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## Various Items of Local Interest

### \$2,000 For Acton

Among the grants for the relief of unemployment announced last week was one of \$2,000 to Acton. Notice of the approval of this amount has been received by Clerk Farmer and the means of its use will be settled by the Council in conjunction with the Cemetery Board.

### New Year's Eve Dance

For New Year's Eve, next week the Mason Five-Piece Orchestra have arranged a special holiday dance in the Town Hall in Acton. The old and new dances will occupy the evening from nine o'clock. At twelve o'clock there will be a novelty dance with hats, balloons and serpentine. R. L. Davidson will be the floor manager. The prices are the usual popular ones charged for such events.

### Electric Lights at Speyside

The rural power line down the second line to the Beatty Farm and Speyside was completed yesterday and last night electric lights were turned on at Speyside for the first time. Mr. Crawshaw has installed the Hydro in his store and service station there. A number of farmers between Acton and Speyside are now enjoying the comfort and convenience of electric power on the farm.

### A Real Accomplishment

Miss Mildred Hollinger who received her diploma at the High School At Home on Friday evening has taken all her subjects in hours outside of school while she was occupying a position with the Mason Knitting Company. Miss Hollinger made good standing and passed in every subject and qualified herself for the Collegiate after the regular hours of business. This is an accomplishment of some merit and this bright pupil has been the recipient of many congratulations on her achievement. The Pax Pizzas takes this opportunity of its adding congratulations to Miss Hollinger.

### Community Tree To-Night

Its Christmas Eve and Acton's Community Christmas Tree will be held to-night. The carol singing will be led by the choir from seven o'clock. Santa Claus and the Elf will be the treaters to each child from the community. Plan to be there and join in this community event. The gathering itself and the singing of the Christmas carols will more than compensate the older folks for the lack of receiving a treat. It will be unnecessary to urge the children to be there in full force. But remember Santa Claus does not like children who are greedy. Just expect the one treat as your share.

### First

The skating on Acton Arena this year was the first enjoyed by any of the risks in this vicinity this year. Hockey practice was held there for the first on December 17, and almost every night since the ice has been in use, with a splendid result. This accomplishment is due to the prompt and efficient attention of the municipal officers, Messrs. R. J. McPherson and Jas. Mills, and the thanks of all may well be given to them. There is no skating at the Milton or Georgetown arenas yet, and the Pergus team, who were here on Saturday, said that the ice surface there was not ready yet. The arena here was rented a couple of nights after the skating hours for an hour to the hockey clubs from Georgetown, to allow them to get in shape for the hockey season.

### Magistrate Moore in Motor Accident

Up to last Thursday Magistrate Moore had always been able to say that in sixteen years driving both in Canada and the United States he had always escaped motor accidents. An experience that afternoon, however, spoiled the record. Shortly after noon, accompanied by Mrs. Moore and Miss Robinson, he left home for Guelph. The roadway was in good condition, but sleet began falling and by the time he neared Crewe's Corners the windshield was coated with ice, largely reducing the visibility. He slowed down to ten or twelve miles, intending to call at the filling station at the Corners and there treat the windshield. Just then a man driving a horse and buggy bumped up close in front of the car. The Magistrate turned to the left, just grasping the axle of the buggy. As he turned the wheels struck a patch of ice, and in the effort to right the car, it passed over another icy patch. This swerved the car to the right and the steering gear was broken. The car revolved on the ice and then swung over the edge of the roadway, and down the embankment of four or five feet. In its course it almost capsized, but righted again and came to rest at the bottom of the embankment and, facing toward Acton instead of Guelph. The right hind wheel was smashed and the axle twisted. Further than this no damage occurred. The inmates of the car escaped injury. Not a window was cracked. To those who saw the car and the route of its downward course the escape from serious injury to the motor car and its occupants is regarded as miraculous.

