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## O.H.A. Groupings Are Announced For the Season

### Acton Junior and Intermediate Teams Both in Six Team Groups

Interest in hockey this week centres on the O.H.A. groupings announced over the week-end. Acton Junior Team will play in Group 6, with Milton, Oakville, Orangeville, Fergus and Elora. The Intermediates are back again in "B" class, and this year are placed in Group 5, which comprises Acton, Elora, Fergus, Oshawa, O.A.O., Preston and Quilich. This time in both groups are very conveniently situated and local officials and fans are quite satisfied with the arrangement. It will be noted that the Intermediates have a rather heavy assignment. Elora were champions of B class last year, and are the one group of A class. All are in the one group. The Juniors are likewise in a heavy group, as Orangeville were last year's Junior O champions.

Following is the complete list of the classes in which Acton teams are placed:

**INTERMEDIATE "B"**  
Group 1—Collingwood, Port Hope, Oshawa and Whitby.  
Convener—O. D. McMillan; meet at Port Hope.

Group A—Lakefield, Lindsay, Oakwood, Bobcaygeon, Beaverton.  
Convener—R. Butler, Lindsay; meet at Lindsay.

Group 3—Baiton, Georgetown, Brantford, Milton.  
Convener—Norman Hill, Georgetown; meet at Georgetown.

Group 4—Dunnville, Thorold, Smithville, Simcoe, Caledonia, Port Hope, Port Colborne, Innes, Paris. (Port Colborne must finish first to qualify for group 2 of the Intermediate "A" division.)  
Convener—J. M. Roxborough, Simcoe; meet at Caledonia.

Group 5—Acton, Elora, Fergus, Quilich, Ontario Agricultural College, Quilich, Preston.  
Convener—A. A. Badley, Elora; meet at Quilich.

Group 6—Glencoe, Watford, Strathroy, Parkhill, Altonville, Petrolia.  
Convener—Roy Reynolds, Chatham; meet at Watford.

Group 7—Clinton, Seaford, Ooderich, New Hamburg, Tavistock, Mitchell.  
Convener—A. Y. McLean, Seaford; meet at Seaford.

Group 8—Palmerston, Arthur, Latowet, Wingham, Lucknow.  
Convener—B. L. H. Bamford, Latowet; meet at Latowet.

Group 9—Chesley, Walkerton, Hanover, Kincaidine.  
Convener—W. H. Clarke, Kincaidine; meet at Walkerton.

Group 10—Owen Sound, Brantford, Paisley, Port Elgin.  
Convener—Frank Cadecky, Owen Sound; meet at Owen Sound.

Group 11—Huntsville, Bracebridge, Sundridge, Powassan.  
Convener—George Panter, Gravenhurst; meet at Bracebridge.

Group 12—Orillia, Sutton, Newmarket, Gravenhurst.  
Convener—F. T. Courtney, Newmarket; meet at Newmarket.

Group 13—Markham town league.  
Group 14—St. Catharines Industrial League.

Group 15—Kent County Hockey Association.  
Group 16—Point Edward (bye).  
Group 17—Windsor Motor Products (bye).

**JUNIOR "C"**  
Group 1—Napawan, Picton, Trenton, Belleville, Thred, Hawick.  
Convener—B. R. Burrows, Belleville; meet at Belleville.

Group 2—Included in Group 2 of Junior "B" series.  
Group 3—Markham, Stouffville, Aurora, East York.  
Convener—John G. Withrow, Aurora; meet at Aurora.

Group 4—Paris, Preston, Port Dover, Simcoe.  
Convener—John M. Roxborough, Simcoe; meet at Simcoe.

Group 5—Bramford League (Optimist Lions, Rotary, Young Men).  
Convener—Jack Peaton, Bramford; meet at Bramford.

Group 6—Milton, Oakville, Orangeville, Acton, Fergus, Elora.  
Convener—Wm. Middleton, Acton; meet at Georgetown.

Group 7—Teeswater, Clinton, Milverton, Kincaidine, Ripley.  
Convener—H. M. Fortness, Milverton; meet at Stratford.

