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County Council Gives \$300 to Proposed Organization

Only One Dissenting Voice Ruled Against Proposal. — Lorne Scott Also Get Increased Grant. — Resolution from Other Municipalities Are Endorsed. — Equalization Again to the Forefront.

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Halton County Council held its third meeting of the year in Milton on Tuesday with all members present. In the forenoon communications and minutes of the last meeting were read by the clerk. In the afternoon committee meetings were held by the Good Roads Committee and the Agricultural Committee prior to the general meeting of the council.

When council finally reassembled in regular session a delegation of farmers from the county regiments waited upon the council. Colonel Fitzgerald, former commanding officer of the regiment introduced his successor Colonel R. V. Conover. Col. Conover gave a short outline of the activities of his regiment and regretted that the department had not yet called them to active service. Because many of the men were anxious for overseas service 500 of them had already transferred to other regiments, according to the Colonel. He also stated there were at present about 825 in the regiment, 600 of whom had expressed willingness for active service.

Asked if he could give any reason why the Lorne Scott had not been called Colonel Conover stated that it was probably due to the fact that when the war first started, Colonel Kenny who previously commanded the Lorne Scotts had applied for the regiment to be represented as a three unit. This had been done and those officers and men appointed had been sent overseas. But now it was felt this representation was not enough and Colonel Conover said: "We would appreciate it very much if this council would draft a resolution, that this regiment should be mobilized. We are doing good work individually, but as units are being drafted into other regiments our regiment as a whole is not getting any credit. And we are ready to go at any time the call should come." Col. Conover also asked for the usual grant from the county.

A delegation of farmers representing the Federation of Agriculture was also present. Their spokesman being Paul Fisher. Mr. Fisher outlined the aims and purposes of the Federation and asked that the council give them a grant to help finance this organization. Towards the end of the meeting when this matter was under discussion a somewhat heated argument took place after it had been moved by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. Robertson that a grant of \$300 be made to the Halton Federation of Agriculture. The dissenting voice was that of Harold Cleave of Georgetown. Mr. Cleave argued that the farmers were not getting a square deal and that they should get better prices for their crops.

Whether it was a fair thing to expect the general taxpayer to support an organization which was entirely to the benefit of the farmer. Mr. Cleave felt the \$300 grant which had been suggested should be levied against the farmer should be sufficient to finance the organization and it was not then the membership fee should be raised. However, since the other members all presented the case of the farmer and thought the motion was quite in order it was finally passed unanimously except by Mr. Cleave.

Committee reports considered in a Committee of Whole with Mr. Finlay as chairman were as follows: — Hospitals Accounts passed. — County Buildings. This committee recommended payment of accounts and also that two rooms in the caretaker's living quarters be redecorated. — Agriculture Committee. Payment of accounts. — Special Communications. This committee recommended that the following resolutions be passed: From Peel County Council. Resolved that this council go on record as strongly objecting to the setting of prices of hogs and cheese and other farm commodities, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to all county councils, to the Ontario Agricultural Council and to the Dominion and Provincial Department of Agriculture. From the County of Welland. Resolved that this council is of the opinion that legislation should be passed providing for the compulsory

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Drastic Action To be Taken on Utilities Arrears

Use of Water and Electric Services Continued on the Increase

At the meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission on Tuesday evening accounts were passed for payment as follows:

Hydro Dept.	557
Bell Telephone Co. services	3,061.94
E.E.P.C. of Ont. Fish power	3,061.94
Jas. H. Kennedy, Corp., supplies	32.15
Hydro Inspection Dept. fees	2,220
Moffatt's Ltd., repairs	2.97
Cannadon General Electric Co., supplies	29.11
Dept. of Public and Commerce, metre inspection	6.60
C.N.R. and transports	2.61
Dept. National Revenue, sales tax	72.57
Acton Free Press, printing	22.11
Total	\$3,236.93

The superintendent reported that pumping of water was now normal but increased from that of a year ago. The repair of water metres and putting more metres in service was discussed. It was decided by motion to purchase gasoline from the local dealers rather than as at present from the supply at the fire pump house for use in the truck. This would enable the Corporation to secure a rebate on the tax. All the commissioners were present at this meeting.

