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May Call Tenders Within Month For New Hydro Offices, Workshop

If present plans pan out, Acton's proposed new hydro building on Alice Street will be ready for occupancy by August. It is hoped that tenders can be called within a month's time.

Thursday evening of last week hydro commissioners and architect D. Skinner spent over two hours reviewing preliminary plans and making slight changes prior to a final draft before calling tenders.

Following a recent letter from Ontario Hydro requesting a proposal to incorporate town offices in the building, commissioners were able to devote full time to a proposed building to house hydro offices and workshops alone.

The present building now used

Acton Golden Agers Visit Guelph Club

At the regular afternoon meeting of the Acton Golden Age Club held in the YMCA building on Thursday, March 4, it was decided to accept the invitation of the Guelph Golden Age Club to be with them on March 16. The bus was to be arranged for 7 p.m. All members wishing to go would contact Mr. Davidson who was to be in charge of the fares.

The usual reports were given and dealt with. During the social hour, euchre and crokinole were enjoyed with prizes going to euchre ladies, Miss Annie Atkins, Mrs. Mary McAuley, crokinole ladies, Mrs. Healey, Mrs. Chas. Mason.

Birthdays wishes were sung for Miss Somerville, Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. McIntyre, Mrs. McEnery and Mr. O'Hara. The next meeting will be held in the Y building on March 18, at 7 p.m.

Impressive List Of '64 Figures

In a quiet unassuming way, the Acton branch of the Canadian Cancer Society has racked up an impressive list of statistics during the past year.

Women's services chairman Mrs. Bill Coats has compiled some of the figures relative to her section of the work in the district.

One of the ways members assist cancer patients is to finance trips to hospitals, volunteer drivers are arranged and their mileage paid. There were 38 trips to Toronto and 45 trips to Hamilton, meaning 7,000 driving miles paid for by Acton branch.

Another aspect of the work under Mrs. Coats is the making of cancer dressings. At the beginning of 1964 there were dressings ready on hand. During the year 1,282 dressings were made, and 1,071 were given out.

April is Cancer Month for the local group, and a canvass is planned.

District Governor At Y's Men Meeting

On Thursday, March 11, the Acton Y's Men met in the YMCA. Y's Men president Guy Ross was in charge and the timesmaster was Lou Bonhomme. Peter Stark, district governor, was special guest.

Bob Parsons supplied information on the regional conference to be held in Kitchener on Mar. 27 and 28. Ron McCallum spoke a few words on the St. George Williams School in Montreal, a Y's Men sponsored school. The meeting closed after Guy Ross showed films of the Estes Park Convention which was held last July in Colorado.

Unit 2 of U.C.W. Hears Reports, Plans

On March 9, Unit 2 of Trinity United Church Women, met in the Church parlour. Mrs. Wilderspin opened with prayer, followed by devotionals by Mrs. Long. Her theme was Reality in All Things, taken from St. Matthew.

Mrs. Gohn's letter of thanks for the honor she received by being made a life member was read. Mrs. Paule and Mrs. Shoemaker gave their card and shut-in report, 12 hospital and 35 house calls were reported from the members. Plans to fix the Chapel were discussed, also the Sunday School meeting. Ladies decided to go in a body on Thursday night of Holy week. Also ladies are all invited to the general meeting, Mrs. Edna Hosking is to be guest speaker. Mrs. Mary McAuley won a penny contest. A social time was spent over the tea cups.

as a workshop will be used as part of the overall plan. Thursday evening slight modifications suggested by Ontario Hydro were incorporated in the drawings and other changes agreed to by the local commission.

First Industrial Blood Clinic Planned for Legion March 26

For the first time in the history of Acton, an "Industrial Blood Clinic" will be held at the Legion Hall, March 26. Through the efforts of the Canadian Red Cross Society, Legion president James Gunn and local industrialists, the first of what is hoped to be a series of these will take place.

At a dinner meeting Thursday of last week, several representatives from industry met to discuss the merits of such a clinic, and the green light was given by several industries to co-operate fully.

Basic idea for the clinic is to replace much-needed whole blood for the fast diminishing supply now on hand at Hamilton. A regular public clinic will also be held later this year.

