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Report Justifies \$50,000 Expenditure To Buy 76 Acres of Industrial Land

Acton council Tuesday evening heard a report from the Acton Economic Development Commission regarding its recommendation on the purchase of industrial land by the town.

The following is the text of the report.

"The Acton Economic Development Commission, in reply to a detailed report on the recommendation to purchase 76 acres of industrial land, are happy to submit the following report, which was approved by those present at the meeting held Nov. 9, 1964.

"The need to have land that is available to sell to industry in large or small acreages or lots, or to have space that can be rented to industry, has been apparent to the council of Acton for some years past. With the preparation and acceptance by council of an official plan and zoning by-law, the areas in which certain types of industry could locate were regulated. This was done to control as much as possible the indiscriminate location of industrial plants all over town. This zoning by-law is in the process of being revised at the present time.

"With these thoughts in mind, it was deemed advisable to have an Industrial Commission in Acton. So in 1960, a seven man committee was formed known as Acton Industrial Commission. One of the first jobs of the commission was to survey the assets and liabilities of the town as concerned industry.

"The commission found that our biggest asset at that time was the vacant Wool Combining building with 160,000 square feet of space to rent. What better place to start from, to bring small industries into Acton? Hoping that as they grew and wished to expand, we would be in a position to provide the land for this expansion.

"Over the three year period, this commission did an excellent job of bringing 11 manufacturers to Acton, who make a variety of products. These industries employ approximately 200 people. This has increased our assessment and tax income, to say nothing of the increased purchasing power of the people.

"When the building became full, as it did, it became necessary for the commission to think in terms of industrial land that could be sold to industry.

"During the year 1963, the industrial committee of council discussed the problem at great length and in 1964, formed what is now known as the Economic Development Commission.

"The purpose of the commission was to endeavor to develop the business and industrial assets of the town, not to work to procure industry only. One important fact was recognized at the start—if we were to continue to enjoy our present ratio of commercial, industrial assessment to residential assessment, we must be in a position to help our present industry to expand.

"As an item of interest, in the last three years, three of our industries have increased the size of their plants and operating space. At the present time, we have another old established industry expanding their plant operations. Also, as late as last week, discussions were held with an industry looking for more space to locate in Acton. No one can be certain, but had we had our industrial subdivision further advanced in 1963, we might have been fortunate enough to secure one of the 183 industries that located in Ontario last year.

"In March of this year, the commission had three requests for land that could be used for industry. These were for small plots. We were in the unfortunate position of saying that we had nothing available. In looking at our zoning map, we had two parcels of land zoned industrial. One of 76 acres on the east of Main St. N. one of 50 acres on the west side on Main St. N. We looked at the both pieces of land

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HONOR GRADUATE and valedictorian Joan Cook is congratulated by guest speaker R. S. Taylor following the high school commencement program Friday. With them is principal E. A. Hansen. Miss Cook, who was top student in the grade 13 graduating class, received applause time and time again from the large audience as she returned to the platform for prizes.

At P.S. Board

Action on Vandalism Approved No Nurse at School Protested

Vandalism at the schools was fully discussed by members of the Public School Board at their regular meeting Thursday. Principal McKenzie asked the board for a directive on what action to take when vandalism was discovered. His request drew a variety of ways to deal with it.

Property chairman Lou Bonnette, on whom much of the responsibility for assessing the damage and dealing with offend-

ers has fallen, felt he was being placed in an unfair position. He advocated a policy of calling police when damage amounted to over \$25. "Don't call the police for every broken window," he said. "Some discretion should be made."

Recent damage at the schools included replacing 38 pairs of glass broken in the school this summer. Letters were writ-

ten to parents of the children responsible but some members felt recurring troublemakers should be dealt with more severely. Parents of the children agreed, in most cases, to pay for the damage.

The board agreed the boys should be taken off the property chairman and the principals. In the future when malicious damage is caused at the schools a

Members of Safety Patrol Start Monday Instruct M. Z. Bennett School Students

A Safety Patrol manned by 21 pupils from the M. Z. Bennett school started in operation Monday morning along Acton Boulevard. The patrol is the outcome of months of hard work and investigation by Acton Safety Council under the leadership of Constable Ron Rupert of the Acton O.P.P. detachment.

The Acton Boulevard and Mill St. approaches to both the M. Z. Bennett public school and Acton district high school have been considered a dangerous area for some time. Recently the Safety Council met with school board trustees and Acton council and received cooperation to remedy some of the danger spots.

