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Final Meeting for 1945 of Halton County Council

Adjustments in Salaries and Allowances Made—By-laws Passed to Appoint Public Health Nurses and County Assessor—Warden Heslop Eulogized by Fellow Councillors on Splendid Service

All members were present at the final meeting of Halton County Council last Tuesday. There were very few communications of any importance and Committee reports were brief. In Committee of the Whole Mr Whitaker occupied the chair.

Accounts passed by Council were as follows:

Printing	$ 191.05
Agriculture - Reforestation	91.52
County Roads	28,779.31
Hospital accounts	1,558.80
County Buildings	383.94

Finance — Childrens' Aid Society, $527.55; Fees and Expenses of Old Age Pensions and Mother's Allowance Committee, $280.60; Committee Fees re Children's Aid Society, $111.20; making a total of $919.35

Special Communications — Those discussed were letter from Carleton County suggesting that the Minister of Highways be requested to amend the Highway Improvement Act, so that the Government will pay 75 per cent of the cost of snow ploughing instead of 50 per cent. Council agreed letter should be filed.

Simcoe County asked approval of a resolution requesting the Dominion Government to direct the War Assets Corporation to pass over to the schools, on indefinite loan, all surplus equipment and materials needed for instructional purposes. This letter was endorsed.

There was some discussion regarding the account of the new lighting system and it was agreed that the County Buildings Committee request the return of the old fixtures before final payment of the account was made.

A letter from Wentworth County asked approval for resolution requesting the Minister of Municipal Affairs to amend the Municipal Act whereby fixed bounties may be paid by Counties instead of local municipalities. The letter was filed.

The Finance Committee also recommended that the salary of the County Clerk be reconsidered, suggesting that it be increased to $1500 per annum, effective Nov. 1, 1945 with $10 of same being charged to general accounts and the balance of $500 be charged to Road Accounts. The increase was approved.

The following resolution was moved by Mr Gilbert, seconded by Mrs Pettit, that $400 as expenses be paid to the Warden, Dr. Heslop, for the year 1945.

Mr Gilbert, in presenting the motion, explained that, in his opinion and in the opinion of a good many with whom he had consulted, it was ridiculous to expect the Warden to give his time, accept the responsibility incidental to his office, for as small a remuneration as had been given in the past. Formerly the Warden had been given $200.

The Warden, Dr. Heslop, said that while he approved of the increase in principle he regretted it had come up during his term of office. Had it come up next year it would have met with his approval. His personal objections being overruled the motion was carried unanimously.

By-laws were passed appointing the Public Health Nurses for the Public Schools in the County, also the appointment of a County Assessor.

Mr Wm Deans as secretary of the Old Age Pensions Board was given a grant of $150 for efficient services rendered.

As a means of preserving the records of the Lorne Scots of which Halton County is justly proud, it was moved by Mr Hillman and Mr Whitaker, that authority be given to the Brampton Conservator to print Halton's share of the history of the Lorne Scots at an approximate cost of $840. Carried.

Moved by Robertson and Gilbert that the car allowance for Roy Smith, County Engineer, be raised from $600 to $750 for the year 1945. Carried.

In regard to County Health Services, the Warden announced that he had talked with Dr. Struthers who had expressed great satisfaction at the progress already made in the County and had intimated that the Department had its eye on Halton in the hope that when facilities were available this County would be first in the field to take advantage of the extended health service. Mr Robertson: "I think this Health Unit is such a splendid service that I feel Halton County should bend over backwards to take advantage of such a proposition." Mr. J. M. McDonald, who has been very active in getting

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Wool Combing Plant to be Seen in News Reels

Technicians of the National Film Board have been in Acton this week taking pictures of the interior of the plant of the Wool Combing Corporation. The processes seen in the sorting rooms of the Canadian Wool Company right through the scouring, carding and combing of the wool, are being photographed.

The pictures will appear in one of the news reel releases in a few weeks. The National Film Board is preparing pictures of Canadian industries developed during the war and particularly those that process materials produced entirely in Canada.

These releases will be awaited with interest locally and we hope will appear in the local theatre.

MANY VISITORS AT HANDICRAFT DISPLAY HELD IN GEORGETOWN

The Arts and Crafts of Georgetown held their 4th annual display of handicraft on December 8th in the Odd Fellows Hall, Georgetown. The exhibit was more varied than ever before and showed marked progress in originality and execution of craftsmanship. A number of other crafts were demonstrated, tooled leather, plastics, metal work and pottery, besides new creations in the ever popular home-spun and weaving.

The display of leatherwork and plastics was a contribution of the Danforth Collegiate, Toronto, and greatly admired by everyone there. There was a large attendance of Georgetown and Acton people interested in the work of this ever growing organization, as well as many guests from Toronto, Meadowvale and elsewhere. As an added feature and social event, tea was served most graciously by Mrs W. J. Beatty, Acton, assisted by Mrs. W. Wolfe, Acton, Mrs. Charels of Stewarttown and Mrs. L. McIntosh of Georgetown.

