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## High School District Gets Approval at Milton Meeting

### Georgetown only Dissenting Municipality in North Halton District and Re-Affirm their "Unalterable" Position—Other Municipalities Decide to Proceed with this New Project—Question now Goes to County Council and Department of Education.

At a meeting in Milton on Monday evening a resolution was passed that a new High School district be established in North Halton at some location near Speydo. Decision of the exact location for favorable ground to be left to the High School Board to be set up.

This was the fourth meeting of school boards and councils held to discuss the problem in North Halton and was held at the Milton Inn when the representatives were guests of the Town of Milton—at a delightful dinner and Mayor Gordon Gowland welcomed the visitors. Mr. E. Harrop, chairman of Milton High School Board presided.

The vote on the question followed the presentation of a report from Inspector L. L. Skuce when he told of receiving requests from Acton Council and School Board with the necessary forms for a new High School district; a request from Nassagaweya Township; necessary forms and request from the Town of Milton and a copy of a resolution from Esqueping Township recording the favoring of a High School district.

A letter from the Georgetown School Board expressed the feeling that the High School should remain in Georgetown and a resolution from the town Council of Georgetown reaffirmed their unalterable opposition unless Georgetown was chosen as the site of the school.

After reading the report, the chairman said it appeared the new district would have to get along without Georgetown and in answer to a question Mr. Skuce gave a review of the estimates when Georgetown was included and an estimate leaving Georgetown out of the group.

The previous estimate was for a levy of 4 mills on the tax rate for High Schools. With Georgetown out the cost to the taxpayer was estimated at 4.8 mills. Complete figures were presented for comparison purposes, population, assessment figures and grants.

Representatives from Eramosa and Erin were present to listen to the discussions and consider the advisability of joining the area that would serve the district best. Reeve J. A. Swackhamer, Deputy Reeve Eyrk, Mr. Hull of Erin spoke and Clerk Day of Eramosa. Erin was definitely a "prospective customer" for the Halton district as they certainly wanted to avoid the northern snow belt and "come south".

The improvement of roads leading from the district to the highway was discussed and Mr. Hull made inquiry regarding the section in Esqueping Township from the Erin boundary to No. 7 Highway.

Reeve Geo. Clene of Esqueping assured Erin that this road would be hard surfaced and the hill cut down just as soon as possible.

Other speakers before the question was put were Archdeacon W. G. O. Thomson of Georgetown, J. M. McDonald of Acton, Mayor Jos. Gibbons of Georgetown, Inspector Wm. Stewart and Inspector Skuce supplied the information requested and set forth advantages of the new district.

Thanks to the town of Milton for their hospitality was extended in a vote by Archdeacon W. G. O. Thomson.

The matter will now go before the Halton County Council and the Department of Education and when approval is given the Board for the new High School District can be set up.

## NEWLY WEDS HONORED BY THEIR FRIENDS AT WOODSIDE SCHOOL

A very enjoyable function was held in Woodside School on Friday night, April 18th, when citizens of the community honored Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Malott (Clara Swackhamer) with a shower of gifts.

Mr. Arthur Swackhamer acted as chairman and the following program was given: Duet, Loren Gray and Della McIntyre; reading by Sadie McIntyre; solo by Freddie Gordon; instrumental by Olga Lockyer; reading, Doreen Cole; musical numbers by Sid Speer and Harry Shortill; reading by Miss MacDougall; solo by Della McIntyre; instrumental Marie Kerr.

Sadie McIntyre then called on to read an address. Mr. and Mrs. Malott were presented with many beautiful miscellaneous gifts. Both Mr. and Mrs. Malott made fitting replies. After singing the National Anthem, lunch was served and a social hour was spent in dancing.

