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Mr. E. Ryder Appointed as the Arena Secretary

Council Reviews Financial Statement to be Presented at Nomination Meeting

Councillors W. J. Beatty and E. Jones were present on Monday evening, when Acton Council met and Reeve F. McCutcheon presided.

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

Brown's Transport, express on snow fence	\$ 2.20
Canadian Legion, wreath for Remembrance Day	8.00
Dale Estate, flowers	10.00
Provincial Treasurer, sinking fund	155.61
Acton Public Utilities Commission, re Fall Fair	15.00
D. C. Baird, snow fence	18.85
Total	\$209.66

The report was adopted. Applications for the position of Secretary of Acton Arena were received and read.

The following resolution was passed: Resolved that the application of Edward Ryder, for the position of Secretary-Treasurer of Arena, for the season 1939-40, be accepted and that he be hereby appointed as such, at a salary of \$10.00 per week, days unemployed deductible. He to act under the supervision of the rink committee; he to pay all accounts in connection with the hockey games by cheque, and to keep cash-book and ledger, as recommended by the municipal auditors.

Mr. Bert Hinton was present and offered the Council a quantity of filling material for the west end of the park. If the Council would pay part of the hauling cost, the cost would be \$20 for about 100 yards or more. Council, by motion, offered to pay \$10 for the filling material, a minimum of 100 cubic yards.

Mr. E. Harrop, bailiff for the Corporation for the tax arrears, was present and gave a report on the seizures that had been made.

Action was sanctioned on the collection of other arrears, and instructions issued to the Clerk.

The Fire Brigade requested Council purchase two canisters for the fire mauls. These supplies were to be secured.

The Clerk presented the financial statement that had been prepared for the period from November 15th of last year to the same time this year.

ACTON COUPLE OBSERVE FIFTY-FIFTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. George Soper, Sr., observed the fifty-fifth anniversary of their wedding. They were married at Rockwood by Rev. W. W. Sparling. On Sunday, on the anniversary, all the members of the family, except Mrs. McKeechle, were home, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Livingstone and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Soper, of Guelph; and Mr. George Soper, Jr., of Kitchener. While Mrs. Soper has not been enjoying the best of health since the fall she suffered three years ago, Mr. Soper is real active and maintains a splendid garden and gets about town every day. A host of friends in this community in which Mr. and Mrs. Soper have spent their entire life join in congratulations on this anniversary occasion.

Knit, Knit, Knit is Program of Lakeside I.O.D.E.

A busy and profitable mid-monthly work meeting of the Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. was held at the home of Miss Emily Young, on Tuesday evening. Judging by the quantities of yarn handed out, and the piles of finished garments being handed in, the members of the Chapter are very busily engaged in Red Cross work. Further plans were made for the big Christmas meeting to be held early in December. Group Five served an excellent lunch, concluding a jolly evening of knitting and fun.

C.Y.O. GROUP IS ENTERTAINED BY OUSTIC AND ROCKWOOD

On Thursday evening Acton's young people of St. Joseph's Church were entertained by Oustic and Rockwood. Father Kehoe, of Rockwood, was master of ceremonies, and also director of the two best plays which opened the program. Father McBride gave a short speech, thanking Oustic and Rockwood for their very fine performance. The guest artist of the evening was Guido Falen, an accordion player, of Guelph, who supplied music for dancing. The program concluded with a king-song and lunch was served.

Shop Early For Christmas WHILE PRICES ARE STILL DOWN

Ninety-Sixth Anniversary of the Baptist Church

Splendid Congregations Attended and Enjoyed Special Features of the Anniversary Occasion — Rev. J. C. Williamson, of Preston, was the Guest Speaker on This Occasion.

The ninety-sixth anniversary of the Baptist Church in Acton was fittingly observed in the services in that church on Sunday last. It was a larger gathering that participated back ninety-six years ago, as we read in early history that the congregation was first founded when ten people met in the home of Samuel Worden, on the fifth line, to discuss the organization of the Baptist Church. Evidence that the church has seen growth was shown in the comfortable church building in which worship was held on the ninety-sixth anniversary. The special anniversary speaker on this occasion was Rev. J. C. Williamson, B.A., Th.D., of Preston.

At the morning service Rev. Mr. Williamson referred to the fact that this was his second visit to Acton, he having been here previously, during the time when he was a student at McMaster University, during the pastorate of Mr. Johnson.

As a children's address, Mr. Williamson told the fair tale about the princess who had the bad habit of saying "M-m," whenever spoken to. Her father, the king, tried to break her of this habit, but failed, so he had her put in a Lig tower by herself. While there she wished she could be playing with other children, and just then a beautiful prince appeared at her side and wanted to take her away with him. Because she was so delighted at prospects of leaving, when he asked her to go, all she could answer was "M-m." The prince left in disgust. The two morals were never to learn bad habits, and to learn to use all the letters of the alphabet.

Mr. Williamson took for his text the whole of the 14th chapter of St. Mark, referring particularly to the thirty-seventh verse. The title of his sermon was "The Communion of Gethsemane." This he divided under three heads, "A Communion of Prayer," "A Communion of Need," and "A Communion of Will."

