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School Board Asks to Meet with Council on North District

Forms for Legislative Grants Not Yet Received—Other Items of Tuesday Meeting

Trustees A. Kirkness, T. Jones and G. A. Dills were present Tuesday evening at the April session of Acton School Board and Chairman J. Chapman presided.

Principal McKenzie requested attention of various repairs to building and grounds at the school. The usual allowance of \$10 was made to the principals attending the convention. It was decided to build a partition in Grade IV for passageway to the rear of the school.

It was decided to establish an Upper School examination centre in Acton and Principal Stewart was so instructed.

Mr. Stewart reported that a block of 70 seats had been reserved for the pupils of Acton Continuation School to attend the Ontario Legislature when in Toronto on Thursday. He had been advised of this consideration by the speaker of the Legislature.

Arrangements were to be made to have a showing of Safety Pictures to the children of the school.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

Symon Haws, supplies	\$21.17
Cent. Scientific, supplies	5.75
West Disinfecting, supplies	100.45
G. H. Wood, supplies	24.46
Bell Telephone, phone	5.83
Masales Dairy, k.p. milk	19.37
Watson Dairy, k.p. milk	23.62
Brantford Stat., supplies	659.78
Public Util. Com., lights	30.28
	\$892.69

The Public Health Nurse submitted the report of the work done in Acton in 1946. Work at Acton Schools was given in detail.

The Secretary reported receipt of statements which had been forwarded to Inspector Skuce and the clerks of Halton and Wellington Counties regarding allowances. The forms required for making legislative grants were however, not yet available, although they had been promised in January when the estimates were made.

The Secretary was asked to make arrangements with the Municipal Council for a meeting to discuss the next step in connection with the North Halton High School district.

KNOX CONGREGATION CALLS NEW MINISTER TO PULPIT HERE

At a meeting on Monday evening of last week of the congregation of Knox Presbyterian Church, a call was given to Rev. Captain John M. Anderson, B.A., M.C. and Bar, to become the minister in Acton. Rev. Mr. Anderson is at present stationed in Toronto and was a padre in the last World War with the Highland Light Infantry.

Teen Towners Held Unique Evening at Y. M. C. A. Here

On Friday last, the second Teen Town was held in the Y.M.C.A. The program was under the direction of the committee temporarily set up for that purpose under Don Lamb.

The evening took the form of an old-fashioned "Hoe Down" with the trimmings, cow bells, lanterns, Paul Jones and square dances, array and hay covering the floor and all the "farmers" with their corn cob patched pants, plaid shirts and old fedoras. It was a real night for the teen agers of Acton and twenty-five from Guelph who came down in special bus to enjoy the night with Acton's younger set.

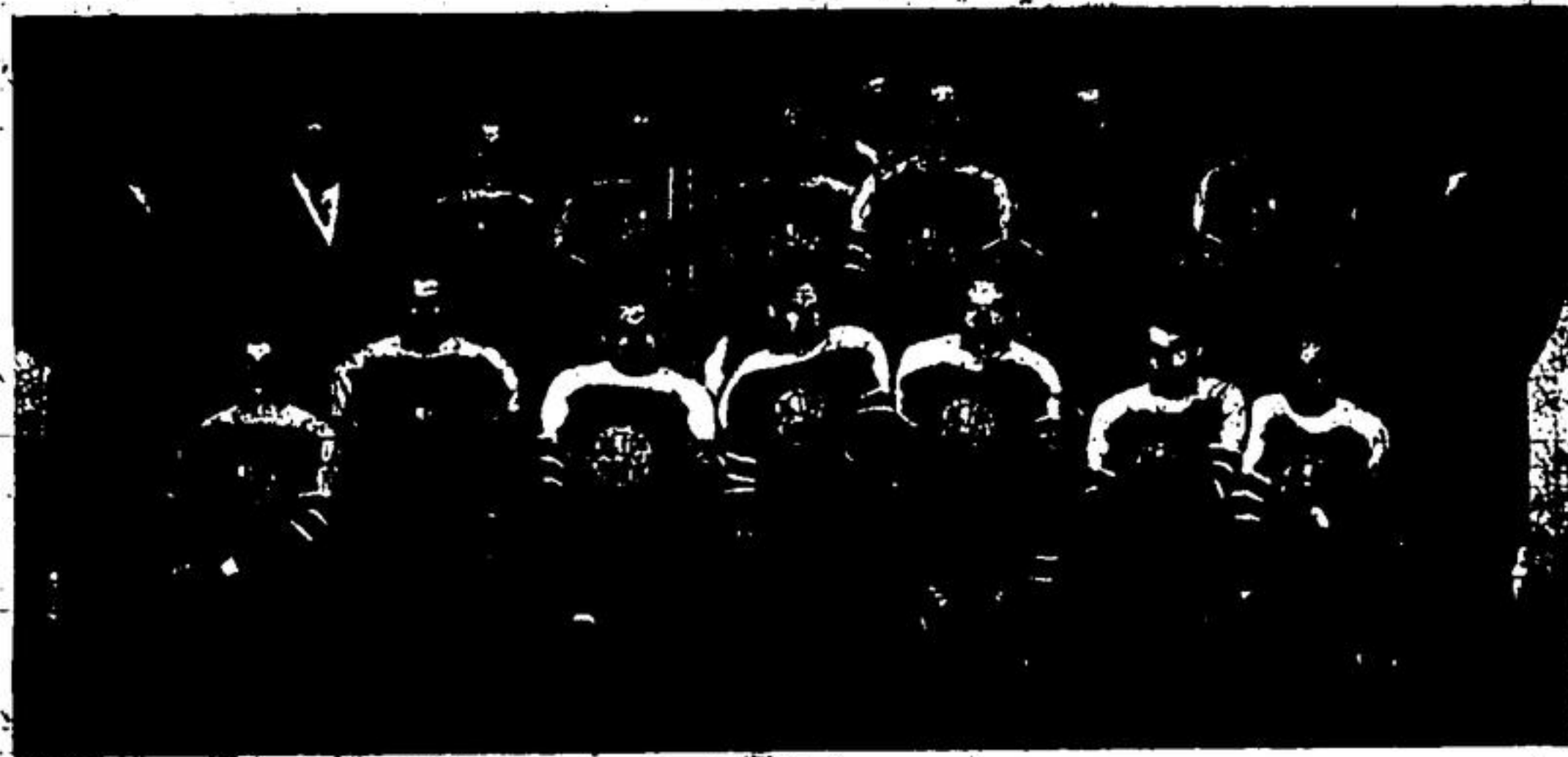
When the dancing became too monotonous, a visit to "Ye Olde Hole in the Wall" brightened the evening. This attraction was a room down cellar with a bar at which was served elder (apple juice) and equipped with tables to lean on, nail legs to sit on and lanterns to supply the illumination.

