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## Micro Addition August Finish

In spite of a holdup for structural steel, O. B. Dodd Construction Co., Toronto, anticipates the 25,000-square foot addition at Micro Plastic plant Main St. N. will be completed by the second week in August.

Company officials had hoped for an earlier completion but late delivery of steel finished all hopes. The building is of steel frame-work with concrete block walls and steel roof deck. Cement flooring was poured Wednesday by Boehmer Ready Mix Co.

Other sub-contractors for the job include A. Brown Co., Toronto, mechanical contractor; Peerless Enterprises, steel roofdeck and roofing; Duron Co. Ltd., floor finishing; Harmon Electric Ltd., electric work; Viking Automatic, sprinkler system and George Amussen, Kitchener, block-work.

## Handy Fill

Tuesday about 5.30 p.m. a load of gravel truck crossing the parking lot at the Station Hotel broke through an old culvert and was caught with its heavy back wheel in the hole. A bulldozer was sent for and hoisted the truck up and out. Then the driver dumped his handy load of gravel to fill up the hole.



SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM at the park is being well attended and beginners are taking a keen interest in lessons. One of the groups is shown above with their teacher Donna Landsborough. Front row left to right are Colleen McGalloway, Susie Casburn and Julie Townsend; second row left to right are Theresa McGalloway, Miss Landsborough and Betty Kammings; back row left to right are Heather Wilkinson, Jeff Townsend and Joan Kammings.

## C.A.S. Group Foster Home

# Unbudgeted Purchase Irks County Council

County Councilors expressed some concern Tuesday, at their July meeting in the Court House, Milton, over an unbudgeted capital expenditure by the Children's Aid Society executive committee.

It prompted councillors to wonder just how much control they could exercise over the C.A.S., and after considerable discussion, council decided to call a meeting with the Minister of

Welfare to find out where the council stands in relation to C.A.S. finances.

### Emergency Need

Last month the executive committee of the C.A.S. was presented with an emergency situation—five or six boys aged 9 to 12 were being given up by their foster parents at the end of the school term, and there was nowhere for them to go.

Members of council who attend C.A.S. meetings as the county's delegates explained the C.A.S. executive committee decided to purchase an Oakville residence as a "group foster home" for the boys.

The price was \$18,200 on which a \$500 winter works grant and a \$5,000 Provincial grant were eligible.

Acton Reeve H. H. Hinton said he felt the Children's Aid was out of order in making a capital expenditure without prior ap-

proval from County Council. No other boards or commissions were allowed to do it, he said, and the C.A.S. should have no authority either.

Warden Gordon Gallagher explained the C.A.S. apparently had refused a Children's Aid grant, but cannot stop the manner in which the funds are spent, deputy clerk Jim Andrews pointed out.

### Stymied

The four county councillors who sit on the 14-member C.A.S. Board of Directors admitted they did not know how much power or control over C.A.S. they held.

Reeve Hinton added "confusion constantly arises over the Children's Aid Society, there are always problems from jurisdiction and responsibility."

A motion to call a meeting with the Minister of Welfare ended the discussion.

## Dairy Princess Chosen

Janette Finnie of R.R. 1, Hornby will carry Halton County's banner at the Ontario Dairy Princess Competitions at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto in August. The attractive 19-year-old secretary was named Halton County's Dairy Princess for 1964, at the Hornby Garden Party in Hornby Ball Park on Saturday night.

A crowd of nearly 4,000 saw the competition between Miss Finnie and 18 year old Linda Swackhamer of R.R. 2, Acton. Both girls gave short speeches on the dairy industry and were

interviewed by the judges. Former Halton County and Ontario Dairy Princesses, Jean Peterson Loos, pinned the Halton County Dairy Princess sash on the victorious contestant.

Garden Party officials reported that the event was "very successful." Professional entertainers including TV song and dance star Joey Hollingsworth, performed before the large audience.

## Air Conditioner For Legion Hall

Dancers will soon be able to enjoy their favorite pastime at the Legion in cooler temperatures.

A large commercial air conditioner has been installed on the roof of the building and workmen are now hooking up controls. The new unit will keep a flow of cool air in the upstairs auditorium for the benefit of dancers, bingo fans and other organizations holding meetings there.

## Hot Mud Bath At New Bridge

Workmen dredging the site for the new cement bridge on Church St. W. are presently mucking around in mud preparing for abutments. A large scoop shovel is removing the heavy mud as workmen with shovels do much of the spade work.

# Offer Halton County "Partnership" Study Regional Development Program

Halton County was offered a partnership this week—a part of a new Regional Development program that could provide answers for some economic, municipal, recreational, agricultural and other problems.

