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## Tax Rate Reduced by 5 1/2 Mills Here This Year

### Expenditures are Down and Assessment is Higher—Collection of Arrears Improved—Board of Health Appointed—More Hospital Accounts for Indigents—Council Willing to Help Band & Organized—Other Items of Council's Midnight Session.

The first regular meeting of the 1942 Acton Council was held on Monday evening in the Council Chamber. Councillors A. Mason, W. J. O. Oakes, C. L. Kirkness and J. F. Davison were present with Reeve J. M. McDonald.

Mr. W. Coles was present requesting action be taken in the accident claim to Mrs. Coles. The correspondence had been with the Royal Exchange Insurance Co. The council instructed the clerk to get in touch with the Imperial Insurance Co. as this company handles all insurance for the corporation.

The treasurer was upon motion of A. Mason, seconded by J. F. Davison, instructed to pay the following account:

Willow & Co., stationery	\$ 18.86
C. F. Leatherland, sale of lot	5.50
C. F. Leatherland, salary, etc.	133.99
A. T. Brown, supplies	.70
George Holmes, labor	1.50
Jas. Robertson, labor	1.20
Toronto Stamp & Stencil Works, dog tags	7.48
Dr. W. G. Cullen, M.O.H., salary for 1941	14.50
A. Harris, gravel for vault	1.50
W. F. Mooney, services	10.65
Acton Public Utilities Commission, services	214.85
Bell Telephone Co., services	8.78
Bank of Montreal, collection services	147.30

It was moved by W. J. O. Oakes, seconded by A. Mason, and carried that a grant of \$15 be made to the Salvation Army Rescue Home at Hamilton.

It was moved by J. F. Davison, seconded by C. L. Kirkness that the Treasurer be authorized to hold a tax sale where necessary.—Carried.

It was moved by A. Mason seconded by W. J. O. Oakes, that Chief Harrop be granted an increase of \$2 per month to compensate him for the increased cost of running his car on official business.—Carried.

It was moved by C. L. Kirkness, seconded by J. F. Davison and carried, that the council delegate the Fire Brigade authority to appoint their own officers to appoint their own officers to appoint their own officers.

It was moved by W. J. O. Oakes, seconded by J. F. Davison, that the Board of Health for 1942 be composed of Dr. W. G. Cullen, Charles Mason, and Reeve J. M. McDonald.—Carried.

It was moved by C. L. Kirkness, seconded by J. F. Davison that the treasurer pay the School Board the monies that were necessary to carry on the School Board obligations for 1942.—Carried.

It was moved by J. F. Davison, seconded by C. L. Kirkness, that Night Watchman J. Locker be re-engaged at the same salary as last year.—Carried.

A statement of hospital accounts was presented from the county clerk and a number of these were not indigent and Acton would not assume responsibility. Hereafter all accounts for hospitalization will be published with the name of patient, when accounts are paid.

The treasurer was authorized to refund dog taxes to Messrs. J. Woods, Rav. H. L. Bennie, Harold Parkins for the proportion of the year that the dogs were disposed of.

The treasurer reported that the payment had been made by County Council for the road work done on the county connecting links.

An account from a Toronto hospital for \$138 for three months for Mrs. Jean Smith was passed.

The council was favorable for the Fire Brigade to use some of the Band chairs in the Fire Hall.

The formation of a Band was discussed and council expressed the opinion that they would help the band if it was organized under a responsible leadership and proper organization.

Notice was received from St. Michael's Hospital notifying council of the admittance of an indigent patient.

The Ontario Municipal Association requested that Acton become a member of the association, the letter was filed.

The Cosmopolitan Insurance Co. requested that the council consider this company for insurance of liability nature. The letter was filed.

The clerk was instructed to write to Fred Smith, executor, to request a clearing up of the Harry Jeans hospital account.

