

# The Acton Free Press

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## Purchase of Chlorinator Considered Best of Deal

### Bids Received for \$8,000 Debiture Issue but Acted Upon New Regulations for Share of Local Licenses and Fines Collected for Enforcement of the Act—Wartime Housing Discussed

Acton Council met in regular session on Monday evening with Councilors C. L. Cook, Wm. Coon, J. H. Crighton and R. M. Aylsworth present and Reeve F. J. McCutcheon presiding.

The Clerk read correspondence regarding the purchase of a ladder for the Fire Brigade. Chief D. Dawkins reported that the only other equipment required by the brigade this year were articles such as coats, boots, gloves, etc. Prices on aluminum ladders were \$299.75 and \$308.50. These were all tubular construction ladders and not the conventional ladders.

The Clerk was instructed to secure the necessary requisites and make inquiry on the ladder catalogue and asked for by the brigade at a much lower price.

The Clerk was to arrange for transfer of the Fire Chief's telephone to D. Dawkins' residence.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

Hugh C. MacLean Publication Ltd. advertising	\$ 12.25
Municipal World Ltd. subscriptions, etc.	16.50
H. W. Skilling, repainting at Arena	103.70
W. Coles, Clerk and Bailiff fees	8.00
Acton Public Utilities Commission, various services	260.20
Bell Telephone Co. services	6.56
J. J. Stewart, work at Arena	4.00
Mrs. F. M. McCron, supplies at arena	6.00
Work on Sanding Streets, January 18	10.16
Work on Sanding Streets, January 20	1.00
	\$432.21

A letter from C. Rogvaldson requested consideration when sewers were installed and provision for drainage on North Main Street.

A letter from Mrs. Allan Smith said she was holding the town liable for injuries sustained when she fell on the ice on Lake Ave. The matter was referred to the insurance company. It was pointed out that the notice was received too late for consideration.

The Clerk reported there were nine persons who were in arrears for dog taxes. Division Court proceedings were to be taken for collection of this 1946 tax.

The Treasurer gave a list of those who had been notified regarding arrears of taxes and Chief Harrop gave a list of properties against which rents had been attached.

A letter was read from the Liquor Control Board setting forth the regulations for enforcement of the act. If the town was to receive a portion of the fines imposed for enforcement of the act it was necessary to pass a by-law. If such by-law was not passed, all fines were returned to the Liquor Control Board. Additional information was to be secured before a decision was made and the by-law passed.

A letter from the Ontario Department of Planning and Development gave notice of a conference to be held in Toronto regarding community planning.

The Clerk read letters and bids for \$8000 debenture issue. The issue would be ready about April 15th.

The National Sewer Pipe Co. in a letter stated they could supply concrete pipe and fittings.

A letter from War Asset Corporation inquired if Acton still required the revaluations about which inquiry had been made some time ago.

A letter from the Good Roads Association requested the fee and a delegate named. The letter was filed.

A letter was read from the Red Cross Society regarding an outpost hospital. The letter was addressed to Dr. W. G. C. Kenney, who asked for information.

Correspondence was read from Dr. Kenney regarding the registration of a Nursing Home in Acton. The matter will be dealt with by the Board of Health.

The British Sailors' Society asked permission to hold a tag day.

A resolution was passed whereby Reeve McCutcheon and Treasurer Turner were authorized to negotiate financial matters with the Bank.

A letter from the Municipal Ward clarified the proceedings for filing certificate for an election of a deputy reeve.

The Wartime Housing project was informally discussed by Council and clauses of the agreement were examined. The Clerk was instructed to make inquiry regarding land available for these houses.

Supt. Chas. Wilson of the Public Utilities Commission presented a letter.

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## Car Smashed as Transport Skids At Highway Corner

Damage to the extent of \$300 was inflicted on a car owned by Albert Harris, Acton, when it was in collision with a tractor-trailer owned by the Hamilton Transport Co. The accident occurred on Monday morning about eight o'clock at the curve in No. 7 Highway at the west end of Acton.

Albert Harris with Mr. M. Shroeder, of Acton as a passenger, was travelling west while the transport was eastbound. As the transport swung around the curve the trailer jackknifed and swung completely across the highway blocking Harris' right-of-way. Harris pulled into the snow bank but the front of his car was struck. The impact righted the trailer and knocked the Harris car crosswise of the road. Fortunately none of the occupants were injured, but the front of Mr. Harris' car is badly wrecked.

