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Wait for O.M.B.

Board, Council Approve Tender For \$111,546 Speyside Addition

Construction of a five-room addition at Speyside public school in Esquesing Township has passed the first plateau. The project now waits approval from the Department of Education and Ontario Municipal Board.

Last week, Esquesing school board held a special meeting to open tenders and choose a contractor of its choice. Selected by the board was A. J. McCarthy, Georgetown, at a tender price of \$111,546. Other tenders received included one from Daren Construction, Scarborough at \$115,186 and a third from Arch Construction, Toronto at \$125,000.

Monday evening, Esquesing council gave the green light to the school addition but work

cannot proceed until the Department of Education and O.M.B. signify their approval.

Increase Staff

Although the addition calls for five rooms, only two additional staff members will be required. Presently one class is occupying the old stone school in Acton and this will return to Speyside when the addition is completed. Two other classrooms will be opened at this time requiring additional teachers and a fourth room will be used as an all-purpose room. A kindergarten class is slated for the fifth room but it will not begin this fall.

New Teachers

Like most public school boards, Esquesing is out teacher hunting.

To date five resignations have been received from present staff members and four replacements hired. It is hoped a fifth teacher will sign a contract in the near future.

Leaving the teaching staff this term are Mrs. J. Finlayson, Milton Heights school; Mrs. M. Smeaton, Pineview school; J. Simdy, Glen Williams school; Mr. Mackinnon, Stewarttown school and Mrs. W. Cascadden of Norval school.

Hired to date are Mrs. Donna Baleman, Mrs. Christ Hines and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gardner. The board will also require two additional teachers next term due to the proposed addition at Speyside school.



BOTTLES GALORE were piled high in the basement at the Scout Hall Saturday afternoon following the bottle drive staged by the Cubs. Sorting out some of the bottles are Peter Miller and Leslie Coles.

Mostly for Education Township Budget Up 10-12 Mills

Nassagaweya Township's tax rate for 1966 will be struck on Monday night, May 9, but rate payers can expect anything but good news.

At a budget session on Monday night, it was indicated most ratepayers in the township can expect the 1966 mill rate to climb between 10 and 12 mills over their 1965 rate. To the average property owner with assessment of between \$3,500 and \$4,000 it would mean about \$40-\$50 more in taxes.

Higher levies for both public and high school account for most of the increase. The Township's Public School Board requires an extra six mills to meet expenses this year and the Acton and Milton District High School Boards have also requested additional funds. The Milton Board requires about three more mills than in 1965 and the Acton Board will need approximately two and one-half more mills.

An additional 1.22 mills will be budgeted to meet road expenses and general administration will require another mill. It was pointed out that although one more mill is needed to meet administrative costs, the increase in administration costs is due entirely to planning expenses. Only \$2,000 was budgeted for planning expenses in 1965 while \$6,800 has been budgeted for this year. Clerk J. C. McIntyre pointed out that with the exception of the planning figures, administration costs were slightly lower than last year. Although councillors seemed disappointed at the projected size of the increase, the general feeling was that it couldn't be helped.

Reeve William Coulter commented, "I'd say it's damn good." Deputy-Reeve William Hovey stated, "In view of the amount spent on planning and welfare and road services, along with the education costs, I'd say it is quite explainable."

The figures presented at the Monday night meeting were termed as "only estimates." Clerk J. C. McIntyre and the auditors will work on the budget this week and have it completed for the final approval of Township Council on Monday.

The general administration area for the budget — the one area over which council has control — will require a local levy for \$31,332 this year compared to about \$27,000 in 1965. The value of a Township mill is estimated at \$4,500. This year a local levy of \$40,500 will be required to meet road expenses. In 1965 the local levy for road expenses was approximately \$34,000.

Some of the increases in general administration include: administrative salaries about \$1,000; council's salaries about \$700; planning \$4,800 and welfare up \$2,600 to \$5,000.

Fire Area Levies

Levies for both the Milton and Acton fire areas are remaining almost the same as last year. In 1965 the Milton Fire Area levy was 1.47 mills while the Acton levy was 2.52 mills. The County rate will be up slightly.

