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Building By-Law Receives Final Changes on Tuesday

Reeve McDonald thanked by Councillors and Officers for the Courtesy and Fairness—Open Air Rink at School Grounds Now Being Flooded—Railway Crossing Sign Urged for Mill Street

At the meeting of Acton Council on Tuesday evening Councillors W. J. O. Oakes, A. Mason, C. Kirkness and F. J. Davidson were present and Reeve J. M. McDonald presided. Councillor-elect J. H. Boulton was also present to sit in with Council.

Mr. Palmer was present and pointed out that he had not operated his business during 1943 and should not be assessed for this year. Council agreed that this property was incorrectly assessed for business tax and the correction was made by motion.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

Norman McEachern, supplied...	\$62.24
Norman McEachern care of fire truck and supplies	38.34
Bell Telephone Co., services	8.15
E. G. Jennings, wood	153.00
Guelph Sand & Gravel, Ltd. supplies	3.60
County of Halton, use of grader	8.00
Acton Welfare Board, relief	17.75
J. B. MacKenzie & Son, supplies	48.60
	\$359.68

It was decided to have the tax arrears list at the next meeting and keep all accounts cleared up.

No action was taken regarding the declaration of Boxing Day as a public holiday as no request had been made. Chief Harrop reported that the collection of garbage was willing to continue the duties during January.

Relief matters and the cases of indigent patients were discussed by the Council at some length and instructions issued for dealing with these matters.

A letter from the Board of Transport Commissioners pointed out that no warning sign was at the crossing on Mill Street of the C. N. R. south of the crossing and asked that in the interests of safety a sign be erected. An investigation had been made of this crossing following the accident recently when a truck was hit by the train. It was decided to write the Department of Highways requesting that a sign be erected here.

A letter from the Ontario Municipal Board suggested changes in the building by-law. The changes were made as suggested and the Clerk was instructed to have the by-law ready for passing at the first meeting in the new year.

It was decided to have the first meeting of Council in 1944 on Monday January 3rd at 12.45 p.m. The regular meetings will be held on the second and third Wednesdays of each month.

Council discussed arrangements regarding the securing of additional municipal help and the arrangements with National Selective Service.

Councillor Kirkness reported on the out-door rink. There had been no success in making ice on the Bower Avenue site due to soil conditions and arrangements had been made to have the rink at the school grounds and use the old shed on the property for dressing rooms. Permission had been secured from the School Board for this purpose. Making of ice had been started and it was hoped to have skating by Christmas.

Councillor Mason on behalf of the Councillors and other officials at the Council table and who have been associated with Council work expressed appreciation on behalf of these individuals on the work of Reeve McDonald during the year, his conduct of meetings and his unbiased and fair decisions. He presented on their behalf a box of cigars.

Reeve McDonald in reply said he felt he was not solely responsible for any success achieved. This had been secured only by the co-operation of all the Council, the officials and the citizens in general. Everybody shared in any achievement and he in turn appreciated this co-operation which had been accorded him. He expressed appreciation of the words and thoughtfulness that accompanied the gift as an acknowledgment of service.

LONDON—Since war began, Great Britain has spent \$6,660,000,000 in the United States on supplies of all kinds.

ACTON BOYS ENLISTED
This Week's Register

Samuel Brunelle has enlisted in the R.C.A.F.

W. H. Robinson Re-elected President of Halton Plowmen

Halton Plowmen laid plans at their annual meeting recently held in Milton, to hold their 1944 annual match in Nelson Township. It was also suggested that the match be held at an earlier date, and that a display of labor saving equipment be held in conjunction with the match. The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—W. H. Robinson.
1st Vice-President—J. A. Elliott.
2nd Vice-President—W. J. Robertson.

Secretary-Treasurer—J. E. White-lock.

Directors, Esqueping Township—J. C. Cunningham, M. T. McNabb and Clebert McBowell.

Directors, Nassagaweya Township—Roy Currie, Geo. Finney and L. W. Chisholm.

Directors, Nelson Township—E. M. Readhead, R. Segsworth and W. K. Shields.

Directors, Trafalgar Township—J. A. Dixon, J. Marchmont, C. Marshall and Harry Pickett.

County Directors—Gordon Chisholm, Stanley Hall, Victor Hall, Claude Pickett and Fred Robinson.

Honorary Directors—F. H. Gilroy, Peter Peddie, W. A. Robinson and J. Wilson.

