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Acton Council Favours the Plan of County Assessor

Plans for Reservoir at Spring are Proceeding — Extensions of Water Mains Get Consideration — Town Planning for Acton is Proposed and Information to be Secured

A meeting of Acton Council was held last evening with Councillors J. H. Boulton, W. J. O. Oakes, J. E. Davidson and J. H. Creighton present and Reeve J. M. McDonald presiding. Mr. S. Snow was present at council to see if it were possible to obtain a section in the southeast corner of the Park to erect the proposed Legion Memorial Hall. It would be a two-story building of brick or tile or fireproof material. The hall could be used by other organizations.

After considering the legal and other aspects of the situation and the manner in which the park was set aside for Park use, Council decided that it was not possible to give park land for this purpose. The Clerk was instructed to write Mr. Snow giving Council's decision. Council was in accord with the project, but felt the park could not be used for building purposes, but must be retained in the original plan set forth at its inception. Motions were passed regarding business taxes of the late Dr. Whyte and Kenneth M. Langdon since they had not conducted business in Acton during the year except four months by Mr. Langdon.

The Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the I.O.D.E. requested permission to hold a Tag day for the Blind on Saturday June 2nd. Permission was granted. Correspondence was read with the Dunlop Rubber Co. regarding the purchase of fire hose. Arrangements were under way for the purchase of adjustable nozzles. Council discussed the question of having a County Assessor and favored the plan. The Reeve was instructed to report to County Council that Acton favored the County Assessor plan.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

Arrow Faxes Paza advertising	\$ 16.90
A. E. Hilbert, balance of account	75.00
Workmen's Compensation Board, assessment	121.49
Association of Assessing Officers, fee	10.00
Acton Public Utilities, postage and express	16.20
Acton Welfare Board	11.49
Dr. W. A. Proud	3.00
Wilfred Coles, re Division Court	8.00
Coke and Dennison, repairs	20.45
Symon Hardware, supplies	7.41
Hell Telephone Co., services	11.81
Acton Public Utilities, lighting services	201.62
Norton Motors, April account	33.14
	\$336.54

The committee was asked to report on the necessity of an extra street light at John and Church Streets. Several drainage problems were discussed and attention was to be given to same. The Clerk reported that the only tax arrears were on two properties for small amounts. It was a record for tax collection.

The Reeve reported that the plan for the reservoir at the spring had been submitted to the Commission and approved. The Engineer was completing the plans. The Clerk reported receipt of a cheque for \$12,000 from the Canadian Credit Men's Association, a ten per cent. settlement on the claim of the Corporation against the Goodman Estate, who at one time were tenants of the Shoe Factory building. Hospital accounts for indigents were reviewed by Council and instructions issued for their disposal.

A letter from the Department of Municipal Affairs gave information regarding the procedure for issuing of debentures for the extension of water mains. Mr. Harrop reported fences in the Park were in bad condition. The Clerk was instructed to notify all the property owners to attend Council meeting on May 30th to discuss the matter.

J. B. Mackenzie asked permission to place fill along the front of his property on Church Street, where a new building was to be erected. The Clerk was instructed to prepare an agreement covering this work.

Mr. John Layng had suggested to the Reeve the need of town planning in Acton. The Reeve was instructed (Continued on Page Four)

WON PRIZE FOR POSTER OFFERED BY PRESTO CLUB

From the *Quebec Mercury* we learn that Josephine Boyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Boyd, formerly of Acton, was the winner of the prize offered for a poster by a college student. The prize was given for the first time by the Presto Club and the presentation was made by Miss Jessie T. Hill, President at a recent meeting. Acton friends extend congratulations.

Three Candidates Nominated in Halton on Monday

Liberals, Conservatives and CCF Enter in Halton Federal Election on June 11th

The official federal nominations for Halton County took place in the Town Hall Milton, on Monday afternoon. Each speaker was given 30 minutes and no replies were allowed. The meeting was not largely attended, the hall being only about half full.