Group 8—Arthur, Palmerston, Hanover, Durham, Elmira.  
Convener—W. D. Kelly, Arthur; meet at Palmerston.

Group 9—Barric, Cubs, Collingwood, Owen Sound, Thred.  
Convener—W. A. Caesar, Collingwood; meet at Collingwood.

Group 10—(a) Huntsville, Parry Sound, Sundridge. (b) Bracebridge, Gravenhurst, Orillia.  
Convener—George Panter, Gravenhurst; meet at Bracebridge.

Group 11—Port Colborne (bye).  
Group 12—Orillia, Thred, Dunnville, Hagersville, Oshawa.  
Convener—William Fry, at Dunnville; meet at Oshawa.

## Masonic Officers Chosen for the Year

Monday evening was election night at Walker Lodge, A.P. & A.M., and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:  
W. M.—Bro. R. W. Winton.  
S. W.—Bro. F. J. Ball.  
J. W.—Bro. R. P. Watson.  
S. D.—Bro. J. E. MacArthur.  
J. S.—Bro. C. I. Kirkness.  
I. O.—Bro. A. McPhedran.  
Chaplain—Ver. W. Bro. W. M. Cooper.  
Treasurer—Bro. W. K. Graham.  
Secretary—Ver. W. Bro. R. M. McDonald.  
S. S.—Bro. W. E. Middleton.  
J. S.—Bro. W. Neat.  
Organist—Bro. Dr. P. W. Pearen.  
D. of O.—W. Bro. C. W. Wilson.  
Tyler—Bro. John Jennings.  
At the close of the meeting, W. Bro. Dr. J. A. McEwen gave a very interesting and instructive address on "The Perfect Ashlar." He showed how we should try to mould our character to conform with the perfect ashlar.

## LEG SEVERED IN TRAIN ACCIDENT NEAR CAMPBELLVILLE

With his left leg cut off above the knee, William Gaudreau, of Montreal, is in Quilich St. Joseph's Hospital, in a critical condition. Gaudreau fell from the top of a freight car, laden with Christmas trees, Tuesday, at the C.P.R. Quilich Junction. He was seated on top of the car with Mickey Leblanc, of Windsor when he overbalanced and fell. His legs straddled the track and the wheel of one of the cars passed over the limb.

## SHORT COURSE LEADERS ADDRESS FRIENDLY CIRCLE

The monthly meeting of the Young Ladies' Friendly Circle of the United Church was held last night at the home of Mrs. D. Taylor. After the business meeting, Mrs. Puffer, of the Short Course, gave an interesting talk on "Mail Order Catalogues." Miss Wallace, also of the Short Course, demonstrated the preparation of the lunch. In the old hats worn by girls during the lunch many styles were shown and many relics brought to view.

## Painting at School Deferred For the Present

### Final Meeting of Acton Board for 1938 Held on Tuesday Evening

Trustees Dr. P. W. Pearen, W. K. Graham, F. S. Blow and Dr. A. J. Buchanan were present at the meeting of Acton School Board on Tuesday evening and Chairman J. M. McDonald presided.

It was decided by motion to hold the first meeting of the Board in the new year on Tuesday January 3rd, the regular meeting night instead of on the third Wednesday.

One tender for painting the walls and ceilings in the Continuation School was received from Messrs. Lantz and Ryder. It was decided by resolution that the matter be left until the next year. The board found that funds were limited for this year and grants had not yet been received.

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

Acton Public Utilities Commission	678
W. R. E. Blair labor	125
R. M. McDonald postage, telephone, express	1625
Move School Supplies	4457
The Geo. M. Henry Co. supplies	3481
The McMillan Co. of Canada	260
J. M. Dent & Sons supplies	148
The Copy Clark Co. supplies	1156
Edward McDowell trip to Milton	200
The Hyerson Press supplies	135
Clarke Irish Co. supplies	300
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The report was adopted. An audit was given the Treasurer to pay a few small accounts that would be due before the close of the year.

