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Hoist New Canadian Flag In Colorful Ceremonies



Canada's new flag was raised at five places throughout town during the weekend. The red maple leaf on a white background with solid red borders at each end began waving in the breeze officially at 12 noon Monday.

Sunday afternoon, Mayor Les Daby and Legion president James Gunn quietly lowered the Red Ensign at the cenotaph and raised the new flag as a handful of Legionnaires and a few citizens watched. The ceremony was conducted Sunday since most Legionnaires would be working Monday, the official day for the flag raising.

Monday noon, new flags were raised at Beardmore and Co. Ltd., the federal post office, M. Z. Bennett public school and the Acton district high school. Monday after lunch, the new flag was hoisted on the flagpole at the Robert Little public school.

Following a brief but solemn outdoor ceremony, school boards had ordered the flags for the new official day.

Byrdmore and Co. officials were present for the flag raising ceremony at the company plant.

An impressive and solemn ceremony took place at the Robert Little public school at 1:15 p.m. Monday when inspector R. L. McNeil handed over the new flag to members of the school safety patrol for raising on the standard.

Pupils circled the flagpole area and watched in silence as the Red Ensign was lowered by patrolman Leonard Van der Polder, followed by patrolmen Roy Wong and Fred Hinton, and handed to teacher Mrs. Arthur Gamble for safekeeping.

Inspector McNeil then handed the new flag to patrolmen Leonard Van der Polder, Roy Wong and Fred Hinton, and Michael Macoson and patrolman Joe Peterson raised the new flag high on the standard.

As the red maple leaf on the white background began waving in the breeze, heads were bowed. Bert Hinton and the new flag as Rev. D. H. West led the group in prayer.



UP SHE GOES! Canada's new flag was raised Monday at the Robert Little Public School as pupils circled the flagpole area. Inspector R. L. McNeil (hand on left) presented the new flag to the school patrol on behalf of the school board and a patrolman lowered the Red Ensign and raised the new flag.

Prayer at Flag Raising

The following prayer was given by the Rev. D. H. West, rector of St. Alban's Anglican church, when Canada's new flag was raised on the flag pole at the Robert Little school Monday, February 15, 1965. Pupils circled the flagpole area as the Red Ensign was lowered and the new flag raised.

Almighty God, who is King of Kings and Lord of Lords, we praise and magnify thy name for all the wonderful blessings which we enjoy as citizens of this great country of Canada. We pray that our new flag will always make us mindful of Thy bountiful goodness. May it instill in us a greater love for Thee and for our country. Grant us the gift of patriotism, give us courage and a ready will to live and, if need be, die for all that this flag represents. Keep us far from disloyalty and dishonour, help us rather to serve and love Thee, our country and our flag with zeal and deep devotion. Make us, O Lord, a justly proud and thankful people in Thy sight. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.



A BOYS AMBITION was realized by Bill Nicolak Friday night when he received an autograph of N.H.L. Oldtimer goalie John Henderson. Members of the Oldtimers team were kept busy signing autographs for the hundreds of children present for the game with Acton Tanners.

Art Exhibit Highlights High School Open House

Acton District high school doors were open to the public last night (Wednesday) during "Open House" when a crowd of citizens toured the building, most for the first time.

Board members greeted visitors as they entered the school and teachers were on hand to add their welcome. Of special interest was the new addition which was recently opened. Soft music was played throughout the school through the public address system. Lunch was served in the auditorium by the M. Z. Bennett Home and School Association.

Highlight to many visitors was the display of art work completed by students. Two prizes were awarded, one for the best painting or drawing to Jon Chisholm

Biggest Crowd at Arena Friday Since 1947 to See N.H.L. Old-Timers, Tanners, Atoms, Figure Skaters

Over 1,300 fans jammed their way into the community centre Friday night to see the N.H.L. Old-Timers play an exhibition with Acton Tanners in and of minor hockey. They were also entertained between periods by members of the Acton Figure Skating Club and an Atom contest as a curtain raiser to the evening. A check of files showed this was the largest crowd in the arena since the class when Acton Tanners filled the building in 1947.

In the main event of the evening the Old-Timers trimmed the Tanners 12-4 in a fast, crowd-pleasing exhibition highlighted by the comedy of "Long John" Henderson, the clown prince of the former National League. Henderson did his best to embarrass the Tanners by limiting them to four goals and then lumbered up the ice with all his paraphernalia intact, to rack one behind Jim Swencen, in the Acton cage.

New Twist

He was all over the ice promoting striking poses and at one point went over the boards, came back with pretty Teresa Arbie, to perform a new version of the twist. He was partially subdued when Wally Stanowski, the old wind-up artist of the Toronto Maple Leafs, appeared with petite Donna Turner, a fifteen-year-old visitor from Toronto, in another twist team.

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Four County Meetings Monthly Warden's Re-Organization Plan

The possibility of four county council meetings monthly and the abandonment of committee meetings was suggested Tuesday by Warden H. Merry when he asked committee study of the plan of operation. The County Council presently meets only once a month regularly.

Warden Merry suggested it was difficult for members to be fully aware of what was going on in county government, other than through the minutes of the committee meetings.

