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27 Nominated for Various Municipal Offices Friday

Four Names Submitted for Reeve-ship; Ten for Council; Eight for School Trustees and Five for Utilities Commission — Rate-payers Meeting Did Not Draw Large Attendance — Two Councilors and Reeve — McCutcheon Announce Their Retirement.

On Friday evening only a handful of citizens took interest enough in the affairs of the municipality to attend the annual Nomination Meeting, that was held at the Town Hall.

When Clerk C. F. Leatherland pronounced the nominations closed, the following had been proposed for the various offices:

FOR REEVE
EVAN JONES—Proposed by James E. Gilmour and W. J. Atkins.
FRED McCUTCHEON—Proposed by Rudolph Spietvogel and William Mino.

C. M. HANSEN—Proposed by W. J. Beatty and R. M. McDonald.
J. B. CHALMERS—Proposed by L. W. Agar and C. M. Hansen.

FOR COUNCILLORS
W. J. OAKES—Proposed by S. Hubbard and Henry Avery.
W. J. BEATY—Proposed by Neil Mc-Nabb and George M. Smith.
A. MASON—Proposed by Thos. Gibbons and G. H. Brown.

E. T. THETFORD—Proposed by E. Jones and Alex. Bell.
FRED DAVIDSON—Proposed by Allan Leishman and Tom Rumley.
MAC DONALD—Proposed by Tom Rumley and Allan Leishman.

J. H. CREIGHTON—Proposed by C. M. Hansen and W. J. Beatty.
STUART SINCLAIR—Proposed by J. B. Chalmers and W. J. Beatty.
J. SHELDON—Proposed by W. J. Beatty and C. M. Hansen.

E. S. FORCER—Proposed by W. J. Beatty and F. McCutcheon.
FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEES
G. A. DILLS—Proposed by A. Mason and Henry Avery.

DR. F. G. OAKES—Proposed by E. J. Nelson and H. R. Forc. **NEIL GIBBONS**—Proposed by E. J. Hassard and W. D. Tablot. **BERT MULLIN**—Proposed by Allan Leishman and Tom Rumley.

D. N. McTAVISH—Proposed by F. McCutcheon and Evan Jones. **DR. P. W. PEAREN**—Proposed by Alex. Bell and W. Coles. **J. M. McDONALD**—Proposed by J. B. Chalmers and C. M. Hansen.

DR. A. J. BUCHANAN—Proposed by W. J. Beatty and E. H. Vincent. **FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**
C. M. HANSEN—Proposed by Neil Gibbons and W. J. Oakes. **THOS. WATSON**—Proposed by Evan Jones and N. F. Moore.

MAC SYMON—Proposed by Tom Rumley and Allan Leishman. **E. J. HASSARD**—Proposed by Herbert H. Hinton and J. H. Boyd. **J. B. CHALMERS**—Proposed by F. McCutcheon and W. J. Oakes.

After these nominations had been read out, Mr. C. F. Leatherland was appointed Chairman for the ratepayers' meeting, to hear the various officers of the past year give the report of their stewardship of municipal affairs.

Clerk Leatherland said he would call upon those nominated, as the names appeared, and called upon Councillor Jones, who requested that Reeve McCutcheon, be given first opportunity to speak.

Lorne Scots Band Presents Concert for Red Cross

A good crowd enjoyed the concert furnished by the Band of the Lorne Scots in the Town Hall on Sunday evening. This Band is well known here and their concerts are always appreciated.

On behalf of the Red Cross Society, the President, Mr. A. Mason, welcomed the Band to Acton and expressed appreciation of this concert, given by them in aid of the Red Cross.

The program chosen by Bandmaster J. A. Williams was one that pleased and provided good variety. It included march numbers, southern melodies, Spanish serenades and music from the operas.

Messrs. Chas. Landborough and Jos. Wilcox rendered a splendid cornet duet and Mr. Norman Herbert saxophone solo. His accompanist was Miss Leavitt.

