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## 3 Resignations Received No Tenders for Painting

### Salary Increases Are Granted Principles of Both Schools Trustee Boyd Resigns Owing to Removal to Guelph—W. George Mason Appointed to Vacancy— Miss M. Jackson and Miss E. Young Resign from Staff.

Trustees V. B. Rumley, Dr. F. G. Oakes and G. A. Dills and Dr. A. J. Buchanan were present on Tuesday evening when Acton School board met in regular monthly session.

Principal McKenzie presented and discussed various matters pertaining to the public school. Principal Letich presented a requisition for supplies among these an encyclopedia Britannica. Purchase of this set was recommended which included a revision service for ten years and a used set of books of science. The cost was \$157. Supplies for the entrance examinations were also requested.

The secretary read a letter from Principal Letich requesting an increase in salary of \$200 without regard to the living allowance of \$100 that had been granted all teachers.

A letter from Miss M. Jackson expressed appreciation of the Board's offer of re-engagement but she had decided not to renew her teaching contract.

A letter from Miss Bell stated she could not reply to the offer for a few days.

Letters of acceptance of the Board's offer were received from Miss Hicketta, Miss Daisy Folster, Miss M. Hollinger, Miss Henderson.

A letter from Miss E. Young said she was giving up teaching this year and could not accept re-engagement.

Caretaker George Mann asked the Board to consider restoration of the reduction he had in salary and request part of this reduction of \$200.

A letter from Principal McKenzie requested that his salary be \$1400 instead of \$1350 plus living allowance of \$100. He stated if the Board could not meet this amount he could feel free to accept any offer that was better, but was prepared to remain here if this request was granted.

All of the teachers writing expressed appreciation of the helpfulness given by the Board and their offers of re-engagement and added living allowance.

It was decided to allow Mr. Mann an extra living allowance of \$75.

A motion was passed offering Mr. McKenzie an increase in salary of \$100 plus \$100 living allowance.

Another motion offered Mr. Letich an increase in salary of \$150 plus a living allowance of \$100.

The secretary read a letter of resignation from Trustee J. H. Boyd in which Mr. Boyd stated that he was removing to Guelph. He realized he could carry on the work until the end of the year and come from Guelph to attend the meetings but he felt such fulfillment of office was not fair to the other members of the Board who were carrying the extra work.

He expressed pleasure he had in serving and the courtesy of the chairman in the conduct of the meeting and wished the Board and School every success for the future. The resignation was accepted and the Board expressed appreciation of Mr. Boyd's work on the Board, and the secretary was instructed to write Mr. Boyd to this effect.

According to statute the Board was required to appoint a duly qualified person to fill the vacancy. The Board by motion appointed Mr. W. George Mason to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Boyd for the year and for 1942.

Tenders were received for paint for the school but no tenders for the other work such as painting, excavating and repairing the stairway.

The secretary was instructed to advertise again for tenders for doing the painting.

The supply committee were to purchase the examination supplies to be used for the future. The Board expressed appreciation of the committee's work in painting, lighting and other work that was not reported for.

The fifth report of the finance committee recommended payment of the following accounts:

Hell Telephone Co. service	\$2.50
Acton Public Utilities, service	6.09
Supreme Manufacturing Co. supplies	3.00
W. D. Talbot, supplies	1.75
	\$13.34

## Lakeside Chapter Are Hosts To Visiting Groups

Tuesday evening was visitors night at the Y.M.C.A. when the Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. entertained the John Milton and Earl of Glamis Chapters I.O.D.E. of Milton, the Countess of Strathmore I.O.D.E., Georgetown, the Duke of Devonshire Chapter and the local branch of the Canadian Legion.

As it has been the annual custom for several years rings were presented to the outstanding girl and boy student of the Acton High School. Mrs. O. Somerville outlined qualifications and made the presentations to the winners of this year's class, Marie Clayton and Irvine McKeown.

Mrs. Vincent presented Joyce Desrocault with the Mrs. M. R. Moore prize for obtaining the highest marks in the Musical Festival.