As this was the final meeting of the year, Chairman J. M. McDonald expressed his appreciation of the hearty cooperation given him as Chairman in the conduct of the work of the Board and expressed the hope that the same help would be accorded whoever filled the office next year. He also expressed the regret the Board felt in the retirement of Mr. W. K. Graham, who had given such good service during his tenure of office.

## Halton Exhibitors Prominent at Winter Fairs

### With Cattle, Horses and Grain Many Awards Were Won — by County Exhibitors

The Winter Fairs are over for another year. Those of 1938 were well up to the standard and as usual Halton livestock men and the fruit, vegetable and grain growers, and also the Junior Farmers, brought many honors back to the County. At the Royal fruit exhibit of W. L. and Colin Smith was most attractive, as were their exhibits in the open classes. In the Poultry Wing, the exhibit from Fisher Orchards, under the personal direction of Murray Fisher, attracted much interest.

In this brief resume it would be impossible to list all the awards won by exhibitors from the County, but the following cross section will indicate the prominence of Halton exhibitors and also the diversification of Halton agriculture.

The winning of a grand championship at any show is a real achievement, but to win such an award at the Chicago International is one which is most gratifying to all Canadians, no matter in what province or county they may reside, and therefore the Grand Championship won by Campbell's Command, owned and exhibited by Grant Campbell, of Milton, is indeed worthy of special mention. The Berkshire Pencil Chambray at the Royal was won by a cow owned and exhibited by Rae Scott, of Acton. Other livestock winners at the Royal included Hugh Rodney, Milton, with Percherons, Valley Crest Farms, Palerino, with Clydesdales, Saddle Horses and Quarterhorses, Dr. Cecil Hooper, Milton, with Standard Breds, Geo. H. King, Oakville, with Guernseys, Mark Given, A. Sam, Lincoln, with Jerseys, and H. H. Kerr & Son, of Acton, with Hackneys, W. O. and T. J. Brownridge, Georgetown, with Berkshires and Tamworths, and Oscar Leitch, Georgetown, with Yorkshires.

Many of these exhibitors were also prominent winners at the Provincial Winter Fair Quilich, and in addition were noted the well known sheep flocks of F. C. Willmott & Son, and J. E. McKinnon, both of Milton.

The Agricultural Society class at Quilich brought out 15 entries, with Esquimaux Society in second and the Acton Society in 7th place. Prominent among the winners in the Seed Division at both the Royal and Quilich were T. J. Brownridge, Jas. Cunningham, Bruce Bridson, F. Wilson all of Georgetown, J. H. McLean, Milton, John VanSickie, Palerino, Woodlands, Orcharth, Bronte, S. E. Griffin & Son and Hugh Reid of Acton. In the section of 100 members of Boys' Grain Club, Wm. Bradley, Hornby, Bruce Reid, Geo. and Allan Simpson, Campbellville, were 4th, 5th and 6th respectively, in the early oat class, while in late oats Geo. Paine, Georgetown, was 4th, Ward Barber, Acton, Georgetown, 5th, Chas. Brown, Acton, 7th, and Smith Griffin of Acton was 8th. In the Inter-Grain Club Judging Competition, which brought out 18 teams, the Acton team, composed of Jack VanSickie and James McNabb, was third, and the Georgetown team, of Joe Milton and Nolt Alexander, was fifth.

At the Royal Winter Fair, the Inter-County Judging Competition for the Jeffrey Bull Memorial Trophy brought out 30 teams, from as many different counties. Here the Halton team of Gerold Graham, Georgetown, Richard McLaughlin, Norval, and Walter Reid, Milton, placed twelfth, with Gerald Graham placing tenth out of the ninety competitors.