A feature number was the bell solo by Mr. Ivan Speck, late drummer with the Irish Regiment Band in Toronto. The closing numbers were very appropriately "Abide With Me," the regimental march and the National Anthem. Community singing led by the band was also a feature that was enjoyed.

A collection, taken for Red Cross funds, amounted to over \$15.00. After the concert a group of ladies of the Red Cross served the visiting bandmen a lunch.

ST. ALBAN'S GROUP HEAR ADDRESS ON ESKIMOS AND NORTH
Eskimos are still snow-house dwellers, said Rev. R. H. Rokeby-Thomas, one-time Anglican missionary to the Canadian Arctic, told St. Alban's A.Y.P.A. here. Sometimes a newspaper man will visit a northern trading post and perhaps find an Eskimo living in a modern place and unwittingly base his story on the exceptional case. Mr. Rokeby-Thomas explained, "It is not true as a general statement that Eskimos no longer dwell in snow houses."

Giving an illustration in the Parish Hall, he showed, among numerous excellent pictures a scene of a typical Eskimo village.

The first contact with the Eskimos was made by whalers on temporary visits during trips, but the first substantial, white contact was by the Anglican mission. Sometimes you hear the Hudson Bay Company, H.B.C. means here before Christ, but that isn't so, said Mr. Thomas, for the mission was there and the gospel first. The late Archdeacon was the first permanent white.

Blond Eskimo is a myth, he declared. Eskimos are invariably dark complexioned and almost always have hair as black as can be.

Milk Producers Elect John Marshall as President

At the annual meeting of the Halton Milk Producers' Association, John Marshall, of Milton, was appointed President of the Association for the ensuing year.

A well attended meeting greeted Messrs. Wm. Willmott and E. H. Clark and Wm. Brennan, of the Toronto Milk and Cream Producers' Association, who addressed the meeting on the respective phases of the industry he supervised. It was pointed out by E. H. Clark of the Ontario Milk Foundation, that as a result of the efforts of the Foundation, milk sales had increased appreciably the past summer when compared to the year previous. Other officers elected were as follows:

Vice-President—A. E. Woodley, Milton. **Secretary-Treasurer**—I. DeVries. **Directors**—Esqueting Township, Tom Bird, Howard May and Cecil Glynn; Trafalgar Township, W. King, Guy Russell and J. A. Dixon; Nelson Township, W. J. Robertson and Frank Pelletier; Nassagaweya Township, Chester Service.

The topic was "Health and Child Welfare," with the Convent, Mrs. S. Robinson, in charge. A paper on the topic was given by Mrs. W. Bracken, and Mrs. Grant also read a piece of poetry, entitled "Health." A piano solo was contributed by Mrs. vanOosten. Current events were taken by Mrs. Atkins. A contest, by Mrs. Watkins, on plants, was won by Mrs. Wm. McIntyre. Mrs. Storey tendered a vote of thanks to those who helped to make the meeting a success, and also to the hostess for the use of her home. Lunch was served, and a social time spent in conclusion.

Just Here and There on Hockey

Yes, it's getting closer to the season, and there's activity in many centres.

Vic Rumley, manager and coach of last year's Champions, represented the Club at the annual O.H.A. meeting on Saturday.

J. H. Creighton was delegate for the Junior entry in the O.H.A.

New faces on this year's line-up are likely to be "Dude" Lindsay and Clarence Pipher. The only absentee from Acton of last year's team is Ilio Marro, playing this year with Stratford.

Elora has elected Herb Mine as President of the club there, and R. C. Bruce, Secretary-Treasurer.

Brampton has decided to organize a club and play the home games in Bolton arena. R. G. Parr is the President and Robert Walters, the Secretary-Treasurer. They hope to get grouped with Georgetown and Milton.

ST. ALBAN'S YOUNG FOLKS ENTERTAIN HAMILTON VISITORS

St. Alban's Anglican Young People's Association held an enjoyable meeting on Tuesday night when they were hosts to St. John's A.Y.P.A., of Hamilton, in the Parish Hall.