The Good Roads Association re-

## The Acton Boys Get Together Over There

A letter from Henry Ievers who has been in England for some years shows that wherever one goes the boys from the home community do get together. Here's a paragraph from the letter:

"Sometime ago when stationed in England I had the good fortune to come across quite a few of the Acton boys among them being C.S.M. Alger, J. Young, R. Johnston, N. Gibson, G. Lazenby and W. Nicolak. I have just had a letter from H. Taylor and hope to find an opportunity to see him now I am home on leave. I can't say very much about army life and what I do as it wouldn't pass the censor and the Acton boys can give you a better comparative description of the country than I as I am now quite accustomed to it. I should like to hear from H. Dron one of these days if you should ever see him and mention it to him. Well I suppose I should close now as I have said a lot of nothing. Wishing you continued success with your paper, I remain"

## Carloads of New Machines Arrive From England

Several carloads of new machinery for the Wool Combing Corporation have been delivered this week at the plant in Acton. This is part of a big shipment which was delayed by enemy action before leaving England but has now arrived safely in the Canadian plant.

The new machines are now being assembled in the new section added to the plant during the summer and will increase the capacity by a third more when completed. Britain is certainly still delivering the goods and these carloads of material are evidence of her mastery of the seas.

## LOCAL BOWLERS WIN AND GET BACK IN FIRST PLACE

The McCutcheon Bowling Team climbed back into a tie for first place in the Royal Commercial Bowling League as a result of a 3-0 win last Tuesday against the Guelph Firemen team.

McCutcheon's won the first game easily but the last two games were only won in the last frame.

Score:	
M. Rourke	285 163 153—401
N. Morton	214 264 480
M. Holmes	223 171 229—623
C. Leishman	227 127 354
J. Adamson	226 293 173—692
W. Cory	234 188—422
McCutcheon's	1175 988 1009—3172
Firemen	915 931 990—2836

## Less Than Week Before Close of the Hospital Fund

### Nasagaweya School Adds Its Contribution—Has Reached Now \$521.65

On Tuesday next the Free Press Fund for the London England Sick Children's Hospital will close having gone over its original objective of \$500, which is a mighty fine contribution from Free Press readers. We know it will do a great deal of good among these little tots of the generation that will carry on after the war and we hope they may play their part in making sure the world peace is not disturbed again.

Letters received from the heads of this great institution indicate the help and encouragement this has been in carrying on under war conditions. If you want your donation to reach the hospital please make sure it is turned in at the Free Press Office before next Tuesday. Again we thank you all. There will be one more report published next week. Here is this week's summary:

Previously acknowledged	\$515.15
School Children and teacher	5.00
of S. S. No. 2, Nasagaweya, where Miss Donalds McPhail is teaching	2.50
Mrs. Wm. Robertson	2.00
Mrs. Alex. McDonald, Church Street	2.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$521.65</b>

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## Larger Committee Named for Scout Activities Here

There was quite a representative meeting on Tuesday evening of parents and friends who are interested in the Boy Scout work in the community. Mr. Arthur Padden of National headquarters was present and outlined the purpose of a local committee to help the Scout movement in the community. It was held in the Y.M.C.A. social room.

The Acton Scouts are sponsored by St. Alban's Church and it was felt the committee should be enlarged from its present size. Mr. J. H. Boulton was appointed chairman and Mr. W. Coles Secretary. Other committee members appointed were Messrs. T. Jones, R. Spillvogel, B. Pargeter and G. W. McKenna.

On behalf of the Y.M.C.A. Board Mr. E. S. Force President, offered the use of the Y.M.C.A. for Scout and Cub meetings and other activities on the same conditions that had previously been enjoyed and this offer is being considered. Several other items to promote scouting in Acton were discussed.

To straighten knitting needles, stand them in boiling water for a moment, straighten while still very hot, and plunge immediately into cold water.

## Eramosa Council Held First Meeting for the Year

### Increase Allowed on Almost All Salaries, Allowances and Wages

The council for the township of Eramosa held their first meeting of the year at 11:00 a.m. on January 12th in the Town Hall, Rockwood.

Reeve D. D. Gray, Councillors Wm. J. Pinkney, E. H. Benham, Roy I. Leslie and Jos. R. Rutherford subscribed to the oath of office and took their seats as the council for 1942.

The councillors and clerk were entertained at dinner by Reeve and Mrs. D. D. Gray to whom hearty thanks were tendered on motion of councilor Leslie and Pinkney.

