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## Eight Teams in the Intermediate Group This Year

Tanners are in the Fastest Intermediate Group in Ontario — Schedule Opens Next Wednesday

The schedule for Group 7 Intermediate was drawn up last night and gives a surprise in the original announcement. There are now eight teams in this group and the list shows it to be the fastest teams in that company. Any team that emerges a winner should go a long way. It is made up of Kitchener "A" team; Waterloo, Acton, Elora, Fergus, Paris, Galt, Air Force and Preston.

- Following is the schedule:
- December 27th—Paris at Kitchener.
  - January 2nd—Elora at Waterloo.
  - January 3rd—Galt at Acton; Fergus at Preston.
  - January 6th—Acton at Fergus; Galt at Elora; Waterloo at Paris; Kitchener at Preston.
  - January 8th—Preston at Acton; Elora at Paris.
  - January 9th—Fergus at Galt; Kitchener at Waterloo.
  - January 11th—Waterloo at Elora.
  - January 12th—Paris at Fergus; Galt at Preston.
  - January 13th, 9:00 p.m.—Acton at Kitchener.
  - January 15th—Paris at Elora.
  - January 16th—Acton at Galt; Preston at Kitchener.
  - January 17th—Waterloo at Fergus.
  - January 18th—Galt at Paris.
  - January 19th—Kitchener at Acton; Elora at Fergus; Preston at Waterloo.
  - January 22nd—Paris at Acton; Preston at Elora.
  - January 23rd—Fergus at Kitchener.
  - January 25th—Elora at Galt.
  - January 26th—Acton at Paris; Kitchener at Fergus; Waterloo at Preston.
  - January 29th—Acton at Elora; Paris at Galt.
  - January 31st—Elora at Kitchener; Preston at Fergus.
  - February 2nd—Fergus at Acton; Paris at Preston; Galt at Waterloo.
  - February 5th—Acton at Waterloo; Fergus at Elora.
  - February 6th—Preston at Galt; Waterloo at Kitchener.
  - February 9th—Waterloo at Acton; Galt at Kitchener; Fergus at Paris; Elora at Preston.
  - February 12th—Kitchener at Elora; Preston at Paris; Fergus at Waterloo.
  - February 15th—Acton at Preston.
  - February 15th—Waterloo at Galt.
  - February 16th—Elora at Acton; Galt at Fergus; Kitchener at Paris.
  - February 19th—Paris at Waterloo; Kitchener, being an "A" team, must finish in first position to qualify for "A" play-offs.

Regardless of Kitchener's position in the group at the end of the schedule, it must step out of Group 7 and can not have any bearing on the "B" play-offs. First four "B" teams to enter group play-offs. First Team vs. Third Team; Second-Team vs. Fourth Team. Home and home games, goals to count.

Choice of home or away game to rest with team finishing highest in regular schedule. Third game, if necessary, on neutral ice. 10 minutes overtime only allowed.

Finals—Best two out of three games. Choice of home or away games in finals to rest with team finishing highest in group schedule.

## Winners and Prize Money Announced in Acton Foal Club

Secretary F. L. Wright has just received the complete marking and awards made in the Acton Foal Club. This is another of the projects sponsored by Acton Agricultural Society. The following are the winners and the total marks obtained:

Kenneth Ella, 644; Bruce Rice, 630; Angus McNabb, 617; Grant Allan, 615; Elwood Johnson, 612; Eddie Robinson, 606; Herb Reid, 602; Gordon Aikin, 600; Brock Harris, 600; George Heatherington, 599; Loyal McCutcheon, 582; Donald Peer, 581; Lloyd Stokes, 578; Glen Colbeck, 447; John Inglis, 405.

**2 SHOPPING DAYS TO Christmas**

The Clerk reported receipt of a donation from the Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the I.O.D.E. of \$5.00, to be applied on the Christmas baskets furnished by the Welfare Committee. Mr. Mason, as Chairman of the Relief Committee, pointed out that there were only three now on relief in Acton and it was felt that Christmas baskets would not be supplied this year. The Council expressed their appreciation of this help but were pleased the fund was not required this year.

The Clerk was instructed to write the School Board requesting that they have their requisition for funds in 1940 in the (Concluded on Page Eight)

# Our Christmas

## Reeve McCutcheon Lauded On Retiring from Office

### Final Meeting of 1938 Council on Monday — Fire Brigade Insurance to Come Up Again in January — Relief Problem is Reported at a Minimum — Urge Telephone Canvass to be Continued by New Council.

At the last regular meeting of Acton Council held in the Town Hall, Monday, December 18th, 1939, Councillors A. Mason, J. B. Chalmers, E. Jones and W. J. Beatty were present and Reeve F. McCutcheon presided. Mr. J. H. Creighton, of the 1940 Council, was also present at this meeting, to get conversant with proceedings.