Jesus was under a terrific burden in the garden of Gethsemane on that occasion, it being the eve of His crucifixion. Jesus took three disciples with Him, part way and then went the balance of the way alone. There He prayed to God, His Father. We Canadians are very foolish if we forget, said Mr. Williamson, that we cannot have human support all the way. We are frail human beings and have our weaknesses, frailties, etc. We should realize human frailties and, as Jesus did, call upon God for help and assurance. The people as a church should remember to call upon God for help and support.

Jesus was alone with God in Prayer. Prayer is that thing in life that takes us alone with God. Jesus was alone with God and His agony. We also must face this time with God alone. We are human and often fall each other, but God never fails His children. They have no experiences when God is not present. Multitudes need God, but think other things are sufficient. God seeks the good of every human being in this world. God knows all about us, and because He is a Father, He cares for those who call upon Him.

Because He bore the sins of the world on His shoulders, Jesus sweat blood, and fell upon the ground in His weakness. Jesus at that time needed God in soul, mind and body. We are all human beings; we know joy and sorrow, we also need to go to God.

Jesus did not depend upon human friends only for a short distance. We all need human friends. They are a great asset, but more than that is needed. Along highways where bridges are weak there are hanging signs, "No Chain Weights." But God hangs out no such signs. Rather He says "Seek and ye shall find."

Finally, Jesus submitted to God's will. We humans are allowed to make our own decisions. Often we decide against putting ourselves out for God.

Rev. Mr. Williamson said we as Christians are God's show-cases. He desires that we should reflect His goodness and greatness and love. If we are only willing God will flood our lives with goodness. (Continued on Page Five)

Getting That Christmas Spirit

Just in case you wonder and want to know immediately why THE FREE PRESS appears this week on a green tint of newspaper, we direct your attention to the main heading. Christmas is just a month from Saturday. There are just 26 shopping days before the big event. On pages in this edition you will find messages from many of our local merchants that tell you how and where you can do your Christmas shopping.

Christmas stocks are in. They are told about in the advertisement and some other reasonable items are designated so that you can make your dollar go further. The Christmas shopping can be done profitably and early right now.

Force Team Wins First Game of Second Round

The Force Bowling Team started the second series of the Guelph Commercial League on Tuesday night, with a 4-3 win, after a hard fought battle with Capital Garage.

The score: Force Electric, 1082, 1067, 919-3068; 4 points. Capital Garage, 1034, 1059, 1074-3167; 3 points.

Wishing Well, with 7 points; and Kloeffer Coal, with 5 points; lead the locals after the first night's pun hitting was through.

For the Force Team, Jack Morton was high, with a 328 single and 705 triple. Jim Adamson was second with 643.

ERIN YOUNG MAN CHAMPION JUDGE OF JUNIOR FARMERS

Mr. Ralph McKeown, S. S. No. 8, Erin, was successful in winning the grand prize of a registered Holstein calf, two months old, at the recent final Livestock Judging Competition, held at the O.A.C. Guelph.

The contest was sponsored by Wellington County School Pairs Association. Ralph is a son of Mrs. Albert McKeown. Messrs. Gale and Townsend were the owners of the calf.

DEBATE ON THE UNITED STATES NEUTRAL POSITION

The topic at the Young People's meeting on Tuesday evening took the form of a debate. "Resolved that the United States is justified in remaining neutral." The affirmative side was upheld by Winnie Dawkins and Gordon Leslie, and the negative by Donald McPhail and Frances Dillis. The judges gave the decision in favor of the negative side. Mr. H. Freuler rendered an enjoyable piano solo. Mabel Harris gave a vocal solo. Howard Switzer told some humorous stories. Dorothy Kitching and Grenville Masales gave a vocal duet. Marion Wardlaw sang a delightful solo. The meeting closed with group games.

Red Cross Drive Continues Still Short of Objective

Need at Least \$400 More in Acton and \$1,000 from District to Meet Allotment — Returns Are Not Yet Complete but Effort Continues to Hold Place in Line.

Red Cross workers here have been attempting to finish the task of meeting their allotment of \$3,000 set for Acton and the District and have met with considerable success. There have been some disappointments, too, in the work, but the campaign is continuing and will meet the objective in spite of these setbacks.

The Treasurer, Mr. W. K. Graham, reports that to date canvassers in Acton have turned in, in cash donations, \$1,401.38, and \$181.25 in pledges. These are not complete, as several canvassers have not finished their work or turned in their books.

There are no returns yet available from the rural districts assigned to Acton. Two wards in Nantawaga Township and

County Council Discusses Two-Year Office Term

Work of Agricultural Representative is Highly Commended — Council Endorses Action of the House of Refuge Committee — Grand Jury Makes Report on County Buildings.

All members were present and the Warden in the chair at a meeting of Halton County Council held at Milton Tuesday.

After the minutes and correspondence were read by the clerk, Mr. E. Whitelock, Agricultural Representative addressed the Council and submitted the report of the Council on the subject of the proposed two-year office term.