Prizes were ceremoniously presented to winners of novelty dances. What were the prizes? Why, five chickens and a duck. Of course, dancing took up most of the teen-agers time, but there was ping pong, none the less popular, down cellar. A lunch of coffee and cake was served to all the "hicks", following which Roy Kirkness, John Agar and Lorne Arbie presented the feature attraction, a skit "The Station Agent".

All together, the evening added up to a new experience in Acton's Teen Town history and another success.

Present type of mechanized mowers may require 20 years to clear Berlin of debris.

Halton Junior Farmers Championship Team



Who won the Halton Championship in Milton, by defeating Palermo 4-3. Front row left to right: Bill Watkins, Don Wilson, Frank Jones, G. B. Jordan, Bob Marshall, Earl Masales, Ray Everdell. Back row: Dick J. J. Stewart, president; Mel Jordan, Kerwin McPhail, Lorne Masales, Gordon Clark, manager; Ken Allen, Fyfe Somerville, Jack Stewart and Elwood Johnston, secretary.

Highway No. 25 Fine Example of Provincial Neglect

At the entrance to Highway No. 25 there are now two large, much too narrow, bottlenecks, that warn drivers to get the highway for 11 cents per gallon and rough. For all that, the Province on that Provincial Highway No. 25 are aren't enough. The Department to that effect is to just take your time. It is ever there was a disgraceful piece of road it is this section and the peculiar parking that each year the same procedure is used to give it a temporary highway appearance. Motorists around here may well wonder what they get for an 11 cent tax on every gallon of gasoline and the license fees for their cars and driving.

Cheddar cheese is the most popular and is made in all parts of the province.

New Buildings and Renovations Along Acton's Main Street

Watson's Lunch is Remodelled—New Stores and Moving to Larger Premises

New buildings nearing completion and extensive alterations to some present Mill Street premises are now being put into effect along Acton's business section.

Last week Watson's Dairy and Restaurant was closed for several days and re-opened on Saturday with new tile flooring, a complete re-decoration of the interior and a modern arrangement of new booths finished in oak-wood trim with red-leather upholstery. New music box arrangement has individual controls from each booth and the accommodation for patrons of this popular lunch is almost doubled. New fixtures for serving section are installed but yet to

come are the complete new fountain and modern back bar and mirrors. It will make a splendid up-to-date restaurant, which is a real asset to the community and will prove even more popular with the extending patronage.

McEachern's Electric Shop has moved from the quarters in the Lashbrook building to the new building recently reconstructed next to Thompson Motors. It is a fine commodious store with large show windows and gives a great opportunity for display of the appliances handled by this firm.

The new drug store premises of Earl Cooper are nearing completion. Interior fittings have been placed and shortly Mr. Cooper will move to these fine new, modern premises.

Manning Electric will occupy the store now occupied by Mr. Cooper premises. In preparation for this move, a fine new electric sign has been erected on the store for Manning Electric.

A new mastic tile floor was laid in Baxter's Drug Store on Monday.