"SISTER SUE" A COMEDY PLAY AT DUBLIN LITERARY

On Friday evening the Dublin Literary met in the school with the president Walter Linham in charge. It was decided to have a tongue-twister for the roll call at the next meeting. Stewart Elliot very capably acted as chairman for the program. Mrs. Danahy introduced the society with her remarks rendered a pleasant and Betty Britton gave a reading. "Sister Sue" a one-act comedy play was then presented under leadership of Walter Linham, by the following cast: Mrs. C. C. C. Mrs. W. Linham, Dorothy Barber, Vera Webster, Molly Cuts, Lawrence Webster and Jimmie McLean. The meeting closed with the National Anthem, luncheon was served and a very enjoyable evening of dancing sport.

MARCH MEETING ACTON BRANCH OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The March meeting of the Acton Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. E. Gamble with the president, Mrs. Laurin in charge. After the opening exercises, the motto "Learn to Know You Neighbor" was given. Current Events were given by Mrs. Wilderspin. Roll Call was answered by "Hints on Summer Cooking" when some good good tips were given. It was decided to send a donation to the War Victims Fund, also to send a baby's layette through Mrs. Atkens in Toronto for the needy in England and arrangements were made for more socks. A story of "The Adventure of Mr. Todd" was read and slips had been passed around and each filled in the spaces. It was very amusing and caused some real fun. A St. Patrick's society was enjoyed and the social committee served all the good things. In April the branch will visit Mrs. Earl Lambert.

SUNDAY SCHOOL VAN WORKERS INTERESTING STORY

A story of great interest was told last Friday afternoon at a social meeting at St. Alban's Rectory of Sunday School Van workers operating in an area half the size of Europe in western Canada. The speaker was Miss Iris Snyde of Waplesford, England who has been working with Miss Egan through the London Show 1926. The first van went out in 1929 and now the Church of England has twenty-four of them manned by voluntary teams of trained teachers and a motor mechanic (both women). They have reached lonely settlements and ministered to both physical and spiritual needs. They are licensed to conduct services.

Miss Snyde told of the numerous bales of clothing brought each year from England and of the interest of the "Mummies" in the work, who after the outbreak of war sent clothing provision from Buckingham Palace for 150 families. In 1939 the King and Queen inspected a van at Regina and presented a signed photograph to Miss Hassell "to pin up in the Van" as the Queen said.

The speaker also told of their discovery of Communist and Nazi agents at work and how they were able to pass on valuable information to the "Mummies". She told a thrilling story of Miss Hassell on her way along a narrow mountain road when after making three hairpin turns, the road crumbled beneath her wheels, the van started to slip, finally struck a boulder and turned over. When she got out the road from the battery, but she reached in, got her camera, took a picture of the overturned van, went around and took the service. Afterwards the men righted the van and she drove it seventy miles to the nearest garage for repairs.

Miss Snyde's talk which was illustrated by fine slides was much appreciated by all present. She was a guest at the Rectory while in Acton.

MORTON-MARSHALL WEDDING HERE SATURDAY EVENING

Knox Church Manse was the scene on Saturday evening of the marriage of a popular young couple of Acton when Ella, daughter of Mr. Earl and the late Mrs. Marshall, became the bride of Mr. Russell Morton, well known local hockey and baseball star and now a member of the Dufferin Hallowood Rifles, stationed at Niagara. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. L. Bennie. In a dress of turquoise blue, with matching accessories and carrying a bouquet of tulipian roses, the bride was indeed charming. She was attended by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Norman Morton, tastefully attired in blue flowered silk. The Norman Morton, brother and also of the same regiment was groomsmen. Following a wedding dinner served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Morton, Frederick Street, at which guests were present from Acton and Toronto, the popular couple left for a motor trip to western points.

