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Reeve A. Mason, of Acton, Warden of Halton County Council for 1931

Was the Unanimous Choice of the Members—Reeve Harris, of Burlington, Graciously Withdrew in His Favor—Took Oath of Office Before Judge Moore, of Acton—Another Session on Friday.

At the inaugural session of the Halton County Council in Milton on Tuesday, Reeve Mason, of Acton, was honored by being chosen as Warden for 1931. The only two nominated for the position were Reeve Mason, of Acton, and Reeve George Harris, of Burlington. Mr. Harris graciously withdrew from the contest in favor of Mr. Mason, and the election was made unanimous. In withdrawing Mr. Harris expressed his desire for another year of experience in County Council and when Mr. Mason was elected to the position to which he had been elected. It was Reeve Harris' wish that the election be made unanimous. Reeve Mason, upon assuming the chair, thanked the Councilors for the confidence placed in him and hoped that the work during the year would be carried on efficiently and in the best interests of the County.

When Reeve Mason had been chosen as Warden for the year 1931, he received the vociferous congratulations of his fellow-Councilors, and on being escorted to the Warden's desk, he requested that the declaration of office be taken before the life-long friend, Judge Moore. Mr. Moore was holding Court in the Judge's room, adjoining the Council Chamber, and upon being apprised of the request, adjourned Court for five minutes to permit his officiating as requested. After the declaration had been signed, Judge Moore took the opportunity to offer his congratulations, and to wish Warden Mason and the Council over which he would have the honor and pleasure of presiding, a year of great success. As a former County Councillor himself, he could enter very largely into the duties and responsibilities entailed, and appreciate them very fully.

Warden Mason has been Acton's representative at County Council for six years. During that time he has proven his capabilities in connection with the work, and for the past two years has been head of the Finance Committee. His fair judgment and impartial opinions have won for him the respect of all his associates and Reeve Mason will do honor to this highest position in the gift of the County during his term of office. Mr. Mason is the member of County Council with the longest term of service who had not previously been honored with the Wardenship.

The appointment of Mr. Mason to the office marked a deviation from the tradition of giving the office to the representative from the municipalities by turn. This year it was the turn of Burlington to be represented and Mr. Harris' name was proposed. His gracious withdrawal in favor of Reeve Mason, who has had much more experience in the work, will make his claim to the honor at a future date much stronger. Mr. Harris is a young man of ability and he can better afford to wait and assume the office after a little longer experience at the County Board. He has strengthened his claim by his action.

The Striking Committee was composed of all the Reeves and Deputy Reeves Buck, of Trafalgar, in the absence of Reeve Morden.

The new Permanent County Roads By-law was approved by the Council and the following are the members appointed on this Committee: Reeve George Cleave, Esquire, Chairman; Reeve Morden, Trafalgar; Reeve Duncan Campbell, Massawepi; Reeve Readhead, Nelson; and Reeve Robinson, Oakville.

County Engineer Smith's report was received on the County Roads, and Mr. Smith was complimented on the excellence and detail with which all work was explained.

The correspondence was read and the necessary by-laws passed at this inaugural meeting, such as the appointment of Trustees in the High School districts, etc. The by-law appointing auditors for the 1930 accounts named E. E. Young & Co., Toronto, as the auditors.

Warden Mason explained that he had planned a holiday trip some months ago, and in his line of manufacture it was advisable to take the holiday in the winter months. He might, therefore, be absent for one meeting. It was arranged to hold an extra session on Friday (tomorrow) when the remaining business of the Council will be completed and it is possible that a session in February will not be necessary.

The Acton Juvenile Hockey Team have arranged for a game with a team from Georgetown on Saturday afternoon from 1 to 2 o'clock.

THE EVENING MEAL DIGESTER

"So you are a painter, eh?" muttered the stout man at the exhibit of a string-gilt landscape artist. "Well, I'm a banker. And would you believe it, I haven't been to an art exhibit for ten years."

"That's nothing," returned the artist. "I haven't been near a bank for twenty years."

