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Arrangements For Upper School Classes In Acton Next Term

Other Items on Agenda of Acton School Board at Meeting on Friday

Trustees Dr. F. G. Oakes, J. A. Chapman, I. Lovell and N. Baird were present last Friday evening when Acton School Board met in regular monthly session. Chairman G. A. Dills presided.

Principal G. Mackenzie reported that supplies for the Public School pupils were nearly all on hand now with assurance the balance would be available when school re-opened for the fall term. This will mean that parents of pupils attending Public School in Acton will not have any expenditure for pupils' supplies hereafter.

The Property Committee are to purchase a new lawn mower for use at the school. The principal reported that some adults had created quite a bit of wilful damage at the school grounds to bicycles, fences, and newly installed drinking fountain.

The resignation of Mrs. Mitchell as teacher of Grade VI was received with regret by the Board. The Secretary was instructed to advertise for vacancies there may be on the staff. Applications were received from teachers who desired to become members of the Acton staff.

The Board decided to purchase another duplicator which the Public School principal recommended.

The salary schedule for Public School staff had been set at the meeting in January when estimates were considered and offers of re-employment were made on this basis. The salary schedule for principal was set at \$2900 to \$2940 with an offer to Mr. Mackenzie for next year at \$2100. The assistant principal schedule was graded from \$1500 to \$2000 with an offer to Mr. Smith of \$1900 for the next term.

The Secretary was also instructed to offer re-employment to all the members of the Continuation School staff and to advertise for a male assistant at a salary of \$2000 or according to qualifications and experience.

Principal Stewart reported on the changes required at the school this year for teaching Upper School. The Principal and Chairman reported a visit during the week from Inspector Jennings when he gave verbal approval to have an Upper School class in Acton provided the seven pupils signifying their desire to attend made up the class. Mr. Stewart was to prepare the plans and give details of the new equipment required to put in desks for 12 pupils.

Principal Stewart reported the annual cadet inspection would be held on Friday, May 17th at 9:30 a.m. when Board members and parents were urged to be present.

The secretary reported receipt of \$1104.98 as grant from Halton County for this year which was about \$300 lower than the amount estimated from that source.

The Secretary also read correspondence in connection with the reserve fund set up with the Department. This section of the act had now been repealed and the cheque was returned to the Board for last year's deposit.

Arrangements were completed for kindergarten and other purchases and securing siding for completing the exterior of the toilets erected last fall.

Accounts were passed for payment

Brantford Stationers, school supplies	\$394.95
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West Disinfecting Co., floor supplies	58.31
Public Utilities Comm., light and water	35.62
Bell Telephone Co., phone	4.00
G. M. Hendry Co., school supplies	177.12
Eob Storey, tuning piano	14.00
Maanles Dairy, milk K. P. (2 months)	21.03
Watson's Dairy, milk K. P.	8.16
School Publications, books	2.80
A. A. Wilson Co., sporting goods	38.48
R. O. Stapleton, fountain outside	18.00
	\$997.64

PLAN SURFACE FOR NO. 4 HIGHWAY TO BALLINAFAD

The road on the 7th line of Erin Township, running from No. 24 highway south to Ballinafad, is to have a double seal coat of hard top surfacing. Wellington County officials have decided. Work will be done as soon as the equipment becomes available.

County officials are also negotiating with Halton County officials in the hope of arranging for that part of the 7th line from Ballinafad to No. 7 Highway to be treated with a hard top finish.

Dr. Gordon Agnew Speaker at W. M. S. Service on Sunday

The congregation and many visitors were privileged at the United Church on Sunday evening to have as guest speaker, Dr. Gordon Agnew, who recently returned from China. Dr. and Mrs. Agnew first went to China in 1922 and have served in that field ever since. He brought to the congregation and friends a first hand appeal for more world brotherhood and a helping hand for those people who need so badly to be helped these days. He told, too, of a world brought so closely together by present day rapid travel that the troubles of one part are vital to the well-being of all nations.

The service was the annual W. M. S. service of the United Church and was unique in that the Acton president is Mrs. Caldwell, mother-in-law of Dr. Agnew and introduced the speaker. Mrs. Agnew also took part in the service.