The first speaker was Carlyle C. Browne, CCF candidate. He went back to the Bennett regime in an endeavor to prove to the electors how necessary it is that the CCF should be elected to Ottawa. Said Mr. Browne: "We have had neither a democratic or free parliament in Canada for 30 years." He pointed out ways in which he considered the Bennett government had failed and then referring to Prime Minister Mackenzie King, he charged "he is a past master in the art of political ball."

As proof of inconsistencies in the political arena he referred to 1912 when a vote of confidence was accorded Mr. King and a vote of censure dealt out to Mr. Mitchell Hepburn. He asserted that if and when the CCF goes into power, it will not be to enter to big money. "CFP would restore democracy to this country. The CCF party is made up not only from the ranks of its own party but from Liberals and Conservatives who have lost faith with their own party." He contended that all signs were right for another depression but that the CCF can stop that depression from coming. Mr. Caldwell contended was a straightforward and honest man, honest in all his politics, he had never twisted or turned in any way, shape or form.

Mr. Lloyd Dingle spoke in place of Mr. Allan Nicholson, who, he explained, was unfortunately confined to his bed by influenza. Mr. Dingle congratulated Mr. Browne on his splendid speech. "It was a good speech," said Mr. Dingle, but of course I don't agree with what he said." Then Mr. Dingle reminded his audience that Mr. Caldwell had said he would never send a son of his to fight. "Surely," he said, "you wouldn't want a man with such sentiments to head your government at a time when we expect to be fighting a war against Japan." (Continued on Page Five)

FIVE WINNERS IN ACTON CONTEST



Chairman J. H. Boulton and Chairman of Sales C. L. Kirkness handed out five more prizes to winners in the Eighth Victory Loan in Acton on Monday. Winners are Kathleen Finlay, Rena Branda, Garry Walker, Geo. McPherson and A. B. McLean.

Acton Again Over Top in Eighth Victory Loan

Objective Reached late Saturday Afternoon with Total \$214,000 for One of the Biggest Loans Here—Prize Winners are Announced with First Estimate Right to the Minute.

While Acton Victory Loan officials had a worthwhile time in the last few days of the Eighth Loan, Acton came through as usual and on Saturday passed its objective of \$214,000 and figures on Saturday night climbed to a new high mark of \$214,000. Completed returns are not yet available but once again Acton came through splendidly.

It was 4:49 p.m. on Saturday when the tannery whistle announced to all that the local Victory job had been finished. Winners in the local contest are Rena Branda, whose estimate was right on at 4:49; Kathleen Finlay and Mr. A. B. McLean both estimated 4:50 as the time and drew for second and third places. Garry Walker was fourth with a guess of 4:47 and Geo. McPherson and C. B. Clarke were fifth at 4:42 and in the draw the prize went to Mr. McPherson.

Chairman J. H. Boulton and his entire committee certainly deserve much credit for the splendid response they received from citizens generally. We hope to have more details of the break-down and final figures available for next week.

VARIETY CONCERT HAS BIG CROWD AT ERIN PRESENTATION

A grand variety entertainment in Erin under the popular director, and versatile entertainer, Mrs. Bert Weeks, reached the pinnacle of success on Thursday evening when approximately 175 people were unable to gain admittance. "It takes Mrs. Bert Weeks to get the crowd," one again proved correct despite the heavy rain. The proceeds were donated to the Erin Red Cross, and Mrs. P. Sinclair and Reeve R. Ferguson acknowledged the worthy efforts of the promoter and her cast, also supplying a generous luncheon by members of the Red Cross.

Ratepayers Hear Plans for Sewerage System Here

Well Attended Meeting on Monday Seemed Anxious to Have Plan Proceeded With—Address by Dr. Berry and Mr. Anderson Engineer of the System

If the meeting on Monday evening in Acton Town Hall was any evidence of the favorable interest of Acton citizens in the installation of a sewerage disposal system it would appear very favorable. In spite of the cold, heavy downpour of rain, about 150 citizens turned out to hear the problem discussed. And it was discussed frankly and fairly. There were plenty of questions asked but strangely there was no spoken opposition to the proposal.