News of Acton and the District

Monthly Meeting

The Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the I. O. O. F. will hold their regular meeting in the Council Chamber on Tuesday, February 2, at 2:30 o'clock.

Using Other Milkmen's Bottles

Magnificent Bull of Brampton, "Red Clifford Patched," milkman, Port Credit, \$40.00 and costs last week for using bottles and cans which are the property of other dairymen. He was also required to furnish a bond for \$500 for future good conduct.

A Box Social

A Box Social, under the auspices of the Women's Institute, will be held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, February 4, at eight o'clock. A good programme is being provided. Ladies bring your box. Girls' admission 25c. Auctioneer Roy Hindley will sell the boxes and take part on the programme.

Three Young Preachers from Halton County

At the meeting of Halton Presbytery of the United Church at Oakville on Tuesday, Norman E. Caswell, Oakville; John Elvin Gumble, Acton; and John Andrew McDonald, Georgetown, all students at Emmanuel College, Toronto, were received as candidates for the ministry.

Chautauqua Ticket Sale

The sale of reserved seat and season tickets for the Chautauqua Festival got off to a good start on Friday last. The Junior Daughters of the Empire have decided to sponsor the project and have undertaken the ticket sale. All surplus funds remaining are to be given to this society for their work of charity and community efforts, which they always so willingly assist with.

The Chautauqua dates are February 9, 10, 11 and 12 and lovers of good entertainment are arranging for keeping these dates open.

The Last Cases Heard

The last four of the cases charging violation of the Liquor Control Act at Burlington on New Year's eve were heard before Police Magistrate Moore at Milton on Tuesday. Two of the young men, charged with having liquor in a place other than a residence, were each fined \$100 and costs, and the stock of champagne laid in for the occasion, and costing them \$145.00, was confiscated. A third was fined \$20 and costs for carrying liquor illegally, and the charge against a fourth of violation of the same section was dismissed.

A Jolly Sunday School Sleighride

On Wednesday half a score of kind-hearted farmers of the congregation took the scholars of Knox Church Sunday School for a pleasant sleighride. Those of the junior classes went in the afternoon, after school, and the senior scholars in the evening. Quite a number of teachers and parents accompanied the youngsters. To avoid the slippery pavements the drivers chose the conventional line and back roads. A jolly time was spent. The bracing winter atmosphere, the fleecy snow, the merry sleighbells, and the happy scholars, all contributed to the joy of the outing. Returning to the church, substantial refreshments were served by the teachers and officers.

Thirty Ballots to Elect Warden

Willington County Councilors set a record Tuesday afternoon when they failed to elect a Warden until the thirtieth ballot in a hectic contest at their inaugural meeting for 1931. Reeve Jackson of Peel Township finally was elected in a three-carried battle with C. O. Harper, of Arthur Township, and James McKinnon, of Erin Township, after the Council had been deadlocked for close to two hours. It was not until some time after the Councilors had taken a ten-minute intermission with a view to breaking the deadlock that Reeve Jackson finally was accorded the necessary support. The Council voted to reduce the size of the County Roads Committee from five to three members, with Reeve Boyd, of West Lather, Reeve Armstrong, of Nichol, and Reeve Justice, of Erin, getting the appointments.

Geophyl Presbyterial W. M. S.

The seventeenth annual meeting of the Geophyl Presbyterial Women's Missionary Society was held in Knox Church, Geophyl, on Tuesday. There was an unusually large attendance and the programme was replete with interest, missionary intelligence and inspirational reports and addresses. The reports of Presbyterial officers, the Y. W. Auxiliaries, girls' organizations and Mission Bands were encouraging and hopeful. Miss MacIntyre, of Galt, the President, conducted the proceedings with tact and interest. The ladies had luncheon together at noon in the church, and all enjoyed this social feature. The meeting of the Presbyterial in May will be held in Knox Church, Acton. The following delegates from Acton were present: Mrs. (Rev.) H. L. Binnie, Mrs. W. M. Cooper, Misses Emma Robinson, Emma Cole, Isabel Lahti and Laura Hall.



