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Children Ready for Hallowe'en So Are Town, District Police

Hallowe'en tonight . . . and people are getting prepared in different ways today.

Children will gulp their supper and get into their costumes and wierd masks as hastily as they can.

Parents will be setting out supplies of candies, gum and apples, and with experience of past years, they'll be searching purses and pockets to have all the pennies available ready for the children canvassing for UNICEF.

On Duty

Police are ready, too. North Halton police and town officers will be on duty and alert. All schools in town and the district will have guards.

Again a service project of the Y's Men's club will be the party at the Y.M.C.A. for the youngsters who collected for UNICEF — United Nations Children's Fund. Boxes will be given out at the two public schools.

Children east of the C.N.R. track will bring their boxes of returns to Bill Toth's Shell Service station. There will be transportation from there to the Y for those who wish. A crossing guard will be on duty at the highway. The collections must be in by eight o'clock.

The children west of the tracks will take their boxes directly to the Y.

There will be a cartoon show and judging with prizes for costumes afterwards. The program will likely be over by nine o'clock and transportation will be available to take anyone home.

Earl Masales is in charge of the project. The depot in Glenlea is an innovation this year.

A few keen clowns started practising their soap artistry as far back as Monday night. Car and store windows bore advance notice.

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Y'S MEN'S CLUB MEMBERS from Jerusalem sent newly-elected international president G. W. McKenzie "Chronicles News of the Past" as a gift acknowledging his recent appointment. The book arrived last week and some pupils found it so interesting they gave up their recess period to look it over. Nancy Morris and Elizabeth Hurst are seen reading the book at the school. The Chronicles is the story of the Bible, from Abraham (1726 B.C.) through Nehemiah (444 B.C.), authoritatively written in the style of a contemporary daily with photos, cartoons, interviews and ads.

Pave Way for 10-Room H.S. Addition At Special Council Meeting Tuesday

Acton council Tuesday evening during a special meeting gave two readings to a by-law authorizing the borrowing of $280,000 for the construction, erection and equipment of a new 10-room addition at Acton district high school.

The by-law will be submitted to the Ontario Municipal Board for approval before a final reading will be given.

Meanwhile high school board members will instruct their architect to finalize tentative plans for the addition which will include classrooms, one laboratory, one library, a guidance room and gymnasium-storage area.

The cost of the proposed building will be debentured over a 20-year period at the rate of six per cent and shared by Acton, Esquesing and Nassagaweya Townships.

The by-law which was presented for the first time last week was reviewed by No. 1 committee of council and the time for debentures increased from 10 to 20 years and interest rate altered to 6 per cent from 5.

Approval was also given to call tenders for the installation of a water line and necessary equipment to supply Beardmore and Co. with water from the south spring. This action was postponed last week when several members of council were of the opinion an agreement should be signed with company officials first.

Tuesday evening clerk-administrator Jack McGeachie informed members he had written the company a letter outlining council's wishes and had received a copy of the agreement by return mail. He said the agreement was not signed as the cost of the project would not be known until tenders were received.

Installation of the services will be under the supervision of the town engineers, R. V. Anderson and associate, according to specifications.

Mr. McGeachie stated the company also agreed to have the 140,000 gallon underground reservoir at the Main St. water tower tied into the town lines by a valving system which could be used in the event of a major fire. He also informed council there was a standing agreement signed with the company in 1924 which gives the town the use of every gallon of water owned by the company in the event of a major fire.

Mayor Les Duby told council the company also had a chlorinator at the plant exclusively for the purpose of chlorinating any water used by the town before it entered the town mains. The mayor emphasized the importance of using water from the reservoir storage only for fighting a fire and not in the event of a break in the lines.

Tenders are expected to be called next week with replies to be in by Friday, November 15.

Members agreed to join the Ontario Cemeteries Association at a cost of $5 per year in order to obtain information regarding the use and operation of cemetery land. Council is presently developing approximately four acres of land adjoining Fairview cemetery which will be used for cemetery purposes. The clerk told council the $5 fee is based on having 100 or less interments a year.

It was also agreed to request an interim grant from the Department of Highways based on the $12,613.30 expenditure from January to September for road construction and improvements in town.

Mr. McGeachie told council he had received a letter not bearing a signature but merely a nom de plume objecting to a resident making alterations and repairs without first receiving a building permit. He said he visited the house in question and couldn't see any signs of exterior renovations.

