Friday evening. Others mentioned similar occurrences on Saturdays.

He was told the police committee had already spoken to Corp. Ray Mason of the Acton O.P.P. Detachment and considerable improvement had taken place in the Friday night episodes.

No Place for Ladies
"There isn't a councillor who would want to walk his wife down the street Friday night with this sort of thing going on," stated Mr. Johnston. "The police should be told again to crack down until this is cleared up. It will take one or two policemen on foot to patrol the area, not

one riding or sitting in a cruiser." It was agreed to have the police committee investigate.

During enquiries by members councillor Bert Wood voiced disapproval of the way the sandbags at the corner of Queen St. E. and Young St. are being damaged.

"We have the most destructive population in Ontario! They have ripped the sandbags and I can't see any reason for this. It is just plain destructive and a disgrace for anyone visiting town to see."

The sandbags have been deliberately cut and the piles of bags knocked over.

Council agreed to investigate.

HALTON ELECTION ROUNDUP

Mullin Charges

"The Tories are concerned about this riding, they know they are running behind," announced Halton Liberal candidate Owen Mullin today, as he noted the parade of Cabinet ministers his opponent P.C. candidate George Kerr has brought into the riding.

He cited Premier John Roberts, and Ministers McCauley, Davis and Yaremko who have visited the riding to support the P.C. candidate.

His campaign manager Bob Blake reports there are about 900 Liberal signs decorating residents' lawns around the county, and the goal is 2,000 by election day. The Liberals had hoped to have leader John Wintermeyer visit Georgetown next Wednesday, but the trip was cancelled due to a heavy schedule.

A campaign clinic for poll workers was held in Oakville last night (Wednesday) with a large attendance. A special team from Toronto headquarters showed films and campaign gimmicks, and Mr. Mullin gave a major campaign speech. Blake described the workers' rally as "the talking point for the final drive in the last two weeks of the campaign."

SIGNS UP
Signs are up on lawns and trees announcing N.D.P. candidate William Gillies. Door-to-door canvassing will begin soon and an information booth will be installed at Acton Fall Fair and Mr. Gillies will be present on the Saturday to greet everyone.

On Tuesday the N.D.P. candidate toured Milton and greeted merchants and businessmen and during the weekend party workers conducted a "work bee" at which time they made lawn signs proclaiming their candidate.

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Registration Up

Principal Smith Reports Desks Filled at School

Attendance at the Robert Little public school is down four pupils from last year while the M. Z. Bennett school registered 21 more than last year. This was learned by the public school board during their meeting Thursday, September 5.

During the principals' reports, G. W. McKenzie of the Robert Little school noted enrolment this year was 521 as opposed to 525 last June. He pointed out that 86 new pupils had started in kindergarten and there had been 90 graduates to high school.

Principal Elmer Smith of the M. Z. Bennett school stated 419 pupils started this term compared with 398 attending last June. He told the board he didn't have an empty desk in any classroom above grade two.

Board members learned both

principal Smith and caretaker Colin McGill had a busy summer refitting desks, tables, shelving and doors. Principal McKenzie commended his staff for interest shown in being on hand at the school a few days before classes began.

Board chairman Tom Watson handed Mr. McKenzie a verbal bouquet for being chosen international president of Ys Men's clubs and on behalf of the board wished him every success. The chairman informed the principal his achievement would not only be a benefit to himself but to the entire town of Acton.

It was learned with regret that caretaker Bob Anderson of the Robert Little school had undergone an operation recently and was home recuperating. It is expected a temporary replacement will be obtained for him.

Roof Repaired

The property committee was pleased to report the M. Z. Bennett school roof had been repaired before pupils returned to school. Committee chairman Louis Bonnette and trustee Roy Goodwin stated the roof problem had been finalized after a rather hectic session including phone calls, architects, suppliers and inspectors in order to avoid legal action.

Before the property committee will be able to relax on the roof problems the Robert Little roof is set to be made watertight. Board members agreed to foot the bill for approximately \$825 of the \$1,200 cost for the roof repair.

Accounts totalling \$18,471.72 were approved for payment.

Charge Minors, Recover Loot Within 15 Hours of Robbery

Within 15 hours after a robbery at the A-B Supermarket on Mill St. was reported Tuesday, police arrested two youths, 14 and 11 years of age and recovered 29 cartons and three packages of cigarettes which had been stolen.

At approximately 7 a.m. Tuesday morning, co-owner of the store Henry Avramov discovered the theft and reported the incident to constable Bruce McArthur of the Acton O.P.P. Detachment who investigated at the scene. The constable found footprints of another a stockinged foot or barefoot youngster on the floor in the butcher shop area of the store. It was believed at this time entry was made by opening a small window and crawling through a seven inch opening between bars on the outside of the window.

The first concrete clue was given police around 5 p.m. Tuesday night after two youngsters with cigarettes were seen behind the poultry barn at the park. The boys were identified by citizens.

Constable Bruce Kressler and constable Bruce McArthur located the two youngsters. Some of the cigarettes were found in the park area and others near the H. K. Porter plant. Police believe the recovered cigarettes consti-

tute most of the stolen goods with the exception of a few cartons. Candy stolen at the same time was not recovered.

In an interview with Mr. Avramov, The Free Press was told approximately \$500 worth of cigarettes and candy had been taken with most of the stolen articles being cigarettes.

The co-owner stated he first noticed a few packages of peanuts and candy on the floor at the store and then saw a few cartons of cigarettes. He called police immediately and the investigation began.

Police praised assisting citizens for their prompt action.

Judge Saturday

Announcement of the Miss Acton Fair contest will be kept secret until Friday night, September 20 when she will be crowned at the Fall Fair evening performance at the arena.

This Saturday afternoon, 30 contestants will parade before judges at the Acton District High School. The number of entries grew from a mere four the first week the contest was announced to 30 by the deadline Wednesday evening. Contestants are to be at the high school at 1 p.m.



BROTHER AND SISTER combination will direct Acton Fall Fair this year. Mrs. Irene Swackhamer (formerly Irene Aitken) is seen with her brother Calvin Aitken, Acton Agricultural Society president as they review the fair program. They are all set for a large turnout of exhibitors and patrons Friday and Saturday, September 20-21.

Reduce Water Pressure Throughout Town Mains

Water pressure throughout the town has been reduced to correspond with a high of 50 pounds at the Main St. S. water tower. This information was given to council Tuesday evening by clerk Jack McGeachie.

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Club Will Pay For Streetlights

A by-law authorizing the installation of street lights along the Guelph Line near Mohawk Raceway, was approved Monday by Nassagaweya Township council. The lights had been requested by the Jockey Club Ltd., operators of the race track, and will cost an estimated \$100.

Under the agreement, the Jockey Club installs lighting at its own expense, and township takes over the maintenance. The lights will stretch from the Highway 401 cloverleaf to the raceway.

Council granted gravel and quarry licences to Lorne Hull and Dominion Tar and Chemical Company.



ACTON CONSERVATIVE Association played a large part in the cavalcade Wednesday evening when they joined with Georgetown, Esqueping, Nassagaweya and Milton Conservatives in the cavalcade to Oakville. Members from Acton Citizens' Band are seen on the back of the truck as they donned clown outfits for the parade.

REMOTE-CONTROLLED equipment was demonstrated Tuesday for the Acton Hydro Commission by Truck Engineering Ltd., Woodstock. Commission members are considering a new piece of aerial equipment to replace the worn-out aerial ladder truck. Lineman Ken Hodgson is seen operating the bucket while salesman Wilfred Collev directs him. The Tel-Elect machinery has a post hole digger, derrick and aerial boom.