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## Arena, Pumper, Insurance Items Council Discussion

Several of Fire Brigade May Go to Woodstock to See Demonstration—Contract Signed for Painting at Town Hall—Get Ready for Bathing at Fairy Lake—By-law Must Have Petition Before Change Can Be Made.

Acton Council met in regular session on Tuesday evening. Councilors W. J. O. Oakes, J. H. Creighton and Reeve J. B. Chalmers were in attendance.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and a special meeting were read and adopted, upon motion.

Councillor Creighton brought up the matter that some members of the Fire Brigade would like to go to Woodstock when the new pumper and truck were being tested. It was decided that any members who desired to go would be welcome, but that they would have to stand their own expenses. It was decided to take the mechanic who had charge of the present fire truck along to Woodstock also.

The twelfth report of the Finance Committee recommended that the following accounts be paid:

Symon Hardware, supplies at Town Hall	\$ 22.32
R. M. McDonald, premium on bond on C. F. Leatherland	12.00
County of Halton, tax of grade	24.00
F. Wright, balance premium due on Fire Brigade Insurance Policy	9.43
Acton Public Utilities Commission, street lights, lights at Town Hall, fire pump house, fire pump, arena, etc.	187.40
H. Fryer, wages	2.25
E. Perryman, wages	2.25
J. Winton, wages	1.25
D. Elliot, wages	2.25
F. Cleave, wages	22.50
E. H. Harrop, postage, etc.	3.75
F. McCutcheon, trucking	7.00
Acton Park Press, advertising	23.61
Provincial Treasurer, fee for license Town Hall and Arena	6.40
Robert Morrison, repairs to lawn mowers for Park	5.00

The report of the work done by the Society for the Red Cross was very encouraging. This being the annual meeting, the following officers were elected for 1940-41:

President—Mrs. T. Lappin  
1st Vice-President—Mrs. Francis Wilds  
2nd Vice-President—Mrs. A. H. Bishop  
Secretary—Mrs. W. Masales  
Directors—Mrs. George Lantz, Mrs. McCutcheon, Mrs. E. F. Collier, Mrs. Hodgins  
District Director—Mrs. J. E. Gamble  
Booth Committee—Mrs. P. Wilds  
Sick and Visiting—Mrs. J. Lovell, Mrs. J. Wilds  
Pianist—Mrs. H. McCutcheon  
Assistant Pianist—Mrs. W. Masales  
Layettes—Mrs. E. P. Collier  
Representative to Music Festival—Mrs. Bishop  
Program Committee—Mrs. P. Wilds  
Mrs. R. L. Davidson, the President and Secretary  
Auditors—Mrs. Collier, Mrs. Bishop  
The booth at the Park will be operated only on special occasions and on Fair Day.

A hearty vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. Lantz for the use of her home, after which a very dainty lunch was served.

### ATTENDS CONVENTION



Winner of the Governor-General's award for the best Canadian fiction published during 1939, F. E. D. McDowell received a warm greeting at the Convention of the Ontario-Quebec Division of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association, held in Windsor. Mr. McDowell is publicity representative of the C.N.R.

### Church Shed Fire Threatened a Big Section of Erin Village

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### FIRST THOUGHT

A motorist had just crashed into a telegraph pole. Wire, pole and everything came down around his ears. They found him unconscious in the wreckage. He reached out feebly, fingers the wires, and murmured: "Thank heaven, I lived clean; they've given me a harp."

## Acton Retailers Hear Address by Geo. S. Hougham

Mr. George S. Hougham, Secretary of the Retail Merchants Association of Canada addressed a well attended meeting of the Acton Retail Merchants Association, in the Council Chamber, on Monday evening.

It was decided at the meeting to broaden the scope and make the organization one that included all the business people in Acton. A committee was appointed to recommend a slate of officers for a meeting that will be held on Monday evening next. Refreshments were served by the Association and President John Wood was in charge.

## Masonic Lodge Made Ladies' Night Delightful Occasion

Ladies' Night of Walker Lodge, A.F. & A.M., was again a popular event last night, when Masonic brethren and their wives, not only from Acton and district, but from many other lodges, gathered here. The event was held in the Y.M.C.A. building, where guests were welcomed by Wor. Master and Mrs. P. J. Salt and District Deputy Grand Master and Mrs. J. A. Leslie.

A delightful lunch was served, and a little comedy skit, "No Connection," gave variety and pleasure to the evening. Characters were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kirkness and Mr. James Ross. For the dancing, which kept the party going until closing, the Dixie Hull Orchestra provided the music. The dance floor was crowded all evening and the event was voted by all another success in every respect.