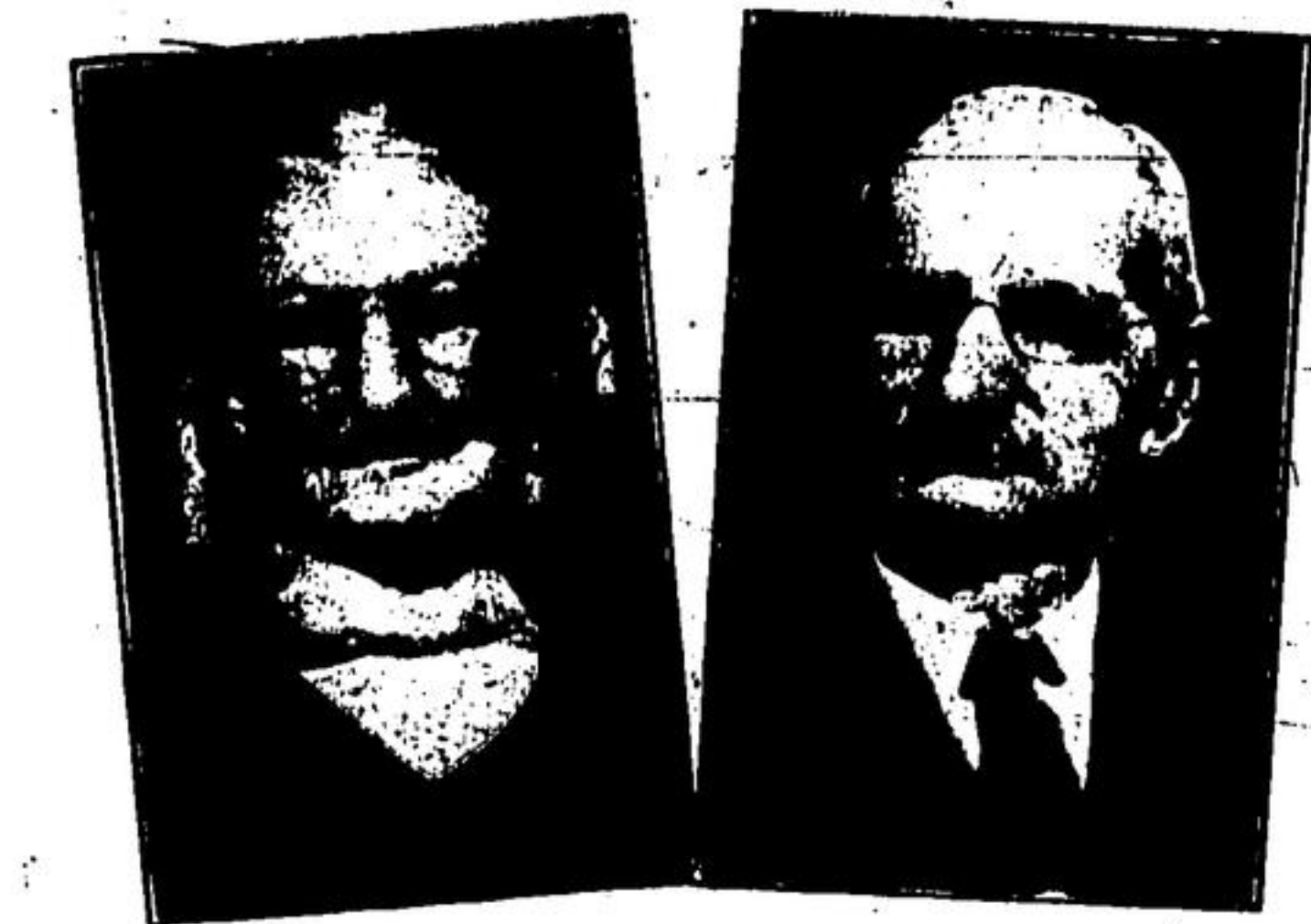
To all Halton exhibitors we extend our hearty congratulations for the honors brought back to the County.

## Preparing to Move Plant of Mason Knitting Co.

Workmen commenced this week in making alterations and improvements at the former Boardman warehouse, getting ready for the occupancy of the building by the Mason Knitting Company, who secured the property a couple of months ago. The east wing is being made ready for the manufacturing part of the plant and other parts will be used for storage purposes, which have been a serious handicap to the Company up to the present. It is expected the plant will commence operations here for next season's output and moving will be done between seasons.

