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Christmas Lighting Arranged for by Utilities Comm.

Suggest Christmas Tree Be Placed in Front of Government Building

Authorization of the transfer of \$500 from the operating account of the Waterworks Account to the General Account of the Corporation was given at the meeting Tuesday of Acton Public Utilities Commission.

The Secretary was instructed to pay the following accounts:

Hydro Department

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| Motor Vehicles Branch, truck and trailer licenses | \$ 4.00 |
| Macdonald Electric Ltd., supplies | 13.31 |
| Sangamo Company, supplies | 26.92 |
| Mrs. J. Harris, Transports, C.N.R. express | 40.59 |
| Canadian General Electric Co., supplies | 3.50 |
| J. C. Matthews, postage | 13.25 |
| Hilliard Lashby, labor | 10.00 |
| | 26.95 |
| | \$138.52 |

Waterworks Department

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| Hydro Department, power at spring | \$ 34.50 |
| Hydro Department, heating at spring | 7.06 |
| Canadian Brass Company, supplies | 32.57 |
| Hydro Department, November operations | 163.22 |
| | \$237.35 |

It was decided to renew the group plan of Public Liability and Property damage Insurance with the Canadian Indemnity Company through the Ontario Commission. The same rate was to remain in force.

The list of arrears were checked and instructions issued for their disposition.

It was decided to continue the usual plan for Christmas decorative lighting.

It was deemed advisable to have the Christmas tree this year in front of the Post Office, rather than at the Mill and Main Street corner. At this intersection it was considered dangerous for traffic and every year lights had been broken and accidents narrowly averted.

It was decided to hold the next meeting on December 23rd.

Reeve J. B. Chalmers, Commission M. Symon and Chairman C. Hansen were present at the meeting.

Business Men Plan Items of Community Interest

Several items of particular interest to Acton retail merchants were discussed on Monday night when Acton Business Men's Association met in regular session.

It was decided to ask the Council to proclaim Boxing Day (December 26th) a holiday for retail stores and banks. It was felt that with the long hours given before the holiday and since this year it comes in the middle of the week, that it would cause no inconvenience, to observe Boxing Day.

A resolution was also passed commending the Council and municipal officials on the splendid attention given to the business section following the heavy snow storms.

A social evening for the community was also discussed and will probably be held in the early spring.

The January meeting of the Association will be a supper meeting, with a speaker.

LAKESIDE CHAPTER SEND GIFTS TO NORTHERN SCHOOL.

Mrs. C. Leishman kindly opened her home for the Christmas meeting of the Lakeside Chapter I.O.O.F. A committee was formed to conduct refreshment booths at the Christmas Carnival. Good donations were sent to a special fund in aid of English evacuee mothers in Ontario.

Feature of the evening was the annual shower of Christmas gifts for a northern Ontario rural school. Dolls, games, books, toys, candy and gifts were packed in a huge box and shipped off to spread Christmas cheer. At the close of the meeting, lunch was served by Group Five.

MRS. KILLICK HAD CHARGE OF BAPTIST MEETING.

The Young People's Society of the Baptist Church held their regular weekly meeting in the church on Monday evening. Mrs. Killick was in charge of the meeting. She gave a very interesting reading and read the scripture. Every one present was given a poem to read and requested to sing one verse of a Christmas carol as a solo.

Mrs. Killick gave the topic, entitled "Strange Collecting Boxes."

Social Evening in Honor of Champion Plowmen

A social evening in honor of John Lister and Harold Pickett, of Hornby, was held recently under the auspices of the Halton Plowmen's Association, in the Oddfellows' Hall, Milton. Notwithstanding adverse road and weather conditions, 125 Halton residents gathered in recognition of the achievements of Messrs. Lister and Pickett in winning first and second places respectively in the Salada Tea Class, which is the Open Jointer in Sod, at the recent International.

Numbered amongst the guests from outside the County were J. A. Carroll, Toronto, Secretary-Manager of the International Plowing Match; Alex. McKinney, Brampton, President of the Ontario Plowmen's Association; J. Rodgers, of the Salada Tea Co., Toronto; A. G. Kirstine, of St. Mary's, former Agricultural Representative of Halton County; R. G. Brown, noted plowman of Galt, and winner of the Salada Tea Class in 1939; Clark Young, Milton, Treasurer of the Ontario Plowmen's Association.

Following a short program in which Halton's 1940 Champion Plowmen were eulogized for the honor they won for themselves and the County of Halton, the two guests of honor were presented with Gladstone Bags, the address being read by Stanley Hall, and the presentation made by Fred Robinson and Gordon Chisholm, all Past Presidents of the Halton Plowmen's Association.

