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## County Council Endorses Forming of Civil Guard

**Dissent from Oakville and Nelson is Not Explained — County to Issue Debenture for \$5,000 for Highway Construction and Improvement — Mr. Moore of Municipal Affairs Department, to Take Up County Equalization with the 1941 Council.**

Halton County Council met in Milton last Tuesday. Although the meeting was called for 10.30 a.m. Council did not meet in regular session until 2 p.m., as Mr. R. J. Moore from the Department of Municipal Affairs was meeting with the Finance Committee with regard to the proposed change in the equalized assessment of the County.

Correspondence and minutes of the last meeting were read in open council. Reports of the Standing Committees were considered in Committee of the Whole, with Mr. O. Hillmer in the chair. Reports were passed as read.

Col. J. A. Ballantine, Commanding Officer of the Halton County Civil Guard, addressed Council with reference to a resolution to which he requested the endorsement of the Council. This resolution had been asked for by the Provincial Police in the following letter addressed to the Colonel: "I would be obliged if you would have your Council pass the necessary resolution, authorizing the formation of the Halton County Civil Guard."

Request for endorsement of this resolution resulted in keen discussion when the question was raised as to why Oakville and Nelson were against co-operating with the Civil Guard as a County body.

Col. Ballantine: "I don't know why Oakville and Nelson are standing out. That is something I haven't yet found out. Whether they objected to my appointment, I don't know."

Mr. Hillmer: "Personally, Col. Ballantine, I feel you are the right man in the right place, but I would like to know, before voting for a resolution, why Oakville is objecting to co-operating with the County as a whole. There must be some reason somewhere."

Col. Ballantine: "I don't know the reason, unless it is they had ideas, other than those I have laid down for the immediate future."

## A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL HIGH SCHOOL EVENT FOR THE RED CROSS

Pupils and teachers of Acton Continuation School conducted a very successful event last Friday night, when a dance and social evening were enjoyed. Proceeds were devoted to the Acton and District Red Cross Society and \$84.62 was turned over as a result of this event.

This has been given to the Red Cross Treasurer. There was a splendid attendance and Halls Orchestra provided splendid music.

## NOVEMBER MEETING NASSAGAWAYA INSTITUTE AT MRS. L. BROWNLOW'S

The November meeting of the Nassagawaya Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Louis Brownlow, with the President in the chair. There were ten visitors, and fourteen members answered to the roll call by naming the first school house each attended, and where it was located.

## ACTON RESIDENT APPOINTED TO STAFF AMERICAN PUBLICATION

E. J. Moore, who is living with his invalid mother at the family home in Acton this winter, rather than, as has been the case for several years past, at the Roycroft Inn at East Aurora, N.Y., has recently been appointed Canadian Affairs Editor for "The American Sentry," a new journal which is aimed at the preservation of democracy in America.

## LOYALTY NIGHT AT KNOX YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING

The regular meeting of Knox Young People's Guild was held on Monday evening. After the call to worship, the singing of the hymn "The Spirit of the Lord" followed, which was led by Wilma Hansen, followed by the reading of the American Declaration of Independence.

## HAPPY HELPERS C.G.T. GROUP MET LAST NIGHT

The regular mid-week meeting of the Happy Helpers C.G.T. Group was held in the Sunday School room of the United Church on Wednesday evening, with ten members present. After the opening exercises, Anna MacDonald and Ethel Franklin conducted the devotional period. The business period was then conducted, after which some time was spent on the activity of handicraft.

## ACTON BOYS ENLISTED This Week's Register

Kenneth Buck and Hector Lambert have joined the R.C.A.F. They left for the Manning Depot, Toronto, last Saturday. Joe Hurst has joined the Royal Canadian Air Force and is now stationed at Toronto.

## Early Snow Storm Was the Heaviest Here in Years

Few older residents can recall a heavier snowstorm for November than the one that descended on this district on Tuesday night. Starting in the late afternoon, a driving storm from the east raged all night and in the morning side-walks had a good foot of snow and drifts of a foot and a half and two feet were quite common.

Rather unprepared for such a vicious and heavy start of winter, traffic was badly demoralized. Cars were frequently stuck trying to navigate the highways, and streets about town. A highway plow went through about noon and about that time the community was pretty well shovelled out. The storm had all the semblance of a February blizzard, rather than the start of winter.

## Nominations in Other Centres Not Far Distant

Several acclamations are reported in neighboring centres. Following are the nominations in centres of the district and in which readers of THE FREE PRESS will be much interested:

**GEORGETOWN**  
Mayor—Joseph Gibbons (acclamation).  
Reeve—Harold Cleave (acclamation).  
Council (six to be elected)—Ward 1, N. H. Brown, A. E. Cripps (acclamation); Ward 2 (two to be elected), J. Costigan, R. T. Cave, Clifford Bradley; Ward 3 (two to be elected), S. J. Mackenzie, K. R. McDonald (both by acclamation).  
School Trustees—Hugh Dickey, Miss A. Ryan, J. B. Kelly (acclamation).  
Public Utilities Commission—Harry Dayfoot (acclamation).