Mrs. Milne of Georgetown was an able convenor of the display, assisted by Mrs. D. W. Baxter, Mrs. C. Brandford, Mrs. Batkin and Mrs. Neilson, also of Georgetown.

Three Counties to Greet Lorne Scots At Brampton Event

Due to Dock in Halifax on Saturday and Arrive in Brampton Sunday or Monday

The town of Brampton, the counties of Dufferin, Halton and Peel, and officials from M. D. 2 will tender a civic reception to the 1st Battalion Lorne Scots who are scheduled to arrive at Halifax Saturday on the Monarch of Bermuda. It is expected the Lorne Scots will arrive in Brampton on Sunday or Monday, but definite time will be announced on the radio. Complete details of the plans are given on page three of this issue.

The battalion under command of Major Stewart Beatty, Brampton Lorne Scots, will detrain at the C. N. R. station in Brampton and parade on Mill, Church and Main St. to Gage Park where it will form up facing the band stand. Here they will be welcomed by Major Hartley Bull and Major Geo. A. L. Potts, C. B. E., E. D. district officer commanding.

Taking part in the reception will be the pipe and brass bands of the 2nd Battalion Lorne Scots, the pipe band from No. 5 Infantry Training Battalion, Bradford, the Brampton Citizens Band and the Salvation Army band.

The 2nd Battalion Lorne Scots will parade under Lieut. Col. L. H. Bertram, M. C. and with the Brampton air cadets and high school cadets will line the route of the parade. All veterans in the three counties have been invited to the ceremony and will march in uniform behind returning troops. Col. Louis Keene will be in charge of the parade.

JUNIOR FARMERS APPOINT COMMITTEES PRESENT PROGRAM

The Acton Junior Farmers held their regular meeting in Lorne School on Thursday, November 29th. Two committees were appointed for the next meeting. Social Committee: Irma Watson, Howard Switzer and Jack Van Gooven. Lunch Committee: Mrs. Chas. Davidson, Edna Aitken, Jean Early and Grace Armstrong.

The president acted as chairman for the program which included a duet by Betty and Christina Winfield and a reading by Gordon Leslie. Games were played and followed by a social served with coffee. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing.

Biggest Acton Band in History Presented Sunday

Two Groups of Fifty Boys and Girls Trained by Chas. W. Mason Gave Concert

Bandmaster Charles W. Mason gave a surprise to many of us at the concert on Sunday evening in the Town Hall. We all knew about the Boys' Band which has been playing for two years and is making such fine progress.

What wasn't realized was that another group of young people had made sufficient advancement to give a concert. Sunday evening after the Senior Boys Band had given several selections the Junior Band of young boys and girls came to the platform. A second fine group started on the musical road. They gave their first practice selections and then the two groups joined on the platform for a number of band selections. Fifty young boys and girls certainly crowd fill the stage and they were given an enthusiastic reception by the audience. Citizens are indeed proud of this fine musical organization and the accomplishment of Chas. Mason backed by the Y's Men's Club.

It is the biggest all local band Acton has ever had since the boys in 1875 started blowing for Acton and generation after generation formed Acton bands. It took a lot of arranging to have uniforms for a band of fifty. The Senior Band graduated to the uniforms of the Acton Citizen Band, which was thriving until the war made its inroads on the young musicians. The girls and Junior Band members were smartly attired in the capes and caps formerly worn by the Boys Band.

There was no great acclaim for the concert Sunday night. The hall wasn't packed to the doors. But Sunday night made history in Acton band circles which dates back well over seventy years and rang true to form that Acton always has a good band.

Acton Hold-Up Man To Be Tried By Judge and Jury

Edmund Scott, 20, appeared before Magistrate K. M. Langdon yesterday in Police Court in Milton and elected to be tried by judge and jury. He appeared on a charge of armed assault and attempted robbery committed at Acton. He was committed for trial at the next court holding competent jurisdiction.

Second Hold-Up Fails As Assailant Knocked Out

Hold-up Men Failed to Secure Car When Telford McDowell Knocked One Out but was Knocked Down by Second Man Tackled in Driveway When Putting Car Away at Seven O'clock

Attempted hold-ups in Acton were not at all successful for the thieves last week. In fact two of them staged found one man in jail and the other carried away from the scene by his partner.

The second hold-up here came on Thursday evening about seven o'clock. Telford McDowell went to the driveway at the side of the home on Mill Street to put the car in the garage. As he inserted the key in the car door he felt something pressed in his back and a man demanded that he hand over the keys.

Telford McDowell is stockily built and weighs over 250 pounds. He remembered the battle-taught him in his Army training and put them to good use throwing his assailant to the ground. When he came to his feet he grappled with him and a blow on the jaw laid him out on the ground unconscious.

But McDowell never figured on the hold-up victim's companion. He leaped out of the darkness and lugged McDowell on the head with some heavy instrument. "I woke up about 10 minutes later, my wife and mother shaking me," he said.

