

Council Accepts Library Town's Centennial Project

Recommendation of the centennial committee, presented by Bob Drinkwater, that council accept a new public library as a centennial project for the town of Acton, was passed Tuesday evening. With the project determined, the committee members will continue to investigate a possible site, architect's drawings, requirements and methods of financing, all of which have only been very roughly estimated by the committee so far.

The centennial committee was given authority to add to its membership as it sees fit. Original members were number one committee of council members Les Daby, reeve Bert Hinton and deputy-reeve J. Bert Wood; councillors Eric Johnston and Alex Johnson; Mrs. W. L. Sprouton; Bob Drinkwater, Jim Gunn and Dave Dills.

Just Two Left

With only six councillors at the meeting, four of them were already on the committee, leaving just Ray Arbic and Mrs. George Fryer to question the representative with the recommendation. Mr. Drinkwater reviewed the

projects proposed — a band shell and music building; enlarging and improving the park; library; chapel at Fairview cemetery and indoor swimming pool at the Y. He expressed the committee's appreciation of all the presentations but went on to say the committee unanimously considered a new public library would benefit more citizens in the town.

Deadline for application has been postponed from August to November 9.

All aspects involved are being investigated and councillors talking over some of these, clarifying how the financing could best be included in the application.

Library board members are already actively involved in the gathering of information.

Clerk Jack McGeachie recommended information should be assembled by August 15 so that approval could be obtained and the application submitted before the November deadline.

Work Begins

One councillor — and a centennial committee member — con-

cluded that now the project has been officially accepted, work can really begin.

Reeve Hinton was in the chair for the meeting and Ray Arbic in the chair for the committee of the whole session. Present as well were J. Bert Wood, Alex Johnson, Eric Johnston, Mrs. Fryer and clerk McGeachie.

Report of Business

Mr. McGeachie read No. 2 committee report concerning the employees' pension plan, line iteming to be finished soon, adding at the reservoir being done by the town, anticipated start at the new bridges, receiving the O.W.R.C. pollution report, new sign for the workshop, Church St. lights, probable need of more space at the dump, and refuse dumped on town land.

The mayor and the clerk were authorized to attend the Ontario Municipal Association convention at London August 23-26.

Alex Johnson asked about the painting of hydro standards and it was explained the hydro superintendent and half the town staff were on holidays and one hydro man was off sick.

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"Will The Real King Billy Please Stand Up?"



TWO TRADITIONAL KING BILLYS on white horses led the 45-minute, two and a half mile Orange Walk Saturday. Left is Halton county marshal William Mulligan of Bronte, right is Crews Corners L.O.L. 467 marshal Bill Carnochan. It was the 274th anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne.

Big Orange Parade Ends in Heavy Rain

Acton's population doubled within two hours Saturday afternoon when members of 65 lodges with 22 bands drew a huge crowd of spectators for the first five county Orange Walk here in 40 years. Shimmering banners, bright flags, white, orange and blue regalia made a vivid picture as over 750 paraders left the park gates within a few minutes of schedule.

Judges at a stand at the new post office for three-quarters of an hour watched lively marches, heard stirring music and inspected the many banners. But as the parade headed up over the rail road tracks, thunder began to roll ominously nearer and nearer, a few drops fell, and then a deluge.

Determined, Soothing

While a few paraders sought shelter, most of them were soaked so quickly there was no choice but to continue on, with determination and good humor, waving, breaking into song, and dancing a few steps as they strook back to the park.

The parade was an excellent one, but the downpour spoiled the business of booths at the park and by the time the program was moved into the arena many hundreds had gone home to dry out.

65 Lodges

Some lodge members paraded with neighboring lodges, so although 65 lodges registered and paraded, there were fewer banners. A couple of brand-new banners were folded and put back in cars at the park by cautious Orangemen who eyed the swelling dark clouds.

From Wellington came lodges from Arthur, Union, Metz, Guelph, Fergus, Elora and Harriston. Peel county: Brampton, Campbell Cross, Bolton, Port Credit, Sand Hill, Huttonville, Blackmore, Streetsville, Palgrave, Caledon, East, Cooksville, Woodbridge.

From Hamilton: Galt, Kitchener, Preston, Hespeler. West York: Woodbridge, Weston, Toronto, Islington, Mimico. From Halton: Stewarttown, Hornby, Georgetown, Bronte, Campbellville, Milton, Burlington.

