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Work in Rain H.S. Addition

Construction of the eight-room high school addition began Monday morning following approval of the 25 percent grant amounting to \$30,000 by the Municipal Works Department. Last week work had been abruptly stopped until this approval had been received.

A week ago J. B. Mackenzie and Sons, contractor for the project, moved in equipment and dug the foundation. At this point it was realized final approval for the grant had not been received and work was stopped.

In spite of a steady rain, workmen are continuing with the job in hopes of meeting the September deadline.

22 Join Knox Sunday Morning

Sunday morning 22 joined Knox church, by profession of faith and transfer of certificates. On behalf of the wedding M. McPherson, Howard Coles and Jack Watkins extended the right hand of fellowship to 17 young people and five adults.

Rev. A. H. McKenzie held confirmation classes. Those joining by profession of faith were Wayne Aitken, Patricia Beermer, Lorraine Cleland, Jane Cooper, Gerald Dick, Sally Dick, Shirley Greenwood, William Hansen, Allan McKenzie, Ronald McKnight, Allan McNabb, John McNabb, William Rogers, David Watson, Wendy Bowen, Margaret Guthrie, Janet Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Agnew and Kenneth Dadds and by certificate, Robert Paul.

Discuss New Lighting For Queen St. East

Improvement of the street lighting levels on Queen Street East occupied the attention of Acton Hydro Electric Commission at their meeting last Thursday. At the conclusion of the discussion, commissioners agreed no definite proposal could be made until the plans of the Department of Highways are made known. One mercury vapor light will have the glassware changed in an effort to improve the lighting level. Failure of this improvement, the light fixture itself will be lowered.

Floodlights at Park

Lighting of the softball diamond at the park brought a request for commission assistance. The superintendent was told it would be in order to install the poles.

Hydro linemen will attend a training school on aerial devices on a two-day course in May. The attendance of the superintendent and one workman were authorized.

A cheque for \$1,093.29 from Ontario Hydro for service supplied over Acton lines to rural customers was received. The local commission advised Ontario Hydro the arrangement would be continued as long as the capacity of the Acton lines would handle the rural customers.

Approve Accounts
All members were present and approved the payment of accounts totalling \$1,470.28.

Commissioner Beatty reported on his attendance at an OMEA meeting in Georgetown.

—Don't forget mother on her special day, May 10. It's Mother's Day.



ST. ALBAN'S Anglican church was filled to capacity Sunday evening when 27 candidates were confirmed. The Right Rev. W. E. Bagnall, Lord Bishop of the Diocese of Niagara, was present to receive the candidates from Rev. D. H. West, church rector. Left to right are Tony Hurst, Herbert Brasier, Mayor Les Doby who acted as Bishop's Chaplain, Bishop Bagnall, Elizabeth Hurst, Rev. West and Elaine Johnson.

To Increase Water Pressure All Over Town for Summer

Water pressure throughout town will be increased for the summer months. Tuesday evening, it was decided by council to by-pass the two pressure relief valves controlling the town pressure and allow water to flow at full capacity throughout town mains.

Last summer pressure was opened full but during the winter months was cut back in the event breaks might occur and frost in the ground would hamper making repairs.

Construction of bridges on Brock and Church Sts. is held up pending final approval from the Department of Highways. It is hoped this approval will be received within two weeks so construction can begin immediately.

H.S. Approval
Final approval for the construction of the high school addition was received Friday after the Municipal Works Department approved their 25 per cent grant. This grant amounts to a saving of \$30,000 to taxpayers.

Council instructed No. 2 committee to obtain additional prices on grass seed for the newly-graded cemetery land fronting on Queen St. East before further action is taken. Tuesday evening one price was received from a local dealer.

Clerk Jack McGeachie informed council the engineers' proposed agreement for widening of Young and Queen Streets was completed and would be submitted to the Department of Highways for approval.

Parking Problem
During enquiries by members, councillor Ray Arbie asked what was being done regarding parking arrangements at the high school since construction on the new addition was started. He noted a by-law prohibiting parking on Acton Boulevard was in force and police had been instructed to enforce it.

Mayor Les Doby was of the opinion council should help the

high school board and staff cope with the parking dilemma and not leave them with a bad situation on their hands.

Mr. Arbie thought there was plenty of land around the school which could be utilized for temporary parking while construction was proceeding. Councillor Hamilton Peal stated the safety of children walking up the road to and from school had to be considered at all times. It was agreed to review the situation.

Class School?
Councillor Alec Johnson informed members there was an epidemic of infectious hepatitis in Robert Little School and wondered if this warranted the school closing down. Clerk McGeachie said the decision was up to the Medical Officer of Health Dr. A. Bull. (See Dr. Bull's report elsewhere in the Free Press this week.)

