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## C. Kirkness Elected Reeve Former Councillors Lead

J. H. Creighton, W. J. O. Oakes, W. J. Benson, and Claude Cook are Councillors for 1946—J. H. Creighton was Top Man in Voting on Monday—Councillor Davison was Omitted

There was evidence in the municipal elections on Monday that ratepayers were fully aware of the need for experienced guidance in Acton's affairs in the coming year. Mr. Charles Kirkness, who has had three years' Council experience won a decisive plurality over Mr. E. Davies, who had no municipal experience since coming to Acton.

Again this was evidenced in the vote accorded Councillors J. H. Creighton and W. J. O. Oakes, who have had several years in Council work and have both been prominent in the community. Mr. Charles Kirkness, who has had three years' Council experience won a decisive plurality over Mr. E. Davies, who had no municipal experience since coming to Acton.

Two new men take places at the Council table this year. They are among Acton's prominent young businessmen and have been resident here for some years. Mr. W. J. Benson, secretary of Baxter Laboratories and Mr. Claude Cook, who is in charge of the chemical department at Beardmore and Co. It is perhaps the youngest council in Acton for many years, even in our recollection which covers at least twenty-five years. The new Reeve is the youngest we can recall in more years than the quarter century.

Following is the result of the vote on Monday:

Town	No. 1	No. 2	Total
Creighton	210	129	339
Oakes	178	101	279
Benson	178	96	274
Cook	153	108	261
Davison	97	69	166
Masters	74	44	118

The new Council will not assume office until January when the inaugural meeting will be held and the Committees set for the year's work.

## New Type Light Brackets for School Ground Lighting

Consumers in Arrears Given 15th to Pay Accounts—Other Commission Items

The regular meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Monday evening. Reeve J. M. McDonald and Commissioners C. M. Hansen and J. R. MacArthur were present.

A diagram of the brackets for the street lights to be installed at the school grounds was presented. Those brackets are in the shape of a fisher's hook and have some ornamental iron work on them. A guard is also included to cover the light globe.

A light, situated on Main Street at the C.N.R. tracks is being broken nearly every week and the average cost of operation and replacement is \$1.25 per week. A guard was ordered placed on this light.

Superintendent Wilson reported that services on Bower Avenue were still being stopped up with bits of oakum which had gotten into the Main when the Alice Street extension was cut into the main.

A request to move the pole on Frederick Street which feeds the Wool Combing Corporation plant was made. This pole is in the way of a road being made between Elgin and Frederick Streets. The underground cable will have to be spliced and extended when this pole is moved.

The necessary form was signed by the chairman and deputy chairman authorizing the secretary-treasurer, F. Turner and Superintendent Wilson to have access to the safety deposit vault in the Bank of Montreal.

A letter was to be sent to the 24 consumers in arrears, stating that accounts must be paid by December 15th.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Hydro Department	Acton Free Press, office
H.E.F.C. of Ontario, power and supplies	\$ 5.94
Jas. R. Kearney Corp., supplies	4335.51
F. L. Wright, fidelity bond	42.23
Express	8.00
	2.43
	\$4394.11

Waterworks Department  
Canadian Brass Co., Ltd., \$-79.99  
Superintendent Wilson reported that the pumps at the spring would be changed over to their permanent connections this week from the temporary installations made during the construction of the new reservoir.

## LIFE MEMBERSHIPS PRESENTED AT THE UNITED W.M.S. MEETING

The Life Membership Tea of the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church was held at the Parsonage on Thursday. Items on the program included a vocal solo by Mrs. B. Veldhuis and Mrs. C. L. Poirer; a piano solo by Miss Ethel Franklin; and Scotch reading by Mrs. D. Richardson.

A very outstanding feature was presentation of life membership pins and certificates in memory of Mrs. C. O. Speight, to Mrs. J. Gaudin, in memory of Mrs. T. Watson, to Mrs. E. T. Thorford, Mrs. E. J. Caldwell, to Mrs. Archie Kerr, her youngest daughter. Tea was poured by Mrs. Peter Smith and Mrs. E. J. Caldwell. The living room was very tastefully decorated with yellow mums, pink streamers and lace cloth. Lunch was served and a very enjoyable and social time was spent by all in attendance. A very hearty vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Forsberg for her home and hospitality.

