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## Help Needed By Cancer Society

The Acton Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society is still seeking help from drivers—as well as assistance for the women's services.

The continuing appeal for drivers to take persons afflicted with the disease to hospital for treatment or check-up is repeated again. The branch has been assisted by Beardmore and Co. Ltd., which, to date, has not seen any patient stuck for a ride.

However, Mrs. William Coats has sent out an appeal to individuals or other industries willing to help in the part time service. Anyone interested may contact her by phoning 853-2225.

Mrs. Ray Arbic, chairman of the women's services, is also appealing for volunteers to help with dressings and other necessary supplies. Anyone interested is asked to contact Mrs. Arbic at 853-0744.

## Gas Station, Blow's Victims of Thieves

Police investigated two break-ins Thursday of last week when a garage and industry were broken into.

At Jack McCallum's Service station, thieves smashed a window to gain entry and stole a quantity of cigarettes and cigars totalling near \$25.

At Blow Press, a window was smashed to gain entry and about \$2 in cash was taken from a pop machine and the main office ransacked. Total damage was estimated around \$20.

Corporal Ray Mason and Constable Bruce Kressler are investigating.

## 40 Members Enjoy Games

A pleasant afternoon meeting of the Acton-Golden Age Club was held Thursday, Feb. 3 with an attendance of over 40 members. Some members were reported confined to their homes with various ailments; Charles Mason is somewhat improved and Mrs. Fred Kingsmill is now a patient in Guelph General Hospital.

The quilt tickets were selling well, and Mrs. Robinson was appointed treasurer to look after the money coming in.

Bob O'Hara turned in \$11.70 as proceeds from the shuffleboard.

Mrs. Reed suggested the purchase of permanent name cards for members' identification. Mrs. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. George Simpson were appointed as committee to look into this and report to the Club.

Winners for Euchre were: ladies, Mrs. Ferguson; gents, Jim Loutlet; winners for crokinole, Mrs. Shoemaker; gents, Arthur Swackhamer.

Next meeting will be Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. which will be the annual meeting. All reports will be received and election of officers held. A full attendance is requested.



BE MY VALENTINE? will be the question asked next Monday. Two pupils at the M. Z. Bennett kindergarten class seem to be asking already as they offer each other valentines. Tiny Patti Gordon and Robert Allen pass valentines as teacher Gayle Hanna watches.

## Approve Water Easement By-Law Reeve Casts Dissenting Votes

Acton council Tuesday evening approved a by-law to sign an agreement with Tony Seynuc for an easement over a portion of his property for installation of a feeder watermain. Opposing the three readings was Reeve H. H. Hinton. This action followed a 54-minute discussion during which the reeve raised his objections.

At the first regular meeting of council two weeks ago the easement situation was referred to the Industrial Commission at the request of the reeve and councillor C. F. Leatherland. Tuesday evening, deputy-reeve R. R. Parker reported the Development Commission had discussed the situation and was of the opinion the location of the watermain was a problem for Planning Board in the event council couldn't make the decision.

Previously both the reeve and councillor Leatherland claimed the pipeline might interfere with any plan of subdivision for the area. They were told plans called for laying the line at the rear of properties fronting on Mill St. E. in order not to interfere with a future plan of subdivision.

Tuesday evening it was explained to council that last year's sev-

er and water committee had investigated possibilities of laying the waterline down Mill St. E. on the present road allowance but this had not been feasible due to the excessive costs and interference with present water and sewer systems to every home in the area, as well as the possibility of causing damage to houses and trees.

Council was told last year's committee had finalized arrangements with Mr. Seynuc for an easement over his property from Acton Boulevard to George St. and Mr. Seynuc had been quite agreeable to the arrangements. Unfortunately a final agreement was not ready for signing last year and it has been carried over to this year's business.

Reeve Hinton cast the only dissenting vote during the three readings of the by-law.