When the park program began in the arena, there were few listening, but a group of 100 finally congregated. W. Bro. Allan Green, past county master, was M.C. Reeve Bert Hinton invited everyone back. M.P. Dr. Harry Harley explained the government predicts the weather, but doesn't produce it. George Kerr M.P.P. pointed out many Orangemen are good farmers and don't resent the weather.

Challenging Talks

R. W. Vera Buckland, Guelph, Grand Director of Ceremonies for Ontario West, urged the listeners not to just be 12th of July Orangemen, but to uphold their principles all through the year, and she outlined the principles and beliefs.

Too Tidy

Orangemen came back to the park Sunday morning to clean up after the celebration. Males or misadventure on the state of tidiness there: it wasn't nearly as bad as it should have been.

More specific recommendations were made by R. W. Bro. David Worden, Grand Chaplain, who declared Orangemen's opposition to the work of the committee on bicentennialism and bilingualism, which he said is creating disunity; approval of the Red Ensign; he asked members to write to their members of parliament. His talk embraced a resume of the history of the lodge in Canada.

Prize-winners, longest membership, Mary Mandar, Banfield, with 60 years. "I'm asked through but I took the march and hope to take it again"; Joe Morton with 67 years, oldest Orangeman; Ethel Glazier, Guelph, 41 years in the lodge; oldest man, C. K. Browne, 94 and 73 years in the Orange Order.

Best appearing L.O.L., No. 28 Woodbridge; I.O.B.A., 512 Arthur; L.T.B., Galt; J.O.L., Woodbridge; best juvenile banner, 385 Arthur; best band, Acton Citizens' Band; best lodge band, Sand Hill; best J.O.L., Campbell Cross.

Best antique car: '28 Ford owned by George Johnston, R.R. 2, Acton, for a silver tray.

Winner of lawn mower in a draw was Carolyn Spear, R.R. 2, Acton.

Those with food booths lost much business due to rain.

The Scout and Guide Mothers made a little with the booth in the arena. Legion Ladies, indoors, sold out. Lions, the band and softball association, outside, lost supplies from rain and failed by far to meet expected demand. The chicken barbecue lost chickens over the coats in the storm.

Police report no paraders were involved in any incidents on Saturday. Three district youths, charged with drinking under age, were convicted Wednesday morning. A man charged with impaired driving comes up in court next week.

Temporarily joining the Acton force in the afternoon (and getting soaked) were Stoney Burke and Will Griffith, and in the evening Nick Collinson and Ron Hood of North Halton O.P.P. They stayed in town with regular men till 2 a.m., patrolling in cruiser and on foot.

Evangel Baptist Church will be sponsoring a church service every Sunday evening at 7 p.m. until August 23 in the park in Acton. Each service will feature special music. Pastor Alan G. Silvester will be giving a series of talks on the topic of "Great Questions of Life" from the book of Job.

Church in Park During Summer

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Proceed with Chain Link Fence Group Protests to Parks Board

Despite objections, aired at last Thursday's Board meeting by adjoining property owners of Prospect Park, parks board decided to proceed with the erection of a chain-link fence along the south border of the park. After hearing the various ratepayers

it was the board's decision not to withdraw from their previously determined decision. The chain link fence will immediately be installed along 350 feet of the property line and the second 350 feet will be completed in the fall. Total cost of the fences is

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International Delegate Meets Acton's Y's Men

Covering thousands of miles on his first trip to this continent, Y's Man Alan Ingold of the club at Christchurch, New Zealand, was pleased this week to meet Acton club members and particularly Harry Arbic, who showed him around the town.

An international delegate to the Y's Men's international convention at Estes Park, Colorado, last month, Mr. Ingold was financed by the Bishop's Fund — a special project close to the hearts of Acton members.

Save Stamps

The Bishop's fund arranges for the collection of used postage stamps, the distributing of them to stamp dealers, and the use of the money to finance the expenses of overseas delegates who come to conventions on this continent. At Colorado, Mr. Ingold was one of 40 who came from "down under," and from India, Korea, Japan, Ceylon,

individual members also contribute all they can.

To act as hosts for one of the men they have assisted through the fund is a special pleasure. Even though club meetings are over for the summer, quite a few of the men and their wives were able to congregate for the evening Tuesday with Mr. Ingold at the home of club president Guy Ross in Guelph. International president G. W. McKenzie came from Wasaga Beach.