The Annual Meeting of the Halton Plowmen's Association is, we understand from Secretary J. E. Whitehead, to be held on Saturday, December 14th, in the Farmers' Building, Milton. A special feature of the program will be motion pictures by Canadian Industries Limited. The films, we understand, will be of educational interest to all farmers and the local officers of the Mouldboard Association are anticipating a record attendance.

DIAMOND-ANDERSON WEDDING SATURDAY AT CAMPBELLVILLE.

Campbellville was the scene of a quiet wedding at three o'clock on Saturday, December 7th, when Marion Amelia Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Anderson, became the bride of Arthur Harold Diamond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Diamond, both of R.R. 2, Rockwood. Rev. Frank Lawson officiated.

The bride wore Turquoise Blue, and was attended by Mrs. Harland Wilson, of Campbellville, R.R. 1. Mr. Duncan Moffat, of Rockwood, R.R. 2, was best man.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. The bride donned Air Force blue for going away. Mr. and Mrs. Diamond left amid showers of confetti for Toronto, Kingston and eastern points.

HALTON GARAGE OPERATORS ELECT OFFICERS FOR YEAR.

Another milestone was passed in the life of the Halton Branch of the Ontario Garage Operators' Association on Thursday, December 5th. The Branch held their annual election of officers. It was one of the most successful meetings yet held, both in record attendance and variety of program. As this was the last meeting of the year, it took the form of a year-end party as well.

Mr. J. L. McKinley, Branch President, was in charge for the short business period of the evening. A large number of members of Wentworth Branch were welcome visitors. Mr. Wm. (Bill) Bailey, Provincial President, gave a short but very interesting address, and was the choice of the meeting to conduct the election of officers for 1941. Great interest was shown in the election, which was keenly contested. Mr. J. L. McKinley, of Burlington, who has successfully and harmoniously piloted the affairs of the Association for the past two years, was the unanimous choice for President for 1941.

The following were elected to hold office for 1941:

President—J. L. McKinley, Burlington

Vice-President—A. C. Patterson, Georgetown

Secretary—F. Sinclair, Georgetown

Treasurer—Ed. Macklin, Burlington

Board of Directors—H. Whittaker, Oakville; K. Johnson, Brant; G. Dolby, Milton; O. R. McDuffe, Milton; G. Bridden, Hornby; J. Cain, Georgetown; A. McIsaac, Acton

A social hour was spent at the close of the meeting.

SCOUT MOTHERS GAVE DONATION TO RED CROSS

The regular meeting of the Scout Mothers' Auxiliary was held at the home of Roushner. Routine business was conducted. Ten dollars was voted as a donation to the local Red Cross fund.

Refreshments were served and a social evening was enjoyed.

Half Way Mark Reached on Purchase of Spitfire

Mayor R. W. Birkett, of Acton, England, Acknowledges Assistance from Acton, Canada, in Letter to Reeve J. B. Chalmers—Hope to Have Plane Bear Motto, "Floreat Actona."

This week Reeve J. B. Chalmers received the following letter from Mayor Birkett, of Acton, England, who acknowledges the contribution from Acton, Canada of £222 toward the purchase of a Spitfire fighter.

Mayor's Parlor,
Town Hall,
Acton, London, W. 3,
7th November, 1940

My Dear Reeve:

SPITFIRE FUND

I have just received from the London Branch of the Bank of Montreal a cheque for £222, proceeds of the collection made in your town on behalf of my Borough's Spitfire Fund.

I am particularly moved by this proof of the feeling of our friends in Canada, and of their sympathy with our National effort, and I shall be grateful if you will convey to all who have taken part an expression of my gratitude. I realize that such a splendid effort from so comparatively small a community must have entailed considerable sacrifice.

You will be glad to know that we have now passed the half-way mark towards our goal (£5,000, the amount necessary to purchase a fighter plane), and I hope that when we are able to send the full amount necessary to the Minister of Aircraft Production we shall be able to have it named "Floreat Actona," the motto of both our towns.

Again with sincere thanks,
I remain,
Yours faithfully,
R. W. BIRKETT, Mayor

The Reeve of Acton,
Ontario, Canada

THE C.G.I.T. CHRISTMAS VESPER SERVICE

The lovely and impressive Christmas Vesper Service, as prepared by the National Girls' Work Board, and which is being celebrated by girls all over Canada during the next week, was presented by the recently-organized C.G.I.T. Group in the United Church on Wednesday evening. Consisting of familiar carols, Christmas scripture passages, and Christmas stories, all leading up to a candle-lighted ceremony, in which all the candles of the group were lighted in turn from the one carried by the leader, the program was splendidly adapted to the Christmas season.

