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## Plans Made for County Assessor to Start Work

### Method of Allotting Printing of County Criticized on Tender Basis — Only One Tender Received for Work from Burlington Gazette — Appointments Made to the Road Committee

Halton County Council held their second meeting of the year last Tuesday. All members were present with the exception of Mr. Crawford. Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, followed by communications.

A representative from the Canadian National Institute of the Blind addressed the council, outlining the work of the Society for Halton citizens during the past year, of whom there are 20. He asked financial assistance from the council for their work with the expressed hope that it would be increased as the Society was endeavoring to enlarge the scope of its work.

In Committee of the Whole, Reeve Mary Pettit acted as chairman. Business arising from the reports and afterwards confirmed in open council was as follows:

**Special Communications:** Reeve Kirkness reported that this committee recommended payment of the following grants: Canadian National Institute for the Blind, \$300; Salvation Army, \$200; Ontario Association of Rural Municipalities, \$10; Navy League of Canada, \$300; Ontario Re-forestation Association, \$50; Association of Assessing Officers of Ontario, \$10; Total, \$270. A resolution was endorsed from Waterloo County that the license fee for transportation of fowl be raised; also one from Welland to petition government to grant Old Age Pensions at \$1.00 per diem at the age of 65.

**Printing:** Some discussion arose as a result of letters received from Acton Free Press and Georgetown Herald, protesting the method used by council in awarding tenders to the lowest bidder. Mr. Dilla, in his letter, pointed out that the tender of \$2.50 per page was considered as a fair return for the job and suggested this be verified by contacting the Weekly Newspapers Association. Exception was also taken by Mr. Dilla to the fact that the county advertising booklet was printed outside the county. Dr. Heapel said since there was such a difference in the price offered by tenders, he thought it was up to the printers to get together and settle on a standard rate. Mr. Craig: "I agree with that. It would then be possible to award the printing tenders by rotation."

Mr. Smith: "I cannot understand why there is such a difference in prices submitted. There must be something wrong somewhere."

Finally council adopted recommendation of the Printing Committee that tender of the Burlington Gazette be accepted at \$1.50 per page for auditor's report and \$1.60 per page for minutes, by-laws and reports.

**County Buildings:** This committee introduced a subject for discussion re: rent on Government house. Since the Government, Mr. Calvin Fleming, has taken up residence in his own house rather than that provided by the county, it was suggested that he be paid rent for his house, \$20 was mentioned, but it was finally moved by Messrs. Cleave and McDonald, that Calvin Fleming be paid the sum of \$10 per week as rental while present goal residence is rented and during his term of office as gaoler and while still living in his present residence. Carried.

Accounts passed for payment were:

Finance	\$2,235.13
Printing	451.84
Education & Health	13.72
County Buildings	777.06
Hospital Accounts	657.50
County Roads	2,279.41
Special Communications	870.00
	\$7,284.66

Moved by Craig and Cleave, that beginning Jan. 1, 1946, county to charge back to the municipality from which inmate comes, 50 per cent. of cost of maintenance of Halton inmates in the Ontario Training Schools. Carried.

Moved by Craig and Cleave, that an office be rented from the Canadian Bank of Commerce above the Bank for the County Assessor at \$10 a month, including heat and light. Carried.

Moved by Heapel and Murray, that Lloyd Crawford be appointed to the Road Committee for the years 1946-1950; also that W. H. Biggar be appointed for the year 1946. Carried.

Reeve Mary Pettit was also appointed to the Road Committee for the years 1946-48.

Letters of resignation from the Road Committee from W. J. Robertson and W. N. Gilbert were received and accepted.

By-laws to arrange for financing road and other expenditures were passed.

## WARDEN HALTON 1946



Reeve C. V. Hillmer of Oakville, who was elected Warden of Halton at the inaugural session of Council last week.

## Acton Juniors Drop Two Games to Oakville Squad

### Games in Oakville and Acton Both Won by More Experienced Team

The opening curtain in Junior O. H. A. hockey was drawn on Friday last as the Acton Junior team journeyed to Oakville and came out on the short end of a 13-4 score. The absence of ice from the arena in preceding years made itself known as the heavier and faster Oakville squad outskated and outplayed the home-esters.

