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School Addition, Road Problem Dump Site on Esquesing Agenda

Esquesing Township council Monday of last week waded through a busy agenda approving a five-room addition at Speyside school, hearing a two-man delegation regarding roads and discussing the problem of the Esquesing dumpsite.

The five-room addition which had received tentative approval at a special school board meeting

Rink Vlietstra Ryerson Grad

Rink Vlietstra, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sietsa Vlietstra, 210 Churchill Road N., graduated Friday afternoon from Ryerson Polytech-



nical Institute, Toronto, in Metallurgy. He has begun work at Dofasco Steel Plant in Hamilton.

The graduate, who moved to Acton from Holland with his family in 1953, attended high school here and also in Guelph before beginning the three-year course in Toronto. He has three brothers and two sisters all living in Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Vlietstra attended the graduation exercises in the Institute theatre Friday.

the previous Friday was authorized by council pending final approval by the Ontario Municipal Board and Department of Education.

Supporting a petition signed by over 220 taxpayers, Joseph Duffield and Sam Adams attended council meeting requesting reconstruction of the 27 sideroad (Silvercreek Sideroad) between lot 27 and 28. Mr. Duffield explained there was a short, steep hill, with a high crest cutting visibility. He also noted a sheer drop on one side left no room for passing other vehicles.

Mr. Adams told council he had been involved in an accident three weeks ago at the site. He noted police measured the travelled section of the road and found it to be only 14 feet wide. The delegates suggested removal of from six to eight feet from the brow of the hill to help visibility.

Councillor George Currie reminded council the base of the road was solid rock and would have to be blasted. At the suggestion of Reeve George Leslie council agreed to have a Highways engineer check the site and obtain an estimated cost for the work.

Dump Problem

Councillor Tom Hill objected to the high cost of covering garbage at the township dump and wondered if council was paying \$177 per month for covering garbage for other than township ratepayers. He suggested someone should be in charge at the gate to determine where garbage is coming from but this was ruled out due to the cost.

Reeve Leslie pointed out a man would have to be at the gate from the early hours of the morning 'til after dark. He also stated if the gates were locked, garbage would be strewn along the township roads.

Council appointed Thomas McLean, R.R. 5, Milton as building inspector at an annual salary of \$300 plus \$200 car allowance plus 80 per cent of building permit fees collected.



FRED L. WRIGHT, Acton's Citizen of the Year for 1966, happily greeted Brownies at his door Saturday as he prepared cookies. He will be honored Thursday night (tonight) at the annual Civic Night dinner in the new band hall and will receive a plaque. Left to right are Brownies Emily Hodgson, Tina Van Der Kooy, Debbie Schonnop and Nellie Van Der Kooy as they offer Mr. Wright boxes of cookies. Sales were brisk and the girls had to return to the Scout Hall many times to replenish their supply of cookies.

Honor Fred L. Wright Tonight As Ninth "Citizen of the Year"

A native of Kendall, Westmoreland, England, who came to Canada at the age of eight, Fred L. Wright will be guest of honor tonight (Thursday) when he is honored by the Acton Chamber of Commerce as Acton's ninth "Citizen of the Year."

The popular real estate agent and insurance broker, will be on the receiving line of praise for a change after spending most of his years in town performing unmentioned acts of kindness for many.

His wife Edith is expected to be on hand as well and will receive a bouquet of flowers as her husband accepts an engraved plaque from C of C civic chairman Orval Chapman. Rev. A. H. McKenzie will read a citation outlining his outstanding role in the community.

In his quiet, unassuming manner, this year's Citizen of the Year has helped many individuals, organizations and canvasses without praise or glory.

A charter member of Royal

Canadian Legion Branch 197 Acton, Mr. Wright has been quite active in the Fall Fair Board, Y.M.C.A. work, Acton and Guelph pipe bands, Rotary Club and many other organizations.

During World War II he was active selling Victory Bonds and made many sales which went to help the cause. He is a veteran of World War I having enlisted with the Lorne Scots in 1914 and was cited for distinguished service in the battle of Ypres at the age of 22.

He and his wife have lived at their present home on Wilbur Street for the past 20 years and have one son Norman living in Guelph.

This year's Citizen of the Year follows Amos Mason, G. A. Dills, Dr. W. G. C. Kenney, William Coon, Miss Madeleine Gibbons, John Gray, Miss M. Z. Bennett, and William Middleton.