A humorous recitation was given by Flora Sayers and a delightful solo was sung by Mrs. Wm. Maxwell, (nee Ruth Gibson), of Guelph.

Major E. M. Wansbrough, M.M. Command Dental Officer of No. 1 Training Command, R.C.A.F., guest speaker was introduced by Mrs. Buchanan. He said he felt he should come to Acton especially as a number of the local boys are serving in the Dental Corps. He outlined their work and gave a most interesting paper on the development of the Dental Corps from its inception to its present-day efficiency.

Miss Hazel Bell extended a vote of thanks to Major Wansbrough and to all the guests for visiting the Chapter. The meeting closed with the National Anthem after which lunch was served by Groups Five and Six.

## BIG INTEREST IN MONSTER BINGO NEXT WEDNESDAY

Advance enthusiasm indicates that the Monster Bingo next Wednesday night in Acton Arena will be one of the biggest events held in some time. There will be games and booths that will make this event have a real carnival aspect.

It is being sponsored by Beardmore Employees' Association and the entire proceeds are to go to the British War Victims' Fund. The \$10 door prize is a feature that is attracting sale of tickets.

## More Garages Are Entered and Articles Stolen Therefrom

The breaking and entering of garages and service stations has become almost an epidemic here. On Thursday night attempts were made to enter Norton Motors and Tyler's service station. In both instances the thieves had not taken into consideration that the proprietors living quarters are in part of the same building and they were frightened away. At Tyler's the thieves, after arousing Mr. Tyler, drove away after having gasoline put in their tank, without paying.

Oil and tires were taken from the Highway Garage of Alex. McLane two nights previous. The garages seem to be the victims of an epidemic which Chief Harrop and Provincial officers are investigating.

## I.O.D.E. MAKES CONTRIBUTION TO LORD MAYOR'S FUND

The June meeting of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter of Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire is held at the home of Mrs. W. Clayton on Tuesday evening. The Regent Mrs. Barr presented reports of the various committees and department committees were received.

The donation for the swimming season was to be given to the committee a very generous donation to be sent for the Lord Mayor's fund, London, England.

Group II reported a very gratifying proceeds from the movie held recently. Miss Daisy Folster gave the current events after which the meeting adjourned and the members proceeded to the Y.M.C.A. where they were guests of the Lakeside Chapter.

## FRIENDS HONOR MRS. H. BURNS BEFORE DEPARTURE

By means of a gay strategem, Mrs. H. Burns was surprised to find herself guest of honor at a farewell party held Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. D. Taylor and Mrs. J. Symon. At least a dozen friends enjoyed the laughter and entertainment provided by contests and community singing.

When Mrs. Gifford had paid enthusiastic tribute to Mrs. Burns for her friendliness and willing co-operation in church activities, and expressed regret at her pending departure, Miss Margaret Franklin presented the guest of honor with a beautiful program in which her name was mentioned.

The sentiments of the party were best expressed by the hearty singing of "Should Auld Acquaintance be Forgot," and "God be with you till we meet again." Mrs. Burns replied graciously thanking her friends for their thoughtfulness. The hostesses then served lunch and the party ended as it had begun, with laughter and singing.

## Eramosa Council Purchases \$1,000 Victory Bond

### Rockwood Town Hall Ownership Has Changed—Accounts of \$2,030.05 Passed

The council of the township of Eramosa met in the town hall, Rockwood, at 1:30 p.m. on Monday June 3rd, as a Court of Revision and for general business. The members were all present and the meeting presided.

Moved by Messrs. Benham and Leslie and carried: That the Court of Revision confirm the 1941 assessment roll subject to the auditors' report, and the Court of Revision is closed.

Moved by Messrs. Rutherford and Pinkney, and carried: That the Act respecting the Rockwood town hall, having passed, and the ownership of the hall changed, the clerk is instructed to register the property according to the terms of the bill.