The Acton team was strengthened considerably with players from Georgetown, but were unable to withstand the Oakville thrusts. From the opening minutes of the game, Oakville seemed to take command as they scored repeatedly on Robson of Acton. Rubbers seemed to pour from all sides on the luckless goalie as he attempted to thwart the Oakville attacks. However, in the latter part of the game, the locals seemed to collect themselves and managed to beat the Oakville net-minder four times. With a little practice, the team would have shown considerably better. Counters for the Acton team were scored by F. Allan with 2, Kentner and Stewart with one apiece.

In the second game of the Junior series, Acton had the misfortune to suffer another defeat at the hands of a much heavier and more experienced Oakville team. The local lads held the Oakville squad in the first of the game and led for 20 minutes, but Oakville forged ahead and held the lead for the rest of the game.

Two major actions took place in the first period and Coles and Snowball mixed it in the second. Both fights drew major penalties.

The final score was Acton 4, Oakville 8. Acton will meet Milton Juniors in an exhibition game in Milton next Monday.

## UNITED CHURCH CHOIR ENTERTAINED AT HOME MRS. JAS. SYMON

On Thursday evening, January 17th Mrs. James Symon entertained the United Church Choir to supper. About 25 members and friends sat down at the tables, which were beautifully decorated with spring flowers and candles. Mr. R. N. Baird expressed the feelings of all when he thanked Mrs. Symon for her kindness in arranging this delightful affair for the choir.

After supper the secretary-treasurer gave her report for the year which was adopted unanimously. The following members were elected to office for 1946:

Hon. President—Mr. R. N. Baird.  
President—Mr. D. Priestley.  
Vice-president—Miss D. Simmons.  
Secretary—Mrs. D. Taylor.  
Treasurer—Mrs. E. Valduhis.  
Librarian—Mrs. D. Richardson.  
Social Committee—Mrs. D. Priestley, Mrs. M. Symon.  
Gown Committee—Miss R. McDonald, Miss M. Rolston.  
Membership Committee—Miss E. Franklin, Miss S. Rolston.  
Music Committee—Miss F. Brown, Mrs. G. McDonald, Miss E. Franklin, Miss D. Simmons.

Even when a small home goes to pieces, the nation it belongs to feels the bump.

## ST. ALBAN'S VESTRY MEETING HEARD GOOD REPORTS OF YEAR

The annual vestry meeting of St. Alban's Church was held Monday evening, January 21st in the Parish Hall. The rector opened the meeting with prayer. Mr. C. Ranney was elected Vestry Clerk. Reports from the wardens and church societies, the Women's Auxiliary, the Guild, the Choir, the Girls' Auxiliary and the Church School showed favorable balances with which to begin the new year.

The following officials were elected for 1946: People's Warden, Mr. Thos. Jones; Rector's Warden, Mr. H. Jolley; Auditors, Mr. C. Leatherland and Mr. C. Ranney, delegate to Synod, Mr. C. Ranney; substitute delegate, Mr. T. Jones. As Mr. Lowry was resigning as delegate to Synod, Mr. W. J. O. Oakes was elected to complete the remaining two years of his term.

Motions were passed expressing the thanks of the congregation to Mr. H. Jolley for his faithful work as People's Warden for so many years; to Mr. Weaster for his work as bulletin secretary and to Mr. Clifford for his work as envelope secretary. It was decided to hold a separate meeting on Thursday, January 31st, at 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall to make plans for the Anglican Advance Appeal. The rector pronounced the blessing at the end of the meeting.

## MISSION BAND OFFICERS ELECTED FOR YEAR 1946

The officers of the Ruth Nelson Mission Band of the United Church for 1946 are:

Superintendent Miss M. Z. Bennett.  
President Freida Harris.  
Secretary Johanna Veldhuis.  
Treasurer Irene Evans.  
Watch Tower Ronnie Robson.  
World Friend's Secretary Christine Lamb.  
Corresponding Secretary Verena Johnston.

The man who is always out for himself is always in bad with others.

## Council Considers Estimates But Tax Rate Not Decided

### Ruling Given on Holding of Ring-on by the Legion—School Board and Fire Brigade Present Requisitions — Other Items on Council Sessions of Monday and Tuesday

Acton Council met in regular session on Monday evening with Councilors W. J. O. Oakes, J. H. Creighton, C. Cook and W. J. Benson present and Reeve C. L. Kirkness presiding.

Messrs. F. I. Wright and W. J. McLeod appeared before Council with a view to leasing to the Utilities Commission a section of the brick building at Mill and Main Streets. They had appeared before the Utilities Commission and been referred to Council. The rent was \$100 per month. Council decided that nothing could be done until a request came from the Commission.

