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## Midnight Session of Council Concludes the Year's Business

**Council Agrees to Assist Community Christmas Tree—Accounts of \$9,867.69 are Passed for Payment—Arena Secretary Appointed—National Defence Department Agrees to Lighting Charges—Commends Welfare Board and Requests That They Continue Work—Reeve and Councillors All Express Their Appreciation of the Year's Council Work and Officials.**

At the meeting of the Acton Council, held on Monday evening in the Clerk's office, Councillors W. A. Lasby, E. Jones, J. E. McMillan and S. M. Lasby were present and Reeve E. Theford presided. Messrs. P. E. McCloskey, A. Herbert and C. K. Brown were a delegation to the Council to request a grant to the Community Christmas Tree. The True Blue Lodge and other ladies were prepared to undertake the work and this committee was prepared to assist.

Moved by W. A. Lasby, seconded by E. Jones, and resolved, that the Reeve be authorized to pay out of corporation funds any accounts in connection with the Community Christmas Tree, provided they are approved by the Chairman of the Community Christmas Tree Committee, said accounts, however, not to exceed in the sum total the amount of fifty dollars, the said amount to be spent on articles of need or general use.—Carried.

Mr. Herbert requested the use of the Town Hall for the Annual High School "At Home." The request was granted as is usual.

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

Acton Public Utilities Commission, exchange on cheques	1.25
Fred McCouchman, arena tickets	50
Salary for E. Theford, Reeve	100.00
Salary for E. Jones, Councillor	40.00
Salary for S. M. Lasby, Councillor	40.00
Salary for W. A. Lasby, Councillor	40.00
Salary for J. E. McMillan, Councillor	40.00
R. J. McPherson, car allowance	40.00
Alfred Bauer, engineer's salary	25.00
H. M. Pettit, County Treasurer, County grant	9,027.26
Bell Telephone Co., services	10.07
H. H. Pettit, County Treasurer, hospital accounts	363.25
F. L. Wright, insurance premium	94.00
King & McEachern, care of fire truck	25.00
Acton Free Press, printing and advertising	10.76
	<b>\$9,867.69</b>

The report was adopted.

The Reeve was empowered to have a telephone installed at the Arena for the season.

The statement from the Cemetery Board was received as had been requested, and was examined by the Council.

The Finance on the Arena was discussed and the propositions of various companies carefully studied and considered.

Moved by E. Jones, seconded by S. M. Lasby, that the Reeve and Clerk be authorized to sign, on behalf of the Corporation of Acton, the application for renewal of the Economical Mutual Insurance policy on the Arena for \$8,500; also the premium note for \$850.00 in connection with same.—Carried.

The applications for the position of Secretary of Acton Arena were received and examined by the Council.

Moved by S. M. Lasby, seconded by J. E. McMillan, and resolved, that the tender of Joseph Hurst for the post of Secretary-Treasurer of the Arena for the season 1933-34 be accepted, at a salary of \$10.00 per week, or for time put in at the same proportion.—Carried.

A letter from LeRoy Dale enclosing a cheque for \$75.00 from the estate of the late Hannah Brown for perpetual care at Fairview Cemetery. The Clerk and Reeve were authorized to give the required release for the executors of this estate and the Clerk to deposit the amount in the Cemetery Board fund for this purpose.

The Clerk was instructed to insert the usual advertisement in The Free Press notifying tax defaulters of publication of names in the annual Auditor's Report, unless taxes were paid before December 31.

A letter was received from Geo. M. Brown, claiming damages for the springs of his car, which had been broken in crossing the C. N. R. tracks in Acton. The letter was ordered filed.

A letter from the Department of National Defence agreed to pay a flat rate for lighting charges on their account at the Arena of \$2.50 per month, with the account from last April as rendered, to be met and a cheque mailed in a few days.

A letter from the Department of Highways notified the Council of the Annual Good Roads Convention and requested that the Council send representatives to this convention. The Clerk was instructed to acknowledge receipt of the letter.

