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## Kindergarten Not Possible Before 1944 Fall Term

Heating Equipment at School Not Received—Other Items at the Final Session of the 1943 School Board on Tuesday Evening.

Acton School Board met Thursday evening in the last regular session for the present year. At the session, Mr. W. H. Clayton, who is retiring this year from the Board, expressed his appreciation of the associations he had made while on the Board, his enjoyment of the work and his willingness at perhaps some other time to again resume this citizenship duty.

In replying, the Chairman, G. A. Dilla, expressed the regret the Board members felt in losing Mr. Clayton and appreciation of his splendid work as a Board member. The Chairman also expressed appreciation of the cooperation given him by all the Board members during the year and the fine work of the various committees which had made Chairmanship duties very light and Board accomplishment commendable.

Principal Leitch submitted a list of supplies which were given for attention to the Supply Committee. The liability insurance was renewed at an improved rate through Mr. F. L. Wright.

A letter from the Department of Education gave the schedule for the T. B. Clinic for Halton County to be held at Milton on December 15th. All teachers on both the High and Public School staffs will attend at 9:30 on that day and the schools will be closed during the morning of the 15th.

A letter from the Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the I. O. D. E. said the Chapter were securing a flag for the school and as soon as it arrived would present it to the Board.

The Secretary read correspondence with the Department of Education regarding school grants which are considerably lower this year and have been decreasing each year. It appears from present calculations that grants will decrease each year leaving more to be made up by the taxpayers.

The accident sustained by Principal Smith was reported and arrangements had been made with Miss M. Z. Bennett, a former principal, to carry on for a few days until Mr. Smith's recovery.

The Supply Committee was requested to make arrangements for a further supply of coal for the school. The proposed improvements in the heating system were discussed and while material had not yet arrived it was expected any day. Plans had been drawn up for the installation of the needed traps and a condensation pump for the Public School system.

The matter of a Kindergarten class at Acton School was discussed at some length. It was felt by the Board that the class could not be started before next fall. In the meantime negotiations will be carried on with the Y. M. C. A. Board and arranging for the necessary equipment. If it is deemed advisable to start this class, allowance must be made in the estimates at the first of the year.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

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| Acton Public Utilities, service               | 8.73          |
| Frank Toth, repairs                           | 2.00          |
| A. Harris, sand                               | 5.00          |
| E. J. Hazard, supplies                        | 1.50          |
| Longman's Greene Co., supplies                | 2.23          |
| Central Scientific, supplies                  | 23.31         |
| S. Husband, repairs re Halton                 | 4.50          |
| Helmstrom Co., muscle                         | 10.57         |
| L. C. Smith, supplies                         | 4.50          |
| W. R. E. Blair, labor and repairs             | 12.10         |
| Mrs. H. L. McDonald, boiler insurance         | 32.65         |
| F. L. Wright, insurance premium               | 52.77         |
| Bell Telephone Co., services                  | 2.74          |
| C. Anderson, supplies                         | 82.42         |
| Acton Y. M. C. A. Board grant re kindergarten | 100.00        |
| <b>Total</b>                                  | <b>334.62</b> |

## WASHINGTON WEDDING OF INTEREST TO MANY FRIENDS HERE

Friends of Miss Dorothy Fulcher and E. J. Moore will be interested to learn of their marriage, which was performed in the new chapel of the Foundry Methodist Church, Washington, D.C., by Rev. Frederick Brown Harris, D.D., minister of the church, and chaplain of the United States Senate, on Friday, November 19th. The ceremony was very quiet, with only a few friends of the parties present. Miss Fulcher had been for some months a member of Foundry Choir, and was frequently a guest soloist in the church. Dr. Harris had become a personal friend of both.

## Lakeside Chapter Distributes Funds to Needy Causes

The regular meeting of the Lakeside Chapter I. O. D. E. was held on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. F. G. Oakes with the Regent, Mrs. W. G. Cullen in the chair.

Routine business was transacted. A splendid report was given on the bazaar which was held recently. Donations were voted as follows: \$100.00 to Acton and Vicinity War Service League, \$10.00 each to the Sailors and Miners' Fund, the British Children's Clothing Fund, the Prisoners of War Fund and the Polish Relief Fund, \$25.00 to the Camp Library Fund.

Aid was to be given to a needy family in the form of milk and cod-liver oil, and several Christmas treats were to be distributed.

A fine assortment of Christmas gifts were wrapped to be sent to the pupils of the Chapter's adopted northern school.