## HALTON JERSEY BREEDERS HOLD BARN MEETING

Halton Jersey Breeders recently staged a barn meeting at the farm of M. C. Bony, well known "Trafalgar Township" Jersey Breeder. An excellent turnout of Halton Jersey enthusiasts greeted Prof. Geo. E. Rathby of the Ontario Agricultural College who gave an excellent demonstration on "Herd Classification." The meeting was in charge of President Jack Featherstone of the Halton club, assisted by Agric. Rep. J. E. Whitlock, Harold Butcher, secretary of the Ontario Jersey Club, was also in attendance.

Both Jersey and Holstein breeders of Halton will be interested to learn that the big annual Field Day for Halton and Peel Holstein and Jersey breeders and their families is scheduled for Saturday, June 7th and again will be held on the beautiful grounds of the Ontario Agricultural College.

## ACTON LADIES AT BIRTHDAY PARTY LEGION AUXILIARY

Twenty-two members of Acton Branch of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion enjoyed the fifth birthday party of the Oakville Branch last night. A splendid evening of entertainment and social time, topped by a fine lunch was greatly enjoyed. Mrs. Pegg, past president of the Zone Representative, Mrs. Grieve of Georgetown in cutting and serving the birthday cake.

## Supt. Wilson Asks to be Relieved of Waterworks Superv.

### New Secretary-Treasurer Takes Over Duties—Other Items of Commission Business

The regular meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Monday evening. Chairman C. M. Hansen presided and Reeve F. J. McCaehue and Commissioner J. R. MacArthur were present.

Miss J. Walker was present as well as the Secretary-Treasurer, J. McCaehue and Superintendent, Wilson. Miss Walker assisted in turning over the books to Mr. J. McCaehue.

Due to the heavy list of accounts due for payment the Commission authorized the cashing of \$5000 worth of bonds to meet expenses.

A motion was passed expressing appreciation to Miss Walker for the manner in which she carried on her duties during the change of Secretary-Treasurer.

Supt. Wilson tendered his resignation to the Commission as Waterworks Superintendent. He explained that due to the press of work in both departments, he could not do justice to both hydro and water supervision and that the work was going further and further behind all the time. With the proposed new housing this summer it would entail considerable new construction of hydro lines and he felt he should devote his time to the hydro department.

It was decided to leave this matter over to another meeting so as to arrive at a satisfactory agreement about relieving Mr. Wilson of some of his duties.

A number of water service check books have been damaged by trucks and grading of lawns and streets. The Commission felt that the property owner should be held responsible in case these are damaged by him or his workers.

An agreement of the duties of the Secretary-Treasurer was signed by Mr. J. McCaehue and the chairman. The changing of the authority to enter the safety deposit box was arranged.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Hydro Department	
H.E.P.C. of Ont. power, etc.	\$4,631.56
Highway Garage gas, storage	11.12
Packard electric, supplies	320.00
Line & Cable Acc., supplies	41.84
MacDonald Electric Ltd., supplies	25.19
Can Line Materials, supplies	58.14
Northern Electric Co., supplies	
Federal Wire & Cable Co., supplies	21.53
Express and transport	268.20
Mrs. H. Palmer	12.00
F. Terry, postmaster, box rent	2.87
H.E.P.C., tree trimming	1,749.16
	\$7,164.70
Waterworks Department	
Wallace & Terman Ltd., chlorinator	\$570.00

## Drunk Charges Were Heard Yesterday at County Police Court

Still in a nervous and almost hysterical condition when she appeared before Magistrate Kenneth M. Langdon, in County Magistrate's Court at Milton yesterday, Marg. Alice Graham, 29, Hillsburg, was placed on suspended sentence for six months and was ordered to pay \$14.30 in costs. "You have put the officers to considerable expense and broke a chair," the court reminded.