The visitors provided the program and conducted several games, giving everyone an opportunity to take part and adding to the sociability of the occasion. Members of St. Alban's served lunch. All joined in a hearty sing-song.

Red Cross Fund Now Stands at \$2300 for District

The campaign for funds for Red Cross work in Acton and District is still in progress. To date \$2,300 has been secured. This included \$2,000 from Acton and \$300 from a section of Nassagaweya.

The Esqueting Township Ward affiliated with Acton have only one section reported. Acton has therefore subscribed over the dollar per capita, which was estimated as the objective to be secured. Returns from the rural sections are still very incomplete.

Headquarters of the Acton Red Cross Society have been established in a room on the ground floor at the Government Building. Approval for the use of this room was received last week and Caretaker Cameron Leishman had it all prepared and ready for occupancy. A complete lot of wool and material for making hospital supplies has been put into this room and is now ready for the workers.

The room will be open every afternoon from 2 to 5, and on Friday and Saturday evenings, from 7 to 9. Cutting tables and sewing machines are being set up. Ladies who can help with this work should call at these central headquarters and receive supplies and instructions.

The room is reached from the main lobby of the Post Office and is right on the ground floor. It is ideally situated, heated and lighted, and now in full operation.

Health and Child Welfare Topic Dublin Institute

The Dublin Women's Institute held their November meeting at the home of Mrs. A. Near. The President, Mrs. G. Somerville, was in the chair. Roll call was answered by "A Way to Keep a Child Employed." Red Cross activities were discussed. A report of the Officers' Rally, held in Acton, with Mrs. Powell from the Department, was given by Mrs. W. Watkins. The Directors' report was also given by Mrs. Watkins.

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Curling Club Just Waiting for the Cold Weather

This year the Acton Curling Club is off to an early start—much in advance of the ice. The Annual Meeting was held on October 28th, and all matters arranged for the coming season, which promises to be quite a busy one.

The following were elected officers and executive for 1939-40: President—J. A. Chapman.

1st Vice-President—W. H. Clayton; 2nd Vice-President—F. D. Dewar, Milton. 3rd Vice-President—John Little, Rockwood.

Secretary—Wm. G. Middleton. Treasurer—W. K. Graham.

General Executive Committee, to consist of all officers, together with C. M. Davidson, E. S. Forc, H. F. Holmes, T. Watson, W. E. Smith, Dr. E. J. Nelson and E. J. Hassard.

Subsequently the Executive completed all arrangements for the opening of the curling season. As soon as ice is available on both sheets, plans will have been made for the accommodation of thirty-two players as a get-together series of four games. Skips and rinks are being arranged for this opening evening.

While arrangements were being made for the coming season has been set at \$3.00, an optional alternative has been approved for a nominal charge per game being made. Either plan will give players full club privileges. The latter plan will, it is considered, work out more equitably for casual players and particularly for out-of-town members. Approximately thirty former curlers from Milton, Rockwood and the surrounding districts have already signified their wish to become affiliated with the Acton Club. Every encouragement will be afforded new players by the Executive.

Mr. E. J. Hassard will again put up the 1938-39 Acton Tankard, for club competition. This Tankard, which is a striking example of Czechoslovakian workmanship, will shortly be on view at the Club quarters. No extra fees will be charged for entries in this competition.

Further curling activities will be announced from time to time through THE FREE PRESS. All that is now necessary is ice.

Breaking of Fire Hydrant Town Reservoir

Early in the evening on last Saturday a motorist struck the fire hydrant at the corner of Church and Main Streets, and damaged it so that it drained all the water from the standpipe. Since this is on the main line serving the town, it was a serious interruption.

The Waterworks Superintendent, Mr. Wilson, and his assistants, worked for several hours during the night to make repairs and few citizens realized that any damage had occurred, as service was resumed when they were using water on Sunday morning.

The motorist drove away without reporting the damage, although the impact must have been a severe one to create such havoc with the hydrant. Chief McPherson investigated and the motorist will likely be called on to make compensation for the damage done.

