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## W. E. Townsend is Road Superintendent Esqueusing Township

### Two Sessions of Council Held During Past Weeks—Other Items of Council Business

Reeve Murray called the members of Esqueusing Council to a meeting on Monday evening, March 25th and all members were in attendance.

A letter from the Department of Highways was read, re By-law No. 7 terminating the employment of the present township road superintendent had received the approval of the Minister of Highways.

Moved by Currie, seconded by Brown, that the Clerk be instructed to advertise for applications for the position of road superintendent for the Township of Esqueusing at a salary of \$1,200.00 per annum. Applications to be in the hands of the Clerk by 12 o'clock noon on Monday, April 1st, 1946. Carried.

Moved by Cleave, seconded by May, that this Council do now adjourn to meet on Monday, April 1st at 2 p.m. or at the call of the Reeve. Carried.

Esqueusing Council meeting was held on Monday afternoon, April 1st when Deputy-reeve G. E. Cleave, Councillors George Currie, C. H. May, and R. N. Brown were present. Reeve G. W. Murray presided.

A deputation from Hallowell United Church waited on the Council, complaining of the dust nuisance. The Reeve and Deputy-reeve said they would have this matter taken up at next meeting of County Council.

Mr. J. V. Ludgate, District Municipal Engineer, was present when applications were opened for the position of road superintendent. Four applications were received and Mr. W. E. Townsend, Norval, was appointed, subject to the approval of the Minister of Highways.

A by-law was read as required and passed by Council.

Accounts passed for payment included: Georgetown Herald, \$11.07; H.E.P.C., Brampton, \$4.05; Bell Telephone Co., \$9.54; Acton Public Utilities Commission, \$15.00; H. A. Leaver, audit fee, postage and auditing school sections, \$264.69; Board of Hydro Commissioners, Georgetown, \$71.50; Spencer Wilson, sheep killed, \$20.00; Mildrum Stark, valuator, \$2.00.

Accounts presented by the Road Superintendent amounting to \$1853.80 were passed and accounts presented by the relief officer of \$206.60 were also approved.

Moved by Brown, seconded by Currie, that the Clerk be instructed to notify W. C. Cunningham that his duties cease as of April 15th, 1946. Carried.

Moved by May, seconded by Currie, that this Council adjourn to meet Monday, May 6th at 2 o'clock p.m. or at the call of the Reeve. Carried.

## STREETSVILLE CREAMERY FINED \$4000 FOR ILLEGAL BUTTER SALES

Fred Lepofsky, of Streetsville, charged with having sold butter without receiving coupons, in exchange, was fined \$4,000 or three months yesterday, the largest individual fine yet imposed for such an offence. The case was heard by Magistrate Robert J. Browne.

Lepofsky pleaded guilty to having illegally supplied La Patisserie Francaise Yonge Street bakery with 5,200 pounds of butter. Partners in the bakery, Eugene Cimbaluzer and Ernest Meunier were fined a total of \$4,200 earlier in the week for unlawfully acquiring the butter without surrender of valid documents and with having bought at above-ceiling prices.

In imposing the fine on Lepofsky, the magistrate said he considered accused equally responsible with the bakery partners in the black-market butter transactions.

## WELCOME HOME

In the R.C.A.F. for three and a half years, LAC Les. Duby arrived back from overseas duty on March 20th. He was a passenger on the Ile de France and had spent a year and a half overseas. Before enlisting he was employed with Beardmore and Co.

Care more for others and our own cares grow less.

## Prominent Speakers Address Dinners of Y's Men's Club

Prominent dinner speakers have recently favored the Acton Y's Men's Club at their fortnightly dinners. Two weeks ago the speaker was the Professor of English at the Ontario Agricultural College.

