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Extension Town Boundaries Discussed by the Council

Present Water Service Unsatisfactory and Contrary to By-Law—Night Constable Locker to Carry Revolver—Time Clock Shows Duties Faithfully Carried Out—New Fire Hose Purchase—Claims for Accident on Street—Fire Brigade Commended for Work at Fire Hall.

Councillors A. Mason, E. Jones and F. Davidson were present on Tuesday evening when Acton Council met for the July session. Reeve J. B. Chalmers presided.

Night Constable J. Locker was present to discuss with the council his duties. The council being made aware of the state of the clock. These duties showed the rounds made regularly. There had been criticism which Mr. Locker resented and he felt this should be cleared, and desired to have his position made plain. Mr. Locker also felt he should have more protection and be provided with a revolver. An iron bar was shown that had been thrown at him following an attempted hold-up the night previous.

A resolution was passed authorizing the purchase of a revolver for Mr. Locker. Council also expressed their appreciation of Mr. Locker's services and confidence in the performance of his duties.

A letter was read from the garage operators of Acton urging that a uniform be purchased for the Night Watchman. No action was taken at this meeting.

Mr. Ware requested that the municipality put the water service to lots which he contemplated purchasing in Esquimaux Township. He desired this assurance before purchase or building on the lots.

This request brought up the whole question of the water system supplying the houses outside the corporation on the Crescent. It was shown this section should be included into the corporation so that the situation could be properly dealt with. At present two and three houses were being served from one service where no mains had been laid, contrary to the Municipal by-laws. Pressure was not adequate and no mains could be laid to improve the service without including it in the boundaries.

The clerk was instructed to write the Municipal Board to make enquiry about the ruling made in 1918 regarding annexing to the municipality that section of the Crescent outside the corporation limits. At that time authority had been granted but the municipality had failed to take advantage of the order.

The thirteenth report of the Finance Committee recommended that the following accounts be paid:

Roofers Supply Co., signs	\$ 14.10
King's Canteen Products, etc.	35.64
A. T. Brown, supplies	1.90
Bell Telephone Co., services	8.10
W. D. Talbot, material at park	5.56
Acton Public Utilities, Services, Town Hall, street lights, pump, arena	192.63
E. T. Thorford, Division Court fees	21.00
J. H. Mackenzie & Son, Town Hall and lumber supplies	23.35
W. E. Blair, repairs at arena	4.25
C. E. Leontine, salary and disbursements	109.05
E. Harrop, disbursements, postage, etc.	2.26
D. Brown, trucking gravel	21.50
Acton garage, trucking, re fire hall	10.62
William Shepherd, trucking	3.00
D. Elliott, labor	3.25
J. H. Price, labor	1.00
Albert Harris, trucking	3.00
William Coughlin, re fire hall	22.25
N. McEachern, gasoline and chains	9.25
G. McEachern, trucking	15.91
Geo. Watson, cement mixer	2.00

A letter from the Gutta Percha Rubber Co. informed the council that the fire hose sent for repair was not repairable. Prices were given on the various brands of fire hose and the cost of using the old couplings.

A motion was passed authorizing the purchase of 200 feet of new hose at the price of \$1.15 per foot. The old couplings were to be used making an approximate cost of \$1.00 per foot. The old hose was to be sold for salvage.

A letter was read from F. W. Nicholls, director of housing regarding loans for houses in Acton. The clerk was instructed to insert an advertisement in the Free Press, drawing attention to this arrangement of prospective home owners to the favor of the council.

Another letter was read from the Municipal Board regarding the municipality's purchase of "unmatured" waterworks debentures.

A letter from the Imperial Insur-

Cows Are Struck, Hydro Disarranged, By Heavy Storm

The storm yesterday created quite a bit of havoc about here. Two cows were killed by lightning while under a tree on the farm of Mr. A. F. Mann on the highway just east of Acton.

ACTON'S POPULATION NOW AT 2,036 BY LATEST CENSUS

An early summary of returns of the census enumerators for Acton, show that Acton's population is now 2,036. This is an increase from the last census of about 200. While the figure is not large it is indicative of the steady growth that Acton has always experienced. There have been no big increases or booms but likewise depression and recessions from high figures have not been experienced.

CHISHOLM RE-UNION HELD AT HORNBY WITH GOOD ATTENDANCE

The tenth annual Chisholm Re-union was held at the beautiful farm home of Mr. Gordon Chisholm of Hornby, with a good representation of the clan present.

At noon dinner was served at nicely decorated tables. In the afternoon a game of ball was run off along with races. At six o'clock supper was served after which interesting speeches were given by Dr. Sherwood, Mr. Nixon, W. S. Chisholm and Thomas Chisholm.

Dr. Sherwood spoke of the Chisholms coming to the American shores from Scotland in 1807, when they settled in Esquimaux Township. Most of the older ones having passed away, he said, it was up to the younger ones to carry on. A collection for the War Victims Fund was taken, after which the members signed the register. Those present were from Fort Erie, Buffalo, Toronto, Milton, Hillsburg, Acton, Hornby, Goderich, Norval, Georgetown and Walkerton. The oldest member present was James Chisholm of Buffalo and the youngest member was the four months' old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Chisholm of Walkerton.