REEVE A. MASON, OF ACTON Who on Tuesday was Made Warden of Halton County for 1931

THE FRATERNITY NIGHT

With the Lads and Dads in the United Church Was a Splendid Evening

The Fraternity Night among the lads and dads in the United Church last Thursday evening provided a most enjoyable function. Between seventy-five and a hundred men and boys were present at the function. The banquet was arranged and served by the Tuxis Boys, in conjunction with the Men's Club. A delightful and appetizing menu was spread before the gathering. A men's orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. G. W. Mason, furnished a splendid musical programme.

The guest speaker was Mr. D. R. Poole, Secretary of Religious Education in the United Church. He gave a most practical and helpful message on co-operation and proper relationships in the home life, stressing particularly the dad and the lad side of the arrangement, and the duties of each to the other.

A vote of thanks to the speaker, orchestra, and all who had assisted, was proposed by Mr. Charles McCleown, and seconded by Mr. Chas. Wilson, and the men showed their appreciation of the address delivered.

The toast to the "dads" was proposed by Mr. Arthur McCleown, and responded to by Mr. J. Hudson. Rev. Wm. McDonald, formerly of London, was called on for an impromptu address and gave a stirring message to the young men to meet their responsibilities.

The speaker of the evening was introduced by Rev. C. L. Poole, B. D., of Acton, and G. A. Dills, president of the Men's Club, presided over the meeting. Mr. Alex. McDonald dismissed the gathering with a prayer.

Entered Into Rest

W. A. McCLURE, Georgetown William Albert McClure, one of Halton's most prominent farmers, died in Geophyl General Hospital Tuesday morning in his 43rd year. Since the death of his father, John McClure, 12 years ago, he had managed the family homeplace. He was an enthusiastic breeder of Jersey cattle and carried off a number of first prizes at the Canadian National Exhibition last year. He was educated in Georgetown and a member of the United Church. He leaves a widow, five children, Eccles, John, Agnes, Mary and Inlay; two brothers, George, of Red Deer, Alberta, and Cyrus, of Georgetown, and a sister, Mrs. J. Harris, of Cheltenham.

MRS. W. H. TUCK, Oakville

The County of Halton lost by death on Sunday an elect lady, who has been most active in good works for many years, in the person of Mrs. W. H. Tuck, of Oakville. Her death was very unexpected. Her maiden name was Margaret Cooke. She was born and lived all her life in Oakville, the daughter of Mrs. Cooke and the late Charles W. Cooke, for many years a merchant in that town. In the year 1880 she was married to W. H. Tuck whose death occurred two years ago. Before her marriage deceased was on the staff of the Public School. All her life she was a member of St. John's United Church, formerly the Methodist Church, and was one of its most active and devoted workers, and was for many years a member of the choir and a teacher in the Sunday School. She was particularly active in the Women's Missionary Society, being Treasurer of the local society and Superintendent of Literature and Publications in the Halton Presbyterial. She was a staunch supporter of the Temperance cause and at the time of her death was President of the County W. O. T. U., and attended the annual convention at Acton last summer. Surviving are her mother, who is in her 84th year, one daughter, Helen, who was recently married to Mr. D. Wiggins, Toronto; a son, Charles P., Oakville; two sisters, Miriam Cooke, Oakville, and Mrs. H. L. Smith, wife of Rev. H. L. Smith, St. Catharines.

Various Interesting Items of News

Women's Institute

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. Cameron Lelshman on Thursday, February 5, at 2:30 o'clock.

New Parish Hall at Georgetown

St. George's Church, Georgetown, in planning to erect a fine new Parish Hall at a cost of \$5,000. It will be connected with the present church, building and will give additional seating capacity for 250 persons.

The Low Price of Eggs

It is doubtful if first-class eggs, now laid on the farm, sold as low in mid-winter in Acton as they did last Saturday. Citizens purchased the best grades at 35c per dozen. The open winter, with its frequent periods of mild weather, has kept the hens laying, and as a result there is now a surplus of eggs. In Toronto on Saturday guaranteed storage flats sold at 13c.