Last week the guest of the evening and speaker was Dr. Martin Fisher, a psychiatrist of Toronto. Dr. Fisher is a graduate of universities in Vienna and Toronto. The topic of his address was "Problems of Psychiatry." "Psychiatry is an important branch of medicine and yet Dr. Fisher said that he regretted that he had to admit that many ailments originated in a doctor's office, due to the doctor's remarks. He pointed out that a patient should be at mental ease before his blood pressure is taken.

Dr. Fisher explained many of the rapid and astonishing cures of mental illnesses and described the various methods used, malaria, heat, electro-shock and injections. Mental illnesses could be caused by associations and the only remedy in this case was to locate the association which was the cause of the mental illness. Usually it would be found to be the husband or wife of the person who had suffered the nervous breakdown or depression. No hospital should be classed as a general hospital unless there was a psychiatrist on the staff. There were several on the staffs of both the Toronto General and St. Michael's.

The Club have selected Dick Bean, who is District Governor of the Y's Men's Club, as their delegate to attend the International Convention to be held this summer at Bradford, Penn.

The District Conclave of Clubs from Kitchener, Guelph, Hamilton, Brantford and Galt will be held in Acton on May 11th. This is the first convention to meet in Acton in some time and restaurants and hotels are urged to make arrangements to assist in taking care of the delegates.

## RETIREES FROM ACTON BUSINESS AFTER THIRTY-SIX YEARS

Another well-known and long established business in Acton has changed hands the past week. Mr. E. J. Hassard has sold his drug and stationery business to Mr. Harold W. Baxter of Kenora, who is now in charge. Mr. and Mrs. Hassard will continue to reside in the apartment of the building until September.

Thirty-six years ago E. J. Hassard bought this business from Wm Fitzgerald. It had several owners prior to that time in Messrs. McKee, Erskine, Hunter, Harvey Nixon and perhaps others whom we cannot recall. The store was then located in the premises now occupied by Earl S. Cooper. It was in this stand that Mr. Hassard successfully conducted the business from 1909 until 1930.

Sixteen years ago he purchased the Jas. Matthews home on Mill Street and converted the structure into the fine store and dwelling it now occupies.

Mr. Hassard has made many friends in Acton and district during his long business career here. All join in wishing for he and Mrs. Hassard a long and pleasant well-earned time of more leisure.

## A NEW BOOK OF LOCAL INTEREST NOW AVAILABLE

A book that should be a best seller in Acton but is actually free to ratepayers has been issued this week. It is the Auditor's Report of Acton for 1945 and citizens may secure a copy at the Clerk's office or at the Free Press office.

The report shows Acton in a splendid financial position with tax arrears at a new all time low mark of \$273.76 for all years including 1945. As a matter of fact only \$33.52 is outstanding prior to 1945 and most of that is uncollectible. This is quite a change from a few years ago when unpaid taxes amounted to about \$7,000.

The debentures, which were nearly all paid show a slight increase this year with the addition of the new reservoir and the extensions to the system. Total debenture debt is now \$78,067.06. It is rather interesting to note that 54 to 64 per cent. was the interest rate on issues up to last year when the rate was cut to 3 per cent. which will make a saving of half in interest charges. All debentures except those issued last year will be cleared away by 1953 with most of them by 1950. There are many other pages that show Acton's financial status as at 1945 that every ratepayer should know and can be found only in the Auditor's Report. There were thousands of dollars spent in municipal services last year of money raised by taxation. It was your money and you can find out the accounting now if you secure your Auditor's Report.

## Waterworks, Sewage and Daylight Saving Discussed

### Midnight Session of Acton Council Has Agenda which Covers Many Phases of Community — Acton Water Now Class A — Fire Siren to be Put on Roof of Town Hall — Sewage Disposal Plans Progress

At the regular meeting of Acton Council on Monday evening, Councillors J. H. Creighton, W. J. Benson, W. J. Oakes and C. L. Cook were present and Reeve Chas. L. Kirkness presided.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

Earl S. Cooper, supplies	\$ 2.40
Norton Motors, March acct	44.85
Can. National Railways	30.00
Village of Acton, taxes on Y. M. C. A.	151.59
Highways Service Station, rent of truck & labor re hauling water	13.50
Acton Welfare Board	7.90
Acton Free Press, printing & advertising	53.83
Highway Garage, tow truck	1.00
Johnstone & Rumley re indig. acct	20.00
	\$385.17

A letter from Chas. Waterhouse said he was planning to erect a bowling alley and asked any assistance Council could give him. The Clerk reported that Mr. McLeod had not sufficient land in his property on Main Street to erect the bowling alley as planned by Mr. Lauman.

