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Special meeting last night

Negotiate with Tannery for land discuss leasing south spring

A special meeting of council called last night to discuss subjects involving the town and Beardmore and Co. drew some spirited discussion among members of council before the following motion was passed.

That the town submit two proposals to Beardmore's for their consideration regarding acquiring land for a sewage disposal plant addition and a dump site.

First proposal was that the town offer Beardmore and Co. a 10 year lease on the south spring at the expiration of the present agreement and that the company pay for water at a rate of 9¢ a thousand gallons, the rate they pay now. In return the town will get title to the new dump site and new disposal plant site. If in the meantime the water becomes potable (drinkable) the lease will terminate.

The second proposal was that the town and company negotiate a straight exchange of the new disposal plant site for the old dump site and the town take a 25 year lease on a new dump site as well as paying all legal costs for the transaction.

BOTH THESE proposals came out of recommendation from a meeting of No. 2 committee following a meeting with a representative of Beardmore and Co. in which he made several recommendations to council regarding proposals to negotiate with the company.

Both these proposals were discussed thoroughly with Reeve Hinton vehemently opposed as well as another resolution concerning dredging on Fairy Lake.

Beardmore and Co. is concerned dredging of Fairy Lake will interrupt their supply of clean water for a period of time and they asked assurance from the town that water from other sources would be available to them in the event this happened. Although the contractor thought there was little danger of silt polluting the water, he couldn't guarantee it when his dredge worked in the recreation (swimming) areas.

THE COMPANY requires 200,000 gallons of clean water a day and they were concerned production would be affected if it wasn't readily available.

Council, after another long discussion which saw a sharp exchange between the mayor and reeve, passed a motion agreeing to supply water to Beardmore and Co. if dredging pollutes water at present town rates for one week and if further period is required a price be negotiated.

Reeve Hinton was the lone member of council to vote against the motion. He claimed Beardmore and Co. received preferential treatment on water rates and felt there should be no further need of negotiation.

The meeting ended with a final motion authorizing Clerk J. McGeachie, Mayor Doby and Councillor Drinkwater to negotiate with Beardmore and Co. Again the lone objector Reeve Hinton who proposed earlier that both No. 1 and No. 2 committees of council be authorized to negotiate with the company.

FIRST ITEM on the agenda, the site for a new disposal plant precipitated the most discussion as the reeve jumped into the fray while Councillor Ted Tyler explained No. 2 committee was trying to tie the entire deal up into one neat package which will dovetail together. He expressed the committee's desire to come up with a mutual agreement.

The reeve asked, "Who broached the south spring?"

Councillor Tyler: "They did. We'll exchange something they have for something we have. They'd like some assurance in case they have a water problem. It's not costing the town any money."

Councillor Earl Masales addressed himself to the reeve and said, "The water in the spring is not saleable, not drinkable. It's only good for industrial water."

THE REEVE remained unconvinced. "The water could become potable (drinkable). I can't see offering them a lease on the spring. An asset to the town should remain an asset. Don't deal something we need. We need land for extension of sewers which will benefit Beardmore's as well as other industries."

"We're not competent to decide. Industrial water there might be wanted by another industry," the reeve continued. "If we need land for sewage extension we can pay for it."

"What if the company says it

won't sell?" asked Mr. Tyler. "We can expropriate," the reeve stated.

Mayor Doby explained unnecessary steps could be avoided by direct negotiation with the company and felt certain the company was willing to negotiate.

"Why pay money, anyway," asked Mr. Tyler, "when you can get it for nothing and make money?"

"THE SPRING belongs to the town," injected Mr. Hinton.

"The spring will still belong to the town," said the councillor, "and we can make money on it. Why expropriate?"