## Officials Named at First Meeting of Erin Council

### No Applications for Position of Assessor—Necessary By-Laws Approved

The newly elected Council of Erin Township having signed the declarations of office took their seats as the Municipal Council of the Township of Erin for 1947, namely Reeve J. Arthur Swackhamer, Deputy Reeve Goldwin Burt, Councilors, Geo. D. Scott, Albert Wheeler and Harold L. Griffin.

By request Rev. Mr. Flindall and Rev. Mr. Patterson opened the initial session of the year with an appropriate scriptural lesson and prayer, and were tendered a hearty vote of thanks for their kindness in attending.

By-laws were introduced and given the necessary readings providing for the remuneration of members of the Council and officials No. 1; appointment of officials, No. 2; appointment of a member of the local Board of Health, No. 3; and a by-law for the purpose of borrowing money from the Royal Bank to meet the current expenditures of the Township for the year 1947, No. 4.

The following are the officials and the salaries: Clerk, Geo. Bryan, salary \$425.00; Treasurer, Daniel Gray, \$375.00; Assessor, \$300.00, no applications received; Collector, A. L. Lindsay, \$275.00; Medical Health Officer, Dr. B. C. Prior, \$250.00; Relief Officer, R. G. McCutcheon, \$75.00; Selectors of Jurors to receive \$12.00; Members of Council \$4.00 per day while in session and 10c per mile one way; rent of room for regular meetings of Council \$5.00; auditors for 1947 to be appointed at a later date; Member of Board of Health, Mr. J. E. Ferguson; Solicitor, Ralph Bone, Guelph; School Attendance Officer to be appointed.

The amount of money to be borrowed from the Royal Bank was set at \$30,000.00 at a rate of 4 per cent. per annum.

Resolutions were moved and seconded and passed as follows:

For renewing the Treasurer's bond for \$15,000.00 with the Canada Surety Co., premium \$60.00; Insuring the Caterpillar Tractor for fire and theft, R.C.V. \$2,000, property damage \$10,000 and \$20,000 public liability insurance, premium \$41.60 with the Pilot Insurance Co.

For joining the Good Roads Association and also the Ontario Municipal Association, membership fees of \$5.00 each.

Authorizing the Clerk to get in touch with the Provincial Police regarding the inspecting and licensing of community halls in the township.

Instructing the Clerk to advertise for applications for the position of Assessor.

Accounts amounting the following figures were passed: General Accounts \$112.81; Relief Accounts, \$87.85; Road Accounts, \$4,177.88.

## D. DAWKINS MADE CHIEF OF ACTON FIRE BRIGADE

At the annual meeting of Acton Fire Brigade Douglas Dawkins was made Fire Chief succeeding Wm. Rossell and Orville Brown was made assistant chief. Two members of the brigade who had served many years faithfully and efficiently retired from the brigade. They were former chief Ed. Cambie and Archie Currie. New members appointed to the vacancies were Bob Pickett and Ken Mackenzie.

## Guelph Male Choir Delight Acton Crowd In Second Concert

The Guelph Male Choir presented last night, to a large audience, in the United Church, a splendid program. The choir was under the direction of Mr. Good and the accompanist was Mr. Bridges. Rev. Mr. Fosbury introduced the choir and welcomed the audience.

The choir sang a group of three numbers, followed by an excellent reading by Mrs. Leslie Gray. The title was "The Man in the Shadows." The choir then rendered a second group of three selections, ending the first half of the program.

The second half of the program consisted also of three numbers by the choir and a second reading by Mrs. Leslie Gray which was very enthusiastically received by the audience and very deserving of the score which she received. The choir offered as their closing selection "The Going Home," followed by "God Save the King."

This was the second appearance in Acton of the Guelph Male Choir, and the appreciative audience who heard them would doubtless welcome Mr. Good, Mr. Bridges and the entire choir again.

## FRIENDS HONOR MRS. W. COLE A RECENT BRIDE

Employees of the Wool Combing Corporation were before her marriage Mrs. Walter Cole (nee Beatrice Lambert) was an employee presented her with a lovely comforter and boudoir lamp in honor of her recent marriage.

On Monday evening friends held a miscellaneous shower in honor of Mrs. Cole at the home of Mrs. Wallace Gordon and presented many lovely and useful gifts. Beatrice thanked the girls for gifts and a social evening of contests and games followed, culminating with a delightful lunch.

## Halton Registry Office Has Record Year in 1946

1946 proved to be a record year in the Registry Office of the County of Halton. In 1941 the receipts were over \$6,000.00 and that was considered to be the best year in the history of the office, but the receipts of last year almost doubled those of 1941. Of this amount the County is the richer by over \$5,000.00.