Moved by E. Jones, seconded by J. E. McMillan, that the motion passed on December 4 last relative to the Acton Welfare Board, be reconsidered and, that

### NASSAGAWEYA COUNCIL

In Last Session for the Year—Councillors Express Appreciation of Courtesy and Ability of Reeve Campbell

The final meeting of Nassagaweya Council for 1933 was held in the Township Hall on Friday last, with Councillors Finney, Gordon and Robinson present and Reeve Campbell presiding. Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

Levi Easley, supplies	2.50
J. Marshall, postage	5.20
J. W. Moffat, postage and supplies	15.25
Acton Free Press, printing and advertising	4.18
Municipal World, supplies	3.28
Bilgith & White, advertising	1.00
Levi Easley, caretaking of hall	50.00
R. B. Easley, relief account	11.43
H. C. Easley, relief account	7.47
C. A. Easley, relief account	152.00
Austin Dredge, relief account	7.84
Norrlsh Bros., relief account	79.79
Walter U. Elliott, sheep killed	5.00
Albert Anderson, sheep killed	5.00
D. Irving inspecting sheep killed	2.00

The Treasurer was instructed to place to the credit of Campbellville Police Village \$400.00, being their share of the Township rate; and pay Eramosa \$39.73, being Nassagaweya's share of the Eden Mills rate.

The Collector was authorized to accept the taxes of Ernest Budd and T. Berry, less dog tax, there having been errors in the assessment.

The Road Superintendent's vouchers for \$975.93 were passed.

It was moved by Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Finney, that the thanks of this Council be and are hereby tendered to the Reeve, Mr. Duncan Campbell, for the efficient and courteous manner in which he has presided over the business of the Council during the year.

The motion was put by the Clerk, and, when carried, tendered the appreciation of the members of the Council to the Reeve, who replied, thanking them for their co-operation and good-will.

### PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Holds Final Session for 1933 and Clears Up the Year-End Business on Tuesday

At the meeting of the Public Utilities Commission on Tuesday afternoon, Commissioners L. G. King, Reeve Theford and Chairman R. J. Kerr were present.

The Secretary was instructed to write a letter to the owner of a property regarding arrears, which must be cleared up or the service discontinued.

The Commission agreed to arrange the lighting for the Community Christmas Tree, under the same arrangements as usual.

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

Hydro Department	
Bell Telephone Co., services	4.72
Jas. Symon, supplies	2.52
W. Blair, supplies	4.07
King & McEachern, truck repairs	34.90
C. N. R. and Transports, express	2.42
Ontario Hydro Commission, metre s'aps	3.75
Jas. R. Keane Corporation, fuses	5.08
Canadian General Electric Co., supplies	28.97
McDonald Electric Ltd., supplies	60.28
Ontario Hydro Commission, November power	2,387.00
	<b>\$2,533.71</b>
Waterworks Department	
Hydro Department, power and heating at spring	\$47.99
Tyler's Transport, express	.35
Canadian Brass Company, supplies	2.70
Francis Hankin Co., supplies	26.21
Hydro Department, November operations	58.41
	<b>\$135.66</b>

Moved by E. Theford, seconded by L. G. King, that the Secretary be instructed to pay the salaries of the Commissioners: R. J. Kerr, \$25.00; L. G. King, \$25.00; E. Theford, \$25.00; total, \$75.00.—Carried.

Christmas Services at St. Joseph's Church

Mass Sunday morning at St. Joseph's Church at 11.00 a. m. Midnight mass, beginning at 12 o'clock Christmas. The chancel and senior choir will render special Christmas music. Christmas hymns will be sung before mass, starting at 11.45 Sunday night. A second mass on Christmas at 11.00 a. m.

## Various Interesting Items of News.

**Euchre and Dance**  
The U. F. Y. P. O. are holding a Euchre and Dance in the Parish Hall on Friday, December 29. Cards at 8.15. Good orchestra. Admission: Gents 25c; ladies provide. Everybody welcome.

**Hewson is Sentenced to Reformatory Term**  
Thomas Hewson, of Norval, was sentenced to four months in the Ontario Reformatory last Wednesday on a charge of criminal negligence, by Judge R. L. McKinnon, at Guelph. Hewson's car smashed into a truckload of Harrison boys returning home from the Canadian National Exhibition last September. Byrrell Bridham, 16, of Harrison, was killed in the collision.