John Anderson, director of Blood Donors' Services for Hamilton district, was on hand to outline the need for blood and explain the many uses blood is required for. He emphasized the fact blood is supplied free to Canadians, even if they are travelling in the United States at the time a transfusion is required.

In his talk to industrialists, Mr. Anderson pointed out the following facts:

- (1) The Canadian Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service is operated by the Canadian Red Cross Society to supply whole blood and blood products free of charge to any patient in any hospital in the area served. All blood is the gift of donors.
- (2) In the event a transfusion is necessary for a resident in the United States, have your doctor notify the Red Cross in Canada and arrangements will be made for replacement of the amount of blood necessary at no charge to the patient.
- (3) To donate blood takes up approximately 30 minutes which includes time for testing, registration, rest and refreshments. The actual giving of blood takes from four to five minutes.
- (4) The majority of people in average health between the ages of 18 and 65 may be donors.
- (5) Whole blood and blood products are used to control hemorrhage, to combat shock, to speed recovery, to prepare patients for surgery, to save infants born with heart or blood defects, to assist burn victims through a long convalescence, to help mothers in childbirth, to assist victims in accidents and other emergencies.

The clinic has been set up for Friday, March 26 and application cards are being handed out at various industries for donors to fill out in advance to prevent any unnecessary delay.

Tyler Transport Ltd. Receives License as Bonded Carrier

Tyler Transport Ltd. this week went into operation as bonded carriers after receiving its license from the Department of National Revenue, Customs and Excise, Ottawa.

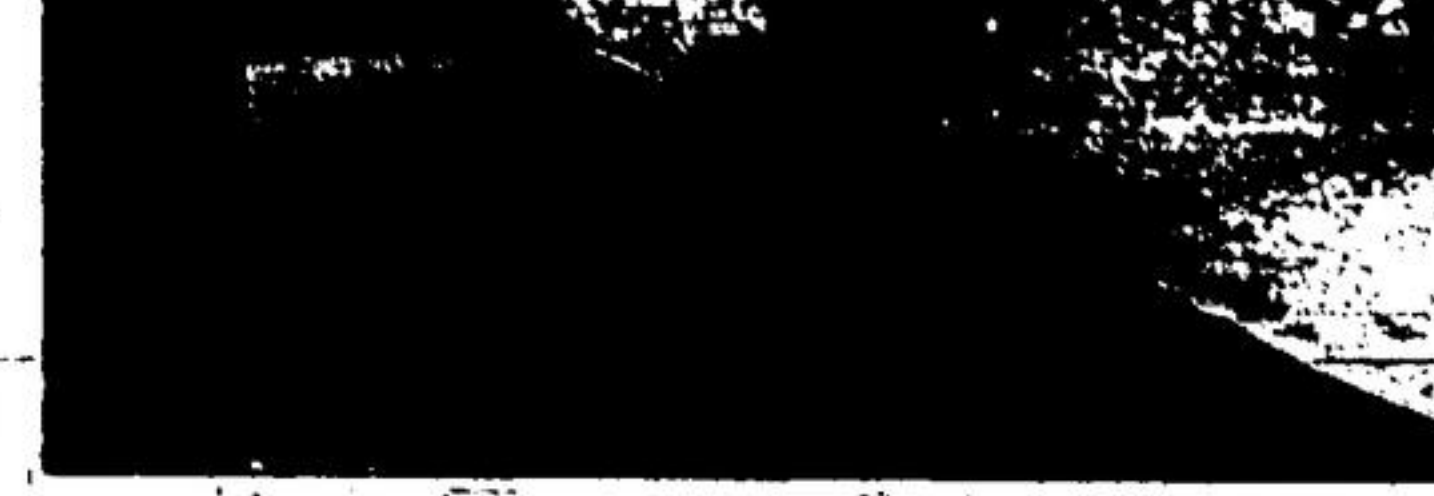
With the new license the transport company will be able to pick up bonded goods for local customers at any customs entrance into Canada and deliver these to the customer after the goods have been cleared by customs.

Goods under bond can either be cleared at the port of entrance or at any bonded warehouse along the route or in Acton and then delivered directly to the customer.

