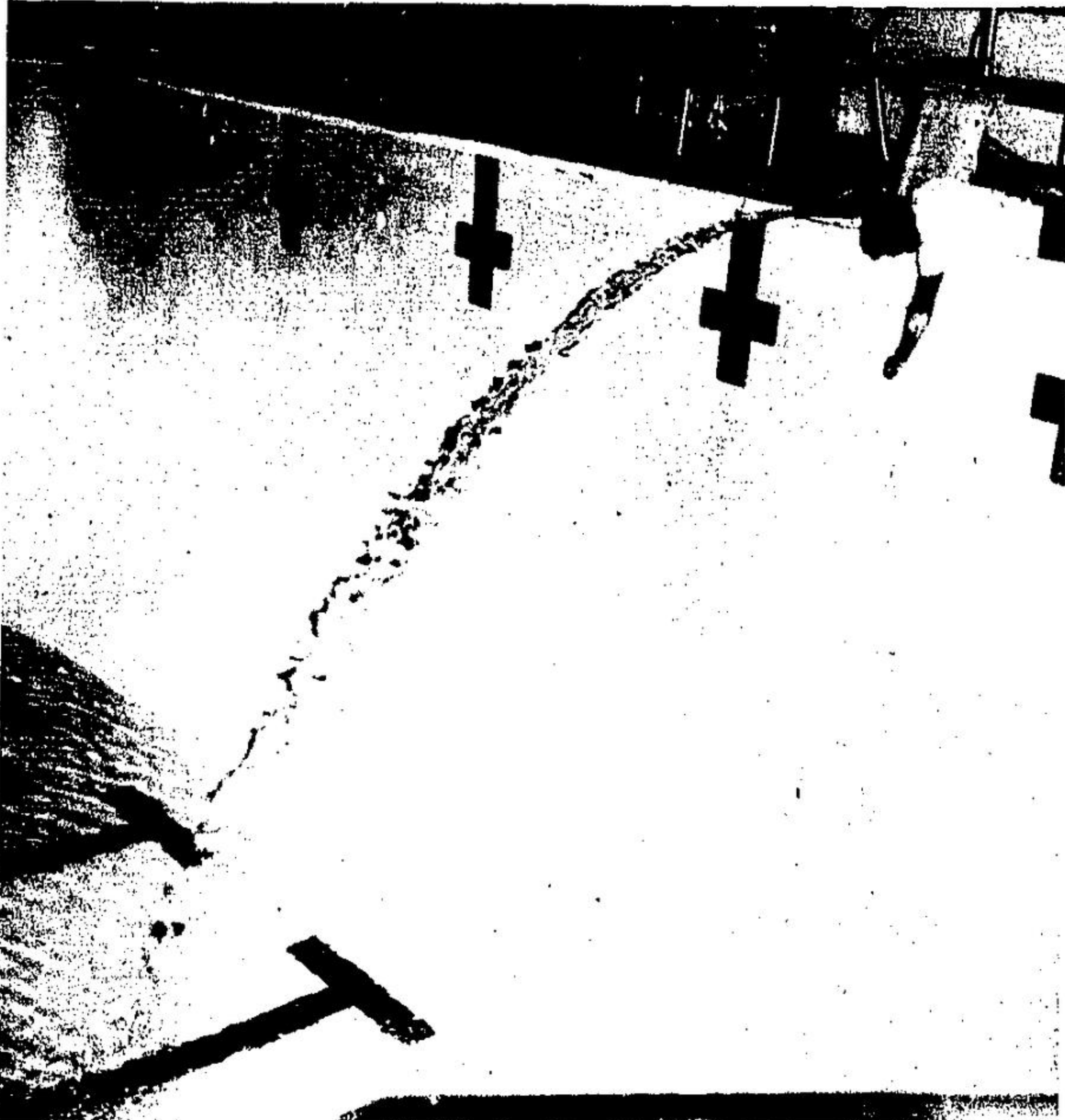


Minor hold-ups prevent commitments on opening



Minor factors are presenting hold-ups on Acton's beautiful 25-meter junior olympic swimming pool. Spokesman Art Burrill of the Halton Board of Education said Tuesday that a 400 amp control switch for hydro supply is one of the main hold-ups. "The filter system and lights will be completed as soon as possible," he said and figures the pool should be ready for use very soon.