Eleanor Allen acted as leader. Jean Harris read one section of scripture passages. May Niele presented a Christmas story Betty Gibson sang a special hymn while bringing a lighted candle from the rear of the schoolroom, through the darkness, to light the others. The service was closed fittingly with the familiar song, "Day is Done." The girls themselves took all of the various parts of the service, under the direction of Mrs. Omar Parker, who is leader of the C.G.I.T. Group of the church.

NAVY WEEK IN THE ACTON PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Last week, December 2nd to the 6th, was especially set aside as Navy Week in the Public Schools of Ontario to impress on our minds the great deeds performed by the British and Canadian Navies. The children took a great interest in it and many interesting talks and explanations were given regarding the Navy. Drawings, booklets and sand-table displays decorated the rooms.

On Friday envelopes were given to every child in which they placed a small donation to help provide boxes for sailors unable to have shore leave at Christmas. The total amount collected was \$23.75. This money was sent to Mr. Skive, Inspector of Public Schools, at Milton, and from there it will join the Navy League Fund at Toronto.

REDUCE CHARGE ARISING FROM MOTOR ACCIDENT IN COUNTY

A charge of manslaughter against Rodrick Toll, of Toronto, was withdrawn by the Crown in Magistrate's Court at Milton yesterday, and one of reckless driving laid. On the latter charge the accused was remanded until January 8th, when he will appear before Magistrate W. P. Woodliffe. Toll was charged with manslaughter after Hanson King, a Nelson farmer, died shortly after a car crash in which both men were involved. The accident occurred on No. 5 Highway, near Nelson Village.

Milk Producers of Halton County Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Halton Milk Producers was held in the Farmers' Building, Milton, on Saturday evening last. Approximately 40 producers braved the almost impossible roads, which incidentally prevented the attendance of officials from Toronto. W. H. Bigger, who has been Halton's representative on the Toronto Board, gave a brief but interesting summary of the activities of the Association for the past year. It was intimated that, owing to the shortage of milk and the increased cost of production, the milk price is likely to be increased \$2.35 per cent. on January 1st. In the opinion of many the meeting was the most interesting of any held for a number of years, those in attendance participating freely in the discussion. The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—John Marshall, Milton
Vice-President—W. H. Bigger, Oakville
Secretary—Treasurer—Le DeVries, Georgetown

Halton Representative on Toronto Board—W. E. Brecken, Freeman

Directors—Trafalgar, Victor, H. G. Emerson, Ford, V. J. Lawrence, Esquesing, Thos. Bird, Malcolm McNabb, Arthur Ruddle, Nusskewey, A. S. Mahon, Nelson, W. J. Robertson, R. S. Hentertington, South Wellington, Robert Kerr.

FORCE BOWLERS TAKE FIRST PLACE IN BOWLING LEAGUE

The Force Bowling Team advanced to first place in the Guelph Central Bowling League Tuesday night by defeating Hatters, 5-2. This win put the team one point ahead of Hatters, who led the League previously.

The new bowlers on the team deserve great credit for the way they have improved since the start of the season and are now able to battle with the best of the teams.

The score:

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| M. Roope | 193 | 210 | 240 | 643 |
| H. Otterburn | 173 | 190 | 363 | |
| W. Crawford | 196 | 176 | 170 | 546 |
| R. Langford | 196 | 157 | | 353 |
| W. Coyle | 313 | 295 | 242 | 760 |
| E. S. Force | 363 | 213 | 254 | 830 |

Force Electric 1065 969 1096 3121
Hatters 867 1065 732 2665

Milton to Have Election for Council Hydro Commission

Mayor, Reeve and three School Board members were all acclaimed in Milton nominations. Eight men had qualified as candidates for six Council seats at the expiration of the time limit given candidates to qualify Saturday night. Two men also qualified for the one Hydro Commission post. Acclaimed men and candidates in the election December 16th, follow:

Mayor—A. E. Armstrong (re-election)

Reeve—Dr. C. H. Heslop (re-election)

Council—G. H. Ferguson, R. H. Ptolomy, S. A. Fure, C. G. Riddell, C. Gosland, H. Cousen, E. D. Sykes, W. Bouchie

School Board—R. W. Fox, North Ward, Edward McKinnon, East Ward; Stanley Luck, South Ward all by acclamation.