By-law No. 1 was given the required readings and passed on motion of Messrs. Leslie and Rutherford; this by-law appointed officials as in 1941, except that the clerk was appointed a member of the Board of Health in place of Thos. D. McCutcheon. An approximate increase of 20 per cent. was made in almost all salaries, allowances and wages. By-law No. 2 provided for Bank Loans up to \$15,000, and by-law No. 3 for road expenditures up to \$11,000.

By-law No. 4 requires Boards of Trustees for Police Village and School Sections to make their requirements known to council on the prescribed form on or before March 1st, 1942.

A resolution was passed to confirm the outstanding loan from 1941 at the Royal Bank, Rockwood.

A letter from R. S. Clark, K.C., stated that the action against the municipality for damages for flooding had been dismissed without costs, by consent.

Messrs. Archie McNabb and John H. Fox presented part of their annual auditors' report, showing considerable improvement in tax collection.

On motion of Messrs. Pinkney and Benham, the reeve and clerk were instructed to apply for the usual subsidy on Highway expenditure for 1941.

Moved by Messrs. Pinkney and Rutherford and carried: That attention be drawn to the fact that notices of damages incurred on Township roads must be delivered to the clerk in writing within ten days of the accident.

The resignation of John Henderson as Constable was accepted on motion of Messrs. Leslie and Benham.

The treasurer's bond for \$5,000 was renewed, council requiring a new bond rather than attached renewals. Accounts passed amounted to \$453.71 and council adjourned to February 6th, at 1:30.

## MEETINGS PROVING HELP FOR HEALTH IN THE HOMES

The meetings sponsored by the Women's Institute and held in the social room of the Y.M.C.A. are proving very interesting. The first meeting dealt with home nursing and included temperature reading, a demonstration of respiration and care of a patient while in bed, bathing the patient, changing the bed linen, and means of making the sick one more comfortable were demonstrated.

At the meeting on Monday Miss Hamilton, R.N., will deal with home emergencies and how to meet them. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings.

## Mrs. H. L. Bennie Chosen President W.M.S. Presbytery

### Other Officers Elected at Annual Meeting Tuesday — Report from 21 Auxiliaries

The 28th annual meeting of Guelph Presbyterial Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterial Church in Canada, was held in Knox Church, Galt, Tuesday, January 13th, with morning and afternoon sessions. Mrs. H. L. Bennie of Acton, president of the Presbyterial presided at both sessions. Miss Mary Oliver, president of the Senior Auxiliary of the W. M. S. of Knox Church welcomed the guests and the kind hospitality extended by the Galt ladies, was enjoyed by all. Mrs. John Shepherd of Galt was soloist.

Reviews of the year's work in the various departments and organizations were presented by the Presbyterial Secretaries and comments given by Miss Laura K. Pelton, of Toronto, Promotion Secretary of the council executive. Miss Freda Matthews, newly appointed Field Secretary of the Council Executive spoke briefly.

Mrs. R. C. Dunbar of Guelph, Corresponding Secretary, reviewed the work of the 21 auxiliaries in the Presbyterial, each of which was well represented. The guest speaker of the afternoon session was Miss Pelton who impressed her audience with the great need of missionary work and workers to-day. Though missionaries have been evacuated from many fields, she said, new fields are being opened in China, South America and in our Canadian West. The work must go on—the need is greater than ever, she said.

"Lead us to the task" was the theme of the program for the day and Mrs. Bennie in her closing address chose as her subject "Forward we shall venture."

Miss Pelton conducted the installation ceremony for the newly-elected officers who are as follows: President Mrs. H. L. Bennie, Acton.

Honorary presidents, Mrs. C. Auld, Guelph; Miss I. McLellan, Guelph; and Mrs. W. P. Gamble, Guelph; vice-presidents, Mrs. B. V. Hilborn, Preston; Mrs. Lindsay, Elora; Mrs. J. E. Shaw, Hespeler; Mrs. Cockburn, R. R. 3, Guelph; Mrs. E. Fisher, Kitchener and Mrs. Menzies, Campbellville.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. H. G. Freeman, Preston; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. R. C. Dunbar, Guelph; Treasurer, Miss M. McCandless, Guelph; Young Women's Secretary, Mrs. N. D. McLeod, Hespeler; Girls' Organizations Secretary, Mrs. W. L. McFarlane, Fergus; Mission Band Secretary, Mrs. H. Mainprize, Acton; Home Helpers' Secretary, Mrs. J. E. Allan, Galt; Exchange and Deputation Secretary, Mrs. M. B. Davidson, Galt.