## Right Leg Had Eight Fractures in Accident Saturday

Stanley Aitchison of Cobourg Injured when Truck and Car Are in Collision

Stanley Aitchison, aged 17, suffered multiple fractures of the right leg and was badly bruised when a car on which he was riding on the running board was struck on the side by a large truck owned and driven by John Williamson. Both bones of the leg are shattered in a number of places and the doctors described the injury as a "very severe compound fracture." There are also abrasions on his left leg.

The accident occurred about 4:30 on Saturday afternoon. The truck driven by John Williamson, who had Robert Patterson in the cab with him, was travelling north-east on Church St. The car involved was driven by Edward Healy and was travelling south-east on Frederick St. In the car with Healy were M. St. Dennis, Leon Cooper, N. Leach, M. Howard and A. Deschaine and Stanley Aitchison was riding on the right running board. All the occupants are employees of Beardmore and Co. and live at the company boarding house on Frederick Street.

The impact drove the car up Church Street and it careened across the corner of the lot where Miss L. M. Gray resides and was stopped after it had crossed Frederick Street to the opposite corner. The truck was turned about across the sidewalk facing in the opposite direction in which it was travelling at the time of the collision.

Dr. Kenney was called and gave medical attention and the seventeen year old lad from Cobourg was taken by ambulance to St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph. Saturday night, he underwent an operation, and a plate was inserted in his leg to hold the crushed bones in place. His condition is described as "as well as can be expected." According to his doctor the leg should not need to be amputated.

Chief Harrop investigated the accident on Saturday. None of the other occupants of car or truck were injured.

## THIEVES AT ROCKWOOD LEAVE LOOT BEHIND WHEN OWNER APPEARS

About 5 p.m. on Saturday morning thieves broke into the service station and booth of Gen. Laverty on No. 7 Highway in Rockwood. Neighbors were aroused by the sound of breaking glass when the thieves broke the pane in a small window in the side of the building.

Two men helped a third through the small opening, while a fourth remained in the car facing up the highway. After the building had been successfully entered, one man took up position as watchman, while the other two entered by the door which had been opened from the inside. Then they began to pack cigarettes, etc. into a carton box.

By that time the neighbors had aroused Mr. Laverty who lives across the street. The noise frightened the burglars away, and leaving most of their loot they sped north through the village. While the police had been called as soon as the thieves were discovered, the latter got away before the officers had time to arrive. No trace of the men has been found.

## REEVE FOR 1946



Chas. L. Kirkness, who was elected to the Reeve'ship in Acton on Monday by a large majority. He is the youngest man to occupy the position in Acton. Served his boyhood here, attended Acton Schools and is secretary of the Acton Masonic Lodge. Served three years on the Council in Acton.

## HOME ECONOMICS CONTEST FEATURE AT DUBLIN INSTITUTE

Dublin Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Black for their November meeting with Mrs. Barber in charge. Roll call was answered with "One way to avoid accidents in the home." Mrs. Nelles and Mrs. Van Goozen gave a very practical demonstration on the making of whole wheat rolls. A home economics contest was held with discussion on the question sent in. The contest was won by Mrs. Grant, a former member. Lunch of hot supper dishes and the hot rolls was enjoyed by all. The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

## GIBSON-HEDGES WEDDING AT CHURCH IN ENGLAND

A pretty but quiet wedding was solemnized at the Baptist Church, Putney, Surrey, Eng. when Miss Constance Hedges, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hedges, became the bride of Handsman Norman Gibson, Canadian Army Overseas, son of Mrs. John Gibson and the late John Gibson, Acton, Ontario.

The church was attractively decorated with yellow and bronze chrysanthemums. Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of ivory glaze silk with Juliet cap of orange blossoms and carried yellow tea roses. The bride was attended by her cousin, who chose a gown of lime green with mink and beaded dress of ostrich feathers to match. The groom's gift to the bride was a gold pendant set with pearls. The best man was Handsman Garfield Brown of Oakville, Ontario, also with the Canadian Army Overseas.

After a reception at the Mission Hall, also decorated for the occasion, the bride and groom left for a honeymoon at Bourne-mouth.

The groom will then return to his unit for another tour of the Continent.

## Robber Held and Arrested In Attempt to Rob Merchant

C. K. Browne, Tobacconist sustained Scalp Wounds when struck by Assailant But Held Him Until Help Arrived and He was later lodged in Jail at Milton—Used German Pistol in Attack

When Edmund S. Scarr of Owen Sound attempted to rob C. K. Browne on Tuesday afternoon, he reckoned without knowing his man and as a result got quite a beating himself, was held until police arrived and landed in the County gaol at Milton before supper time.