St. Joseph's Players Present Comedy

Here they are again! Remember the play last year, "The Shammigans of the Casey Family"? Well, St. Joseph's Players, on February 16 and 17, in the Town Hall, two nights before Lent, are presenting an Irish three-act comedy, "Tidy Ann." All local talent, including a large cast. "Tidy Ann" is an excellent play, teeming with comedy and laughter. A "Mardi Gras" social will follow the play on Tuesday night.

When Driving a Motor Car, Drive It

Records of the month state that a woman was arrested for driving against the street sign; she excused herself because she was lighting a cigarette. A man took his hands off the auto driver's wheel to light his pipe; his car landed in the ditch and there was a dead woman in the back seat. Another man took his hand off the steering wheel to brush the cigarette ashes off his coat; his car landed in the ditch with the wheels in the air.

Nominations at Milton

In accordance with the reading of a proclamation by G. A. Henstreet, Milton Town Clerk and Returning Officer, ordering a new election as the result of breaching at the last municipal election in Milton on January 5, nominations were held in the Town Hall there Monday, when the following were nominated: For Mayor—J. Mackenzie (accl.). For Reeve—John Irving, T. C. Ramshaw, C. R. Turner. For Councilors—R. Clements, Dr. G. A. King, R. M. Pasken, Thomas Cox, Frank Pearson, H. B. Cox, W. T. Barnard, E. Byer, and I. King (all to be elected). Hydro Commissioner—T. G. Brown (accl.).

Account Makes No Change in Peel

A difference of one vote was registered as the result of a recount of votes cast in the election of the Reeve of Peel Township, and when the last paper was examined in Drayton Monday, Ira Jackson was formally declared Reeve by a majority of 10 votes over his opponent, John McNabb. There were actually three changes in the last municipal election. There was a difference of one vote in favor of McNabb; at No. 4, one vote in favor of Jackson, and in No. 5, one in favor of McNabb. The vote, as finally registered was as follows: McNabb, 501; Jackson, 520. P. Korwin, of Geophyl, appointed on behalf of Jackson, and Mr. May, of Palmerston, for McNabb.

Auto and Bus Collide

A Gray Coach Lines bus, a Department of Highway Transport and a Hamilton City Municipal Police car, were involved in an accident one-half mile east of Aldershot Tuesday evening, in which one woman was injured. The plot had stopped on the highway, it is reported, when an auto, driven by Rev. Dr. Taramack, of St. Ann Street, Hamilton, swerved across the road to avoid it, and collided with it. The bus, to avoid the impact, was steered to one side and snapped off a telephone pole. The emergency housekeeper, Miss Lella Wyszogrodzka, suffered fractures of a number of ribs, and injuries to her face and neck.

Children's Aid Society

The seventeenth annual meeting of the Halton County Children's Aid Society was held at the Gordon Home, Milton, last week. The Inspector's report showed that a very energetic and efficient work was being accomplished in the County. The report of the House Committee showed that under the capable management of the matron, Miss Elta Teller, the Home was second to none in the Province of Ontario. The Treasurer's report showed a cash in the bank, \$1,000.04. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Honorary President, Judge Elliot; Honorary Solicitor, Mr. W. I. Dick; President, Mr. J. M. Doney; 1st Vice-President, Mr. E. P. Earl; 2nd Vice-President, Mr. S. Wilson; Secretary, Mrs. T. J. Brown. Members appointed to Board of Management of the Gordon Home, Mrs. T. A. Corbett and Mrs. T. J. Brown. Auditors, Mr. W. B. Clements and Mr. J. Mockridge.

Acton and Burlington Close for First Place in Local Hockey Group

A Win To-morrow Night at Brampton is Needed to Give Acton the Leadership—Georgetown Defeated by a Score of 4-2—Last Games of Group to be Played To-morrow Night—Acton at Brampton and Georgetown at Oakville.