This year the civic dinner will be held in the new band hall on Wallace Avenue and entertainment will be supplied by Halton

Junior Farmers choir and local talent.

Since the announcement was made two weeks ago naming Mr. Wright as Citizen of the Year, the telephone at the Wright home has been constantly ringing as friends call to offer congratulations.

Next week's issue of the Acton Free Press will carry photos and the story of the Civic dinner.

Wayne Ridley Business Grad

Former Acton district high school student, Wayne Ridley, son of Jack Ridley and the late Mrs. Ridley, graduated Thursday of last week from Ryerson Polytechnical Institute after a three-year course in Business Administration.

The graduate began working Monday in the personnel department at Dominion Electrohome



in Kitchener. He was among a class of 150 to graduate. Present for the graduating exercises were his father Jack and brother Randy.

Wayne attended public and high schools in Acton and was a popular athlete at school field days.

Fell into Vat Man in Hospital

A father of two, Stefan Flisnik, 15 Cobble Hill Road, is in Guelph general hospital with first and second degree burns to his legs after falling into a hot liquor vat at Beardmore and Co. Tuesday afternoon.

The injured man grasped the side of the vat after he fell in and managed to keep from being entirely submerged. A fellow worker Dennis Crooks hauled him out and a doctor and ambulance was summoned. He was rushed to Guelph hospital where he underwent treatment.

He came to Acton about six years ago from Huntsville and is married with two children, Donna, who works at Comark, and Fred, who attends Acton District High School.

High Winds, Snowstorm Fail to Halt Field Day

Bucking high winds and periodic snowflurries, athletes from Acton and Erin high schools banded together at the Acton high school grounds Tuesday to compete in the annual track and field day events. Although competitors from both schools entered each event, each school kept individual tallies of its own students for championship purposes.

The reason for holding a joint meet was that both schools are in "B" class and winners had to be picked for the annual CWOSSA "B" meet to be held in Guelph Saturday.

Champions at the Acton school during the meet were: senior boys Paul Murr, girls Kay Chisholm; intermediate, boys Allan McKenzie, girls Dorothy Fields; junior, boys Jim Lee, girls Irene Severinski; bantam, boys Brian Carriere, girls Patti Chisholm.

Following are the results of both track and field events for the Acton school naming first, second and third place winners.

Boys' Events

BANTAM

100 yard dash, Brian Carriere, Bill Nicolak, Brian Binnie, Shot put, E. Karn, Bob Andrews, Brian Binnie, Long jump, Gary Heister, Jim Pecha, Brian Carriere.

JUNIOR

100 yard dash, Brent Marshall, Jim Lee, Mark Hurst, 200 yard dash, Jim Slaven, Jim Lee, Mark Hurst, 400 yard dash, Jim Slaven, Jim Lee, Colin Gould, 800 yard dash, Jim Slaven, Neil Anderson, William Douglas, One mile, Jim Slaven, Neil Anderson, Gordon Allen.

Long jump, Brent Marshall, Jim Lee, Michael Marcoux, Triple jump, Brent Marshall, Jim Lee, Casey Harkley and Barry Buchanan tied, High jump, Len Vavre, Jim Lee, Bill Landsborough, Discus throw, Jim Lee, Brent Marshall, Colin Gould, Shot put, Jim Lee, Colin Gould, Ken Owen, Pole vault, D. Dick, Mike Cooper.

INTERMEDIATE

100 yard dash, Doug Allan, Steven Johnston, Paul Cooper, 200 yard dash, Allan McKenzie, Doug Allan, Steven Johnston, 400 yard dash, Allan McKenzie, Garry White, Gordon Dawe and Fred Flisnik tied, 800 yard dash, Allan McKenzie, Garry Kelly, One mile, Allan McKenzie.

Long jump, Doug Allan, Steven Johnston, Allan McKenzie, Triple jump, Allan McKenzie, Gordon

Reed, Steven Johnston, High jump Steven Johnston, Gordon Reed, Harry Ochlich, Discus throw, Robert Price, Casey Harkley, Steven Johnston, Shot put, Robert Price, Harry Ochlich, Steven Johnston, Pole vault, David Black, Harry Ochlich.

SENIOR

100 yard dash, Paul Murr, Phillip Marzo, Bill Fisher, 200 yard dash, Paul Murr, Tom Ginger, David McMillan, 400 yard dash, Paul Murr, Tom Ginger, Phillip Marzo, 800 yard dash, Paul Murr, Tom Ginger, One mile, Paul Murr, Tom Ginger, David McMillan.