L. G. Tyler Sr. noted this week that a full trailer of bonded goods could be dropped at any

New 'Mayflower'

Tuesday evening Rotary Club members saw a film on the "Mayflower" trip which was made in 1947 by an Englishman who sailed his homemade boat from Plymouth, England, to the New England States.



TWO LONE WOMEN toured Beardmore and Co. Ltd. plant Monday evening with about 80 male members of the Industrial Accident Prevention Association. Watching an operation in the rolling room are, left to right, Lloyd Robertson, former Actonite and Beardmore employee in 1937, who is now employed at Hammond Electric in Guelph; Mrs. Tom Bolton; Mrs. Gary Malott, both employed at Imperial Tobacco, Guelph and machine operator Jack Dunn; The I.A.P.A. members saw the tanning operation, paying specific attention to the latest safety devices used in the tanning trade.



TOURING ARMY AND R.C.A.F. bases in France and Germany, Free Press managing editor Dave Dillis met Corp. George Sneathurst of Acton, Corp. Ken Gregory of Georgetown and Staff Sgt. Charlie Rushmore, formerly of Acton. First installment of his account of this special armed forces tour, with the background of how so many Canadians come to be there, fills the editorial space on the front page of the second section today.

Don't Like Names

County Council Tuesday delayed action for a week on a resolution calling for designation of the provincial ridings as East Halton and West Halton.

A report on the redistribution of provincial ridings released recently called for the splitting of the present Halton riding. Designations suggested in the report were Burlington and Oakville. Acton Deputy Reeve Roy Goodwin, who introduced the resolution, suggested every effort should be made to retain the name Halton in the designations. Burlington Reeve G. Gallagher suggested notice of motion should be served on an item of this type.

Seek East, West Halton Designations

Deputy Reeve Goodwin noted he had heard considerable discussion on the subject outside county council and he felt action should be taken. He expressed no objection to a week's delay in presenting the matter.

Study Town Plan Amendments For Laundromat, New Library

Two amendments to the town's new official plan, which has not yet been presented to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval, were considered and approved by planning board members meeting in the council chamber Thursday night of last week. Best ways to avoid further delays in the presentation of the new plan were of prime concern.

The board recommends that Acton Farm Supply be rezoned from "residential 2" to "commercial 1" to permit the erection of an addition to house a laundromat.

Don Rogers previously applied to the committee of adjustment for permission to build which was granted; the committee's decision was appealed by the minister and his appeal was upheld at a public hearing here last month. No one objected to the building of the addition, but just to the procedure. This request to planning board is the next step.

Library Land The clerk was also instructed to prepare an amendment to the official plan changing an area of land on the Robert Little school property — the site of the cen-

tral library — from O-1 to residential.

When the new town zoning by-law is approved, all schools will be zoned residential. However, the change must be made as soon as possible so work can begin.

It was hoped these amendments would only delay the presentation of the official plan a couple of weeks.

Budget for the year was discussed in detail, including anticipated costs of the zoning by-law amendments, \$60 per meeting fee for consultants and the secretary's fees. At the conclusion, a motion was passed requesting council for \$2,500 as operating capital for 1965. Last year's budget was \$1,700.

Board secretary Jack McGee-

Safety Features Highlighted To 80 on Tannery Tour Monday

Safety features and the process of manufacturing leather were highlighted Monday evening for about 80 members from the Guelph section of the Grand Valley Division of the Industrial Accident Prevention Association when they toured Beardmore and Company plant.

Beardmore officials hosted the tour and visitors were welcomed by president W. J. Beatty, vice-president Norman Braida and plant safety supervisor Allan Lau-

der.

Many facts concerning the plant were explained by Beardmore officials to the visitors. First stop was the machine shop where it was explained many parts for machinery are actually manufactured. A tour through the beamhouse and yard highlighted the I.A.P.A. members on the method and time element entailed in the first step of processing leather.

Other highlights explained to the visitors included the following facts: The water tank has a capacity of 100,000 gallons, manifolded steam within the plant amounted to one million pounds per day with fuel consumption amounting to 6,000 gallons per day which produce a steam rating of 1,400 steam horsepower as well as 3,000 electrical horse power.