Mr. Burrill commends the co-operative efforts of subcontractors and their workers who, he says, have managed to dovetail every facet of work on the pool toward efficiency. "The pool has been built under extreme water table conditions," he said. Extra frills were avoided

which would have spiralled costs of the project. "All extras were discussed thoroughly at each job meeting held every Friday with members of Lions Club, recreation committee, Halton Board of Education and subcontractors," he said. He feels costs of the pool, originally contracted at \$269,000 will not exceed \$300,000 which will include equipment such as lifeguard stands, diving boards, etc.

Cost savings

The enthusiastic Board of Education member feels the Halton Board of Education have played their role in keeping construction costs down by allowing part of their own building, the Acton high school, to be utilized and incorporated into the

swimming pool facility. He compared costs of the Acton pool to an identical one built recently in New Hamburg with a final cost of \$500,000. "Great savings by utilizing board facilities," he pointed out.

"This pool is being installed at most economical prices," he said and referred to the Georgetown pool costs of \$600,000.

Thursday morning saw the laying of the marmorite lining onto which fresh cold water had to be poured for immediate curing.

Capacity of the Acton pool is 170,000 gallons and visitors this week will find the water clear and inviting as it fills to depths of 13 ft. at the deep end, graduating three feet, six inches at the shallow

level. Eighty-two feet, three inches is the overall length of the swimming area with a 45 foot width. An 11-foot six-inch deck skirts the outside of the pool and, at the deep end, a three-meter diving board is available for high diving aspirants with a lower one-meter board for less ambitious athletes.

Decor

A wood deck ceiling, tangerine half-walls over ivory lower-sections present an overall picture of pleasant surroundings and good taste. Everything is set in accord with the Ministry of Health regulations with automatic chlorine and continual water filtering.

According to Art Gordon, the Lions Club centennial project campaign manager,

donations are still coming in. He said that one substantial contribution came in from industry just recently and that the Lions club "hope to make one final drive to get the pool paid for before opening date."

According to Lion Gordon, members hope to see the pool in operation sometime next week. "But definite dates cannot be established until filter system and lights have been completed," he said.

"Everyone's pushing," says Art Burrill, who feels everything's ready to go except that, right now, "the heart's not beating."

Plans of the Lions Club are, that once the pool is available for swimming, a Sunday open house will be held as soon as possible.

Increase in rates

Ontario Hydro this week announced rate increases for electricity for 1975. Effective January 1, the average wholesale rate to municipal utility systems will go up by 12.4 per cent. Rates to customers of Hydro's rural system will be increased by 11.4 per cent and large industrial customers served directly by Hydro will pay an average of 15.2 per cent more.

Acton Hydro Commission announced rate increases a couple of weeks ago which will cover this increase, according to chairman Will McEachern. The new rates here were intended to absorb some of the past increases and also cover these new expected rates.

Ontario Hydro has increased its rate to local commissions every year but this was absorbed by the local commission from 1970 until now. "Our surplus is pretty well depleted now," commented Mr. McEachern.

Cancel one class

Monday saw the start of night school classes and a very successful season is anticipated by the organizers.

One class of the expected 11 was cancelled, landscape gardening. However it will be offered again in January since about 10 people have indicated interest in taking it.

Physical fitness began Monday and aching muscles were reported Tuesday.

Damages Sunday

Sunday's strong winds caused some damage in town and district.

A big limb blew down on Main St. N. and the stand-by work crew was called out to remove it about 4.30 p.m.

FIRST WATER POURED INTO the Lions centennial pool Thursday afternoon immediately after the pool had been lined. The cool water cures the marmorite lining. The pool has a 170,000 gallon capacity with a 13 foot depth at one end, graduating to three feet, six inches at the

other. Several set-backs have hindered the project's completion. Lions are hopeful that remaining minor problems will soon be alleviated and that a Sunday open house will be held within a few weeks.

