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Court of Revision Dealt with 38 Properties on Tues.

Session Held in the Auditorium of the Town Hall—New Construction Given Real Encouragement

Acton Council met as a Court of Revision on the supplemental assessment roll for 1947 on Tuesday evening with all the Council present and Reeve McCutcheon presiding. The session was held in the auditorium of the Town Hall and about fifty attended. Twenty-eight appeals were on the docket to be heard and the court was one of the liveliest we have ever attended.

After hearing the presentation of the various property owners the Council adjourned to the Council Chamber where the following decisions were concluded:

The appeal of L. MacSwain was not granted.

J. R. Leishman appeal on lot on which sale was not completed, reverted to the original tax as farm land.

Hugh Gasham appeal was granted. The appeal of Stewart Sinclair was not granted as the building was untenable.

G. M. Hutt appeal was not allowed. Alex. McInane assessment on garage was reduced from \$100 to \$50.

The appeal of Symon Hardware on warehouse was unchanged. The supplemental assessment of R. McEachern was in error on the roll and twice assessed. It was reduced by \$1300 to \$2000 total.

On the appeal of F. Toth Sr. the building was reduced by \$200 and the land assessment was unchanged.

The Colin McColl property was reduced by \$200 made on the property under construction and uncompleted.

Another group of seventeen buildings were classified as ones that were in a state of construction and were considered under the clause of the act which provides for buildings on which there was no normal rental or normal sale value. On these properties the supplemental taxes applicable for 1947 were written off but the assessments on land and water works frontage remains unchanged.

Properties accorded this adjustment were owned by Fred Koptner, John Notwell, E. C. Valey, Allan Leishman Sr., Mac Symon, F. Toth, Jr., Beardmore & Co., Ltd., Earl Cooper, Lyle Cripps, Owen Masales, David Hodge, Norman Price, Price Henderson, Whit Stadden, Joe Rafkin, Percy Elliott, C. E. Woods.

The Court of Revision adjourned at 11:35 p.m. and Council took into consideration the passing of the necessary resolutions covering the recommendations of the Court.

3,600 Fingerlings Put in Halton Trout Streams

Last Friday, Game Warden Dudley Hitchcox of Oakville, turned some 3,600 speckled trout fingerlings into the Sixteen Mile Creek and Blue Springs Creek in the uppermost part of Halton County. They were the first of a program to restock the different streams in the county with some 20,000 yearling trout and 5,000 bass according to the game warden.

Into the splashing of these fresh water streams the fingerlings paused, headed toward the head waters, wondering whether to venture in their newly found home. Later one would dart forward into the rushing current, several more would follow while others still paused.

These fingerling fish are raised at the different government hatcheries in Ontario, fed and raised to be transported, sometimes long distances to fresh water streams.

As trout are known to be the finest of fresh water fish affording sportsmen many a thrill, Halton County streams bounding over rocks, through bush lands are an ideal habitat, which sometimes make the sportsman wonder if these speckled beauties are wiser than they.

Many Halton residents do not know of the beautiful country which abounds the northern stretches of Nassagaweya and Esqueving townships. It is an area well able to become a sportsman's paradise, in fact, mention has been made to have it named as a game reserve.

Were it reserved for Halton residents, it would meet the approval of sportsmen within our boundaries, as anglers and hunters from the more populated areas take advantage of Halton's natural resources. During the week-end while on a tour through the northern areas, city fishermen were seen testing their skill.

Game Warden Hitchcox explained that members of the newly formed Halton Anglers and Hunters Association were cooperating with the department in a program of conservation.

DUBLIN FRIENDS MAKE PRESENTATION TO MR. AND MRS. D. McDUGALL

Dublin community gathered in the school house to spend a social evening with Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McDougall before they left the section. Mr. Lawrence Gibbons read an appropriate address and Messrs. M. Steele and S. Elliott presented them with an electric radio and clock. At the same time Mrs. Barber read an address from Dublin Woman's Institute and Mrs. McDougall was given a purse. In the unavoidable absence of her husband, Mrs. McDougall made a very fitting reply, thanking all for their kind remembrance.

Mr. and Mrs. McDougall have moved to Farmington, near Orangeville, where they will make their home with their niece, Mrs. John Rennick.

Esqueving Council Decide to Levy For the Federation

Tender for Gravel is Accepted and Heating Unit for Municipal Hall is Approved

A special meeting of Esqueving Township Council was held Thursday evening. Members all present. Reeve G. E. Cleave presided.

Tenders for crushing and delivering 10,000 yards of gravel on the township roads were read.