About four o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, Mr. Browne, who owns a confectionery and tobacco store on Main Street was in his apartment at the rear of the store putting a rug on a couch. As he stopped over the couch he was struck by his assailant and hit on the head with the butt end of a pistol. He recovered himself and faced a man who had a handkerchief covering the lower half of his face. A gun was pressed against his hip and he was informed this was a "hold-up."

Although seventy-five years of age, Mr. Browne tackled his man and in the scuffle which followed was struck several times on the head by the pistol but managed to knock

## Special Meeting Acton Council Regarding Arena

Watermain and Reservoir Account Paused and Other Items Receive Attention

Councillors W. J. O. Oakes, J. H. Boulton, J. H. Creighton and E. H. Davison were present last night at a meeting of Acton Council held in the Clerk's office. Councillor Oakes as acting reeve, presided at the meeting.

Accounts in connection with the reservoir and water main extensions as submitted by the engineer were checked by the Council.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

J. B. Mackenzie & Son, supplies	\$ 103.70
County of Halton, use of grader	30.00
E. Hradka, rent of dump	50.00
Acton Public Utilities Commission, supplies	70
E. S. Cooper, supplies for the Board of Health	12.98
Donald Inspection Ltd. services	14.15
Knowles Construction Co., watermain as per Engineer's progress certificate	691.10
Knowles Construction Co. re water reservoir as per certificate	258.52
Armstrong Anderson & Co. engineering fees	508.80
Norton Motors, account	58.33
	\$9,468.18

The plan for the water main extension on Guelph Street was presented by Engineer Anderson. It was pointed out the hydrant was not properly placed and this was to be drawn to attention of Mr. Anderson.

Matters in connection with securing the arena were discussed. Repairs to windows and the lights had not been finished. Mr. Robson had not answered correspondence in connection with turning the property back to the Corporation. The agreement covering the lease of the arena was read by the Clerk.

It was decided that the Clerk and Reeve should contact Mr. Robson personally to secure a termination of the lease and get ready for the hockey season.

It was decided to have arrangements made with Herbert Fryer to make ice at the arena and do the caretaking. The Cemetery Board were to be consulted in making these arrangements.

## FAMILY DINNER PARTY ON 5th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

On Monday evening, December 3rd, Mr. and Mrs. Margan Madill entertained their immediate family in honor of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Lindsay's 5th wedding anniversary.

The table was beautifully decorated with roses and baby mums presented by the family, also a bride's cake with everything that goes with such an occasion.

## Ratepayers Endorse Plan For Sewers by 6 to 1

Acton Soldiers Who Are Welcomed Home Again

The Allan Gordon, R. H. L. I., arrived home from overseas on November 22nd, making the crossing on the "Queen Elizabeth." He had been in the army for four years and served overseas for one and a half years in England, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Gordon and before enlisting was employed with the Canadian Wool Co. All are glad to greet him home again.

## Inspector's Report Continuation School Reviewed by Board

Cadet Grants Received and Allotted—Lighting Contract to be Completed

Trustees F. S. Blow, Dr. F. G. Oakes, G. A. Dobb, J. A. Chapman and S. Baird were present at the December meeting of Acton School Board on Tuesday evening and Chairman V. B. Humley presided.

Matters discussed with Principal McKenzie of the Public School were some school reports, the question of procuring school supplies for all pupils, providing accommodation and equipment for manual training and adjustment of the salary schedule. Further information was to be secured and the Board will make decisions in the new year.

The Property Committee was to arrange for completion of the lighting in some of the school rooms that had not been completed by Gordon Smith during the summer.

Principal Stewart of the Continuation School reported receipt of \$24 for band grant, \$30 capitation and \$46.25 for uniform grants. The band and capitation grants were turned over to the principal to administer for the purposes for which they are given.

Receipt of \$22 non-resident fees was reported by the Secretary.

The Continuation School Inspector's report by Mr. W. A. Jennings was read. There was an attendance of 99. The report reviewed the school work and noted that some upper school subjects were now at the option of pupils. The teaching was satisfactory and there was good co-operation and harmony in the school. The courses were being covered satisfactorily.

A letter was read from Inspector Skuce which drew the attention of School Boards that major changes or expenditures could only be approved if sanctioned by the inspector and department. The most direct method was to consult first with the inspector on any changes being made.

The external inspection of the boiler was satisfactory.

A letter from the Municipal Treasurer notified the Board that the cost of the Public Health Nurse this year was \$600 and that \$109.80 had been paid by Council for attendance of Acton pupils at Vocational Schools. The Secretary was instructed to reply that the Board had budgeted for \$500 for this item and that was the maximum contribution to the cost. A cheque for this amount was to be enclosed.