Mr. Stewart Sinclair applied for permission to move a frame building into Acton and locate it on Mill Street. Council agreed if it conformed with the building by-laws and after the fire chief was consulted.

The Clerk reported a conference with Mr. Anderson, engineer, regarding the completion of the unfinished water mains. The extension of mains to the Beardmore subdivision had been let to Fletcher Gowdie. An agreement was submitted by Knowles Construction Co., the former contractor, for Mr. Gowdie to complete the unfinished work in Acton. Mr. Gowdie was present at the meeting.

The Clerk was instructed to make inquiry regarding the bond covering the Knowles Construction Co. and also liability insurance on the work before the agreement was accepted. The Clerk was also to contact the bank to which the contract had been assigned. Council agreed to settle the matter at a special meeting when full information was secured. Mr. Gowdie was not moving his equipment for a few days.

Messrs. C. B. Swackhamer and G. W. Murray were a delegation from Acton Fair Board to attempt to clear up ownership of the old drill shed building in the park. The land was owned by the Corporation. It was hoped the matter could be clarified as the building was in need of repairs. Council suggested that a ten-year lease of the land with renewal clause be drawn up. This arrangement was agreeable to the Fair Board.

Mr. Wilson, superintendent of the Public Utilities Commission was present to discuss with Council a redistribution of the work on the waterworks system. Both the Hydro and Water systems were growing and demanding more attention. He gave a report on the growth of the system in Acton since 1927. He had asked the Commission for relief from the Waterworks Department. It was felt two men were necessary for this and one man should be trained to take charge of the Waterworks Department. Council agreed that another man should be secured for Waterworks Department and the Public Utilities Commission should engage an extra man to be trained under Mr. Wilson.

It was decided to place the fire siren on the Town Hall roof for further trial.

Council also discussed with Mr. Wilson changes in the overflow pipe at the reservoir as recommended by the engineer. It was suggested Mr. Gowdie do this work while his men and equipment are here.

A letter from the Acton School Board pointed out that in view of the present building situation the meeting arranged to discuss new schools in Acton was not considered necessary at the present time. The Board desired to keep the Council informed as more details were secured but at present nothing could be gained by further discussion.

A letter from the Gray Coach Lines pointed out the dates for daylight saving being adopted by most towns. They were anxious to prepare their summer schedule. The dates adopted by most towns was April 28th at 2 a.m. to September 29th at 2 a.m.

A by-law was passed adopting daylight saving time in Acton for this

## THIS WEEK

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TORONTO (C.P.) Opposing forces on the question of the proposed change in the public liquor sale raised their voices throughout Ontario this week but all was quiet in the legislature where the Progressive Conservatives, holding 66 seats in the 90-seat House had little trouble in putting their bill through.

Following a four-hour Progressive Conservative caucus at which unanimous approval was given the bill, it was introduced in the legislature by Attorney-General Blackwell. He said the people of Ontario have demonstrated in sufficiently large numbers that they demand the right to consume alcoholic beverages "and our problem is simply one of assuring honest administration and decent conditions of distribution which will in themselves contribute to moderation of consumption."

Toronto, Ottawa, Hamilton, London and Windsor will be eligible for the full list of newly classified establishments on the passage of the bill in the legislature.

Rev. John Chubb, secretary of the Canadian Temperance Federation, described the provision for lounge and cocktail bars as a "backward step." Rev. A. J. Irwin, secretary of the Ontario Temperance Federation, declared the Drex government was perilously close to the conditions suggested by the adage "whom the gods would destroy they first make mad."