Police office was read regarding a claim of \$700 made by Mrs. Doris Morton for an accident she sustained on the streets. This office was looking after the matter on behalf of the corporation.

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Burglars Failed in Attempt Here One is Captured

Visitors at the camp from Acton included Mr. and Mrs. W. Middleton, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Fergus and Tommie Mrs. Geo. Force, Mr. and Mrs. W. Benson, Mr. and Mrs. C. Kirkness, Mr. Harold Falck, Mr. and Mrs. J. Adamson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kentner and Shirley, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hartz, Mr. L. Agat, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Beatty and Eleanor, Mrs. John Wood and Doris, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Pails and Frances.

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Pretty July Wedding Saturday Afternoon at Knox Mansie

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the Knox Presbyterian Manse, Acton, when Wilhelmine Weaver, daughter of Mrs. E. Anderson of Acton, and the late Mr. Wm. Weaver, became the bride of Harvey Douglas, Metuchen, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. McCutcheon of Acton. The Rev. H. L. Dennis officiated.

The bride wore a frock of white silk jersey with round girlish neck-line, puffed skirt and large white pleated bodice. Her hair was styled in a soft, wavy roll. The groom wore a suit of blue serge and a white shirt with a red tie.

The wedding party included the bride's mother, Mrs. E. Anderson, and the groom's mother, Mrs. E. McCutcheon. The ceremony was held at 2 o'clock on Saturday afternoon.

HALI-SINCLAIR WEDDING SATURDAY IN ALTON

The marriage took place Saturday evening July 13th at Alton of Helen Corn, daughter of Mr. Alexander Sinclair and the late Mrs. Sinclair, to Mr. William Henry Wright, son of Mr. Wm. Hall and the late Mr. H. Hall, Acton. The rock garden of roses and delphinium made a very pretty setting where the Rev. Donald Sinclair officiated at the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, and a gown of white net over taffeta with finger tip veil and train of blue tulle. She wore a pearl necklace and a pair of pearl earrings. The groom wore a suit of blue serge and a white shirt with a red tie.

The wedding party included the bride's mother, Mrs. E. Anderson, and the groom's mother, Mrs. E. McCutcheon. The ceremony was held at 7 o'clock on Saturday evening.

HALTON JUNIORS HOLD PICNIC AT HUTTONVILLE PARK

Halton Juniors held their annual field day and picnic at Huttonville on Tuesday of last week. Owing to the shortage of labor on most farms, the event was modified somewhat from former years. A mixed softball tournament was held in the early evening amongst teams representing Acton, Norval and Palerme groups.

After defeating both Palerme and Norval clubs by close scores. Approximately 200 spectators to the picnic supper, which was followed by an enjoyable dance with Jack Mack's Orchestra of Toronto providing the music.

GRIS' CAMP AT STONEY LAKE BOYS' CAMP CLOSES

The Acton Y Girls' Camp is now a reality. The arrangements have been completed by the Y's Men's Club for our girls to go to Camp Ingelstone at beautiful Stoney Lake, twenty-five miles north east of Peterborough. This camp is owned and operated by the Peterborough Y.W.C.A. and is completely equipped. It offers every opportunity for a glorious outing in location, personnel and environment.

County Equalization Settled by the Judge's Decision

Amos Mason Chosen President Halton Conservatives

At the annual meeting last Wednesday evening in Milton of Halton Conservative Association, Mr. Amos Mason of Acton was chosen its president for the year.

Other officers elected were: 1st vice-pres., Allen S. Nicholson, Burlington; 2nd vice-pres., Mrs. Grace Hallett, Oakville; treasurer, Charles Leithland; secretary, Lloyd Dingle, Burlington; advisory committee, Major Frank Pullen, Frank Galloway, Dr. C. A. Martin, E. Fleck, Amos Mason, George Cleve, John Allison, Col. S. Pepler, W. J. Robertson.

MARRIED IN FOREST HILL CHURCH ON MONDAY WILL RESIDE HERE

The marriage was solemnized Monday evening in Forest Hill United Church of Miss Ely, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Galloway, to Wesley Alexander Coote of Acton, son of Mrs. Laura Coote and the late Charles M. Coote of Edmonton, Alta. Rev. T. Merryweather officiated, assisted by the Rev. H. B. Hendershot. Miss Curry played the wedding music, and Edna Reed, Carrow sang.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white net over taffeta with finger tip veil and train of blue tulle. She wore a pearl necklace and a pair of pearl earrings. The groom wore a suit of blue serge and a white shirt with a red tie.

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REGULATIONS MADE TO RESTRICT USE OF PLEASURE DRIVING

In an attempt to conserve gasoline to give the fighting forces adequate supplies, new regulations have been put into effect on the sale of this commodity. On week days gasoline can be purchased only from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. On Sundays no gasoline may be sold. Use of credit cards also abolished and gasoline and oil must be sold on a cash and carry basis.

