

Okay \$280,000 H.S. Addition

"We realize the position we are in as to debenture debt and the effect of even a half or three-quarter mill increase on all taxpayers will mean particularly to those with limited income", emphasized Councillor Bert Wood as he presented the council education committee report on the negotiations with the District High School Board. "We've got as much information as we can possibly get. The High School Board is aware of the town's financial situation. They are not asking for an elaborate building, just the facilities necessary for the increased enrolment of the next few years. They have cooperated with us to the nth degree."

Not Alone

"We are not alone in our educational problem—it is paramount with every municipality in Ontario. In the last 13 years we have replaced or rebuilt every school in Acton with new buildings. This is the reason it is a particular problem with us", Mr. Wood pointed out.

The school, approved at Tuesday's meeting, would have an area of 15,000 square feet. Department of Education estimate cost at \$16 per square foot. Included in the school would be six standard classrooms, one library, one laboratory, storage space and additional washroom accommodation. Architects estimated cost of the addition is \$280,000 including architect's fees.

soil tests and other related construction costs. In July the Board sought approval on an 11-room, 1-gymnasium addition at \$330,000. An alternative plan for a 4-room addition submitted later was estimated at \$125,000. These costs did not include fees and expenses which Mayor Duby suggested would have pushed the cost of the original proposal to over \$400,000.

Start Next April
With council's approval the

board will have the architect prepare detailed plans. The earliest construction could start would be April 1964 to attempt to have the building completed for use in September, 1964. Debentures would be issued and the first payment would be made in 1965.

Councillor Wood suggested the increase of approximately 1/4 of a mill in 1965 would be offset by other debentures which mature in 1965. Therefore the net increase in charges for capital costs would be minimized.

Steel Work Rising At Thermoid Division

In less than a month after ground was broken for the new Thermoid division building at the H. K. Porter (Canada) plant in Acton, steel work is almost completed as workmen finish the

roof decking. The new 11,320-square-foot building will house equipment to manufacture brake linings and clutch facings for the automotive trade. Presently only clutch facings are being manufactured at the Thermoid division in the former wool combing building. When the new building is ready for occupancy, equipment

from the Wool Combing building will be moved in and more equipment added. Personnel will be more than doubled and production will begin as soon as machinery is set up.

The new building measures 80x140 feet and is 16 feet high at the side walls. It will be completely separate from the Division and will have separate services such as heating and plumbing. Tom Shields, general manager for the Acton division of Division and Dick Lee will be in charge of the Thermoid division.

To Grade Cemetery

The tender of Marvin Thompson of R.R. 1, Moffat was accepted for the grading of the cemetery. It is estimated 15,000 cubic yards of earth will be moved in the project to enlarge the cemetery. Topsoil will be removed and the subsoil levelled then the topsoil will be replaced. The area to be levelled is south of Queen Street on the property formerly owned by David Coles of Malton. It is expected this project will be the least expensive to provide additional cemetery land required next year. Eventually access to the cemetery will be provided off Queen Street.

A request by T. Brankiewicz to exchange property on the South side of Elizabeth Drive for a portion of the road allowance on the north side of Elizabeth Drive was received. Mr. Brankiewicz would like the land transfer made to increase the area of his property on the north side of Elizabeth Drive so that the area requirements of the zoning by-law would be met and he would be allowed to build two houses on the land he owns. Transfer of the property would not change the present travelled portion of the road.

The clerk and Mr. C. F. Leathland examined the property in question. At the council meeting the clerk was instructed to have the documents prepared after Mr. Brankiewicz has fulfilled certain conditions.

Nomination meeting this year will be held at the Robert Little School on Thursday, November 21 at 7:30 p.m. Election, if necessary will be held on Tuesday, December 3.

Support Resolution

Council supported a resolution of the Town of Orangeville, petitioning the provincial government, of companies and motor associations to attempt to clean up gas stations and wrecking yards along provincial highways. The resolution points out how detrimental these evildoers are to

the artistic senses and tourist industry.

Increases were granted to D. Swackhamer and M. Johnstone. The fall tree planting program was approved — 32 trees are available for planting anywhere in town.