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Young players at band camp

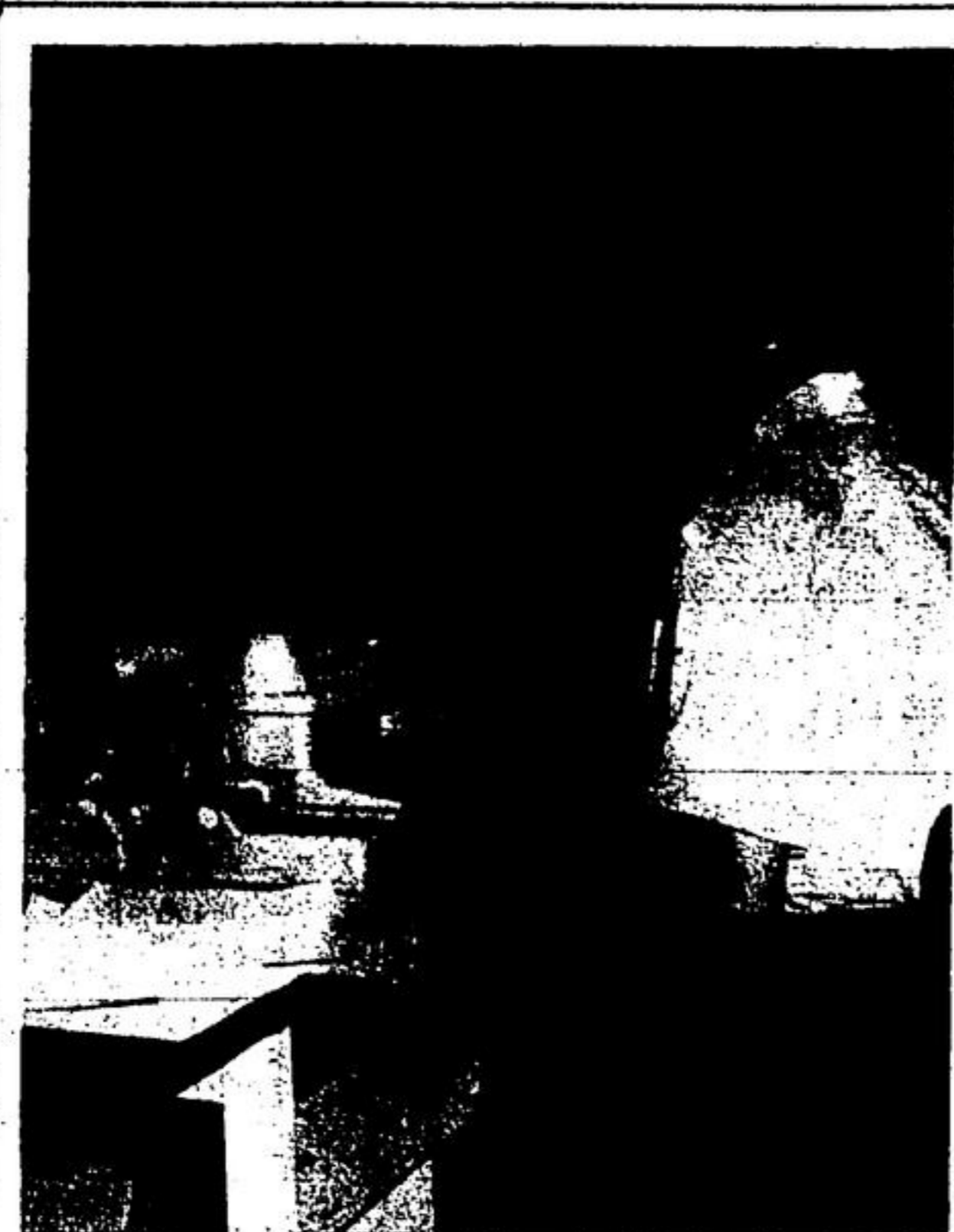
Two young boys returned Sunday from a week of intensive instruction at the Ontario Youth Music Camp at Beaverton. This is the first time Acton junior bandmen have attended the camp and it is hoped that, following the glowing reports from the first duo, more will go next year.

At the camp, seven hours a day were devoted to music with individual instrument instruction and band practice. Randy Coker was taking instruction on the French horn and Jack Holmes on the cornet.

THERE WERE about 50 boys and girls there, joining together for the band lessons.

Every Friday evening in Beaverton the camp of the previous week presents a band concert. The Holmes, who took the boys up, heard the previous camp's debut, while the Cokers were very impressed with the concert given by the Acton boys' companions before they brought them home.