BOX SOCIAL OF JUNIOR FARMERS HELPED WAR VICTIMS FUND

The regular meeting of the Acton Junior Farmers was held in Latin School on March 17th. Representatives from the International Harvesters Company showed movies of modern farm machinery and its uses, also of other interesting topics. The president conducted a short business session after which followed a brief program. An first talk was given by two of the club girls, a number of the male quartet, including Mr. Jack Hollinger. A violin duet by Mrs. Martin Hassard and Margaret Stewart. Mr. R. L. Davidson, chairman of the boxes to the proceeds of which were donated to the War Victims Fund. Luncheon was enjoyed by all young farmers who followed.

ST. PATRICK'S AND MAPLE GROVE MEETING

The Maple Grove Literary Society met in St. Paul's R. C. Church on Friday evening last. The president, James McNabb was in the chair. The following numbers made an interesting program, read by Myrtle Mackie and Evelyn Shultz, reading on St. Patrick, Elmer Maude, sign stations Mrs. J. D. McNabb, general talk on Ireland, past and present. Mr. C. O. Plunk paper read by Evelyn Shultz, descriptive articles, special features of Ireland, recitation by Mrs. C. O. Plunk, contest, Mrs. Shultz, community singing, dancing completed the evening's entertainment.

Halton Seed Fair Attracts Record Entry and Crowd

Junior Farmers' Judging Competition Held at Same Time — The Prize Winners

The sixth annual Halton Seed Fair was held in the Milton Town Hall on Friday and Saturday, March 7 and 8. The entry was the largest on record. There were a total of 54 entries in cereal grain (barley and the special classes for ten bushel lots of both oats and barley were special features. According to C. L. S. Palmer of the Dominion Seed Branch and W. Web of the Field Husbandry Department, O.A.C., who were the official judges, the quality of the grain was most excellent and compared favorably with any grain exhibited in former years. The "T. Eaton" Trophies which were offered for the championship lots in both small seeds and cereal grains were awarded to Norman Cantel, Toronto and Bruce Hedges, Georgetown respectively. Similar trophies were awarded to Robert Miller, Georgetown for having sponsored the largest number of entries and to J. H. Willmott as the exhibitor making the largest number of individual entries. The exhibits were shown in uniform bins supplied by the Halton Crop Improvement Association and these coupled with some excellent educational displays gave the hall a very attractive appearance. At the special session held on Saturday afternoon, the hall was filled to capacity. President J. H. Willmott of Milton acted as chairman. Mr. J. A. Cargill, superintendent of Agricultural Societies for Ontario and Mr. W. E. Brecken of Freeman, past president of the local association, were the special speakers. Mr. Cargill took the subject "Winning the War" and the Agricultural Front while Mr. Brecken spoke on "Winning the Farm Situation in 1941". The addresses of both speakers were most timely and were well received by the large audience. Other speakers included C. L. S. Palmer of the Dominion Seed Branch who spoke briefly on "Hybrid Corn and Open Pollinated Varieties" and Mr. Norman Tenant of the Crops, Seeds and Weeds Branch, Toronto, who discussed "Hereditary Mixtures". The annual Junior Farmers' Judging Competition in grain and seeds, fruit and vegetables and grain grading were held in conjunction with the seed fair on Saturday morning. The high man of the event was George Truchon of Bronte with the Strathcona Orchard Trophy for the high man in fruit and vegetables was won by George Fisher of Georgetown, the Halton Seed Trophy by Gordon Leslie of Acton and the Halton Cream and Butter Trophy by Walter Reed of Milton. The trophies were presented to the winners by Mr. W. R. Graham, former head of the Poultry Department, Ontario Agricultural College and Mr. George H. Clark, former Dominion Seed Commissioner and Mr. George Dawson of Milton.