## Reeve Mason Host to Council and Officials

### Entertained at a Delightful Banquet at His Home—Guests at New Gregory Theatre

Last evening Reeve and Mrs. Mason were host and hostess to the Council, Public Utilities Commission and town officials at an elaborate banquet at their home on Bower Avenue. Those present as guests on this occasion were Councilors E. Theford, O. Hansen, Dr. E. J. Nelson and G. Harrison, Public Utilities Commissioners R. J. Kerr and L. G. King, Clerk, H. N. Farmer, Fire Chief, R. M. McDonald, Chief McPherson, Superintendent of Hydro, C. S. Wilson and G. A. Dills, Editor of the Pax Pizzas. When we say the guests were entertained at a banquet by Mr. and Mrs. Mason we use the word advisedly. It was a most informal affair but the repast was none other than a turkey supper, served as only the hours appointments and the careful oversight of the first lady of the town would be possible of accomplishment. It provided a splendid get-together of these officials of Acton and served as another instance of the co-operative helpful binding together of those working in Acton's interest which has characterized Reeve Mason's tenure of office.

The pleasure of this association was expressed by Councillor Harrison and Clerk Farmer in a vote of appreciation which was heartily concurred in by all present.

The final session of the Council was held at the home of Reeve Mason following the social evening, when the gathering adjourned to the living room. The Council was of course all present and Reeve Mason presided.

The twenty-sixth report of the Finance Committee recommended payment of the following accounts:

Bell Telephone Co., services	\$ 11.20
H. N. Farmer	3.31
A. Swartz, refund business tax	2.37
Acton Pax Pizzas, printing and advertising	6.98
Geo. Mulholland, refund of Poll Tax	5.00
Perkins Electric Co., supplies	2.50
A. H. Bishop, labor, re cemetery	2.80
County Rate	10,748.88
Miscellaneous, items re Arena	14.00
Premium, re Fire Brigade	99.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,485.60</b>

The Cemetery Board by-law was given the required number of readings and was passed by the Council. The Board was named by the by-law as Messrs. R. M. McDonald, C. Hansen and J. Bell. They will have full charge of the administration of the cemetery.

The Mayor of Bay Johnston who claimed exemption from poll tax, Chief McPherson was instructed that he must secure a signed statement from the owner of a property that he was a joint owner of such property as was done in Mr. Mulholland's case.

The gathering then proceeded to the new Gregory Theatre where they were entertained by Mr. R. L. Gregory at the opening of this fine new theatre. Reeve Mason made a brief speech expressing the appreciation of the citizens of Acton to Mr. Gregory on his achievement in giving the community such a commodious and up-to-date building and equipment.

## UNITED SUNDAY SCHOOL CONCERT

### Last Thursday Evening in the Church was Splendid Entertainment by the Children

The concert by the pupils of the United Church last Thursday evening in the church was an event of enjoyment for those who attended and the scholars who were liberally treated by Santa Claus at the close.

Superintendent A. T. Brown had charge and his staff of teachers and officers gave willing assistance. There were Christmas choruses by the pupils. Addresses of welcome by Gordon Gibbons and Laverne Smith and Alzona Gibbons; class recitations and recitation by Frances Dills and reading by Norman Gibson; choruses and drills and playlets; physical exercises; solo by Helen Lamb; motion songs and selection by the C. G. L. T. orchestra. The final number was a trio "Three Kings of the Orient" by Messrs. Taylor, Simpson and Matthews. It was a varied and meritorious programme.

The premier attraction for the kiddies was of course the coming of Santa Claus and amid the jingling of sleigh bells the jolly old fellow came tumbling in. He had stories for the children and joked and played with them and handed out the treats until he was most exhausted and had to have a couple of the boys assist him. He was a complete mystery to all that evening, but the secret is out now and it was none other than Mr. F. E. McLaughy who assumed his role so well that evening.

The Christmas decorations of the platform were very pleasing and a sparkling Christmas tree occupied a prominent place, with five place and the stockings hung by the chimney with care. These decorations were arranged by a committee from the Men's Club under Mr. J. Hutson.

# Merry Christmas



## Hockey Happenings of the Week

On Saturday evening the local hockey fans got their first taste of the premier winter attraction when Pergus Inter-mediates obliged the locals in an exhibition game. They proved worthy contestants and gave the local Red Sweaters a good game. The Pergus boys are a fairly husky lot, good skaters and played nice clean hockey.

The first period had only one score and "Big Boy" Greer was the first to make a tally for Acton for the season. It was a solo effort right up to the goal. Both teams drew one penalty each in this period.

The second period lacked the punch and go, much the same as the initial stanza, and Pergus, with some nice combination play, ran in a couple of goals and at the end of the period, were leading the locals by 2 to 1. Pergus drew one penalty for a minor offence.

