

Clerk - administrator

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concluded "It doesn't work that way."

An agreement was received from C.M.H.C. regarding the financing of the plant.

More parking spaces for both drivers and pedestrians were voted down by council.

Mr. Drinkwater explained a Fridays and Saturdays survey taken of parking in the downtown area proved there was ample parking space at all times. There were never any less than 57 empty spots in the business blocks, and the parking lot was not used to any great extent.

Mr. Tyler pressed for benches in front of the town office but others felt they would encourage loitering. "Why make 3,000 suffer because of a few violators?" he asked. "The police can handle it." However, the benches were voted out, 5 to 4.

What council did

Council's other business:

* With final approval from the O.M.B. received for the M.Z. Bennett school addition and Robert Little resource centre a bylaw was passed authorizing temporary advances for financing.

* No. 1 Committee will investigate the possibility of having an ambulance station in Acton. The 20 minute to half an hour wait for the Guelph ambulance seems awfully long, councillor Tyler said. Mayor Duby recalled previous investigation showed too high a cost.

* No. 2 committee was authorized to proceed with the building of a basic industrial road from Main St. N. into the town's industrial park.

* Representatives from Georgetown Cable TV Ltd. will attend the next No. 1 committee meeting to discuss their request to construct a cable TV system in Acton.

* The fair board was allowed to use some of the dredged sand to cover the floor of the poultry building.

* Representatives of the Ontario Housing Corporation will be asked to attend a committee meeting. They had written the public school board, seeking land near the library for a proposed senior citizens apartment.

* The town opposed a county council resolution suggesting Acton, Milton, Georgetown, Nassagaweya and Esquesing consider the establishment of a county assessment commissioner. "We feel the only solution is for a full county assessment commissioner system" council stated. Dr. Oakes pointed out the town's county council representatives voted against it at county level as well.

Reeve Hinton expressed his concern that sand from the dredging was being dumped in large quantity along the far side of the lake, beyond the bush at the end of Lakeview subdivision. He declared the town or Beardmore's should be instructing where the fill would go. He wondered if the town was getting the maximum benefit of the fill.

Speaking as the mayor and not for Beardmore's (owners of the property), Mayor Duby explained the contractor had to move to keep operating and he is in daily contact with Beardmore's. Unless the sand is pumped out town or Beardmore land it becomes the contractor's sand, to put where he can make arrangements. The dredgers will be coming back up to where we want them to do things beneficial to us.

Asked at Reeve Hinton, Mr. Duby finally declared "Our patience is NOT lack of activity, Mr. Reeve!" It's obvious we will get as much material as we desire if we got every consideration at the last joint meeting (of Authority, contractors, council, Beardmore

representatives and parks board.)

A new meeting place may be available for some town group. Or there may be an ambulance station. Or even a railway museum. As for some councillors' disapproval of the negative approach council passed a resolution for the clerk try to get information from the C.N.R. about the possibility of the town buying or leasing the C.N.R. station and freight sheds, if they're closed, so the town could make use of them.

"We should still take a strong stand," councillor Drinkwater exclaimed. "What's the use of a station if the trains don't stop?" replied councillor Oakes.

M.P. Rud Whiting, in town last week, is up-to-date on the town's wishes. Mayor Duby stated: "It's a matter of economics... unless we can prove to the C.N.R. they were wrong. He explained industries, when contacted by a special committee, had generally made other arrangements for freight that were more satisfactory than C.N.R. service.

Five years ago we should have objected, said councillor McKenzie.

Stormy calls summon mayor

A spate of complaints during Thursday's storm took the mayor, Reeve and town workmen out in the rain seeing to the problems Thursday.

One reported problem-swirling water that had closed a business

No objections applications for changes

Following committee of adjustment correspondence, town council Tuesday:

- did not object to the application for separation of part of lot 303, plan 1098 (at the dump). No objections were received by last week's deadline.

- approved the separation of lot 327, plan 1098, owned by R. Vyse. No objections received.