Midget and the Bantams Play-off in Hockey Games

These were one double in the Midget and Bantam Hockey Leagues last night, that Acton is wanting in hockey talent. Spirited on by the spectators, who yelled themselves hoarse, the boys played the best brand of hockey they have displayed all season. Their ages ranged from 9-16 years and both sides were so low that up until the bell rung at the end of the games it might have been anybody's son. The two clashes were between the top talents in the Midget League who wore the Mason Knits and the Stoney Gloves, coached by "Sarge" Hassard and Cliff Young respectively and the Wood Juniors and Tamers, coached by W. Benson and M. Leitch respectively. The championship of the Midget League went to the Stoney Gloves who beat the Mason Knits 2-0. The Bantam game proved to be a seven o'clock and went into overtime. At the end of the regular time the score was 1-1. Ten minutes overtime was played with no score and all-round effort on the part of the boys. In the second overtime period was played on the basis of the final goal to either side to end the game. Both boys were fairly well played out when overtime broke through. Sarge the winning goal for the Tamers during the championship. Every player on each team played an outstanding performance. Line ups were: Tamers — Knight, McPhail, Keenan, Masales, Evans, Drone, Clayton, Johnson, Allen. Wood Juniors — Kirkwood, Palmer, Crawford, Bruce, Rushmore, Robinson, Davidson and Patrick. The leading scorers in this league were:

Goals	Assists	Points
Masters	5	5
Crawfords	3	1
Valdrons	1	4
Clayton	2	4
Keenan	2	1
Robinson	1	1
Allen	3	2

IRISH "JIM CROW"

BELEFAST, Ireland. "C.P.C." classes "roof-spotters" are a feature of the air raid precautions measures being taken throughout Ulster.

HALTON JUNIORS MEET IN INTER-CLUB PROGRAM

Halton High School addressing was crowded to capacity on Friday evening last for a new innovation sponsored by Halton County Junior which took the form of inter-club half hour programs. The judges for the event were Mr. R. H. Clements, Mrs. E. H. Brown and Mr. E. H. Galloway, all of Milton.

The decision for the first half hour program went to the Norval club whose program consisted of vocal duets by Misses Hyatt, readings by Joe Lyons, a story by a group of the young men which exemplified the inter-club situation and a musical drill in which twelve young ladies participated in most attractive costumes. This drill in the opinion of many was the highlight of the evening's program and Miss Janet Henderson who trained the group was the recipient of many words of congratulation. In presenting his trophy to the winning club, Mr. W. I. Dick congratulated all four clubs on the excellent program which they presented. Melvin McLaughlin of Acton, president of the Halton County Juniors acted as chairman with the following acting as master of ceremonies for the respective groups: Norval, Lorne Landy, Acton, Mansel Nells, Palermo, George Atkins, Milton, Win Tolton. The evening's entertainment was brought to a conclusion by a short dance.

Were Declared Champions of the Two Groups

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ST. PATRICK'S BANCE AIDS FUND FOR BRITISH WAR VETERANS

The St. Patrick's Bance arranged by Acton branch of the Canadian Legion proved a popular event last Friday evening in the Town Hall here. Music was provided by the Gibson Boyd seven-piece orchestra. Luck prizes were given in War Savings Certificates and Mr. Anderson also received a lucky prize for having his birthday nearest the date of the dance. Mr. and Mrs. B. Ramsden were the spot dance prize.

The orchestra presented five dollars to George Muselle to add to the fund to send to the British war veterans.

Council Vacancies Filled At Nominations on Monday

Beardmore Team Champs in Rural Hockey League

Defeat Norval Monarchs by 3-1 — Game on Friday Night Here

Defeat by that Acton team, raised and never ending Captain Frank Gibbons, and managed by that manager of champions, V. B. Ramsey, the Beardmore team which emerged winners and possessors of the Ramsey Cup last Friday night. They had to meet the strong Norval Monarchs, guided by El Pomero who had led the league all winter and had only suffered one defeat all season before the final game. It was a battle between two well-matched sides that saw the Beardmore team which made a shaky start at the first of the season win with a 3-1 score.

Norval got the first corner when White for Beardmore's had the shot blocked but it trickled off his pads and into the goal.

Walter on a pass from Gibbons tied up the score in the second period. And Lantz put the Yammers a goal in the lead in this period. It was anybody's game.

When Arbie drew a penalty in the third period it looked bad for Beardmore. But that veteran Frank Gibbons knew the answer. Instead of falling back on defensive tactics the team kept the puck in Norval territory.

