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C. F. Leatherland Resigns as Clerk After 10 Years

Temporary Arrangement Made for Balance of Year—School Request for Additional Funds is Granted—Y's Men Turn Over Custody of Funds to and through Council—Cemetery Board Ask that New Appointments be Made—Midnight Session Fails to Complete Business before Council

At the first December meeting of Acton Council on Tuesday evening all the members were present and Reeve F. J. McCutcheon presided.

The following letter was received from Acton Y's Men's Club which has been giving supervision to Acton Boys' and Girls' Band since it was organized by Mr. Charles W. Mason.

Acton, Ontario
November 26th, 1947
Corp. of the Village of Acton,
Acton, Ontario.
Attention: Mr. C. F. Leatherland,
Clerk

Dear Sir:
Some years ago the Acton Y's Men's Club agreed with the Council of that date to sponsor the Acton Boys' Band. We wish now to discontinue our official association with this project and we are enclosing our cheque in amount of \$406.38 (four hundred and six dollars and thirty-eight cents) which represents the total moneys held by us in favour of the Boys' Band.

The band under the direction of Mr. Chas. Mason has become a credit to Acton, and our Club, in company with Acton citizens generally, is proud of it. We wish it further success and I am sure our members individually will help all they can if called on. We would appreciate your confirmation of our action in this matter.

Yours sincerely,
J. W. Wolfe, President
Acton Y's Men's Club

Messrs. J. Spielvogel and Don Lamb of the Acton Boys' and Girls' Band were present. The following motion was passed covering this change.

"That the Treasurer be authorized to accept the cheque for \$406.38 from the Acton Boys' Band Committee who were appointed a few years ago as guardians of the Town Band instruments and that the Reeve and Treasurer be and hereby authorized to issue a cheque for \$406.38 payable to the newly organized Acton Boys' and Girls' Band Committee.

Permission was granted Beardmore & Co. to use the arena for the annual Christmas party. If the municipality cannot put ice in by that time Beardmore & Co. will assist and do the work under the supervision of the Corporation Arena manager.

Mr. E. Jennings was present regarding the license and regulation for operating his new bowling alleys to be opened this week. The by-law covering the operation of pool rooms, bowling alleys and places of amusement was reviewed and revised by Council. It was given the readings and passed. Mr. Jennings was granted the necessary licenses at the fee set forth in the by-law.

Following accounts were paid:

Acton Free Press, printing and advertising	\$ 31.05
Denny's Taxi, service	26.00
E. S. Cooper, supplies	3.94
Franklin Press, printing	41.58
County Halton, grader	96.25
Roofers Supply, signs	37.00
Dr. D. A. Garrett	30.00
Lorne L. Lee, labor	8.00
F. J. Stewart, trucking	36.80
J. C. Josque, Ester Taylor, Vera Inglis, Jean Bell, Kathaleen Swackhamer, Kathaleen Alger, deputy returning officers and poll clerks	36.00
Y.M.C.A., rent polling booth	10.00
E. E. Harrop, postage and express	4.69
Ontario Municipal Board	5.18
Knowles Construction Co., watermains	2,295.61
County Halton, rate	5,562.24
Acton Fire Brigade, grant	500.00
W. J. O. Oakes, fees as inspector	56.25
Acton P.U.C., rent hydrants	2,300.00
Manning Electric, re arena	153.70
Acton School Board, grant	2,000.00
Ontario Municipal Board, re War-time Housing	34.00
D. A. Wendover & Sons, re War-time Housing	2,632.00
D. A. Wendover & Sons, re Wallace St.	1,032.75

\$16,806.04
Chairman J. A. Chapman and Trustee G. A. Dills representing Acton School Board presented an itemized account of the new classroom. The amount was slightly over \$5,000 including alterations made in the old building to meet requirements.

They also requested an additional \$2,000 to meet current expenses. Unforeseen expenditures had made additional expenditures of over \$200 this year. There had also been a reduction in provincial grants. The Clerk read an extract from the 1946 Audit.

Tanners' Fate Will Be Decided Next Wednesday Meeting

If the attendance at the meeting held last night in the Council Chamber is any indication of the interest in hockey in Acton this year it would appear that Acton Tanners will not cut any figure in the ice game this coming season. There'll be one more chance to show the necessary enthusiasm because another meeting is called for Wednesday evening, December 10th at eight o'clock in the same place—the Town Hall, when all interested in hockey in Acton are invited to attend and the half-dozen present last night would like to see the "beefers" all there and give their support now and less volume in mid-season.

Dr. G. A. Slrns attended the Juvenile Hockey Association meeting in Toronto last Saturday and has made an entry for Acton in that group. Messrs. J. F. Royston and Ray Mason will attend the O.H.A. meeting in Toronto on Saturday and the same two will meet Council to-night to discuss arrangements. But the big point of entering an intermediate team will be decided next Wednesday night at the Town Hall.