- raised no objection to the redivision of lots 133, 134, and 135, plan 603 (bottom of Elmore Dr.) to deed part of lot 133 to the town, hearing date September 3.

- raised no objection to the application of William H. Carr, on behalf of Karl Thier, for severance of part of lot 9 to lot 8 to rectify a surveyor's error.

- didn't object to the Acton public school board's application for a side yard variance to permit the M.Z.B. school addition. The town will also allow encroachment on their water line easement.

* A pay increase was granted office caretaker Harvey Palmer.

* A temporary sidewalk will be installed along the south side of Elizabeth Dr. and the entrance widened; new lighting will be installed on Nelson Ct.



LIGHTNING STRUCK the barn at Lorne Masales' on Thursday night, levelling all but the stone foundation in little over an hour. Acton firefighters were able to keep the blaze from spreading to other buildings. A cow and three calves perished in the barn. (Staff Photo)

Entire harvest in blaze

On Friday morning, all that remained of the barn behind Lorne Masales' on Main Street north, was the stone silo, part of the foundation, a pile of smoldering black rubble.

Lightning struck the barn shortly after 6 p.m. during Thursday night's storm. Although Acton fire fighters were able to keep the blaze from spreading to neighbouring farm buildings, they could do nothing to save the barn.

Says Jean Masales, "We saw it strike and it just seemed to burst into flames."

Mr. Masales and his six-year-old son Scott had been working in the hay when the storm broke. They had just left the barn and were at the kitchen door when a bolt of lightning hit. "By the time I got back to the barn, it was red all around my head," says Mr. Masales.

All the milk cows, the male calves, and a horse were in the barn at the time. With the aid of firefighters, the Masales were able to save all but one cow and three calves.

Also lost in the blaze were 90 tons of hay, 15 tons of straw, 50 bushels of oats, a bail elevator, a manure spreader, three saddles and bridles and various other pieces of farm equipment.

The building was owned by H. K. Porter, plant manager, Tom Shields indicated that it was partially covered by insurance.

Damage at park, hotel fight bring increase in patrolling

For the second weekend in succession North Halton O.P.P. officers were called in to assist the Acton O.P.P. Malicious damage at the park and a disturbance at the Station Hotel resulted in damage.

Several were charged by the O.P.P. following weekend incidents.

Fridly evening a fight broke out in the Station Hotel, and one Georgetown man and one Acton man were charged by police. A window was broken and four or five tables and chairs smashed.

Just the day before Station Hotel manager Clare Anderson reported Monday and Tuesday's receipts were taken from the second floor office. Sum missing amounted to \$756.49 and a \$30 cheque. Cons. Bruce Kressler is still investigating.

Sunday morning about 4 a.m. two youths at the park broke three windows, threw garbage and turned over picnic tables.

Acton police patrolled the streets as much as possible, looking for groups of trouble-makers. Various groups of youths were urged to move on or go home.

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Nassagaweya barn hit levelled in one hour

With half their numbers already fighting a barn blaze at Lorne Masales' Acton fire fighters were called out to a second fire at the home of Lou Pocius on the 4th Line at No. 20 sideroad Nassagaweya.

The barn was struck by lightning shortly after six on Thursday evening and burned to the ground.

The Pocius family had been sitting in the kitchen when they heard the lightning hit. The power went off and Mr. Pocius said he looked out the window and saw two large black marks on the roof of the barn. "There was a crash, some smoke and it was blazing," he said. By the time Acton fire department arrived it was beyond control.

The Milton department had been called in as well, but when they found Acton already there,

they went back. A stroke of fate saved four riding horses in a nearby field. Said Mr. Pocius, "I was thinking of putting them in the barn when I saw the storm coming but it started too quickly." The first thing he did after the lightning struck was to shut the gate to the barn so they couldn't get inside.

Fire fighters were able to rescue three cows and two dogs. Mrs. Pocius had just finished feeding the farm cats and they didn't had time to return to the barn. Many of the lucky felines watched the blaze from fence post positions. Ten chickens perished in the barn.