Council agreed to call tenders for a truck chassis for a garbage packer. Two garbage packers have been in town on demonstration and No. 2 committee of coun-

cil recommended this system be adopted in town. During demonstrations it was found the new system worked out fine.

Council also:

- Approved payment of \$85.90 to United Gas for gas main repairs on Main St.
- Approved final payment of engineers' fees amounting to \$2,697.28 for highway widening on Queen and Young Streets.

- Agreed to the purchase of a new calculating machine and adding machine for the town office not to exceed \$700 and for sale of the present adding machine.

- Appointed Eric Lynch to be the Acton Recreation Committee.
- Authorized the mayor to attend the annual Mayors' and Reeves' conference at Sarina as well as payment of dues to the organization amounting to \$20.

- Agreed to hold the next meeting March 8 in the Robert Little school due to the TB clinic occupying the council chambers that evening.

## It's Back to School

### Parents Delve Into New Math Course

You're never too old to learn! Especially when the Department of Education brings out a new mathematics course. Some 40 parents have returned to school and are taking a 10-week course in the new math at the M. Z. Bennett school.

### Starts Ball Rolling

The new course, which was instigated by principal Elmer Smith had an overwhelming response from over 100 persons wishing to return to studies. Unfortunately accommodation at the M. Z. Bennett school is limited with no auditorium and therefore only 40 can be accommodated in a classroom.

### Teachers Instruct

Instruction is being given by Mr. Smith and members of his staff every Wednesday. As well as interested parents from town, a number from the rural area as well as teenagers made their bid to take the course. In view of the vast response it was necessary to

limit the training to parents of pupils attending grades five to eight.

Lessons began under the guidance of principal Smith at the M. Z. Bennett school on Wednesday.

## New Doctor

Acton's new doctor begins his practice here next Monday morning. With Dr. David Van Der Bent's coming the three doctors in the medical group will institute morning office hours by appointment in addition to afternoon and evening hours. Wednesday the offices will remain closed. It's expected the new medical building will not be ready for occupancy for another two or three weeks, but Dr. Van Der Bent will join his former colleagues next week in practice. Dr. Brian Moore, Dr. Craig Hutchison and Dr. Van Der Bent all studied together.

## Mayor Blasts Reeve's Attempt To Scuttle Centennial Library

Acton's "Centennial Library" project came under fire Tuesday night when Reeve H. H. Hinton attempted to scuttle the idea in favor of renting a downtown store for library purposes.

"The reeve's constant objections to the Centennial library brought an outburst from Mayor Les Doby who remarked "The reeve's remarks are starting to nauseate me. I feel the reeve has an ulterior motive to destroy the library project."

The debate on the library project followed a review of a sketch of the area where the proposed building is to be located and an explanation of the proceedings to date on the project.

Reeve Hinton sparked the discussion with a suggestion council consider re-locating the present library in a downtown store which could be rented for \$100 per month. The suggested area is at the corner of Mill and Main Street intersection.

Mayor Doby reminded the reeve he had missed the fact that no parking facilities are available at the site now and the corner is presently a "bottleneck."

The reeve argued about the need of a new library and wondered if the present library was being used to maximum or not. He said the library board had been asked to submit a report to council on present and proposed facilities and cost and this had not been done to date.

### Working on Report

Mayor Doby reminded the reeve the board is working on the report, he himself is a member of this board and facts are not too easy to obtain. Mr. Doby reviewed details leading to the library project and stated it had been chosen as a Centennial project at public meetings over four other proposals because of the demonstrated need by the library board.

Mr. Doby also reported the Centennial Committee had completed considerable spade work which led to council approving expenditure of \$2,500 to engage an architect to have the area surveyed, soil tests taken, sketch plans made and tenders called.

## Slow Delivery

Due to a teamster's strike in Ontario, deliveries to factories and the two local order offices are slowed up considerably. The strike situation has resulted in the express companies being overloaded with shipments, and the past week there were days when neither C.N. or C.P. express made pick-ups in Toronto.