Long jump, Phillip Marzo, Tom Ginger, Andy Bowman, Triple jump, Brian Sheridan, Tom Ginger, Gordon Van Gils, High jump, Bill Fisher, David McMillan and Brian Sheridan tied for second, Discus throw, Phillip Marzo, Bill Cook, John Davidson, Shot put, Doug Garrett, Phillip Marzo, Brian Sheridan, Pole vault, Doug Garrett, Dave Woodhouse.

Girls' Events

BANTAM

60 yard dash, Patti Chisholm, Connie Phillips, Marie Timbers, Long jump, Jane Wong, Connie Phillips, Nancy Morris, 100 yard dash, Patti Chisholm, Marie Timbers, Connie Phillips, Discus throw, Cathy Krul, Jane Wong, Lyndy Lou Moon.

JUNIOR

60 yard dash, Irene Severinski, Thelma Kirkwood, Roberta Nesset, 100 yard dash, Irene Severinski, Thelma Kirkwood, Linda Lawson.

Shot put, Susan Taillefer and Thelma Kirkwood tied, Susan Allan, Discus throw, Janet Braida.

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SENIOR CHAMPION Paul Murr, who copped all the senior track events at the high school field day Tuesday, has a first place ribbon pinned on him by his trainer Ted Franklin as other proteges of the trainer, Jim Slaven and Allan McKenzie, watch. Mr. Franklin trains the Acton boys who are members of the Guelph Legion Track Club. Paul romped home first in all senior track events, Jim in junior events, and Allan in the intermediate events.

Board Suggests Plan of Subdivision Change in Street Pattern Advised

A separation of five acres of land, erection of a private home and possible development of a subdivision have been stalled for two weeks by Acton Planning Board pending full understanding by all parties involved.

An application by Tony Sevnuck to separate five acres of his farm land for sale to Cranston

Griese and a second application from Mr. Griese to erect a home on this land for himself were received some months ago.

Since that time the applications have been dealt with by Planning Board which turned them down due to lack of information.

Next to handle the applications was the Committee of Adjustment combined with the Development Commission of Council. At this time tentative approval was given providing certain recommendations were followed. Included in the recommendations were allowances for rights of way for continuation of certain streets and development of some new ones throughout the area.

Street Plan

Agreements for these street allowances were drawn up and presented to council. At that time it was agreed to engage a solicitor to study the agreements before action was taken. Mr. Griese also presented a proposed plan of subdivision for the five acres he intended to purchase.

At a Planning Board meeting following council's perusal of the agreements, Board members instructed the secretary to contact Planning consultants to see if the proposed street plan would blend into future planning of the town.

Consultant's Opinion

Thursday evening of last week secretary Jack McGeachie told board members at their meeting in the council chambers he had visited Planning Consultant Denis Flood and reviewed tentative plans with him. Several changes in street pattern had been recommended by the consultant. Pedestrian walks for school children were suggested.

Since the original request for the land severance was submitted to Planning Board it has been handled by Planning Board, Committee of Adjustment, council, development committee of council, the Planning Consultant and two engineers.

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Assessor Takes Training Course

Acton assessor William Erskine enjoyed two "firsts" last week — his first plane trip and attendance at the Emergency Measures Organization training course at Arnprior.

As Acton's E.M.O. representative, Mr. Erskine was chosen to represent Halton at the week-long training course and flew from Milton to Uplands airport.

Day-long sessions from May 1 to May 6 were attended by representatives from communities across Canada including only three from Ontario. Mr. Erskine chose to attend the sessions on emergency clothing. He found the training course quite informative and now realizes the importance of being prepared in the event of a nuclear war or any major emergency. Each municipality must play a leading role to acquaint the public with the need to be prepared, he was told.

Delegates at the course also learned the drastic effects of a bomb and the suffering entailed.

Mr. Erskine is expected to report to council on his recent trip to Arnprior.

Buds are out on the trees, flowers are peeping through the ground, and still we get winter weather.

Mayor Hopes For

Remedy at Dangerous Corner

Hoping for a favorable report from the Department of Transport regarding the controversial Mill/Main intersection, Mayor Les Dudy Tuesday night informed council that Mr. Kalna from the Traffic Engineering section of the Department of Transport had been in town last week to inspect the intersection.