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

- Acton Public Utilities Commission, street lights, arena, fire pump, town hall, etc. .... \$187.31
- W. Fryer, wood for arena ..... 8.00
- E. Ryder, painting at arena ..... 7.50
- Bell Telephone Co., services ..... 9.55
- R. M. McDonald, premium on Arena insurance ..... 170.00
- W. D. Talbot, supplies ..... 2.70
- Symon Hardware, supplies ..... 9.08
- W. S. Lashbrook, repairs and supplies ..... 9.00
- H. Woods & Son, trucking ..... 8.25
- J. B. Mackenzie & Son, supplies ..... 28.42
- Dr. J. A. McKiven, medical ..... 97.00
- Health Officer ..... 97.00
- Acton Free Press, printing and advertising ..... 35.16
- A. T. Brown, supplies ..... .85
- John Nicol, repavement ..... 9.60

\$585.02

Another list of amounts of interest and debenture payments and regular salary accounts, totalling \$3,512.95, was sanctioned for payment.

The Reeve and Treasurer were, by motion, authorized to sign applications for insurance and promissory note on the Arena insurance.

A letter from Mr. E. Cripps was read, stating that he was holding the municipality responsible for an accident to Mrs. Cripps, who had fallen on the sidewalk and fractured her shoulder. The matter was referred to the insurance company.

A letter was read from the Dominion Department of Finance, regarding the Housing Act. The letter pointed out that after May 1st, 1940, no payments would be made on new houses erected and the payments by the Department were cancelled, as made under this by-law.

The Clerk reported receipt of the information requested regarding the ages of the firemen for the policy carried on the Brigade, by the municipality. Several lists had been submitted which the company claimed were contradictory. It was arranged that the policy be renewed in January, when the Fire Brigade was chosen. It was pointed out that the previous policy had not contained an age limit clause.

A letter was read from the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto, regarding a patient who had received treatment.

The Clerk made a report regarding the canvass that had been made to secure a wider area for telephone service for Acton. Mr. F. L. Wright has made considerable progress on this canvass and it was urged that the new Council continue this work.

The Clerk reported that he had received no tenders for the booth concession at the arena. This matter was referred to the arena committee.

A letter from Beardmore & Co. requested permission to use the town grader to keep the roads open about their plant. It was agreed to keep the machine in good condition. This request was granted but the grader was to be available when required by the municipality.

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## Interesting Program Presented at Maple Grove Literary

The Maple Grove Literary Society met recently at S. S. No. 8, Eramosa, with a splendid attendance. Charles McNabb, President, was in charge.

The usual routine business followed, and Mr. Sims McLean was appointed critic for the next program. Roll call was responded to by giving the title of a book read within the past year.

The opening number was a play by Graham, "The Man on the Mandolin." The program was an entertaining program.

The program featured a recitation by the Rhythm Band, "MacNamara's Band," at a concert followed. Five members of the group presented a laughable skit, "The Fatal Quest." Then a current event paper, and stunts were given by Joe Graham. Another skit was presented, followed by the closing chorus number, "The Man on the Mandolin."

The critic, Mrs. Will McNabb, made constructive remarks. The National Anthem closed the meeting. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing.

## County Council Concludes Business for the Year

### Warden Victor Hall Eulogized for Conduct of Office — Three of County Body Retire This Year — Rail Grading of Hogs Again Discussed — Appointment of Physician at House of Refuge to Have Further Consideration

The final meeting of the 1939 County Council was held in Milton on Tuesday, December 19th, with a splendid attendance.

The Warden, Victor Hall, was eulogized for his conduct of office. Three members of the County Council retire this year: W. I. Dick, who has served in the County for 21 years; G. E. Riddie, who has served for 12 years; and Mr. Gordon, who has served for 12 years.

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## Final Meeting of Erin Council for the Year

The Municipal Council of the Township of Erin met at Hillsburg on December 15th, when the following business was transacted:

December 26th (Boxing Day) was proclaimed a Civic Holiday.

Mr. Harvey Deering was re-appointed School Attendance Officer for 1940.

By-law No. 14, providing for the issue of debentures for reconstruction, replacements, and alterations to the Erin Telephone System was given the third and final reading.

The Treasurer reported receiving Provincial Subsidy cheque for \$3,050.35, being one and one half mills on the Township Assessment of \$2,100,254.53.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay money due County Treasurer Police Villages of Hillsburg and Orton, also money due bordering Townships for road adjustments and Erin Township's share of School Debentures when accounts are rendered.

