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Year End Business of Erin Township Council Completed

Albert Wheeler Resigns as Sheep Valuator for Township

At the call of the Reeve, a special meeting of Erin Council was held on November 10th when a Supplementary By-law was passed and numbered 13, for the purpose of providing for an additional grant of \$1500.00 on Township Roads.

A resolution, authorizing the Reeve and Treasurer to cash in on previous Victory Loan Bonds and to purchase two five thousand dollar bonds of the Ninth Victory Loan was passed.

Erin Council met on December 1st when the following resolutions were moved and passed:

That the resignation of Albert Wheeler as Sheep Valuator be accepted.

The Clerk be instructed to order 12 copies of The Municipal Council and Councillor in Ontario for use of the Council and officials.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay School monies in three instalments Dec. 15th, 1945, March 1st, 1946 and June 1st, 1946.

The Treasurer was instructed to make adjustments of receipts and charges between the Township and the Police Villages of Hillsburg and Orton, also interest payments between the Township and Telephone System and to pay any Township accounts which may be presented before the end of the year.

The Treasurer was authorized to forward to the County Treasurer the sum of \$22,214.66 County Tax.

The Treasurer was also authorized to pay Erin Township Telephone System the sum of \$189.98 interest on money owing to the System.

The Reeve was paid \$100.00, Deputy Reeve \$50.00 and the Councillors \$75.00 each for their services as commissioners for the year.

Accounts were passed for the following amounts: General Accounts, \$1044.97; Sheep Accounts, \$290.00; Relief Accounts, \$126.83; Road Accounts, \$1548.41; Hillsburg Police Village Road Accounts, \$139.41.

The 1946 Council will meet at Hillsburg on Monday, January 7th, 1946 at 11 o'clock a.m.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Marked by Family Re-union

By our Campbellville Correspondent

On Saturday afternoon, December 23rd, 1945, the children and grand-children of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Fisher, Campbellville, gathered at the family home to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. Over forty guests were present, coming from T. J. L. Guelph, Robinson and Delzergue, New York.

At 4:30 o'clock all went to the Sunday School room of St. Paul's Church, Campbellville, where the Ladies Aid served a delicious turkey dinner. Several members of the family were present, including the bride and groom.

Among those present, on the groom's side of the family were a brother, Mr. Levi Eley; a sister, Mrs. Bowman and brother-in-law, Mr. Moore. On the bride's side were a sister, Mrs. Beattie and two brothers, Thomas Routledge and John Routledge, the latter celebrating his seventy-seventh birthday at the same time. Of these guests, all except Mrs. Bowman were at the wedding fifty years ago.

After the dinner the guests returned to the family home for a social evening before departing for their respective homes.

LONG SEASON

FREDERICTON, N. B. (CP) — The navigation season of 230 days just ended in the Saint John River was one of the longest in history. The longest season between the spring opening and the annual freeze was 242 days, recorded in 1829.

Intermediate O.H.A. Schedule for the Season of Games

Following is the O. H. A. Intermediate Group I schedule which was drawn up at Georgetown on Thursday. The first game is to be played tonight in Acton between Acton and Milton.

December 27, Milton at Acton
January 3, Fergus at Orangeville, Elora at Milton, Acton at Georgetown
January 7, Orangeville at Milton, Georgetown at Elora
January 8, Fergus at Acton
January 10, Acton at Orangeville
January 11, Milton at Fergus, Elora at Georgetown
January 14, Orangeville at Georgetown, Acton at Fergus
January 15, Milton at Elora
January 17, Elora at Orangeville, Acton at Milton
January 18, Georgetown at Fergus
January 21, Orangeville at Fergus, Georgetown at Milton
January 22, Elora at Acton
January 24, Georgetown at Acton, Milton at Orangeville
January 25, Fergus at Elora
January 29, Fergus at Milton, Orangeville at Acton
February 1, Milton at Georgetown, Orangeville at Elora
February 4, Elora at Fergus
February 6, Acton at Elora
February 7, Georgetown at Orangeville
February 11, Fergus at Georgetown

NEW BOOKS TO BE AVAILABLE AT ACTON LIBRARY SATURDAY

A number of the new fiction and non-fiction books recently purchased for Acton Library in the fall order will be available to readers on Saturday evening. They have been catalogued and are ready for distribution. Not all of the books ordered are available yet but as they arrive they will be put into circulation. Most of the order is here, however, and goes into circulation on Saturday.

W. J. Robertson Re-Elected President of Halton Plowmen

The Annual Meeting of the Halton Plowmen's Association was held in the Department Office, Milton on Saturday evening of last week. The attendance created a record, being the largest in the history of the organization.

