

DISTRICT NEWS

Wraps Off

Acton Budget Up to 60 Mills

ACTON — The 1957 municipal budget was taken out of wraps when Acton Council gave the required readings to the tax setting by-law.

Acton taxpayers will pay this year on a general rate of 64 mills for industrial and commercial property and 60.2 for farm and residential property. The two rates are required this year following provincial legislation stipulating the per capita grant may be applied only to reduce taxation on farm and residential property.

Municipal expenditures estimated at \$346,403.29, reduced by receipts estimated at \$69,388.12, will be raised on an assessment of \$4,330,555.11.

Taxes of \$172,038.05 will be collected on the residential assessment with \$94,257.93 to be collected on business and industrial assessment.

Largest item in the budget is education with a total of 24.8 mills for the operation of public and

high schools. Of that 18.9 mills go to public schools.

The general rate accounts for 8.8 mills with debentures taking 4.5 mills. According to a break-down of the rate, roads will claim 3.8 mills, police 3.5 mills, the 1956 deficit 3.5 mills, equipment 3.40 mills, county rate 3.2 mills, garbage 2 mills, fire 1.6 mills, welfare 1.6 mills, public buildings 1.3 mills, library .7 mills, band 5 mills, parks board .5 mills and sidewalks .3 mills.

"Antiquated Heap of Crumbling Brick," Board to Close School

OAKVILLE — Labelling Central Public School as "an antiquated heap of crumbling brick," Oakville school board moved last week to erect a new public school on the east side of town by September 1958.

Board members accepted a report by its building committee calling for the sale of the 100 year old structure and recommending immediate steps to build a replacement on the board's six acre site on the north-east corner of Balsam Drive and Colborne St. East.

Only essential repairs will be made to the two storey building at Church and Navy Sts. until the new school is ready for occupation.

The report, based on findings of trustees William Cotton and LeRoy Morden, said estimates to renovate the old school were too high to

Pipeline and Highway Slated for Township

TRAFALGAR — Two more routes, another pipeline and a highway, will cross Trafalgar township in the near future, it was learned at Trafalgar Planning Board last week.

The news comes right in the wake of the recent approval given to Interprovincial Pipeline Co. to build an oil pipeline across the township.

Many Sunningdale residents are still smouldering over the oil route, which cuts through many of their properties. The oil pipeline will be laid along the Upper Middle Road.

A new line, a gas pipeline, will soon cross the township as well. This will be placed in the vicinity of the Lower Base Line, a representative of the Union Gas Company said.

T. E. Coatsworth of Chatham told the Planning Board that a survey is now in progress. He said details of the line would be announced at a hearing of the Ontario Fuel Board on May 3.

Mr. Coatsworth enlightened the Board on the subject after a land sale of 5.5 acres to the Union Gas Company was approved. He said the property, bought from Alfred Karl, will be used as a pumping station.

The second proposed route would be a toll highway from Toronto to Hamilton. This would be an extension of Toronto's Eglinton Ave.

In a recent announcement, the Department of Highways proposed a super highway direct from Toronto to Hamilton, and it is quite likely that the Ontario government will act on the proposal this year.

Should the road be constructed, it would be just north of the Back Concession Road in Trafalgar township. The Back Concession is one and a half miles north of the Dundas Highway.

Hidden Valley Changes Hands

BURLINGTON — Aldershot Hidden Valley Recreational Park is likely to be administered this summer by Burlington's Recreational Director, Earl Davies, if a request from the East Flamboro Recreation Commission is accepted by the Burlington Board.

At a meeting of East Flamboro township council last week, it was decided to go ahead and purchase the 117-acre Hidden Valley Park from Aldershot Community Council, who first made the acquisition in July of last year. The figure involved is thought to be around \$40,000.

Burlington Recreation Commission has been approached by East Flamboro with a view to Earl Davies administering a summer program at the park this year, and if this proposal is accepted by the local recreation commissions, it is by way of preparation for the park to be taken over early in 1958 as part of Burlington's annexation of Aldershot.