Moved by Messrs. Pinkney and Rutherford and carried: That the township of Eramosa subscribe to the Dominion War Loan by purchasing a Thousand Dollar Bond to create a fund to be used for bridge replacements when required; the clerk is instructed to sign the application, and the tax rate is to be increased one-half mill accordingly.

Moved by Messrs. Leslie and Benham and carried: That accounts amounting to \$2030.05 be passed for payment and council adjourn to Monday, July 7th, at 7 p.m. S.T.

## TENNIS GROUP APPOINT OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR

The tennis committee of Acton Lawn Bowling and Tennis Club has been organized for the season. Jas. Ross is chairman and R. Sly secretary; Dr. W. G. Cullen, treasurer; and N. Marlow, Captain. Lunch committee is Miss K. Chapman and Mrs. J. Metcalf; Mr. W. Benson is in charge of equipment.

## No Appeals in Assessment of Esqueping Twp.

### Salary of Treasurer Set At \$400 Per Annum—Other Items Township Business

A Court of Revision for the township of Esqueping was held Monday morning at 10 o'clock. Wm. A. Wilson, C. H. May, G. W. Murray, Edwin Harrop and Gen. E. Cleave were present.

After taking the required oath, it was moved and seconded by Murray and Harrop, that Wm. A. Wilson be chairman of this Court of Revision. Carried.

As there was no appeals, it was moved and seconded by May and Cleave, that the rolls as finally revised and corrected for the year 1941, be now passed by this Court and the clerk be authorized to certify to said rolls. Carried.

The June meeting of Esqueping Township Council was held on Monday afternoon. All members present and Reeve Wilson presiding.

After the correspondence had been read it was moved and seconded that the treasurer pay:

Bell Telephone Co.	\$40.00
Cecil Chisholm, stamps and registered letters	71.29
A. W. Benton, dog tags, stamps, registered letters	61.50

H. Robertson, stamps	3.00
Aylin Young, 5 lambs killed	45.00
Duncan Walde, valuer	2.00

Moved and seconded by Cleave and May, that the treasurer pay the road shows as presented by the road superintendent—\$857.48. Carried.

Moved and seconded by Harrop and Murray, that the Treasurer pay the relief accounts as presented by the relief officer \$46.60. Carried.

Moved and seconded by May and Murray, that township labor be paid at the rate of 30c per hour. Carried.

Moved and seconded by May and Cleave, that the salary of the treasurer be \$400 per annum, to date from June 3rd and the clerk be instructed to prepare a by-law in accordance. Carried.

Moved and seconded by Cleave and May, that this council do now adjourn to meet on Monday July 7th, at 7:30 p.m. standard time, or at the call of the Reeve. Carried.

## STUDENTS SUCCESSFUL IN UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

Among the successful university students this year Actonians and former residents here, Miss Margaret Arnold, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Arnold, will graduate this year at Western University with her Bachelor of Arts degree.

From the same university Mr. Jack Graham, son of Mr. W. K. Graham, will also graduate this year with the Bachelor of Arts degree.

Miss Beth Harrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Harrison was successful in passing her third year examinations in the medical course at Toronto University.

To all these young people *The Free Press* joins with many other friends in extending congratulations on their success.

## SPLENDID DISPLAYS TO AID VICTORY LOAN CAMPAIGN

Two window displays of special merit have been made here in connection with the Victory Loan drive. The entire windows of Johnstone & Rumble, has been devoted to a splendid arrangement carried out by Mr. E. E. Barr through the Acton Branch of the Canadian Legion.

One of the large windows of Elliott Bros. was devoted to another splendid display complete with miniature soldiers, tanks and other war equipment and arranged by Elliott Bros. Both windows have been the subject of much favorable comment and interest.

## PASTORAL CHANGE ANNOUNCED FOR UNITED CHURCH

Rev. G. Clifton Gifford, minister of the United Church here, has received and accepted a call to the pastorate of the congregation at Dresden, in the Kent Presbytery, in the London Conference, and will commence his ministry in his new charge July 6th.

Rev. A. W. Fosberry of Elmira, will move to Acton and become pastor of the United Church here.