Chaperon Member

Mr. Ingold, a pleasant clothing and dry goods retailer with a distinct New Zealand accent, showed slides.

He is charter member of the first club ever chartered in New Zealand; that was six years ago. Now there are four clubs, and he will be visiting them all to speak when he returns.

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Two town projects which have long been discussed, actually began yesterday morning (Wednesday).

Crews moved in to start construction of the Church St. bridge between Victoria and Main Sts.

The old board fence which is to be replaced at the park was torn down Wednesday morning. Poles will be installed and the wires stretched as soon as possible. In the meantime snow fence will keep park visitors off private property.

Allen who said he would like the board to consider fixing the fence or erecting a new board fence for the sake of privacy.

"The park is much busier being torn down, commercialized and draws from far and wide. The people on the street are concerned. It's like taking a bedroom wall from a house. The people feel it's a slap in the face to take away all privacy."

Mr. Allen said installation of a chain link fence would create a bad snow problem in the winter months. "I think a good many people are going to be shovelling snow for a good many years."

Charles Landsborough felt property owners would be exposed to weeds and exposed to the public. He thought a board fence would be best.

Many Years

Councillor Ray Arbic said the discussion on what type of fence should be erected had been going on for years. He asked how much each property owner would be willing to contribute to his own privacy?

Mr. Landsborough said the fence was around public property and was not the responsibility of the ratepayers.

Since 1912

When asked how long the present board fence had been there, Miss M. Z. Bennett said she had come to live on Lake Avenue in 1912. The last time the fence was repaired it was to only be a temporary job. She said property owners had been told at various times they would have to share the cost of repairs but had never done so.

Chairman Bradley polled the members of the delegation; the result was that all desired a board fence. All wanted the privacy of a board fence; most mentioned the snow problem, some the weed problem. All except

Seek Miss Acton Fall Fair Slight Changes in Selection

For the second year, Miss Acton Fair will be selected to reign over the annual fall fair. Slight changes have been made in last year's arrangements.

The committee of four which created the format for the contest has been increased to nine, including last year's popular winner, Miss Linda Ferguson. Charter committee members were Jack Holmes, Mac Sprawl, Marvin Hunter and Jack Marshall; working with them already this year are Rae West, Dave Manes, Bert Hinton and Mrs. W. L. Sprouton as well as Miss Ferguson. Chairman is

Mac Sprawl, vice-chairman Jack Holmes and secretary Rae West. What's needed? Minimum age is 15. Girls must live in the townships of Esquew, Nassagaweya, Erin or Eramosa. They'll wear street dresses and high-heeled shoes for the contest.

Prominent out-of-town judges are being contacted. Judging — which this year will be open to the public — will be at the high school on Saturday, September 12.

Last year there was just one winner; this year there will be

three, with the two second place girls acting as attendants. There will be prizes for all, with a long list of them for Miss Acton Fair as there was last year. Added will be a studio photograph. Girls will be marked on poise, appearance and personality.

Winner will be announced during the Friday night program at the arena. She will be crowned by last year's winner, Miss Ferguson, who is still at high school but hopes to train as a nurse.

The girls will ride in convertibles in the fair parade again.

Tenders Called for Addition Ajax Engineers to be L-Shape

Ajax Engineers this week are calling tenders on an addition to their building on Queen St. E. The addition will make their factory an L-shape. To be installed in the 44 by 76 foot addition will be a 10-ton overhead crane.

Manager Bill Coon says the addition will greatly improve production methods within the plant.

The firm is engaged in the manufacture of cooling towers and TV and radio towers. Since last September live television station antennas have been installed in the province of Newfoundland. At the present time workmen are busy assembling a 400-foot tower near Quebec City. The erection crew will be installing the 80-foot antenna on the top of this tower. The three guy wires at the top of the tower are each one inch in diameter and weigh over 1,800 pounds. Three guy wires half way reduce to half an inch in diameter.

Completion of the addition is scheduled for September.

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Cars Sideswipe Detour Traffic

Tuesday about 9:45 p.m. two cars sideswiped on Mill St. East at Frederick St., and traffic was tied up during a thunderstorm. Two cruisers blocked off a section of highway and cars were detoured until a tow truck arrived.