New Doctor
Mr. Johnson also informed council a new doctor is moving to town and will be practicing in the same building with Dr. Brian Moore. He said the new

Bishop of Kamloops Confirms 30 At St. Joseph's Church Saturday

On Saturday night, April 25, St. Joseph's Church, Acton, was crowded with parents, relatives and friends of 30 candidates for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation administered by His Excellency, Most Reverend M. A. Harrington, Bishop of Kamloops, B.C., representing the Bishop of Hamilton, Bishop Ryan.

The children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation wore special confirmation gowns. The boys were attired in red with tie to match, while the girls wore white with a red beret covering

the head. A gold cross supported by a red ribbon hung from the neck of each candidate. They made a colorful procession as they marched from the hall to their reserved places in the church, each escorted by a sponsor.

Guard of Honor
The men of the parish formed a guard of honor for the procession of His Excellency the Bishop and his attendants, led by two altar boys with acolyte candles, from the rectory to the church entrance, where the pastor, with an assistant priest, met the Bishop for his Episcopal visitation. Following the official ceremonies, all proceeded to the Sanctuary, where other liturgy of the church was performed.

An official welcome was extended to Bishop Harrington by the pastor on behalf of himself and the parishioners for his coming to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation and bestow on the candidates, through his Episcopal powers, the Seven Gifts and Twelve Fruits of the Holy Ghost.

Well Prepared
The Bishop then performed the usual questionnaire of the candidates presented for Confirmation and found them well prepared by their answers for its reception. He then administered the Sacrament and addressed both the children and the adults on the necessity and importance of the reception of the Sacrament.

The evening ceremonies closed with Solemn Benediction celebrated by the Bishop with the Very Rev. J. J. Farrell, S.J., rector of St. Ignace's College, Guelph, as deacon and Rev. E. Smith, S.J., Professor at St. Ignace's College, Guelph, as sub-deacon, and assisted by the pastor.

O.M.B. Dismisses Appeal Judge's Ruling Upheld

Dismissal of an assessment appeal by the town of Acton before the Ontario Municipal Board last Friday alarmed Acton council Tuesday evening when they learned the O.M.B. had upheld County Judge George Elliott's ruling on the former post office assessment at \$10,600.

Originally the assessment on former federal building had been

established at \$25,475. During the County Court of Appeal this amount was reduced to \$16,600. Co-owners of the building B. D. Rachlin and George Robertson made a further appeal before the county judge who reduced the total assessment on the building by a further \$6,600.

Following this ruling by Judge Elliott, the town appealed to the

O.M.B. and at Friday's hearing the O.M.B. dismissed the appeal on the grounds the town had not produced sufficient evidence to prove the judge had erred in the judgment.

Clerk-Administrator Jack McGeachie told council Tuesday that counsel for the defendants, John Weir, had asked for dismissal of the appeal by the Corporation of Acton on the grounds sufficient evidence had not been given that the judge had erred. Council for the town was Aldo Braida.

Would Increase Rate

Council is now alarmed the dismissal of the appeal by the O.M.B. might affect the town's assessment in the event future appeals are dealt with on the same basis.

Mayor Les Doby told council members they couldn't be condemned in the event assessment appeals result in a lower assessment for the town which in turn would increase the mill rate. "We have always tried to maintain a low mill rate," he stressed.

"Mile Out of Line"

The mayor also agreed the ruling by the judge on the former post office was a "mile out of line" and under these conditions, thought it would be difficult for the assessor and town clerk to know what basis they were operating under.

Mr. Doby said it was important for council to make a review of the assessment program in town to realize what the future would hold. He agreed with a recommendation to hold a meeting with assessor William Erskine in or-

der to review the assessment program.

Deputy Reeve J. Bert Wood told council Mr. Erskine had not arrived at the present town assessment but was carrying on with the work done by his predecessor.

Mr. Wood also pointed out the assessor had been using an assessing guide laid out in the D.M.A. manual to arrive at each assessment, but this guide is not recognized in court.

Councillor Ray Arbie wondered if the post office assessment ruling was an isolated case or "was the town being used as a guinea pig." Reeve H. H. Hinton took exception to remarks directed toward the county judge and said judge Elliott ruled on what was law and couldn't use the assessor's guide as law. "He has to judge the evidence he receives," he stated.

Mr. Arbie argued that the judge's ruling could easily upset the economy of the town but the reeve said it only reduced the assessment but increased the mill rate.

Many Appeals?

Councillor Arbie wondered if any other judge had granted as many appeals as the Halton County Judge and said he understood the percentage of appeals granted is high.