The following accounts were ordered paid:

- Orton Street Lights ..... \$ 40.25
- Township Eramosa County School adjustment ..... 31.00
- Weed Inspector ..... 22.50
- School Attendance Officer ..... 53.20
- M.H.O. half year's salary ..... 118.50
- Clerk, election expenses ..... 200.00
- Clerk, half year's salary ..... 50.00
- Relief Officer, half year's salary ..... 50.00
- Tax Collector, balance of salary due 1938-37-38 ..... 230.00
- Treasurer, half year's salary ..... 150.00
- Miscellaneous ..... 72.90
- Mr. Gordon, who this County endorse the resolution from the County of Kent re-locating pole lines.—Carried. .... 78.00
- Sheep, destroyed by dogs ..... 105.50
- Shooting sheep-killing dogs ..... 15.00
- Roads ..... 1,893.27

## December 26th Proclaimed Legal Holiday in the Township

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## Dougie Carmichael Injured in Auto Accident

Dougie Carmichael, Hillsburg, was taken to a Toronto hospital Saturday with concussion and a fractured vertebrae in his neck, when a car, driven by W. J. Hunter, late of Hillsburg, now an artilleryman in a Toronto unit, failed to make a turn on the No. 24 Highway, west of Caledon village. Hunter and two other passengers escaped injury.

"Dougie" Carmichael is well known here to baseball fans in his activity in that sport.

## Legion President Host at a Venison Dinner

Acton Legionnaires were treated to a beautiful venison dinner at the regular December meeting. Comrade President J. M. McDonald was host to the members on this occasion, which is looked forward to each year.

A new feature this year, of great interest, was a movie, taken in the area visited by the President and his hunting partner, Mr. Laing, of Kitchener. It gave the members a thrill as they viewed the chase, following the bush and water trails on the screen.

Comrade Secretary Wright, operating the machine also showed several other reels, including one he had taken of the Acton Legion on the occasion of the Royal visit to Toronto.

Among the guests was Zone Commander Major H. E. Earl, Milton, who also attended on his official visit to the Branch.

## United Church Sunday School Entertainment

The visit of Santa Claus with a treat for every member of the Sunday School was, of course, the big feature on Monday evening when the United Sunday School held the annual Christmas entertainment. Mr. Howard Switzer, admirably filled the role of the jolly old fellow.

The major part of the program was presented by T. MacDuff Copeland, entertainer, and Kenneth Duff Copeland, violinist, both of Toronto.

## Knox Christmas Tree and Concert Last Night

Again Santa Claus made his annual visit to the pupils, young and old, of Knox Sabbath School.

Everyone took part under the supervision of Mr. M. Leitch and his capable staff of Teachers and Officers before Santa's arrival, and the children entertained their parents and friends with song and story about Christmas. The drills were particularly pretty and the special feature of a one-act play, entitled "Campbell of Killmore," by Cooperage talent, was well executed and caught the lesson of loyalty. But when Santa arrived, well, everyone, with shining eyes, had nothing but excitement, eagerness and love. But, who is and was Santa?

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## Eramosa Reeve and Councillors Candidates 1940

Final Meeting of Council for 1939 Held — Petition Urges Change of Closing By-law

The statutory meeting of the Council for the Township of Eramosa was held at 1:30 on December 15th in the Town Hall, Rockwood. Reeve D. L. Gray presided. Councillors W. J. Pinkney, Ernest H. Benham, Roy I. Leslie and Joseph B. Rutherford were also present.

At the request of the Rockwood Police Village Trustees the Council ratified an agreement between the Bell Telephone Co. and the Rockwood Hydro regarding joint use of poles.

A practically unanimous petition from the merchants of Rockwood asked for and obtained an amendment to the early closing by-law, allowing them to remain open every evening during the two weeks preceding Christmas.

The Clerk was instructed to obtain office supplies to conform to the standard municipal accounting system now prepared by the Department of Municipal Affairs.

A rebate of \$2.32 was ordered on taxes over-paid through clerical errors in the assessment.

The Clerk was instructed to communicate with the Department of Highways regarding the control of parking on the hill in Rockwood, so as to permit a traffic lane for trams alongside the pavement.

Accounts passed amounted to \$2,137.00 and Council adjourned to the statutory meeting in January.

It was moved by Messrs. Rutherford and Leslie and carried, that the clerk, Frank Day, take the chair for the usual viceregal meeting. The Reeve, Councillors, Clerk, Road Superintendent and West Inspector each thanked their fellow members and officials for assistance and co-operation through the year, and the Reeve and Councillors each announced their intention of being a candidate for their respective offices for 1940.

## How Can You Help in the Christmas Rush?

Everybody is watching the mails closely these days and with the loads of mail being distributed no wonder, because most everyone is receiving extra lots of Christmas messages and parcels.