## OVERHEATED PIPES GIVE FIREMEN A RUN FRIDAY

Spread of fire from overheated stovepipes, which had caused damage at the residence of Mrs. Woods, Creckett, on Friday morning last. The Fire Brigade was called but damage was reported as only slight and the blaze was under control before the Brigade arrived. The call was given just before nine o'clock.



CONGRATULATED BY PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA  
Mr. and Mrs. James McIntosh who on the occasion of their sixty-second wedding anniversary on Monday, received a Telegram of Congratulations from Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King

## Another Step...

The big news this week is the hockey group for the Intermediates and Juniors and it seems quite satisfactory.

Other news just received from O.H.A. headquarters is the list of transfers of players passed.

Acton Juniors get Russell Brush from Milton, John Cox, from Preston, and Young Rudy, from Daxton (reception).

This means that three new faces will be seen on the Juniors line-up this year.

Other transfers in which Acton fans will be interested are Charles Owen Brody, to Orangeville from Renfrew, and William Silk, from Orangeville to Barrie, Colts, Edward Croucher goes from Toronto to Bracebridge.

It is noted from the grouping that Milton has both Intermediate and Junior entry. It looks like coming back pretty heavy.

Georgetown has had both entries until this year but the Junior team had not enough left to make an entry. Boys will be glad to see a schedule out by next week. That is on a past performers.

And, in the meantime, the ice that rarely was last.

And the snow that came went.

And until both return, along.

## SPEECHES, SOLOS AND SOCIAL TIME AT SOCIAL TIME AND SOCIAL TIME AT SOCIAL TIME

A meeting of Greenock Literary was held in Leslie's School on Monday evening. The program for which Lloyd McKewen was chairman, was presented by Gordon Leslie's group.

Current events were given by Henry Nella. Following a musical selection by Arthur McKewen, a reading was given by Eva Pearen. Gordon Leslie gave a very interesting speech and Albert Hurd a recitation. A piano solo by Owen Dougie was followed by a recitation by Alison Johnston.

The President Jim McIntosh closed the meeting. Lunch was served and the rest of the evening was spent in games and dancing.

## CHRISTMAS EDITION NEXT WEEK

With the cooperation of local stores, The Free Press next week will issue its special Christmas edition. The issue will comprise a special section in color, and it is expected will contain twelve pages full of Christmas shopping news and Christmas messages.

It will assist greatly in getting out this special edition if all advertising copy is in our hands at the earliest possible moment. More attention can be given in making it attractive and helpful. Watch for the Christmas edition next week.

## Congratulations From Prime Minister of Canada

On Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. James McIntosh quietly observed the sixty-second anniversary of their wedding at the home at Howe Avenue and Frederick Street. An ardent and life-long Liberal, and always prominent in younger days in Liberal activities, Mr. McIntosh was indeed elated to receive the following telegram from Prime Minister Mackenzie King:

Ottawa, December 6th, 1938  
Mr. and Mrs. James McIntosh  
Acton, Ont.  
May I join with your many friends in extending to you my cordial congratulations and best wishes upon the celebration to-day of your sixty-second wedding anniversary.

It is long and companionable which you have shared in itself a benediction on each of yourselves.  
W. L. MACKENZIE KING

## Reception to New Supervisor Acton Y.M.C.A.

### Splendid Social Evening Arranged by Special Features Committee

One of the most enjoyable functions that have been held at the Y.M.C.A. was last Friday evening, when the Special Features Committee arranged a social night for the members and their friends. It was a reception to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Jones and Marilyn, who are now in charge at Acton Y, and removed from London the day previously.

There was a splendid attendance and the program had a place for everyone. The gymnasium was beautifully decorated and the meeting place for a group who enjoy dancing. Mr. McBride of Toronto supplied splendid music. Other features were vocal duets, in costume, by Miss Ruth Gibson and Mr. Norman Gibson and a play "Bluebeard's Wife" presented by Misses Edith, Barbara and Alice Taylor and Anne Holmes.