Besides the Registry Office fees nearly \$12,000.00 was collected by a tax levied on the price paid and set out in the registered deeds. All of this money, in this county, is forwarded to the Provincial Treasurer in monthly payments. The tax collected last year represents about \$8,000,000.00 as having been paid for the properties that changed hands and is over and above the deeds where the consideration was less than \$100.00 and deeds under the Veterans' Land Act, of which there were many, but on which no tax is payable. There were over 1,000 more documents registered in 1946 than in 1945.

Miss Myrtle Field, Registrar of Deeds and her four assistants are to be congratulated on the completion of such a successful year.

## JUNIOR FARMERS PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN COUNTY ACTIVITIES

On Thursday January 16th, the Acton Junior Farmers held their regular meeting in Lorne School. The first part of the evening was spent in playing progressive euchre, the prize winners were, high, Mrs. R. L. Davidson and Bob Marshall and low, Mr. R. L. Davidson and Doreen Ferguson. During the short business meeting plans were made to take part in the County activities the coming winter, the first being a skating carnival in Milton on January 30th. Lunch served by the committee in charge brought the evening to a close.

## Four in Hospital Saturday After Two Car Collision

### Cars driven by R. O. Hube, Acton, and James Wallace, Guelph, met almost head-on and both cars almost completely wrecked—Hitch-hiker in Wallace Car is Most Seriously Injured.

Following an almost head-on collision on Saturday afternoon on the highway three quarters of a mile west of Acton, four persons were taken to hospital in Guelph and three other occupants of the two cars involved escaped with a bad shaking up and miraculously escaped serious injury.

The 1940 Mercury car driven by James Wallace, 9 Mitchell St., Guelph, is a total wreck and the Hudson driven by Roland O. Hube, Acton, has estimated damage of \$400.

The accident happened on a raise on the No. 7 Highway just west of Acton. James Wallace was coming east from Guelph. At Rockwood he picked up J. McKenzie of R.R. 1, Terra Cotta to give him a lift to Georgetown. McKenzie was the most seriously hurt, suffering a broken pelvis and cracked shoulder blade.

R. O. Hube head mechanic at the Acton Machine Shops was going to Guelph. In the car with him were Mrs. Ida Ritchie and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Winters and their five year old daughter.

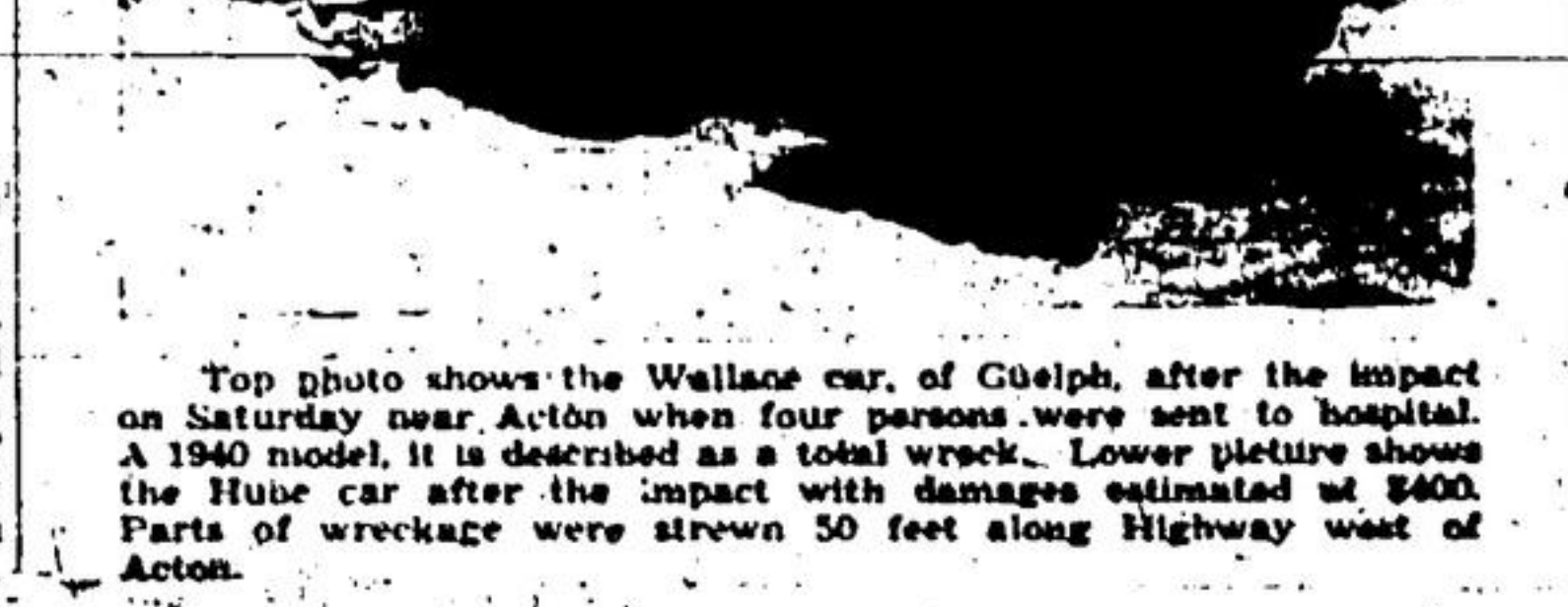
Mr. Hube, aged 70, sustained five broken ribs and the socket of his right hip was cracked. Mrs. Ritchie suffered a broken right ankle. Herman Winters sustained lacerations on the head and face and Mrs. Winters and their daughter escaped serious injury.