Reeve and Council Eramosa Township Candidate for 1944

Details in Purchase of Community Hall at Everton Passed—Other Items at the Statutory Meeting

The statutory meeting of the Council for the Township of Eramosa was held at 1.30 in the Town Hall, Rockwood, on December 15th. Reeve D. D. Gray presided and Councillors Wm. J. Pinkney, E. H. Bonham, Roy I. Leslie and Jos. R. Rutherford were also present.

By-law No. 9, providing for the purchase of the Community Hall, Everton, was given the required readings and passed. The deed for the property and relative resolutions of the Church of the Disciples of Christ in congregation and the board of the Village of Everton, were inspected and accepted by Council.

Letters were ordered to be filed as follows: from the Department of Highways, approving the purchase of the Community Hall; from the London War Memorial Children's Hospital; and from the Canadian Mothercraft Society.

The following reports were accepted by resolution: The Township Auditor's report for the year up to October 31st; the report of the School Attendance Officer; the report of the Auditor of the Department of Highways for the year 1942 and the Comptroller report of the local Board of Health.

By resolution, the Treasurer was instructed to refund \$15.50 to three ratepayers who had been overcharged in connection with Union School, Section No. 14, Township of Erin, the refund was at the request of the Council for the Township of Erin, who also requested a similar amount be deducted from the amount to be paid to S. S. No. 14, Erin.

Council confirmed the action of the Reeve in agreeing to a three-way equal settlement of a hospital account that had been in dispute between the Townships of Nicol, Guelph and Eramosa.

The Clerk was instructed to attend to insurance on the Community Hall and to subscribe for copies of The Municipal World for 1944.

The Reeve and Treasurer were authorized to dispose of \$2,000.00 of Victory Bonds, to meet the heavy unemployment expenditure near the close of the year.

Council passed accounts for \$10,922.26 and adjourned.

The Clerk was invited to the chair for the usual valedictory speeches; the Reeve and each member of council expressed his intention to be a candidate for his respective office for 1944.

WOODEN SOLES

LONDON (CP)—Hugh Dalton, President of the Board of Trade, has decreed that in future soles of men's shoes will be made of wood so more and better leather can be devoted to making children's shoes.

Carrie Christmas



Christmas Concert and Santa Visit at Knox S. S.

8 p.m. Monday evening found Knox Sunday School room filled to capacity with proud parents and excited children. The occasion was the annual Christmas tree entertainment. The building echoed and re-echoed as young and old alike joined their voices in singing of favorite carols.

Evelyn Dolmer and Betty Sinclair found the audience a very appreciative one when they gave Christmas recitations. Alleen McIsaac sang very sweetly a Christmas hymn, then she played the piano and everyone sang "White Christmas." Betty Masters rendered a delightful piano solo and all enjoyed very much the rendition of "Away in a Manger" by the Primary Class. Ken Mann and Buddy Kentner sang "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" and led everybody in the singing of the chorus "Don't Forget to Feed the Poor." Ronnie Job and Ronnie Spielvogel presented a star drill. Colored slides of the Christmas story were shown, the accompanying script being read by Mr. Clarence Cole.

The climax of the evening came after a few minutes of expectant waiting when Santa Claus, as fat and jolly as ever, burst into the room with a hearty roar of laughter. Eyes sparkled and excited laughter was heard as he proceeded to distribute gifts, prizes and candy to everyone.

Then, as heads began to nod, and little eyes persisted in closing, he took his farewell, and the small ones were hastily bundled up and hustled off to the night to home and bed.

UNIQUE CARDS FROM SOLDIERS ON BATTLE FRONTS

Among the unique Christmas cards from the armed forces are those that come by airgraph this year and have some original sketches. Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Boyes received one from the east with palm trees and a typical eastern scene worked into the greeting. From Sgt. Jim McGeachie the sketch was a Canadian soldier looking at a Christmas dinner and "You said a mouthful, Merry Christmas." The latter card is on view in our window.

Attempted to Steal Gasoline - Now in Jail at Milton

Five Young Men Caught on Sunday Morning at the Highway Garage

An attempt to steal gasoline from the Highway Garage early Sunday morning was frustrated and four of the culprits were landed in the county jail charged with attempted theft and having in their possession a tool for housebreaking, namely a pinch bar.

The four under arrest are Patrick Loccano, aged 25; Joseph Anthony Loccano, aged 18; Wm. Burleigh, aged 28 and Earl Burleigh, aged 24 years. The fifth occupant of the car—a man in soldiers uniform, escaped. All are from London.