Moved by Currie, seconded by Leslie, that this Council accept the tender of C. G. Riddell at a price of: Crushing and elevating to bin, 60¢ per yard; Hauling up to 3 miles, 32¢ per yard; Hauling over 3 miles, 10¢ per yard mile. Subject to the approval of the Department of Highways. Carried.

Moved by Bird seconded by Reid, that the tender cheques of Sim Ireland and E. Armstrong be returned. Carried.

The regular meeting of Esqueving Township Council was held Monday afternoon, May 5th, with all members present.

Accounts passed for payment included: Ontario Hospital, Woodstock, \$45.00; Province of Saskatchewan, Charity for May, \$20.00; Bell Telephone Co., services, \$5.17; A. W. Benton, stamps, \$7.00; Brampton Funeral Service, expenses re funeral Mrs. Jno. Kennedy, \$15.00; Geo. C. Burt, digging grave and assistance, \$15.00; Spencer Wilson, sheep valuator \$4.00.

It was decided by motion to levy an assessment of one-fifth of a mill on all ratepayers as farmers for the Federation of Agriculture and a by-law was to be prepared.

Relief accounts of \$58.45 and road accounts of \$1,434.04 were passed for payment.

The offer of R. H. Thompson for a heating unit for the municipal building was accepted.

Moved by Reid, seconded by Leslie that the salary of the Road Superintendent be \$1,400.00 per annum, with an allowance of \$25.00 per month and 7¢ per mile, mileage, when using his car outside the township on township business, and a by-law be prepared in accordance. Carried.

Approval Received on the Wartime Housing Project

Council Discusses New Sidewalk, Water Main Extensions to Four New Sections and Recreation at Session that Lasted Until 12:45 a.m.—Pipe Ordered for Water Services and Municipal Board Writes Regarding Annexation of Property Adjacent to Town

Acton Council met in regular session on Monday evening with Councillors J. H. Creighton, W. Coon, C. Cook and R. M. Aylsworth present, and Reeve F. J. McCutcheon presiding.

Mr. Colin McColl on behalf of residents of Cameron Street asked that a sidewalk be laid. He presented a petition signed by most of the residents of Cameron Street and along Mill Street West. Grading of Cameron Street was also requested. Council were agreed that sidewalks should be laid and agreed to do the work as soon as material could be secured. It was suggested that half the work might be done this year.

Andrew Buchanan Jr. in a letter asked permission to move a cabin to a property near Victoria Avenue and Cameron St. Council did not approve.

Messrs. R. L. Bean, W. H. Clayton, G. McKenzie, J. Royston and F. Dawkins of the Physical Fitness and Recreation Committee, discussed the work of the committee. The history of the appointment was reviewed. Mr. Bean told how the account was made up for the year and gave the information he had received from Mr. Tett of the Provincial Department. The whole question was thoroughly discussed by Council and committee and it was suggested by the committee members that the present committee be dissolved and a new organization formed to direct recreation in Acton. Mr. Clayton was named treasurer of the committee and the clerk was instructed to pay the amount of the grant to the treasurer.

The present committee was to carry on until an organization meeting could be called to include all the local organizations and receive reports.

Messrs. Ewing and Vines were present to discuss the laying of water mains in town this year. They could bring in a machine to do this work. It was estimated that there was 2,850 feet of water mains to be laid and in addition there would be the mains in the Wartime Housing subdivision of which Armstrong and Anderson had charge. This was an additional 1400 feet.

The following resolution was passed: "That the Acton Public Utilities Commission order 2840 feet of six inch water mains and 500 feet of four inch mains with necessary fittings and hydrants."

It was decided to hold a special meeting of council on Wednesday night at 8:30 p.m. to deal with the contract for laying the mains when Mr. Spatafora and Messrs. Ewing and Vines would be present. Under the arrangements machines would be brought on to do the work.

Chief Harrop was instructed to enforce the tax by-law and see that (Continued on Page Five)

The Halton County Baseball League Organizes for 1947

E. Ryder, Acton, was chosen president of Halton County Baseball League at a meeting held in Oakville on Tuesday night when representatives of Milton, Acton, Georgetown and Oakville attended. Vice-President for 1947 is Clarence Riddell, Milton and J. F. Royston, Acton, is Secretary-Treasurer.

This year towns under 3000 population will play in Intermediate C baseball. The Halton League will ask an interpretation of this rule to allow the Oakville Club to play the season games in the Halton League and if finishing in top position to advance into the Intermediate B group. A group with four teams could operate much more satisfactorily than a three team group.