We had a conversation the other day with Postmaster Matthews and asked how the public could help. Here is how: Do not send the children to the office and ask them not to be making constant enquiry at the wickets. Limit their visits. Better still, go yourself. Advise the children to keep out of the lobby in the evening, but if they must be sent, be sure that they remain quiet and conduct themselves properly.

Let's all give the Post Office officials this help. It's easy and it will assist in maintaining a good service. Surely parents and children will be glad to help. Let's keep Christmas merry for other folks, too.

## White Gift Service at the United Church

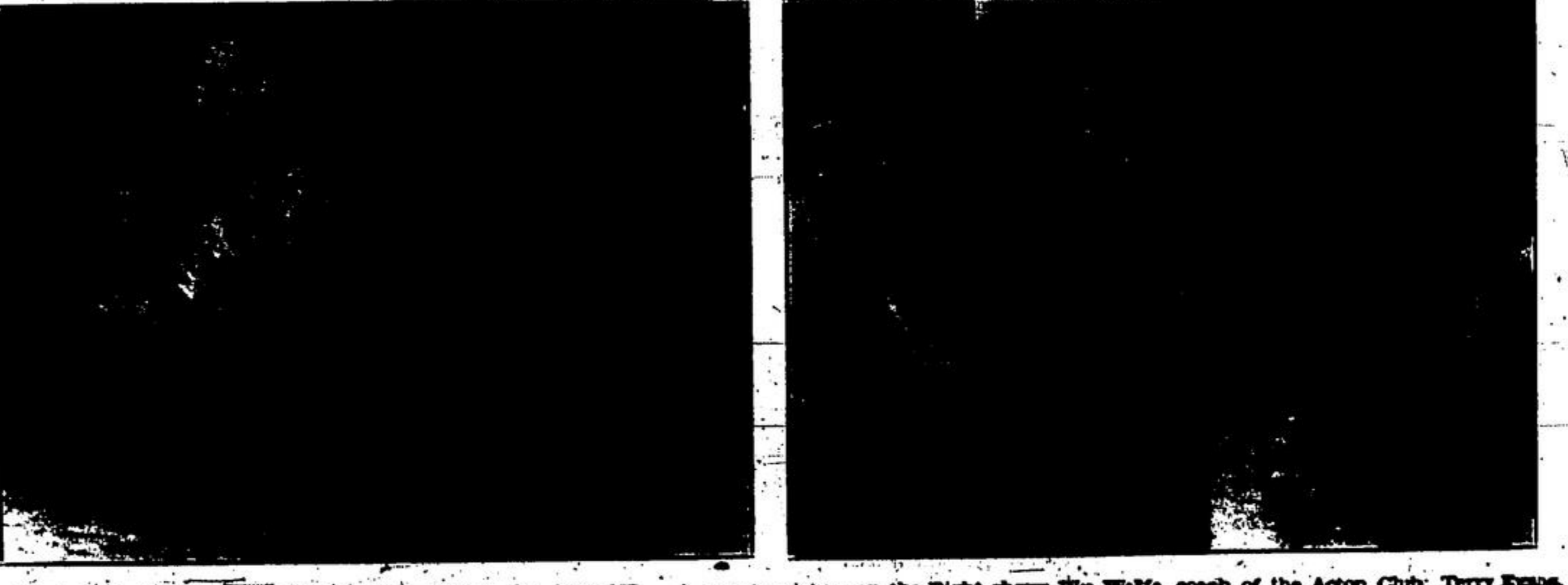
The White Gifts Service last Sunday morning at the United Church was most appropriate and impressive. It was a combined service of the church and Sunday School. The major portion of the service was in the form of a pageant, entitled "The Pilgrim." The effect of the gleaming white cross in front of an all-white background was most striking.

The scripture message was recited by Miss Kay Weadge and Mr. Eld. Fields.

Those taking part in pageant were Miss Marjorie Nelson, Miss Helen Cook, Betty Gibson, Miss Jean Lambert, Mrs. John Fell, Miss Doris Wilson, Miss Isabel Harris, Annetta Evans and Anns Macdonald.

A white gift offering was received and a large congregation attended the service. In the evening the picture sermon was on "The Arrival of the Shepherds."

## Wrestling at Acton Y.M.C.A.



Photographs of the first night of this sport at the Acton Y.M.C.A. A group picture on the right shows Wm Wolfe, coach of the Acton Club; Terry Evans, British Empire Amateur Champion, 175 lbs.; Carl Schlegel, who refereed the bouts in Acton and O.A.C. Coach; and Harry Peace, Canadian and International Y.M.C.A. Champion, 175 lbs.

## Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, 25 cents per line, with a minimum charge for 100 announcement of age.

Excuse and Dance at Bloomsbury School on December 28th. There will be a short play. Gifts 25c; ladies provide.