Mrs. Graham was charged with being drunk in a public place, on Mill Street, in Acton, Tuesday night. According to Constable Cecil Gibbons the accused was brought into the police office in an intoxicated condition by an Acton Taxi. She had ordered the taxi to pick her up in Guelph, but did not have the money to pay for it, the officer stated. "I called Chief Harrop and arranging agents were made to send her home. She cancelled the taxi after leaving and went to a local beverage room. She was finishing a glass of beer when I walked in. She was quite hysterical, used abusive language and broke a chair in the cell. You couldn't reason with her," witness said in answering a question as to her condition.

Chief Harrop said the woman was not normal and had "all the appearance of a person who was intoxicated."

When asked if she had anything to say, the accused unwrapped bandages from two of her fingers, stating: "I was in the san. I shouldn't have been thrown in there. I have black marks all over me, the way they used me," she charged.

James Early, Nassagaweya, was sent to jail for seven days, had his driver's license suspended for three months and his car impounded for a similar period, when he pleaded guilty to a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Early declined to say anything in his own behalf, after the court warned him there was no other alternative than a jail sentence and have his license suspended. However, he told the court he was the father of two children and operated a 25-mile route out of Campbellville.

According to Provincial Constable E. R. Lemon, who investigated, he found the accused had driven his car into a bridge in the First Line Trafalgar Township, Saturday night. He swore the accused was unsteady on his feet and in an intoxicated condition.

## BOYS' GRAIN CLUB GIRLS' GARDEN BRIGADE FOR ACTON FAIR

The Acton Agricultural Society, under the leadership of President Howard Switzer is this year sponsoring a Boys' Grain Club and a Girls' Garden Brigade. Fourteen young ladies have enrolled in the Garden Club and twenty young men in Grain Club work. The young men have each been supplied with two bushels of seed.

Ont. which were secured by Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitlock from Renfrew County. Both the young men and the young ladies will hold their respective achievement days at the Acton Fair in early October. The Grain Club members hold their first meeting at Milton on Saturday, April 19th when the following officers were elected:

President: Roy Warne, Acton.  
Vice President: Stuart Alexander, Georgetown.  
Secretary-Treasurer: Lawrence Anthony, Limehouse.  
Leader: Howard Switzer.

## New Executive at Last Meeting of Acton Y's Men's

Thursday, April 24th the Acton Y's Men's Club held their last regular meeting of the 1946-7 season with close to a hundred per cent attendance. The Ladies Auxiliary, who have always held an important spot in the opinion of all Y's Men, maintained their high standard by producing, for the last time this season, an excellent meal.

The meeting started right on the dot of six thirty and an hilarious time followed during which President Ted, his last time in the chair, grasped the opportunity to levy fines and established a new record by collecting \$4.20.—Yes, Ben Rachlin wasn't alone when he walked in late this time.

The nominating committee with Charles Kirkness as chairman, Jack Creighton and Bill Benson members, presented their slate of new officers for the coming year and Ted Force handed the gavel over to Mike Bennett, the new president for the 1947-48 season. The old system, in which the vice president automatically moves into the chair has been discarded. In the future the president will be selected from amongst the directors and the immediate past president will become vice president. In this office he will be of great assistance to the new president.

The nominating committee chose well when they selected the other members of the new executive as follows: Don Ryder, secretary, taking over from Garnet McKenzie; Duke Hall, treasurer, who is doing a report in this office and Ben Rachlin, sergeant-at-arms, taking over from Jack Greer. A hearty vote of thanks was given to the nominating committee for their excellent choice in the new executive. A rousing vote of appreciation was extended to the outgoing executive for the fine piece of work they had done during their term in office.

Ted Force spoke briefly but seriously when he thanked all Y's Men for the sterling manner in which they had supported him as president. He said "had he not been given this support the job would have been much more difficult." Ted concluded by asking all Y's Men to support their new President, "Mike," in a like manner.

After the meeting, the executive sat down and appointed their new slate of directors who are chairmen of the following committees: Jack Greer, Young People; Dick Benn, All Extension; Ken McKenzie, Program Director; John Gray, "Y" Member Counciling; Bill Denny, Boy's Work; Don McLennan, editor of Club Paper; Mac Symon, House Committee; Wes Wolfe, Membership; Bill Clayton, Projects; Don McLennan, World Outlook; John Gray, Publicity.

