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## County Council and Boards Met Delinquents Receive Grants

No Decision Arrived at After an All Day Meeting — Some Very Interesting Figures Given on Educational Costs in County — Acton Shows Best Position of Any Municipality in the County — Has Lowest Educational Costs and Salaries — Only Four Municipalities Out of Nine Have Paid County Levy in Full — Three Have Paid Nothing and Yet County Council Allows Educational Grants.

The Halton County Council met at Milton on Tuesday of this week to deal with unfinished business left over from last week. Members all present, the Warden in the chair. Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed and communications read.

Mr. Smith, County Road Engineer, addressed the Council in regard to complaints made by the Ratepayers' deputation at the last meeting because of the large amount of overloaded traffic on county roads, particularly milk trucks, paper trucks and log loads, most of the latter en route to Oakville. Council agreed that these heavy loads were undoubtedly doing a lot of damage to the roads and some means would have to be taken to stop it.

Mr. Currie spoke of heavy loaded trucks going through Georgetown at 3.00 a. m., while Mr. Smith pointed out it was the trucks that were mainly responsible for the terrible condition of the second line, Esquering, a road which cost the County a large amount for maintenance last year.

The Warden pointed out that at some previous date a by-law had been passed to regulate heavy traffic but the trouble is there is no one to enforce it. "Do you think," said the Warden, "that if the situation is as serious as it appears to be, that two special men should be appointed in each Township, with authority to check up on overloaded trucks?"

The Council were in agreement with the Warden but, there being other business to transact, the matter was laid over for the time being.

The Warden then called for suggestions to 'put before the Educational Board' to be held that afternoon. He also called attention to the fact that Premier Henry has forecast a probable 20% cut in Federal grants towards education.

Mr. Readhead—I think if they get a 20% cut from the Government, and a 25% cut from the County, that will bring them about right.

The Warden said he had asked the opinion of a good authority on educational matters, who advocated as a remedy in reducing expenses was to cut out all commercial work in High Schools. This work is a large expense to the schools. It takes a student two or three years to complete a commercial course, and at the end of that time, how many make good? It is a fact that graduates from a business college are better equipped after six months' training, than are those from High School after three years.

Warden—It would pay the County better to send a child to a commercial school than keep him at school. I think we might save \$2,500 in every school, which would mean \$20,000 spread over the County.

Mr. Harris—A lot of students only take up commercial work because they have nothing else to do.

Mr. Theford—Why should these subjects be taught at the expense of the County, rather than any other? If I wanted to be a blacksmith or a brick-layer, I shouldn't expect the County to pay for my apprenticeship.

Members of the Council were also against the teaching of agriculture because it was impossible for teachers of agriculture to be properly qualified to teach this subject after taking the short course at Guelph, which apparently was all that was considered necessary for qualification.

Council adjourned until 1.30, when they met with representatives from the various School Boards in the County.

The Warden welcomed the Trustees and thanked them for their attendance. He went on to explain the difficult financial position in which the County was placed. "I have found," he said, "in talking to various Trustees, that School Boards are apt to make comparisons. One says one is doing this much, and another is doing that, and for that reason we thought it a good idea that you should all come together." In Halton we are supposed to collect \$200,000, and of that amount last year, we were only able to collect \$150,000. That means out of nine municipalities, only four have paid, three have paid nothing at all, and the other two, in part. In ordinary circumstances, our money for County purposes would be in the bank by December, but it isn't there yet. There are to-day approximately \$500,000 unpaid taxes. To be more specific, uncollected taxes for the various municipalities are as follows:

Acton	\$ 5,000.00
Burlington	60,000.00
Esquering	50,000.00
Georgetown	35,000.00
Nelson	100,000.00
Nassagaways	17,000.00
Oakville	181,000.00
Trafalgar	50,000.00
Milton	30,000.00

\$522,000.00  
Some of the educational statistics, as read by the Chairman of Finance, were (Concluded on Page Five)

## Various Interesting Items of News

### Nearly Lost Sight of Right Eye

Last Saturday little Jimmy Marshall, the seven-year-old son of Mr. Earl Marshall, narrowly escaped losing the sight of his right eye. The little chap was playing a game and running with a sharp stick in his hand when he fell. The sharpened end of the stick went into the lower lid of the right eye, missing the eyeball by a hairsbreadth, and broke off lodged in the cheek. When attended by Dr. McNiely, the family physician, it was found the eyeball was just grazed and the splinter of wood was removed. He was taken to Guelph Hospital where the injury can be dressed and it is hoped he will be able to be about again in a few days.