In 1939, 27,500 sea-going ships and 73,386 transships have entered Canadian ports.

## Y'S MEN'S CLUB PRESENT VARIETY OF SPRING FASHIONS

The Clerk reported receipt of returns from Dr. Joyce, M.O.H., who had sent daily samples of water from Acton system. The water was now Class A for Acton.

A letter was read from Wallace & Therman regarding the temporary chlorination plant on loan to Acton and the estimate and cost of a permanent equipment if it should be considered necessary.

A letter was received from a resident of Limehouse seeking damages for the flood condition resulting from the breaking of a dam. The letter was forwarded to the insurance company pointing out that the filter bed and dam were not in Acton but in Esqueusing and Acton had no liability.

The Clerk read a full report of the Committee to Toronto in connection with the installation of the sewage system in Acton. Several calls had been made and much information had been secured. Forms and necessary by-laws had been secured from the various Ontario departments.

A letter was read from Armstrong, Anderson and Co., engineers, advising that tests be made on the soil before contracts were called for. This would save much time in getting the bids for work. Mr. Anderson also stated that there was no objection to having a consulting engineer go over the plans before proceeding with the work and he would have every co-operation if such consultation was made. Council decided to ask the Fire Brigade to make recommendations to the Firemen's Training School and gave approval to pay expenses of one man attending.

Another survey of the Darwin Clippa property for town lots was submitted to Council. The present survey included only the lots facing on Queen Street. Council did not approve of building watermains to serve only one side of a street.

Councillor Cook reported progress being made for supporting the floor in the auditorium of the hall. Definite estimates were being secured but it was likely to cost \$500 for installing of supports.

Chief Harrop reported the danger of children entering the highway from the school lane. It was suggested that a stop sign be erected and the children warned of the danger.

Chief Harrop suggested that a notice be inserted in the Free Press clarifying the Act of who is liable for bill tax. There was a great deal of misunderstanding on this question. Councillor Oakes reported that arrangements were made to have the roads graded this week if weather is suitable.

The report of Treasurer F. L. Turner was received and reviewed by the Council.

Permission was not granted to cut a tree on John Street as it was in good condition.

## I.O.D.E. Approve Donation to the Educational Fund

The Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the Imperial Order, Daughters of the Empire held their April meeting Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. W. Wolfe, Bower Avenue. The Regent, Mrs. Matthews was in the chair. Roll call showed an attendance of 34.

After routine business was discussed, Mrs. R. M. McDonald was asked to speak of the second war memorial of the I.O.D.E. She explained that the objective is \$500,000, the money to be paid in yearly scholarships to dependents of disabled veterans and of those who paid the supreme sacrifice in this war. One \$500 scholarship goes yearly to each of the nine provinces and one \$1000 scholarship to an overseas university, all these bursaries going to the students judged most worthy. The First War Memorial of the I.O.D.E. was for \$200,000 also and it was recalled that Matthew Halton, the noted war correspondent, was one of those young students receiving a bursary. At the conclusion of her talk, Mrs. MacDonald moved that the Chapter send \$500 to the second War Memorial. This was readily seconded and unanimously approved.

The Regent called on Mrs. C. Kirkness to present the educational feature of the meeting, the topic being the province of Manitoba. This was a vivid picture of the growth of a great province from the days of the early fur traders with all the thrill and adventure of that period, down to our day, with its great agricultural growth and attainments in other lines as well. As capital city, Winnipeg is the center of a great transportation system. Railways to the east, west, north and south, also airways service. Winnipeg also boasts being the center of the world's grain exchange. The speaker did not forget to mention that in this fair province, is the peace garden between Canada and the U.S. "one garden tended by two countries."