Reports from the hospital where they were taken by ambulance after receiving medical attention are that all patients are progressing satisfactorily.

The Wallace car went over in the north ditch of the highway and rolled over. Mr. Hube's car remained on the pavement on the opposite side in which it had been travelling.

Provincial Constable Ray Mason and Constable Ocell Gibbons of Acton investigated the accident. Broken parts of the cars involved were strewn along the highway for fifty feet.

## RESULT OF CAR COLLISION SATURDAY



Top photo shows the Wallace car, of Guelph, after the impact on Saturday near Acton when four persons were sent to hospital. A 1940 model, it is described as a total wreck. Lower picture shows the Hube car after the impact with damages estimated at \$400. Parts of wreckage were strewn 50 feet along Highway west of Acton.

## Norman Craig, Burlington Halton Warden for 1947

### NASSAGAWEYA W. I. JANUARY MEETING AT MRS. CLARE PICKETT'S

The January meeting of the Nassagaweya W. I. was held recently at the home of Mrs. Clare Pickett, Mrs. J. Robertson, vice-President was in the chair. The roll call was answered by "Don'ts for the sick room." Arrangements were made for a dance to be held in the near future. A committee was to secure material to finish 2 quilts and these were to be given to the Salvation Army. Plans were made for the February meeting.

Mrs. Arthur Northish, convener for health and education, took the chair for the following program.

A paper was given by Mrs. R. Elliott, "Your Child needs better teachers" and a paper prepared by Mrs. Mahon, "How good are your hospital manners," was read by Mrs. Pickett. A snow contest was conducted by Mrs. Northish and was won by Mrs. B. Freeman. After the singing of the National Anthem, lunch was served by the hostess and her helpers and a social time enjoyed by all.

## Acton Juniors Close Margin on Oakville Team Last Night

### Closer Follow of Play by Locals Would Beat the Lakeshore

Acton Juniors were in an improved form last night when they played host to the Oakville Staffords for 3 periods of breath catching hockey. Showing the result of experience plus a few practice sessions, the locals managed to ring up a trio of goals while the Lakeshore lads counted only a quintuplet of times.

In notching five markers the Stafford entry were mes amis of Dame Fortune and the Triple A Club were an active opposition. "They wuz robbed" could be appropriately said here, meaning their chances of furthering the three were paltry—only a seemingly invisible gremlin caught on to their wavering sticks every chance on an open net and believe me, there were plenty of these.

The Oakville club were again reserving most of the space in the penalty box and five of their number enjoyed a brief stay in spite of a tremendous amount of chin wagging in which they conjured means of swaying the decisions of referee Herb Woods. They could have been even prostrated in the sin bin last eve for not one solitary Antonian was in a peevish mood. Perhaps it was the management's idea!

Speaking of managers, they were probably pleased with the showing of Townsley on the left board prowl. He counted two of the Acton tallies and checked untrillingly to spark the locals' drive in the last period. The first stanza was a back checking affair and largely due to the efforts of Davidson of the Lakeshore, that Staffords notched two goals.

Only one tally was chalked to Oakville's credit in the second canto and Lawrence, receiving a long forward pass was the personage who lodged the fast one in the upper corner. Both goalies were called on several times in this period but Robson was in the limelight more often, muffling pucks and beating off attackers to again rate a star selection.

As per usual the locals were bursting with energy in the final twenty, park three pucks in the Oakville goal. Townsley with two and one on a solo also assisted in the twine twang-Lorne Arbie fashioned Lawrence and Smith were the Oakville marksmen in this frame.

So with Lady Luck casting a grin or two in the direction of Acton, maybe we can yet knock this league leader from its pedestal. We can easily picture a reversal in the score after last night's game.