A. H. LeMasurier, chief R. D. co-ordinator for the Department of Economics and Development, Toronto, made the offer to Halton County Council at its July meeting. He explained 10 economically-grouped regions are being formed in the province, and Halton's place would be in a region called the "Niagara region" stretching around the southern and eastern corner of Lake Ontario, from Niagara Falls through to Halton County.

### Pays \$15,000

Nine other regions are developed, and the Niagara section is the final one, Mr. LeMasurier explained. In these regions, the Province pays a grant of up to

\$15,000 per annum and provides one "junior partner" in the form of a director to sit on the Region's board of directors. The Region would pay half the expenditures on such programs as industrial development, research, tourism, agriculture, education, financial, industrial surveys, planning and conservation, with the rest paid by the Province.

He emphasized there are "no strings attached" to the Province's gift, except the one member who would sit on the Board of Directors. "The money can be spent on whatever you see fit."

Burlington is in Burlington, Ontario. Warden Gordon Gallagher explained Burlington was already a member of the Niagara region through its close association with nearby Hamilton, but he felt the whole of Halton County could be one small economic unit within the Region. The speaker suggested Halton could band together with Peel, York and Ontario

# Pave Way for Arena Floor Estimated Cost \$10,176

Installation of an all-purpose concrete floor in the Community Centre moved one step nearer realization when the Recreation Commission at their Thursday evening meeting passed a resolution to proceed with the installation. A committee was authorized to approach the administration committee of council for presentation to council for final approval.

Estimated to cost \$10,176, the floor will be installed by August 15, and the concrete will have sufficient time to "cure" before the annual Fall Fair and the opening season. The floor, to carry a load of 300 lbs. per square foot, will be four inches of reinforced concrete, topped with a ground surface of trap rock.

James Dafoe Co. will make the installation. All refrigeration

Use Y in Program A sub-committee, meeting with a group from the Y.M.C.A. Board, reported on their discussion. It appears an area of co-operation exists in the programming field and further discussions will be held. Attending from the Board was Guy Ross, who told the board "It is a very good idea and should be made to work."

Doug Paton of the Community Programs Branch of the Department of Education attended the meeting and outlined three important points to be considered:

(1) The program is all important; it must be a co-operation. (Continued on Page Three)

# Ask Three Fence Viewers For Advice on Park Fence

A temporary halt has been called on erection of a chain link fence at Prospect Park following objections raised by nine homeowners whose property borders on the park. Legal action was taken by two ratepayers; they engaged a solicitor who requested fence viewers be called in to give judgment.

Acton's fence viewers Jack Dennis, Fred Cole and William Thompson have been requested to give their judgment regarding installation of the chain link fence as opposed to a board-

fence. Meanwhile work has ceased.

### Less Privacy

During Parks Board meeting last week, several ratepayers attended to object to installation of a chain link fence. Invasion of privacy appeared to be the main objection while other objections were aired as well.

After listening to ratepayers and discussing problems, parks board decided to proceed with installation of the chain link fence at an approximate cost of

\$2,000. No individual charge would be assessed to the ratepayers affected by the fence.

In order to allow more privacy to the ratepayers, parks board offered to supply blocks to support plastic or plywood sheets which could be hung on the wire fence. This offer was not accepted.

On Wednesday of last week, 150 feet of the old board fence was torn down and a snow fence installed to keep park visitors off private property until the chain link fence could be in-

stalled. Meanwhile, work has been halted until fence viewers reach a decision.

It had been the intention of parks board members to do 350 feet of fencing immediately and complete the balance (350 feet) in the fall.

In the event fence viewers refuse to rule on the issue, it is expected County Judge George Elliott will be called in.

Property owners whose land borders on the park include Reeve H. H. Hinton, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Allen, Mrs. Lois Mackenzie, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Heller, Joseph Petric, Miss M. Z. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Armstrong, William Young and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Landsborough. During last week's parks board meeting all but Mr. Heller and Mr. Hinton appeared.

## Sole Interview

# Expect Immediate Action To Hire Recreation Man

Likely candidate for Acton's second recreation director will probably be Harry Roe, a captain in the army. This is expected to be the recreation committee's recommendation to council Tuesday evening.

Wednesday afternoon, members of the committee interviewed Mr. Roe underneath the shade of a stately maple tree at Prospect Park while many bathers were enjoying a refreshing dip in Fairy Lake.

It is expected the committee will recommend that Mr. Roe be hired and ask for council's approval next Tuesday.

Mr. Roe was one of only two applicants considered for the position.