People hoarding centennial coins

September 30 was the deadline to cash in the centennial coins which were issued in July to commemorate the town's centennial.

The coins were originally sold for \$1 each to be used in stores as cash. However, the people of Acton liked them so much they decided to keep them as souvenirs of centennial year.

Ten thousand coins were minted by Sherritt Gordon Mines in Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta. One thousand each were given to the Bank of Montreal, the Bank of Commerce and the Toronto Dominion Bank, 500 to the Halton Hills Community Credit Union, with the

balance being sold by the Bank of Nova Scotia. Less than 300 coins remained unsold.

Stores gave them out originally at \$1 value, but everyone saved instead of circulating.

There were 12 gold coins sold at a cost price of \$275 each, 100 silver at \$16.05 each in addition to the \$1 nickel coins. The total value on the special souvenirs was \$14,000.

Few back

Of all these coins, the T.D. Bank had just one cashed in, the Bank of Commerce got 56 back and the Bank of Nova Scotia received 17 refunds. The other bank received nothing.

Orders have been received from Hawaii, England, all

over United States, Canada and the Yukon. Advertisements and press releases were sent to world-circulating coin magazines, and ads placed in Canadian newspapers.

Acrylic objects such as paperweights and letter openers with the coin inserted into them are being made to sell for Christmas presents. Individual orders on these items are also being taken by the banks.

Wesley Romano of 26 Willow St. who is five years old, won \$200 worth of the nickel coins in a draw made during centennial celebrations on July 1. The coins have been put in trust by his father.



THEY'RE HOLDING on to them! Legion centennial coin has been more than successful not only in Acton, but all over the world as well.

Duby protests

Nobody thinks of Acton

A meeting will be scheduled for some time in the future to bring the Georgetown Little Theatre and interested Stewarttown residents together at a Halton Hills general administration committee meeting.

The theatre group would like to use the Stewarttown community hall but committee members want to hear the reactions of area residents before giving their approval. The decision to bring the two groups before the committee was made at their September 24 meeting.

"I think the Stewarttown hall would be an excellent location for the Little Theatre but there would have to be some changes made in the size of the stage requiring construction," committee chairman Roy Booth told the councillors.

Head of recreation, Doug Collison, said changes proposed by the Little Theatre would involve widening of the stage, raising the ceiling, and a 10 foot extension at the back of the building.

"We must go about this in

the right way," councillor Dick Howitt cautioned. "I think we should sit down with the Little Theatre group and the Stewarttown hall board to have things properly worked out," he said.

Booth, councillors Ric Morrow and Les Duby agreed with Howitt that a meeting should be held and Stewarttown's views of the proposal taken into account.

Duby suggested that if Stewarttown doesn't pan out for the Little Theatre they might be able to use the

Press barred from meeting

A meeting of Halton Hills council, termed "a meeting to pick holes in Bill 151" by Mayor Tom Hill, was closed to the Free Press reporter after a vote of council. Only Councillors Roy Booth, Ern Hyde and Dick Howitt favored the reporter staying at the meeting.

Council plans to suggest changes in the bill that established regional government. They are disenchanted with the transfer of sewer and water responsibility to the region. At present the local municipalities are doing the work and billing the region.

Mayor Tom Hill said the meeting should be closed. "I don't think it's right the Hon. John White should read our recommendations in the press before we present our brief to him." He said it was a working meeting of department heads and council where ideas should be thrown out freely.



IT WAS HALTON HOSPITALITY at its best. One area of the Halton Region's Tent at the plowing match was devoted to providing entertainment for those who wished to stop, listen to the music and have a coffee. The coffee was provided by Halton Hills and served by Georgetown Jayettes and the entertainment was provided by Milton and organized by Ron Harris. The entertainment ranged from prepared performances to impromptu appearances. Singer Fred Messervey, fiddler Ron Harris and tap dancer Joe Hurst kept spectators amused. Harris and Hurst are councillors on Milton and Halton Hills councils respectively and Messervey is an employee of the provincial government who worked with the match.



