

Personals

Friends will regret to learn that Mrs. Thos. Watkins is a patient in a Toronto hospital and all wish her a prompt recovery.

Friends will be glad to learn that Mr. Arthur Cockerell was able to return on Monday from the General Hospital in Toronto.

Douglas Vickery underwent an operation for appendicitis at Guelph General Hospital on Monday and his progress is reported satisfactory.

Beatrice Cripps underwent an operation on Tuesday for removal of the appendix and friends will be glad to learn her condition is favorable.

Eramosa to Build New Bridge on Seventh Line

Treasurer Reports 71% of Arrears Collected at the Final Meeting

The Council for the Township of Eramosa met in the Town Hall, Rockwood, on Saturday, December 15th at 1:30 for the statutory meeting with all members present and Reeve D. D. Gray in the chair.

Correspondence from Department of Highways, Canadian Mothercraft Society, Geo. W. Crothers Ltd., Mrs. Norris, Everton, and the Town of Petrolia was presented to Council and ordered filed.

Moved by Messrs. Leslie and Hetherford that preliminary steps be taken towards building a new bridge on the 7th line and that the Road Superintendent be authorized to engage W. H. Keith as engineer.

Moved by Messrs. Hutchinson and Benham that proceedings be started to close the following roads in the township, between lots 4 and 5 and between lots 30 and 31 in the 1st concession, between lots 10 and 11 in the 2nd concession, between lots 15 and 16 in the 4th concession and between lots 15 and 16 in the 6th and 7th concessions.

Road and bridge construction for 1946 was discussed.

The Treasurer reported that arrears of taxes amounted to \$1,606.50 and that 71 per cent of the 1945 roll had been collected.

Accounts amounting to \$28,774.01 including the County rate of \$17,736.22 were passed for payment and Council adjourned to meet January 7, 1946 at 1 p.m.

Obituary

GEORGE SOPER

Lifelong and highly-respected resident of Acton, George Soper Sr. passed away on Friday morning last after a brief illness. He was active until his final days for several weeks has been in failing health and last week he went to the General Hospital in Guelph for care. He was in his eighty-seventh year.

Born at Crewson's Corners, a son of the late Samuel Soper, he has spent his entire life in Acton and district. Sixty-one years ago last November he married Miss Augusta McLam. They established their home here and have continuously remained here. Last year Mr. and Mrs. Soper marked their diamond wedding anniversary. For twenty-five years Mr. Soper was an employee of the Boardman Co. He then established a grocery business on Main Street and later built the store now occupied by Hinton's Store and conducted a successful grocery and china shop here for twenty-five years. For the past few years he has lived retired on Wallace Ave. and taken a particular joy in his large garden.

Mr. Soper was well known in Acton. For many years he was a member of the Fire Brigade and took a keen interest in the affairs of the municipality. Surviving him are his widow and two daughters and two sons, Mrs. Jas. Livingstone, Guelph; Mrs. R. J. McKechnie, Lakewood, N. Y.; Melvin of Guelph and George of Kitchener. One brother, Joseph, of Erin, also remains. To all of these and to the grandchildren, sympathy of many friends goes in their bereavement.

The funeral was held on Monday afternoon with service at the Johnstone and Rumley Funeral Home in charge of his minister, Rev. A. W. Fosbury, who was assisted by Rev. Mr. Charlton, now of Erin, a minister of fifty-five years ago in the Disciple Church here of which Mr. Soper was a member. Here many friends gathered in tribute to a life they admired. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery. The pall bearers were Messrs. David Rae, Toronto; George Soper, Jr. of Guelph; Elmore McKechnie, Toledo, Ohio; Jim Adamson, Edward and George Thomas.

The flowerbearers were six granddaughters, Mrs. David Rae, Toronto; Mrs. Gordon Richardson, Norma Livingstone, Audrey Soper and Eleanor Soper all of Guelph and Flora Jean McKechnie, Lakewood, N. Y.

Church News

United Church of Canada
Acton, Ontario
"The Friendly Church"
REV. A. WALTER FOSBURY,
R.A., R.D., Minister
Parsonage—Bower Avenue

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23rd
Christmas Sunday Services
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship. Sermon on "Three Royal Gifts." Special Choir Selections. Carols.
12:15 p.m. Church School Christmas Service.
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship. Medley Drama "Why the Chimes Rang." Special Musical Selections. Carols.
"Unto you is born this day, a Saviour which is Christ the Lord."
"A Happy Christmas to All"

Presbyterian Church in Canada
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
REV. FORREST THOMSON, R.A., R.D., Minister
Manse—Willow Street

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23rd
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship "Men of the Way"
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship "Joy to the World"
Christmas Carol Service
"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

Baptist Church
ACTON
REV. W. H. WALLACE
Pastor

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23rd, 1945
11:00 a.m. Morning Service "The Shepherds"
12:15—Sunday School
7:00 p.m. Evening Service "The Wise Men"
A Welcome to All

Church of St. Alban the Martyr

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23rd
The Fourth Sunday in Advent
8:30 a.m. Holy Communion
10:00 a.m.—Church School.
11:00 a.m. Mattins and Sermon.
7:00 p.m. Evensong and sermon.
Christmas Eve 11:30 p.m. Choral Eucharist
Christmas Morn 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

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GREGORY THEATRE

THURSDAY FRIDAY
December 20th and 21st

"TALL IN THE SADDLE"
John Wayne Ella Raines
Colored Musical — "Boogie Woogie"
Cartoon "Lamb in a Jam"
Chapter 4 — "Zorro's Black Whip"

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22
Matinee at 3

"ON STAGE EVERYBODY"
Peggy Ryan Jack Oakie
Western—"Law in the Badlands"
Cartoon—"Ain't that Ducky"
Sport—"Table Tennis"
"Fox News"

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

"CHRISTMAS IN CONNECTICUT"
Barbara Stanwyck, Dennis Morgan
Disney—"Candide Casanova"
Sport—"Bikes and Skis"

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

"PATRICK THE GREAT"
Donald O'Connor, Peggy Ryan
Novelty—"Dizzy Day"
Sport—"Flyover Flying"
Cartoon—"Life with Feathers"

This and That

—Merry Christmas Everyone.