W. J. Robertson, 1st Vice-President, A. Elliott, 2nd Vice-President, Charles F. Pickett, Secretary, J. E. Whitlock, Directors: Esqueping Township, Robert M. Dowell, J. C. Cunningham and M. J. McNabb; Nassagaweya Twp., Roy Currie, J. E. Ellenton and Arthur Diamond; Nelson Twp., Geo. Roadhead, Ross Segorworth and Jack Taylor; Trafalgar Twp., Cameron Marshall, L. A. Dixon, Jack Marchmont and Harold Pickett; County Directors: Stanley Hall, M. P. P., Victor Hall, J. Fred Robinson and W. H. Robinson.

Honorary Directors: W. A. Robinson, Peter Peddie, Jas. H. Wilson, Auditor: John Irving.

In order to cope with the greatly increased program, the following associate Directors were also elected: Esqueping Twp., Harvey Nurse, Newton Ruddell; Nassagaweya Twp., Ray Blacklock, Ivan Taylor and Ross Gordon; Nelson Twp., Glen Campbell, Vern McArthur; Trafalgar Twp., Lloyd May, Geo. Hall.

It is anticipated that the 1946 Match will be held in Nassagaweya Township, and plans are also under way for a Junior Match, which it is anticipated will be sponsored by the Halton Junior Farmers.

Acton Manufacturer Died Suddenly Early on Sunday

F. S. Blow, President of Acton Machine Shops Suddenly Stricken While at Knox Church

The festive Christmaside was saddened in many Acton homes with the word that Frederic S. Blow had died suddenly early Sunday morning. His long residence in Acton, his community service in many places and his kindly manner had won for him a place in the hearts of many Actonians.

Mr. Blow had been about as usual on Saturday. He arranged with Wm. Mainprize Jr. that they would take Saturday afternoon and make some adjustment to the heating system at Knox Church. The changes involved more work than estimated and they both remained at the task until midnight on Saturday in order that the church would be heated properly for the services on Sunday. It was while completing the task that Mr. Blow was seized with a heart attack and passed away immediately.

Frederic Sheldon Blow was founder and head of one of Acton's fine industries. Coming to Acton about thirty years ago he started in the machine shop business on Main Street. He later went into partnership with Mr. C. H. Harrison and manufactured automobile parts. The business expanded and was moved to its present location north of the C. N. R. tracks. Further expansion necessitated a second building by Mr. Harrison and Mr. Blow became sole owner of the present plant. Later he developed the Blow rubber press and for the past few years the plant has had a demand for the product in excess of the supply. For several months prior to his death, Mr. Blow had been arranging for larger premises.

Erud. Blow was born near Woodstock sixty years ago. He attended Woodstock College and studied draughting and learned the trade as a machinist. Thirty years ago he married Alice Gertrude Overholt and shortly after their marriage they came to reside in Acton. Besides his widow he leaves two daughters and three sons: Darius, Mrs. C. J. Gramham, Jack, Kenneth, Margaret and Melbourne all of Acton. One brother, Arthur of Detroit and two sisters, Mrs. A. Lavoie of Royal Oak, Mich., and Mrs. H. Grenney of Woodstock, also remain. In their sudden bereavement they all have the sympathy of many warm friends here.

While Erud. Blow was successful in business undertakings and his work he also found time to devote to things in the best interests of his community. For ten years he has been a member of Acton School Board and has served as chairman. All through the years in Acton he has been active in the work of Knox Presbyterian Church and at the time of his death was a member of the Board of Managers. In his possession he occupied five acres of land, normally an executive but with the work his hand found to do. He was a member, too, of Walker Lodge A. F. and A. M.

He had a busy life but many will remember him for his kindly smile and his willingness to pause a moment for a friendly chat. It was our privilege to know him intimately through his residence in Acton. We liked his philosophy of life and the whole heartedness with which he put it into practical living. He was keenly interested in his home and family and it is a tribute to him that his sons and daughter who have finished their school terms have found joy in working along with him in developing the business of which he was the head.

The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon with service in Knox Church in charge of his minister, Rev. Forbes Thomson, assisted by Rev. A. F. Thower, nephew, Woodstock. The Church auditorium was filled with friends who came to pay final tribute to this life they admired.

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OFFICERS OF W. M. S. OF UNITED CHURCH INSTALLED FOR 1946

The December meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church was held at the home of Mrs. Peter Smith on Tuesday, with Mrs. E. J. Caldwell presiding.

The devotional period was taken by Mrs. Caldwell, Mrs. A. Dills, Mrs. S. H. Wilson, Mrs. J. Symon, Mrs. L. Agar, Mrs. F. Cleave and Miss M. Z. Bennett who gave a reading on "the greatest event that ever happened." Mrs. C. L. Poole of Moffat contributed a Christmas solo and Mrs. B. Mowat gave the study book.

