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Subsidizing of Agriculture Urged by County Council

Last Meeting Defers \$8,000.00 Expenditure on New Road Machinery — County Debenture Sold, to Bear 3 1/2%, but Municipal Board Urges that Monies be Raised Otherwise — Council Expresses Appreciation and Regard for Retiring Warden.

The final meeting of Halton County Council was held in Milton last Tuesday, followed by the Warden's dinner at night. Minutes of the last meeting were read and commended and communications were read by the clerk.

The following resolution was passed by Council at their last meeting, but with held from publication until such time as it had been received by the proper authorities: "Moved by Leslie Kerns, seconded by W. N. Gilbert, 'Whereas the Canadian people as a whole are anxious to make their maximum contribution in pursuing the present war effort to a successful conclusion; and whereas we feel this is only possible by equal sacrifices on the part of every citizen of Canada, both rural and urban; and whereas agricultural commodities are at the pre-war level in contrast to increased prices for labor and many industrial commodities, which is resulting and forcing a percentage of our rural people to leave their farms and take positions in industry to the detriment of our agriculture; be it resolved that we respectfully suggest to the Federal government through the Honorable Minister of Agriculture, that immediate consideration be given to the temporary subsidizing of Agricultural commodities or the establishment of labor and industrial commodities at pre-war levels. And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Dominion Minister of Agriculture, the Ontario Minister of Agriculture and the several County Councils of the Province of Ontario.'"

—Carried.

An unusual amount of correspondence was dealt with by the Council, most of it sent on by the County Councils, of respectful consideration and endorsement by Halton County Council. All these special communications were laid over until the next meeting by recommendation of the committee.

A letter from the Ontario Municipal Board will probably give next year's Council much food for thought. This letter read in part as follows:

"I am directed to advise you that the Board's desire is to have expenditures such as these, in the future, included in the council's annual budget. This would avoid the issue of debentures and would provide for a pay-as-you-go policy.

"Expenditures such as these" referred to in the letter, apply to the \$5,000.00 debenture for which a by-law was prepared at the November meeting. Third reading was given this by-law (No. 725) and it was passed. The \$5,000.00 raised by debentures was for County Road construction work.

Mr. Roy Smith, county engineer, addressed the Council with reference to the advisability of purchasing a dual purpose truck with a 4-wheel drive at an estimated cost of \$8,000.

Mr. Smith: "The county roads are now in the condition to lend themselves to the rapid use of a maintenance and snow-removing equipment. This new type of truck would expedite the road work considerably. Roads could be dragged at ten m.p.h. instead of at the present rate of 3 m.p.h. In addition to the cost of the truck it is advised by the Department that a depreciation fund be set up and taken care of by the general rate.

Mr. Hillmer: "Well I have nothing to say against the road work. I think they are doing a swell job. But I don't see why this depreciation fund should come from our general rate. Keep it to the Good Roads account. The general rate, as it is, is already out of proportion to that levied for road work."

Mr. Smith then explained at some length what advantages would accrue from this particular type of equipment. "Saving on road work would be considerable and rental would more than cover the amount set aside for depreciation."

Dr. Heslop: "Would we get Milton roads plowed out with this equipment?"

Mr. Smith: "Yes, after the County roads were done."

Mr. Hillmer: "That's all right, but I still don't see why this depreciation fund should come out of the General Rate."

Dr. Heslop: "That's all you've said for an hour!" (Laughter).

Mr. Byrns: "We must admit the County roads are a big expense, but we must remember our County road system covers 160 miles. I think possibly this machine would be a good buy."

Mr. Smith: "Perhaps, I should explain that this machine would take the place of two pieces of equipment already in use."

Mr. Cleave: "I would like to congratulate Mr. Smith on the efficient way in"

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Venison Dinner of Acton Legion Held Last Evening

The annual venison dinner of Acton Branch of the Canadian Legion is one that has come to be an outstanding occasion in the annals of the Branch. President J. M. McDonald seems always sure of bringing in the venison and those charged with its preparation are indeed versed in the cooking of the prime cuts served. This dinner was held last evening in the Legion Hall and a number of citizens and guests from neighboring branches were invited.

Those who attended maintained it lived up to past traditions. Those who attended for the first time were convinced it was a special occasion. Heaping plates of venison, mashed and browned potatoes, turnips and peas were served, followed by generous cuts of pie, sufficient, and if one helping were not as often as desired.

In the little informal remarks which followed, President McDonald outlined some of the aims of the branch and the work being carried on, not only for ex-service men, but by ex-service men in the present struggle. Guests present made brief remarks and complimented the Legion on their work. The sing-song around the piano and splendid informal music was enjoyed. It was regretted by all that through illness, Mr. Jos. Laing, of Kitchener, who usually attends these events, was unable to be present.