Nassagaweya's representative on Milton District High School Board Ross Carbert, attended the meeting along with Board secretary-treasurer A. E. Millson. Figures supplied by Mr. Millson indicated Nassagaweya would be asked to contribute an additional three mills toward the operation of the school. The Township's 1965 levy to the board was \$38,304.24.

Mr. Millson said the cause of the increase was due almost entirely to increased debt service payments. He pointed out that before the board's debt of \$700,000 for the recent school addition is paid off, the board will have actually paid — including interest — just over one million dollars.

Duncan Moffat, the Township's representative on the Acton District High School Board, informed councillors that roughly an additional two and one-half township mills would be required to pay the township's share of the school's expenses this year.

Public School

Two Safety Patrol Officers To Attend Ottawa Jamboree

Two Acton public school pupils who act in the capacity of school safety patrol officers will enjoy an all-expense paid trip to Ottawa during the holiday weekend to attend a Safety Patrol Jamboree.

The trip for the two patrolmen will be picked up jointly by Acton Council and Hamilton Automobile Club which sponsors the Safety Patrol in town. Tuesday night school board members sanctioned the Ottawa trip and learned a representative from each public school would be picked by a vote of the safety patrol members.

Change System of Pay

Board members approved a request from teachers to have pay cheques issued twice monthly in place of the present once a month system. Principals Elmer Smith and G. W. McKenzie explained the change in the pay system would be of greater assistance to teachers taking summer courses.

Permission was given recreation director Howard Pearce to use outdoor facilities at the M. Z. Bennett school for the summer playground program.

It was learned crossing guard William Chisholm tendered his resignation and a replacement would be required for next September.

Where We Stand

Management chairman William Benson informed the board a bulletin issued by the School Trustees Association showed that out of 52 reports received regarding teachers' salary schedules 15 starting salaries were the same as Acton, 21 were higher and 16 lower than Acton's.

Property chairman Murray

Board Argues Proper Procedure During Land Sale Application

Did the Committee of Adjustment overshoot its authority? Did Acton council by-pass Planning Board? Was the cart put before the horse?

The questions were argued and debated for an hour and a half Thursday night of last week by Acton Planning Board when studying tentative street plans and agreements outlining the proposed sale of five acres of land by Tony Seyntek to Cranston Griese.

Chairman Aldo Braidia and board member William Wilson said council had put the cart before the horse in seeking an agreement with the land owner and prospective buyer. The chairman also argued Planning Board should have been in on the deal from the start, before the cart was put before the horse.

Some time ago an application had been presented to the Planning Board by Mr. Seyntek for severance of the five acres. At that time Planning Board dismissed the application on the grounds insufficient information had been presented.

The land owner's next move was to apply to the Committee of Adjustment which is allowed to deal with minor variances. Council was notified of the application and the development committee of council entered the picture when the question arose regarding protection to the town of street access.

After several meetings with the land owner and proposed purchaser, the special council committee was able to reach a point where both Mr. Seyntek and Mr. Griese agreed to follow suggestions set out.

Mr. Seyntek agreed to allow an extension of Acton Boulevard

through to Warren Grove, road allowance from Churchill Road to Wallace Avenue and access to Division Street through his property. Mr. Griese agreed to submitting a plan of subdivision for the five acres he proposed to purchase.

Thursday evening when clerk-administrator Jack McGeachie, who is also secretary-treasurer of Planning Board, presented the tentative agreements, Planning Board members took offense to council ignoring Planning Board on the transaction.

Not Overlooked

Mr. McGeachie was quick to remind members council hadn't

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Hydro Commissioners Vote to Receive Pay

Acton Hydro Commissioners at their regular meeting last Thursday moved into the status of paid municipal legislators when they voted to reimburse themselves at the rate of \$5 per meeting with the chairman to receive \$8 for up to a maximum of 24 meetings a year. The total cost to the commission will be approximately \$1,000 per year, an amount approved by the Ontario Hydro Commission.

Before the remuneration becomes effective, the plan must be approved by the local Council. Payment will be retroactive to January 1, 1966.