Most damage of the \$400 estimated was to the car driven by Mrs. Adele Kressler. Driver of the other car was William Kitto of Willowdale, who, with his wife was able to continue home after Constable Ron Rupert investigated.

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STAMPS MEAN MONEY for Acton Y's Man Harry Arbic, who gets credit for the success of the Acton Y's Men's club in the Bishop's Fund competition. The fund financed convention delegate Alan Ingold, right, of Christchurch, New Zealand, who visited Acton this week.

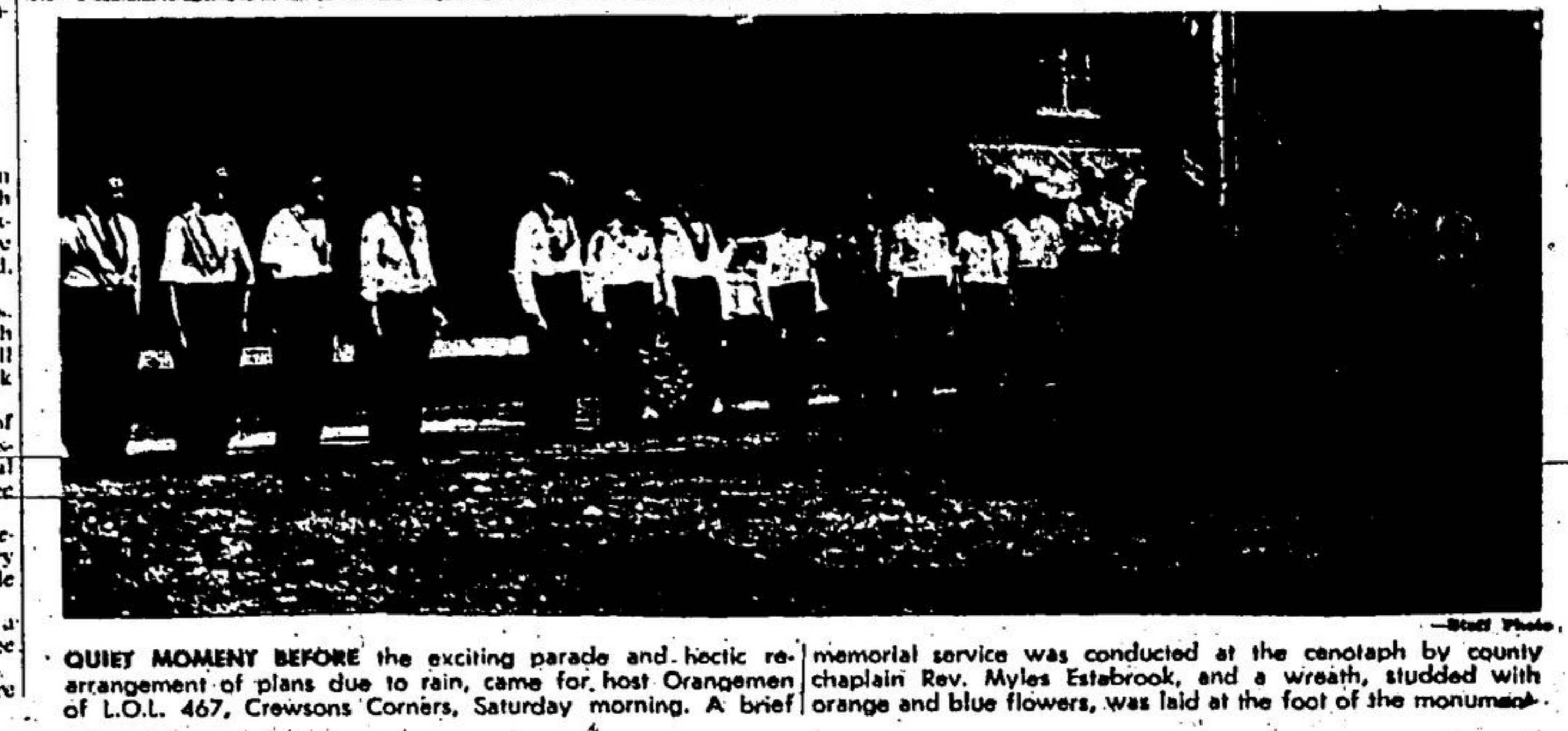
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