### Irish Play on St. Patrick's Night

On St. Patrick's night the three-act play, "My Irish Rose," was presented in the Town Hall here, under the auspices of St. Joseph's Players. The event drew a good crowd and the presentation was one of real merit. It was a story of the Irish collectors and lads, full of good wit and a good theme. Mr. Jas. Gallaher, the Irish tenor, played a leading part and sang several times during the presentation. Mr. Gallaher was also 'generous' in his selections given between the acts, and an Acton audience will always welcome him at any time. Mrs. Byrne and Miss Lillian Byrne also contributed instrumental numbers between the acts. The play was a production of the Guelph Tennis Club.

### Visit from Georgetown Society

On Tuesday evening the Young People's Society of Georgetown United Church visited with the Acton United Church. The visitors provided a very interesting programme. Mr. Arthur McKeown opened the meeting and welcomed the visitors; then Miss McDermid, President of the Georgetown Society, took the chair. The first part of the programme was a worship service, conducted by the President. Then followed a varied programme, consisting of a piano duet by Misses Marjorie Gibson and Helen Brown; two vocal solos by Miss Betty Speight; a short skit, entitled "The Fatal Quest," vocal solos by Mr. Charles Wilson; an address by Rev. Mr. Rumbley on "Spiritual Vision," and concluded with community singing, led by Mr. Wilson. After a contest, led by Miss Gladys Agar, refreshments were served and a social time spent by the two societies.

### Bible Story Dramatized

The dramatized story of "The Little Prophet Samuel" was most effectively told by the group of young people at the evening service of the United Church on Sunday. There was a large congregation present to hear this story portrayed. The various parts were taken by Miss Helen Cook, Messrs. J. J. Stewart, Arthur McKeown, E. H. Vincent, Jamie Lamb and Elwood Johnston, and were well told. The costumes, scenery, and lighting effect gave a splendid background for the interpretation of the story and the production was one that left a deep impress on all who were privileged to hear it. The arrangements were carried out under the direction of Mrs. J. C. Matthews and the pastor expressed the appreciation of himself and the congregation to those who had been responsible for the presentation of this Bible story, so full of deep meaning and so vividly given. During the service Mrs. (Dr.) H. A. Mowat rendered a solo and the quartette composed of Messrs. G. Masales, G. Simpson, T. Clifford and D. Taylor gave a number. The music rendered by Miss Fern Brown organist, was also very impressive.

### D. D. G. M. Visits Walker Lodge

On Monday evening Rt. Wor. Bro. Alex. Black, D. D. G. M. of Wellington District, paid his official visit to Walker Lodge. He was accompanied by the District Secretary, V. W. Bro. R. Flewelling, and twenty-five or thirty visitors from Credit and Speed Lodges in Guelph. The lodge work was the subject of much favorable comment to W. Bro. A. McNabb and his officers of Walker Lodge, by the visiting officials. Following the degree work in the lodge hall a banquet was served in the Parish Hall. Bro. C. Darby, J. W., had charge of the event, and, assisted by the wives of members of the Lodge a most appetizing and substantial menu was served. The toast list was presided over by W. Bro. A. McNabb, and included the toast to the King. The toast to Grand Lodge was proposed by W. Bro. R. M. McDonald, and ably responded to by R. W. Bro. A. Black. "Our Guests" toast was proposed by V. W. Bro. Cooper and responded to by W. Bro. Elliott, W. Bro. Sweetman, W. Bro. Fingday and W. Bro. Goldie, all of Guelph. The toast to Walker Lodge was proposed by R. W. Bro. R. Flewelling, who also expressed his appreciation of the part the ladies had taken in the success of the event. W. Bro. A. McNabb replied and Mrs. W. Cooper expressed the pleasure the ladies had taken in any part they had contributed. In spite of the unfavorable evening, there was a splendid attendance.