About 1.30 on Sunday morning Mr. Alex. McIsaac was awakened by the group attempting to break the lock on the gasoline pump at his garage on Main Street. The group were away when Mr. McIsaac came to investigate and started west on the highway. They however turned and came back east and Mr. McIsaac followed them in his car. In the meantime Mrs. McIsaac had notified Provincial officer Ray Mason.

The car went down Knox Avenue and stopped while the soldier occupant got out to put the cap on the gas tank. Here they made one bad blunder. Officer Mason came up from his home along Knox Avenue and both ends of the street were blocked for their getaway. The five were held at gunpoint by Officer Mason and Mr. McIsaac and Mr. H. R. Force notified Chief Harrop. The soldier while waiting decided to take a chance to run for it and got away over back fences and through the Old Pioneers Cemetery. The other four were lodged in Milton Jail by Officer Mason and Chief Harrop.

The car driven was a 1939 Buick said to be recently purchased. The four will come up for trial in Milton and in the meantime police are investigating their records.

10 Turkeys Sent in All Directions at 'Y' Christmas Party

Games of cards, carol singing and a good social time and dancing were features last Friday night of the Christmas party of Acton Y's Men's Club.

But, of course, the highlight of the evening was the draw for the ten turkeys to grace the Christmas tables. Half of them went to Acton residents and half to them in points from London to Toronto.

Winners of the birds were: W. M. Rolfe, 11 Macdonald Ave., London; Agnes Fear, Rockwood; C. H. Harrison, 62 High Park Blvd., Toronto; Riddle Force, Mary Dennis, Wm. Waterhouse, Robt. Henley and R. MacArthur, all of Acton; Vernon Stephenson, 36 Melbourne Ave., Toronto; I. H. Merrill, Kitchener.

CHRISTMAS SUPPER AND CONCERT AT BAPTIST CHURCH

The members of the Baptist Church and their friends gathered in the Church basement Tuesday evening, December 4th for the annual Christmas Supper. Everyone did justice to the delicious supper provided by the ladies.

Following supper a short program was given in the auditorium with Mrs. S. Cripps as chairman. Carol singing was enjoyed with Mrs. Ostrom at the piano. Mary Reid and Marion Grundy sang a duet and the Reid family sang two numbers. Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Anderson and Kenneth and Elwin Kentner gave several musical numbers during the evening. Ronnie Cripps gave a recitation and the Primary Class, under the direction of Mrs. Grundy, sang several choruses.

At the conclusion of the program, Santa Claus arrived and distributed the gifts from the tree. Candy and oranges were provided for the children and some of the "older children."

Santa's visit brought to a close a very gay evening and everyone departed tired but happy.

No Liquor Store for Halton Owing Shortage of Spirits

Permission Granted to Construct Rink at School Grounds

At a special meeting of Acton School Board last Thursday evening, permission was granted to construct an open air skating rink at the school grounds and the use of the shed on the grounds for dressing rooms. Arrangements were also made for the water supply. The Council is to arrange proper protection for the school buildings and supervision.

Year-end accounts were passed for payment. The equipment for improvement of the heating system ordered some months ago has been partly delivered and will be installed as soon as possible. The condensation pump is now on hand. Other items to put the equipment in better condition were discussed by the Board and will be dealt with later.

Board members present were: Trustees V. B. Runley, W. H. Clayton, F. S. How and Dr. F. G. Oakes and Chairman G. A. Hills, presided.

Last Meeting For 1943 of Esqueping Council Wednesday

Year End Business Concluded and By-Law Passed for Elections for 1944

The last regular meeting of Esqueping Township Council for 1943 was held on Wednesday. All members of Council were present and Reeve C. H. May, presided. Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows: Acton Public Utilities, street lights \$15.00; Bell Telephone Co. services, \$4.89; Municipal World, supplies, \$2.77; Dept. Game and Fisheries, licenses, \$2.83; Georgetown Herald, account, \$16.12; Wm. Campbell, attending convention, \$4.00; Corporation of Georgetown, Division Court costs, \$27.50; I. M. Bennett, revising voters' lists, \$38.60; H. Robertson, stamps, \$3.00; J. Sanford, relief allowance to hospital, \$30.00; Dr. H. T. Paul, \$21.00; I. M. Bennett, account, \$20.00; J. Sanford, account, \$18.85.

The following amounts to Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Councillors were paid for meetings, mileage and commission: C. H. May, \$143.20; G. W. Murray, \$136.00; George H. Cleave, \$119.00; George Currie, \$114.20; Wm. A. Wilson, \$114.20.

