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340 Tons Cement Poured at Arena

About 340 tons of cement was poured at the arena Wednesday as a steady flow of cement trucks lined up at the rear of the building waiting to be unloaded as the new \$10,174 cement floor was installed.

A crew of over 20 boys from town wheeled cement carts across plywood spread over the pipes while workmen from the Metallicrete company levelled the cement as it was dumped.

Trans Giles, company representative estimated a total of 170 yards of cement and trap rock mixture was used. The depth of the cement is about four and a half inches while the trap rock mixture for the surface was three eighths of an inch.

Special grading machines were used on the trap rock and after grinding was completed the entire depth of the floor is four and a half inches in depth.

The trap rock was shipped in from Havelock near Peterborough, mixed at Georgetown and trucked to the arena in cement trucks. Mr. Giles stated the trap rock from Havelock is considered the best for this purpose.

His company recently completed an arena floor in British Columbia and the trap rock was shipped west from Havelock.

Before the cement was poured workmen spent a couple of weeks leveling the dirt floor and laying plastic pipes on steel supports. The floor will probably be used for the first time by the public during the Acton Fall Fair.

Installation of the new floor will allow almost continuous use of the arena all year round as lacrosse, wrestling, roller skating can be among the added attractions for the arena now the floor is installed.

Four Classrooms Ready for Fall

Four rooms at the high school addition will be ready for occupancy by students when school begins in September.

Although all work in these four rooms will not be completed, construction superintendent Jack Gordon told the Free Press this week, that classes would be held during the regular school period and painting and other details completed after four and six weekends.

It had been hoped to have the four upstairs rooms ready for the start of school so that construction work could continue on the lower floor in order to cut down the amount of noise to distract students.

At present plasterers are busy, lavatory floors are being laid, washroom fixtures and drinking fountains installed and windows being glazed.



STEVEN GOY was one of the many local boys who carted close to 340 tons of cement from the rear of the community centre to the inside of the building as the arena floor was poured Wednesday. A flock of cement trucks kept the boys busy throughout the morning as load after load arrived at the arena. In spite of the 18 degree temperature of the pipes carrying brine for the artificial ice plant the workers prepared freely lugging the heavy carts.

Among the Best

Stamp of Approval Given To Quarry by Top Expert

Acton Limestone Quarries vice-president John Regan received high praise Monday for having one of the top rated stone quarries in North America.

Henry J. Schwellenbach, vice-president of operations for New York Trap Rock Corporation made a visit to the Acton Quarry to view the modern operation and obtain ideas for future quarries in the United States. Mr. Schwellenbach rated the Acton Quarry as one of the most modern plants of its size in North America and one of the few to have a closed TV circuit to keep close tab on all operations.

Special praise was given by the U.S. visitor to the safety devices installed. He said the local quarry was far ahead of most in North America for the latest innovations for safety for workmen.

He was quite impressed with the entire operation and marvelled at the speed with which material can be shipped to the Toronto market from the special railroad siding installed.

In comparison with the four existing plants operated by the New York Trap Rock Corporation which are spread 70 miles apart along the Hudson River, only the one located at Poughkeepsie has a larger volume per year. It presently produces a total of four million tons of material per year on a round the clock basis. The other three produce approximately one million tons per year.

Production Four Million Tons

The Acton Quarries at present has a producing capacity of four million tons per year but with planned expansion of the secondary crusher and screening plant it will produce up to eight million tons of material per year. This will make the Acton Quarries the largest in the world.

The U.S. operations ship over 85 per cent of materials by barges along the river while the remaining 15 per cent is shipped by truck.

The installation of closed TV circuits enables officials to keep a close tab on the crusher plants at all times and one man located in the control tower watches three TV sets constantly. By this method minor breakdowns or blockages of materials can be detected immediately and repairs made instantly.

Older residents of Acton and district can hardly believe the once small time quarry operation which existed there many years ago has grown into one of the world's largest.

The vice-chairman's post, held by Mr. Goy, was awarded to Len Lovell.

Mr. Wong Jr. arrived in Toronto during the weekend and although he wasn't acquainted with the Mark or Fong family he was a special guest at the wedding of Betty Fong of Acton and Jon Wei Mark in Toronto Sunday. He attended with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rogynvaldson who entertained the visitor on behalf of Beadmore and Company during the day. He returned with them in the evening and stayed at the company owned York House.

He will return to his native land after visiting London, Paris, Amsterdam, Rome and other places in Europe.

School caretakers are busy preparing for the start of the fall term.

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Closing Program Held In Community Centre

The closing program of the playground summer events was scheduled to be a parade and subsequent program in the park on Friday evening, but because of the rain, the parade had to be cancelled. However, not even the rain could dampen the enthusiasm that the children had for the costumes they had planned.