After the business, the meeting took the form of a Christmas party. A delightful reading was given by Mrs. C. Heard after which Christmas carols were sung and lunch was served.

The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT CAMPBELLVILLE INSTITUTE MEETING

The Christmas meeting of the Campbellville Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. James Mahon, with the president Mrs. Howson Lush, in charge. Miss Jane Reid gave a Christmas story "Such Loving Kindness." \$50.00 was sent to the Central Fund and it was decided to send chocolates to the local boys in service in Canada.

Mrs. Samuel Cairns played a piano solo in memory of the late Mrs. Murray Crawford. Miss Sadie Buck gave a report on the Provincial Women's Institute convention held at Guelph. Eight dollars was made by the sale of Christmas gifts displayed at the meeting.

## Commission Makes Another Transfer from Operations

The regular meeting of the Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Monday evening.

On motion of J. R. MacArthur and C. M. Hansen the Secretary was instructed to transfer \$500.00 from the Waterworks Department to the general account of the Corporation.

A letter was to be written to the Hydro Dept. requesting that the Commission employees be notified the Commission when they were needing water so that the attachment could be used on the hydrants and thus avoid misunderstandings with the private consumers. This would also simplify the clerical work entailed in keeping track of the water used.

A letter from the Dominion Securities Commission requested that the Commission sell Dominion of Canada securities held by the Commission. The letter was ordered filed.

A letter was read from the H. E. P. C. requested that an account be collected from the Commission at Milton of a consumer who had moved to the Acton district. This account was to be attended to.

## Three Actonians Injured in Motor Collision Saturday

Mr. Elmer Smith, Principal of Acton Public School suffered deep lacerations over the left eye, cuts on top of the head and shock when he was injured in a head-on collision at Woolwich Street in Guelph early Sunday morning.

Mr. Smith was taken to the General Hospital in a police ambulance. Also injured in the accident was Bing Ramsden, driver of the car in which Mr. Smith was a passenger. Mr. Ramsden suffered a cut lip and nose. Mrs. Ramsden, another passenger in the car, suffered a cut leg and shock.

The collision occurred at the intersection of Woolwich and Suffolk Streets. It was reported to the police that the car driven by Mr. Ramsden was travelling south on Woolwich Street when a car driven by Arthur Corke, 238 Liverpool Street, which was proceeding north on Woolwich Street attempted to make a left turn into Suffolk Street. In doing so it turned directly into the path of the approaching vehicle driven by Mr. Ramsden with the result that both cars collided head-on, the police report said.

Damage to Mr. Ramsden's car is estimated at \$250.00 and that to Mr. Corke's car, approximately \$300.00.

## THE HEVERAN-FRYER WEDDING SATURDAY AT BRIDE'S HOME

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fryer, on Saturday, November 27th, when their eldest daughter, Ida Zellah, became the bride of Joseph Benedict, son of Mr. Peter and the late Mrs. Heveran of Chesterville. The Rev. J. Ostrom, minister of the Acton Baptist Church, officiated.

The bride was given away by her father, and wore a light blue dress, air force blue hat, with veil reaching to her shoulders, with blue shoes, white gloves and a white rose corsage. She also wore a white cameo necklace, the gift of the groom.

Edna May Fryer, sister of the bride, was the bride's only attendant. She wore a rose two-piece dress and a corsage of pink roses and locket, the gift of the bride.

The groom's only attendant was Walter Harlan Fryer, brother of the bride.

After enjoying a lovely supper, the bride and groom left for Toronto and Hamilton amid showers of rice and confetti. For travelling the bride wore an air force blue suit with lace-trimmed sheer blouse and blue accessories. Mr. and Mrs. Heveran are residing in Acton.

## BIG POTATO GROWER TO ADDRESS MEETING AT KILBRIDE

R. Nichol Wilson, well-known potato grower of Alliston is to address a Potato Growers' meeting at Kilbride on Wed., Dec. 15th, at 1:30 p.m. Mr. Wilson was one of the winners in the 500 Bushel Club organized in south Simcoe in 1943. Other speakers will include Norman Parks of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, and R. E. Goodin, of the Crops, Seed and Weed branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto, both of whom are well and favorably known to commercial potato growers in all sections of Ontario as a result of their contributions in investigational and marketing fields. We understand that the meeting is open to all interested in potato growing and judging by the comments heard to date, the Kilbride Community Hall will be taxed to capacity.

## CEDARVALE FRIENDS MAKE PRESENTATION TO NEWLY-WEDS

A number of friends and neighbors met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Griffin on Thursday evening, December 2nd, for a shower in honor of the newly-weds, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fuller.