Capt. J. Anderson Speaker at Banquet to Knox Servicemen

Knox Church Honored Men from Congregation Who Served in Last World War

On Wednesday, May 1st, the Board of Managers of Knox Presbyterian Church, on behalf of the congregation entertained at a testimonial banquet for men and women of the Church who had served in the armed forces during the Second World War. About one hundred guests partook of the chicken dinner prepared by the members of the Ladies' Aid Society.

Rev. R. F. Thomson extended a warm welcome to the guests of honor and expressed, on behalf of the church, deep gratitude for their splendid services in the years of the war which finally had brought us victory.

Following the banquet a musical program was presented. Those taking part were Mr. Win (Scotty) Hutton, baritone; Mr. George Muscillo, tenor; and Mr. Charles Landborough, who rendered two beautiful cornet solos. Sgt. E. A. Hansen was the accompanist. At the close of this part of the program, Mr. Norm Wright thanked the Board of Managers on behalf of the guests, for their hospitality and the congregation for their thoughtfulness and goodwill toward the enlisted men and women during the war years.

Mr. Thomson introduced the speaker of the evening, H. Capt. John Anderson, M.C. and bar, chaplain of the Highland Light Infantry Regiment.

Captain Anderson, who is the only chaplain of the Canadian Armed Forces to receive a double award for distinguished services in action, gave an address that was warmly received both by the veterans and the members of the congregation.

At the close of his address, the names of those who paid the supreme sacrifice were read and a minute's silence in their memory was observed. These were K. H. Buck, Franklin Near, John Gibbons, Gordon McLellan, J. T. Guthrie, W. R. McCron and S. W. McCron. Following the singing of "Abide with Me" Captain Anderson dismissed the gathering with the Benediction.

We must convince other nations of our good intentions while we keep an adequate defence against their bad intentions.

WELCOME TO NEW HOMES

Mrs. S. A. James, wife of Rfn. S. A. James, R. R. 2, Acton, arrived in the new home near Acton on Friday last. She and their three-year-old son, Michael, were passengers on the Aquitania which docked in Halifax on Tuesday. Mrs. James was before marriage, Miss Margaret Rixon of Aldershot, England.

Mrs. Elizabeth D. Guthrie, wife of Sgm. D. T. Guthrie, R. R. 1, Acton, is scheduled as one of the passengers on the S. S. Lady Nelson which arrives this week. Relatives and friends welcome these brides to their new homes in Canada and in this district.

Mrs. Pauline C. Lazenby and three-year old daughter, Sara, are booked as passengers on the Queen Mary. They are the wife and daughter of Pte. Geo. H. Lazenby, Acton, Ont., and will soon be welcomed to the new home here.

Council Approves Plans for New Gregory Theatre

Approval Also Given of Capital Expenditure for Oil Burner in Y.M.C.A.—Board of Health Report Al Test on All Acton Milk—Clearing Work of Water Extensions to be Dealt With at Special Meeting—Report on Area for Secondary School in Northern Halton

Councillors W. J. Oakes, J. H. Creighton, W. J. Benson and C. L. Cook were present at the fortnightly session of Acton Council on Monday night and Reeve C. L. Kirkness presided.

The Reeve gave Council a letter regarding the service men's meeting on the Monday called by Acton Branch of the Legion the same evening that Council met, asking that Council send a representative to the meeting and define who should take part in the discussion and voting. No action could be taken in view of the meeting.

Mr. Geo. Williams was present to ask Council regarding repairs to the fence between their property and the park. The plan last year had been that Council and property owners shared the cost equally. Construction had been undertaken on some fence on this basis. The decision was that Council would pay half the cost and the adjoining property half.

Messrs. E. S. Force, W. J. Hearty and J. W. Wolfe as a deputation from the Y.M.C.A. Board were present to discuss with Council building maintenance and capital expenditure on the Y.M.C.A. The activities of the 'Y' had increased during and since the war. The matter of utmost importance at present was the installation of an oil burner. The Committee suggested that a member of Council should be a member of the Y.M.C.A. Board representing Council. The Board requested Council's decision on the installation of an oil burner that night as this item of capital expenditure on the building was important at this time to the continuation of the 'Y's' work. A copy of the year's activities was submitted to Council.