Mrs. McDowell had come out of the house to see what was keeping her husband at the car and saw him slumped on the grass beside the automobile.

The two women could not lift the stocky assailant so they revived him by pouring water over his head. During the brief time he lay on the ground the man who slugged him managed to get his unconscious companion away. Police said they escaped in a 1937 gray Plymouth, this car having been seen by McDowell parked in front of his home a few minutes before the attack.

The first man whom McDowell struck was described as 40 years of age, about five feet seven inches in height and of dark complexion. He had a small moustache.

Chief Harrop and Provincial Constable Ray Mason are investigating the hold-up but unfortunately few clues were left as McDowell was alone at the time of the hold-up and apparently no one else saw his assailants.

Hockey Equipment For Teams of All Groups Arranged

At a meeting this week Acton Athletic Association made arrangements for juvenile hockey teams in Acton. They will be under the supervision of Principal G. McKenzie of the Public School. The Association has purchased 25 hockey sticks for the use of the teams.

Another item discussed by the Association was placing insurance on players of the intermediate and junior teams against injury while participating in scheduled games. Rates are to be secured and if they can be met and financed the question will have every consideration by the Association.

Sweaters with crests and pads and other equipment are being secured and the Association has met with very fine cooperation from local manufacturers and others interested in the promotion of sport in Acton.

More Homecomings Servicemen Before Christmas Holidays

Queen Elizabeth Had Five Men Returning to Homes in Acton—Other Back to Civilian Life

The past week has seen quite more servicemen returning home from overseas. The Queen Elizabeth which docked in New York last week had five men from Acton and district on board. They were Pte. C. E. Coldham, R.C.A.S.C.; Cpl. D. C. Price, C.O.D.; Lt. C. M. Palmer, C.A.C.; Capt. John L. Lambert, C.I.C., R.R. No. 1 Acton, and Cpl. F. C. French, C.Pro.C., R.R. No. 1 Acton.

Cfn. E. B. Groetzbach made the crossing on a grain boat and arrived at his home here on Thursday. His wife and friends were indeed glad to welcome him home again. Cfn. Groetzbach served overseas with the R.C.E.M.C. and of his three and a half years in the Canadian Army spent one and a half years overseas. The "Eastwood Park" grain freighter on which he returned to Canada took ten and a half days to make the crossing and brought home only fourteen servicemen. Before enlisting Cfn. Groetzbach was employed with Forest Electric Products here.

Bdr. J. A. Henderson arrived in Acton on November 29th, making the crossing on the Empress of Scotland. He served in the army for six years and served nearly all of that time overseas. He saw service in Italy, Sicily and from Holland into Germany. While overseas he married Miss Winifred Kennedy and they came to Canada soon. Before enlisting he was with the Bell Telephone Company here.

[illegible] Bdr. Robert E. Bagnall, who served in the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, arrived in Toronto on November 29th. He was in the army for a year and a half, serving in Canada, England, Belgium, Holland and Germany. He was married while overseas. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Bagnall, Frederick St., Toronto. Before enlisting he was employed with the Canadian Westinghouse Company.

[illegible] Queen Elizabeth last week were [illegible] who have spent four of the five years of army life serving overseas. While overseas he married and expects his wife to join him in Canada [illegible] coming. He was employed with the Bell Telephone Co. before enlisting.

Pte. C. H. Price of the R.C.E.M.C. has seen overseas for two years of his four and a half years of service in the Canadian Army. Before enlisting he was employed with Beaty, Limited and Co. Born in Acton he returned home to Acton on Saturday and was welcomed by other members of the family and friends.

ACTON COUPLE MARK THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cutting of Acton first celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on December 1. Mrs. Cutting was Ethel Coughell prior to her marriage and was born in Smithville, Ontario. They came to Acton about 47 years ago. After residing in Acton they moved to Hamilton, Ont., and moved back to Acton about five years ago. They raised a family of 7 boys and 6 girls, four of the boys served in the armed forces of Canada. They have 21 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

TWO ATTEMPTED HOLD-UPS FAILED IN ACTON

Coming Events

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[illegible] Concert, [illegible]

[illegible] Concert on [illegible] Dance after.

[illegible] Concert and Dance. Dec[illegible] Dancing [illegible]

[illegible] Community Hall, [illegible] December 19th. Concert [illegible]

[illegible] Hall, Wednesday, December 19th. Music by [illegible] B

Dance every Friday night. Acton Town Hall. Stan Porter and his Rhythmaires. Auspices Acton Athletic Association.

Dance, Dance every Saturday night. Acton Town Hall. Square orchestra. Admission 50c. Special attraction. Gay Stevenson's piano. TF

Square and Dance. Acton Ladies Orange Benevolent Association No. [illegible] will hold a social and dance in the I.O.L. Hall, Creswell's Corners, every Thursday evening at 8.30 sharp. Refreshments. Admission 25c. Everyone welcome.