FORCE BOWLERS MEET WITH THEIR FIRST DEFEAT 7-0

The Force Bowling Team went down to their first defeat of the season on Tuesday night in the Guelph Commercial Bowling League. The "Printers," a dark horse team, defeating the locals to the tune of 7-0.

Jim Adamson had high single of 258 and led the Force bowlers with 659 for three games. The veteran Jack Morton was second with 603.

"Flint" Terry was an interested spectator at the match, but the bowlers say he was their jinx.

Unity Men's Club Re-Organizes and Elects Officers

A very enthusiastic re-organization meeting of the Unity Men's Club of the Acton United Church was held on Sunday. There was a good turnout of members and the following officers, were elected:

President—John Pell. Vice-President—G. W. McKenzie. Secretary—E. H. Vincent. Treasurer—George Switzer. Convener Social Committee—Arthur Gamble. Convener Membership Committee—Evan Harris.

Teachers—John Pell, G. W. McKenzie, George Switzer and E. H. Vincent. Plans are under way to have monthly meetings of the club, as well as the Sunday sessions and an active time is anticipated in future months.

Meet the Juniors ...

By "COOKIE"

After predicting a banner year for the Juniors in '38 and '39, we end up with a "Champion Intermediate Team." This year we will refrain from such and instead take things in their stride. In a "Meet the Juniors" we will try to introduce the new faces you see around the main sheet and refresh your memory on the old. The Juniors this year will be under the management of Harry "Bunk" Holmes, with Jack Kentner as drill master. George Miller, able teller of the Bank of Nova Scotia, will handle the secretarial duties. The support of the Intermediates, under Manager Vic Rumley and Secretary J. Creighton, will help round out the Junior governing body.

With four new faces in town, the Juniors should build a strong entry for the O.H.A. Junior "C" class.

Ernie Nichols, a handsome black-haired lad from Bobcaygeon, is the first on our list to meet. Ernie is at present employed at Ajax Engineers Ltd., and living at the Dominion Hotel. He is a winger, a good skater and handy enough on the ice. Ernie was a member of the "Mediacs"—Chris, he has wavy hair—Bill Murphy, from Toronto Marlboros, a tall, rangy lad, is slated for the Acton defense. Bill is employed with Beardmore & Co. A steady, persistent worker, Bill will be playing some good hockey for Acton, providing he survives "murderers' row," on the local ponds.

Roy Hillard, defenseman, from Arthur, Small, but mighty. Employed at Beardmore & Co. (Continued on Page Five)

Former Actonians Arrange Party for Nonagenarian

The Globe and Mail of last week contained an account of an interesting gathering held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Harrison, in Toronto. It was in honor of the ninetieth birthday of Mr. Joseph B. Watson and sixty relatives attended in this hospitable home, known so well to many in Acton.

A cousin, Dr. Minerva Reid, made an affectionate and witty speech; Mr. Watson's son, Major M. Barry Watson, M. S. C. E. M. E. also spoke, and a poem written to her father was read by the author, Mrs. William Junor. Rev. Dr. T. W. Hazewood, of Humbercrest United Church, which Mr. and Mrs. Watson attend, congratulated the couple.

Mr. Hartley Harrison was master of ceremonies, and Mr. W. C. Duncan, a cousin, presented a cheque to the celebrant, on behalf of the guests. A large birthday cake, decorated in mauve and yellow, and surrounded by long yellow tapers and mauve chrysanthemums, decorated the table.

The Elections in Communities in Neighborhood

Early nominations and elections are being held in a number of neighboring communities, and the following will be of interest to FREE PRESS readers:

Erin Township
In Erin Township there will be an election for Deputy Reeve, with Henry Wheeler and Edgar Huxley seeking the position. Reeve Neil E. McKinnon was returned by acclamation, as were also Councillors Arthur Swackhamer, Wm. McKenzie and Dan McDougall.