The third period lived up considerably. That one goal lead was all that Acton needed to stir them up. Dawkins was responsible for sinking this score even again, and when Fred Kenner placed another in the net Acton was again in the lead. Pergus again evaded the score in this period. With just a few minutes to go Walters put a fourth one in on a nice combination play by Salmon. It came just before the final bell, and made it 4-3 for Acton. Each team drew just one penalty in this period.

There was not a big crowd on hand but it was fair considering the short notice given of a game. It gave both teams a chance to get into shape before their O. H. A. games, and both teams needed the workout. They weren't up to mid-season speed by any means.

Manager Gordon trotted out most of his talent in the parade, and watched around freely to see where they best fitted in. Greer and Gibbons teamed on the defence and Holloway in goal. On the wings there were Walters, Arbo, Dawkins, Hiffman, Salmon and Joe Kenner alternated at centre and Fred Kenner was given a tryout on defence, wing and centre. Holloway was in goal and put in a good performance. Bill is into the long shots that seemed to bother him last year. One thing seems sure this year, that there will be sufficient material on hand to give the boys some relief if the games happen to getunched.

The first Junior game is scheduled for Friday night, and the O. H. A. Inter-mediate game is to come on Tuesday night of next week, when Burlington will be the opponent.

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## THE EVENING MEAL DIGRESSER

An Irish motor truck driver was charged with reckless driving in having stopped his truck so suddenly that a car behind smashed into him.

The judge asked him why he had not held out his hand. Pat indignantly answered: "If the poor fool couldn't see me truck, how in heaven's name could he see me hand?"

## Fall Term Report of Continuation School

### The Standing of the Pupils at the Close of First Term of the School Year

Class I—75%  
Class II—60%  
Class III—60%  
Class IV—50%

Form I  
Class I—P. McLaughy, A. Sprowl, J. Taylor.  
Class II—H. Norton, M. Arnold, V. McMullen, D. Cook, M. Dunlop, A. Gibbons, H. Harrison, D. Guthrie, M. Chalmers, H. Skilling, W. Watson, G. Spitzer, E. Swackhamer, D. Clarridge.  
Class III—L. Leatham, L. Wilson, H. Campbell, M. Currie, I. Flowers, R. Allen, J. Nicol, L. Oripps.  
Class IV—M. Chisholm, M. Bruce, D. Holloway, E. Herbaugh, B. Williams, G. Tyler, R. Jennings, J. Smith, D. McArthur, W. Swackhamer, V. Jose.

Form II  
Class I—H. Hassard.  
Class II—G. Molozzi, L. Wylie.  
Class III—M. Near, T. Hansen, M. Rozelle, C. Bauer.  
Class IV—H. Norton, J. Young, M. Smith, M. Cross, C. Mackie, J. Wilson, A. Evans, G. Cook.  
Form III  
Class I—B. Guthrie.  
Class II—L. Perry, I. Bruce, E. Taylor, O. Bookes, M. Agar, A. Brown.  
Class III—G. Agar, K. McComb, I. Smith, I. M. Smith.  
Class IV—V. Blair, I. Switzer, O. Chalmers, A. Clarridge, W. Near, J. Skilling, P. Allison, W. Johnston, A. McComb, C. Byrne.  
M. C. Farrington, Principal.

## A Unique Gift

Among the kind expressions of good will that were extended to the Pax Pizzas this year, the most unique was a parcel from the Kellogg Company, of London, whom we have had the privilege of serving during the past year in advertising their products. The package contained a good variety of the samples of the various products they prepare such as Corn Flakes, Pep, Wheat Flakes and Coffee, etc. The letter which accompanied the gift was just as unique as the gift. We have placed it in the window as really it cannot be reproduced with good effect.

## Lieut.-Col. A. O. T. Beardmore Retires as Commanding Officer

Lieut.-Col. A. O. T. Beardmore, V. D., Commanding Officer of the Royal Grenadiers, was the guest of honor at a dinner tendered him by the officers of the Grenadiers last week. The occasion was the retirement of Lieut.-Col. Beardmore from the active command of the regiment which he has commanded for the last four years. He is succeeded by Major A. E. Dimenson, D. S. O., V. D. Colonel Beardmore was presented with his portrait in oils, painted by the eminent Canadian artist, Kenneth Forbes. Colonel Beardmore, in accepting the gift, stressed the support accorded him by the officers of the regiment and prohibited that, under the command of Major Dimenson, the Grenadiers would maintain the standard set by the peace-time and war-time records of the unit. Colonel Beardmore subsequently presented his portrait to the Officers' Mess of the regiment, and it will hang in the mess room.