Mr. Fred McArthur acted as chairman for the following programme: Duett, Adeline Cunningham and Beulah Mulder; solo, Arthur Johnson; duett, Mrs. Wm Cunningham and Eleanor Griffin; instrumental, James McArthur; solo, Louis Graham; recitation, Wilma Butler; violin selections, Mr. Hamilton, accompanied by Olga Locker.

After the programme Doris and Earl were then called forward and presented with some gifts. Doris and Earl made suitable replies to the good wishes, expressing their appreciation. Lunch was served and an enjoyable evening spent. Goldwin Burr, Harold Griffin, John Locker and Burt Davidson were called on for speeches.

## Arranging for Municipal Help Has Complications

Building By-law has Further Recommendations—Indigent Patients Again on the Council Agenda

Councillors Mason, Kirkness, and Oakes were present last evening when in the absence of Reeve McDonald Acton Council met in regular session. Councillor Mason was appointed, Acting Reeve.

Reading of the minutes also included the reading of the nomination and election results.

Councillor elect J. H. Boulton was present to get acquainted with Council proceedings before taking his seat in the new year.

The following accounts were passed for payment in the 20th report of the finance committee:

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| Symon Hardware, supplies                       | \$ 2.61         |
| A. T. Brown, supplies                          | 20              |
| Harold Gordon, labor                           | 3.20            |
| Norton Motors, supplies and storage            | 17.09           |
| Welfare Board, account                         | 44.98           |
| Acton Public Utilities, services               | 173.02          |
| Public Health Nurse, Comm. Fire Brigade, grant | 300.00          |
| Across Face Passes, printing and advertising   | 20.41           |
| Municipal World election supplies              | 4.63            |
| Leonard Atkinson, deputy-returning officer     | 6.00            |
| George Chapman, deputy-returning officer       | 6.00            |
| Fred L. Wright, deputy-returning officer       | 6.00            |
| Dorothy Weaver, poll clerk                     | 3.00            |
| Isabel Watson, poll clerk                      | 3.00            |
| Hudgie Chapman, poll clerk                     | 3.00            |
| W. D. Talbot, supplies                         | 11.19           |
| <b>Total</b>                                   | <b>\$704.33</b> |

Accounts and settlement of amounts paid for indigent patients in hospitals again came for discussion by the Council.

In connection with securing an additional employee for the municipality the Council decided to make a survey of the rates paid all municipal and other employees as a guideline when permission is secured to advertise for another man.

The 1943 arrears on the tax list also came up for review.

The recommendations in the auditor's report and the handling of all employees was also discussed. Council received an inquiry regarding the purchase of the night watchman's clock and the price was set at \$100.

Another letter was received from the Municipal Board with some further recommendations of certain clauses of the building by-law, but these were not dealt with at this meeting.

Permission was granted Chief Harrop to have holidays from December 20 to 27.

Arrangements were made to secure an additional quantity of snow fence for the second line.

Mr. Kerr the present collector of garbage was requested to carry on this work during January.

Repairs are to be made to the bridge railing on Main Street, near Brock Street.

## HELP U. S. FORCES

SUVA (CP)—The British colony of Fiji, once noted for cannibalism among the natives, is granting reciprocal aid to U. S. forces stationed there to the value of about \$3,000,000 annually.

## Election Results on Monday's Voting in Other Centres

Erin Township Elected Arthur Swackhamer as Deputy Reeve for 1944

## Halton Holsteins Receive All-Canadian Awards

Halton County holsteins did exceptionally well in the All-Canadian Contest just concluded, receiving one All-Canadian award, one Reserve, and three Honorable Mentions. Elm Colanthus Rag Apple Righte, who was first and Reserve Grand Champion for W. S. Hall, Oakville, at the Oakville Championship Show, was named All-Canadian two-year-old bull. Straven Supreme Comrade, who was Grand Champion at the Kemptonville Championship Show and was recently purchased by Mr. Hall, received Honorable Mention in the two-year-old class. Oakhall Triune Rag Apple Clara, also the property of W. S. Hall, was designated as the Reserve All-Canadian Junior Yearling Heifer. She is a daughter of "Eighty".

Ashville Pietje DeKof, who was first prize Bull Calf and Junior Champion at Oakville for F. Pelleterio, Milton, received Honorable Mention, as did Meadowood Lochnavn, owned by Dr. Chas. N. Blanshard, Freeman, in the class for Senior Yearling Bulls.