## Holstein Breeders Raise \$11,000 for British War Victims

### Prize Winners at Annual Field Day at Eden Mills Last Saturday

Unfavorable weather conditions failed to dampen the enthusiasm of Holstein breeders of Halton and Peel at their annual Field Day held at Edgewood Park, Eden Mills, on Saturday of last week. A crowd of 450 Black and White enthusiasts were in attendance for the event which included a picnic lunch followed by a judging competition and a sports program.

The winners in the judging competitions follow:

Ladies 1st, Mrs. D. G. Dunton; 2nd, Mrs. T. O. Dolson; 3rd, Mrs. J. M. Fraser; 4th, Miss Margaret Dixon.

Men 1st, Mr. Nelson Robinson and Alex. McKinney Jr.; 2nd, Harold Dolson; 4th, E. J. King; 5th, John Williamson.

Junior Farmers 1st Jimmy Reid, 2nd Dave Houck; 3rd, Ray Anderson; 4th, Garnet Laidlaw.

Presidents J. C. Bell and D. J. Dunton of the Halton and Peel Clubs assisted by agricultural representatives E. A. Innes and J. E. Whitelock were in charge of the event. C. D. Graham, chief of the extension service of the Holstein Association of Ontario was the official judge for the judging competitions.

Holstein Breeders generally are delighted with the result of the special heifer calf sale held at Brampton recently and sponsored by the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada. 103 calves in all were sold for a total well over \$11,000. Four calves donated by the following Halton Breeders: namely Anderson Bros., John Pickett, Robinson Bros. and E. Segsworth and Son averaged \$90 each. The entire proceeds are being donated to the British Friesian Association for use in relief of British War Victims.

## Calcium for the Streets Stop Signs for Church St.

### Jim McGeachie Writes From Camp Over In England

Pte. J. McGeachie  
A Coy., 48th Highlanders  
Canadian Army Overseas.  
April 27th, 1941

Hello Acton:  
How are things going in the Old Home Town, I still receive *The Free Press* regularly and sure look forward to it. I enjoy reading the news and following the changes in the town. There sure is a lot of changes in the news. I haven't seen any Acton boys far quite some time and I see there are quite a number of them over here. I sure would like to see Jack Alger. I see John Young is also here. I imagine they are in the same place we were last winter, but it's pretty hard to get around. We just can't go any place when we feel like it. I tried it once and it cost me a lot of money as well as 10 days in detention, it just doesn't pay.

We had a nice time last week-end as we were right at the East coast at a place called... It is quite a place and has a population of 70,000 in peace time. Right now an account of evacuation, it's only about 20,000. The first day we were there was a wild one. It wasn't very cold, but the wind was very strong. We had to wear eye shields and balaclavas to protect our faces from the sand as it was cutting right into us. The sun was strong though and it was real healthy weather. The second day was lovely and we all got some burnt. We saw several weeks along the shore that used to be German planes, but apparently they had met up with the R.A.F. We couldn't get right up to the water's edge on account of the mines planted for the "Hennes." It was real interesting work and we really enjoyed it. On our way home we passed through Chateaubri, so we stopped and had a visit in the famous "Cathedral" Guides book in all through it and it is a marvelous place. The workmanship is magnificent and is in practically perfect condition, considering it is 1,300 years old. We saw where Archbishop Beckett was murdered, also tombs of Henry IV and Edward the Black Prince, and all sorts of other historic things too numerous to mention. It was a very interesting visit and one I will always remember. The place is surrounded by a huge wall eight feet in height. I suppose they used to fire their bows and arrows from. The whole town of Canterbury is quaint and historic and has all sorts of old buildings. The roads are also old and are very narrow, our trucks had trouble maneuvering through them, especially if they met any oncoming traffic. We were practically rubbing against buildings. Luckily the cathedral has escaped the German's vandalism so far. They seem to pick churches and hospitals as targets. London got an awful blasting a week ago, and us being quite close to the metropolis got a front seat view. The sky was alive with planes and sounded like a bunch of humber-buses. They dropped a bunch of chandelier flares and lit up the whole place. We could see the tracer bullets going up after the flares, but it's a pretty hard target to hit. The horizon was alive with flames from the many fires and smoke from the noise of the bombs and Ak-Ak guns. We saw one plane get hit by Ak-Ak fire. The ball hit the plane like a red hot bar in the sky. We saw one group and heard an explosion. Don't say a word and the plane burst into flames. It fell in all directions but came down in pieces, but it wasn't from us. There was nothing dropped near us which we are thankful for. Our "Cathedral" was "bombed" and being hit. One of our Canadian friends in London was demolished and made a few Canadian soldiers. The cathedral's fellows in our Regiment escaped unharmed although several of them were hurt at the time. I would soon be a spectator at a "Bibi" than be in one, they are horrible things, but the people are still keeping their chins up and can stand a lot more yet.