In the social and men's card rooms, another group enjoyed bridge and euchre. Prizes for bridge were won by Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Robertson.

Following the games, the ladies served a delightful luncheon. On behalf of the Y. Board, Mr. V. B. Humby, President, expressed appreciation of the splendid card attending and the good time arranged. He introduced Mr. and Mrs. Jones and Marilyn to the gathering. Mr. Jones replied briefly, making the cooperation of all in making the Y in Acton a real success and assured the members that he would do his utmost to make the surroundings and program enjoyable.

Mr. W. G. Beatty and Mr. C. Kirkness moved votes of appreciation to those who had contributed in various ways to the success of the occasion and the group heartily seconded these votes. The hope was expressed by all attending that this event is only the forerunner of many other like events that will form part of the Y program this year.

## THE GEORGETOWN COUNCIL VOTE PAY FOR THEMSELVES

Georgetown Council passed a by-law at its regular meeting which, for the first time in the history of the town, provides for the remuneration of Councilors for their services.

With characteristic caution, however, Council refused to make their jobs lucrative ones. The following scale of fees was set: For Mayor, \$125 per year; for Councillors, \$100; and for members of Council, \$75.

## December Meeting Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E.

The December meeting of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter, I.O.D.E., met at the home of Mrs. Symon on Tuesday evening last. The Regent, Mrs. Barr, presided. Following the opening exercises, the business of the month was discussed.

Donations were given to St. Helena's School in India, the Navy League and the Endowment Fund of the Order; also plans were made for Christmas cheer.

The program for the evening consisted of Current Events by Mrs. Blow, and the second part of the "Colonization in Australia," read by Miss Pearl Smith. Mrs. Hall gave two very enjoyable selections on the autoharp.

The was served by the hostesses, Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. Bennie, and Mrs. Peter Smith presided at the tea table. A jolly half hour was spent.

## NO CRIMINAL CASES JUDGE GETS WHITE GLOVES

At the General Sessions of Halton County, held in the Court House, Milton, his Honor Judge W. N. Murray was presented with a pair of white gloves by W. J. I. Hampshire, Sheriff of the County of Halton, since there were no criminal cases on the docket.

John Hirdenous, 28 a laid-out scrap gardener from Port Nelson was granted his naturalization papers. He has been in Canada 10 years coming from Rotterdam, Holland.

## Another Splendid Concert by Acton Band

Acton Citizens Band gave another splendid concert in the Town Hall on Sunday evening in the series. The program was well varied with overtures, waltz and march numbers, and was greatly enjoyed by all attending. A feature on the program was the brass quartet of Messrs. Appleby, Lamb, Simson and Gibson. Novelties were also introduced into some of the numbers. The crowd was not large, but larger than on the previous concert. The progress and time the boys are taking in improvement is deserving of more whole-hearted support by citizens generally.

## THE MEETING OF UNITED CHURCH YOUNG PEOPLES

The meeting of the Young People's Society of the United Church on Monday evening was in charge of Dr. Cullen. The roll call was answered by a "Did You Know?" A committee was appointed to make arrangements for the skating party. LaVerne Smith's team won the attendance contest. The scripture was read by Betty Watts. Dr. Cullen gave the topic "Locking Ourselves Out." Frances Dills gave a short reading. After the meeting games were enjoyed by the group.

## Christmas Spirit Evident at Acton Institute

The December meeting of the Acton Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. G. W. Massie, Mrs. Wildergrah presiding. It being Christmas month, the meeting was opened with singing "Silent Night." The motto "The Value of a Smile" was given by Mrs. W. J. Reid. Current events were read by Mrs. E. P. Collier. Roll call, "Memories of Christmas in childhood," brought out some good sayings and memories.