If the Tanners are missing from O.H.A. this year it will be for lack of interest now. Now is when the decision will be made and don't beef about it afterwards if it doesn't meet with your approval. Tanners have been in there for 18 years but there may come a time real soon that the record will be broken. It takes workers and not knackers to keep a team going. There are some new prospects in town, but hockey fans will decide Wednesday on the outcome of the season for intermediate hockey in Acton.

GEORGETOWN SPEAKER AT SUPPER MEETING ACTON Y'S MEN'S CLUB

Jim Linton of Georgetown, formerly of Auckland, N.Z., was the guest speaker at the regular banquet of the Y's Men's Club. Mr. Linton works with a wood company in Glen Williams, where he came from New Zealand in April of this year. Of Scotch origin, he has lived in Scotland, England, Australia, New Zealand and now in Canada. Mr. Linton is a sports enthusiast and plays a good game of golf and badminton.

Mr. Linton spoke mainly of sports in New Zealand, of the availability of sports to the average working man. Organization of sports there is encouraged and equipment is provided by the government. Yachting is popular since New Zealand is no more than 80 miles wide at its widest point and one can travel from the Tasman Sea to the Pacific Ocean on the street car. The country has a population of only about two millions. The labor government has promoted recreation and entertainment for the great masses, the speaker said. The speaker was introduced by Ken Mackenzie and thanked by Bill Denby.

The club also laid plans for swimming groups to go weekly from the Acton and the Guelph Y.

Bench Coats and Champion Crests Presented Friday

Presentation Made Last Friday Night at the Baseball Dance

There was considerable interest last Friday evening in the presentation to the Acton Intermediate C team which won the Ontario Championship for 1947. Presentation of bench coats with O.B.A. crests were made by Ed. Ryder, President of the Halton County League and Mr. J. F. Royston was the general master of ceremonies, who had his bit of Irish for each member of the team. The coats are blue and white and quite attractive.

Those presented last Friday were, Bob Footitt, Dude Lindsay, Jack Kenner, Manager Matt Tyler, Pete Chaubun, Lloyd Robinson, Johnnie Goy, Norm Morton, Sammy Snyder, Bobby Anderson, Lorne Masters, Don Ryder and Bill Waterhouse.

Other members of the team who were unable to be present but will receive coats are Owen Masales, Lorne Evans, Jack Waterhouse and Percy Woods, bat boy.

The trophy, emblematic of the Championship, is on display in the window of the Pool and Billiard Parlor of H. Waterhouse on Mill Street. It will remain with Acton for the year.

1947 CHAMPIONS GET COATS



Pictures from the presentation last Friday night when Acton Intermediate "C" Baseball Champions for 1947 were presented with blue and white bench coats with the championship crests of the O.B.A. Top picture shows President Ed. Ryder of the Halton Baseball League making the presentation to his son, Don, who was the ace southpaw pitcher on the Acton team. In Acton baseball, as long as we can remember there has always been at least one of the Ryder boys on the team, and this generation is keeping up the fine baseball traditions of the family. Master of Ceremonies, J. F. Royston can be seen at the microphone, and in the front row, "Dude" Lindsay and Lloyd Robinson. Bobbie Anderson and Pete Chaubun are in the right corner and they're not asleep either. Lower picture shows J. F. Royston, Fred Dawkins and Ed. Ryder in the background and Bill Waterhouse, Don Ryder, Lloyd Robinson with the "Dude" receiving his coat. Bob Footitt, star outfielder of the Champions is the end man in the picture and is obviously enjoying himself. Free Press Photo

Two Men Injured In Accident Near Acton Monday Night

Two were injured in a traffic accident four miles west of Acton on Monday afternoon late, when a car and truck were in collision and the car skidded into a ten foot ditch and turned over.

The mishap occurred about 5:15 on Monday afternoon. A car driven by Antoni Pietrowski, 90a Palmerston Ave., Toronto, was following a truck owned by Robert Lane and driven by Alvin Trotter of Georgetown. Pietrowski failed to notice that the truck was slowing down to turn into a driveway on the west side of the road. A bus travelling west was in the car gained on the truck and Pietrowski applied his brakes to avoid a collision. The right rear corner of the car caught the rear of the truck in passing it and the car skidded down the ten foot embankment on the east side of the road.

Walter Ronka of 5 Baldwin St., Toronto was taken to Toronto by the Johnstone and Rumley ambulance. Extent of his injuries was not fully determined.

John Pietrowski, aged 45, also of Toronto, was taken on the bus to Acton where he received emergency treatment and later to St. Joseph's Hospital in Guelph. He sustained injuries to his right shoulder and chest.

The men in the car were all employed on the Wartime Housing project in Acton and were going to their homes in Toronto. Provincial Constable Ray Mason investigated the accident.