The biggest crowd of the year at a hockey game in Acton Arena was on hand last Friday night when the old rivals, Georgetown and Acton, clashed for the Intermediate O. H. A. fixture. They were treated to a good thrilling game of hockey. The Georgetown outfit have improved since they met Acton in the first game and consequently the score against them was not as large. They show the advantage that the coach has given them in their team play. On the night's play, however, Acton proved the better team and won, being a strong combination in all positions.

The sensation of the game, in our estimation, was the youngster in goal, Ernie Alcott. We were told that he had never played in a game previously and was yet in his teens. The team was not weakened any by his playing. Every goal scored against him was an earned effort and many of the saves he made were a credit to his ability.

Play started with both teams on their toes and out for a win. The first score was made by Acton, when Greer made the counter, assisted by Arble and C. Kentner. That lead put heart in the boys and Salmon notched the second score on a pass from Joe Kentner. The game at this stage looked pretty much in favor of Acton, but the advantage was not held for long. Ward, with his shot on Holloway, made it more favorable for the visitors, and then with two minor offences, Parlow, for Acton, got two trips to the penalty box. Georgetown opened up a barrage on the Acton end, which made the score even when King scored for them. The period ended two all, and it was quite apparent the game was to be no walk-away. Wilson, of Georgetown, was penalized twice and C. Kentner, Parlow and Walters, of Acton, all drew penalties, with the commitments of referee Mollenhauer.

The second period got off to a slow start. Both teams seemed to be trying out their opponents. It ended, however, with Acton launching a bombardment on Georgetown, and holding the advantage of play. But not one goal was scored by either team. As it lived up, penalties were more plentiful, and Wilson, Tuck, Blackburn and Ward, of Georgetown, were all given trips to the penalty box. Parlow, for Acton, got two trips to the penalty box in this period.

And even the third period was just a little slow on the start, but made up for it as the period progressed. The local fans breathed easier when Gibbons went through with J. Kentner and Greer, and made the score 3-2. The "big boy," who is nearly always responsible for some scoring in all games, shouldered his responsibilities again and whizzed down through and his shot, from the blue line, made the final count of 4-2 in Acton favor. The play was well maintained throughout and the visitors never gave up until the final gong was sounded. In this period Walters collided with Hewitt, and was laid out for a time. He resumed his place in the game after a brief rest period. Blackburn and Wilson drew penalties for Georgetown, and C. Kentner and Walters, for Acton, were penalized.

In spite of the fact that there were seven penalties on duty there was no semblance of disorder. Acton fans leave their hockey games to be handled by the players and referee and so far they have proved capable. This win practically assured Acton a chance to play-offs, but to clinch the group it will be necessary to win at Brampton on Friday night, and avoid a possibility of extra games.

The line-up was as follows: Georgetown—Ernie Alcott, goal; Blackburn and Wilson, defence; Tuck, centre; Hewitt, left wing; King, right wing; Hoare, Alcott, Ward, subs.

Acton—Holloway, goal; Greer and Gibbons, defence; Salmon, centre; J. Kentner, left wing; Walters, right wing; Arble, Parlow and C. Kentner, subs. Referee—A. Mollenhauer, Toronto.

JUNIORS LOSE TO OAKVILLE

Davies scored the lone goal of the Junior O. H. A. game at Oakville on Tuesday night to give Oakville a 1 to 0 win over Acton. The single counter was netted in the first period of play. Soft ice made offensive hockey difficult and hindered both teams. Davies, on the defence, besides netting the winning tally, was the best man on the ice, while R. Anderson was the best for Acton. Both Anderson and Marzo, of Acton, received nasty cuts over the eyes in this game in accidental mix-ups. The teams: Oakville—Goal, Adamson; defence, Davies and Rice; centre, MacIntyre; wings, Banks and MacDonnell; subs, MacMillan, Post and Baxter. Acton—Goal, Lawson; defence, Buchanan and Marzo; centre, Waterhouse; wings, Anderson and Woods; subs, Kowalski, Gibbons and Marshall. Referee—Tracy Shaw, Toronto.