The Hidden Valley Park comprises picnic grounds and playing fields, with an outdoor swimming pool (165 ft. x 75 ft.) including a modern filtration plant. There is also a pavilion for indoor recreation, changing rooms, toilets, showers and seven cottages on the property.

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O.T.M.H. to Launch \$275,000 Campaign

OAKVILLE — Although 1956 admissions were up nearly 900 over 1955's total of 3,257, the Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial hospital operated at a \$39,846 deficit for the year, Treasurer George Doty reported to the annual meeting of the hospital association last week.

More than 100 members turned out to hear the dramatized reports of the board of governors, and other officials, and to hear chairman Jack Milne officially announce that a \$275,000 capital funds campaign to complete O.T.M.H. would be launched on Hospital Day, May 12.

"Experience has shown that a hospital must be filled to 85 per cent of capacity for sound operation. But during these early months of swinging over to our greatly extended premises, the normal occupancy has ranged from 75 to 80 per cent," declared Mr. Milne. "We still have a big job to do in raising the funds by which the earlier drive fell short, but we are confident that campaign chairman Al Ballingal and his associates will carry that job to a successful completion."

Reasons given as to why the earlier campaign did not meet the need were cited as: the building cost more than was anticipated due to a rise in construction costs; the objective was undershot because Bronte and Toronto township were unable to pay the share allotted them; the drive did not include adequate provision for equipment due to an increase in prices since 1954.

36 Speeders Caught In Acton Radar Sei

ACTON — Corporal Mason of the local O.P.P. detachment, related last week that radar equipment set up inside the town's limits saw O.P.P. officers apprehend 36 drivers violating traffic regulations, within a seven hour period.

"It can be expected," explained Corporal Mason, "that radar equipment will be set up at any time of the day or night on any or all streets in the municipality of Acton to check traffic violations." This is to be a continuous project.

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Name School After Thomas A. Blakelock

TRAFALGAR — The new high school on Radial Road, which will be completed by July 5, will be called the Thomas A. Blakelock school.

The Oakville - Trafalgar High School Board bestowed the honor on Mr. Blakelock for his untiring efforts in the planning and construction of the new school.

Mr. Blakelock last week presented a plan for a two bedroom house for the caretaker of the new school. He was given permission to develop the plan and call for tenders. The house is expected to cost more than \$12,000.

Members of the board presented chairman Gordon Perdue with a Bolex movie camera for his forthcoming trip to Europe. Mr. Perdue, struck speechless for a few moments, could only say that he was grateful and happy to receive the gift.

Eleven new high school teachers have been hired, Miss Jean Gorjier, Miss Ruth Garwill, Miss Audrey Holrod, Miss E. Quail, Miss M. McKinlay, Wells Cushnie, Alexander Even, Miss Margaret Baldwin, Cecil Wood, Kenneth Elliott and Mrs. K. Rutz.



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son, "and that we were not going to allow that to drive him out of the public service of Canada in the face of the long years of loyal devotion he has given to the country."

Mr. Diefenbaker said Mr. Pearson's reply was equivocal. He wanted it made clear once and for all that the sub-committee allegations that Mr. Norman had been a Communist were untrue "in order to assure that Mr. Norman's memory will not be subjected to the stigma of statements such as were made in the sub-committee."

Security Exchanges

Another issue during the close questioning of Mr. Pearson concerned the minister's statement April 10 that Canada might refuse to supply the U.S. government with security information on Canadians unless the U.S. administration promised to undertake that the information would not fall into the hands of committees over which it had no effective control.

Both Mr. Diefenbaker and Solon Low, Social Credit leader, said Mr. Pearson had given the impression that Canadian information was being "leaked" to the sub-committee by U.S. security agencies to which the information had been given in confidence.

Mr. Pearson denied this. He repeated that the information made public by the sub-committee on Mr. Norman had come from non-Canadian sources.

16,158 Cars 3,698 Trucks

Halton County is now close on the heels of neighboring Peel, where registration of cars and trucks is concerned.

In Peel, which boasts a population of 82,054, it is reported that 17,127 passenger vehicles and 4,069 trucks were registered in 1956. Halton's 70,006 residents drove 16,158 cars and 3,698 trucks during the same period.

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