In view of the fact that the building was owned by the Corporation and this was a capital expenditure, Council approved of the expenditure of between \$600 and \$700 for an oil burner to be spread over a period of two years.

Mr. H. L. Gregory had plans for enlarging and improving the Gregory Theatre in Acton with new seating and a new front. The seating would be for 350 and provide new entrance and lobby, with rooms for ladies and men and larger stage. The construction would be brick and fireproof material.

Council approved of the plan and Mr. Gregory was to furnish the necessary particulars and a permit would be issued.

The Clerk reported a conversation with Dr. Joyce, M.O.H. who had informed him that the milk supply in Acton from all dairies was A1.

The Clerk read correspondence from Georgetown, Milton and Fergus regarding the duties of municipal officer. This was in reply to inquiry by Council regarding the appointment of Mr. Harrop as truant officer. Council concurred after hearing the correspondence in having the School Board make arrangements with Mr. Harrop to act as truant officer.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

Roy F. Smith, testing Town Hall Floor	\$30.00
Acton Machine Shops, repairs to snow plow	75
Municipal Utility, supplies	9.15
Gutta Percha Rubber Co.	26.84
Norton Motors, April acct.	31.22
S. H. McCron, globe protectors	11.80
Acton Public Utilities Comm., express	2.25
T. Rumley, repairs	2.00
E. Harrop, postage	5.39
G. M. Hull, work at ball diamond	2.00
John Palmer, labor	29.00
C. W. Trickey, repairing and testing piano	7.50
C. F. Leatherland, salary, etc.	140.16
	\$298.04

A letter from Leonard W. Mitchell solicitor for the Wool Combing Corporation, gave approval of Council's suggestion of not selling lot 7 as a building lot in the new subdivision. Approval of Council was given to the plan of this subdivision but further correspondence was to be written to the Wool Combing Corporation before registering.

A letter from the Ontario Department of Planning and Development was received regarding the Beardmore and Co. subdivision. The Department asked Council's reaction to passing a by-law providing that not more than one house be erected on each lot.

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PROVINCIAL REPORTS PRESENTED AT I.O.D.E. MEETING ON TUESDAY

The May meeting of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. was held on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Peter Smith. The roll call showed an attendance of 52. Three new members were welcomed to the Chapter. The Regent, Mrs. Matthews presided. It was decided to make a donation to the Children's Aid Society and also the local Brownie Pack.

Following business and discussions Mrs. Matthews called on Miss Pearl Smith and Miss Bennett to give their reports on the Provincial Annual of the I.O.D.E. which was held in Hamilton in April. Miss Smith spoke of the opening, the assembling of the standard bearers, the procession, the Ven. Archbishop's prayer of dedication, all of which gave the delegates an upsurge of enthusiasm.

Miss Bennett gave a splendid review of the different secretaries' reports and especially the Provincial Secretary, Mrs. Skuce, the conclusion of which was "Fix your eyes on the greatness of your country." Miss Bennett referred to the special meeting at I.O.D.E. Headquarters in Toronto to which the Dowager Marchioness spoke, this also was reported in detail in Toronto papers early this week. The Marchioness is visiting Canada to thank the various organizations for their splendid work in sending relief supplies to Britain during the war.

Miss William Gowdy rendered two piano numbers. Mendelssohn songs. Refreshments were served, concluding a delightful evening.

Fred Forbes Takes Acton Truck and Wrecks Machine

Tuesday afternoon Fred Forbes of Milton stole the light truck of S. H. McCron from the corner of Mill and Main Streets. The men had just made a delivery of equipment to the building here when they heard the engine of the truck starting. They came out in time to see it disappearing down Mill Street toward the mill.

Provincial Constable Ray Mason just happened along a moment later and the truck was seen to emerge from Brock Avenue and head down the highway toward Milton. Constable Mason gave chase and while he was travelling over eighty miles an hour he failed to gain on the machine. Two miles below Acton near the farm of Lawrence Gibbons the truck went out of control and turned over. Fred Forbes was landed in the ditch, not badly hurt beyond a good shaking up. The car was badly wrecked.