Mr. Whitelock, in addressing the Council, urged that members do everything in their power to further the cause of agriculture. "Farmers are not getting nearly enough for their produce," said the representative, "and for that reason the standard of living in the country is not as high as it is in urban centres. I was told by a Government official whose duty it is to make a survey of rural homes, that in one place where he visited the farmer's success by his financial record was outstanding. The farmer's wife was present at the interview and presently she made it clear that the only way in which they had been able to accomplish financial success was by denying themselves everything in the way of luxury."

"And yet," said Mr. Whitelock, "the agricultural industry is often insulted by urban people saying that farmers are war profiteers. I mention this because I sometimes wonder if agriculture is receiving a fair share of attention by the Council and other governing bodies. I would say that agriculture is as important as roads and bridges."

A report of the year's work followed in which the representative outlined the various activities of his office, in which he had endeavored to show farmers ways and means of making farming more profitable. "And the farmers do know what they should do," said Mr. Whitelock, "but they are held back from making initial improvements because of the uncertainty of the price they may get for the harvested crop. They cannot afford to take advantage of the knowledge they possess if it entails a cash outlay."

Mr. Whitelock's address was presented in such an interesting manner that it was long past the noon hour before the Council adjourned and before the adjournment it was moved by Mr. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Gordon, that a vote of confidence be tendered Mr. Whitelock for the splendid results he was able to show for the work of his office.

"I am sure," said Mr. Gilbert, "we have a man as our Agricultural Representative who is second to none."

Mr. Gordon said he often wondered at the extraordinary ability shown by Mr. Whitelock and he was sure the Junior farmers would benefit by his leadership for a long time to come.

Mr. Robinson was sure there was no one doing more for agriculture in Halton County than Mr. Whitelock and he considered him a very clever man.

At the afternoon session, Committee reports were read and later considered in Committee of the Whole with Mr. McCutcheon in the chair.

A communication from the Department (Continued on Page Four)

Ontario Comm. Put Added Charge on Acton Fall Fair

New Ruling Made Which is Detrimental to Local Fair and Commission Here

Commissioner Hansen and Reeve McCutcheon were present at the Public Utilities Commission meeting last evening.

The Superintendent gave an explanation of the Hydro power account, which the past month showed an added charge of \$23.98. This amount was charged on account of the Fall Fair. While the power used had not created a peak on the Acton system, the amount was charged, in accordance with an arrangement of the Ontario Commission and the Department of Agriculture, it was explained. It appeared, according to this ruling, that the power was twice paid for.

The Secretary was instructed to pay the following accounts:

Hydro Department	
Bell Telephone Co., services	\$ 5.17
Packard Electric Co., supplies	232.00
Acton Motors, truck repairs	26.74
C.N.R. for Transport	4.03
Maseo Co., supplies	36.84
Line & Cable Accessories, supplies	33.46
Northern Electric Company, supplies	16.70
Geo. Macdonald & Co., supplies	27.24
H.E.P.C. of Ontario, power	241.66
Acton Free Press, printing	13.23
Inspection Department, fees	1.10
J. C. Matthews, postage	10.00
Total	\$2,830.11

Waterworks Department Canadian Brass Co., supplies \$74.08 Hydro Department, October operations 70.70

The list of arrears was checked and instruction issued regarding these amounts.

It was decided that the supply of old copper wire would be stored for the present.

The Superintendent reported that the pump at the spring had been put into condition for the winter.

More News on Great Winter Sport of Hockey

As the season draws closer to opening, more interest comes in the hockey field and of course centres here on the Intermediate B and Junior C groups.

New clubs accepted into O.H.A. membership by the Executive Committee follow: Parry Sound Intermediate B; Parry Sound Junior C; Port Elgin Junior C; 100th Battery, Listowel, Intermediate B; Hamilton, Conson, Photos, Junior B; Niagara Falls Industrial League; Orillia Junior C; Orillia, Intermediate B; Perth Regiment; C.A.S.P. at Stratford, Intermediate B.

The following player's transfers have been passed by the O.H.A. Executive Committee:

For Orillia Intermediate B: two out of the following three, Arnold Smith from Owen Sound, Jack Williams from Mimico, Cliff Chambers from Caledon.

For Searfish Intermediate B: Albert J. McFadden and Ralph McFadden, both from Stratford.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, (on page 10) Other Events, under this heading, are charged, in cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 50c.

Greenock School Christmas Concert, Thursday, December 19th.

Keep Friday, December 22nd, open for Bannockburn Christmas Concert.

Knox Presbyterian Church Sunday School Christmas Entertainment, on Wednesday, December 20th.

To-night, in Council Chamber, at 8.30, meeting of officers and Executive Committee of Acton Curling Club.

Monday, December 4th, at 8.30, a supper meeting for men and women in the Y. Speaker will be Mr. Nelson McKeown, of Toronto.

Tea in the Class Room of the Baptist Church, in support of Young Women's Mission Circle, Saturday, November 25th. Tea served from 3.00 to 5.30 p.m.

Wills Tipping and His Cascade Music, with lovely Marion Bell, will feature the Tremain and Bowling Club Dance, on Wednesday, November 29th, in Acton Town Hall, 8 to 11.