## Single Men Win From Married Men

### Juveniles Put Up a Good Game Against the Juniors — The Double-Header Fixtures Last Week

A week ago to-night, brought two hockey games. A picked team from the Migdets played the Junior O. H. A. team. The final score was 9-5 in favor of the Juniors.

The game was clean and well played. The Migdets show promise of coming on as a real good team. However, they all see now that they are not yet ready for junior play. They are not old or strong enough yet to run up against a heavy junior team. Next year the problem will be to provide play for those who are two old for the Migdets, to give each of these boys a year or two of playing before they are really needed for the Juniors. The boys deserve a big hand for their guminess and stick-to-it-iveness. They were right in there all the time and were ever trying to check and break back.

The Juniors netted four in the first, three in the second and two in the third period. The Migdets got one goal in the second period and four in the last. The Migdets were given two the Juniors three penalties.

Migdets—Goal, Footitt, Scarrow, Robinson; defence, Woods and Molozie; centre, Switzer; Wings, B. Marshall and Price; subs, Nicol, Swackhammer, Anderson, Fraser, Lambert, E. Footitt, F. Jones.

Juniors—Goal, Byrne; defence, Marzo and Tyler; centre, Mooney; wings, Marzo and Gibbons; subs, Lantz, A. Marshall, McGeechie.

Referee—Frank Terry.  
Goals—E. Marzo, 4; A. Marshall, 3; Molozie, 2; Lantz; Tyler; R. Marshall; Price; Woods.

Penalties—R. Marshall, Molozie, Gibbons, Tyler, McGeechie.

The second game was between the Married Men and the Single Men. The Single Men won, 7-5.

Dr. Nelson played a good game in goal, and we were surprised to learn afterward that it was his first game in the nets. He handled some difficult shots very well but missed a beautiful goal drive.

In the first period the Married Men (Concluded on Page Eight)

## News of Acton and the District

### An Unique Church Supper

An unique event, was given in the Baptist Church on Monday evening, when a Fish and Chip Supper was served. Judging by the crowd that attended this dish is quite popular and it was well served on this occasion. Following the serving of supper a splendid programme was presented in the auditorium of the church which was filled. The numbers were varied and pleasing and rounded out a well balanced programme.

### The Eschre and Dance on Tuesday

An enjoyable euchre and dance party was given in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the Acton Women's Institute. There was a good attendance and the proceeds are to be devoted to the work of the Acton Welfare Board. The prizes at euchre were won by Mrs. Graham and Miss Beal Smith, for the ladies, and the gents' prizes were won by Mr. Jas. Wilds and Mr. E. Packer. Other prizes were won by Miss Neelands and Mrs. Stammers and Mrs. T. Byrne. Following the cards a dance was held and a splendid social evening spent.

### St. Patrick's Supper and Concert

The St. Patrick's supper and concert, given under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of the United Church last Friday evening, drew a splendid crowd and provided a fine event. A most satisfying and delicious supper was served in the basement of the church; with pork and potatoes and Irish dishes' predominating the menu. After all had done justice a splendid programme was presented in the auditorium of the church, presided over by the pastor, Rev. C. L. Foote. Numbers on the programme were: Recitation, by Kathleen Weadge; reading by Arthur McKeown; instrumental number by Mrs. C. H. Harrison and Miss Beth Harrison; reading by Gladys Agar; vocal solo by Mrs. J. K. Gardiner; instrumental selections by Melvin Locker; recitation by Mrs. J. J. Stewart; number by Mrs. (Rev.) Caldwell; vocal solo by Mrs. (Dr.) H. A. Mowat; solo by Miss E. Haines; and a brief address by Rev. H. Caldwell. This varied programme, coupled with the supper served, made a most enjoyable evening.

## Annual Report of Hydro System

### Was Received by the Local Commission at the Meeting on Tuesday—Ruling on Water Services Obtained

At the meeting of the Public Utilities Commission on Tuesday evening, Commissioner R. J. Kerr and L. G. King were present.