**Acton Legion Christmas Tree**  
Acton Legion won first place in its group of the Buckingham Christmas Tree Contest, and the visit from Santa Claus was held last night at the Legion clubrooms. Comrade E. Bar acted as Santa, and was assisted by the committee, whose hard work had made it possible, viz. President J. M. McDonald and Comrades W. J. Gould and F. J. Salt. The boys were of exceptionally good quality, and delighted the hearts of many children from Acton, Rockwood and Esquesing, Erin, Eramosa and Nassagaweya Townships. Every child of all ex-service men under 10 years of age was remembered, and each also received a bag of candies and nuts. While waiting for Santa Claus, everyone joined in singing, led by Comrade Salt.


**Knox Church Y. W. A.**  
The December meeting of the Knox Church Y. W. A. was held on Tuesday evening at the Messons. The President, Miss Emma Robinson, was in the chair. The devotional part was taken by Lillian Woodhall and Annie Anderson. This being the closing meeting for the year, all reports of the various committees were given. The Treasurer had a splendid report to offer, showing the allocation within a few cents of the objective, which will be fully covered by the end of the year. All other committees reported a most profitable year in every way. The election of officers for the New Year was very ably conducted by Miss Wilma McMillan. The following were elected: Honorary Presidents—Mrs. Bennie, Mrs. Kirkness.

President—Annie Anderson.  
1st Vice-President—Bessie Mussell.  
2nd Vice-President—Laura Willis.  
3rd Vice-President—Emma Robinson.  
Secretary—Alice Rumley.  
Assistant Secretary—Janet Wilds.  
Treasurer—Lucy Edwards.  
Plans—Lillian Woodhall.  
Assistant Plans—Wilma McMillan.  
Convener of Programme Committee—Elizabeth O'Hara, Florence Elliott.  
Convener of Membership Committee—Kathleen Patrick.  
Convener Visiting Committee—Janet Wilds.  
Convener of Flower Committee—Katharine Roszell.  
Supply Secretary—Grace Nellis.

A vote of thanks was tendered the retiring President and Mrs. Bennie closed the meeting with prayer. A delightful social time followed.

**Christmas Concert of United Church Sunday School**  
On Tuesday evening the children of the United Sunday School gave their annual Christmas concert in the auditorium of the church and a real merry time was had by all. It was a typical Christmas event with the children to the forefront and parents and friends enjoying the event. The opening chorus by the school gave a rousing merry Christmas. Mr. A. T. Brown, the Superintendent of the Sunday School, was in charge of the programme and welcomed all to this feature of the year by the Sunday School. The programme included several songs and the following numbers: "Welcome," by Shirley Kentner; recitation by Kathleen Louitt; reading by Mr. Gordon Ramsden; Saxophone solo by Bing Ramsden; "Christmas Bells," by fourteen boys of Miss Savage's class; piano solo by Ethel Franklin; recitation by Jean Evans; piano duet by Jean Fraser and Merna Rawson; recitation by Frank Holmes; solo by little Betty Gibson; recitation by Gordon Bliton; "Nail Keg Quartette," by Hector Lambert, Tom and "Bus" Nicol and N. F. Moore; reading by Ernie McEreay; recitation by Eileen Johnston; "Scrooge's Christmas," a playlet by Miss Cowles' class of girls; recitation by Frances Dillis violin solo by Jack Holmes; recitations by Walter Lamb, Elyn Evans and Jean Fraser; novelty musical number by Tom and "Bus" Nicol and George Switzer. The big event was at the conclusion, when Santa Claus arrived and distributed to all the good boys and girls a Christmas treat, and all the boys and girls were good; and the older ones were set at ease by being assured that the Christmas letters had been received and the wishes granted. Mr. Ernest Coles, in this role of Santa Claus, was very patronizing and true to legend.

## The Birth of Hope



**WHAT** did the world need when Jesus came? Not culture—the people of Athens were wise.

Not wealth—there was much gold and precious merchandise.

Not art—the Greeks had a passion for portraying the beautiful.

Not military power—the Caesars had conquered the world.

Not religion—the rabbis were zealous of the law.

What, then, did the world need when Jesus came? And the answer comes from your heart and mine: "The world needed hope, the world needed God!"

