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Acton Follows Georgetown Annexes Esquesing Acreage

A long awaited decision from the Ontario Municipal Board was handed down this week. As of March 1, this year, Acton's boundaries will enclose 972 acres instead of the present 514. Included in the new limits will be industrial property owned by the Wool Combing Corporation and Beardmore Co. Ltd. Acton applied for 566 Esquesing township acres; the Municipal Board awarded 465.

The decision culminates proceedings started by the town nearly two years ago. In 1963 a first application was thrown out. In 1964 the town tried again, early in the year, reducing its bid from 1507 acres to 566. However, because of this very action the annexation hearing were postponed and a new application ordered.

Later in the year, in September, hearings again opened but were adjourned after two days and 30 witnesses failed to close legal presentation. Last November, the drawn-out procedure again resumed, this time to complete hearings and adjourn the case for argument in December.

\$400,000 More Assessment

Tuesday, the Municipal Board's decision was made public. Total assessment in the 566 acre area proposed to be annexed is \$400,522. Of this amount \$365,220 is assessed against the Beardmore and Wool Combing properties. While the Board's decision reduces the formal bid by 137 acres, to 429, it is not expected the assessment value which becomes Acton's will figure much below \$400,000.

A definite figure will not be known until a survey of the exact boundaries of the annexed area is made.

The acres the town did not receive comprise, for the most part, a large block of land owned by Mrs. M. McCullough on the south side of No. 7 Highway and a considerably smaller acreage, owned by R. N. Brown, west and north of the Acton Jersey Dairy on the North Side of the highway.

Land In Annexation Area

Lands included in the annexation are generally 49 acres farm lands owned by J. J. Stewart, west of the Third Line; 22 acres farm lands and small holdings, owned by Ron Vyse and others, west of the Third Line.

an acreage comprising a 150-foot wide strip east of the Third Line, from about Vyse's line to No. 7 Highway, owned by R. N. Brown; a small acreage of farm lands, south of the highway and west of the Third Line, owned by E. Braids; a small acreage in a 150-foot wide strip south of the highway and east of the third line, owned by Mrs. M. McCullough; nearly 300 acres owned by Beardmore and Co. Ltd. and the Wool Combing Corporation.

While effective date of the annexation is March 1st, 1965, the Board pointed out in its decision that "any adjustments of assets and liabilities would be made as of January 1st, 1955."

Its review of the case (accompanying the decision release) the Board noted Esquesing township has a present area of 66,179 acres and a total assessment of \$5,036,232, of which \$214,935 is industrial. The Beardmore and Wool Combing properties represent 50.21 per cent of the total industrial assessment in the township, the report added.

However, the review continued, both companies have in large measure depended upon Acton for years for certain services, fire protection, employee housing and adjunct social and educational facilities in the community.

Considering these two industrial sections as a "first part" in the annexation proposal, the Board decided favorably to Acton in view of evidence presented. Wool Combing consented to annexation at the hearings, while the Beardmore company did not state preference.

In the "second part" of the application the Board stated testimony satisfied it that building lots were scarce in town in outlining how adjacent towns are expanding by annexation, the Board decreed that it was in order that the same expansive tendencies should apply to Acton.

Visit With Sister FOR 84th BIRTHDAY

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Marshall attended a family party in Toronto Friday honouring Mrs. Marshall's sister, Mrs. William Graham, Erin, on her 84th birthday.

Hosts were Mrs. Graham's daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bingham.

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Poultry Group Plans Bantam Judging Night

Plans for a Bantam Night next month were made at a meeting Saturday of Georgetown and Halton Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association when members attended an afternoon meeting in the Oddfellows Hall.

The Bantam Night is scheduled for February 25th in the Orange Hall at Stewarttown, and A. E. Waldie, Milton, will act as judge.

President Tom Clark presided at the meeting and a financial statement reviewed by secretary-treasurer Clarence Spence showed a substantial increase. Mr. Spence was complimented for his good work.

Corey Herrington, editor of Feather Fancier and proprietor of Sunset Farm, Stewarttown, took the chair for the election of officers, in which the following were chosen:

President, Tom Clark; 1st vice president, Carman Copland; 2nd vice president, Cliff Ridler, Erin; secretary-treasurer, Clarence Spence; Directors, H. Dodds, Acton; Lloyd Miller, Glen Williams, James McPhail, Milton; Ken Weston, Erin; A. E. Waldie, Milton. Norman Ridler, Erin. Carman Stoddart, Georgetown, Ed McLean, Norval, Ted Bailey, Milton; auditors, Percy Clark, Ken Weston; social committee, Tom Clark, Carman Copland, Lloyd Miller.

The president was named delegate to the Ontario Poultry Conference, with the secretary as alternate. Decision on hiring a hall for this year's meetings was deferred until the next meeting after it had been discussed.

Honour Two Couples With Wedding Presentations

Presentation of picture card tables were made to two couples married during 1964, at a card party and dance last week in Stewarttown Hall. Sponsors by Norval Junior Farmers.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. John Currie were the couples honoured, when Earl Wilson, president of the organization extended congratulations and Herb and Frank Wilson made the presentation on behalf of the Juniors.

Earlier in the evening, euchre was played. Carole Hunter and Glenn Scott were prizewinners, and Mrs. Jack Murray and Stewart Miller received second prizes. Dancing and lunch concluded the evening.



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HALTON MP ANNOUNCES STRIKE END IN HOUSE

Settlement of the Ford Motor Co. strike last week has resulted in some happy faces in Georgetown.

Several local men are employed at the company's Oakville plant and they have returned to work this week. Ford-Monarch dealer Dick Riddall is another man who will be looking particularly happy in anticipation of a return to normal business, with new car models soon available to sell.

Sybil Bennett, QC, MP, had the privilege of first announcing the end of the strike in the House of Commons on the evening of January 27. The previous day she had suggested in parliament that the 15 per cent excise tax on cars be reduced in order to assist in settlement of the strike. The Minister of Finance, Hon. W. E. Harris, answered by saying that it would not be desirable to make an announcement of intention of such a move, but if it should be undertaken, to state the fact when