RATES SET FOR COPIES OF PHOTOS WHICH APPEAR EACH WEEK

Many of our readers have approached us for copies of local photographs which appear in the Free Press from time to time. We like to oblige whenever possible but primarily our task is newspaper publishing and printing. Whenever possible we will arrange to supply copies of photos. The price for 8x10 enlargements is 75¢ per copy and 50¢ for the 5x7 size. Contact prints are 34x44 inch size and cost 10¢ each. We cannot always supply prints as sometimes in the process of having engravings made and haste in getting the picture into print, negatives become lost.

Junior Farmers' Hockey Club Entertains

The Acton Junior Farmers were indeed justly proud of their winning hockey and debating teams of this season, but last Friday evening we saw that not only could they play hockey and debate but they could also entertain.

A raucous crowd at Lorne School enjoyed a social evening of euchre, program, a delicious lunch with pie and ice cream for dessert and dancing. Winners of the prizes for euchre were Edna Stewart and Jack Stewart. The program consisted of a musical selection by Gib Jordan, Peter Dyck and Ralph McKeown, a pie eating contest was won by Ray Everdell, a skit by Jack Stewart, Earl Masales and Ken Allan and a musical concert conducted by Eleanor McDougall. Gordon Cook, manager of the hockey team was chairman for the program. Mr. J. J. Stewart, club president spoke a few words thanking the boys for the fine co-operation.

After lunch, dancing was enjoyed by all. Plans have been made by the club to carry on in the baseball league during the summer.

BANDSMAN B. R. McKERR MILTON, PRESIDENT LORNE SCOTS BAND

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Lorne Scots Band was held in the Georgetown Armouries on Tuesday evening and reports showed the past year had been a successful and busy one. Over thirty engagements had been carried out over a widespread area in addition to winning the first place in the Waterloo Band Festival in class No. 3 under the leadership of Bandmaster A. H. Perrot. The officers elected for the coming year are as follows:

Honorary Members—Brig. Wallace, Col. Cousins, Col. Ballantyne, Messrs. E. Fleck, J. B. MacKenzie, A. Mason, D. H. Wright.

President—Bandman B. R. McKerr, Milton (aecl.).

Vice President—Sgt. A. C. Herbert, Georgetown (aecl.).

Treasurer—Bandman H. King, Georgetown (aecl.).

Secretary—Bandman Chas. W. Landsborough, Acton (aecl.).

Executive Committee—Cpl. I. J. Emslie, Bandmen J. Carter, W. Emslie, E. Peters, Georgetown; and Bandman S. A. Fay, Milton.

Auditors—Bandmen Norman J. Braida, Acton and Jas. Burns, Georgetown.

Social Committee—Bandmen E. Forgraves, R. Peck, E. Thompson, T. Herbert.

Librarian—Bandman T. Herbert.

The test selections for both the Waterloo Band Festival in June and the C.N.E. competitions are on order and with other engagements lining up, a busy season appears ahead.

The band will take part in the Acton Boys' and Girls' Band Tattoo in Acton June 21st.

Successful Year is Reported for Halton Music Festival

Miss Maude M. Brown Re-Elected President at Annual Meeting in Last Week in Milton

Miss Maude M. Brown, Freeman, was elected president of the Halton Music Festival Association, for a second time at the annual meeting held at Milton Public School last week. Although Miss Brown, at first declined the honor, she accepted, adding, the co-operation she received from the different committees had been most gratifying in the past. "With their assistance this year, the burdens might not be so great," she stated.

In her report, Miss Edith L. Donkin, Burlington, secretary, said that although there were not so many classes this year, it was a most successful one, adding there were 83 entries from urban centres, 24 from high schools and 70 winning entries from the different townships.

It was explained entry fees were abolished this year, but organizations throughout the county had been asked to assist. Their financial assistance was such to make the annual festival the success it was, the secretary said.

Reporting on the finances for the year, J. A. Lockhart, Burlington, treasurer stated receipts amounted to \$387.92. After all disbursements had been made there was a balance of \$371.85 in the bank.

While members of the executive appreciated the offer of the Halton Male Choir to donate two \$50 scholarships to the boy and girl who in the judgement of the adjudicator was most outstanding at the festival, they considered the rules of the constitution did not give them power to accept such a grant.

Mr. Lockhart thought the gesture was very fine on the part of the male choir, but "the festival is operated for the benefits of music in the schools, and if scholarships were considered, the association was sufficient to award their own scholarship. I would suggest that we gratefully decline this very fine offer made by the choir, he declared.

Mrs. Lloyd Crawford, presented Mrs. David Hartley with a bouquet of spring flowers for her long service and assistance with the association.