The Mayor reported he, Deputy Reeve R. K. Parker and clerk-administrator Jack McGeachie had accompanied the engineer on his tour of inspection and all three were hopeful some action might be taken to improve the dangerous corner.

Police had been contacted regarding accidents at the site and the four drove through the intersection several times to acquaint the engineer with problems.

Previously the Department of Highways had taken several traffic surveys there and turned down requests to install traffic lights.

Council has been aware of the danger and congestion at the in-

tersection. Former councillor, Hamilton Peal, who resigned from council two weeks ago, urged council in his parting speech to press for some solution to the problem.

Councillor Mrs. George Fryer attended the meeting, her first since being appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Hamilton Peal. She is another who has pressed for improvement at the corner.

Beverly House Property

A letter accompanied by an agreement from George Sucola, Guelph, regarding purchase of the former Beverly House property at the corner of Church and Maria Streets for the purpose of erecting an apartment house, sparked discussion among councillors.

Included in the property is a street named Beverley Boulevard which is decided and registered to the town. It was requested by the prospective buyer the street be turned back to the property owners, Beardmore and Co.

Councillor G. F. Leatherland read the agreement and voiced his dissatisfaction with certain wording. He sponsored a resolution approving the request in principle but noting Beardmore and Co. had no right to sell land deemed as a road, also calling for an apartment to be erected within a specified time and requesting solicitor William Sharpe of Milton be asked for legal advice on the subject. This was approved.

Council members spent an hour and three-quarters discussing severance of a piece of farm land to Tony Sevnuck for sale to Cranston Griese. Mr. Griese has requested permission to purchase the land and erect a home for himself.

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Education Costs Up

Nassagaweya Twp. Tax Rate is Established

Nassagaweya Township taxes for 1966 — as expected following a pre-budget setting session last week — went up.

Council officially confirmed the increase Monday and established the complicated structure of mill rates for township ratepayers. The increased mill rate varies widely, depending on where the ratepayers live and what fire area or high school area or village rates they will pay.

Township Reeve William Coulter read the following statement at Monday night's meeting concerning the 1966 Township mill rate:

In regard to the large increase in this year's tax rate, it should be noted that in portions this Council has direct control over (that is, the General and Road rates), only 9.10 of a mill increase has been established. This in actual fact has allowed for an additional \$4,800 for Planning Board or over 300% increase, and 50% of the cost of purchasing a new maintenance for the Roads Department, estimated at an expenditure of \$10,000 in 1966.

The remainder of the large increase is due to the following increased requisitions:

(a) A .03 mill increase on the County rate.

(b) A 5.93 mill increase in the Public School rate.

To clarify this to a degree, 2 mills were required to operate the Kindergarten School, 2 mills to pick up the deficit on last year's operational costs created mainly by the construction of a portable classroom, brought about by the larger than anticipated enrollment last year.

It is interesting to note that the School Board, working on a 5 year projected plan of increased enrollment and anticipated costs thereof, have now reached the number of pupils they were expecting in the years 1967 and 1968. The balance of the Public School rate will be used for increased salaries and transportation costs.

(c) The Milton High School rate is increased 2.32 mills.

(d) The Acton High School rate is increased by 2.02 mills.

Both increases are due to increased debt service payments on the additions completed in 1965 and also increased salaries.

COMPARISON OF RATES

	1965		1966	
	Res.	Comm.	Res.	Comm.
Milton High School District				
General	5.40	8.00	5.09	7.67
Road	8.60	8.60	9.82	9.82
County	5.70	5.70	5.73	5.73
Public School	14.14	15.71	20.07	22.30
High School, Milton	13.05	14.50	15.37	17.08
	46.89	52.51	56.08	62.60
Acton High School District				
General	5.40	8.00	5.09	7.67
Road	8.60	8.60	9.82	9.82
County	5.70	5.70	5.73	5.73
Public School	14.14	15.71	20.07	22.30
High School, Acton	10.71	11.90	12.73	14.15
	44.55	49.91	53.44	59.67
Consolidated Rates				
Acton High School Area	53.44	44.55		
Milton High School Area	56.08	46.89		
Eden Mills P.V.	58.47	51.27		
Campbellville P.V.	55.54	44.34		
Plus Fire Area				
Acton Fire Area	2.44			
Milton Fire Area	1.44			
Plus Commercial Rate				
Acton High School Area	6.23			
Milton High School Area	6.52			