The motion setting up the scale of payments was passed unanimously. Only discussion on the resolution arose over the point whether the chairman would be paid at a higher meeting rate than commissioners. The hydro commission is the last elected municipal body to vote themselves remuneration.

Building Program

The other major topic of discussion was the status of the commission building program. Commissioners decided to arrange a visit to Strathroy to see the new hydro building there.

The subject was introduced by Councillor F. G. Oakes, who was substituting at the meeting for Mayor Duby, when he asked the present status of the building.

He suggested to commissioners that a rate reduction might be recommended to the local commission by Ontario Hydro in view of Acton's accumulated surpluses. He pointed out that any move to a regional government would see the local commission swallowed up in a regional hydro commission and subsequently Acton would neither have a hydro building or the accumulated surplus.

The chairman reported earnings on the operation of the local commission were returning a profit of seven per cent, based on the present rate structure set by Acton hydro.

Trenching Contract

The superintendent reported the supplies were arriving for the extension of hydro services in Lakeview subdivision. He said it had been indicated to him by the town staff department that the town staff would be unable to dig the trenches for the services and he has made arrangements with a local contractor for the trenching. The trench location was to be staked out on Monday in consultation with the telephone company.

Accounts totalling \$1,893.55 were approved for payment at the meeting attended by chairman E. Tyler Sr., commissioners, McEACHERN, Brown and Dawkins, and councillor F. G. Oakes.

Canadian Tire Expansion Waits Rezoning of Land

Expansion of the Canadian Tire Associate store in Acton and purchase of land formerly used as tennis courts and bowling greens by Art Gordon are pending rezoning of land presently owned by Beardmore and Co. Ltd. from recreation to commercial.

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zone of the former tennis courts and bowling green from recreation to commercial.

When this is official, it is expected Mr. Gordon will purchase the property from Beardmore and Co. Ltd. and proceed with expansion of his business. He hopes to change the location of the service centre to the rear of the present building and expand the main store frontage along Mill St.

Purchase of the land will also provide for additional parking and any future expansion or commercial building.

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Citizen of Year

Acton's "dean" of real estate agents and insurance brokers, F. L. Wright will be guest of honor Thursday night, May 12, when he will be named "Citizen of the Year" at the annual Chamber of Commerce Civic Night banquet in the new band hall.

Presentation of an engraved plaque to Mr. Wright and flowers to his wife will highlight the dinner. Mr. Wright is the ninth Citizen of the Year to be named since the project began. He follows Amos Mason, G. A. Dills, Dr. W. G. C. Kenney, William Coon, Miss Madeleine Gibbons, John Gov. Miss M. Z. Bennett and William Middleton.

This is the second year in a row announcement has been made in advance to allow preparations for the dinner to be made without a cloak of secrecy and to enable the many friends of the person picked to attend the dinner.

In the past, a special guest speaker has been selected to address the Civic Night crowd. Following the dinner this year, the Halton Junior Farmers' choir and local talent will entertain.

The Chamber of Commerce decided to hold the dinner in the new band hall this year in appreciation of the excellent job handsomen did in completing the building and to allow the public an opportunity of seeing its interior.

Tickets are available at both banks, Dills Stationery store, Nielsen's Clothing store and Acton Sports Corner.

Monday Court

Fines totalling \$393 and court costs \$48 when 11 offenders appeared in Milton court Monday after being charged with offenses including impaired driving, minor traffic violations and drinking by Acton O.P.P. officers.

Land Purchased For Shoe Factory

Industrialist Joe Jancar has purchased four acres of land on the outskirts of town with hopes of building a shoe factory some time in the future. The land was formerly owned jointly by Bill Duval Sr. and Archie Papillon.

At present earth moving machinery is levelling the ground on Main St. S. but construction of any building is not expected for some time.

Mr. Jancar is also opening a shoe factory in Guelph and presently is buying machinery and equipment. He intends to manufacture dress shoes in the Guelph location.

Choraliens Guests Tillsonburg Service

Last Sunday, Acton Legion Choraliens took part in a Vimy church parade at Tillsonburg. The Tillsonburg Legion color party will return the visit, taking part in the Decoration Day parade.