Acton truckers are extremely busy looking after the industries in town.

## Slides of England Shown to Institute

The Acton W.I. met at the home of Mrs. Earl Lambert, Bower Ave. The meeting opened with the Institute Ode and Collect.

The roll call was answered by wearing a vegetable corsage or bringing something for the box of groceries for the door prize.

The Ashgrove W.I. are celebrating their 40th anniversary at Georgetown St. John's Church on February 15 and all members are invited.

The Milton fall fair was discussed and it was voted on to have a display for a little girl's birthday. Mrs. R. L. Davidson told about the youngest president of the W.I. in Britain 17 years old.

Mrs. Denny who was unable to attend, sent a poem on "Today is Ours".

Mrs. Davidson gave a reading on a farmer in Britain, Arthur Rockwood, 75 years old, who runs a farm to supply food markets. He lives in Blackfen, county of East Anglia. The food goes to London, Newcastle and Birmingham. He keeps 100 tractors, 40 transport trucks and produces 2,000 acres of carrots, 980 acres of potatoes, 300 acres of parsnips, 1,100 acres sugar beets, 200 acres celery, 1,600 acres wheat, 1,300 acres barley; also 800 fat cattle and 5,000 pigs.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cutts showed pictures of their tour of England and Calgary, where they had a lift to see the mountains 7,500 feet high. Their pictures of the lovely places where they had stayed were a special pleasure to anybody who knew England.

We sat Friday morning at breakfast with guest speaker (Continued on Page Three)

He noted, however, that before tenders would be called council would have an opportunity of accepting the proposed plans.

Deputy-reeve R. R. Parker remarked "If you can get all this for only \$2,500 you've got the bargain of the 20th Century."

Reeve Hinton pursued his idea to establish the library in a downtown store and said these facilities could be obtained without any increased costs and the building could be open every night of the week if necessary. He said council hadn't the foresight to prove to taxpayers the need for other facilities, but could open at the suggested location more than three times a week to prove this need if necessary.

Mr. Parker reminded the reeve this was primarily the problem for library board and said he (the reeve) was suggesting the library was not being operated at a maximum to supply the needs of the public.

Mr. Parker also reminded the reeve the suggestion to re-locate the library in a downtown store should not be confused with the project for a Centennial Library as it was a separate issue. "It appears we are committed now by last year's council which approved the expenditure of the \$2,500

for the library survey," he reminded the reeve.

Councillor C. F. Leatherland thought it might be feasible to move the library into temporary quarters in view of the added requirements for town office facilities. Mayor Doby's view of moving the library into temporary quarters was not a practical solution.

Reeve Hinton then suggested leaving the library in its present location and moving the town office facilities.

Mayor Doby reminded council he had reported at the previous council meeting he would be attending the library board (as a member) and would ask that a report be submitted from the board to council regarding the need for expanded facilities and proposed costs.

Councillor Drinkwater wondered if there would be any merit in looking at the downtown building to see if it was possible to lease the building until the library survey was presented.

The mayor remarked "In spite of the seemingly lack of confidence in the library board and staff we have to turn to them to find out if it is feasible to even move into temporary quarters." Deputy-reeve Parker said there

was nothing further to discuss on the Centennial library project until detailed reports were received from the architect and suggested if council wished to look into the reeve's suggestion this wouldn't alter the agreement with the architect.

Councillor Leatherland wondered if it might be feasible for council to meet with the library board to discuss the downtown location for the library. Reeve Hinton proposed a resolution to have No. 1 committee meet with the library board and the motion was defeated. The reeve and councillor Leatherland were the only two supporting members.

A second resolution sponsored by councillor Drinkwater and reeve Hinton to have No. 1 committee of council set up a meeting with the library board to discuss operational costs and any other problems also went down to defeat with only the sponsors and councillors Leatherland and Bill Williams supporting. Voting against were Mayor Doby, deputy-reeve Parker and councillors Earl Masales and Hamilton Peal. As councillor F. G. Oakes was absent the motion was defeated under procedural by-law which calls for a tie vote to be considered defeat.