"Lochnavn" was first and Reserve Junior Champion at Oakville. The All-Canadian Contest provides the climax of the show season for holstein breeders in Canada. Prize winners at the various fairs and exhibitions of Provincial Championship calibre compete for national honors through the medium of photographs, the actual selections in the various classes being made up of a committee composed of the judges at these fairs.

In each of the fifteen regular show classes, an All-Canadian and a Reserve All-Canadian are chosen. This year thirty-two breeders from five provinces shared the awards, although the majority came to Ontario.

## Seed Grain in Keen Demand and Halton Needs Heavy

A survey to ascertain the amount of seed grain required by Halton farmers next spring is now under way. This census is being made from farm to farm by the Halton Federation of Agriculture. To date only eight school sections in Trafalgar Township have made their return to Agric. Rep. J. E. Whitelock. These eight school sections, we understand from Mr. Whitelock, require 1967 bushels of grain or approximately one car load.

Taking this cross section as a basis on which to compute the County requirements, it would seem as though 7 or 8 car loads of seed grain will be required for spring seeding. This would indicate the importance of those requiring seed grain, locating their needs at once. The survey also have made their return to Agric. Rep. J. E. Whitelock. These eight school sections, we understand from Mr. Whitelock, require 1967 bushels of grain or approximately one car load.

We were also informed that three car loads of seed grain have already been ordered by one local dealer in the Milton district. Those requiring seed grain and unable to secure their requirements locally are urged to contact the local office of the Department of Agriculture in Milton.

## THE KEELER-FULLER WEDDING AT TORONTO HOME LAST WEEK

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at four o'clock Monday afternoon, November 29th at the home on 1 Wyehwood Ave., Toronto.

When Doris, daughter of Mrs. Herbert Keeler and the late Herbert Keeler of Erin became the bride of Earl, second oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Fuller of Grand Valley, Earl is in the R. C. A. F.

Rev. H. E. Wakelin of the Church of Christ officiated.

The bride was lovely, dressed in Air Force blue with white trimming, and a corsage of pink roses. She wore an Air Force locket and chain, the gift of the groom.

The bridesmaid, Miss Eleanor Griffin, cousin of the bride, wore a two-piece rose crepe dress with a corsage of pink roses.

Mr. Allen Fuller of Grand Valley, brother of the groom, was groomsmen. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride where a buffet luncheon was served from a table centred with a wedding cake decorated in pink and white.

The bride's table was set with dishes a hundred years old of pink and white.

## Three Councillors Returned J. H. Boulton Heads the Poll

Mrs. M. Leitch Addressed Meeting Of The I.O.D.E.

The Duke of Devonshire Chapter, I.O.D.E. met on Tuesday evening, November 30th, at the home of Mrs. W. J. Beatty.

Mrs. Beatty, regent of the Chapter, presided. The secretary's report was presented by Mrs. E. E. Barr, the treasurer's by Mrs. J. M. McDonald, and the war work by Mrs. M. Shroeder. Presentation of the new flag to the School Board, help for a needy family, the draw to be conducted by group three, and annual grants to various funds and worthy causes, were the chief items of business.

Mrs. Lamb was received into membership and welcomed into the Chapter and the Order.

Mrs. M. Leitch of the Lakeside Chapter was guest of the evening and gave a most interesting talk on her trip to Norway and other European countries.

Mrs. E. M. MacDonald gave a reading. Hostesses of the evening served lunch.

## CHRISTMAS MEETING AT ACTON INSTITUTE AT MRS. COLLIER'S HOME

The December meeting of Acton Women's Institute was held on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. F. Collier. The President, Mrs. Wilderoph was in charge of the program. Mrs. Francis Wilds read the motto "A Christmas Story." Roll call was answered by your favorite "Christmas Carol." During the business period Mrs. Fred Anderson was appointed acting secretary until Mrs. Gable, who is at present in the hospital, was able to resume her duties.

Mrs. Jas. Dobbie gave a very interesting report of the area convention held in Guelph at which she was the local delegate. Miss Betty Hunter sang a Christmas carol and several Christmas carols were sung by the members and the meeting closed with the National Anthem.

The lunch committee of Mrs. Lantz, Mrs. Blanche and Mrs. J. F. Wilds served a delightful lunch and Mrs. Jas. Dobbie voiced the appreciation of the members to the hostess and all who had assisted.

## Prisoner Escaped Last Night From Jail in Milton

Reported to Have Been at Nassagaweya Farm—Being Held on Assault Charge

Chas. Ferrier, eighteen-year-old youth awaiting trial at Milton jail, escaped last night about 6:30 and while police of the district are searching for him, up to the present he has eluded them.