## Y.M.C.A. Players Again Score a Successful Event

"Bashful Mr. Bobbs' Delights Crowd on First Night—Will Play Again Tonight"

With their annual play again this year Acton Y.M.C.A. Players have again made a splendid presentation with the three-act comedy, "Bashful Mr. Bobbs." The play was one that was presented here some years ago and was known to appeal to all and its revival has been received with popular acclaim.

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## N.R. Thompson Named Treasurer Esqueusing Twp.

Esqueusing Township Council held their regular meeting on Monday afternoon.

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## Hillsburg Man Killed by Street Car in Toronto

Andrew VanWyck, aged 69, of Hillsburg, who was struck by a street car at Blair and Dundas Streets, Toronto, on Friday night, April 26th, and died early the following day in St. Joseph's Hospital, Toronto, from his injuries. He suffered a fractured skull, fractured ribs and bruises.

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S. H. Noble, driver of the street car, who had completed 23 years service with the T.C.C. said that Mr. VanWyck crossed the street diagonally and had crossed the street car tracks, when he apparently became confused and stepped back into the path of the street car.

Mr. VanWyck was a native of Caledon Township and was for many years employed with the Caledon Mountain Trout Company. He was a staunch member of the United Church and a Conservative. He is survived by his widow, formerly Miss Margaret Robinson; four sons, Howard, of Acton; Thos. of Ferguson; Norman and Frank, of Hillsburg; and four daughters, Mrs. Sam Bigley, Whitefish Falls; Mrs. Lorne Groh, Windsor; Mrs. Thos. Patterson, Brampton; and Miss Betty VanWyck, of Hillsburg.

The funeral was held from the funeral home of H. C. Bowes, Hillsburg, on Monday afternoon of last week a large concourse of citizens and friends being present to pay their last mark of respect. Services were taken by Rev. R. Thomas, who was assisted by Rev. W. G. Charlton, Rev. A. E. Brooks and Rev. W. D. Turner. The pall-bearers were Thos. Fitzgerald, Harry Hall, Fred Smith, Norman Potter, Robert Tarwell and Fred McMillan. The floral tributes were carried by Frank VanWyck, Tom Patterson, Gordon VanWyck, and Tom White. Interment was made in Huxley Cemetery.

Mr. VanWyck was on his way to visit his daughter, Mrs. Sam Bigley, at Whitefish Falls, Ontario, near Sudbury. He had been in the habit of visiting his daughter every spring and was on his way to make his annual visit. He had gone to Toronto by train and was spending an hour or so in the city, waiting for his train for the north. The unfortunate man was the oldest brother of Mr. G. VanWyck, Highway 10, Caledon; Mr. Archie and Miss Nancy VanWyck, Vancouver; and Mrs. Mina White, Toronto. He was also a cousin of Mr. J. VanWyck, Orangeville—Orangeville Banner.

Moved by Messrs. Murray and Cleave, that the resignation of Joseph Standish, as Weed Inspector for the Township of Esqueusing, be accepted, and that Wm. Campbell, be appointed, and a by-law be prepared in accordance—Carried.

Moved by Messrs. Harrop and Cleave, that having received a petition regarding a Union School Section and in accordance with Section 31, Clause 9 of the Union School Act, we hereby appoint L. L. Mullin as Arbitrator.—Carried.

Moved by Messrs. Murray and Cleave, that the following taxes be written off: Mrs. 1938 dog taxes, \$80.00; 1937 dog taxes, \$58.09; 1936 dog taxes, \$40.00; 1934 dog taxes, \$20.00; total, \$198.09; Mary Gilbert, 1938 business tax, \$3.10; A. Westby, 1939 business tax, \$1.43; Township of Esqueusing, 1939 taxes re Dobbie farm \$71.55; total, \$256.17.—Carried.

## Road Material Tenders Opened in Nassagaweya

Nassagaweya Township Council met on Monday, May 6th. Members all present, the Reeve presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted, also the correspondence. Mr. Lee, from the Department of Highways, was present when the tenders for road material were opened. After considerable discussion, the tender of Wm. Gilbertson for crushed stone was accepted.

## Six Young People are Injured in Car Smash on the Seventh Line

One person was critically injured, and five others hurt when a carload of young people, bound for a dance at Erin, crashed into the side of an eight-ton truck on a narrow bridge, five miles north-east of Acton, on the Seventh Line, Esqueusing Township, on Friday night.

## Inspector Gives Splendid Report of Public School

At the regular monthly meeting of the Acton School Board, Trustees V. B. Rumley, F. S. Blow, Dr. P. G. Oakes, J. H. Boyd and G. A. Dills were present and Chairman Dr. A. J. Buchanan presided.