Late Lumber Delivery Setback to New Plant

Production of mushrooms at the McNair mushroom plant south of Acton has received a setback of at least three weeks due to late delivery of lumber.

The plant, which is being erected on the former Flynn farm, was expected to be ready for production the first part of November but manager John Anderson reports this week lumber shipments have been slow and interior work on the mushroom beds almost halted.

Exterior cement block work has been finished and the steel roof is expected to be erected this week.

Work on a new home for the manager is progressing favorably and Mr. Anderson and family hope to move as soon as the house is completed.

R. A. McNair, owner of the mushroom plant, had expected production to begin early in November. He owns another plant in Burlington as well as a country home north of Acton.

Blood Clinic

In case you have forgotten, blood can still be donated at the clinic at the Legion auditorium tonight (Thursday). Donors are still being accepted and can give a pint of much-needed blood by visiting the Legion.

Commission Members Deadlocked On Purchase of Aerial Device

Acton hydro linemen will have to don spurs or use the obsolete ladder truck for awhile yet. Thursday evening, October 24, commission members again failed to reach a decision on a new piece of aerial equipment.

The ladder crew (members agreeable to buying a truck with mounted ladder) matched arguments with the bucket brigade (those favoring a more expensive bucket) and after nearly two hours of talk, two resolutions were defeated before the meeting was adjourned with no decision reached.

Motions Defeated

Commissioners Ray Arbic and Gordon Beatty sponsored a resolution opposing the purchase of an "articulated aerial device" (a type which elbows) at estimated costs ranging from $6,000 to $20,000 and recommended the commission pursue the purchase of an alternative device. This motion was defeated in a recorded vote with mayor Les Duby chairman L. G. Tyler and commissioner Gord McCutcheon opposing.

A counter resolution sparked by the mayor called for the commission to purchase a moderately priced aerial bucket.

Commissioner Gordon McCutcheon who had voted against the purchase of a ladder said he could not honestly second the mayor's motion and was asked by chairman Tyler to take the chair, while he (the chairman) seconded the resolution. The motion was lost in a three to two count as the first one had been.

Not Perfectly Safe

Mr. Arbic started the discussion when he stated he had read a safety brochure and found out the bucket is not altogether foolproof as far as safety is concerned.

Mr. Beatty said he was of the firm opinion the commission would be foolish to spend anywhere from $12,000 to $29,000 for bucket-type equipment when the only reason presented by the hydro superintendent had been 'safety.' Ontario Hydro is fully conscious of the safety factor yet it purchases both bucket and ladder type equipment. Mr. Beatty claimed the commission should not consider the articulated elbowing type but acknowledged some type of equipment to get a man in the air was necessary such as a ladder.

Other Uses

Mr. Arbic was of the opinion the equipment purchased should do more than get a man in the air. "It must do work," he emphasized, as he suggested lifting, tamping, pulling poles and other uses. "If we spent anywhere from $5,000 to $15,000 more than the price of ladder equipment on something which didn't work then it's a waste of money," he stated.

The commission should consider one of three things, Mr. Arbic continued (1) Look for something adequate to replace the present obsolete ladder. (2) Look further for a piece of equipment with a design to the satisfaction of the commission. (3) Without reason other than the commission wants it, to go ahead and buy a piece of working equipment.

Mr. Arbic said if members had a sound recommendation from the superintendent they would have no alternative but to give it serious consideration. "So far, I'm still on the fence," he concluded.

Not Most Expensive

Mr. McCutcheon said, "If we can justify a ladder, we can go a step further and get a more modern piece of equipment. In the interest of better working conditions for the employees I think a boom should be considered." He didn't think the most expensive type of equipment which was equipped for doing every job including digging, tamping, lifting and many other features, should be considered.

Mayor Duby wondered if the commission was considering the safety of the hydro employees enough and said "There is no other type of town work where safety is more pertinent." He told the other members there wasn't a great deal of difference between the cost of an aerial ladder and a bucket and was of the opinion the bucket would be a greater asset in the event of icy weather. He favored buying a reasonably priced aerial bucket.

When queried by Mr. Beatty on what he considered reasonable, the mayor stated between $10,000 and $13,000.