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## SPRUCLEIGH PICTURES EVENING'S ENTERTAINMENT AT DUBLIN LITERARY

On Friday evening the Dublin Literary met for another enjoyable evening in the school, with the President, Walter Linham, in the chair. After a short business meeting, representatives from Spruceleigh Poultry Farm entertained the gathering with pictures, with color sound and music, which proved very interesting. The program ended with the National Anthem. Lunch was served and dancing took place.

## Election Here? Two Year Question and School Board

Reeve Chalmers, Three Councillors and Utilities Commissioner are Returned by Acclamation

When time for qualifications for the various municipal offices closed on Saturday evening at nine o'clock, Acton was faced with a shortage of five councillors and an election for the School Board and an acclamation for the Utilities Commissioner.

Reeve J. B. Chalmers was returned by acclamation for a second term as head of the Municipality. For Council, Messrs. W. J. Oakes, J. H. Creighton, and Arthur MacDonald qualified. This leaves one vacancy for which Council will have to arrange another nomination.

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**Hydro Department**  
Bell Telephone Co. services \$ 5.52  
H.E.P.C. of Ontario, power 2,839.31  
H.E.P.C. of Ontario, checking meters 14.85  
H.E.P.C. of Ontario, supplies 5.30  
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Sutherland-Schultz Electric Co. repairs 6.83  
McDonald Electric Ltd. supplies 4.11

**Canadian General Electric Co. supplies 8.75**  
Hillard Lashby, labor 25.20  
Department of National Revenue, sales tax 74.08  
Acrow Pass Press, printing 25.85  
\$3,011.75

## Special Service Well Attended at St. Joseph's Church

Sunday at St. Joseph's Church large congregations attended the High Mass at 11.00 and the devotions at 3.00 p.m., and many also visited the church to make the Stations of the Cross to meditate on the suffering of our divine Lord, to ask for eternal peace for those who have died in the war, to comfort all those who have suffered through it and to ask God's protection for the Empire and the world. At 11.00 Mass the pastor appealed to the congregation on the significance of the day, saying in part:

"Another call and one more insistent than any before has gone forth from Vatican City for a world-wide prayerful effort in behalf of peace. To-day, November 24th, our beloved Pontiff Pope Pius XII asks all to petition the Throne of Divine Mercy, by prayer and penitential works for the return of peace, justice and Christian charity throughout the world. Among Catholics the tendency has been to recognize the need of prayer and sacrifice to effect peace on earth, and to-day they are making a concerted effort to move God to shower His needed mercy upon beset mankind. Some few may pray consistently for peace, but the majority are content with an occasional supplication to their Heavenly Father, unless, as in European hands, they have been made to feel the weight of war's horrors."

"Too many, also, have vested their faith in men, while they either excluded God from their minds or forgot His omnipotent power. To-day the Holy Father urges all to look above man to the Creator of man and of the world, and to call vehemently upon the only One Who has power to bend the wills of men and by His divine direction order the course of events. Thus we must intensify and increase our prayers. But prayer, to be most effective must be unremittingly constant, unbrokenly universal and insistently beseeching. To-day's religious surge will possess these qualities only if every one is instantly obedient to the urging of His spiritual Father to further the cause of peace and protection by prayer, by sacrifice and by penitential works: 'so as to form an immense chorus of supplication, which rising aloft and penetrating the heavens will win for us favors and the mercy of God.'"

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## Nominations Lack Quantity and Council Short One

### WILL OBSERVE THEIR FIFTY-NINTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SATURDAY

Fifty-nine years of life spent happily together will be observed on Saturday by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McLaughlin, R. R. No. 4, Guelph. It was in 1881, at Guelph, that William McLaughlin and Margaret Wallace were married.

The bride and groom at that wedding was Miss Nellie McLaughlin, sister of the groom, and best maid was the late John Frank. Both Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin were born in Nassagawaya Township. Mr. McLaughlin was a son of the late Joseph McLaughlin, whose homestead was on the Fourth Line, and Mrs. McLaughlin is the eldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Wallace, whose farm was on the Town Line.

Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin lived most of their lives in Nassagawaya, moving to Guelph in 1914, and living there until a few years ago, when they moved with their eldest son, Joseph, and their family to the farm home, about two miles east of Guelph.

This elderly couple plan to spend this fifty-ninth wedding anniversary quietly with their two sons, William and Joseph, their wives and three grandchildren, Charles, Joseph and Wilma. A host of Pax Press readers and friends will join with us in extending congratulations on this occasion and the wish that this couple will be spared many more happy years together.

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Mr. Wm. (Bill) Bailey, President of Provincial Council, gave a short and interesting address (some 'good stories included), reviewing the life of the Garage Operators' Association, pointing out the social meetings of the Operators, and the absolute frankness one with another, coupled with the whole-hearted desire to improve conditions in the trade, had proved beyond doubt the value of the Association.