I have seen several places where land mines dropped and the damage will do it.

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## Time Clock Purchased for Night Constable—Special Meeting to Draft Building By-Law—Plan Offered to Adjust Insurance Entanglement—Debuture Holder Will Sell Six Per Cent Bond to Corporation and Put Funds in Victory Loan.

Acton Council and Tuesday evening. Councillors J. F. Davidson, A. Mason, J. M. McDonald and Ewan Jones were present with Reeve J. B. Chalmers presiding.

Reeve Chalmers reported that part of the calcium chloride for the streets could be procured from the county at Milton this week and the balance of the order next week.

Jason Romphf was present, requesting the council rent a lot on Cobble Hill to him for the purpose of placing a house there. After some discussion the following resolution was passed:

Moved by J. M. McDonald and seconded by Ewan Jones and resolved that this council agree to sell the lot, owned by the Corporation, on Queen Street, which does not interfere with the gravel pit, to Jason Romphf for the sum of \$25.00 cash, providing the purchaser pay all legal costs, and also for the survey.

The treasurer was upon motion of A. Mason and J. M. McDonald, instructed to pay the following accounts:

J. Z. The obtain shrdl money than Dr. E. J. Nelson, attending	\$29.00
Board of Health meeting in Toronto	
Woodhall & Musselle, flowers for Planners' Cemetery	5.12
T. Runley, work	50
Acton Fair Press, advertising	2.50
Tommy Green, lawn mower repairs	14.00
Provincial Treasurer, licenses	6.00
Tax Collector, re T. Nolle, taxes from Transient Traders	23.97
Fee	
	\$81.00

The Ocean Accident release of a. Mason and J. M. McDonald, instructed to pay the following account:

A letter was read from the Department of Pensions, stating that the receipt of an Old Age Pension was issued his pension through the County of Peel as he was an inmate of the House of Refuge there. This should have been made out to the treasurer of Haldon as Haldon pays half the cost of the House of Refuge at Brampton. This pensioner is now in a Toronto hospital.

Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. requested in a letter to council that the council refund the rental for the town hall for their dance which was held in May, as the proceeds were for war work. The request was granted.

A letter from Harding Bros., Toronto, gave information and prices on time clocks. After some discussion the following resolution was passed:

Moved by J. F. Davidson and seconded by J. M. McDonald and resolved that we purchase from Harding Bros. of Canada Ltd. an "Alert" watchman's clock at \$80 together with three model E station keys with lock at \$100 each.

A local debenture holder intimated that he would sell \$700.00 of water works debentures to the Corporation and buy Victory Loan Bonds with the funds. As this debenture is a 6 per cent bond the Corporation would save more than \$700.00 in interest before the bond was matured. Council decided to inquire if there was any legal entanglements, which would stop them buying this bond and if not to purchase it at their next meeting.

Chief Harrop reported that they could secure gravel from Galloway at Eden Mills, for Acton Streets at a price included on Page Five.

Coming Events

St. Andrew's W. A. will hold a Rose Day Friday evening and Saturday. Entire proceeds for War Purposes.

# Get Into the Fight

Roll Up Your Sleeves  
Turn Out Your Pockets

# Buy Victory Bonds