Chairman Tyler noted the commission had purchased very little equipment the past few years and said "I would like to see us buy the $20,000 or $30,000 piece of equipment but we haven't the work for this type of equipment to do right now. We have to buy something to replace the obsolete equipment we have. We can't put a price on safety so rather than buy a ladder I will go for a moderate priced bucket."

The mayor stated a bucket type piece of equipment could be a great asset to the town if someone had to be rescued from a third floor in the event of a major fire or any such emergency. Commissioner Beatty wondered if the town was so interested in the equipment, would council take a financial interest in the equipment?

Mr. Duby said the town is not in the market for a piece of new equipment.

Superintendent's View

Hydro superintendent Doug Mason emphasized his desire for a bucket rather than a ladder and repeated it is possible to use the bucket equipment in places a ladder will not reach. He pointed out the ladder would reach the required heights but the workmen had to climb through the wires in order to do many jobs. The bucket can be dropped over wires.

Mr. Beatty conceded there is no comparison in being able to work better from a bucket rather than a ladder but wondered if anyone could justify spending a possible $6,000 for a ladder or

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HYDRO LINEMAN Ken Hodgson got a real lift out of an aerial bucket Monday when it was brought to town for demonstration purposes. He is shown installing high tension wires on Willow St. The unit is manufactured by Smith Brothers Motor Bodies, Toronto, and is called a Pitman corner-mounted derrick with hydraulic telescoping boom. The truck was enroute to Newmarket and was brought here for Hydro Commissioners to see. Commission members have been discussing buying a new piece of equipment since last February.

Charges, Accidents On the Police Blotter

Three Guelph youths Friday evening were charged with causing a disturbance on Main St. Constable Ron Rupert of the Acton O.P.P. Detachment reported the three youths were fighting and one was charged with drinking while under age.

Later in the evening the constable charged an Acton man for having an open case of beer in the trunk of his vehicle. He also investigated damage to the C.N.R. signal system and found over a dozen lenses smashed.

The same evening Constable Rupert investigated a broken windshield in a car owned by Jack Hargrave. The car was parked in the driveway at the owner's home at the time of the incident.

Sunday morning Corporal Ray Mason investigated a minor accident at the corner of Mill and Wilbur Streets involving cars driven by Mrs. Marlene Fisher and Mrs. Shirley Armstrong. Damage to the Armstrong vehicle was estimated around $75.

Sunday afternoon Constable Ron Rupert investigated a rear end collision involving two Toronto motorists. Police reported a car driven by James Robert Lovell, Toronto, was proceeding west on Mill St. and was about to make a left turn onto Elgin St., when it was struck from the rear by a car driven by Anne St. Aubin, Toronto. Damage to the Lovell vehicle was estimated at $50 and $25 to the St. Aubin vehicle.

Still Drought No More Fires

Just a few drops of rain have tantalized farmers watching for rain. They dampened the ground slightly Monday night. There are still no reports of severe hardships as a result of the weather in the immediate area although a few miles south some farmers are still buying water by the truck load for cattle.

While the fire danger remains high there have been no fire calls since last Thursday's account of several.

Jean Hart Valedictorian For Commencement Friday

Scholarships, awards and certificates will be presented Friday evening as high school students receive congratulations and praise from their principal and staff members at the annual commencement exercises. Guest speaker for the evening will be Professor Ralph Dent, associate professor of psychology, Federated Colleges, Guelph.

Miss Jean Hart, first year arts student at York University, Toronto, will give the valedictory address for the school. She will receive the valedictorian medal from Brian Woodland, on behalf of the student council.

Principal E. A. Hansen will welcome the parents and guests and appreciation on behalf of the school will be expressed by Randy Daly, president of the student council.

Scholarships

Highlighting the presentations will be the school board proficiency scholarships amounting to $800. Receiving scholarships will be Grade 9 Nancy Warners $20 second Joan Cook $10; Grade 10 first Margaret MacKenzie $50 second Ruth Lamb $15; Grade 11 Carl Weir $50, Mary Moffat $25; Grade 12, Joan Cook $100, Gary Masales $50; Grade 13, Karl Gathof $200, Jean Hart $100 and University entrance award of $200 to Jean Hart.

Other awards to be given out will include the Ledger's I.G.A. scholarship for grade 10 Home Economics to be presented to Vicki Newton. Acton District high school prizes will be presented by teacher William Coats to grade nine students Gavle Withers and Bruce Casburn and grade 10 students Vicki Newton and Stephen Coles.