The council adjourned the morning session and resumed at two o'clock. Relief accounts of \$88.24 were paid and Dale and Bennett account in full of \$209.80 was passed. The cheque of Logan and Haines was returned.

Road accounts of \$7,262.28 were paid and sheep claims of \$18.50. Other items were Geo. C. Brown, Renewal Bond for Joe. Sandford, \$27.50.

The by-law to provide for holding municipal elections was read and passed by Council.

Moved by Currie, seconded by Wilson, that the Reeve do now vacate the chair and it be taken by the Deputy Reeve.—Carried.

Moved by Wilson, seconded by Cleave, that the thanks of this council be hereby tendered to Reeve C. H. May for the courteous and impartial manner in which he has presided over the meetings of this council during the past year.—Carried.

Moved by Cleave, seconded by Wilson, that we do now adjourn.—Carried.

Christmas Treat and Entertainment of United Church

The annual Christmas entertainment was a big highlight of the festive season for the children and grown-ups at the United Church on Wednesday evening of last week.

There were Christmas carols, a welcoming recitation by Marilyn Roganvalson, a presentation by the church school entitled "The Dream of the Months," orchestral numbers by Mr. Bean's class, reading by Miss Erna Wilderspin, quartette number by the C. G. I. T. girls.

Of course, the arrival of Santa Claus was the big event for the children and a Christmas treat was given to all the Sunday School pupils. Mr. A. T. Brown, superintendent, was chairman for the entertainment.

Consideration Prompted Request After the War - Number of Protests Read from Local Organizations and then Filed - Councillors Express Appreciation of Services of Warden J. M. McDonald the Past Year.

The final meeting of Halton County Council was held in Milton on Tuesday. All members were present with the exception of Reeve Hillmer of Oakville. Reeve Brown was obliged to leave early but before going expressed his pleasure at his association with the members of the Council during the past year and regretted the absence of business made it impossible for him to run for Reeve a second year.

A group picture of the Council was taken before the session began.

Committee reports were as follows: County buildings, recommendation of payment of accounts amounting to \$477.91; hospital accounts, \$2194.75; printing, \$202.51; finance, \$1541.41. This amount covered grants to the Children's Aid Society, Old Age Pensions Board, House of Refuge and Committee fees for members of the Council; agricultural accounts, \$661.52.

Special communications. A letter from the Department of National Revenue stated that it is impossible for a Customs Office to be opened in the town of Oakville at the present time.

The T. Eaton Co. of Toronto sent a letter of thanks in return for expression of appreciation from the County for their assistance in helping the farmers of the district to harvest their crops. The letter further stated, "that we stand ready at all times to do our utmost to be of service in such matters."

A letter from the Liquor Control Board of Canada read as follows, "May we advise it is not the intention of the Board to open any further liquor stores for the duration, owing to the shortage of spirits. After the war, I am sure if you bring this matter up before the Board, it will at that time have every consideration."

There were many letters of protest from various local organizations against the possible establishment of a liquor store in Milton. All the letters were read in open council and then filed. They were from the following organizations: The Afternoon Auxiliary of the W. M. S. of St. Paul's United Church, The Halton Presbytery, Campbellville Women's Institute, The Book Club of Milton, Evening Auxiliary of the United Church, Milton, Palermo Women's Missionary Society, and a personal letter of protest from Henry W. Cripps, R. R. No. 5, Milton.

Discussion as to the railway service at Campbellville was again before the council as Reeve Near and Robertson were desirous of knowing whether it was the decision of the council to further prosecute the matter. The Warden assured the council that as far as getting any better service from the railway that, according to the latest ruling, was definitely out. Whether any action should be taken as to a breach of contract was left over to the next meeting. Any action as to suggested protection at

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Back from Overseas In Time for the Christmas Holiday

After two and a half years overseas with the Canadian Forces, Sgt. W. Findlay arrived home on Wednesday morning, just in time for the Christmas of 1943. Bill is well bronzed and appears to have stretched out more. Acton friends as well as Mrs. Findlay and Kathleen are indeed glad to see him back home again and especially for Christmas.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, so extra charging with a minimum charge for any announcement of 25c.

New Year's Eve Dance, in Acton, Town Hall, December 31st. Merry-maker's Orchestra.

Dance Brookville Hall, December 29. H. Fisher's Orchestra. E. Packer floor manager. Sponsored by Busy Bees.

Dance in Orton Community Hall on Friday evening, December 24. Harvey Fisher's Orchestra. Admission 50c. Lunch served.