The Canadian Bandmasters Association sponsors the annual camp. There is swimming and recreation as well as instruction.



Audrey Laurence operates the Justowriter

NEW TYPE FACE

The Free Press introduces a new type face in this week's issue to further improve the legibility of the paper and make it more attractive for readers.

The new face is known as Newstext. It is produced on a machine called a Justowriter which turns out sharp, clean, justified cold-type copy, a switch from the old hot type method employed for many years in the printing industry.

In this age of computers and complex business machines, the Justowriter automatic composing machine is right at home. The easy-to-read copy produced is proportionately spaced and the width of each letter is determined by its natural size so that the beauty of the type style is not impaired either by cramming or by too much space.

Actually the process involves two machines -- the Recorder on which a tape is punched and the Reproducer which is operated from the tape automatically.

No, the linotype hasn't gone out of style. Many of the type faces you will see in advertisements and special features will still be set on the old standby which revolutionized the printing industry when it was introduced.

However, all the news type will be what is called eight point Newstext, set on the Justowriter.

The management of the Free Press has always endeavored to keep abreast of the latest developments in the printing industry and pass the improvements on to the readers whenever possible.

We hope you like this newest improvement and find it makes The Free Press easier to read.

Consider concert No local winners in safety contest

A Friday evening concert in the downtown area is being considered by Acton Citizens' Band as an experiment. The bandmen think they will arrange a concert in the United Church parking lot during open shopping hours one of these Fridays -- maybe even this week.

Prize winners in the Elmer coloring contest No. 2 have been listed and again there are no Acton or district winners. The bikes went to Ajax and Thornhill.

The fourth in the series appears in the Free Press this week.

Fairy lake dredging may affect Beardmore water

Mayor Doby told last night's special meeting of council that the contractor for Fairy Lake dredging approached Beardmore and Co. and asked for permission to start work. He felt work couldn't start until he contacted the owner of private land, Fairy Lake is owned by Beardmore and Co.

The mayor told council the company was concerned about possible effects of dredging on the quality of water. Since the contractor could not guarantee the water wouldn't be affected, they would like the town to make water available in the event the quality is affected.

COUNCILLOR EARL Masales said it would probably only be for a short period of time. He saw no reason why some agreement couldn't be reached.

Reeve Hinton was opposed. He asked why Beardmore was asking for a guarantee. "They own the land. They want us to guarantee water -- it's none of our business," he maintained.

"We're selling water," said the mayor, "and they want us to supply water," echoed Councillor Masales.

The reeve maintained it would be foolhardy to guarantee anything. He felt the company had enough sources of its own without getting water from the town.

MAYOR DOBY said it was a clear, simple thing. The comp-

any needs a supply of 200,000 gallons a day in the event dredging disturbs the lake water. It is just a measure to insure they get water if they need it.

"They could ask us to stop dredging," said Councillor Drinkwater. "The contractor doesn't want to trespass."

Reeve Hinton said the company couldn't stop it. "They know the power of conservation authorities," he argued.

The reeve further maintained another industry had complained about the town selling water to Beardmore and Co. for 9¢ a thousand gallons. He said the town can't produce water for this price. The recommendation from the committee asked for a 9¢ price on water sold.

CLERK J. McGeachie said water was sold at the same rate to

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LAST WEDNESDAY'S severe thunderstorm was believed responsible for this cactus flowering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. McCulloch, R.R. 3, Acton. The lovely white flower started to come during the storm and by early Thursday morning was out in full bloom. Mrs. McCulloch, here holding the desert flower, makes no pretensions at being a gardener but she was delighted at her luck with the cactus.

350 questionnaires out to town tenants

At the request of Acton council, the Ontario Housing Corporation has begun its survey to determine the need and demand for public rental housing in Acton. Last Wednesday, 350 questionnaires were mailed from the town office to all tenants listed on the assessment rolls.

Although extra forms are available at the town office for those whose present housing is inadequate, very few have been picked up so far.