The McIntosh commercial scholarships will be presented by teacher William Soules to Linda Brenda from grade 10 and Gary Masales of grade 12. The Underwood trophy presented by Pat Sullivan will be received by Jennifer Bagby.

Field Day Awards

Field day awards presented by Miss I. Meadmore and R. McCallum will be received by ban[illegible] champion Mary Gris[illegible] and boys Rick Whyte, junior Ken Chisholm and Bill Rog[illegible] intermediate Anne Vale and [illegible] senior Bonnie McDougall and Keith Ranney.

The Lakeside I.O.D.E. scholarship will be presented by Mrs. [illegible] to Joan Cook, Mary Beth [illegible] and Karl Gathof [illegible] Mrs. W. [illegible] president of Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E.

The Acton Mason Rotary scholarship will be presented by Rotary secretary William Pendle [illegible] Bonnie McDougall. F. G. Tyler will present the L. G. Tyler scholarship to Bonnie McDougall and the Royal Canadian Legion scholarship will be presented to Fred Dawkins by Branch 197 president R. M. Storey.

Miss Mamie Mainprize, regent of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E., will present a scholarship to Jean Hart and the Force Electric Products Ltd. awards will be presented by H. R. Force to Jean Hart and JoAnn Force, and the Acton Free Press award for grade 13 English composition will be given to Jean Hart by principal E. A. Hansen. Mr. Force will also present grade 9 Home Economics awards to Lorna Macpherson and Anne Tryer.

Plant manager J. H. Reid will present the Micro Plastics Division award to Fred Dawkins and general manager W. J. Beatty of Beardmore and Co. will present an award to Fred Dawkins for grade 13 chemistry and Gary Masales for grade 12 chemistry. The H. K. Porter Co. (Canada) Ltd. award will be presented by Mr. Pendleton to Fred Dawkins.

Never late never absent certificates awarded by Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. will be handed out by Mrs. Sproston and Mrs. George Somerville. Intermediate certificates will be received by students from Miss Jean Barber and Mrs. Grace Rogers. Secondary schools graduation diplomas will be handed out by assistant principal Michael Bevan and secondary school honorary diplomas presented by principal E. A. Hansen.

There will be a reception for grade 12 and 13 graduates, teachers and parents after. A dance will be held for all grade 12 and 13 students and teachers after the reception.

Banquet Permit for Bonspiels Sought by Acton Curling Club

[illegible] Curling Club [illegible] Tom Watson [illegible] the Acton Re[illegible] Thursday to [illegible] members could [illegible] from the [illegible] Bonspiels [illegible] Ontario [illegible] bonspiels [illegible] centre.

[illegible] delegation [illegible] the club [illegible] other clubs [illegible] that there was no [illegible] Acton Club to rec[illegible] the usual [illegible] direction [illegible] Recreation Commission [illegible] the reason [illegible] a permit and stated if [illegible] was granted it would not be abused.

As to how often the curlers would require a permit Mr. Watson replied not more than three times a year.

Many Problems

The request precipitated a lively discussion among commissioners members some of whom felt [illegible] council was the body re[illegible] of this type should be referred to. Others felt it was the recreation commission's function since council had given them the [illegible] of running the community centre.

Chairman Tyler then said he had a commission about the many problems [illegible] which was how the board could refuse similar requests from other organizations. He answered the question himself by saying the commission but between [illegible] of the request [illegible] the type of program being run in the community centre.

To be Inspected

The consensus of members was that the [illegible] would be [illegible] if the community centre in its present state was acceptable for a banquet permit. Posed by the chairman each member of the commission was asked if "you are in favor of having the community centre inspected for banquet permit privilege?" By a vote of 4-1 the commission decided it was.

A motion was tabled and passed sponsored by Dr. F. Oakes and seconded by C. Cook that

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HALTON CONSERVATIVES held their annual dinner meeting and dance at Oakville Friday and returned Gord Beatty of Acton to the president's chair for his second term. The executive includes Mrs. Bea Clark, lady vice-president, and Mr. Beatty, front treasurer Bill Hourigan of Burlington, secretary Bud Nichols of Milton, and first vice-president John Depew of Oakville. About 200 attended.