An orchestra, comprised of Messrs. Chas. Landsborough, Rudolph Spielvogel and Ray Agnew, contributed musical numbers.

Four Platoons Reviewed Here by Commanding Officer

Three platoons of Lorne Scots C Company were inspected on Tuesday night by Major-General C. F. Constantine, Officer Commanding Military District No. 2. The inspection was held in Acton Arena and many of the citizens of Acton and district attended and watched with interest.

The Lorne Scots Band was on hand and about 150 soldiers participated in the inspection. Col. H. Brock Chisholm and Major J. B. Barber were in charge. Second Lieut. Rolfe Barber was in charge of 13th Platoon, from Georgetown; Lieut. A. J. Buchanan was in charge of 14th Platoon, Acton; Second Lieut. Kelly was in charge of 15th Platoon, from Milton; and Second Lieut. Paul Barber had charge of the trench mortar platoon.

Following the march past, in which Gen. Constantine took the salute, each of the four platoons gave a display of platoon drill.

Eramosa Reeve and Council to Seek Re-election

Declaring Intentions at Final Meeting of Year — Accounts of \$1,423.27 Are Passed

The Eramosa Council met in the Town Hall, Rockwood, at 1:30 p.m., on December 18th. Present: Reeve D. D. Gray, Councillors W. J. Pinnock, E. H. Benham and Roy I. Leslie.

The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Fred Smith, thanking him for the use of his office for relief purposes during the year 1940.

\$50.00 was ordered to be returned to Mr. John McLaren, gravel contractor for 1940, and Council adjourned.

The Clerk was invited to the chair for the usual valedictory speeches by members of Council and officials present; each, in turn, expressed his satisfaction in the co-operation of members of the Council and officials in the year's work, and it was announced that the Reeve and each of the four Councillors would be candidates for their respective offices for the years 1941 and 1942.

Keen Interest of Wool Industry in Plant Here

During the past week or two several men of high standing, and interested in the wool industry, not only of Canada, but in Great Britain, visited the new plant here of the Wool Combing Corporation of Canada.

Among these were Mr. Leslie Biggin, President, and Lord Barnby, who has interests in the English wool industry as well as here. Hon. J. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, and the Wool Commissioner for Canada, were visitors at the plant.

All were pleased with the progress being made toward operation and the general lay-out of the new industry. Part of the processing is already in operation and new units are rapidly being made ready for production.

4 SHOPPING DAYS TILL Christmas



ACTON JUNIORS REGULAR MEETING LAST THURSDAY

The regular meeting of the Acton Junior Farmers was held in Lorne School on December 5th. After a short business session, Mary McCallum was called upon to act as chairlady for the program.

Isabel and Leslie Swackhamer gave delightful musical selections. Elwood Johnston gave an account of the conference concerning "Reforestation," which he had attended in Hamilton. Dorothy McKendle and Blanche McKinnon sang enjoyable duets. Stewart Elliot, John Black and Dot Frank favored with musical selections. Isabel Swackhamer read the second edition of "The Junior Farmers' Tatler." Audrey MacArthur sang solos.

The meeting closed with the National Anthem. Lunch was served and dancing followed.

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FORCE BOWLERS GO TO SECOND PLACE IN BOWLING

The Force Bowlers slipped off the top rung into second place in the Guelph Commercial Bowling League last Tuesday night as Spars Bros. team defeated them by a score of 5-2.

This defeat places the Force team three points behind the Royal Hotel team, for first place, and three points ahead of the next three teams, who are tied for third place.

The score:

M. Roote	166	145	192	503
E. S. Force	241	198	183	622
R. Crawford	224	127	169	520
R. Langford	144	242	145	532
W. Corry	303	168	224	705

Force Electric 1088 881 923 2892
Spars Bros. 1021 1004 1009 3034

DEER SEEN RIGHT ON NO. 7 HIGHWAY FARM

On Sunday, a full grown deer played about in the orchard at the farm of Mr. John C. Dennis, on No. 7 Highway. It apparently had come from the bush land in the Blue Springs area, and had crossed the highway and leaped over the snow fence into the orchard. Upon hearing dogs, it ran and passed through between the house and barn and ran to the back of the farm and into the shelter of the bush. It is not uncommon, lately, to see deer in these parts, out in the fields browsing quite contentedly.

Nominations Were Plentiful Councillor Davison Elected

Twelve Nominations for the One Vacancy on the Council — Only Councillor Davison Qualified for the Position — Municipal Bodies All Ready for New Year Start.