School District Meeting Arranges to Hold Another

MIGHT HAVE CLEANING FOR EASTER IN SPITE OF COOL WINDS

Citizens generally would appreciate in these spring days a little more attention to sidewalks and roadways so that water could reach the catch basins and the accumulation of ice and snow could get away. The body of a dog, apparently killed by a motor vehicle has lain on the ice on Mill Street for the past two weeks. Sidewalks could be cleaned of much of the ice and the accumulation of gravel by citizens to avoid tracking it into homes and places of business. In spite of the cool weather, it's time for some spring cleaning by the municipality and citizens.

THE ARTS AND CRAFTS MEET IN ACTON

Mrs. W. J. Bently of Acton entertained the Arts and Crafts on March 20th, seventeen members from Georgetown and five from Acton being present. The president, Mrs. H. Moyer, was in the chair.

Those who have recently started taking lessons in leather work gave a short and interesting talk on their progress. Donations were made to the Red Cross and the St. John Ambulance Association and plans were made for future meetings.

The summer meeting is to be at the home of Mrs. Moyer, Hillgirt Farm, in June and to take the form of a Garden Tea, to which members of other Handicraft clubs are to be invited. A letter was read from the Spinners and Weavers of Toronto inviting those who were to plan a little display of their work at the forthcoming Toronto Exhibition. A pleasant tea hour was provided by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Gowdy and Miss Pearl Smith. The May meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. Arnott Early, Georgetown.

Council and School Board Representatives Were Guests of Georgetown at Dinner—Georgetown Representatives Present Advantages of Locating School in that Centre—Discussion Ends with Similar Resolution to that Passed in Acton—Next Meeting in Milton April 28th

Mayors, Reeves, Councillors and School Boards met at Georgetown Monday evening as guests of the Town of Georgetown to further discuss the formation of a High School district for North Halton. It was a supper meeting with the ladies of the United Church serving a delightful and satisfying meal to the group and Mayor Jos. Gibbons presiding. The representatives were from Georgetown, Milton, Acton, Evesham and Nassagaweya.

There was frank and free discussion of the project, an able presentation by Reeve Alex. McLaren of why the new building should be erected in Georgetown and from a series of resolutions and amendments, the following resolution was carried.

Moved by Reeve Geo. Cleave of Evesham and seconded by Dr. F. R. Watson of Georgetown that representatives take up this question with Councils and School Boards of the towns and townships and get a definite decision to send to Mr. L. L. Skuce on or before April 28th and that a further meeting be held in Milton High School on April 28th.

Mayor Gibbons welcomed the group of good neighbors on behalf of Georgetown. He hoped there would be frank and free discussion of the subject and the wish was fulfilled with all taking a keen interest.

Reeve Alex. McLaren had the task of presenting the argument that Georgetown was a particularly desirable location for the new building. In his opening remarks he urged that all lay aside prejudices to consider this important matter. He reviewed briefly the steps to date and assured all that it was not so that Georgetown wanted to stay out of the plan for a larger school district. The only differences of opinion of the whole group seemed to be on the location of the school. Mr. McLaren then enunciated the advantages Georgetown offered such as a location of 5 to 10 acres near the Park with use of the park, a water system, sewage disposal, hydro electric, fewer buses required for transportation and a consequent annual saving in operation; the difficulties of a county location such as janitor service, repairs, food for cafeteria, securing of teachers, fire insurance rates, and then Georgetown offered better recreational facilities such as park and arena. There was the great expansion of the town and the vision of such a unit alone required to meet Georgetown's needs in the next 10 to 15 years. He asked the representatives to give these matters consideration.

Speakers who followed were Mayor Gowland of Milton, Reeve McCutcheon of Acton, Reeve Crawford of Nassagaweya, Reeve George Cleave of Evesham, Trustee G. A. Dills of Acton, Chairman E. Harrop of Milton and Mr. Moir, chairman of Georgetown Board.

The meeting then took the form of a discussion group with Inspectors Stewart and Skuce supplying most of the answers. Inspector Stewart gave a review of proceedings in North Halton for the benefit of new members of Council and Boards.

Some of the items brought out were that North Halton had an average of 3500 children in the schools.

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Scenes from the Teen Towners Farmers' Hoe Down on Friday



Upper photo is a group on the gymnasium floor during one of the modern dances. Lower left in the hay mow, John Barr; Betty Jeffries, Guelph; Hazel Glidden, Guelph; Lorne Simpson, Joan Coles, Peter Munro.



Guelph: Lorna Lawson, Ken Papillon and Jacqueline Currie. Lower right at the "Old Hole in the Wall", Ben Salt and Crawford Douglas expound weighty subjects with the keeper, Lorne Arbie.

Coming Events

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

Dance, Brookville Hall, Friday, April 11th, supplies W.I. Good orchestra. Admission 35c.

Acton Women's Institute will sponsor the play "The Arrival of Kitty" in the Town Hall, Wednesday, April 16th. 39-2

The Mission Band of Knox Church is holding a tea on Saturday from 3 to 5 at the home of Mrs. Rudolph Spelvoel.

The Ladies of St. Joseph's Church are holding a Baking Sale in the Town Hall from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 5th. 38-2

Easter Party—Euchre and Dance Limehouse Memorial Hall, Friday, April 11th. Cards 8.35, Lunch and Door Prize. Admission 35c.