The installation of officers for the coming year was conducted by Rev. A. W. Fostery when the following were duly installed: First president, Mrs. B. Mowat, president, Mrs. E. J. Caldwell, 1st vice-president, Mrs. S. H. Wilson, 2nd vice-president, Mrs. S. H. Wilson, 3rd vice-president, Mrs. R. L. Johnson, recording and press secretary, Miss E. Hawthorne, treasurer, Mrs. A. Dills, assistant, Mrs. J. Lambert, corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. T. Brown.

Secretaries of departments in session: Miss M. Z. Bennett, Christian stewardship, Mrs. A. W. Fostery, temperance, Mrs. J. Symon, community friendship, Mrs. F. Cleave, G.I.E., Mrs. G. Rogenvaldson, missionary monthly, Mrs. L. Agar, assistant, Mrs. H. Mowat, Miss E. Hawthorne, associate helper, Mrs. J. Gardner, baby band, Mrs. R. M. At their supply, Mrs. J. Moore, life membership, Mrs. Grant McDonald, pianist, Mrs. R. E. Arnold, assistant pianist, Mrs. G. McDonald.

Mrs. R. E. Arnold who has been pianist for many years, on behalf of the W.M.S. and in memory of a very dear friend, Miss Bertha Speight was presented with a life membership certificate by Mrs. A. T. Brown and pianist by Mrs. Grant McDonald. Mrs. Arnold appreciated this honor very much.

Rev. A. W. Fostery closed the meeting with prayer.

Mrs. Smith, assisted by Mrs. Pearl Smith and Mrs. B. Mowat served a delicious lunch of tea, sandwiches and Christmas cake and a social time was spent and enjoyed by all in attendance. It is always a pleasure to meet at this home.

WEEK OF PRAYER ARRANGED FOR ACTON BY MINISTERIAL ASSOC.

The Acton Ministerial Association met recently to arrange for the Annual Week of Prayer which will be held from January 8th to 14th, 1946. The services will be as follows:

Tuesday, January 8th in St. Alban's Church.
Wednesday, January 9th in Knox Presbyterian Church.
Thursday, January 10th in the United Church.
Friday, January 11th in the Baptist Church.

All services will be at 8:00 p.m. Each minister will speak on different aspects of prayer, subject to be announced later.

Thanks! Again Next Week

The editor and staff of the Free Press appreciate the co-operation of advertisers, correspondents and contributors in sending in copy early in the week for this edition. It means much in helping enjoy a mid-week holiday without unduly long hours to make-up for the day.

May we have your continued co-operation for next week for the New Year holiday. Mail your copy of events that have happened to reach us not later than Monday noon. All advertising copy will need to reach us by Monday noon. All advertising included. Co-operation in this will enable us to maintain regularity of our weekly issue.

Continuation School Annual At Home Presentation Awards

The annual At Home of the Acton Continuation School was held in the Y.M.C.A. on Thursday last. The change of place was necessary on account of the fire damage in the Town Hall.

The first part of the program consisted of dancing to music supplied by the Mercey's orchestra. The music was amplified to the basement room and dancing was enjoyed here as well as on the gym floor. The annual presentation awards were also a feature. On behalf of the Lakeside Chapter of the I. O. O. F., Mr. A. McAllister presented the awards to the boys and girls having the best all round record throughout the four years in the school. The school rings were presented to Jean Robertson and Kay Smith Allan.

The Athletic Championship medals which are presented each year by the School Board to the boys and girls with the highest number of points attained on field day were presented by Mr. A. B. Rumley, chairman of the Board. Patsy Chew received the Junior Girls Athletic Championship team codes the Intermediate Girls Championship and Joan Somerville the Senior Girls Championship. Harry Lawson received the Junior Boys Championship, Lorne Arbo the Intermediate Boys Championship and George Elliott the Senior Boys Championship.

Mr. Rumley also presented the following Proficiency awards:

The A. T. Brown Trophy for Grade IX Academic Proficiency to Marion Keenan
The Wm. Cooper Trophy for Grade X Academic Proficiency to Ernest West
The H. H. Hinton Trophy for Middle School Academic Proficiency to Kenneth Allan
The Dr. Cullen Trophy for Proficiency in Middle School Science to Fred Crosson
The Dr. Buchanan Trophy for Proficiency in Middle School Languages to Margaret Robertson
The Dr. J. A. McNiven Trophy for Proficiency in Middle School English to Margaret Robertson
The F. S. Blow Trophy for Proficiency in Middle School Mathematics to Betty Masters.

Middle School Graduation Diplomas were presented by Mr. Rumley to Jean Harris, Clayton Fryer, Lorna Frank, Anne Thompson, John Stewart and Margaret Robertson.