There was an attendance that didn't even crowd the Council Chamber last Thursday night, when ratemayers were asked to meet to nominate one member for the Council; that had not been filled by the regular nominations. That small group was apparently of one mind — to put up plenty of nominations at least. When the list was closed, Clerk Leatherland gave the following nominations:

FRED DAVISON — By W. J. Coon and G. H. Lantz.

EVAN JONES — By Wm. Roszell and S. Husband.

JOHN CHAPMAN — By J. E. Chalmers and G. H. Lantz.

GEORGE LANTZ — By J. E. Chalmers and E. B. Grischow.

FRED COLES — By E. B. Grischow and J. E. Chalmers.

THE FREE PRESS ON TUESDAY NEXT WEEK

Next week THE FREE PRESS will be issued on Tuesday evening. The mid-week holiday is the obvious reason. The same issue day (Tuesday) will also be observed in the following week.

May we have the co-operation of correspondents, and all in meeting this earlier publication day? Copy of advertisements will require to be in the office on Monday morning to meet this publication time.

Coming on Christmas Eve, that issue of THE FREE PRESS will be a splendid one to carry the Christmas greetings of merchants to their customers and friends.

New Industry Starts Production in Acton Plant

Baxter Laboratories of Canada, Ltd., of Acton, Specialize in Dextrose-Saline Preparations

The first of last week saw the beginning of productive operation by Baxter Laboratories of Canada, Ltd., after a month spent in remodeling and installing of equipment in the building purchased from the Mason Knitting Co. on Willow Street.

The firm, which moved to Acton after three years in Toronto, are the pioneers in the manufacture of prepared intravenous solutions for hospital use. They specialize in a complete line of dextrose-saline preparations, together with equipment for the transfusion of blood and the preparation of human blood plasma.

The Acton plant handles all shipments to Canadian points, together with export trade with New Zealand and Great Britain.

The company is under the direction of Wm. A. Heveran, Vice-President and General Manager, ably assisted by T. H. Gewecke, Assistant Secretary and formerly connected with the parent company, Baxter Laboratories, Inc., Oshawa, Ont., and Mr. Heveran, prior to coming to Canada, was manager of the company's New York office.

It is anticipated that the company will employ approximately fifteen people, most of whom will be local residents.

Rev. E. G. Baxter Resigns as Pastor Baptist Church

At the services on Sunday, Rev. E. G. Baxter tendered his resignation to the congregations of Acton and Georgetown Baptist Churches to take effect at the end of March. Mr. Baxter will go to assume charge of the Baptist Church at Thorold.

Mr. Baxter has been pastor of the local church since January, 1936. During that time he has served the congregations faithfully and well and holds a warm place in the hearts of the congregations. While his removal is regretted, all will wish him continued success in the new charge.

KNOX CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE HELD LAST NIGHT

The sound of Santa's laugh in the midst of war's alarm was heard again in Knox Sunday School last night. Of course there were lots of children there and the majority were just over 16 when asked their age. They all had their registration cards to show it. The concert was exceedingly good, particularly the one act play by the group from the Young People's Guild. And on the advent of His Majesty Santa Claus the distribution of those highly colored bags began, and so far on into the night, Santa got away without our thanking him. So thanks, Saint Nicholas.

UP A QUARTER

London (CP)—You need almost an ounce threepence to the shilling to live in England in wartime. The cost of living has risen 23.87 per cent. since September 1st, 1939.

FORMER ACTON PLAYER MURRAY EZEARD IS SERIOUSLY INJURED

A bad spine injury was suffered by Murray Ezeard, left winger of Toronto Marlboros, and formerly of Acton, in Monday night's Ontario Hockey Association springer game at Niagara Falls. Dr. J. H. Davidson said. The physician said the athlete would be able to return home at the end of this week; but that he would require much rest, and would be out of action for at least six weeks. Ezeard was hurt in the first period, when bodychecked hard at the Falls defence.

MILTON DEFEATED TWO-YEAR TERM FOR MUNICIPAL BODIES

The entire list of six Councillors who sat in 1940 were returned at the Milton elections Monday. Because Mayor A. E. Armstrong and Reeve Dr. C. N. Heslop received acclamations, the 1940 Council was returned intact.

Milton voters turned down the two-year term by a vote of 243 to 212 and defeated a proposal to widen Main Street by 185 to 109.

George H. Dawson headed the Council poll with 330 votes. In second place was C. G. Riddell, 317, with R. H. Ptolmey third, with 314, and Harry Coulson fourth, with 296. The fifth Councillor elected, S. A. Fay, received 293 votes, while G. C. Gowland was sixth, with 213. The other two candidates were Edmund Syer, with 211, and W. A. Bousfield, 75.