Halton County Council Met at Milton Tuesday

Resolutions from Other Councils are Approved — Park Municipality to Secure 100 Copies of County Booklet

The May meeting of the Halton County Council was held in Milton on Tuesday. The Warden presided and all members were present with the exception of Mr. C. V. Hillmer, unavoidably absent as the result of an accident. In Committee of the Whole Reeve K. R. McDonald acted as chairman. Committee reports were as follows: Hospital accounts passed for payment \$729.95. Printing, \$144.30. Finance: To Children's Aid Society of Halton \$760.82, C.A.S. Hamilton, \$56.12, C.A.S. York County, \$49.80, Ontario Training School for Girls, \$46.50. Education: Payment to pupils outside of the county, \$5,142.95. Mr. Union W. I. and St. Paul's Church re expenses for lunch for school children \$71.25. County Roads \$4,873.07. Agriculture and Reformation \$1,439.60. County Buildings \$301.88. Total expenditure for all committees \$13,652.24.

A resolution from Grey County was endorsed and was as follows: "That all County Councils in the Province of Ontario be approached with a view to having legislation passed making the treatment of cattle for warbles and the dipping of sheep, compulsory." The Warden gave a detailed explanation of the damage done by warble flies to the discomfort to cattle and damage to the hides. Mr. J. M. McDonald further stated that he had seen hides with as many as 175 holes as a direct result of warble flies on the cattle.

A resolution from Peel County was also endorsed petitioning the Provincial Government to make it compulsory that all cattle being shipped to Toronto be consigned to the Union Sock yards and sold on the open market and thereby create an open competitive market. In response to an appeal from the Hospital for Sick Children it was agreed that a grant of \$50 be sent. It was moved by Mrs. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Robertson, that the clerk be instructed to write Charles Hillmer expressing the hope for a speedy recovery and also that a plant be sent to his home with greetings from the County Council.

Some discussion took place as to whether the county advertising booklet would be given free or a charge be made. In this regard it was moved by J. M. McDonald and E. W. Smith that the C.N.R. and C.P.R. Railways each be given 500 copies gratis for distribution overseas, and that 100 booklets be sent to each municipality in the county. If any further are required, these are to be charged for at cost. A perennial topic for discussion was introduced by the Warden—Equalized Assessment. But the members shied away from it and asked that the discussion be deferred until their next meeting.

Mr. J. M. McDonald gave a brief report of the meeting of the Federation of Agriculturists at which plans for a County Health unit had been discussed. The County Council are however, proceeding with plans along this line as previously arranged or until such time as a complete county unit can be organized. Some discussion took place regarding a new lighting system for the County buildings and in this connection it was left to the County Buildings Committee to look after the matter.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, as cost per line, with a minimum charge for advertising of 25¢.

The Lakeside Chapter I. O. D. E. Victory Garden Party, June 25th in Acton Park. Russ Creighton and his variety entertainers.

The Duke of Devonshire Chapter I. O. D. E. Group 1, will hold an afternoon tea and baking sale at the Town Hall, Saturday, May 19th. Apron and Rummage sale.

Eachre and Dance, Thursday May 24th and every second Thursday until further notice in St. Joseph's Hall, Acton at 8 p.m. Good prizes. Admission 25¢. Everyone welcome.

Eachre, Acton Ladies Orange Benevolent Association will hold a eachre in the L.O.L. Hall, Crewson Corners Monday evening May 21st at 8:30 sharp. Refreshments. Admission 25¢. Everyone welcome.

CKCR Drifting Cowboys and Girl Yodler playing for dance at Brookville, Monday, May 21st. Sponsored by Busy Bees for War Work. Admission 50¢. Dance June 5th with Galbraith Orchestra.

SCENES FROM V-E DAY IN ACTON



Above are three photographs from the V-E Day Celebrations in Acton and the upper pictures show the Street Parade and Boys' Band as it forms in front of the Monument, lower centre shows the scene in front of the Monument as Reeve J. M. McDonald pays tribute to those who paid the supreme sacrifice.