It is hoped the order will have the effect of curbing pleasure driving and waste of gasoline. If this order fails to reduce the consumption sufficiently it is hinted that there is no alternative but to resort to the rationing card. An increase of a cent a gallon is also authorized in the new order.

MOTORISTS WARNED LAW MUST BE STRICTLY OBEYED

Magistrate Woodliffe in Police Court here yesterday gave notice, if motor drivers continue to ignore stop signs on the through streets in Acton the penalty will be increased. Three offenders paid the first rate of a dollar and costs. Another group are being summoned for next court and the authorities are determined that motorists will obey the law. On a centred driving charge another motorist paid \$1.00 and costs. Chief Harrop laid charges.

Nassagaweya Gets Reduction of \$75,000 - Burlington Assumes \$50,000 of this Reduction - and Other Municipalities take \$25,000 - Children's Aid Inspector Requests Office in County Buildings - Estimates for Year Passed.

At the morning session of Halton County Council held in Milton last Tuesday, the finding of His Honor, Judge Munro, were given to members of the Council in regard to the settlement of the equalized assessment as agreed on by representatives of the various municipalities at the preliminary hearing on June 28.

The report of the Judge was in part, as follows: Pursuant to said minutes of settlement and by virtue of the authority vested in me, I find as follows:

That the assessment of the various municipalities of the County of Halton for county purposes for the year 1941 shall be as follows: Village of Acton, \$1,203,967, being an increase in their assessment of \$1,201; Burlington, \$2,816,705, being an increase of \$2,814; Georgetown, \$1,625,389, being an increase of \$1,623; Milton, \$1,488,229, being an increase of \$1,486; Oakville, \$3,494,893, being an increase of \$3,492; Esquimaux, \$7,275,293, being an increase of \$7,273; Nassagaweya, \$2,158,101, being a decrease of \$75,000; Nelson, \$2,228,052, being an increase of \$1,880; Trafalgar, \$2,526,197, being an increase of \$7,920.

His Honor also recommended that in future the assessors of each municipality shall be required to furnish to the County Council each year a statement containing a list of all new buildings erected and old buildings torn down or destroyed and not repaired in such municipality during the year previous with the assessed value in each case. Such statements would be of material value and assistance to the county council each year in deciding as to what adjustments, if any, should be made in the assessment for County purposes," said His Honor, "and I would suggest, in the light of the information gained from such statements, proper compensatory adjustments should be made in any year in which any substantial change is indicated by such statements and each party to the appeal to pay its own costs."

Customs Returns Almost Three Times Those of Year Ago

The returns at Acton Customs office continued to climb and the second quarter of the year 1941 shows an amount collected almost three times that of a year ago. Figures for the April, May and June period last year were \$23,778.23. This year's figures set a new high of \$66,254.81. The figures reflect the importance of the industries in the community and the steady expansion that Acton is making.

At the afternoon session representatives of the Children's Aid Society were present to ask that every consideration be given to the allotment of office space for the use of the Superintendent Mr. Frank Thompson. Mr. Amos Mason, Acton, introduced two representatives from Peel County.

Mr. J. J. Jamieson and Mr. Bates, Reeves of Brampton. These gentlemen were present because of a possible readjustment in offices in the County buildings due to the fact that a private office was required by the town attorney, W. I. Dick. Since every available office was in use, a problem was going to be given to the Commission to solve satisfactorily. In Commission of the Whole, with Rossie Watson in the chair, various suggestions were considered and the one most in favor was that the Sheriff and the Crown Attorney should share the Grand Jury room as a consulting office. It was finally left to the County Buildings Committee to try to come to some arrangement with those whose offices are in the Court House.

This committee also called for a discussion in regard to the hearing system in the Registry Office, also known as a filing cabinet for the County Court and for the Surrogate Court Clerk. In connection with this recommendation it was moved by Dr. Heslop, seconded by Mr. Robertson, that the clerk be instructed to contact Mr. Thomas Patterson and obtain specifications re hearing of Registry Office. Carried.

Finance Committee. This committee recommended that by-laws be passed to cover estimates for the probable expenditures for the year, which were as follows: General purposes, \$43,575.08. For debt and coupon interest payments, \$55,261.50. Current expenses on County Roads, \$19,124.31. and for education, \$41,378.57, bringing the amount set for county rate to 44 mills. The same as last year. By-laws for this purpose were introduced and passed by the council. The treasurer was also authorized to pay the following accounts: Finance, \$41,575.08. Printing, \$25.71. County Buildings, \$60.51. Hospitals, \$1,272.45. Agriculture, \$182.25, making a total of \$45,176.00.

Following the singing of the National Anthem, council adjourned.

ACTON BOYS ENLISTED This Week's Register

Mr. Harvey McCutcheon has joined the Royal Canadian Airforce and left yesterday for Manning Pool.