J. P. Robinson was elected Hydro Commissioner over R. H. McGrogan, by a vote of 260 to 186.

Sunday School Concert and Treat for United Children

The happiness of the children was very evident at the annual Christmas entertainment of the United Church Sunday School on Wednesday evening. This was to some extent accounted for by the fact that giving, as well as getting, at the festival season, was well emphasized.

The first section of the program presented the old-time song and recitation features, with first a hymn sung by the little tots of Mrs. Earl Vincent's and Miss Dorothy Kiebing's classes, followed by recitations by Muriel Burns, Eleanor Beatty, Una Purdy, and Marie Parker, of Mrs. Fred Cleave's class. Another song, "Sleep little Baby o' Mine," was nicely done by the girls of Mrs. J. H. Boyd's class.

The second section comprised a Christmas pageant, "The Glory of the Stars," in which Mrs. Omar Parker, as a mother, told the story of Christmas to her children, while this was being presented in action, song and story by older boys and girls, in costume. The part of the Wise Men, for instance, was taken by Don Evans, Bill Vincent and Jack Stewart, all of whom sang appropriate solos. The Shepherds were Don Force, George Elliott, Jack MacDonald and John Agar. A number of the older girls furnished background, and the Junior Choir, placed behind the curtain, did several carols at timely intervals.

With the third, the getting section of the program, a gorgeously-costumed Santa appeared and unloaded a huge sack of candy bags and oranges galore on the platform. These were given to the children, first to the little tots, who came up individually as their names were called, and then to the older scholars in groups. Several other gifts were presented by the school to specially faithful scholars — to Ethel Franklin, who had attended fifty Sundays during the year, and to Joyce Lamb and Glenna Parker, who had been at school forty-nine Sundays. It was discovered, also that Shirley Kentin had been present fifty Sundays and a gift for her will be given later.

Superintendent A. T. Brown was in charge of the program, Mrs. J. Chester Matthews directed the pageant, and the Church was well filled with the fathers and mothers and friends of the scholars.

Garbage Collection Starts First Week of New Year

Mason Knitting Company to Give Bonus This Year

The Mason Knitting Company will, this year, pay a bonus to all employees of that firm which will amount, in most cases, to over two weeks' salary, although the bonus is not worked out on the weekly salary basis.

Moving in January to new and larger quarters in Acton, the firm has had a very busy year and has had difficulty in meeting the demand for this popular brand of children's underwear which carries the "Mason Knit" label. In conversation with Mr. Mason, THE FREE PRESS also learned that the usual winter holiday that is allowed, for repairing and making ready the machinery for the period from Christmas until after the New Year, when the plant will immediately go into production again. This is another of Acton's industries that gives steady employment to about sixty residents and distributes its products from coast to coast and a splendid payroll among the residents here.

Warden Finney Honored Tuesday at Annual Dinner

Presented with Beautiful Chair as Token of Esteem by Fellow Councillors

Citizens from many walks of life in the County, former Wardens and Reeves of Halton County, and County Council officials from Peel, gathered on Tuesday evening to honor Warden George Finney at the conclusion of his term of office as head of the Halton County Council for 1940. About 100 guests sat down to the splendid turkey dinner, with all the trimmings, from tomato juice to mince pie and coffee, provided at the Milton Inn.

Guest speaker for the evening was Rev. Frank Lawson, B.A., of Nassagaweya. His subject was "Canada's Effort in the Great War." It was a straight from the shoulder expression of opinion, aptly illustrated by story and enjoyed by all. Mr. Lawson was introduced by Mr. John Irving, of Milton.

Mr. Gilroy, of Milton, was toastmaster for a list of toasts, which included: "The King"; "Canada," proposed by Hughes Cleaver, M.P. Responded to by His Honor Judge Munro. "Army, Navy and Air Force." Proposed by Mr. W. M. Robinson. Responded to by Mr. W. Dick, K.C. "Ex-Wardens." Proposed by Mr. J. E. Whitelock. Responded to by Mr. Amos Mason, Mr. George Currie. "The Press." Proposed by Mr. Harold Cleave. Responded to by Mr. Geo. C. Atkins. "County Council." Proposed by Thos. A. Blakeleok, M.P.P. Responded to by Mr. Norman Gilbert, Dr. Heslop. "The Warden." Proposed by Mr. Wilfred Hall. Responded to by Mr. George Finney.

As a mark of the esteem in which he was held, and the associations of fellow County Councillors during his term of office, Mr. John Byers read an address, expressive of this feeling, and a beautiful chair was presented in behalf of the Council, by Mr. H. Cleave.