## SHOWING CANCELLED WHEN FIRE FOUND AT GREGORY THEATRE

Acton Fire Brigade had two calls during the past week but fortunately the showings were cancelled.

Monday afternoon a grass fire at the east end of the Crescent threatened but was beyond the reach of the equipment and well out in the township.

Monday evening it was found that wiring in the ceiling of the Gregory Theatre had caused a smouldering fire. Theatre goers had assembled for the show that night and the theatre was filled. All left the theatre while the firemen found the cause and extinguished the fire which fortunately was discovered easily. The show was cancelled for the evening.

## Wartime Houses to be Built on North Duckett Property

### Modern New Store Equals Anything Found in Cities

This week's issue of the Free Press contains twelve pages. On pages four and five business associates with Mr. Earl Cooper have placed messages of congratulations on the opening of the fine new store. On page eleven of this issue will also be found a short descriptive article and some items of historical interest concerning this old established business in Acton. Photos of the new store are by the Free Press camera.

The store was opened for business last Thursday and it is one of the finest drug stores in any town or even in the larger cities. Congratulations are indeed in order on the opening of this new store and with others who join in extending ours to Earl Cooper on this occasion.

### FELLOW WORKMEN MAKE PRESENTATION TO FRED CREWSON, SR.

On Friday night as the workmen were preparing to leave the factory the employees of the machine shop called on Mr. Fred Crewson and presented him with a very fine pen and pencil set, a Ronson lighter and a purse of money. Mr. W. Fottit in a few well-chosen words expressed their regret in losing Fred, as a fellow workman. Mr. Robert Cross made the presentation. Fred has worked for the Beardmore Company for 41 years. It is 31 years since Mr. and Mrs. Crewson moved into their home on Wellington Street. They expect to move in the near future to Dundas or district.

## Rev. John Anderson Inducted at Service in Knox Church

### New Minister to Succeed Rev. F. Thomson—Served in Last War With Distinction

Knox Church was crowded for the induction of Captain John Anderson into his new charge in Acton last Thursday evening.

Rev. W. J. Walker, moderator of the Presbytery, who presided at the service, was minister at the Niagara Falls Presbyterian Church when John Anderson came to Canada from his birthplace Edinburgh. It was Rev. Walker who first interested and later encouraged the young Scottish lad to study for the ministry.

John Anderson took his arts course at Western University and went on to his Theology degree at Knox College, Toronto.

Serving as a war padre for five years, Captain Anderson was with the Highland Light Infantry for three years and saw action with this famous regiment from the Normandy beaches on D-day through the historic push over the Rhine which climaxed V-E day.

The first Protestant padre with the first Canadians to cross the Rhine, Captain Anderson has the added distinction of being the only padre to receive two M.C.'s, the first awarded for conduct at Borone, July, 1944 and the second won at Hochwald, Germany, March, 1945.

The 34-year-old minister who succeeds Rev. Forbes Thompson had a previous charge at Port Elgin.

Also participating in Rev. Anderson's induction service were Rev. Findlay Stewart, Kitchener, former war padre; Rev. Crawford Smith, Guelph; Rev. T. J. Bryant, Puslinch and Rev. J. C. McNeil Campbellville.

A reception followed the service when the ladies of the church served a delightful banquet to all attending and arranged a social hour.

Rev. Anderson is married and has one daughter, three year old Margaret Jean.

### GUELPH MINSTRELS PLAY TO GOOD AUDIENCE IN ACTON

Minstrel Shows are always popular with Acton audiences and the presentation last Friday evening by the Men's Club of Chalmers Church, Guelph drew a full hall and the program was enjoyed by all.