In the summer of 1929, an old barn on the same site burned to the ground. At that time, the property was owned by Alf Allen.

Off to School they Go!

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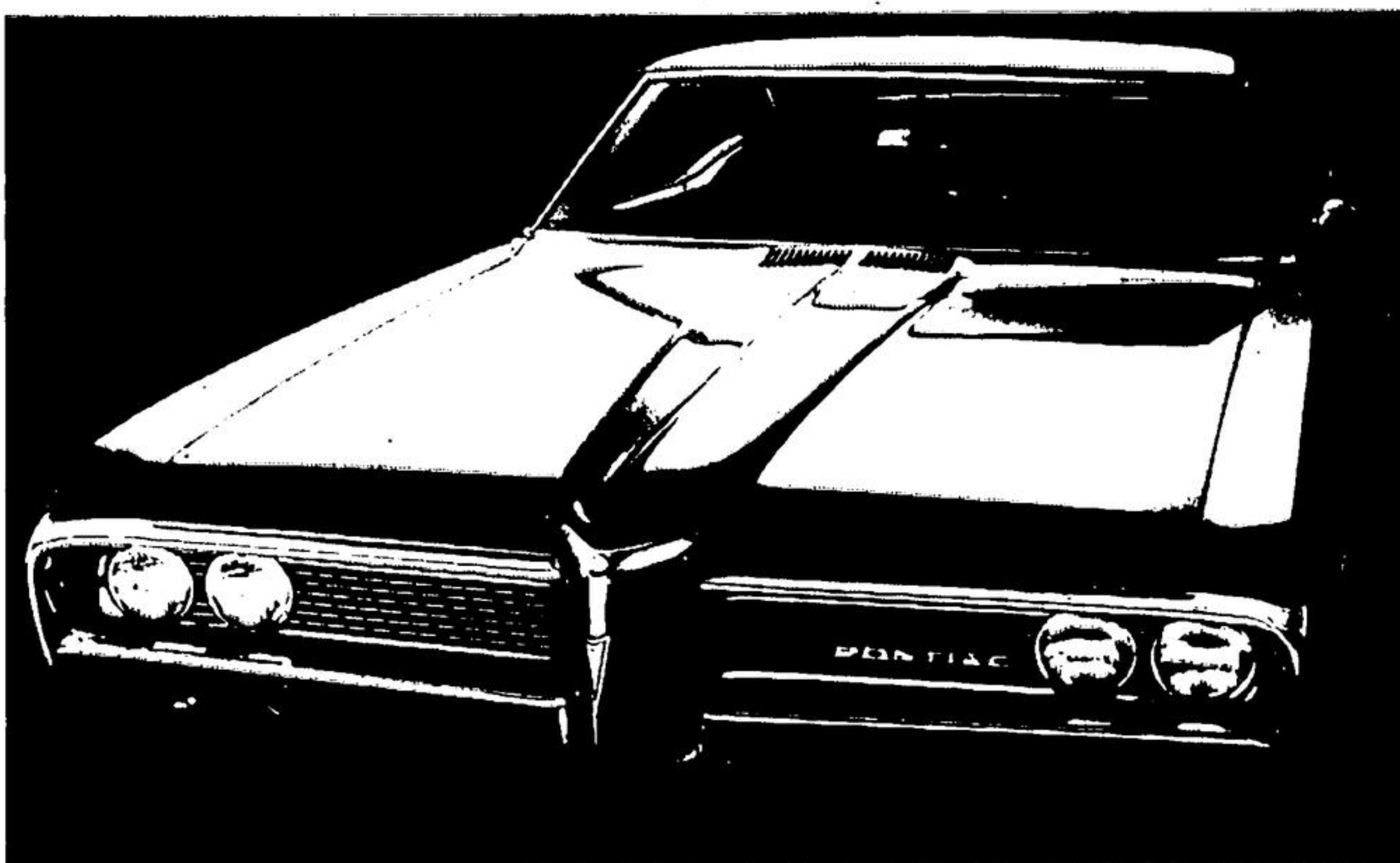
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