The Secretary was instructed, by motion, to pay the following accounts:

Hydro Department	
Bell Telephone Co., accounts	\$ 4.15
Acron Press printing	6.10
Chas. A. Branson Ltd. repairs	4.77
Standard Underground Cable Co. supplies	4.87
Canadian Line Materials Ltd. supplies	36.00
Hydro-Electric Power Commission, power balance	138.96
F. McCutcheon, express	1.20
J. C. Matthews, postage	10.00
Happy Home Mfg. Co., repairs	4.50
Canadian Westinghouse Co., repairs	31.50
Line & Cable Accessories Ltd. supplies	14.91
F. McCutcheon, freight	2.45
Municipal World, legal advice	.50
	\$260.33

A letter from the Municipal World gave a ruling in the collection of water arrears on properties. The Commission gave instructions for a notice to be published in The Free Press, advising consumers of the provisions of the law for discontinuing or collecting arrears on all water services.

The Balance Sheet and Operating Report of the Acton Commission for the year ending December 1932, was received from the Ontario Commission. A net profit of \$176.44 was shown after providing for depreciation on the tangible plant to the amount of \$1,304.60. The sinking fund equity in the lines, etc., now amounts to \$30,489.17. Total assets of the local plant are placed at \$92,973.42 and total liabilities were \$1,088.77; total reserves are \$39,255.52; and the total surplus was \$38,778.71.

Other interesting figures from this annual report regarding the local system showed: Domestic consumers, 481; commercial light services, 81; and 17 power services.

Earnings from the various services were as follows: Domestic light, \$10,037.43; commercial light service, \$3,849.04; commercial power service, \$15,846.44; municipal power, \$655.59; street lighting \$1,797.00; miscellaneous, \$81.97. The amount of power purchased was \$24,937.43.

The matter of repairs and construction work to be undertaken this year was considered by the Commission, but will be dealt with definitely at the next meeting.

## THE NEW TAXES SUMMARIZED

The Changes that Will Effect Everyone and Hope to Raise New Revenues to Meet \$70,000,000 Dominion Deficit

The Budget and new tax levies were presented to Parliament by Hon. E. N. Rhodes, Minister of Finance, and provided for a variety of new taxes. The new 2 cent tax on sugar seems the most drastic item to everyday folk. Below is given a brief summary of the most important taxation increases. There are no reductions or exemptions now.

Two cents per pound levy on all refined sugar—used in Canada.

Cosmetics, from the humble but colorful lipstick to the subtle, modest powder, must bear a tax of 10 per cent.

All sales tax exemptions are wiped out except in the case of products manufactured by the Canadian blind.

Income-tax rates are completely revised—sharply upward.

Income-tax exemptions are all reduced. Corporation income-tax raised to 12½ per cent, and exemptions removed.

Toilet preparation, automobile tires, malt products for brewing, cigarette papers and tubes, newly taxed.

Stabilization fund to aid agricultural exports to British Isles, will guarantee against loss on exchange.

Government gives sympathetic view to plan to reduce rates of interest on bank deposits; willing to join by cutting rate on postal savings deposits.

Tax on postal notes increased to three cents on each note; formerly one cent.

All cheques must bear 3-cent stamp—the 5¢ exemption being wiped out.

Dumping duty on pound sterling is reduced to basis of pound at \$4.25; formerly \$4.40.

Provisions to ensure collection income tax on bearer bond interest payments.

Tax of five per cent on interest collected in foreign currency on Canadian bonds, when that currency is at a premium in Canada, effective April 1, 1933.

Excise duties on distilled spirits used in medicines, extracts and perfumes raised to \$2.50 proof gallon.

Excise duty of \$1 per gallon on proof spirits used in, for foreign native wine.

Tax of five per cent, to be collected at source, on all interest or dividends paid by Canadian debtors to non-residents, effective April 1, 1933.

## Entered Into Rest

### R. B. ERWIN, Rochester

After an illness of some weeks, R. B. Erwin died at his home in East Rochester, N. Y., on Monday afternoon, March 20. Deceased was born in Georgetown 65 years ago, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Erwin. About forty years ago he went to reside in Buffalo and a few years later he moved to East Rochester, where he has been Postmaster for the past 25 years. He was twice married. His first wife was Maggie Bennett, a daughter of the late Robert Bennett, of Georgetown. She predeceased him some years ago, leaving one son, Clare, and a daughter, Mrs. C. Woods, both of East Rochester. He is also survived by his second wife and one daughter, Marjorie. Brothers of deceased are: John, Sarina, Robert, Herbert, Edward and Frederick, Georgetown; Charles, of Rochester; Lorne, of Toronto; and one sister, Miss Mabel Erwin, of Toronto. The late Mr. Erwin was familiarly known as "Béu" in Georgetown and this district, and was one of the star players of the old Acton Lacrosse Club, over forty years ago. He was one of the old Georgetown boys who had made good and his many friends still living in the old home town deeply regret his passing. He was a member of the United Church and the Masonic Order, Vice-President of the First National Bank of East Rochester and Secretary-Treasurer of the Public School Board at the time of his death. The funeral takes place at East Rochester this afternoon.—Georgetown Herald.