Forbes is a former offender and it is said had been drinking before stealing the car. He had come from Guelph with other friends and left them. He tried to start another car on the street but failed when the keys were not available.

Acton Welcomes District Clubs of Y's Men's Assoc.

District Conclave Will be Held Here Saturday with R. F. Bean as Chairman

On Saturday Acton's Y's Men's Club will be hosts at the Central Ontario District Conclave of Y's Men's Association Clubs from Brantford, Galt, Guelph, Hamilton, Mount Hamilton, Kitchener, K-W and Kitchener Jan. Politae will take part in the afternoon and evening program that has been arranged for that day.

At the banquet Chairman R. F. Bean, District Governor will preside. The guest speaker will be Dick Doly and International directors of the Club will lead in several of the forums.

Acton welcomes these visiting Y's Men from other centres on this occasion. It's a bit unusual for city clubs to hold a conclave in such a small community as Acton but then, Acton is a bit unusual in the fact that it is the smallest community in Canada to have a Y.M.C.A. The local club have a souvenir for the visitors that will be a surprise and will be found unusual, too.

The bringing of the district conclave to Acton is the hard work of R. F. Bean, who is district governor and untiring in his efforts for Y's Men's activities. He receives the support in his work of a very active service club that is doing splendid work in Acton.

Bowling and Tennis Club Elect Officers for Year

Bowling and tennis enthusiasts of Acton are anticipating an extra fine year this season. With the new modern lighting on the greens and courts the games will be more enjoyable than ever. Tennis will be started in a few days and bowling just as soon as the weather permits.

Monday night the annual meeting of the Acton Lawn Bowling and Tennis Club was held at the Club rooms and the following officers were elected for the year:

Honorary Presidents, Col. A. O. T. Beardon, Mr. S. G. Bennett, Mr. W. J. Gould, J. M. McDonald

President, John Wood
1st Vice-president, Thos. Watson
2nd Vice-president, Dick Bean
Secretary-treasurer, Ray Canham
Bowling Committee, T. Watson, W. H. Clayton, D. Lappin, W. Gowdy, H. Veldhuis, W. D. Tallot
Chairswoman, Lady Bowlers Committee, Mrs. Hamilton
Chairman, Tennis Committee, Dick Bean

Eramosa Council Approves Grant to Fed. of Agriculture

Objection Made to Council in Closing Certain Roads—Two Bride Contracts Awarded

The Council for the Township of Eramosa met in the Town Hall, Rosedale on Monday, May 6th at 1 p.m. standard time, with all members present and Reeve D. D. Gray in the chair.

By-law No. 9 was passed providing for the levying of hawkers, peddlers and petty chapmen within the Township of Eramosa and setting the amount to be paid for such license at \$500 per annum.

The completed auditor's report for the year 1945 was accepted on motion of Messrs. Leslie and Benham. The required resolution was passed including Mr. Cliff McDougall, Assessor and Mr. George Day, Clerk, Treasurer and Collector in the certificate of payment for Unemployment Insurance purposes.

The Clerk was instructed to request the transfer of the north side of Alma Street from the Department of Highways to this municipality for disposal.

A deputation representing the Federation of Agriculture waited on Council requesting an annual grant in lieu of the present system of levying one fifth of one mill on the property of farmers who so authorized. This request was supported by a petition signed by a great majority of farmers in the township. On motion of Messrs. Leslie and Benham a grant of \$2000 was made and the by-law authorizing the one fifth mill levy rescinded.

Tenders for the construction of two bridges on the 7th line were received from L. M. Arnott, M. Landell & Son and A. H. McLellan. The tender of L. M. Arnott was accepted on motion of Messrs. Hutchinson and Leslie, subject to the approval of the Department of Highways.

Several ratepayers were present to place their objections to the closing of certain roads in the township. No action was taken to close the following roads: between lots 4 and 5 in the 1st concession; between lots 30 and 31 in the 1st concession and between lots 15 and 16 in the 4th concession.