He noted that county government was one of the oldest forms of government, and many of the systems have been carried over from year to year.

In calling for a review of the meeting schedule, the warden suggested the possibility of four county council meetings monthly with possibly two meetings in committee of the whole and two as council with no committee meetings.

"This would permit members to be in all discussions rather than just those of a particular committee."

"I feel we would all be better informed county councillors after an experimental period under another system," he suggested.

There was no opposition to the suggestion that the personnel and legislation committee consider the possibility.

Reeve W. Coulter explained the committee should look into the system operating in Peel, which he understood was somewhat similar to that recommended by the warden.

Joint Sponsorship

Sponsored jointly by the Acton Minor Hockey Association and Legion minor hockey committee, the event was the most successful of three annual appearances of the N.H.L. Old-Timers here. Minor hockey officials were elated at the support they received from the people of Acton and district.

SCHOOL BUDGET

High school board members sharpened pencils Tuesday evening at a special session and approved their budget for presentation to council by the end of the month.

Persians Win Show Awards

Two championships were awarded to Persian cats owned by Mr. and Mrs. Eric Johnston at the American Cat Fanciers Association show Saturday and Sunday in Toronto.

A blue Persian, Wheeler Dealer of Halton Ridge, was judged best novice in the show and won the Dr. Ballard Trophy. This cat has previously been Grand Champion at the Cat Fanciers Association show, but this was the first time it was entered in the A.C.F.A.

Champion in the best open class was Henry VIII of Halton Ridge, a blue-eyed white male Persian.

This weekend the Johnstons and their cats will be at a Persian Cat Society show in Detroit.

The Johnstons kept busy grooming their pets. They have been disappointed this winter in not being able to attend several shows in the United States due to poor driving conditions.



YOUNG FIGURE SKATERS pleased the large audience at the arena Friday night as part of the entertainment along with N.H.L. Oldtimers and Acton Tanners. Dressed in their cute costumes are Kim McCristall, Sharon Spielvogel, Debbie Horgott, Becky Blackley, Donna Lee Spielvogel, standing Cathy Papillon, Susan Peycha, Susan Hargott, Diane Buckman and Colleen DeBruyn.

More Rabies

Rabid foxes are taking their toll on animals on the farm of Cecil Cripps, R. R. 2, Acton. A week ago Saturday, the family dog tangled with a rabid fox near the house and as a result of injuries, had to be destroyed. Last fall, a cow had to be destroyed after being bitten by a rabid fox.

Following the recent incident, brain tissue from the fox was sent to the Dominion Laboratory at Hull, Quebec, and Tuesday of that week, Dr. F. G. Oakes received confirmation the fox was rabid.

Another rabid fox was found at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Armstrong, R. R. 4, Acton. There are reports of rabid foxes and skunks at the present time, but veterinarians have never heard of a rabid rabbit.

Citizens are being warned to be on the lookout for wild animals acting in a strange manner and to keep their distance.

Hydro Commissioners Query Pay Town Offices Discussed Again

What began as a mere enquiry by Mayor Les Daby may develop into serious consideration of the construction of a hydro building large enough to also house town offices. This subject was discussed again Thursday evening of last week at Hydro Commission meeting.

Hydro chairman Ted Tyler noted both the council and hydro hands were tied, until Ontario Hydro came through with an answer whether a dual purpose building would be allowed and if so what the costs to the town would be.

Attend Conference

A resolution approved in 1960 by the commission regarding attending the conventions was read and it was unanimously agreed to have superintendent Doug Mason attend the O.M.E.A. and O.M.E.U. combined convention in Toronto March 1, 2, 3. Any commissioner available for the convention was also authorized to attend with expenses paid. The convention is being held at the Royal York in Toronto.

Approval was given the secretary to enquire further on the honorarium question prior to next meeting.

First Robin

The first robin was reported Wednesday! Limeshouse correspondent Mrs. Ari Benton said the hardy robin—plus a flock of free-wheeling crows and a lively frog leaping across a frozen road. Another correspondent also reports crows this week.

Figure Skaters

Members of the Acton Figure Skating Club delighted the audience with several numbers between the second and third period. A solo by Dolores Jordan opened the brief interlude, followed by a match performed by the senior skaters and another delightful number by members of the junior class. The skaters are trained by Linda Brands, Sharon Bradley and Sally Wilson.

Skaters were: Kim McCristall, Sherri Spielvogel, Donna Lee Spielvogel, Connie De Bruyn, Diane Buckman, Susan Peycha, Susan Hargott, Debbie Horgott, Becky Blackley, Cathy Papillon, Dolores Jordan, Kathy Hinton, Dianne Charrette, Hocke Bolbert, L. Perry, P. Dunn, L. Roe, B. Hargott, K. Townsley.

A draw for two tickets to an N.H.L. game drawn by Long John Henderson between periods, was won by Bob Hart.

Line-ups for the Atom game: Weston—Ray, Wallis and Barry Inscoc, coaches: Mike Lutz, Bryan Robinson, Jeff Patterson, Tom Miller, John Ashley, Brad Wallis.

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