As requested, Mr. McLeod submitted the cost of painting the arena roof. It was estimated two coats would cost 4½¢ per foot and the area was 2,000 square feet. No action was taken for purposes of estimates.

Fire Chief W. Rozeff and D. Dawkins of the Fire Brigade appeared before Council in connection with estimates for the year. It was felt a fire siren was needed and suggested the purchase of an air raid siren. Council approved of such an expenditure. Other supplies needed were a fireman's outfit, ring expander, 200 to 300 ft. of 1½ inch hose and 4 to 6 crash helmets for the firemen.

At the adjourned meeting on Tuesday evening, all the Councilors were again present and Reeve Kirkness presided.

Mr. Geo. Muszelle was present as representative of Acton Branch Canadian Legion and enquired regarding the position of the Legion in holding Bingo. Council gave a ruling received that day from Crown Attorney Dick. It was permissible for Legions to hold one Bingo every three weeks during the months of January to September inclusive. The monies are to be used strictly for charitable purposes. Bi-weekly Bingos may be held in the months of October, November and December. All of this ruling is subject to the approval of the Attorney General of Ontario.

A letter from the Acton School Board gave the requisition for the year of \$7,768.00 for Public School and \$7,155.00 for Continuation School

## Mr. Stewart Lowrie Made M. B. E. and Returns to Singapore

Mr. Stewart Lowrie, M. B. E., left on Saturday on the first stage of his trip back to Singapore. He has been visiting for a month with his sister, Mrs. W. McDonald, Toronto and his father, Mr. R. L. Lowrie, Acton. From the fall of Singapore until the close of hostilities, Mr. Lowrie was a Japanese prisoner of war. Although reduced in weight when released to 114 lbs, he has since regained weight and when leaving weighed 150 lbs.

Mr. Lowrie will go by boat to England and remain there for a couple of weeks and then expects to go by air to Singapore. There he will work to put in order again the business affairs of the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Co. of which he was the representative.

While in England, Mr. Lowrie was honored by the King in recognition of his services and made a member of the Order of the British Empire. He expects to return to Canada again within a year.

## Serviceman's Bride Comes By Plane to Join Him Here

First bride of an Acton serviceman from England to make the overseas crossing by plane, arrived here on Tuesday night, having left England on Sunday. I.A.C. George Hargrave married Miss Marie Crump, in Leystone, England, in April, last year and two weeks ago he arrived home on the Mauretania. He had been overseas for two years and for three and a half years in the Canadian Airforce. Before enlisting he was employed with his father at his service station here.

Mrs. Hargrave reports a delightful trip from England by plane. She is the first bride of an Acton serviceman to make the crossing thus and friends will join the family in welcoming her to the new home in Canada.

## Acton Wins One and Loses One in Week's Games

### RETURNED TO SINGAPORE



Mr. Stewart Lowrie, M.B.E., who was a Japanese prisoner for four years, has visited his father here and sister in Toronto for a month and this week left on a return trip to Singapore, where he is representative of the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Co.

## Acton Soldiers Return from Service in European War

### Acton Has Share of Men Coming Home on Each Troopship

Pte Herb O. Cook came back to Acton last Wednesday after serving four years and seven months overseas with the Highland Light Infantry. He was a passenger on the Queen Elizabeth. Pte. Cook saw service in France, Holland and Germany and was in the Canadian Army five years and seven months. A brother, Gordon, is still serving overseas and his sister, Mrs. J. McGeachie, resides in Acton. Before enlisting he was employed by Ajax Engineers in their plant here.

Overseas for four years, Bandman Norman Gibson of Acton was also a passenger of the Queen Elizabeth and arrived in Acton last Wednesday. He has been in the Canadian Army since 1940. An experienced and talented musician, Edman Gibson played in many of the fine military bands and orchestras while serving overseas.

While overseas he married and in a month or so he plans to return to England and make his home there. His mother and sisters and brother reside in Acton and before enlisting he was employed with Edman and Co. In conversation with Edman and Co. he said that folks he came in contact with in England were indeed very appreciative of the Canadian help that had been sent overseas. He said while the common folk were not given to much talk no one could mistake the gratitude they felt for all that Canada had done in their hour of need.

We understand that the Mauretania, which docked at Halifax yesterday had on board Q.M.S. F. L. Holway and Pte. E. A. Moyle, of Acton. Pte. Ben Corliss, an accountant in the Bank of Montreal here, when enlisting, is also homeward bound to Clinton from this boat.