Four sad centuries had passed since God had spoken.

"Having no hope, and without God in the world."

This is the world's condition, as painted by the pen of inspiration. Nor can one easily imagine a more vivid picture of despair—a hopeless world! a goddess world!

Then Jesus came! "The people that sat in darkness saw a great light." It was the bright radiance of the star of Hope, shining above Bethlehem's lowly manger.

The birth of Jesus was the birth of Hope.

—E. C. Baird.

## Acton School Board Met on Tuesday

**Will Co-operate in Transporting Pupils to Musical Event in Toronto—Last Meeting for 1933**

At the meeting of Acton School Board on Tuesday evening, Trustees W. K. Graham, J. P. Scarrow, Dr. A. J. Buchanan and W. R. Norton were present, and Chairman J. M. McDonald presided.

The correspondence and Inspector Denyes' report were left to be more fully discussed at the next meeting of the Board.

Moved by A. J. Buchanan, seconded by J. P. Scarrow, and resolved, that we show our appreciation of the extra services of the janitor in connection with the night classes at the school and that we give a bonus to him of \$10.00.—Carried.

Moved by W. K. Graham, seconded by W. R. Norton, and resolved, that this Board co-operate in the arrangements to transport the children to the musical event in Toronto during the Easter holidays, and that the Board contribute \$25.00 toward this expense.—Carried.

Repairs to room radiators at the school were arranged to be made during the Christmas holidays.

Principal Herbert was present and called attention to the High School "At Home" on Friday evening, requesting all the Board to be present.

The sanction of the Board was also given to form a girls' hockey team at the school, under the guidance of Miss Bell.

Moved by W. R. Norton, seconded by J. P. Scarrow, that the Public and High Schools re-open after the Christmas holidays on Wednesday, January 3.—Carried.

The eleventh report of the Finance Committee recommended payment of the following accounts:

J. B. Mackenzie, repairs	\$ 3.75
Highway Garage, supplies	1.35
A. M. Darling, supplies	10.50
Letter Shop and Supply, supplies	3.25
R. M. McDonald, postage, excise and phone	14.31
A. T. Brown, supplies	17.60
Acton Public Utilities Commission, lights and water	12.86
	<b>\$63.62</b>

The report was adopted.

In this last session of the 1933 Board, Mr. J. P. Scarrow, who is retiring from the Board, expressed his appreciation of the associations formed during his tenure of office and the pleasure it had been for him to serve with the members.

Chairman McDonald, on behalf of the Board, expressed the appreciation of Mr. Scarrow's work and the regret that he would not be a member of next year's Board.

## C. C. M. Scored 7 Acton Scored 1

**Smart Hockey Aggregation from the City Gave the Locals Some Pointers**

The first hockey game of the season was played in Acton Arena last Friday evening, and the locals lost, but gained a lot of experience, which is good at the first of the season. The score was 7-1 at the close, with Acton on the small end.

It was a group of faithful fans who stayed to see this encounter to the finish. Friday night found the highways in the most treacherous condition of the year. The C. C. M. team left Toronto by bus at 6.15 and landed in Acton about ten o'clock. But they came and for their gameness and the ability of the bus driver they deserve real credit. About two hundred fans awaited their arrival and they saw some smart hockey.

As we surmised, Manager McDonald gave all the boys a chance in the try-out game and the fans had an opportunity of seeing everyone in action. There seems to be no lack of material either, with at least three forward lines and defence and reserve. Jack Greer was the only absentee and he was working that evening.

C. C. M. scored the first goal in the opening period, but before the period closed "Bus" Morton evaded the tally for Acton and the period ended one all. The visitors drew three penalties and Acton had one trip to the cooler.

Period Number Two went scoreless, with C. C. M. receiving two penalties and Acton one. Play was fast and clean. Bill Holloway was a busy boy in the local net, with C. C. M. giving him plenty of shots to handle.