The Choraliens formed the choir for the service in Avondale United Church, Tillsonburg. Under the direction of George Musselle, with George Hall at the piano, they sang two anthems, they were How Great Thou Art and The Battle Hymn of the Republic, and also led in the singing of hymns.

Dinner was served at the branch afterwards, and the Choraliens entertained.

Honor Mr. and Mrs. James Rolston On 50th Wedding Anniversary

The former Elizabeth Howe and her husband James Rolston, Victoria Street, celebrated 50 years of happy married life Saturday with family, relatives and friends during a reception at St. Alban's Parish Hall.

The couple who have lived in town the past 22 years, credit their happy marriage to co-operation and hard work during the 50 years.

Mrs. Rolston was born and raised in Powassan, Ontario and her husband was a native of South River. They were married in Powassan, April 26, 1916, by the Rev. P. F. Gardiner, a Presbyterian minister.

Before his marriage, the groom farmed for several years and during this time as a fourth class engineer was in charge of steam threshing machines and did much custom threshing.

After their marriage, both continued to farm at South River for 11 years before the farm was sold.

After retiring from the farm, he worked as a stationary engineer for a chemical plant at South River. The plant was known as the charcoal centre of Canada.

Following this he went to Trout Creek and Nobel as a stationary engineer before coming to Acton with his wife and family in 1944 to work at Beardmore's tannery. He retired from Beardmore's three years ago.

During an interview the couple remarked they have never been sorry they chose to come to Acton as they have made many friends and thoroughly enjoy the town. During his retirement, Mr. Rolston still keeps his hand in as a stationary engineer and helps out at the Community Centre with the ice-making machine. He is also fond of carpentry and cabinet work as well as gardening.

First President

Both are members of the Acton Golden Age Club and Mr. Rolston was the first club president.

Mrs. Rolston is fond of quilting and sewing and especially likes gardening and flowers. She is a member of the United Church Women.

In recalling their 50 years of marriage, both noted the vast change in the mode of living and living conditions today compared with earlier years. "We feel privileged to live in an era where we have seen the most changes of any time in history," she remarked.

Their advice to young people getting married today is to keep out of debt, buy only what can be paid for and to work together throughout married life.

Mr. Rolston has seen many changes in stationary engineering. In earlier years, boilers and turbines were all hand fired but today it is all done by automation.

This summer the couple hope to do much travelling and enjoy the country.

As well as many flowers, gifts and cards, they received a plaque from the Ontario government presented Saturday by M.P.P. Geo. Kerr, a card from Prime Minister Lester Pearson, a letter from M.P. Dr. Harry Harley and a golden tea service from the town of Acton, presented by Mayor Les Duby.

They have five daughters, all married, 15 grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Son Ronald was killed during post-war service with the R.C.A.F.

Attending the Saturday anniversary were members of the immediate family, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Deunis and family (Helen) of Sault Ste. Marie; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cook and family (Amy) of Acton; Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hume and family (Thelma) of Parry Sound; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Gamble and family (Muriel) of Thamesford; Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Roberts and family (Shirley) of Milton; and Mrs. Ronald Rolston and daughter Laurie of Guelph.

During the anniversary dinner 76 relatives enjoyed the meal served by St. Alban's Guild.



ACTON BROWNIES appear cold as they nestle underneath an afghan. Actually the girls are admiring the rug which was made from small pieces of knitting, some completed by Brownies and others by Mrs. R. Buckner. The knitting was part of a project for the Unitarian Services Committee and the rug will be sent to Korea. Front row left to right are Gail Zbeetoff, Susan Ancker, Sharon Creasey, Helen Gunther and Cathy Chapman. Back row left to right are Janice Thompson, Packie Betty Ginger, Brown Owl Mrs. T. S. Newton from the third pack, Brown Owl Mrs. Ren Guest from the second pack, Susan Mathews and Patricia Kelly. Any person who has any old knitted goods which they wish to give to the Unitarian Services Committee may contact Mrs. Buckner.



MARRIED 50 YEARS Mr. and Mrs. James Rolston, Victoria Avenue, celebrated Saturday afternoon during a gathering at St. Alban's Parish Hall with family and friends.