THE PROPOSED housing would accommodate either families or senior citizens living or working in Acton whose present housing is unsuitable in some significant way, and rents would be geared to family income. Both apartments and houses will be considered when the needs are ascertained.

The forms are to be mailed directly to the Ontario Housing Corporation in Toronto.

Not retrieved just retrieved

Advertised in last week's Free Press, a lost Golden Retriever dog didn't find his owner -- but at least he hasn't had to be destroyed. The dog wandered into a Knox Ave. home, and sympathetic resident placed the ad. Three people came to see the dog, but sadly decided it wasn't their lost dog.

Finally another dog owner, who recognized the value of the animal, volunteered to pay its \$2 charge into the Humane Society in Guelph where a new owner will be sought for it.

Yes, it's true -- man is dog's best friend.

Careening car hits house four charges laid by police

A bizarre accident on Main St. North, Thursday night following apprehension of an Acton youth by police caused \$600 damage to a vehicle and a house and required 37 stitches to close a gash in another man's forehead.

Police picked up the local youth on four charges of impaired driving, careless driving, taking a vehicle without the owner's consent and escaping custody on Main St. N. around Thompson's garage. Then they called the owner of the vehicle to come and take it back.

The car was parked and attempts to get the gas pedal unstuck by the owner and a friend,

ended up with the car -- still in gear -- taking off with Alton Row-sell, 121 Poplar St., inside. The car mounted the curb and hit the house of Douglas Jackson, 52 Main St. N., causing \$200 damage.

Mr. Rowsell was thrown through the windshield sustaining a large gash which required 37 stitches. He was treated by Dr. D.W. Vander Bent at Acton Medical Centre.

Damage to the car owned by Clarence McLeod was estimated at \$400.

Constable P. Thwaites investigated.

Temptation nixed bell won't ring

The old town hall bell, now encased in a cairn by the fire hall won't ring -- not for an emergency, or a midnight prank, or ever. No use trying, children -- the clapper is out of it, and when it goes back in it'll be welded mute.

Much too tempting, the firefighters decided.

Joan Ramsden technologist



Miss Joan Ramsden has successfully completed her Canadian Society of Laboratory Technologists exams and is now a registered medical lab technologist. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bing Ramsden, R.R. 4, Rockwood, she is working at St. Joseph's hospital, Guelph.



INVASION OF THE cat creature in the Barbie doll house brought laughing recriminations from the little girls in charge of this outdoor household. The summer-sleepy puss sought the comfort and shade of the pink canopied doll bed one hot afternoon on the weekend. (Staff Photo)

Will depict Canada's history at playground wind-up parade

The six weeks' summer playground ends officially on Friday but the big wind-up will take place Thursday evening as the triumph parade down Mill St.

The theme for this year's parade is the History of Canada and it will feature the six stages of Canadian life starting with the Vikings and ending with a glimpse into the future. It will start at approximately 6:30 p.m. and all the children will be in costume complete with floats depicting their era of Canadian history.

FOLLOWING the parade a program for parents and friends will be held either at the park or the M.Z. Bennett school grounds, depending on where the procession ends. Plans were still incom-

plete as the Free Press went to bed.

Leaders hope they'll be able to muster a clown band to lead the parade but barring this will make up their own musicians. HEADING THE centennial playground procession behind the music makers will be men from the long ships, the first white to step on Canadian soil -- the Vikings. Leaders Edie Hopkins and Linda Rolston are looking after that segment of the parade.

Behind them will come the Indians who are being looked after by Jo Marie Marchment. They will be followed by the Eskimos hardy northern dwellers who are being herded by Paul Cooper and Elaine Johnson.

Canada's pioneers, a colorful lot, will depict the early days under the guidance of Cavell Marshall. Confederation, the triumph of union for the Canadian provinces will occupy the next slot and Kathy Krul has charge of that section.

A LOOK INTO the future of Canada will be supplied by the last part of the procession which is left in the hands of Bob Andrews and Marianne Coles.

Supervisor Joanne Landsborough is arranging most of the details for the final fling under program director Elizabeth Atkey.

Friday -- final day for another successful playground -- will be taken up with cleaning up.