The breakaway was made while Ferrier was assisting in janitor work at the jail. About eight o'clock he is reported to have called at a farm home in Nassagaweya Township and told that he was out on bail. However, when a neighbor's car drove in the lane he made a hasty getaway.

Ferrier is described as 5 feet 7 inches in height, weighs 160 lbs., has hazel eyes, fair complexion, brown hair and face has many pimples. When he escaped he was wearing blue overalls and shirt.

He was held in connection with an assault on L. Catek, an elderly man who is still in the hospital as a result of the assault.

## ALSO SENTENCED TO A YEAR ON THE CHARGE OF PERJURY

Grenville Masales, Acton, who appeared in police court at Guelph last Thursday morning on a charge of perjury, was sentenced to one year in the Ontario Reformatory, by Magistrate F. Watt. This sentence will run concurrently with the sentence of 12 to 18 months in the reformatory he received last week on a charge of bigamy.

Masales pleaded guilty to the charge, in which it was stated that on May 9 last he described himself as a bachelor on a marriage license, in the city of Guelph. Masales had been remarried until last Thursday on the perjury charge.

## Election on Monday had Small Vote But Electors Endorsed Old Council by Returning Three for Another Year—Mr. J. H. Boulton will be the New Man in 1944 Council Here.

Monday's weather detracted from the votes for Council in Acton and made one of the lowest votes recorded in Municipal elections in some time. Not over twenty per cent. of the vote was polled.

Votees had seven names from which to select four Councillors. They chose three of the former Council and headed the poll with J. H. Boulton, a new candidate in municipal affairs but who is well-known to most citizens. The 1944 Council will be Reeve J. M. McDonald and Council W. J. O. Oakes, A. Mason, C. Kirkness and J. H. Boulton.

Following is the vote recorded at the various polls:

|          | No. | No. | No. | Total |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
|          | 1   | 2A  | 2B  | Total |
| Boulton  | 114 | 57  | 49  | 220   |
| Oakes    | 107 | 49  | 45  | 201   |
| Mason    | 105 | 44  | 41  | 190   |
| Kirkness | 72  | 41  | 41  | 154   |
| Davison  | 70  | 21  | 21  | 118   |
| Phuntain | 37  | 18  | 14  | 69    |
| Hunter   | 34  | 17  | 10  | 61    |

The new Council, elected Monday, will assume office at the first meeting in January. The present Council carries on until the close of the year.

It was one of the most quiet elections in Acton in years. Electors were quite evidently satisfied with the work of the Council last year and indeed the financial report was one of the best in the past twenty years. Taxes uncollected were almost negligible and savings and good business administration was to be seen all through the report.

## H. W. KITCHING TO ADDRESS HALTON CROP ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Halton Crop Improvement Association is scheduled for the Farmers' Bldg., Milton, on Thursday, Dec. 16th, at 2:00 p. m. states Edwin Harrop, President of the Association. The guest speaker is to be H. W. Kitching of the Agricultural Engineering Department, O. A. C. Mr. Kitching is a Halton County "old boy" who has made good in the agricultural engineering field, having built a number of labor-saving implements which were widely used in practical agriculture in 1943. The programme will also include reports by a number of Halton Growers on tests conducted with soybeans, field beans, grain varieties, buck-rakes, etc. Jas. Laughland of the Field Husbandry Department, O. A. C., will also be present to lead in the discussion on pastures, grain varieties, etc. In view of the shortage of proteins and labor, and the difficulty in securing new equipment, this should be an excellent opportunity to secure first hand information from men who have had practical experience with these various subjects.

## Coming Events

- Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, in cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 5c.
- Dance in Brookville Hall on Monday, December 13th. Auspices Nassagaweya W. I.
- Dance in Orton Community Hall, on Wednesday evening, December 15. C.K.N.X. Ranch Boys' Orchestra. Lunch served. Admission 50c.
- Woodside School Christmas Concert and one-act play by the Red Cross ladies on Monday evening, December 20. Admission 25c.
- The Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. draw on the set of dishes, card table and vase will be made on Friday December 10th at the Gregory Theatre.
- Bannockburn's Annual Christmas Tree is to be held on Tuesday, December 21 in Bannockburn School. Program of humour, recitations, songs etc. by school children. Very humorous play being put on by young people of school section.
- A delightful, colorful Pageant entitled "The Dream of the Month" presented by 50 children, will be held in The United Church, Wednesday, December 15th at the Christmas Entertainment. Other numbers will be presented by some of the classes. Silver collection.