—Just three more shopping days.

—The arena is a popular place these nights.

—Schools close to-morrow for the Christmas holidays.

—Sale of auto license plates for 1946 will start on January 3rd.

—There'll be special Christmas services in the Churches on Sunday.

—Stores are open evenings to help the final rushes of Christmas shopping.

—The Free Press will be issued next Thursday. Send in your copy as early as possible.

—The temperatures of the past week have been hard on the coal bins but great for ice at the arena.

—The Post Office is a busy spot these days. Everyone is getting Christmas greetings and parcels.

—There will be no mail deliveries on Christmas Day. If it wasn't mailed early you may not get it until after Christmas.

—Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mason have received a dozen each of tulip and hyacinth bulbs sent to them by Gnr. Albert Mill now in Holland with the Canadian Army.

—Mr. Neil Patrick has purchased the residence at the corner of Mill and Elgin Streets belonging to the estate of the late Miss Mamie Maslin. The sale was arranged by W. M. Trachten.

—It is not too late to send a gift subscription to the Acton Free Press. For \$2 we send the home town paper until December 31st, 1946 and a gift card telling who is sending the gift. It's a gift that lasts all year.

—While shingling a new house on Crescent Street last week Fred Hunter of Toronto had the misfortune to fall from the roof. After receiving treatment by Dr. Kenney he was taken to the hospital in Guelph for examination. He was able to return home this week.

E. S. Force Elected President of Acton Y's Men's Club

The Acton Y's Men's Club held the annual election of officers at their Christmas meeting last Thursday. Elected as the new executive were:

- President E. S. Force
 - Vice-president M. J. Bennett
 - Secretary Garnet McKenzie
 - Treasurer W. Hall
 - Sgt.-at-arms Jack Greer
 - R. F. Bean, District Governor for Central Ontario installed these newly elected officers.
- The following appointments to the Board of Directors were made by the new president: project director, R. E. Parker; boys work, S. Lorne; young men's work, Monty Root; new membership, B. D. Rachlin; world outlook, Grant Kalbfleisch; bulletin editor, R. F. Bean.

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Best Christmas Wishes

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Arena Details Arranged at Council Meeting

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Knight applied for the booth concession at the Arena for the season at a rental of \$12. The Clerk was to draw up an agreement and the tender was accepted.

Application for the position of Secretary of the Arena were received from H. Holmes, Robt. A. Johnson, Wm. Coleman, Edward Ryder and H. V. Dron. By motion Robt. Johnson was engaged at a salary of \$2 per day for days in attendance.

The Arena Committee for the season 1945-46 was by motion named as W. J. Benson, chairman, C. L. Cook and the Secretary. The Secretary to be authorized to make all arrangements to schedule for Arena, subject to approval of the committee; the Arena and the management of same generally, subject to the supervision of Council.

The Clerk was instructed to return the \$15 deposit made for the license for a pool room.

In view of the efficient work that Mr. Clifford had done during the year a bonus of \$25 was voted him.

Council also granted F. I. Wright \$25 for his efficient services in connection with emergency farm labor. Council expressed appreciation of his splendid service.

The sum of \$50 was granted James Robertson for his services about the town hall for the year.

Financial matters in connection with the reservoir and water main extensions were discussed by Council and details were to be dealt with at a special meeting.

Council decided not to rent the town hall to the Water Tower Bible and Tract Society on Sundays as they did not desire to enter into a religious controversy and other premises could be secured for this purpose.

Certain arrears of business taxes were written off as uncollectable.

Councillor Oakes, on behalf of the Council expressed appreciation of the splendid work of Reeve McDonald for four years and on behalf of the group around the Council table made a presentation to the Reeve. Reeve McDonald, in reply, expressed appreciation of the co-operation of Councillors in the work. He had secured satisfaction in trying to serve the community to the best of his ability. He felt it was a citizenship duty that more residents should participate in. He appreciated the friendly opposition as well as the co-operation. The Reeve also expressed appreciation of the work of the municipal officials. Their work had been splendid in every way. At any time he could be of service to the community and Council he would be glad to assist. He appreciated the thoughtfulness in the remembrance.

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THU., FRI., SAT., DEC. 20-22
"PRIDE OF THE MARINES"
With John Garfield, Eleanor Parker
DEC. 20-24, MON., TUE., WED.
"SHE WENT TO THE RACES"
With James Craig, Francis Gifford
Starting Thursday, Dec. 27
"HOLD THAT BLONDE"
With Eddie Bracken, Veronica Lake
Continuous shows on Christmas Day and Boxing Day, Dec. 26
DEC. 19-20, WED., THURS.
"TORRID ZONE"
James Cagney Ann Sheridan
DEC. 21-24, FRI., SAT., MON.
"I LOVE A HANDLEDER"
Phil Harris "Rochester"
On the same program
BOSTON BLACKIES' RENDEZVOUS
Chester Morris, Nina Foch
DEC. 25-28, TUE., WED., THU., FRI.
"THE SPANISH MAIN"
In Technicolor
With Maureen O'Hara Paul Henreid
Continuous shows Christmas Day and December 26
ALL CARTOON SHOW FOR children Wed. morning, Dec. 28 at 9 o'clock

Christmas Gifts For Everyone

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