## F. Thompson is Speaker at Meeting Devonshire Chapter

The January meeting of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.E. was held at the home of Mrs. J. Symon. The regent, Mrs. J. C. Matthews, presided. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were given. The nomination of officers took place and the Honorary Regent, Mrs. Beatty, took charge. There were five new members welcomed into the Chapter.

It was decided to write letters of congratulation to the following servicemen who had been given awards: Private W. Colman (Belgium-Cross de Guerre); Flying Officer E. McKeown (D.F.C.); Gunner F. Near, (posthumously Efficiency Medal); Flight Lieut. Hinton (King's Commendation).

The guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Thompson of the Children's Aid Society. It was a very interesting talk on the work being done by the Children's Aid. At the close of the evening, tea was served by the hostesses.

## Loose Pucks and Disorganized Teams Lose (Lose Decision in Milton Game — Tanners Shake the Jinx and Woods has Shut-out while Acton Plasters Eight Behind Browne of Elora Rocks

Acton Tanners went further into the cellar on Thursday night when they brought home the short end of a 3-2 score on a luckless and rather listless game played in Milton.

The Acton team made the trip under handicaps. Norm Morton was still out with his head injuries from the Fergus game, while Bus Morton had a knee injury that kept him out of play. Johnny Goy was getting his army discharge that day and Townsley was out of town. There wasn't anything left for manager Vic Rumbley to do but fall back on some of the older players and some of the junior players. They put up a fair game and should have scored out a win. Milton's two lucky goals that slipped past Woods were the deciding factor.

In the first moments of the game, Mattison of Milton was sent off for boarding at 2:30. While Milton was short Acton failed to score, so Dewhurst gave them another opportunity when he was sent to the cooler at 5:00 for boarding. Acton found a gap in McDuffe's stick as Lindsay scored on a rebound at 5:05.

Acton out-played the Milton squad during the remainder of the period but no score was added. At 14:02, E. Marzo of Acton was penalized for hooking. A failure in the lighting at the Acton end stopped the play and by mutual consent ended the period.

Milton six went off to a fast start and had the Acton team bottled up in their own end. Acton now drew their share of penalties at 4:55 and 10:53 when Waller and McPhail received penalties for tripping and boarding respectively.

Gowland and Marzo were roughing it and received penalties at 15:45. Gowland finally tied the score when he beat Woods out and scored at 18:02. Acton retaliated and at 18:25 Riddell scored from outside the blue line to put Acton ahead again. A fracas broke out in one corner between Riddell and Illico, but no penalties were handed out and the period ended without further score.

In the opening moments of the third period, E. Marzo was hurt and retired to the dressing room but was able to return later in the period. Acton pelted Milton net but McDuffe withheld the onslaught until at 11:43 Dewhurst, on a barely moving shot, scored on a miscalculation of Woods.

Milton rallied and carried the play to the Acton end and at 16:10, Bamco on a fast corner shot, put Milton ahead. Despite Acton's attempts to even the score, McDuffe repelled numerous difficult shots and held the score 3-2.

The line-ups were:  
Milton: McDuffe, G.; Dewhurst, L. D.; Brush, R. D.; McManis, C.; Mattison, L. W.; Illico, R. W.; alternates, Bamco, Sciallari, Timbers, Murphy, Gervais, Kennedy and Borer.  
Acton: Woods, G.; Baylis, L. D.; Kentner, R. D.; I. Marzo, C.; E. Marzo, R. W.; Lindsay, L. W.; alternates, Gibbons, Anderson, McPhail, Riddell, Waller and Borden.  
Referee: Dorv. Houston, Toronto.

The two Morton's, Goy and Townsley certainly weakened the power of the Acton team.

Acton looked good when they started to knock the boards off the rink in the first period.

The spell has been broken! On Tuesday night last the Acton Tanners (Continued on Page Five)

## Coming Events

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

Eachre, Wednesday, January 30th, St. Alban's Parish Hall. Lucky door prize, chicken. 27, 29

The regular meeting of the Acton Junior Farmers will be held at Lorne School, Thursday, January 31st. Ladies provide lunch.

Eachre and Dance, every Thursday night, L. O. L. Hall, Crewson's Corner at 8:30 sharp. Refreshments. Admission 25c. Everyone welcome.

When "Aunt Tilly Goes to Town," anything can happen. It does. St. Alban's players prove this fact, in a Howler, Yeager, 3-set Comedy, February 24th and February 27th.