By-law No. 10 was given the required readings closing the following roads: between lots 10 and 11 in the 2nd concession; between lots 15 and 16 in the 6th concession and between lots 15 and 16 in the 7th concession with the exception of the east part up to Mr. Dan Winter's gate.

Correspondence from several finance companies was ordered filed. Mr. Wm. Hamilton, Weed Inspector was present to discuss weed problems and to arrange for the spraying of weeds along the township roads.

Information was received that delivery of the new maintainer would not be made until probably October or November of this year.

Road construction and maintenance were discussed at some length with Mr. Peavoy, Road Supt.

A pamphlet from the Department of Lands and Forests was studied explaining the planting of trees as a means of preventing drifting on roads and lanes.

The Clerk was instructed to reply to a letter from C.K.N.X., Wingham expressing the Council's willingness to co-operate in the presentation of municipal reports over the air. Accounts amounting to \$237.95 were passed for payment and Council adjourned to meet June 3rd at 1:30 p.m. D.S.T.

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Educational Report Submitted at County Council Meeting

Recommend Areas for Burlington, Oakville and One for Northern Part of County

Mr. J. M. McDonald, Acton, presented the report of the Consultative Committee on Education at a special meeting of Halton County Council held in Milton last Thursday night. This committee was formed to inquire into the advisability of establishing larger High School Areas in the county as recommended by the Provincial Department of Education.

Also present at the meeting were other members of the committee: W. H. Shipley, Oakville, M. M. Robinson, Burlington, L. L. Skuse, P. H. I. and Secretary for the committee, and also W. Stewart from the Department of Education.

Mr. McDonald, in giving his report, stated that the Committee had been guided by the following factors:

1. That every child in the county should have equal opportunity of securing education best suited to his or her requirements, irrespective of where the home is located.

2. To create school districts large enough to ensure an attendance that could allow optional subjects, in addition to academic ones to be taught thus permitting the child a wider range to choose from in order to satisfy personal preference of special ability.

3. Accessibility, including therewith distance to be travelled, road conditions, and in the northern areas, which is more sparsely populated, central location.

4. Minimum cost to all ratepayers.

The school districts recommended were as follows:

1. Oakville-Trafalgar District. High school to be located in Oakville.

2. Burlington-Nelson District. High school to be located in Burlington.

3. Northern Halton District. With a school to be located at Speyside or some other central point and to include the remainder of the County, being the town of Milton and Georgetown, village of Acton, all of Esquewaug and Nassagaweya and part of Nelson.

Transportation would be arranged by a schedule of school buses which would be free of charge to the pupils.

The cost of this revised system of High School education would be approximately between 4 and 5 mills for each district.

Burlington and Oakville are strongly in favor of the move, but many of those present at the meeting were agreed it might be quite a problem to get the idea sold to those living in the northern end of the county, since it would probably mean the High Schools already in existence would be discontinued and a new school built at Speyside to serve the combined areas.

A committee was appointed to go into the matter of forming a High School zone for North Halton and was as follows: Messrs. J. R. McDonald, Georgetown, W. Murray, Esquewaug; Dr. C. H. Haslop, Milton; Lloyd Crawford, Nassagaweya and Chas. Kirkness, Acton.

The Clerk was asked to have a by-law prepared for the regular meeting of the County Council on Tuesday so that those wishing to take advantage of this new scheme may do so without further delay. (To become effective January 1st it is necessary that a by-law be passed before July 1st.)

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or other Events, under this heading, are charged, at costs per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 5¢.

Eucler, Friday, May 10th, Legion Hall, 8:30 p.m. Admission 25c. Lunch. Auspices Legion Auxiliary.

Dance, Brookville, Wednesday, May 15th, sponsored by Bury Bess with Galbraith Orchestra. Hot dogs and coffee in booth. Admission 50c.

LOBA Eucler and Dance at Cross-Corner in L.O.L. Hall on Thursday, May 9th. Everybody welcome. Lunch served. Admission 25c.

Under Auspices of the Woman's Association of United Church, a Home Craft Tea and Demonstration of Weaving and Handicraft will be presented in Sunday School room on Tuesday evening, May 14th at 8 p.m. Lunch will be served. Admission 25c.

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