Harry Harper, Immediate Past President of Provincial Council, was a welcome visitor, and spoke briefly. A bouquet of flowers was presented to Mrs. Wm. Bailey. A presentation was made to the newly married members, Mr. and Mrs. A. McKeane, of Acton. Bennett's Orchestra was in attendance for the dancing, during the latter part of the evening, which was very much enjoyed by all.

## PROGRAM CARDS, LUNCH FEATURES AT BLOOMSBURY MEETING

The regular meeting of the Bloomsbury Literary Society was held in the School on Friday, November 22nd. The meeting opened with "There'll Always Be an England." The President, Clarence Wilson, occupied the chair.

Mr. Alex. Near acted as chairman while the following program was given: Instrumental, Messrs. Alex. Near and N. McLaughlin; reading, Cameron Kilchling; recitation, Audrey Watson; reading, Mrs. Alex. Near; reading, Mrs. McLaughlin; reading, Mrs. Cameron Kilchling; speech by Alex. Near on War Savings Stamps and Red Cross work. The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

## Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, 10 cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 25¢.

## Citizens' Meeting Held After the Nominations Was Frank and Free Discussion of Many Municipal Problems — Council Gives Good Account of Year's Work — Utilities Commission Urged to Arrange for Repair Service for Consumers.

Nominations, last Friday evening, drew the usual attendance of twenty-five or thirty citizens, who are interested in the affairs of the municipality. Nominations were not numerous for Council, as usual, and, as a result, there were not sufficient qualified to fill the four seats. The following were the nominations, as reported by Clerk C. F. Leath-erland, when he announced the closing, at 8.30:

**FOR REEVE**  
W. J. O. OAKES—Nominated by N. Lambert and A. T. Brown.  
J. B. CHALMERS—Nominated by W. J. O. Oakes and A. Mason.  
A. MASON—Nominated by W. J. Beatty and F. McCutcheon.  
F. MCCUTCHEON—Nominated by A. Mason and Thos. Watson.

**FOR COUNCIL**  
J. H. CREIGHTON—Nominated by F. J. McCutcheon and C. M. Hansen.  
ARTHUR MACDONALD—Nominated by Geo. H. Ridley and W. D. Talbot.  
W. J. O. OAKES—Nominated by Wm. Cooper and S. Husband.  
STUART SINCLAIR—Nominated by J. B. Chalmers and G. A. Dills.  
W. J. BEATTY—Nominated by A. Mason and G. Rosen.  
H. R. POICE—Nominated by W. J. Beatty and J. H. Creighton.  
J. B. CHALMERS—Nominated by J. M. McDonald and P. J. McCutcheon.  
FRED MCCUTCHEON—Nominated by G. A. Dills and W. J. Beatty.

**FOR SCHOOL BOARD**  
W. G. MASON—Nominated by P. J. McCutcheon and R. J. McPherson.  
J. H. BOYD—Nominated by E. J. Nelson and P. L. Wright.  
FRED BLOW—Nominated by J. B. Chalmers and A. Mason.  
VICTOR RUMLEY—Nominated by J. B. Chalmers and Chas. W. Mason.  
J. M. McDONALD—Nominated by J. H. Creighton and N. Symon.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**  
M. SYMON—Nominated by G. H. Eantz and T. Symon.  
THOS. WATSON—Nominated by G. A. Dills and J. H. Reed.

The citizens' meeting, which followed the nominations, was held in the Council Chamber. With the attendance this room was better adapted for such a meeting and those present took a keen interest in the discussion of municipal problems and works.

Reeve J. B. Chalmers, first to address the gathering, said that the present Council had a record of which they need not be ashamed. There had been a lot of hard work in the 24 regular and 28 special meetings of the year. The municipality was better off by \$5,000 than at the same period last year.

Councillor W. J. O. Oakes, Chairman of Streets and Walks, gave an account of the work of his department. The roadways had been graded five times; 160 yards of gravel had been put on the roadways and 12 tile driveway approaches installed. Five new catch basins had been put in. The grading of the streets had cost \$110. Frederick Street opening had been quite an undertaking; 1,800 yards of fill had been necessary and the cost had been over \$800 and \$160 for a new steel culvert. He also told of the 400-foot drain installed from Church Street and the Force Electric plant. He felt that another \$1,000 should be spent to put the sidewalks in good repair. He had enjoyed the work.

Council J. H. Creighton, Chairman of the Finance Committee, pointed out that every taxpayer had been supplied with a complete statement of the town's finances. He had enjoyed Council work and if he decided to qualify for office and was elected, would do his utmost for the town.

Councillors S. M. Sinclair and J. P. Davidson were not present at the meeting. Mr. N. P. Moore felt that Council had not given attention to the flood condition that was a detriment to his property on Main Street. This matter was (Continued on Page Five)

## RAZAS AND SALE OF WORK

Please remember the Tea and Sale of Baking in the Baptist Church on Saturday afternoon, November 30th, at 3.30 p.m.