Three crossing guards employed by the public school board will continue their beats, Con Leshman at the Mill/Wool corner, Bill Hushorn at the foot of the Robert Little school lane and Jack Bruce at the intersection of Queen St. and Acton Boulevard.

The safety patrol is supervised by principal Elmer Smith of the

M. Z. Bennett school. The following is a list of the Safety Patrol members and schedule they will follow.

Captain Mark Hurst, Lieutenant Barry Cooper, Lieutenant Raymond Hawkins, John Mason, Roger Haggitt, Graham Blundell, Billy Laing, John Courtney, Teddy Curtis, Vaughan Matthews, Paul Paulsen, Bryan Dunn, Billy Field, Crisp Norman, Bob Andrews, Mark Kowall, Paul Dupuis, Bert Hunsman, Jim Peycha, Leonard Varey, Larry Holmes, Andy Van Dyk, Mike Marchmont, Brian McLennan.

Each member of the safety patrol will be issued with white belts, a badge and a safety raincoat. It is expected they will operate in shifts of 10 min. on a day-about basis under their captain. Equipment for the safety patrol was donated by the Hamilton Automobile Club, who pay all expenses.

"Already school bus operators have commended the youngsters on their excellent service and informed principal Smith how pleased they are to see the patrol adapted. School board trustees are also pleased and motorists are fast becoming familiar with the youngsters and obeying their signals."

It is also hoped to adopt a similar patrol for the Robert Little school next year in order to assist pupils in crossing at main thoroughfares. Patrol members will also help special crossing guards at certain spots.

Once a month, one patrolman will be chosen to receive a certificate of merit and crest, which will also be supplied by the Hamilton Car Club.

The purpose of the safety patrol is mainly to instruct, direct and control pupils in crossing streets and highways at or near schools. Under no circumstances do school patrols stop or direct traffic. Basically the patrol will remind pupils of safety rules and see they cross the street only where there is a full in traffic so they may proceed in safety. Parents can assist in the program as well by stressing the importance of the patrol and encouraging patrolling youngsters to carry out their duties. Parents are also being asked to set an example by practicing safe walking habits.

Fatally Burned Dies on Tuesday

Fire victim Bert McMullen, who was hospitalized for critical burns received in a fire at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McMullen, Mill St., died Tuesday morning around 10:30 a.m. in Toronto General Hospital.

Mr. McMullen received burns to over 60 per cent of his body when he was trapped in the smoky filled blazing house, Thursday (October 29). He was rescued by Constable Bruce McArthur of the Acton O.P.P. detachment and taken by ambulance to Guelph General Hospital. He was later transferred to Toronto, where three specialists kept a close vigil on his condition.

At press time last week, he showed a very slight improvement but had not regained consciousness.

Mr. McMullen was born at Sticks Bay in the Bruce Peninsula, January 29, 1905, and was a plasterer by trade. A World War I veteran, he served overseas with the Leine Scots regiment. He had been living at North Bay and came to this district about a year ago to live with a brother at Crowson's Corners.

A Legion service was held on Wednesday evening and the funeral service will be at the Burns-Shoemaker funeral home on Friday afternoon.

Police Warn

Police issued a warning this week against breaking bottles or glass on streets or highways. Complaints have been received regarding streets being cluttered with broken glass and offenders will be prosecuted.

Ratepayers witnessing such incidents are asked to contact the police office and identify offenders. Tuesday night council heard several complaints and have instructed police to take action.

Money Coming in For C.N.I.B. Convass

Added to the list of the Convassers for the current campaign for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind are Mrs. J. Latton, Mrs. T. S. Newton, Mrs. R. Bruce, Mrs. J. Krapek, Mrs. Vic Patrick and Mrs. Ken Allen.

The amount in hand totals more than \$200.

Safety Talk, Film

Last week pupils at the M. Z. Bennett school, heard Constable Rupert give a talk on safety and saw a safety film Monday. Students at the high school were given a similar talk and saw the film. They were asked to help the safety patrol and give leadership in obeying rules and regulations.