With J. L. Sanderson, Oakville, in the chair the following officers were elected: J. M. Denyes and Mrs. George Atkins, honorary presidents; Miss M. Brown, Freeman, president; Mrs. L. Crawford, Campbellville; Kenneth Giles, Trafalgar; and Miss L. Evans, Georgetown, vice-presidents; Miss E. Donkin, Burlington, secretary; Mrs. G. E. Goodchild, Milton, assistant secretary; J. A. Lockhart, Burlington, treasurer.

Representatives from the various organizations will be selected later by the different organizations they are to represent.

A committee consisting of the president, secretary, P. W. Cooke, Milton; J. A. Lockhart and Mrs. Lloyd Crawford were chosen as a group to revise the constitution of the organization, following a motion of Mr. Lockhart asking the revision be made due to changes of the educational administration in the county.

School Board Must Provide Extra Room for Public School

Committee to Report on Temporary Building—Salaries Are Under Consideration

Trustees L. Lovell, T. Jones, G. A. Dills, A. Kirkness and Dr. F. G. Okes were present on Tuesday evening when Acton School Board met at the May meeting and Chairman J. Chapman presided.

Principal McKenzie submitted a requisition of supplies required for the various grades. This list was approved.

Mr. Stewart, principal of the High School, reported that "it appeared that the Upper School class next year would be larger. Mr. Stewart congratulated the Board on the forward step in favoring the North Halton High School District. The Board were invited to attend the cadet inspection on Monday, May 12th. Mr. Stewart also discussed with the Board classes for next year.

An application was received for a position on the staff of the Public School.

A letter from Halliday Co. stated they could not supply temporary buildings for class rooms. This room was suggested as a means to accommodate Public School pupils.

The secretary reported that there would likely be two vacancies on the Public School staff this year.

The Secretary reported receipt of Public School provincial and county grants and provincial grant of \$2500 in part on the Continuation School. Provincial grant to Public School was \$5000 on account.

The Board discussed the problem of securing an additional room for the Public School to care for the school attendance. The Property Committee and Chairman were appointed a committee to bring in a report on constructing a temporary building.

The Board instructed the Secretary to write the staff of the Public School offering re-engagement at increases of \$50 and \$100 each. The Secretary was to advertise for three new teachers for the Public School to fill vacancies.

The Secretary was instructed to offer re-engagement to the High School staff at increases of \$200 for the Principal and \$100 for each of the assistants on the staff.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

Guelph Collegiate Institute, attendance	\$117.19
J. B. Mackenzie, supplies	19.28
Acton Free Press, supplies	38.74
Masales Dairy, k.p. milk	13.80
Watson Dairy, k.p. milk	18.00
Yale Book Co., books	2.60
W. D. Talbot, supplies	11.23
G. MacDonald Co., supplies	36.50
Cent. Scientific, supplies	.93
Stave's Roofing, C. S. roof	563.00
West Disinfecting Co., supplies	26.26
Bell Telephone, phone	3.95
Acton's Transport, cartage	.58
Public Utilities Comm., light and water	45.09
J. H. Gray, express	3.86
Crabtree Society, book	2.65
Carl DeForest, stocking coal	26.00
Y. M. C. A., P.T.	290.00
	\$1219.66

Mr. Art Henderson of Campbellville, while fishing in Campbellville Pond recently caught a 3 lb. 7 oz. brown trout and had a total catch of eight fish.

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"You used to say that there was something about me you loved."
"Yes, Tom, but that's all spent now."

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading are charged to poster for line, with a minimum charge for an advertisement of \$1.00.

Dance, Brookville Hall, May 9th. Auspices W. I. Good orchestra. Admission 35¢.

Opening Dance, Acton Park Pavilion, Saturday May 24th, Bob Martin and His Orchestra.

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

The Women's Auxiliary of St. Albin's Church is holding a baking and decoration sale on Saturday, May 17th at 3 o'clock.

Euchre and Dinner at Hanneckburn School, Friday, May 16th. Auspices Hanneckburn W.I. Admission 25¢. Lunch. Proceeds to be used for the schools in the community.



During last week-end, as anglers tested their luck in many of Halton's trout streams, Game Warden Dudley Hitchcox of Oakville, was restocking the upper portion of the Sixteen Mile Creek and Blue Springs stream with some 3,600 speckled trout fingerlings. In the photograph at the left is seen Earl Peters of the Department of Lands and Forests taking fingerlings from the large tanks used to transport the fish. At the right is Game Warden Hitchcox turning some of them loose into the stream. Inset is a seven and three quarter hour fingerling before it was placed into Blue Springs. Ross Brown Photos