Everyone gathered in the community centre and the activities were planned as they went along. The children sang songs and when a marching record was played, they all marched around the arena to show their parents their costumes, which were to represent different planets.

"Queen of the Planets"

Karen Manes, dressed in a frilly dress, was "Queen of the Planets" and Barbara Denny and Janice Dew were her two attendants.

Beardmore Hong Kong Agent Welcomed on First Visit to Plant

Wong Kwok - Hing, known to his business associates as Jimmy Wong, visited the Beardmore plant Monday for the first time and took a tour of the plant. Mr. Wong, who is Beardmore's agent for sole leather in Hong Kong, is on a business trip to North America and made Acton his first official stop.

The Hong Kong representative succeeded his late father as agent for Beardmore following his death and altogether the Wong family have been agents for Beardmore's for almost 50 years.

The late Wong Hui-Wan passed away in 1943 during the Japanese occupation of Hong Kong. Neither the late father or son had ever made a visit to the Western World before.

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J. Goy Fills Chairman's Vacancy Will Name New Member Soon

Members of the Acton Recreation Committee, at their regular meeting Thursday, appointed John Goy to fill the post of chairman for the balance of 1964, following the resignation of chairman Jack Bullough. Mr. Goy returns to the chair after an absence of seven months. He was the original chairman of the committee when it was formed in 1963.

The committee debated the pros and cons of asking Acton service clubs to organize a special evening, proceeds of which would go towards the new floor, but decided to dump the project in the lap of the new recreation director. Probable date of the event would be in late September or early October.

Mrs. Helen Otterpein said many people think the community centre has never been officially opened. She advocated a combined official opening along with the open-floor night.

The secretary, Joe Hurst, felt a dance and entertainment would make a fine project as well as being a good source of revenue.

Considerable discussion revolved around the question of whether service clubs should be asked for a donation for the new floor or encouraged to make use of it when completed for fund raising events, proceeds to go towards retiring the debt. All Acton service clubs will be contacted for their views on the matter.

Building chairman Claude Cook pointed out there were many maintenance problems in the building. He advised hiring a man to look after maintenance and cleaning up before any events are held in the community centre.

The committee decided to inform the Parks Board they were not in a position to continue operating the wading pool after the playground leaders were finished.

The committee also:

- Instructed the secretary to pay \$219.81 in accounts.
- Agreed to refund a swimming course registration fee because the child was unable to attend any sessions due to illness.
- Instructed the secretary to contact advertisers in the community centre informing them signs could be renewed for \$50 a year. Any new or altered signs will cost \$62.50 a year. The chairman pointed out there are still vacancies available for prospective advertisers.
- Asked the secretary to advertise for an ice maker and call tenders for the refreshment booth in the community centre.
- Agreed to meet twice in September, the first meeting on September 1st, and the second on September 15th.
- Members H. Patterson, L. Lovell, A. Irwin, C. Cook, Mrs. H. Otterpein and chairman John Goy attended the meeting as well as secretary J. Hurst.

Best Front Page Free Press Wins Awards In National Competition

To lengthen a long list of coveted awards, the Acton Free Press today was awarded a first place plaque and a second place certificate at the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Convention in Toronto. The awards are emblematic of excellence in the weekly newspaper field right across Canada.

The Omer Perrier trophy for the best front page in circulation class 1,001 to 2,000 was awarded to the Free Press at the luncheon meeting at the convention at the Royal York Hotel today (Thursday). In second place was the Castlegar (B.C.) News and third the Ladner (B.C.) Optimist. Last year the Free Press tied for second place with the Portage La Prairie (Manitoba) Leader.

Also presented was the second place certificate for best all-round newspaper in the class. First place went to the Portage La Prairie Leader and third to the Deloraine (Man.) Times and Star. Acton won first place last year.

No other district newspapers received awards. The Milton Canadian Champion, published by Dills Printing as well, is in a higher circulation classification, competing against papers which serve much larger communities.

The Free Press front page layouts which topped the competitions are normally planned by news editor Don Ryder and carried out by members of the printing staff under foreman Murray Scoyne.

All round newspaper judging includes news content, advertising, classified section, editorial page, pictures, make-up and typography and presswork. Almost everyone at the plant is involved in one or more of these categories as well as job printing.