Library secretary, Mrs. R. M. MacDonald, Acton; Literature Secretary, Miss P. Higginbotham, Guelph; Welcome and Welfare Secretary, Miss Bessie Elliott, Morriston; Supply Secretary, Mrs. John Smith, Guelph; Life Membership Secretary, Mrs. James Mahon, Campbellville; Glad Tidings Secretary, Miss Jane McDougall, Galt; Press Secretary, Mrs. George Woods, Galt, and Historian, Mrs. J. Small, Elmira.

Secretaries without portfolios are: Mrs. J. C. Grier, Guelph; Miss E. Pearen, Rockwood, and Mrs. F. E. Barker, R. R. 7, Guelph.

## WAR WORK CHIEF IN INTERESTS OF ROCKALONG BRANCH

The Rockalong Women's Institute held their January meeting at the home of Mrs. George Bayne with twenty-one members and five visitors present. Mrs. C. Plank presided over the business session of the meeting.

A donation of \$5 was voted for Polish relief. The membership were asked to save their postage stamps and old CATHEDRAL CERFS for collection. This last month's quilts to be sent to Rockwood Red Cross. Three groups were formed for winter social programmes: funds from these social evenings to be used for war work.

Doris Watson, convener of "Canadian Industries," took charge of the following program: Community singing. The motto, "Whatever you do, do with your might. Things done by halves are never done right," was given by Mrs. W. McNabb. Current events were given by Mrs. C. Tit. An instrumental duet was presented by Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Raymond. Mrs. E. Paamore gave a paper on a Canadian Industry, "Lumbering in British Columbia." Mrs. Dunbar read a clipping on war work. The meeting closed with the singing of "There'll Always be an England," after which refreshments were served.

## Chief E. Harrop Gave Address On India to I.O.D.E.

The regular monthly meeting of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. was held at the home of Mrs. J. C. Matthews on Tuesday evening. Mrs. E. E. Barr, Regent, presided.

After the usual business exercises were disposed of, the Chapter was asked to make a collection of used Christmas cards and used stamps and these were to be sent to the Mothercraft Society, Toronto. Donations were to be sent to Polish Relief Fund and Russian Relief Fund through our local Red Cross Society. A nomination committee was appointed to fill the offices for this year.

Mr. E. Harrop who was an Imperial Army Officer in India for a number of years and knows India intimately, gave a very interesting talk on India which was enjoyed by all. At the close the hostess for the evening served lunch and a pleasant half-hour was spent.

## NOT HORSE MARINES EITHER

BIRMINGHAM, (CP)—"Grand old man" of the A.R.P. post at East Molesley is 80-year-old Col. George Tagg, member of a cavalry regiment which captured a U-boat when it was driven ashore in France during the last war.

## Inaugural Session of the Esqueving Council for 1942

### Appointments Made and By-laws Passed to Start Year Work

The council elect for the township of Esqueving for the year 1942 met at 11:00 o'clock, and having subscribed to the oath of office, took their seats: C. Howard May, Reeve; G. Wesley Murray, Deputy-reeve; Geo. E. Cleave, George Currie and Wm. A. Wilson, Councillors. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications were read from Department of Health, Department of Highways, Ontario Good Roads Association, The Salvation Army, Department of Municipal Affairs and Department of Agriculture.