SPECIAL BOOKLETS containing Walker lodge history and the evening's program were distributed to 400 attending the lodge centennial anniversary Saturday at the Legion hall. The occasion was coupled with a district reception for the Grand Master of Ontario, Most Worshipful Bro. George Turner, shown autographing booklets for Wellington District Deputy Grand Master Chester Anderson and Mrs. Anderson.

200 celebrate Lodge centennial

The historic centennial anniversary of Walker Lodge was coupled Saturday with the district reception for the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, Dr. George Turner, and 400 gathered in the new Legion hall for the gala double occasion.

Representatives of district lodges and Grand Lodge officers joined local members, and the number of distinguished guests produced an impressive head table of over 50 people.

It was the first banquet of its size for the new Legion hall accommodations, and almost everything went smoothly. A staff of 40 Legion Ladies and Legionnaires served the banquet using the shining new equipment in the kitchen.

No gas
Gas lines—long awaited—

were still not installed so propane was used. As a result, air conditioning and smoke ejecting equipment were not operating.

The warmth of the hall equalled the warmth of the welcome but no one suffered too much.

Kent Tocher played the organ during dinner and for dancing later. Many sat and chatted while others danced.

Piper George Johnson, member of the Erin lodge, led in the long head table followed by junior piper Gordon Johnson.

Chester Anderson, the District Deputy Grand Master of Wellington district and a Walker lodge member, was chairman, with the local Master Roy Knapton as co-chairman.

Grand Chaplain Rt. W. Bro. Rev. Arthur W. Watson gave

the invocation.

Toasts

Wor. Bro. George Lee proposed the toast to the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge. The world is full of systems, he pointed out, and Masonry is a beautiful system of morality and of education.

The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. Dr. George Turner, recalled the hundreds who have joined lodges and worked hard. He spoke of Freemasonry and how the member's family is involved. The lodge's basic principles bring happiness, honor, virtue and dignity to the whole family, he said. He asked members to dedicate themselves to the tenets of brotherly love.

Wor. Bro. Lorne Younghut presented Dr. Turner with a warming tray, with thanks.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Jim Spark, a past D.D.G.M., gave the toast to Walker Lodge, reviewing its history. "Those early Masons were builders in the truest sense of the word."

Active member

The oldest active member of Walker Lodge V. Wor. Bro. Herb Ritchie replied, recalling the past and looking forward to a good future.

A toast to the visitors was proposed by Wor. Bro. Clarence Rogvaldson and Rt. Wor. Bro. W. E. Wilson of Credit lodge, Georgetown responded humorously.

Rt. Wor. Bro. N. R. Richards, past D.D.G.M., thanked the hosts for their arrangements. Bro. Jack Carpenter ended the program with the traditional Junior Warden's toast.

In the kitchen

About 30 members of the

Legion Ladies' Auxiliary set their new equipment to work for the hot roast beef dinner—the potato peeler, masher, meat slicer, warming closets and dishwashers. The first trays of dishes were done while coffee was still being served. About half a dozen Legion members assisted to make sure everything went smoothly for the first big banquet.

Part of the large room was partitioned off for the reception preceding the meal. Then the sliding doors were pushed back and left open.

In charge of preparing the meal was the Legion Ladies group headed by Doris Angell and Teresa Hadley. They received hearty applause from the roomful of diners, while they were shut off in the soundproof kitchen, unable to hear the compliments.

Introduced at the head table were the Grand Master, Dr. George Turner, Walker Lodge Master Roy Knapton and Mrs. Knapton, District Deputy Grand Master of Wellington R. W. Bro. Chester Anderson of Walker Lodge and Mrs. Anderson, R. W. Bro. Melville J. Damp, Member of Board of General Purpose; R. W. Bro. James C. Guy, Supervisor of Benevolence and Mrs. Guy; R. W. Bro. Roderick J. Connor, Member of Board of General Purpose and Mrs. Connor; R. W. Bro. N. Richard Richards, Member of Board of General Purpose and Mrs. Richards; Rt. Excellent Companion Robert H. Hay, Dist. Dep. Grand High Priest, Dist. 3; The Grand Chapter of the State of

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