Acton line up—goal, Robson; McPhail, Duval, defense: Masters, centre: Townsley LW: Arbie, RW: alternates, Stewart, Kentner, Dunn, Pappilon, Masales, Somerville.

## N. C. LINDSAY ADDRESSES JUNIOR FARMER RALLY

The annual Halton Junior Farmer Rally was held in Milton High School on Friday evening of last week. N. C. Lindsay, supervisor of Rural Adult Education was the guest speaker. Mr. Lindsay in a most interesting address reviewed the services available to rural groups through the Ontario Adult Education Board. "Can't H. Alford, President of the Halton Juniors was in charge of the evening's program, which concluded with a short dance to music provided by the Milton Harmony Six.

## Inaugural Session of County Council Held on Tuesday—Committees Named and By-Laws Passed—Appointments Made at First Session—Other Items of County Interest

(Exclusive for Acton Free Press and Canadian Champion)

Norman Craig, reeve of Burlington and member of Halton County Council for six years, was unanimously chosen warden for 1947 at the inaugural meeting of council, held Tuesday afternoon.

George Cleave, reeve of Esqueping, was nominated by P. W. Chambers, Oakville but withdrew in favor of Mr. Craig. Clerk William Deans declared the Burlington man as warden of the county. His Honor Judge W. N. Munro, administered the oath of office and congratulated him as being one of the youngest Halton men to attain the highest honor in the county.

"I wish to thank you all for entrusting me as warden of the county. I will endeavor to carry on the duties of the office as have wardens in the past. I will attempt to attend all meetings and will appreciate hearty co-operation of the council during the coming year," declared Warden Craig welcoming the older members along with those who were sitting for the first time.

Six new members appear on the 1947 council including J. Armstrong, who represents Georgetown as deputy reeve. This is the first year the municipality has been represented in that capacity. Along with the new deputy reeve is Reeve A. MacLaren, Georgetown. Other new members are: from Esqueping, deputy reeve George Currie; Milton, Reeve J. W. Higgins; Oakville, Deputy Reeve P. W. Chambers; Acton, Reeve F. J. McCutcheon.

Three former wardens, C. V. Hillmer, Oakville; Dr. C. H. Healey; Milton and John Blair, Burlington, were present as visitors. They each wished the new warden success during the year.

As is customary reeves of the different municipalities constitute a committee to strike the different committees. Before the committee retired Warden Craig suggested that E. E. Foster, deputy reeve represent Nelson in place of Mrs. Mary Pettit, who was not present.

Following an adjournment the following committees were selected: Finance—W. S. Hall, A. E. Whitaker, G. E. Cleave, A. MacLaren, J. W. Higgins. Education—W. H. Biggar, Mrs. Mary Pettit, J. Armstrong, J. W. Higgins, G. E. Cleave. School Health—Mrs. Pettit, Lloyd Crawford, E. W. Smith, J. Armstrong, J. F. McCutcheon.

Printing—A. MacLaren, P. W. Chambers, F. J. McCutcheon, George Currie.

County Buildings—J. W. Higgins, E. C. Foster, E. W. Smith, P. W. Chambers, W. H. Biggar.

Hospital Accounts—A. E. Whitaker, W. S. Hall, W. H. Biggar, George Currie.

Recreation and Agriculture—Lloyd Crawford, George Currie, E. C. Foster, A. MacLaren, W. S. Hall. Special Communications—F. J. McCutcheon, J. Armstrong, E. W. Smith, P. W. Chambers.

County Roads—George Cleave, A. E. Whitaker, Mrs. Pettit, W. H. Biggar, Lloyd Crawford.

The first named is chairman of each committee.

When council resumed, appointments made were: H. M. Meyer to the Georgetown High School Board for (Continued on Page Five)

## Coming Events

- Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, at 10c per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 5c.
- Valentine Tea, sale of baking and spron booth, Saturday, February 15, Parish Hall at 3 o'clock. 25-31-32
- Old time and modern dance, Town Hall, Acton, Friday, January 24th. Gib Jordan and his orchestra. Lucky door prizes \$3 and \$2. Admission 50c. 28-3
- Old time and Modern Dance, at Town Hall, Acton, Friday, February 14th. Dancing 8 to 1. Gib Jordan and his orchestra. Door and Spot Dance Prizes. Admission 50c. 3
- Caraval, sponsored by Branch No. 128, K.E.S.L. will be held in Milton Arena, February 28th. Featuring figure skating by Lelandia Truip from Toronto, costume prizes. Fill the clown, race, and brass band march.