Council adjourned and resumed again at two o'clock when the following accounts were passed for payment:

Board of Hydro Commissioners, Georgetown, Street lights at Glen Williams	\$74.75
H. E. P. C., Brampton, lights at Council Chamber	6.24
Bell Telephone Company, Corp. of Acton, Division Court fees and rent of hall	32.50
Geo. MacDonald and Co., supplies	8.50
Letter Shop Supply Co., 200 Financial Statements, etc.	67.50
Mrs. Viola Milneham, cleaning Council Chamber	3.00
John Standish, caretaking of Hall for nomination	3.50
I. M. Bennett, stamps, pensions, etc.	14.07

County of Halton, 50 per cent. of hospital account for 1941 790.95

Election expense accounts were paid as follows:

The Municipal World, Ltd., supplies	\$13.04
No. 1A, Robert Darlin, D.R.O.	14.40
No. 1B, Thos. Robb, D.R.O.	15.40
No. 2A, Lorne Cleave, D.R.O.	14.00
No. 2B, Cliff Robinson, D.R.O.	14.40
No. 3, K. C. Lindsay, D.R.O.	8.00
No. 4, J. J. Stewart, D.R.O.	16.00
No. 5A, Manassah Campbell, D.R.O.	14.20
No. 5B, Arthur W. Benton, D.R.O.	14.00
No. 6, Harold Wheeler, D.R.O.	13.00

Moved and seconded by Wilson and Cleave, that the relief accounts be paid—\$67.58.—Carried.

Moved and seconded by Wilson and Cleave, that the road accounts be paid—\$67.27.—Carried.

Moved and seconded by Cleave and Wilson, that this council do hereby apply for subsidy on the amount of \$13,980.60, under the provisions of the Highway Improvement Act.—Carried.

A by-law was passed appointing J. H. Bingham, a member of the Board of Health and another by-law appointed William Campbell, Weed Inspector.

Authorization for the borrowing of sums up to \$50,000 was given the reeve and treasurer in the passing of another by-law.

Cecil Chisholm was appointed assessor for Wards 1, 2 and 3 and A. W. Benton assessor for Wards 4, 5 and 6 when By-law No. 952 was passed.

Another by-law passed provided for road expenditure for 1942.

Council adjourned to meet again on Monday, February 2nd, or at the call of the Reeve.

## First Hockey Game Won By 7-4 from Milverton

### School Board Reduces Rate By Over \$1,500

Last Thursday evening, Acton School Board met in special session to make the estimates for the year as requested by council. After going over the figures carefully, it was decided the amount required for 1942 from the municipality would be \$13,991. This is a reduction of \$1,563 from the amount asked for 1941, which is almost two mills on last year's rate. Last year's levy from the municipality was \$15,654.

The amount is made up of \$10,701 for the Public School and \$3,290 for the Continuation School on the municipal levy. A lower amount is made possible owing to the fact that last year decorating and repairs were completed which will not require attention for some time and the buildings and equipment are now in condition. Alterations to heating or lighting were not considered advisable under present war time conditions.

## NEW OFFICERS OF GARAGE OPERATORS ASSUME DUTIES

The Halton Garage Operators' Association held their January meeting Tuesday the 6th at the Farmers' Inn, Milton. Owing to the very cold weather and bad roads, the attendance was not as large as usual.

J. L. McKindley opened the meeting, and after a few introductory remarks, called on the new president A. C. Patterson, to take the chair. Mr. Patterson addressed the meeting briefly, assuring them of his intention to bend every effort to make the year a success, and asked the members for their wholehearted support. He then asked his new officers to take their places and considerable business was transacted.

The treasurer's report was received and Ken Johnston of Bronte gave the auditors' report, on which there was some discussion.

Two members were nominated in the persons of J. L. McKindley and Verne Dynes, to be sent to Toronto office to be voted on, along with other members nominated from other branches, to be elected to the twelve man directorate being formed by provincial council.

Walter Chandler of McQuay-Norris, showed some very interesting pictures on the McQuay-Norris products, which he accompanied by descriptive remarks of his own. These were excellent pictures and much appreciated by the members.

After the pictures were shown, the members enjoyed sandwiches and coffee and a social half hour spent.

## Hockey Schedule Has Three Teams in Group No. 2

### Guelph-Acton Will Play Home Games Here—Are in Intermediate "A"

Group No. 2 Intermediate "A" Hockey schedule was drawn up during the week. There are three clubs—Guelph, Waterloo and Milverton, who were all represented at the meeting in Kitchener. They will play a double schedule with two of the three teams qualifying for the play-offs. All Guelph home games will be played in Acton and local players available will play with the combined team.