Deputy Reeve Denny and acting clerk Joe Hurst reported on the County Exhibit at the World Plowing Match. Mr. Hurst is a member of the committee delegated to prepare and operate the display.

The paving and sidewalk in front of the new federal building are completed. Street sign brackets are in the process of manufacture. A drainage problem in front of the Baptist Church was reported. Clerk J. McGeechie will be on holidays next week.

The death of Clerk J. McGeechie's father on Tuesday was reported to council. Members expressed their condolences to Mr. McGeechie and his family. Mr. Hurst acted as clerk for the meeting.

In the enquiries by members portion of the meeting, heated exchange took place between members of council. The mayor ruled the discussion out of order.

Power Failure

Power failure this morning (Thursday) around 10:20 a.m. was caused by high tension wire burning through on a pole at Frank Toth Motors causing a break in power coming from Geolph. Acton hydro switched over to allow power to be fed from Toronto until repairs were made by Ontario Hydro.

Acton Progressive Conservative Association is planning a "thank you" dance in the Legion next Thursday. Successful candidate George Kerr and his wife will be there.

The Sea Rangers, now six in number, met on Monday. They are planning to collect used toys as a Christmas project.



MEMBER THE SAFETY FLAG began flying from the flagpoles at the Robert Little and M. Z. Bennett schools Monday. Members of the Acton Safety Council spurred the program which has been sponsored by the Acton Lions Club. Two young girls at the M. Z. Bennett school observe the flag as Mayor Les Duby and constable Ron Rupart of the Acton O.P.P. Detachment are about to hoist it. Left is Frances Marie Gorjup and on the right is Marie Patsky.

Recreation Program

High School Board Policy Changes Gymnasium will be Open to Public

Acton district high school trustees Monday evening lifted the ban on use of the school gymnasium by others than school personnel and granted the gym to the recreation committee two nights a week for physical fitness classes.

Board policy prior to the meeting prohibited use of school building by anyone but school personnel. A delegation consisting of recreation director Jim Casburn and Jack Bullock, representing the recreation committee, told the board it was hoped a senior physical fitness program could be started if a sufficient number registered.

Mr. Casburn outlined the program consisting of badminton, volleyball, basketball and other sports and said he would like to begin early in November and continue for a period of 18 weeks. He told the board the program would be properly supervised both Wednesday and Thursday nights.

18-Week Program
The recreation director stated the recreation committee would assume full responsibility for the building when it was in use by them and agreed to work out a suitable arrangement regarding caretaking problems. He explained there would have to be a minimum of 40 interested people to begin with.

Trustee Chester Anderson wondered what would happen in the event a school program occurred on one of the nights and board members agreed an arrangement with the recreation committee could be made. Principal E. A. Hansen gave his approval to the program and said the gymnasium is free on the two nights requested.

Board member Duncan Moffat expressed his approval of any program at the school involving education. The program is to be financed strictly through fees collected.

At Anglican Church

Choir Member 48 Years Mrs. Sam Snow Honored

A member of the parish of St. Alban the Martyr for a full half century and a member of the choir for the past 48 years, Mrs. Sam Snow was presented with a beautifully engraved silver tray Sunday morning during the service as she retired from the choir which she described as "a joy to me all through the years."

The Rev. Donald West called Mrs. Snow to the front of the church and Mayor Les Duby on behalf of the choir, made the

presentation. Enscribed on the tray is "Fifty Years of Faithful Service" and the accompanying card reads "We the members of the choir wish to express our appreciation for the inspiration, help and friendship you have conveyed to us over the many years we have shared in choral worship together. Your record as a choir member is outstanding and most deserving of this recognition." The card was signed by organist Mrs. Frank Oakes, choir president, Mrs. R. J. Anderson, treasurer Miss Patricia Moves and the 18 other members of the choir.

Came from England
Mrs. Snow was born at Stow-on-the-Wold, England, and came as a girl to Canada with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Augustus E. Clifford. She was confirmed at St. Alban's.

At that time there were only men and boys in the choir but

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Queries Method of Payment For High School Equipment

Finance chairman Chester Anderson queried payment of accounts before approval was given during the high school board meeting Monday evening and suggested a method of control be adopted to prevent purchase of equipment and supplies until approval had been given.