Guelph
Following are the nominations in Guelph for the various posts: Mayor—Albert J. Brydges, W. G. Taylor. Aldermen (eleven to be elected)—Henry Andrews, Ald. Phil Bennett, Ald. C. W. Dempsey, A. J. Frank, Ald. F. L. Freudenauer, Ald. C. E. Fulton, P. A. Graesser, C. H. Griffenham, E. C. Groves, R. H. Grundy, James Haughton, Ald. Richard Keayon, Hector McCaig, Malcolm C. MacGowan, Ald. Harry Mahoney, Albert E. Patterson, H. J. Fenfold, Raymond B. Proger, Ald. Gordon L. Rife, Fred Sutton, Frank Webster, Ald. John Wilson, Ald. Harry Woods.

School Board (five to be elected)—George T. Barber, Garnet P. Britton, Angus Dunbar, Arthur M. Hall, Robert Mason, Greta Crowshurst, Richard H. Deacon, Dr. J. P. McKinnon and James E. Osborne.

Erin Village
Reeve, Council and School Board are elected by acclamation, as follows: Reeve, D. S. Leitch; Councillors, W. R. Bingham, Roy Ferguson, George Griffin and P. J. Sinclair; School Trustees, P. H. Arscott, R. W. Hall, Calvin Weddell, Norman Nixon, Wm. Graham and Wm. Miller.

Georgetown
While several acclamations were accorded in Georgetown, it will also be necessary to hold an election for other officers. For the first time in the history of the town there will be an election for Hydro Commissioners. Mayor Joe, Gibbons were re-elected by acclamation; and Ward Two Councillors also received an acclamation. There is no election for School Board, either.

George W. Davis and Thomas Lyons are contesting the Reeve-ship. In Ward One N. B. Brown, A. E. Cripps and Walter Whitmore are running for Councillors; and in Ward Three Sam Macenzie, K. R. McDonald and Wallace Thompson are running.

For Hydro Commissioner, Wm. H. Long and Elmer C. Thompson are seeking election.

Burlington
In Burlington, J. Gordon Blair was accorded an acclamation for Mayor. For the Reeve-ship, Arthur Allen and John Blair are running; and Rex Hume and A. C. Mason for Deputy Reeve; for Council, nine are seeking election for the six seats. They are: E. G. Bishop, Rollo Busby, Norman Craig, Mrs. Elsie Gardner, Wm. Johnston, J. Muldrew, C. E. Palmer, W. L. Rennie, K. W. Smith.

Election Here on Monday The First in Five Years

Burglar Alarm Proved Effective on Tuesday Attempt

Thieves again tried to gain entrance on Tuesday morning about two o'clock to William Cooper's gents' furnishings store, at the corner of Mill and Main Streets. They were foiled, however, by the burglar alarm system with which this store is equipped. The sounding of the alarm brought Night Constable Locker and residents of the neighborhood promptly on the scene and the thieves made a hasty getaway.

This store has been burglarized before and several heavy losses prompted the installation of the alarm system. The Night Constable was not able to secure the car number. It was some little time before anyone could be secured who was able to shut off the alarm. Superintendent Wilson had another early morning run to stop the alarm.

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Acton Rural League Prepares for a Big Season

Rural Hockey in Acton will attract some new clubs this coming winter, according to applications for berths in the League, read at the annual meeting here. Most of last season's clubs were represented at the meeting, when preliminary organizing for the 1939-40 period was carried out. Herb Dron was re-elected as President, and Ed. Ryder was chosen as Secretary-Treasurer.

Those entitled to vote on the election are those entered in Parts One and Two of both polling subdivisions. Names in Part Three cannot vote in this election. Be sure to cast your ballots on election day and vote as early in the day as possible.

Royal Tour and Home Improvement Pictures at Literary

The regular meeting of Greenock Literary Society was held on Friday evening, with the President, Evelyn Pearen, in charge. Following the business session Bob Allan acted as chairman for the program.