After the business was closed in card singing and then had the report of the morning session of the Girls' Conference in Milton by Grace Lantz. Mrs. (Dr.) Buchanan, Acton, was the speaker who spoke on the physical side of a girl's life and Alma Marsh told of her trip to Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Stuart Lantz gave the afternoon session. The speakers were Miss B. Watson of Hamilton, who spoke on the spiritual side of a girl's life, and Miss S. Bennett, of Georgetown, who spoke on the intellectual side of a girl's life. The reports were encouraging.

Mrs. G. W. Massie, District Director, gave a report of the Board meeting in Milton. Mrs. Wildergrah gave half of the report of the Toronto Convention, of which she was the delegate, which was very instructive.

A novel part of the program was an exhibit of Christmas gifts, which brought out a good display and good suggestions.

After a very hearty vote of thanks to the hostesses and all who took part, all joined in a social half hour, when a dainty lunch was served by the committee in charge.

## Another Transfer From Operation of Waterworks

### Ontario Commission Still Worried Over Tax Collecting Arrangement

The regular meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Tuesday evening. Commissioner C. M. Hansen and Chairman R. J. Kerr were present.

A letter from J. E. Whitehead requested free power for the use of the Short Course in the Parish Hall to be used for baking, etc. The Commission instructed to install a meter on this power line and if the use of the power was not abused, it would consider the granting of this request.

The Secretary was instructed to pay the following accounts:

Hydro Department	
HEPC of Ontario, supplies	\$ 43 50
Powertec Develop Ltd, supplies	180 32
Commonwealth Electric Corp, transformers	650 00
Highway Garage, repairs and supplies	10 00
C.N.R. freight and express	3 08
Line and Cable Accessories, clamp pins	36 57
Northern Electric Ltd, supplies	75 47
Canadian General Electric Co., fuse links	19 80
Sauquois Co. Ltd, fuses	14 43
Bank of Montreal revenue stamps	3 00
	\$1,054 88

Waterworks Department  
J. Gilbert, wiping cloth \$16 80  
Canadian Brass Co, supplies 12 76  
Hydro Department power at the spring 33 41  
Hydro Department, heating at spring 4 52  
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It was moved by R. J. Kerr and seconded by C. M. Hansen, and resolved that the Treasurer transfer \$500 from the Waterworks Account to the General Account of the town.

A letter was presented from E. Jones, stating that from now on the Commission would have to collect Hydro and water rates from the tenants of his property at the corner of Mill and Elm Streets.

A letter from the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission, wanted to know what had been done about the charge for collection of taxes. The Secretary was instructed to write telling the Ontario Commission what charge was being made.

New regulations have been passed where more than one family are living in a house. They can be charged as two separate tenants. This matter was left over for consideration till a full Commission was present.

Superintendent Wilson reported that the electric eye had been installed and operating since November 20th.

The Superintendent was given instructions concerning delinquent consumers. Another power interruption will be on Sunday morning from 2 till 5. Superintendent Wilson reported that the work would be completed at the sub-station with this power interruption.

The Secretary was instructed to order a supply of contract forms and new regulations from the Ontario Hydro Commission.

## THE ANSWER AND AWARD FOR PUZZLE POEM

The answer to the Puzzle Poem last week was "Quilich Fair" and the winner of the weekly award is Evelyn Kentler, Acton. These poems continue a popular feature and each week a goodly number of answers are received. You will find another on Page Five again. Mr. Cole always keeps them timely.

## Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings for 1939. For rates of other events, under this heading are charged, as usual per line, with a minimum charge for any amount over 25¢.

The Dublin School Concert will be held on December 23rd. Note the change of date.

The Knox Sabbath School Christmas Tree and Concert, December 20th, in the School Room and Church.

Christmas Concert at S. S. No. 7, Neagawaya, December 14th, at 8 p.m. Admission 20¢ and 10¢. Lunch served.

The Christmas Concert of S. S. No. 8, Eramosa (McNab School) will be held on Tuesday, December 20th. Admission 20¢ and 10¢.

Children's Wear, Novelties at Dublin Institute Bazaar and Sale of Baking, Saturday, in Parish Hall, Orillia, opened by Mrs. J. E. Gamba, District President, at 2:30.