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## The "At Home" of the High School

### Enjoyable Annual Social Function Held Last Friday Evening in Town Hall

The annual At Home of the Acton High School in the Town Hall last Friday evening was one of the most meritorious of any of these functions that have come to hold such a prominent place in the school lives of the pupils. The programme was good; the scholars were enthusiastic and the audience was appreciative.

As the guests arrived they were welcomed by the reception committee, Miss Farrington, Miss Nephew, Mr. McDonald, Mrs. J. B. Wilson, Mrs. L. M. McDonald and Mrs. P. A. Sawyer. Owing to illness Mrs. Havill was unable to be present.

The programme was in charge of Rev. P. A. Sawyer, L. Th. The presentation offered was a story of an author who desired to write a popular song. The dream of this young author brought a review of the old popular songs which were now in discard and forgotten by many. The presentation gave a splendid opportunity for working in a great deal of the musical talent at the school and formed a pleasing theme running through the programme. The parts were well taken and the characters well portrayed. The High School song terminated with the wondrous school yell and brought a resounding climax to the programme.

The presentation of diplomas was the interesting item which followed. This task was graciously performed by the Chairman of the Board, E. Beawick. The diplomas were presented to Misses Marjorie Gordon, Helen Ostrander, Doris McDonald and Mildred Hollinger.

The medals won on Field Day were presented by Trustee J. M. McDonald who complimented the winners on their achievements in sports. Margaret Chalmers, Mae Bruce, Stewart Lantz and Wallace Swackhamer were the recipients of medal awards.

Trustee Mrs. H. S. Wilson presented Miss Isabel Smith with the picture "Pleasant" the award for the form winning the most points.

Mr. H. McComb, who annually awards a special prize for the encouragement of athletics in the school awarded this special prize to Barbara Taylor. Mr. McComb offered to donate a silver cup to the pupil who breaks any of the county school records at any of the meets.

At a meeting of the Tanners' Section of the Toronto Board of Trade last Friday evening Mr. G. T. Beardmore, of Beardmore Leathers Limited, was elected Chairman of the section. Other officers elected at this meeting were: John Simpson, Jr., of the Harrie Tanning Company, First Vice-Chairman; L. S. Clarke, of Clarke and Clarke, Second Vice-Chairman; P. D. Tolchard, Secretary-Treasurer; Executive Committee, G. T. Beardmore, John Simpson, Jr., L. S. Clarke and K. M. Kilbourne.

### Acton's Big Christmas Tree of 1930

The big, decorated and illuminated Community Christmas Tree, right on the highway, at the junction of Mill and Main Streets, has already bridged the admiration of thousands of motorists as they turned the corner. It's a credit to the busy True Blues, who inspired its erection. The tree this year is 32 feet high and there are 128 red and green bulbs used in the lighting effect. There are 3,000 watts of power in the illumination. It's lighting is a credit to the officers of the Public Utilities Commission.

## The Baptist Sunday School Entertainment

The Christmas entertainment, provided for the Baptist Sunday School on Monday evening was a double affair—supper and concert. At 6:30 the children and their parents were served a supper in the basement of the church. This was followed by programmes of songs, recitations and solos by the pupils and a very fine evening was enjoyed by all who attended. It was presided over by Superintendent E. Coles. At the close Santa Claus duly arrived and every child received a gift and a generous Christmas treat. The Christmas decorations were the subject of many complimentary remarks.

## Christmas Sunday in the Churches

The prevailing Christmas spirit and the delightful singing December 23rd were found all the churches with large congregations last Sunday. "Nowell Nowell" rang out in all churches—choirs singing the story of the glad Christmas Day in anthem, and congregations joining in sacred hymns. Children sang heartily old, familiar songs, the Sunday Schools participating in the Christmas spirit. Preachers told again the story of the Christ-Child's birth—a home centuries old, yet ever new to the large congregations. Men and women and children in comfort, some discouraged folk, perhaps, children whose Christmas trees will be lighted with gifts, and some boys and girls whose clothing and faces bespoke meagre means, found a common meeting ground where they joined together in the singing of carols and expressing the spirit of Christmas.