### MRS. HILLIARD KITCHEN, Walkerton

There passed away very suddenly at noon on Saturday, March 18, at the Metropolitan Hospital, Walkerville, Mary, beloved wife of Mr. Hilliard Kitchen, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Overholt, Brantford. Besides the sorrowing husband and two children, Melbourne and Ruby, she leaves to mourn, the father and mother, three sisters and four brothers, Mrs. F. Blow, Acton; Mrs. J. Rappé, Cobles; Mrs. E. Harrison, Brantford; Elgin, Windsor East; George, Eastwood; Albert, Brantford; and Melbourne, Toronto. The late Mrs. Kitchen was very much devoted to her family and home; also to Chalmers Church, of which she was a very active member, being President of the Women's Association at the time of her death. The following expressions of sympathy, in beautiful flowers, show the very high esteem in which she was held: Fellow, husband and children; wreath, mother, father and family; Walkerville Dairy Ltd., of which Mr. Kitchen is a member; Plant Employees, Walkerville Dairies; Olive and Drivers, Walkerville Dairies; Employees, Silverwood Dairy, Brantford; I. O. D. E. Acton; basket, Manager, Walkerville Dairies; spray, Universal Button Co.; Women's Association, Chalmers Church; Mr. and Mrs. Pomroy, Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Rezin; Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Knowles; Mrs. Orved; Mr. and Mrs. B. McKenzie; Men's Club, Chalmers Church; Mrs. Isaacs; Mr. G. Lanspeary; Mrs. Evans; Mr. and Mrs. Ballantyne; Mr. and Mrs. H. Tinkle, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Brammer; Mr. and Mrs. Lane, Detroit; Chalmers Sunday School; Mr. and Mrs. Barclay; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wilson; Mr. and Mrs. N. Hart; Mr. and Mrs. Lounsbury; Mr. and Mrs. W. Adley; Mr. and Mrs. Dinmore; Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson, London; Mr. and Mrs. D. Mcintosh; Mr. and Mrs. W. Hanson; a few Old Friends, Monmouth Road. On Monday evening a service was held at the Funeral Chapel, Walkerville, conducted by her pastor, Mr. Morden. The remains were taken by motor, Tuesday morning, for burial at Princeton Cemetery.

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## Various News Items

### Little Harry Gibson Passed Away

This morning is felt for Mr. and Mrs. John Gibson and family in the death of their son, Harry, aged eight years, which occurred this morning. The little chap has been seriously ill for several weeks. He will be greatly missed in the home and by his schoolmates.

### Junior I. O. E. Meeting

An evening of big fun and fun was enjoyed by the Lakeside Chapter, I. O. D. E., at the home of Miss Jessie Russell on Wednesday night. Mrs. Geo. Somerville was declared winner in a hilarious contest, "You Might Have Been a —!" Lunch was served by the hostesses at the close of the games.

### Choral Society Concert at Norval

The Norval Choral Society announces a concert of outstanding merit for Thursday, March 30, in the Presbyterian Church at Norval. Dr. H. M. Fletcher is the conductor and a group of well-known artists will assist at this event. It will be an attraction of unusual interest.

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Driving on No. 5 Highway on Monday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Tyson and a sister, Miss Cecelia Tyson, aged 70, were painfully injured when their car swerved from the road and hit a tree near Trafalgar. Miss Tyson was thrown about the head and shoulders. Mrs. Tyson had several lacerations torn in her left arm and Mr. Tyson suffered a severely lacerated hand.

Who is He?  
What is His Weight?



Answer these questions on Coupons to be secured at the Stores Advertising in this week's FREE PRESS and deposit them with  
before Thursday, March 30,  
and share in the  
\$10 in Cash Prizes