## Brief to Consultative Committee, Forecasts on H. S. Board's Agenda

Discussions on the future administration of education in Acton and area highlighted Monday evening's high school board meeting when the submission to the Halton consultative committee on education was outlined. The board will likely recommend wide changes in the present boundaries, curriculum and administration.

Chairman Vic Bristow of the public school board attended the meeting and discussed the public school board's proposed submission to the same committee.

Halton consultative committee is a committee established by county council to investigate boundaries for the present five high school districts and suggest administrative changes. Acton's representative on the committee is Jack Creighton. As well as the high school districts, the board will study elementary school education.

By the flip of a coin, trustees selected C. F. Leatherland as board solicitor to act for them if it becomes necessary to take action to have repairs and finishing-work completed on the last school addition. The architect and property committee have advised the contractor and bonding company they expect repairs will be completed by February 14. If repairs are not completed, the board, through its solicitor, will institute proceedings to have

the work completed by another contractor and charged to the bonding company.

The school had a finishing date of January 4, 1965 and the guarantee on the building will expire June 4, 1966.

### Insurance Plan

Seven members of the non-teaching staff — caretakers and secretaries — are to be insured in a group sickness and accident plan. Under the plan, the board will carry a \$4,000 life insurance policy on each of the employees as well as providing payment for sickness insurance.

Six local long distance runners were given permission to run the corridors during off-school hours two days a week. The board agreed to a one month trial to see how arrangements work out.

### Capital Expenditures

A letter from the town requesting an updating of the board's five year capital expenditure forecast drew the information from the principal that no further capital expenditures are anticipated until at least 1970.

Present figures indicating there will be no need for additional classroom space are based on a survey of public school enrollment. The influx of a large housing subdivision or immediate population growth could change the picture.

### New Name

Staff members were authorized to attend the Professional Development Day in Port Credit. The school will close on Friday, February 18. No reduction in grant is anticipated because of the closing since the school is allowed

two days annually to attend what used to be called teachers' conventions.

Finance committee accounts totalling \$19,470.92 were approved for payment. Finance chairman Chester Anderson reported the budget as being "fairly well in hand".

It may require a special session of the board to have it completed for the town deadline of February 28. As the budget nears completion, members will be advised of the date.

### Department Head

Management committee recommended that Bill Soules be appointed department head of the commercial section and his salary be adjusted retroactive to September, 1965. Mr. Soules had been classed as subject chairman until this time.

Trustees Anderson and Arbic reported on their attendance at the school trustees' meeting at Georgetown district high school on Saturday. They indicated that the convention had been well worth attending and they gained much valuable information on salary negotiations.

Attending the meeting were chairman Tom Watson, trustees Anderson, Moffat and Arbic. Trustee Kervin McPhail was sworn in since it was the first meeting he had attended.

Mr. McPhail reported that the bus drivers had indicated to him it was not the township roads which the buses had difficulty in negotiating during the snowstorm which closed the school for a day and a half; rather it was the county roads with which they had problems.



WILLIAM R. WHITNEY won two tickets to Maple Leaf Gardens during a draw at the I.G.A. store Saturday but was unable to attend the game Wednesday. The winner is a shift worker at the H. K. Porter plant and unfortunately had to work last night (Wednesday). Handing over the tickets is store manager Harold Mares. This is the first time Mr. Whitney has won anything, he says. Since he and his wife came to Acton six months ago they have shopped at the I.G.A. They live in an apartment on Main St. North. The tickets were sold to friends who enjoyed seeing Toronto Maple Leafs and New York Rangers play.



EDUCATIONAL TV is an important new feature at both public schools with the adoption of the new mathematics course. Principal Elmer Smith of the M. Z. Bennett school explains the operation of the set to grade eight pupils Nancy Lee and Sherry Lott.