The report of Inspector J. A. Partridge was received and read to the Board. In this report, Mr. Partridge gave praise of the work of the teachers on the staff and the school spirit that was shown throughout. He commented favorably upon the playground supervision and improvements in the grounds. The school, under Principal McKenzie, was doing good work and he was pleased that the Agricultural Course had been started.

The improvements in the interior of the school were noted and it was hoped that a continuance of these improvements would be made, either on a yearly schedule or as a complete work, and paid for over a period of time.

Another letter from the Inspector said that various grades of mural paper were being tried out before a toll was purchased.

A letter from the Department of Education requested the name of the person to whom the certificates were to be sent in August. The Board, by motion, named Secretary R. M. McDonald to receive these certificates.

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

W. D. Talbot, supplies	\$ 12.61
Empire-Hanna Coal Co.	145.32
Hinton's Store	1.20
Scott's Paint Co.	2.50
Bell Telephone Co., services	2.31
Elliott Bros.	1.34
Highway Garage	1.29
Acton Public Utilities Commission, services	22.07
Johnstone & Rumley	8.20
Symon Hardware	7.91
C. Anderson	15.33
	\$221.08

Caretaker George Mann presented a requisition of items required and requested that the Board, visit the school and decide what rooms were to be re-decorated.

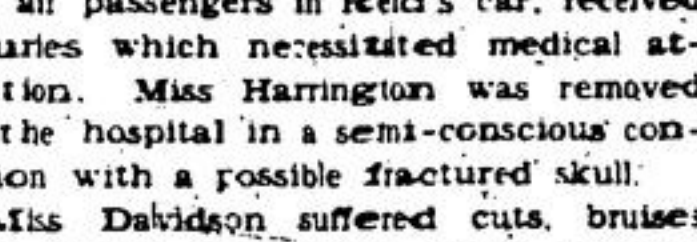
Permission was asked to have Toll Brothers address the pupils of the Public and High Schools on the day of their visit to Acton. No exceptions could be made to the rule now in force, but it was suggested that the Town Hall be made the assembly place for hearing this talk, at the close of school hours.

The matter of teachers' salaries for the next year was partly discussed by the Board. A division arose, however, and it was decided to adjourn until the following Tuesday, after a ruling had been received from the Department on the manner in which such divisions should be decided. Both motion and amendment were ruled defeated and it felt better to clear this point before proceeding.

## Miss I. Anderson Gave Address to Lakeside Chapter

A most interesting illustrated lecture of a trip to Alaska by Miss Isabelle Anderson was the feature at the monthly meeting of Lakeside Chapter, I.O.D.E. It was held on Tuesday evening in the Y.M.C.A. social room.

Interesting and informative reports of the Hamilton Convention were given by the delegates, Miss Marguerite Ryder and Mrs. A. J. Buchanan. The Second Vice-Regent, Miss Hazel Bell, presided. In conclusion the hostesses for the evening served lunch and provided for a social time.



Grave fears are being held for the safety of Richard Grew, Canadian Trade Commissioner to Norway and Denmark. Mr. Grew and his wife are reported to have left Oslo about the time of the Nazi invasion, but nothing has been heard from them.

## DUBLIN LITERARY HOLDS LAST REGULAR MEETING

On Thursday evening, the last regular meeting of the Dublin Literary was held in the school. In the absence of the President and Vice-President, Mr. Steele took charge.

## Actonians Attend Annual Meeting Cedar Crest Club

With over forty from Acton as members of the Cedar Crest Golf Club at Georgetown last season, much local interest centred in the annual meeting, held on Monday evening at the home of Mr. J. B. Mackenzie, in Georgetown.

There was a good representative meeting and the Acton group in attendance were Messrs. E. S. Force, W. K. Graham, V. B. Rumley, and P. J. Salt. The following were the officers elected at this meeting:

President—Mr. J. A. Willoughby  
Vice-President—Mrs. J. A. Willoughby  
Captain—Mr. E. S. Force  
Vice-Captain—Mr. H. Goring  
Handicap Committee—Messrs. E. S. Force, H. Goring, B. Willoughby.  
Membership Committee—Messrs. K. Langdon, P. Salt.  
Social Committee—Messrs. P. B. Coffin, K. Langdon, W. Robb.  
Treasurer—Mrs. Miller  
Treasurer for Acton Members—Mr. P. J. Salt.  
Secretary—Mr. O. T. McKay

The official opening day was set for May 24th.

A good program is being arranged, and in the evening supper will be served, followed by bridge.

## Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts or other Events, under this heading, are charged, to certain extent, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 25c.

To-night in Acton Town Hall, that three-act comedy by the Y.M.C.A. Players, "The Bashful Mr. Bobbs." Your last opportunity to see the play that is the talk of the town. Adults 25c; children 15c. Come early for best seats.