## Georgetown Still In Running For Hockey Honors

Winning from Owen Sound last Thursday night by one goal kept the Georgetown Intermediate Hockey entry in the running for the Championship. The goal was a lucky one for Georgetown as it was actually scored by Owen Sound. This win put Preston and Georgetown together in the quarter finals.

In the game on Monday night, the Preston Veterans took a two-goal lead by winning from the Papermakers by 5-3. The second game will be played to-night in Galt and on its outcome hangs the decision of which team stays in there.

It was bruising hockey on Monday night, and in the last two minutes both teams willed badly. The crowd of 2,200 including 700 Georgetown supporters who went down with their Girls' Pipe Band in a special train, watched the battle. Dell Beaumont was easily the best man for Georgetown, with Shropshire turning in his usual good game.

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## ACTON AND PALERMO JUNIORS MEET IN FINAL DEBATE

The finals in the Halton Junior Farmers' Debating Series is to be held in the auditorium of the Milton High School on Friday evening, April 5th, at 8:30. This debate brings together Acton and Palermo, who were winners in the preliminary debates held earlier in the season. The winners will receive the J. I. Dick Trophy. The program also includes a short skit to be staged by the Merton Players and will conclude with a short dance to Jack Bennett's Orchestra.

After the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, a discussion followed, pertaining to Fire Insurance and Liability Insurance coverage for the schools in the Area. It was decided to place the Fire Insurance with the Halton Mutual Fire Insurance Company as each policy now in force came up for renewal. It was also decided to take out Liability Insurance coverage on all the Schools in the Area.

Discussion followed pertaining to school supplies for all the schools in the Area, including paper towels. The matter of supplying text books was left for further discussion.

Reports were given in connection with the tender for wood and also the sewage disposal systems at the various schools.

A discussion followed, pertaining to proposed improvements to be carried out in some of the schools, in particular the installing of Hydro in the schools not yet using it. No resolutions were passed and it was decided to hold this matter over for further consideration.

The meeting adjourned.

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## Holstein Breeders Milk Producers Have Fine Concert

### Prof. N. H. Parker Guest Speaker—Array of City Talent on Program

The annual concert jointly sponsored by the Halton Holstein Breeders' Club and the Halton Milk Producers' Association was held in the Princess Theatre, Milton, on Wednesday evening, March 27th. According to the audience of 125, which filled the theatre to capacity, it was not only the best yet, but the best program staged in Milton in many a year.

President Emerson Ford of the Halton Holstein Club, who acted as chairman, welcomed guests from Toronto, Guelph, Hamilton, Brantford, and Nashville. Mr. Geo. Brennan of Guelph, district fieldman for the Holstein-Friesian Association, presented long distance production certificates to Methuen Dearing, Palermo, Harold Bingham, Georgetown, and Emerson Ford, of Hornby, and a superior production record certificate to Dr. Chas. N. Hunsford & Sons, of Freeman.

Congratulations were also extended to E. J. Mengler, of Graymar Farm, Oakville, on the new 3 year old Canadian Milk Production Record recently established by Graymar. Jessie Pathfinder. In 365 days on three times milking Bessie produced 26629 lbs. milk and 918 lbs. of butterfat.

Prof. N. H. Parker of McMaster University delighted the audience with his address entitled "Mostly About Mules." Assisting artists were Ronald Stewart, tenor of Clarkson, Miss Mary Morrison, Soprano, of Winnipeg and Toronto, Benny and Doris, violinist and accordionist, both of Toronto, and Terry and Myria, an outstanding versatile dance team from Toronto.

The lucky door prize, consisting of an electric fence, which was donated by W. C. Wood Co. Ltd., was won by Edwin Harrop, of Milton.

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## Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, in cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 5c.

Euchre, Legion Hall, Friday, April 5th. Lunch. Admission 25c. Everybody welcome.

Dance under the auspices of Campbellville Baseball Club, Brookville Hall, Wednesday, April 10th. Bennett's 5-piece orchestra. Lunch provided. Dancing commenced 9 p.m. Door price, Admission 50c. Everybody welcome.