Clerk-Administrator Jack McGeachie told council the fact the O.M.B. dismissed the appeal didn't mean the board agreed with the judge but only based a decision on evidence heard.

It was agreed to hold a meeting with the assessor to review the assessment program.

Bishop Bagnall in Traditional Rite Confirms 27 St. Alban's Candidates

In the ancient and impressive rite of the Laying on of Hands, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese of Niagara on Sunday confirmed 27 candidates, 17 of whom were adults. The candidates were presented to Bishop W. L. Bagnall by the rector of St. Alban's church, the Rev. D. H. West, who also read two portions of Scripture which reflect the mind of the early church regarding the place of Confirmation in the life of the Christian.

In his address to the candidates, Bishop Bagnall reminded them that in Confirmation, they were the recipients of the power and grace of God the Holy Spirit. "This power," said the Bishop, "is a gift that, like all gifts, must be put into use if its benefits are to become meaningful and active in your lives."

Receive Certificates

Following the service, the congregation retired to the parish hall, where the Bishop presented to the newly confirmed, their certificates. Refreshments were served by the ladies of the parish under the convership of Mrs. C. E. Nelles.

Those confirmed on Sunday evening were: John Frederick Courtney, Susan Gail Fri-

Goal in Sight

The reception has been very good for the volunteer canvassers for the Cancer Society; almost all the town and district has been covered by now with a few call-backs to come. Anyone interested is asked to leave a donation a month in regular session during summer months with meetings on second and fourth Tuesdays.

Approved payment of accounts totalling \$7,457.94.

Library Board

Regular business of the library board was all dealt with in less than an hour last Thursday, and members adjourned to watch the hockey game.

Topsoil all Washed Away Rocks Exposed at New Park

Acton Parks Board members were alarmed to learn their efforts last fall to grade and level the Glenlea park had been washed away, and land left cluttered with a mass of rocks as a result of erosion.

Board member Nino Braida said he had visited the area and was surprised to see the topsoil washed away and the great amount of large rocks exposed. It had been the plan of the board to seed the area immediately to prevent a dust problem and also keep topsoil from washing away.

To Plant Rye

As a result of the existing condition it has been decided to postpone seeding but members are hopeful the condition can be improved and rye can be planted to offset further trouble this summer. It was decided to inspect the area before any decision could be made.

Acton L.O.L. was granted permission for use of the park July 11 for the district convention and also received approval to leave eating concessions to bidders.

Approval was granted to Acton Y's Men's Club to hold the annual Regatta at Fairy Lake June 20 with the understanding trials would not be held on Sundays. Last year several complaints were received from citizens when hydroplane operators raced up and down the lake Sundays.

During the meeting Roy Arnott was rehired as park caretaker for another season at the rate of \$85 per week. He will commence duties May 4. It was also agreed to advertise for applicants for gate attendant.

A request from Acton Softball league for assistance in erecting floodlights at the park was

studied and decision withheld for further information. League officials asked the board to seek a government grant for the project which is expected to cost over \$3,000 for poles and mercury vapor lights. It was agreed to obtain further information from the league before giving a decision.

Two Cases Confirmed Infectious Hepatitis

In spite of rumours Acton schools were being plagued with infectious hepatitis, Dr. Archie Bull, Halton Medical Officer of Health, said Wednesday afternoon, only two confirmed cases at the Robert Little school have been reported.

Dr. Bull explained in early stages symptoms of infectious hepatitis are similar to influenza but patients should be watched carefully and the family doctor notified. In early stages nausea, headaches and abdominal pains are symptoms.

The medical officer of health advises everyone to take precautions at all times to make certain hands are washed thoroughly after visiting the washroom, before eating meals and proper

health habits practiced at all times.

Dr. Bull advises school children not to exchange food at lunch time or place pencils in mouths.

Dr. Bull stated that hepatitis seems to strike during the late fall, winter and early spring but appears to be on the downward trend at present. No other cases have been reported elsewhere in Halton County.

School pupils have been instructed by a county health nurse Mrs. Chisholm on proper health habits and warned by principal G. W. McKenzie over the public address system. Washrooms and drinking fountains are being disinfected even more frequently than usual.



PAINTING ON HER FARM home near Erin is shown by Mrs. Gordon Harris, R.R. 1, Guelph, to Mrs. Bill Mackay at the art class exhibit in the community centre Saturday. Rosemarie Harris, three, and Wesley Harris, eight, came to the display with their mother. Painting lessons given by Major Hal Newman were held all winter.



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BISHOP OF KAMLOOPS B.C., The Most Reverend M. A. Harrington, confirmed 30 candidates at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church Saturday evening. Five of the young candidates are, left to right, Beverley Howard, Marianne Coles, William Muehnbucher, Lenora Dowling and Joseph Petric.