Mr. Roe, who with his family is just beginning holidays, arrived at the park with his car and trailer ready to set out on a camping trip. With him were his wife and two children.

If council's approval is given, Mr. Roe will replace present recreation director, Jim Casburn who is leaving Acton to take a position in London.

### In Army

The applicant is a captain in the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals at Kingston and having completed his 30th year in the army, is due to retire.

During the past year he has worked in the army as a leadership trainer in recreation and has just completed his second year of

a three-year course sponsored by the Community Centres Branch of the government.

Prior to his interview, the applicant and Jim Casburn made a grand tour of the town to look over recreation facilities. Mr. Roe said he was very much impressed with the town and the recreation program which has been adopted.

Providing he is accepted for

the position, Mr. Roe and his family are quite willing to move to Acton as soon as possible. The family toured the town before leaving to check on the housing situation.

Board members present for the interview included chairman Jack Bunting, John Gov, Len Lovell, Dr. F. G. Oakes, council representative J. Bert Wood and Mr. Casburn.

# Leather Club Bag Presented To Jim Casburn by New Club

The regular evening meeting of the Golden Age Club on Thursday, July 16, in the Y building, presented many highlights to produce an interesting evening.

Jim Casburn, the recreation director, introduced David Payton, district representative of the Community Program Branch of the Department of Education, who congratulated the group on their good attendance and on carrying on the meetings during the holiday months. He spoke briefly of other senior citizen groups and gave some advice for continuing the endeavor.

Charles Mason, entertainment chairman, entertained with his orchestra, consisting of Mrs. Bradshaw, piano; Jack Cooke, violin; Charlie Perry and Charles Rocher with guitar, harmonica and mouth organ. Vic Bristow accompanied by Donna Landsborough on the piano sang two songs, "Whispering Hope" and "Without A Song."

Fred Coles and wife were given a hearty clap on the eve of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Gift for Jim

Jim Ralston, president, spoke of the many kindnesses that have been extended to the group by the business people of the town, and others. Mr. Mason

proposed a thank you to Acton Council for allowing the Golden Agers to use the town hall piano and for having it moved to the Y.M.C.A. building for their use.

On behalf of the members, Mr. Ralston presented Jim Casburn with a beautiful, genuine leather club bag in appreciation of his work and help in getting the club started. Mrs. George Fryer read the accompanying gift card.

All wish Jim lots of luck in his new position in London. He thanked the group sincerely and said, "Now I have something to carry my hockey and other gear in."

Charles Mason showed slides of his garden and many beauty spots. Further plans were made for a trip to Orillia, August 10. These will be finalized at the afternoon meeting August 6. Meanwhile, any members or others wishing to go, contact Jim Ralston at 853-2856.

The birthday cake had been baked and decorated by Mrs. Ralston. Happy birthday was sung for Mr. Mason and Mrs. Campbell Winn, the two members having July birthdays. A vote of thanks was moved to Mr. Mason for his entertainment, by Mrs. Winn. More new members have joined, bringing the paid-up membership to 52.

# Protest Tax Check By-Law

Requesting Council this week received a protest about taxes from H. Steinfatt, Ninth Line, that led to an investigation of families breaking the building by-law.

The ratepayer complained he paid more tax than his neighbors, who have been living in the basement of their new home for three years. Councilors felt as both homes received the same services there could be no adjustment in tax, but the building inspector was asked to check on the residents of the half-completed home as it sounded like a by-law contravention.

Council received a copy of a petition that a large group of parents had sent to Requesting School Board, protesting the transfer of their children from Pinegrove School. The children, living east of the Sixth Line and North of Five St. Gerard, are to be bused five miles to another school although they live within walking distance of Pineview. Meanwhile, the petition pointed out, additions are planned for Glen Williams and Stewarttown schools, but no new addition is considered for the Pineview school.

# Swim Tests On Friday

The first series of three-week swimming lessons will conclude Friday. Tests will be given to the tadpoles, beginners and advanced beginners by instructor Jim Casburn.

With good weather, the youngsters have progressed very well. Some who were even afraid to get their heads wet are sitting on the bottom and coming up laughing, learning floating and elementary strokes.

Parents are delighted with the progress made in three weeks.



MAN FROM MARY: Hardly! Just a steel rigger using an arc welder on steel construction at the Micro Plastics addition at the Main St. N. plant. Following blasting of the rocky terrain and leveling of the ground, workmen moved in and began steel work. The addition is adjoining the present plant and will be used for a production area.



BEST ATTENDANCE during week-long Bible sessions sponsored over 40 last week. There were eight clubs each day, all considered very successfully by the two young teachers.