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Business: Close Shaves For Hockey Team Goalie

Jim Sweeney, netminder for Acton Tanners, has encountered many a close shave during his goalending with the local team. Now, the shoe (or skate) is on the other foot. He started barbering in town Tuesday and is able to give a close shave as well as a short crop to teammates and other patrons who frequent his shop.

Mr. Sweeney started business in the shop formerly operated by George Holloway on Mill Street. He has been barbering in Guelph for the past two years and is looking forward to greeting many local fans wishing to talk hockey while getting a hair cut.

Mr. Holloway, who started barbering in Toronto in 1923, later moved to Oshawa to continue the trade and then to Oakville before settling down in Acton in 1926 on a permanent basis. He first started with Sandy McLean and in 1946 took over the business himself.

Due to poor health, George is unable to continue his business on a full-scale measure, but will be in the shop Fridays and Saturdays to greet acquaintances and help out the new tonorial artist.

One of Mr. Holloway's first customers when he arrived in town was Ted Fiver who still frequents the shop for his usual haircut and shave. Many others in the area can recall when George first started here and have been steady patrons since.

No doubt players on the Tanners' team will be steady customers of the public, especially with playoffs right at hand!

Allan B. Sprague Is Halton Judge

Halton's new county judge, Allan B. Sprague, O.C., of Belleville, will be officially sworn into office at a ceremony on Friday, April 3, it was announced by officials of the Justice Department in Ottawa.

Judge Sprague, who fills the post recently vacated by the death of Judge George E. Elliott, was named to the position last week. He will take over his duties March 22.

Judge Sprague has practiced law in Belleville for 27 years and is a past partner of the law firm of Sprague and Cameron.

Connections Here Mr. Sprague was born there in 1911. He has a connection, by marriage, with this area. His wife is the daughter of Joseph Lake of Powassan, who lived in Georgetown when he was a young man. And her mother, the late Mary Abraham, was a native of Acton.

He received his Bachelor of Arts degree at Queen's University and studied law at Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia where he received his Bachelor of Law degree. He later attended Linton University in England for post-graduate studies.

Judge Sprague is a past president of the Hastings and Prince Edward Law Associations. He is the past president of the Belleville branch of the Canadian Cancer Society and past chairman of the fund raising campaigns for the Red Cross, the Salvation Army and other organizations.

He is a member of the Belleville Rotary Club and of the Bridge Street United Church. Judge Sprague is married and has three children.



JIM SWEENEY

Flood Victims Not Forgotten Committee to Seek Donations

Residents in the Glen Williams area who suffered damage to homes during the recent flood in the village will have hopes of some compensation for repair costs.

Monday evening, Esquating council chamber was crowded with ratepayers pressing for immediate action following the resignation of three members appointed to a flood control committee.

As a result, Deputy Reeve Wilfrid Leslie was appointed by council to act as liaison officer for council with other committee members Tom Hill and Alford Spence.

Beginnings Casvass First action by the newly-appointed committee will be to obtain an appraisal of damage and then begin a canvass for donations. Donations may be received from any individual or organization anywhere in Canada and when final receipts have been tallied, the provincial government will match dollar for dollar.

The group attended the opening of the county council and its early discussions. Following that, the group was addressed by Crown Attorney P. K. McWilliams on the criminal and civil courts and the development of the trial system. He outlined how the personal liberties are secured by the jury system.

Still Studying Regional Jail

Halton County is still investigating the possibility of establishing a regional jail in cooperation with adjoining municipalities and a report is expected "in the near future".

Reeve W. Coulter, Navesagawa, reported to County Council Tuesday on visits to minimum security jails in Brampton and Simcoe County. Still being investigated is the location of the proposed jail, the ownership of the land if a jail is jointly constructed, and facilities for transferring prisoners between the courts and the jail.

The reeve indicated the committee was enthusiastic about the work being done on a camp-type minimum security operation.

Skating Practices

The Figure Skating Club will next week start two extra sessions per week, to practice numbers for the Ice Revue '65 to be held April 10. Sharon Bradley and Linda Braida are staging the show. A schedule of practices will be ready Saturday.