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Last Post, Reveille Sound at Cenotaph Nearly 200 in Remembrance Day Parade

The clear notes of the Last Post and Reveille echoed into a clear blue sky at 11 o'clock Sunday morning when a hushed crowd, ringed the town's cenotaph for the yearly service of solemn remembrance. Hearing the names of Acton's fallen warriors and the reading of the names of the world's worst battles, carved in to the grey granite, drew listeners back to the past. Then, just at the end of the traditional two minutes' silence, a silver plane flashed across the sky to draw everyone's attention from the past to the future.

The parade returned bricks and marched to Knox Presbyterian Church, where the speaker stressed the ever-remaining influences of those who have died.

200 in Parade
The fine weather and the holding of the service on the nearest Sunday to November 11, drew a large crowd.

An honor guard from the Lorne Scouts regiment stood at the Mill St. cenotaph with bowed heads. There were almost 200 in the parade, following Acton Citizens' Band. The ringing voices of veterans at the cenotaph brought every word and name to the many watchers on both sides of the street for a full block. All traffic was halted.

Place Wreaths
The Legion charge was read by president Jim Gunn. Parade marshal Gordon Boaty called the names of donors of wreaths—the province of Ontario, laid by Member of Parliament George Kerrie, town of Acton by Mayor Les Doby; Branch 197 Royal Canadian Legion by Gordon James; Ladies' Auxiliary of the Legion

by Mrs. Doug Rogers; Duke of Devonshire chapter I.O.D.E. by Mrs. H. R. Force.

Lakeside chapter I.O.D.E. by Mrs. J. Jockie; Acton Women's Institute by Mrs. Roy Lindsay; Acton Firefighters by Jack Pink; Acton Citizens' Band by Gordon Gubbins; Acton chapter of Commerce by Paul Nielsen; Acton Lions club by Andy Nolan;

Rotary Club by Mae Sprowl; C.Y.O. Men's club by Ed Footitt; L.C.B.O. by Henry Wedge; Orange Lodge by Hugh Wilkinson; Local 4790 U.P.W.A. by Hugh O'Rourke; Local 603 P.W.A. by Fred Allen; Local 2365 S.W.U. by Mitch Kennerly; Boy Scouts by Scoutmaster Hawkins; in memory of Thomas Harris by George Biernes and in memory of Albert

Harris by Mrs. George Biernes. The names of Acton men killed serving with the armed services were read in a ringing voice by John Hultnagel.

As Frank Simioni sounded the Last Post, the nine flags of the color party slowly dipped and Dr. Allan Buchanan lowered the flags from the Haggole.

After Reveille, the band played Abide With Me and then God Save the Queen with reverberating cymbals and drums. The guard of honor presented arms. Rev. A. H. McKenzie pronounced the benediction and the band stepped smartly back to the head of the parade, to lead representatives of town council, women's groups, men's service clubs, over 50 Legionnaires in berets and medals, a dozen members of the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, scouts, clubs, guides and brownies, and the fire brigade in uniform, back to Knox Presbyterian Church.

There, Legionnaires in the choir loft led in the singing of appropriate hymns and Legion president Jim Gunn read the Scripture lesson. "Posthumous Influence" was the Rev. McKenzie's subject when he suggested that everyone is conscious of after-death influence. "The men of yesterday died in vain unless we benefit and adhere to the ideals for which they died." And how may we influence others? By living a good life, for this is more persuasive than we realize, and by leaving some memorable spoken or printed words.

"We would never have had democracy without Christian ideals," he said, concluding by quoting an apt editorial from last week's Free Press.



ACTON FIREFIGHTERS are sponsoring the Muscular Dystrophy program in Acton again this year. Firefighter Harry Otterbein, chairman of the project, is seen handing over one of the canisters to restaurant owner Tom Watson. Donations will be taken from November 8 until November 14. Canisters have been placed in 22 business places in town where donations can be left.



SAFETY PATROL at the M. Z. Bennett school started duties Monday morning under the direction of principal Elmer Smith and Constable Ron Rupert of the Acton O.P.P. Detachment. Members shown above with the principal and constable are Mark Hurst, Barry Cooper, Raymond Hawkins, John Mason, Roger Haggitt, Graham Blundell, Billy Laing, John Courtney, Ted Curtis, Vaughan Matthews, Paul Paulsen, Bryan Dunn, Bill Field, Crisp Norman, Bob Andrews, Mark Kowall, Paul Dupuis, Bert Hunsman, Jim Peycha, Leonard Varey, Larry Holmes, Andy VanDyk, Mike Marchmont and Brian McLennan.