The Free Press has been a consistent winner in the Canadian competitions that are open to 50 newspapers across the country. In recent years the paper has won about 35 awards including the Community Service award in connection with raising funds for the community centre. Last year the Free Press won permanent possession of the M. A. James trophy for best front page. This trophy, which had been in circulation for some years, was retired and awarded to the paper which had won it most often.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Dills, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dills are in Toronto at the convention. Dave Dills is a member of the board of directors and chairman of advertising committee of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association. Jim Dills is co-chairman of the convention committee and both Mrs. Dills are members of the Ladies' committee. Provinces take turns hosting the 400 members and families. Highlights of the convention include addresses by Premier Robarts, John Fisher on the centennial, Rev. A. C. Forrest of the United Church Observer, barbecue supper and tours at Pioneer Village, tour of O'Keefe Centre, breakfast and meeting at Massaw-Ferguson farm, afternoon and evening at the C.N.E., many business sessions and informative forums, displays and for those many miles from large cities, visits to suppliers, agents and machinery salesmen. For one full day there is a tour to Niagara Falls and through the generating stations. Toronto is particularly popular for conventions with weekly newspapermen coming from coast to coast.

D. McGilloway Catches Big Fish Without Pole

Give an ardent fisherman expensive equipment and plenty of time on his hands and he couldn't care whether he lands a fish or not. Give a nine-year-old lad a piece of fishing line, no pole, a small trout hook and a tiny worm and he'll catch a 35-inch 10-pound pike. That's what Danny McGilloway did Saturday at Fairy Lake.

Danny, who only lives a stone's throw away from the foot of Victoria Ave., when he caught the fish, was handling the line by hand when he snagged onto the pike. Three other little friends, his brother Billy, Ricky Wilkin and Steven McIntyre were standing nearby and ran to help bring the fish to shore.

The only reason the youngsters give for landing the pike was the fact they all grabbed the line and made a beeline up Victoria Ave. until the fish crashed against the stone retaining wall.

By this time the fish had been knocked out and all the fight left it. Danny figures if he had been alone he might have had a free ride up the lake behind the last swimming fish.

The excited youngsters trudged up hilly Victoria Ave. to the McGilloway home with the fish, found a large washtub, filled it with water and dumped in the pike. After measuring it the boys went uptown to a store to have it weighed.

The proud young fisherman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie McGilloway and his proudest moment of his summer vacation is being shared with his five brothers and sisters. Fate of the catch is not certain. Fry pan or mounted on the wall.

It's back to school September 8 and many pupils are ready for a change after lazing around in the summer holidays.



QUEEN AND ATTENDANTS reigned over the Friday night program at the community centre, staged by youngsters from the summer playground program. Left to right are Brenda Denny, Karen Manes and Janice Dew. A large crowd of parents attended and watched the children play games. A heavy rainstorm cancelled the parade and outdoor program which had been planned.

Boliska to Judge Fall Fair Queen

At Boliska, popular disc jockey with radio station CKEY and Miss Elaine Cole, who is seen on CKCO-TV in Kitchener, will be two of the judges for the Miss Acton Fall Fair contest this year. They will be joined by a third person not known at present.

The two celebrities are expected to spark keen interest in the contest and already, several names have been submitted to committee officials.

Need Applicants

Anyone wishing to enter the contest is asked to contact any of the following committee members: Mac Sprowl, Jack Holmes, Jack Marshall, Marvyn Hunter, H. H. Hinton, Mrs. Bill Sproston, Miss Linda Ferguson (last year's winner) and Dave Manes.

Girls 15 and over are eligible to enter the contest this year. Applications are being received from Eramosa, Erin, Exeter and Nassagaweya townships, as well as the town of Acton.

Applications must be in the hands of committee members by Wednesday, September 9, at 12 noon, and judging will take place at Acton District High School on Saturday, September 12, at 2 p.m.

Contestants' Attire

Dress for the judging contest will comprise street length dresses and high heels. As well as Miss Acton Fall Fair, there will be two attendants chosen to reign over the two day fair.

Crowning of the new queen will take performance at Acton arena on Friday, September 18.

Railway Excursion

One of the last double-header engine fair trips to be run on the North American continent is to leave Union Station, Toronto on Friday, September 11, at 11 a.m.

This trip will be utilizing Canadian National's old northern type 6167 and the newly re-built 6218. Therefore, the Upper Canada Railway Society will be sponsoring one of the most historic trains in Canadian history. The Upper Canada Railway Society is not a small club, it is one of the most rapidly developing clubs in Canada.

This particular trip will leave Toronto and travel through North Bay and Ottawa before returning to Toronto. This might be of interest to several of our local people who are avid railroad fans and in particular, interesting fan trips. Some may like to follow the trip in order to take pictures.



FOUR YOUNGSTERS landed this 35-inch 10 pound pike at Fairy Lake Saturday after Danny McGilloway, second from left caught the fish, on his line. Left to right are Ricky Wilkinson, Danny, Steven McIntyre and Billy McGilloway.