The first team will have choice of venue for the first of the best-of-five group-finals. The fifth game will be played in either the Stratford or Galt rink, the choice to be made by the team winning the toss. The schedule:

Jan. 13—Milverton vs. Guelph at Acton.
Jan. 14—Guelph vs. Waterloo at Preston.
Jan. 17—Waterloo at Milverton.
Jan. 20—Milverton vs. Guelph at Acton.
Jan. 23—Guelph at Milverton.
Jan. 25—Waterloo vs. Guelph at Acton.
Jan. 28—Milverton vs. Waterloo at Preston.
Jan. 31—Waterloo at Milverton.
Feb. 3—Waterloo vs. Guelph at Acton.
Feb. 4—Milverton vs. Waterloo at Preston.
Feb. 11—Guelph vs. Waterloo at Preston.
Feb. 13—Guelph at Milverton.

## Coming Events

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Valentine Tea on February 14th, by St. Alban's Guild, in Parish Hall.

St. Alban's Sunday School Bazaar, date changed to Friday January 24th.

## Guelph-Acton Entry Pulled Game from Loss Columbian the Over-time Period—Good Crowd on Hand—Locals Turned It On in Final and Overtime Periods—Next Game Here on Tuesday Night—Lost 5-4 Last Night.

A year out of O.H.A. hockey in Acton and back it came on Tuesday night in the arena here. Here the team is a Guelph entry but other teams in the group also take in the larger centres. Milverton is a Stratford-Milverton team and a guess that wouldn't be out much is that the Waterloo entry is a Waterloo-Preston combination. They are the Group 2 in Intermediate A rating.

We wouldn't have mentioned this only sorting around for a name for the team here it certainly isn't going to fit into the write-ups to call it the Guelph-Acton, Wool Combers. It's too long. If it had been Wool Combers a nice abbreviation might have been "Gaws" but the dictionary definition doesn't fit that word into anything like a hockey team. So we'll just call them the "Combers" until another name sticks.

Big thing is that they won the first game 7-4 last night in overtime and showed that with some practice they can get along pretty well in the group and turn in some nice games for the fans.

Milverton certainly looked like the best team for the first two periods. They had speed, combination and nice stick handling while Claude Pipher's, Guelph entry just didn't click. This entry has new purple and gold uniforms with Wool Combing crest on the front. Like all first of the season events there was a tendency to be rough. Referee gave notice early that he didn't care if the penalty box was full it had to stop. Result was fifteen penalties were handed out: one of them a major and two others increased to four minutes when the players argued with him.

We said the game was rough. Wickham went off the ice in the first period with an injury that kept him out of the rest of the game. Milverton scored three goals before Acton got one in the net. Crease got the first one after nine minutes of play. Libett scored at 11:53 and McQuade scored at 14:33. It was E. Marzo who got the Combers' first counter at 16:10 with an assist from Morton.

Penalties in this period went to McQuade, Carnegie, Smith, Baird and Goettler for Milverton and to Kentner and Couling for the Combers. Milverton had the beat of the period and deserved the lead. The visitors played good combination and were fast, while the locals were disorganized.

The second period was scoreless but Milverton still had the edge of the play. It was Neath that proved stary in the goal for the Combers, that saved this period. He was much improved over the first period and certainly handled some nice shots.

It didn't look too bright for the locals as the third period opened. The veteran Jack Kentner provided the one that pulled them out of the (Continued on Page Eight)

## Blanket Fund And Russian Aid Red Cross Donations

The treasurer of Acton and District Red Cross reports receipt of further donation to the two special funds of the Red Cross—Individuals or societies who can make donations to these two very worthy causes should leave the donations with the treasurer Mr. W. K. Graham, Acton.

Blanket Fund	
Previously acknowledged	\$68.75
Mrs. R. H. Cross	2.00
Miss P. E. Smith	2.00
Mrs. August Anderson	2.00
Bloomhury School	2.00
Women's Institute, Acton	4.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$80.75</b>

Warman Relief Fund	
Acton Women's Institute	\$5.00

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