Enquiry was to be made if the Principals had arranged a schedule of films for the visual sound machine. The Treasurer was authorized to pay accounts presented by Mr. Aulpay on the installation of additional toilets after they had been approved by the Property Committee.

It was decided to hold the first meeting for 1946 on Tuesday, January 8th.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

E. Cooper	\$ 25
Vocational Guidance Centre	13.93
Books	193.08
C. Anderson, supplies	6.18
F. McCutcheon, express	34.40
Moyer School Supplies	2.50
E. J. Hassard, supplies	1.50
General Films, supplies	28.00
Copp Clark Co., supplies	1.00
J. B. Mackenzie & Son, supplies	3.50
J. M. Dent, supplies	6.16
Symon Hardware, supplies	30.16
F. L. Wright, insurance	41.93
General, plastering	11.00
Acton Public Utilities Comm. services	27.58
Treasure Sand & Gravel	13.48
Guelph, Corporation of	500.00
Stamps	10.00

Polling on Monday was Decisively for the Proposed System—Acton Will Now be Ready when Opportune Time Arrives for Work to Start

In no uncertain terms Acton ratepayers on Monday gave endorsement to the installation of sewers and a sewage disposal plant. The vote was close to 7 to 1 for the proposal to spend \$184,000 on the system. There were 342 voted Yes and 56 voted No. Only those who were listed as property owners voted on the question.

In view of the fact that there are 450 voters listed as owners on the last voter's list, the vote polled of 398 is a fair percentage. Over sixty of the owners are not residents of Acton but some of them with a keen interest in the community came back to cast ballots here on Monday.

Following is the vote recorded:	Town	No. 1	No. 2	Total
Yes	342	98	83	440
No	25	21	10	56

Majority for Sewers—286

## OVERSEAS MONEY TO MAKE SURE CHRISTMAS IS BRIGHT

Pte Johnny Moore, stationed in Holland, is evidently quite anxious that folks in Acton shall have a merry Christmas now that it can be observed in peace. Last week we reported his contribution of five pounds to the War Service League.

This week the Acton Branch of the Canadian Legion received five pounds for the Children's Christmas Tree "to help celebrate the first peacetime Christmas in six years and the hope you all have a good time." We are informed the contribution will go into the Children's Christmas Party but not until next year as it is still not possible to arrange a party even if the funds are available.

## CHRISTMAS FLAVOR TO BANNOCKBURN INSTITUTE MEETING

Mrs. Ellsworth Evans was hostess to the Bannockburn Women's Institute for their November meeting. "Christmas suggestions" was the roll call for the day and some good practical suggestions were received. In the absence of Miss Edna Russell due to ill health, Mrs. Gray was appointed to be Red Cross convener.

After the best Christmas meeting, Mrs. Jolley conducted a general knowledge quiz which proved very interesting. A sing song was enjoyed from the new song books. The hostess and several of the ladies served a bountiful lunch and all enjoyed a social time.

## Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Conventions or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, in cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 25.

Woodside School Concert on December 21st at 8:30. Admission 25c and 15c.

Boys' Band Concert, Town Hall, on Sunday evening, December 9th, at 8 o'clock.

Dance at Brookville Hall sponsored by Nassagaweya W. L., Tuesday, December 11th, Hank Hamilton's orchestra. Admission 50c.

Bingo in Legion Hall, Monday, December 10th, auspices Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.F.E. 15 Prizes, Specials, Door Prize. (Note Change of Dates)

Annual Firemen's Dance, Town Hall, Acton on December 7th. Doris Hull's Orchestra. Two door prizes. Admission 50c. Dance starts at 9. 20-3

Legion Dance, every Saturday night, Acton Town Hall. 8-piece orchestra. Admission 50c. Special attraction, Glop Steele on the piano.

Euchte and Dance, Acton Ladies Orange Benevolent Association No. 1101 will hold a euchre and dance in the L.O.L. Hall, Crewson's Corners, every Thursday evening at 8:30 sharp. Refreshments. Admission 25c. Everyone welcome.

Friday, December 7th, Busy Bees are holding a Progressive Euchre at Brookville Hall. Gents and ladies 1st and 2nd prizes, value \$6. Low prizes also will be given. Tally Cards 25c, also Christmas Bazaar with fancy work, stuffed toys, Christmas cards, aprons, home baking, knitting, etc. Refreshment booth.