A WORK-OUT WITH GUELPH

The exhibition game between the team from Guelph last night and the Acton Intermediates proved rather a burlesque as far as a game was concerned. But it gave the fans a chance to see some (Continued on Page Five)

THE VETERANS' RE-UNION

Of Halton County at the Brant Inn at Burlington Last Week was a Splendid Success

The first re-union banquet for all ex-service men in Halton County was held on Thursday last, the Brant Inn, Burlington, being the place chosen for the meeting. Invitations had been sent out through the County and the response was a source of gratification to the committee in charge. Over 400 were present, and the menu provided helped to make the gathering an historic one. After the covers were removed Col. O. O. Brown, Sheriff of Halton County, acted as Toastmaster, and called for the following toasts:

The Glorious Dead, which was observed with 2 minutes silence. The King—Responded to by singing the National Anthem.

Dominion of Canada—Responded to by Dr. R. K. Anderson, M. P. for Halton. In his speech, Dr. Anderson spoke of the splendid response that the men of the Dominion and particularly of Halton County had made when the Empire and all that it stands for were in peril, and declared that whatever government were in power that the reasonable requests of her soldier citizens would be granted. The doctor was accorded a rousing ovation on resuming his seat.

The toast to the Province of Ontario was responded to by Mr. Thos. Blacklock, M. P. P. In his remarks Mr. Blacklock stressed the need for unity and co-operation of all former members of His Majesty's forces and saw in the Canadian Legion a splendid opportunity for the display of that spirit of co-operation which was manifest during the war.

Our Army—In the absence of Gen. Draper, Chief of Police, Toronto, Lieutenant Col. B. Wallace, of Burlington, responded to this toast and in his well known manner spoke of the splendid record of the Canadian corps. Major Cousin, of Georgetown, also supported the first speaker.

The Town of Burlington toast was replied to by Mayor Dingle and Reeve George Harris, who stated that they considered that an honor had been conferred on the town in having the first re-union, and the hope was expressed that it would become an annual event.

The Canadian Legion—No better choice could have been made than that of Lieutenant-Col. Heller McKay as responded to the toast of the Legion, for, as the Toastmaster stated, the Provincial President had worked hard and long to bring the benefits of the Legion to the notice of all ex-service men throughout the Province. Col. McKay referred briefly to the different phases of the returned soldier movement, and then showed how the man in need of help could have his problems solved through the service which the Legion was prepared to give. He was accorded musical honors on resuming his seat.

Col. F. J. Pickering, First Vice-President, and Capt. W. O. C. Exmils, Zone Representative, also gave excellent addresses along the same line.

The Toastmaster then called on the Presidents of the various Posts to speak. A varied programme of songs, sketches, jokes and dances proved very entertaining to the men.

The Burlington Band gave their services and added considerably to the pleasure of the evening. It is the intention of the committee to arrange another meeting for a date yet to be chosen. The evening concluded with the National Anthem.

ACTON WINS FROM GUELPH

A Couple of Rinks of Curlers From Neighboring City Visit Acton Last Thursday

Last Thursday night a couple of rinks of curlers from the Guelph O. A. C. played a game with members of the Acton Club. A most enjoyable evening was spent but both the visiting rinks were defeated. The following are the rinks and scores:

Guelph O. A. C.	Acton
J. R. English	J. Nicol
O. Norland	L. B. Shorey
M. C. Phillips	W. Smith
R. A. McIntosh, sk 4	W. J. Gould, sk 9
E. Rigby	H. L. Binnie
Y. Thompson	W. K. Graham
C. Francis	Dr. Pearson
G. Swann, sk. 10	E. J. Hassard, sk. 11
10	20

Canada 1931 is the title of a recent little book issued by the Minister of Trade and Commerce of the Dominion. The book is a most complete volume, containing twenty chapters, dealing with the Dominion in all phases, and from many angles. It is well illustrated and contains many maps and illustrations to portray the various activities in which the Dominion's inhabitants are engaged.