Hydro Commissioner—(1), two-year term—H. McGrogan, J. S. Robinson

ANNUAL MEETING KNOX Y. W. A. LAST EVENING

Last evening the members of Knox Y.W.A. gathered at the home of Mrs. (Rev.) H. L. Dugie for the last meeting of 1940. The divisional exercises were taken by Mrs. Alex. Mann and Mrs. S. Matthews. Mrs. O'Hara gave a reading from the Good Tidings and Mrs. Mildred Hallinger rendered a Christmas reading.

The election of officers took place as follows:

Honorary Presidents, Mrs. Beattie and Mrs. Cooper.

President—Mrs. S. Matthews.

First Vice-President—Mrs. I. Inglis.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. A. Mann.

Treasurer—Miss Isabel Smith.

Assistant—Miss Grace Lantz.

Secretary—Miss Emma Cole.

Assistant—Miss Margaret Brown.

Chairman—Miss Ursula McDonald and Mrs. F. Cole.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the retiring President, Mrs. Spelvoegel. The reports of the various committees and officers showed a very successful year. After the meeting a social hour was spent when lunch was served by the committee for the evening.

QUET PLEASE, FERDINAND

Helen, (Milit. CP)—Veterinarians scotched rumors of a "TB" epidemic among the bulls of Montana by deciding their hoarseness generally was the result of "too much bellowing."

ROCKALONG INSTITUTE DECEMBER MEETING HAS CHRISTMAS FLAVOR

The December meeting of the Rockalong Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. D. McNabb, with a good attendance of members present. Mrs. W. Pasmore, Vice-President, occupied the chair. The roll call was responded to by "A Christmas Verse." It was decided to give donations to Central War Charities Fund.

Mrs. B. Nelson, Convener of the December meeting, took charge of the following program: A Christmas reading, was given by Mrs. W. Patterson; Mrs. C. Tull gave a talk on the motto, "Whatever you do, do kindly." Mrs. B. Ransden favored the meeting with an instrumental Christmas music. Miss Margaret Ingle and Miss Myrtle Maude gave an excellent food demonstration.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the committee ladies passed around homemade candy. Mrs. W. Black rendered a fine solo.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the hostess. The meeting closed by singing the National Anthem.

Acton Masons Elect Officers for the Year.

At the annual election of officers on Monday night, the following were chosen to head Walker Lodge, A.F. & A.M., for the year:

W. M. Bro R. P. Watson
S. W. Bro R. MacArthur
J. W. Bro W. O. Middleton
Chaplin—V. W. Bro Wm Cooper
Treasurer—Bro W. K. Graham
Secretary—V. W. Bro R. M. McDonald
S. D. Bro Wm Near
J. D. Bro J. M. Steele
I. G. Bro H. C. Helwig
D. of C. W. Bro F. McIntosh
S. S. Bro T. G. Aiken
J. S. Bro A. J. Buchanan
Organist—Bro C. P. Leatherland
Auditors—Bros. W. G. Middleton, E. Gruschow
Tyler—W. Bro W. R. E. Binn
Examining Board—V. W. Bro Wm Cooper, W. Bro J. B. Chalmers, W. Bro H. L. Ritchie

BROKEN NEEDLE LLODGED IN EYE INFLECTING SERIOUS INJURY

Miss Dorothy Lazenby suffered a serious injury to her eye when a needle in one of the glove-making machines at the Storey Glove Co. plant broke and pierced it, lodged in her eye. Part of the minute particles of steel were removed at the hospital in Guelph, but one piece was so deeply imbedded that Miss Lazenby had to be taken to the General Hospital in Toronto to have the steel removed.

The accident happened on Tuesday morning, and was a most unusual one. Latest reports indicate Miss Lazenby is making satisfactory progress and it is hoped the eye sight will not be affected.

PRESENTATION MADE AT CHRISTMAS MEETING VICTORIA MISSION BAND

The Victoria Mission Band of Knox Church held their regular Christmas meeting on Thursday last. The meeting was divided into two parts, the first part being opened by the call to worship, read by the President, Dora Hansen. Scriptures were read by Mrs. Mrs. Coleman, Judy Beer, Marjorie Rockes, and Joyce Beattie. Several Christmas carols were sung and Joyce Desarsault sang "Holy Night." Aileen McIsaac read the "Legend of Gifts," and the Mission Band then sang "followed."

After the presentation of White Gift—the presentation of Awards to Florence Salt, Inez McLellan, Mary Ritchie, Aileen McIsaac, Helen McLellan, Joan Somerville, Helen Somerville, and Margaret Somerville. Mrs. Hassard presented a Life Membership Seal to Dorothy Massey. Florence Salt and Inez McLellan presented Mrs. Ritchie, a retiring worker from the Mission Band, with a salad set. Jimmy Spelvoegel led in prayer. Candy was passed to the members. The meeting closed with a carol.