Lower School Intermediate Certificates were presented to John Barr, Frances Chew, William Chaiton, Joan Cade, Joan Cripps, Shirley Elliott, Irma Kenner, Shirley Kenner, Olga Lecker, Helen McEllan, Donald Matthews, Kenneth Tapilton, Jean Roberts, Mary Smith, Catherine Taylor, Dorcas Steele, Martha Parker, Ernest West.

An award for the best set in a recently formed cadet corps was presented from the Stratthoona Trust Fund to Fred Crosson. At the same time a cadet award was made to Donald Salt and Walter Parry for coaching.

Certificates of membership to the "Secret Late Never Absent Club" which is sponsored by the Lakeside Chapter I. O. O. F., went to Mildred Armstrong, Grade IX; Martha, Turkoz, Grade X; Shirley Kenner, Grade X; Lena Brandt, Grade X; Betty Bruner, Grade X; Aldo Brandt, Grade XI; and Clayton Fryer, Grade XII.

Lunch of sandwiches, cake and coffee was enjoyed and dancing was resumed until one o'clock.

CONGREGATION MADE CHRISTMAS GIFT TO BAPTIST MINISTER

Following the evening service in the Baptist Church on Sunday, members of the congregation read an address and presented Rev. Mr. Wallace the minister with a Christmas gift. The address thanked Mr. Wallace for his work in the pulpit, the homes and with the children and expressed the love and esteem the congregation had for him.

The inventor of powderless smoke is Dr. Chaim Weizmann, who later became world chairman of the Zionist movement.

Final Meeting for Year of Esqueping Council Last Week

Deed of Norval Memorial Recreation Centre is Accepted by Council

The last regular meeting of Esqueping Township Council was held on Saturday. Deputy Reeve, Geo. E. Cleave, Councillors George Currie, C. H. May and R. N. Brown were present. Reeve G. W. Murray presided. Rev. J. L. Self, Mr. Alex. McKinney and Mr. A. Robinson addressed the Council re Norval Recreation Centre. Correspondence was read and dealt with as required.

Accounts passed included Game and Fisheries Dept., Hunting License, \$3.22; the Georgetown Herald, account to date \$7.29; The Town of Milton, Esqueping's share of Division Court Fees, \$180; Corporation of Georgetown to Esqueping, Division Court costs and rent, \$30.00; The Bell Telephone Co. services, \$121.48; and \$69.22 total \$7.08; Canadian General Insurance Co. renewal bond, \$17.50; A. W. Benton, stamps, \$7.00; Acton Public Utilities Comm., Crescent Street lights \$15.00; Oliver Hunter, Treasurer, Presbyterian Church, Norval, marriage register, \$3.50; Dale and Bennett, legal fees for 1945, \$110.11; Treasurer, County of Halton, 50 per cent of hospital accounts for 1945, \$672.02.

Moved by Cleave, seconded by May, that the deed of the property of the Norval Memorial Recreation Centre be accepted by the Township of Esqueping on behalf of the said organization and a by-law prepared in accordance with the Community Hall Act. Carried.

Reeve and Councillors allowances for meetings, mileage and comm. were passed as follows: G. W. Murray, \$156.00; Geo. E. Cleave, \$138.00; Geo. Currie, \$127.60; C. H. May, \$133.20; R. N. Brown, \$134.60.

Accounts in connection with relief amounted to \$29.35. Board of Health accounts for meetings and mileage were paid, J. H. Bingham, \$22.25; Dr. R. T. Paul, \$21.00; G. W. Murray, \$21.00; J. M. Bennett, \$20.00 and J. G. Sanford, \$52.72.

The by-law was passed to provide for the municipal election for 1946. Road accounts amounted to \$8,114.67.

Moved by May, seconded by Brown, that the Reeve do now vacate the chair and it be taken by the Deputy-Reeve. Carried.

Moved by Currie, seconded by May, hereby tendered to Reeve G. W. Murray for the courteous and impartial manner in which he has presided over the meetings of this Council during the past year. Carried.

In his reply, Reeve Murray expressed his desire to be Reeve in 1946 and he will not be opposed by any member of 1945 Council.

The Netherlands were authorized a public loan of \$50,000,000 in the United States at the interest of 2 and 3/4 per cent to finance the purchase of industrial and agricultural products.

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 50c.

Acton Athletic Association New Year's Eve Dance in Acton Y.M.C.A. on December 31st. Stan Portch and his Rhythmairs. Admission 75c.

At Knox Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening, December 30th, at 7:00 p.m., the Choir of St. David's Church, Campbellville, will present a Christmas Cantata "On Wings of Angel Song." The soloists will be Mrs. J. K. Mahon, Mrs. R. J. Early, Miss Joyce Cowper, Mr. Neil McPhail, Mr. Murray McPhail.