The result: Major slipped a pass to Frank who riddled home the final score. Norval was unable to touch the puck but the game proved a splendid game.

Barney Sheer was the referee. The following was the line up: Norval: Kempstead, goal, Gowland, Teasdale, defence, Watson, centre, Shortz, I. W. Lantz, E. W. Marchmont, Stapleton, Banting and Carter, alternates.

Beardmore: White, goal, Marz and Arbie, defence, Frank Gibbons, centre, Walter, I. W. Lantz, E. W. Hyder, Lantz and Dawkins, alternates.

Following the game both teams were lined up on the ice and a J. A. Dill, editor of The Free Press presented the Ramsey Cup, emblematic of Acton Rural League championship to Captain Frank Gibbons. He also took occasion to congratulate Mr. Pomero, manager of the Norval Monarchs on the splendid game they had put up. Each team was heartily cheered by their opponents as they left the ice.

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Messrs. A. Mason, J. M. McDonald and E. Jones assume the Task of Completing Term—All Men of Former Municipal Experience — Twelve Were Nominated. — Citizens' Meeting Which Followed Provided Sage Lively Discussion and Enlightenment on Various Subjects.

Acton's third municipal nomination meeting for 1941 brought out the usual crowd of about a score of citizens. However a dozen candidates were proposed for the three vacancies and three citizens of wide municipal experience were prevailed upon to complete the year's council work.

Ex Reeve Amos Mason, ex Commissioner E. Jones and former chairman of the School Board J. M. McDonald, have assumed the posts and agreed to carry on council work for the balance of the year.

The following is the list of the nominees put in for nomination: FRED McCUTHEON, WM COON, EVAN JONES, AMOS MASON, DUNCAN McTAVISH, E. S. FORCE, J. M. McHOPALD, CHAS. KIRKNESS, CLAUDE COOK, W. GEO. MASOR, GEO. LANTZ, H. HELWIG.

As long as there are nominations it seems "there'll always be a meeting after" and while the crowd was slim there was some lively discussion that proved interesting to all interested. Reeve Chalmers presided at this forum of municipal discussion.

Mr. George Lantz took occasion to criticize council for their action in allowing a creamery building to be erected on Main Street. He felt it would be a nuisance with bad odors and smoke. He did not favor allowing a one-story building being erected in the business section of the town. It was unjust and unfair to owners of adjacent property and taxpayers to allow the building to be erected.

Clark Leatherland said that to his knowledge the only building which applicable were one necessary to obtain a permit and another specifying that in this area a building of stone, brick, cement block or fireproof material could be erected. The building by-law did not limit a building to one-story in any section.

Mr. A. Mason while expressing understanding of Mr. Lantz objection felt that a modern creamery building properly installed would overcome these objectionable features.

Mr. E. Jones when called upon said he was giving the matter of candidate for council consideration and expected to qualify for the office.

Mr. J. M. McDonald expressed surprise at his nomination. He had given up many community activities to be available for other work. He felt however, that taxpayers were being helped in these days. He also expressed the thought that taxpayers and property owners whose money was being administered should be considered first when municipal nominations and elections were held. He promised to give the matter close consideration.

Mr. A. Mason felt that mention of his name in municipal nominations had become a matter of routine. He (Concluded on Page Four)

Coming Events

A series of meetings concerning a "New Event" under the auspices of the "New Event" are being held in the town hall on the following dates: —

The Minstrel Show and Dance at Hallowood has been postponed until Tuesday March 25th at 8 p.m. (S. T. - Auspices of Canadian Red Cross)

The Three-Act Comedy "A Family Disturbance" will be presented in Acton by the Ontario Legion on Monday March 24th at 8 p.m. by Oyring Young People. Note the new date please.

Expanding Township Federation of Agriculture is holding meetings in Acton Town Hall and Hallowood Orange Hall on March 21st, and at Norval Parish Hall on March 25th at 8 p.m. Standard Time. Speakers at Acton, M. M. Hobbipani, at Hallowood, W. Brecken, at Norval, P. Fisher. Come and bring your wives and neighbors.