Goals and speed featured Period Three. Holloway started throwing the puck from the goal in all directions, but even this can be overcome. C. C. M. gave some fine examples of how the forward pass and power play can help the score sheet, and while Acton put up a good tussle to the last they were just beaten by a better team and that's all. C. C. M. scored from the face-off and the net putouring came periodically until the total reached seven at the end of the period. Terry missed a nice chance when he got through, with only the goalie to beat, and Frank Gibbons missed a nice one, too. These were Acton's only real threats on the visitors' net. It was a good clean game and the C. C. M. will be welcomed back any time by the fans for a hockey exhibition. Jack Kentner handled the bell.

Just because this game ended with this score is no cause for being down-hearted locally. The C. C. M. are a picked team of outstanding players and Board.

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## A Selection of News Items

**New Cathedral Dedicated**  
Amid great pomp and color, the new cathedral, the Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton, was dedicated on Tuesday. Many dignitaries and prominent laymen were present. Among those taking part as officiers in the dedication was Rev. Father McBride, of Acton.

**Acton Community Tree**  
The committee in charge of Acton's Community Tree have decided that arrangements cannot be adequately completed prior to Christmas and the distribution from the tree will take place on Friday evening, December 29, at 7.00 p. m. The distribution will be to the children of Acton up to the age of ten years only.

**Connors Found Not Guilty**  
Robert Connors, of Brampton, charged with a serious offence against a 14-year-old Acton girl, was found not guilty by the jury in Milton last Thursday, on the grounds of insufficient corroborative evidence. Walter Rasmussen, of Brampton, was called from the court room and arrested by the Provincial police at the conclusion of his evidence on behalf of Connors. He is charged with indecent assault on a young girl.

**An Example of Public Service**  
An example of public service to one's community has been shown the past two years in Nassagaweya Township, where Reeve Duncan Campbell has each year returned his salary cheque to the Treasurer of the Township, to be used for unemployment relief purposes. Reeve Campbell has ably fulfilled the duties of his office in our neighboring township and this municipality is indeed fortunate in having a man of his ability and accomplishments who serves so graciously.

**Knox Sunday School Concert**  
The Town Hall on Monday evening had a merry crowd when the Christmas concert of Knox Sunday School was held there. It was a splendid affair, put on by the scholars, and culminating in the big event when Santa Claus finally landed and gave to each a Christmas treat. The programme was presided over by Mr. R. N. Brown, Superintendent of the Sunday School, who gave a welcome to all. The programme included the following numbers: Chorus by the school; solo by Shirley King and Victor Patrick; chorus by the Primary Room; play, "Singing School Teacher," Miss Beckett's class; Piano duet by Harry Hassard and Jack Graham; fire-side scene by Miss Bessie Rawling's class; violin solo by Vernon Agnew; drill by the girls of Mrs. Agnew's class; piano solo by Wilma Hansen; sketch, "And the Lamp Went Out," by Miss M. Ryder's class; instrumental number by William Hall; sketch by the girls of Miss Laura Hall's class; recitation, "William Weaver; pantomime by the girls of Miss Margaret Brown's class; shadow play by the boys of Mrs. H. Atkinson's class; solo by Bella Bazzell; and a pantomime by the girls of Mrs. M. R. Moore's class. Last, but not least, Santa Claus arrived and was impersonated by Mr. W. M. Cooper. Every child received a generous Christmas treat and went home happily.

**Annual Meeting of Missionary Society**  
The December meeting of the Acton United Church W. M. S. was held on Thursday, December 14, at the Parsonage, with the President, Mrs. J. W. Barberer, in the chair. A short prayer service was held before the regular meeting, led by Mrs. Alex. McDonald. Encouraging reports for the year were read by the various Secretaries. The Nominating Committee brought in the following slate, which was unanimously adopted.

Honorary President—Mrs. A. T. Brown.  
President—Mrs. J. W. Barberer.  
1st Vice-President—Mrs. S. J. Reid.  
2nd Vice-President—Mrs. M. McLean.  
Treasurer—Mrs. C. C. Speight.  
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. C. I. Poole.  
Recording Secretary—Mrs. G. H. Switzer.  
Temperance Secretary—Mrs. J. Symon.  
Stranger's Secretary—Mrs. F. Cleave.  
Supply Secretary—Mrs. D. McTavish.  
Christian Stewardship and Finance Secretary—Mrs. J. K. Gardiner.  
Missionary Monthly Secretary—Mrs. A. Johnson.  
Press Secretary—Mrs. Bert Mowat.  
Mission Band Superintendent—Miss M. Symon.  
Assistant—Mrs. H. Harrison.  
Pianist—Mrs. R. R. Arnold.  
Assistant—Mrs. J. E. Kennedy.