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## News of Acton and the District

### Reformatory Population High

The population at the Ontario Reformatory reached a new high record last week with a count of 605 prisoners. This figure is over 100 greater than for the corresponding period a year ago.

### Early Again Next Week, Please!

Owing to the New Year holiday next week we again request that all advertising copy, correspondence and news for The Pax Pizzas be sent in early again next week so that we may begin the paper on Wednesday evening before the New Year holiday. We thank all for their help this week. May we again have your co-operation.

### 271 Old Age Pensioners in This County

The old age pension report submitted to the County Council last week showed that there are 271 pensioners in Milton. They are divided among the municipalities thus: Burlington, 46; Oakville, 39; Nelson, 21; Nassagaweya, 16; Esopus, 27; Milton, 25; Acton, 15; Georgetown, 17; Trafalgar, 40, of which 16 are in Bronte; House of Refuge, 26.

### Another Successful Pupil

In the list of Acton pupils who passed their term examinations at Guelph Collegiate-Vocational Institute, published last week in The Pax Pizzas the name of Miss Marjorie Gordon was inadvertently omitted. Marjorie stood seventh in her class and headed the pass list. We regret the omission and offer our congratulations to this student who made such a splendid showing.

### Hold Annual Entertainment

The annual Christmas entertainment of St. Alban's Anglican Church, Glen Williams, was held Monday night with Rev. P. H. Wase in the chair. The programme consisted of entertainment by the children of the congregation and of a lantern show presented by Allan Dewhurst. The children who took part were: June Graham, Edie Dewhurst, Lawrence Beaumont, Bernice Ledwidge, Gwen Hamilton, Harvey Dewhurst, Ralph Hind and Richard Beaumont. Ed. Hud distributed the presents, and Leonard Beaumont was pianist of the evening.

### A Hive of Christmas Activity

The increased staff at Acton Post Office have had onerous duties during the week. The Christmas mails, both incoming and outgoing, have been abnormal. The number of Christmas parcels, cards and letters has been outstanding. Through it all the members of the staff have invariably been kind, courteous and attentive, and have manifested the Christmas spirit of gladness that the people have so generally and generously been remembered by their friends through the mails and postal facilities.

### An Appreciated Christmas Gift

Magistrate H. P. Moore received on Monday autographed portraits of the Mayor and Mayoresses of Acton, England, in their official robes of office, which he appreciated very highly. In an accompanying letter Mayor Holmes very kindly says: "I wish your good town of Acton the compliments of the season and all prosperity during the new year. You will be glad to know that your prototype here is prospering, and is now one of the most important manufacturing communities in the south of England. Since your visit to our town over 1850 new residences have been erected, as well as a large number of factories. Acton's flag, presented to our town, through your brother, Rev. Dr. Moore and Sir Harry Brittain, in 1927, has a place in the Mayor's parlour here, and constantly reminds the Mayor and his visitors of the existence of our daughter town in Canada."

### The Waterhouse-Cross Wedding

A very pretty wedding was solemnized on Saturday, December 20, in St. Alban's Church, when "Florence" May, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cross, Acton, became the bride of Mr. Harry Waterhouse, Rev. P. A. Sawyer, L. Th., officiating. The bride looked charming as she entered the church on the arms of her father, attired in pale blue georgette, princess style, shoes and stockings to match, and black velvet hat, and carrying Ophelia roses. Miss Marian Rigby, of Guelph, cousin of the bride, acted as bridesmaid, and wore a pale pink crepe dress, shoes and stockings to match, and carried a bouquet of baby's bumps. Mr. Wm. Waterhouse, brother of the groom, was best man, and Mr. Harry Rigby, uncle of the bride, played the wedding march. During the signing of the register Mr. Fell, of Guelph, sang "Because." Mr. P. Waterhouse and Mr. E. Coles were ushers. The groom's gift to the bride was a sterling silver pendant, the best man a silk scarf, to the bridesmaid a pair of sand kid gloves, and to the organist a silk tie. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. The happy couple left amid showers of confetti and good wishes for Toronto and other points, the bride travelling in navy blue flat crepe dress, black coat and hat to match. Upon their return Mr. and Mrs. Waterhouse will reside in Acton.

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