A chorus of twenty with six men and inter-locuter, Alf Hales, kept the audience well entertained and mixed in some chatter that had most of the local well-knowns pretty well labelled. There were solos, quartettes and choruses that were all well given and thoroughly enjoyed. The presentation was under the auspices of the Young Ladies' Friendly Circle of Acton United Church.

### Council Confers with Engineer and Engages Armstrong, Anderson and Co. to Lay Out Mains and Arrange Street Grading—Survey to be Made and Start as Soon as Possible—Special Meeting Held Last Night

A special meeting of Acton Council was held last evening to consult with Engineer Anderson regarding the site for Wartime Housing.

All members of the council were present at this meeting and Reeve McCaehue presided.

Mr. Anderson had conferred with Mr. Meldrum of Wartime Housing regarding requirements for the subdivision. A plan was required for registration of the property and Wartime Housing would lay out the street.

The advantages of the two properties was gone into thoroughly and estimates prepared of the cost of grading, filling, roads, laying of water mains, etc. as well as the purchase price of the Nelles and Duckett properties. The engineer considered that drainage for septic tanks would be much better on the Duckett property. When total costs of the two properties for purchase and improvements were secured it was found that the Duckett property was almost \$3000 less than the Nelles property. Mr. Anderson recommended that this property be chosen for the group of fifty houses not only on account of the saving in price but also being better suited.

The following resolution was unanimously passed by Council: "That the Corporation take all necessary legal steps to enter into an agreement to purchase the Duckett property in accordance with the latest offer to sell for \$3000 for the purpose of Wartime Housing, containing 12 acres, together with road extension from north end of Wallace Street to the Duckett property and permission to use the Duckett lane from the north east angle of the property to the third line, subject to upkeep."

Plans were made to have an immediate survey of the property made so that work could be started. Mr. Anderson also advised securing of tenders for the whole work.

The clerk was instructed to write Wartime Housing on the proceedings thus far made and inform them that selection of the property had been made.

Another resolution was also passed as follows: "That the Corporation retain Armstrong, Anderson and Co. of Toronto, Ont. as consulting engineers in the project of laying water mains and roads to and on the Wartime Housing project, including lot plan on property and as general supervising engineers on behalf of the Corporation in this connection at a fee of 5 per cent of the total cost of contracts including labor and materials."

The site selected is situated north of Mill Street and access to the property is via Wallace Avenue where entrance has been arranged. The soil is of sandy loam and good for building and the tract of land is level. It also has natural surroundings which lend it to making a fine subdivision.

It's not more plans we need but more application of the plans we have.

The Classified Section will be found on Page Twelve this week.

### Coming Events

Adjournment of Meetings, Conventions or Other Events, under the heading, are charged, no extra fee, over 25¢ a minimum charge for any amount of ad.

St. Alban's Guild Euchre in Parish Hall, Thursday, May 1st at 8:30

The Ladies' Legion Auxiliary will hold a Euchre on May 9th at the Legion Hall at 8:30 Admission 25¢ Lunch served.

Euchre and Dance, Limehouse Memorial Hall, Friday, May 2nd Cards at 8:45 D.S.T. Lunch served Admission 35¢

The Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the I.O.D.E. will hold the monthly meeting at Mrs. R. R. Parkers Park Avenue on May 6th

Sale of Home Baking and White Elephants, sponsored by the Scout and Guide Mothers' Association, in the T.W. Hall on Saturday, May 3rd at 3 p.m.

A.H.S. Annual Cadet Dance, Acton Park Pavilion, May 19th Bobby Ginnby's Orchestra Canada's most popular teenage orchestra. Admission by ticket only. \$2 per couple. Tickets obtained from Joan Coley, Acton

## Winners of Debating Trophy



Miss Eleanor McDougall and Ernest West of Acton Junior Farmers Club, who last Friday evening won the debating contest for Halton Clubs in Milton and were awarded the W. I. Dick Trophy. —Free Press Photo