Rev. Mr. Poole then installed the officers, reading the duties of each office from the constitution. He gave an inspiring talk, urging each officer to do her own part to the best of her ability. After the business meeting, Mrs. S. J. Reid's group took charge. Mrs. Wansborough read the Christmas lesson. Mrs. B. Mowat gave a Christmas story, "Signs in the Christmas Fire." Mrs. F. Kennedy read a short paper on "Christmas Giving." Mrs. Gardiner gave a Christmas solo. A special love offering was received.

## THE WARDEN'S DINNER

Held Last Thursday at the Estaminet at Burlington — High Tribute Paid to Warden Robinson

Over a hundred guests gathered last Thursday evening at the Estaminet in Burlington to honor Warden W. N. Robinson, Reeve of Oakville, at the annual Warden's Dinner. The appointments at the Estaminet for such a gathering were ideal and one of the most delightful of menus was served. The following was the menu: Fruit cocktail; oxtail soup; oyster; queen olives; mustard pickles; cranberries; pickled strawberries; peach salad with doberg lettuce and whipped cream; white and brown rolls; roast turkey with dressing;



W. N. ROBINSON  
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Christmas potatoes; golden bantam corn; Christmas plum pudding; and coffee. During the serving of the banquet the Royal Cornsought Hotel Orchestra, of Hamilton, provided music, and between the courses and to enable time for the various courses to digest, the gathering joined heartily in singing the well-known old songs from the song sheets.

The toast list was presided over by Mr. A. S. Forster, the editor of the Oakville Star, who, in his genial way, introduced the speakers and the toasts. The toast to "The King," was proposed, and the National Anthem sung in response. Dr. R. K. Anderson, M. P., proposed the toast to "Canada," to which His Honor Judge Munro gave able response. The toast to "The County Council," was proposed by Mr. George Hillmer, and Reeve Duncan Campbell, of Nassagaweya, Reeve Harold Cleave, of Georgetown, and Reeve W. H. Morden, of Trafalgar, responded.

The ex-Wardens were honored in a toast proposed by Mr. W. J. L. Hampshire, and responded to by T. A. Blake-lock, M. P. E. Reeve E. M. Residua, of Nelson, and Mr. M. C. Smith. The toast to "The Native Heath," was proposed by Crown Attorney W. I. Dick, and the response given by Mayor George B. Jacobs, of Oakville. Mr. W. S. Davis, recently chosen Conservative candidate in Halton County, proposed the toast to "The Press," and G. A. Dillis, editor of The Acton Free Press, and E. A. Harris, editor of the Burlington Gazette, responded.

On behalf of his fellow Councillors, Reeve George Currie presented to Warden Robinson a beautifully carved and engraved gold-headed cane. He spoke in most complimentary terms of Warden Robinson's term of office and his courtesy in the conduct of his duties. Warden Robinson thanked his colleagues and spoke his appreciation of the co-operation he had had from the Council.

Mr. David Hutchison, the oldest surviving ex-Warden of the County, and former County Treasurer, was a guest on this occasion and addressed the gathering.

The final toast on the list was to Warden Robinson, which was proposed by Mr. W. D. Gregory, and responded to by Warden Robinson. All the speakers spoke in most complimentary terms of the leadership Warden Robinson has given this year and his term of office has been marked by real progress and an economical administration. The banquet on Thursday evening last was indeed an occasion in which a small recognition of public service well rendered was in some small way recognized and appreciation expressed.

## THE EVENING MEAL DIGESTER

George looked! He was right. He had heard cries for help. There was a big bully of a man beating another much smaller individual.

Like a shot the young man threw himself into the fray. In another moment the bully was laid low by a well-timed uppercut.

"Ow can I thank you!" asked the victim as he pulled himself together. "Now, look ere, I insist on your sharin' the 10-bot note I took off 'im, and the next blinkin' pocket I try to pick 'will belong to a man 'arf as big as me."