CHRISTMAS ITEMS ON PROGRAM OF KNOX YOUNG PEOPLE'S

The regular meeting of Knox Y.P. Guild was held on Monday and was in charge of the Service Committee, of which Wilma Hansen is Convener. The Lord's Prayer was repeated in unison and the Roll Call was answered with a Christmas character.

The Scripture was read by Marjorie Hall and chapter 6 of the Study Book was given by Jean Beattie. Joyce Desarsault rendered a delightful solo and Mrs. P. Anderson gave a very interesting reading on the origin of the carol "Good King Wenceslas." Margaret Brown rendered a very enjoyable piano solo and Doris Blow gave a Christmas Poem.

A sing-song of carols and the National Anthem followed by the Benediction closed the meeting.

County Plow to Clean Roads Eramosa Township

Highway Department Approved Speed By-laws for Rockwood and Eden Mills

The Council for the Township of Eramosa met in the Town Hall, Rockwood, on December 8th, at 7:30 pm at the call of the Reeve.

The Trustees of the Police Village of Rockwood were present and it was decided to engage the County snowplow on Township roads and village streets at once.

The following correspondence was ordered to be filed: Letters from the Department of Highways, approving the speed by-laws for the Police Villages of Rockwood and Eden Mills, and calling a meeting at Guelph on December 9th; from the Department of Municipal Affairs, thanking the Council for their co-operation in the success of the Municipal School at Rockwood on November 21st, from the Canadian Mothercraft Society, and from a legal firm in connection with the Ferguson-Cataraugus abandonment of the C.P.R.

The Highway Auditor's Report for 1939 was examined and accepted.

Accounts for \$826.59 were ordered to be paid and Council adjourned.

ACTON BOYS WILL PLAY WITH ARMY TEAM

According to a sports item from Stratford, the H.L.I. stationed there will have a hockey team, with several former Acton boys on the line-up. Frank (Twitter) Holmes will play goal for the team, and "Iron" Backus will be on defence. Manager of the team is Corporal Harry Farr, who Acton boys recall on the Park team when they played against them. Jimmy Quinn of Eramosa, is also a candidate for the team.

GENEROSITY DESIRED MORE THAN TIDINESS IN A HUSBAND

The regular meeting of the Home-Industry Library Society was held on Friday. The President, Clarence Wilson, occupied the chair. The roll call was answered by "Your Favorite Sport."

Thos. Gordon acted as chairman while the following program was given: Reading, Wallace Lazenby, debate, "Resolved, that it is better to have a generous, untidy husband than a stingy, tidy one." The affirmative side was upheld by Mrs. George Watson and Mrs. Jack Dennis, and the negative side was upheld by Mrs. vanGosen and Mrs. Berberich. The judges' decision was given in favor of the affirmative side. Reading, Mildred Wilson. A contest was conducted by Clarence Wilson, reading, Leonard Nightingale. An interesting talk was given by Mrs. Pender.

The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem. Entertainment was played, with prizes going to Mrs. Alex. Near and Mae McLaughlin. Lunch was served and a social hour was spent.

BEARDMORE CO. AWARDED CONTRACT FOR WAR SUPPLIES

In the latest list of war contracts announced by the Department of Munitions and Supply an Acton firm has secured an order for materials. Beardmore & Co. have been awarded an order amounting to \$22,000.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, in this column, are charged, 10 cents per line, with a minimum charge for six announcements of 50c.

Wednesday, December 18th, 8:00 p.m., the United Church School Christmas Entertainment.

Knox S.S. Christmas Tree Concert, on December 18th, at 8:00 p.m., in the Church. Admission, Adults 15c.

Woodside Christmas Concert, Friday, December 20th, Program, Lunch and Dance. Admission 25c.

United Church Women's Association Baking Sale and Tea, Saturday, December 17th, at 8:00 o'clock (Standard Time). Admission 25c. Lunch served.

Knox Ladies Aid are holding a Gift and Baking Sale and Afternoon Tea on Saturday, December 14th, from 3 to 6, in the Council Chamber.

Come to S.S. No. 7, Nassagaweya School Concert on Tuesday evening, December 17th, at 8:00 o'clock (Standard Time). Admission 25c. Lunch served.

At-Bannockburn School, Monday, Dec. 23rd, Christmas Concert. Songs, Dialogues, Plays. Dance at conclusion of concert. Admission: Adults 25c; children 15c.