In reply Mr. Finney expressed appreciation of this token and the kindly thought which prompted it.

Mr. Robert Johnston rendered several Scotch songs, which were greatly enjoyed and demanded encores.

CHICKEN SUPPER GUEST SPEAKER AT Y'S MEN'S CLUB

Mr. Clifford West, International Y's Men's Director for Ontario, was the guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Y's Men's Club on Thursday evening. In his talk, Mr. West outlined the scope of development of the Y's Men's Clubs throughout the world, and the fine piece of auxiliary work being done by Y's Men's Clubs in the Y.M.C.A.

Following Mr. West's talk, the Club disposed of several items of business.

The Ladies' Auxiliary served a special chicken supper, which was much appreciated by every member. The next meeting will be held on January 9th, at 6:30 p.m.

IT'S STILL AN ONION

London (CP)—Dehydrated onions are part of the latest trick to come from the Food Minister's desk. The Ministry is considering granting licenses to import the dried vegetables from Egypt — in limited quantities.

Council Proclaims Boxing Day a Holiday for Retailers and Banks — Mr. E. Ryder to be Arena Secretary — Insurance Policies Revised and Reeve Complements Committee on Improvement Made — Other Items of Year End Business.

At the meeting of Acton Council, held on Monday evening, Councillors W. J. Oakes, S. M. Sinclair and J. H. Creighton were present, with Reeve J. B. Chalmers presiding. Councillor-elect Arthur MacDonald was, by invitation of the 1940 Council, present at the meeting, to become acquainted with procedure.

The Clerk read a communication from the Kingsville Council, asking them to pass a resolution which was to be forwarded to the Federal member, Mr. Hughes Cleaver, asking that all members of the Canadian Active Service Force be granted a pass to ride free of charge on the C.N.R., while on official leave. This resolution was passed.

A letter was read from the Business Men's Association, thanking the Council for the prompt removal of snow in front of the business places after the snow storms.

Another letter from the Acton Business Men's Association requested that the Council issue a proclamation, declaring December 26th a public holiday for the retail stores and banks. The following resolutions was, therefore, passed: Moved by S. M. Sinclair, seconded by W. J. Oakes, and resolved, that the Reeve be instructed to issue a proclamation declaring Boxing Day, December 26th, 1940, as a public holiday and directing that all retail stores and banks be closed on that day. — Carried.

The Clerk presented a receipt from the Borough of Acton, England, for £222, which had been sent as a gift for the Spitfire Campaign.

Mr. Fred Coles was present to request the Town Hall, instead of the Arena, for the Legion Christmas carnival. The request was granted.

Mr. L. Waxman was present to request a notice be published, informing the citizens when he would make the garbage collection. All those houses on the north side of Mill Street, and all those east of the C.N.R. tracks will be collected in the morning and the south side of Mill Street in the afternoon. Regular collections will be made on Tuesdays and Fridays. It is requested that no container be set out weighing over eighty pounds filled, rather put out two smaller containers. The collection is to start on Friday, January 3rd.

The following accounts were passed and, upon motion of W. J. Oakes and S. M. Sinclair, motioned paid:

Dr. E. J. Nelson, M.O.H. salary, etc.	\$119.50
Whitham's Garage, Sunoco for fire truck	1.30
Township of Equesting, taxes	11.16
County of Halton, use of grad	30.00
Bell Telephone Co. services	11.31
Acton Public Utilities Commission, services	191.15
Acton Free Press, printing and advertising	5.22
South End Garage, gas and repairs to fire truck	18.54
Bank of Montreal, debentures and coupons	374.88
Bank of Nova Scotia, debentures and coupons	513.90
Pease Foundry Co. Ltd., plumbing	288.00
Robt. Wallace, stone for cesspool	6.00
Keenan Fence Co., snow fence	48.50
G. Clifford, building cesspool	3.50
Elliott Bros., supplies, Town Hall	.45
I. B. Wedge, cutting wood	1.00
John Kennedy, wood cutting	1.00
R. L. Davidson	4.00
Fred McCutcheon, truck	7.50
Acton Legion, wreath for Memorial Day	8.00
	\$1,844.87

Settlement of a claim for hospital account against an indigent patient was discussed. Correspondence was read on this matter. The following resolution was passed:

Resolved, that the Clerk be instructed to advise the County of Halton that we will not consent to anything being (Continued on Page Five)

Coming Events

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

Everton Choral Society Concert, December 30th.

At Bannockburn School, Monday, Dec. 24th, Christmas Concert. Songs, Dances, Plays, Dance at conclusion of concert. Admission, Adults 25c; children 15c.