This action was sparked during the presentation of the monthly accounts when the finance chairman noted several costly items listed. He suggested the board should have some control over expenditures other than approving accounts after payment had been made.

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Trustee Duncan Moffat agreed with the finance chairman and stated approval should be given before equipment was purchased.

Principal E. A. Hansen told the board he was employed in a supervisory capacity and wondered if he was expected to take time out from his regular duties and make out requisitions for everything needed at the school. Mr. Anderson suggested a list of supplies could be made out and submitted by the principal once a month for approval.

Mr. Anderson was asked to work out some method with the principal for ordering supplies in order to have the board's approval.

Extra Bus Trip
The finance chairman also wondered why transportation costs seemed to have risen and was told there had been several extra bus trips for educational purposes. Transportation committee chairman Moffat enquired if the students paid their way on the bus when they went on special out-of-town trips and when told they pay a portion was of the opinion if the trips were for educational purposes the board should pay the entire cost.

Mr. Anderson thought the money collected for the trips should be turned over to the secretary and applied to transportation costs.



STRUCTURAL STEEL WORK is almost completed at the new steel siding and house equipment to manufacture brake linings Thermoid division plant of H. K. Porter (Canada) and only the roof structure remains to be installed. Dawson Structures Ltd., facings are being produced in a portion of the former Wool is the general contractor for the 80x140 foot, one-storey building. When completed the all-steel building will have colored when it is completed.

Three Accidents In Dozen Hours

Two accidents in which three persons were injured, and a third crash blamed on a fire blowout were included in the district's accident reports for the past week.

All three occurred Sunday with in a 12-hour period. At 10:27 a.m. Sunday morning on the Nelson Esquering Town Lane just south of 22 Sideroad two were hurt when cars driven by Gordon J. Thompson of R.R. 1, Acton and Leona A. Major of Highland Park, Michigan collided. Mr. Thompson's wife Wendy suffered a bruised left arm and shoulder, while the driver of the U.S. car received a bruised chest. The property damage totalled \$50.

Earlier the same morning at 2:20 a.m. Mrs. J. R. Wheeler of Georgetown required treatment at a Geolph hospital for facial cuts and bruises received in a one-car accident on Highway 7 just four-tenths of a mile west of the Fifth Line. Her husband was the driver of the car, which received \$400 damage.

Exactly 12 hours later, at 2:20 p.m. North Halton O.P.P. were called out to the third Acton district accident. This time a fire blew out on a car driven by James R. Quinn of Acton, the car went out of control and entered the ditch, skidded 190 feet and hit a culvert. Damage was \$300, and no injuries were reported.



SILVER TRAY for fifty years of service at St. Alban's church was presented Sunday morning by the Rev. Donald West (left) and Mayor Les Duby (right) to Mrs. Sam Snow. She has been a member of the congregation 50 years and sang in the choir for 48 years. She played the organ to fill in when she was needed.

Seven Surprise Fire Drills Three Potential Lives Lost

Potentially, three lives were lost Wednesday when Acton firefighters held surprise drills at seven schools during Fire Prevention Week. At one district school a teacher failed to leave the building and at a local school two pupils just stood in the hall as the buzzer alarm sounded.

Fire Chief Mack Holmes, firefighters Phil McCreast, Bill Knight and John Krapak visited Spevick, Brookville, Osprey and Greenock rural schools in the morning and Acton district high school and the Robert Little and M. Z. Bennett public schools in the afternoon.

Timed the Schools

Pupils were unaware the fire fighters were making the visit, and as the alarm buzzer sounded in each place children fled out of the classrooms in orderly fashion and waited for the all-clear signal. The sound of firefighters extinguishing a fire was heard at each doorway and timed the pupils as they vacated the buildings.

Students Pupils Advised on Fire Safety

At both the Robert Little and M. Z. Bennett schools a gasoline fire was started in a container and firefighter Bill Knight explained the proper use of fire extinguisher to the pupils. Pupils were told not to use water in the event of a gas fire and were shown how the fire signal when water was put on it. Firefighter Phil McCreast then demonstrated the proper way building checking on fire hazards and inspecting extinguishers and when he extinguished the blaze with soda acid. Tonight (Thursday) firefighters will hold open house for Bay grade five pupils and at some schools.