Mrs. Will Black sang a solo and Wilma West gave a reading. The special feature of the evening was presented by Mr. F. L. Wright, of Acton, in the showing of the Royal Tour pictures. The many homes entered in the Home Improvement Plan in Acton vicinity, as well as a comedy, were also shown in concluding this most interesting and greatly appreciated portion of the program.

Mrs. Black led in a lively sing-song, after which Charles McKeown conducted a Treasure Trail contest. The singing of the National Anthem brought the meeting to a close. Games were then enjoyed by all.

CHRISTMAS NUMBER NEXT WEEK

THE FREE PRESS will next week issue the annual Christmas Number. It will be twelve pages with cover in beautiful Christmas colors and full of Christmas illustrations and stories. The front page is a full page picture in colors of a lovely, healthy Canadian child.

To issue this extra number requires additional time. Please assist the staff by sending in copy early. Advertisers can be best served by preparing their ads early and getting copy to the office now.

We thank all for the splendid co-operation given in the past. With your help again, we will be able to issue a number worthy of Acton and the district it covers.

Acclamation Only in the Public Utilities Commission—Five Aspire for the Council and Five Seek Election to the School Board—Voting Takes Place on Monday, from 9 to 5.

The moratorium on fielding in Acton ended this year, not by any ruling of the Ontario Government, but by the decision of citizens of Acton. With the resignation of Reeve McCutcheon and two former Councillors, the field was thrown open and while nominations were not heavy, there were plenty for all offices.

When the time for qualifying had expired on Saturday evening, at nine o'clock, the following had filed qualifications and electors will vote on these on Monday:

FOR REEVE
CHALMERS—J. B. Chalmers, Gentleman.
JONES—Evan Jones, Farmer.

FOR COUNCIL
CREIGHTON—J. H. Creighton, Accountant.
DAVIDSON—J. P. Davidson, Barber.
OAKES—W. J. Oswald Oakes, Gentleman.

SHELDON—James B. Sheldon, Tannery Supervisor.
SINCLAIR—Stuart Sinclair, Carpenter.

FOR SCHOOL BOARD
BUCHANAN—Allan J. Buchanan, Dentist.
DILLS—G. Arlof Dills, Editor.

GIBBONS—Neil W. Gibbons, Foreman.
OAKES—Frank G. Oakes, Veterinary.
PEAREN—Ferry W. Pearen, Dentist.

One will be chosen for Reeve. Four are required from the five nominees for the Council, and three are to be elected on the School Board ballot.

FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
HANSEN—Carl Hansen, Mechanic.
SYMON—MacPherson Symon, hardware merchant.

This is the only body that will not have an election this year. Mr. Hansen goes back for a two-year term and Mr. Symon finishes the unexpired one-year term of office of the late R. J. Kerr.

Polls open at nine o'clock on Monday next, December 4th, and close at five o'clock. Polling Subdivision No. 1 vote at the Town Hall, where Geo. Chapman will be the Deputy Returning Officer. Polling Subdivision No. 2 is at the Y.M.C.A., with Leonard Atkinson as Deputy Returning Officer.

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Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings (on basis of their events, under this heading, are charged, to create our line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 5¢.)

Woodside School Concert, December the twenty-first (21st).

Sale of Home-made Baking and War-bake Tea in United Church, on Saturday December 2nd, from 3 to 6 p.m.

Christmas Concert at S.E. No. 7, Nassagaweya, December 14th, at 7 p.m. Admission 15¢ and 10¢. Lunch served, 22-2.

Y.M.C.A. Business Men's Service Club is holding Ladies' Night, Monday Dec. 4th. Supper at 6.30. Speaker, Nelson McEwen, National Y.M.C.A. Boys' Work Secretary.

A meeting of the local Bible Society will be held in the United Church on Sunday, December 3rd, at 8.00 p.m. Lantern slides, "Unto the Ends of the Earth." Declaration of the results of the canvass. Everyone welcome.

20 SHOPPING DAYS TILL Christmas

Mr. Evan Jones was then called upon and thanked those who had proposed him (Concluded on Page Eight)