JUNIOR FARMERS ELECT 1948 OFFICERS AT ANNUAL MEETING

At the annual meeting of the Acton Junior Farmers on Thursday, November 27th, the following officers were elected for the year 1948: President, Kerwin McPhail; Vice-President, Ken Allen; Secretary, Molly Cutts; Treasurer, Ray Everdell; Sports Committee, Bob Marshall, Betty Britton; Education, Donald Switzer; Citizenship, Gordon Leslie; Recreation, Elwood Johnston; Music, Mansel Nellis; Pianist, Mrs. Early; assistant, Ralph McKeown.

JOKE ON HER

Landlady: If you don't stop playing that saxophone you'll drive me crazy.
Saxophone Player: Ha! Ha! You're crazy already. I stopped playing an hour ago.

Band Tax Law Carries By Majority Four to One

School Board Need \$2000. More for Year's Finances

Parents' Night at Public School Next Tuesday—Two Members Retire After Eight Years

Acton School Board met in December session on Tuesday evening with Trustees T. Jones, L. Lovell, A. Kirkness, G. A. Dills and Dr. F. G. Oakes present and Chairman J. A. Chapman presided.

Principal McKenzie gave a report on conditions at the school, particularly in regard to sanitary conditions. The floor in the new school room required re-finishing which was to have attention at holiday time. The wall of the school had been damaged when the roof was being put in and was to be repaired.

Principal McKenzie also told the Board that parent's night at the school would be held on Tuesday, December 9th from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. All parents are invited to visit the school and meet the teachers. The Board were also invited to attend this evening. On this evening the projector will be used and an educational film shown several times.

Principal Stewart of the Continuation School gave his report. He expressed to the Board his appreciation of the co-operation he had received and enjoyed the privilege of attending the Board meetings each month. He felt the introduction of the Upper School had been a good move. The attendance in this form was double that of last year and the first year had established a good record. The Board thanked him for this appreciation. Mr. Stewart also commended the new High School district with its ability to give a wide educational program.

Mr. Stewart reported 125 had visited the Royal Winter Fair. On December 18th the annual At Home was being held and the Board would receive invitations. He reported that three boxes had been sent to a secondary school in England near London.

Dr. Oakes presented proficiency certificates which would be given to the winners of the shields and these were given to Mr. Stewart to prepare for the At Home.

The secretary reported receipt of \$52 non-resident fees for the month of November. The chapter from the study book was presented by three members, Mrs. Alex. Mann, Mrs. Ken McKenzie and Mrs. Jas. Inglis. Mrs. Fred Blow, president of the Senior W.M.S. was present and spoke a few words of encouragement to the young women on the allocation they were given. A Bible contest on people and places in the Bible was enjoyed with Mrs. Blow and Mrs. Sinclair winning the awards. A committee was appointed to arrange for the Fireside and Thanksgiving service to be held on Sunday, November 23, following the evening service.

Mrs. Van Fleet closed the meeting with prayer and a social time was enjoyed.

MRS. ROBT. TURNER HOSTESS TO Y.W.A. NOVEMBER MEETING

The November meeting of Knox Y.W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. Robt. Turner, with a good attendance. The president, Mrs. Fred Anderson presided and conducted the devotional meditation on the text "Lead us not into temptation."

Mrs. Mes. Masales read the scripture lesson and Miss Emma Cole led in prayer. The chapter from the study book was presented by three members, Mrs. Alex. Mann, Mrs. Ken McKenzie and Mrs. Jas. Inglis. Mrs. Fred Blow, president of the Senior W.M.S. was present and spoke a few words of encouragement to the young women on the allocation they were given. A Bible contest on people and places in the Bible was enjoyed with Mrs. Blow and Mrs. Sinclair winning the awards. A committee was appointed to arrange for the Fireside and Thanksgiving service to be held on Sunday, November 23, following the evening service.

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Snow Ploughing Contract Given by Esquering Council

Tender for Oil Burner is Accepted and Equipment to be installed

Esquering Township Council met at the call of the Reeve on Monday afternoon. All members were present. Reeve G. E. Cleave, presided.

Tenders were received for snow ploughing from the following: Hamilton Bros.; Harry Beer; Fred Ruddell and Dave Wendover & Sons.

Moved by Reid, seconded by Leslie, that this Council accept the tender of Hamilton Brothers, and tender of Harry Beer for ploughing snow in the Township of Esquering. Contract to start December 15th, 1947, and continue to March 15th, 1948. Work to be under the direction of Road Superintendent, subject to the approval of the Department of Highways. Carried.

The Board passed payment for the rent of the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium until the end of the year.

It was decided by motion to hold the first meeting of the 1948 Board on Tuesday, January 6th at 7:30 p.m.

A letter from the Safety League said the showing would be held on January 9th in the Town Hall.

A letter was also reviewed notifying of a clinic for pre-school age children by the County Medical Health Unit. Arrangement had been made for necessary room, etc.

The secretary also read a letter from Inspector Skuce outlining the appointment of members of the new High School Board. The Acton Board will attend to matters of the school in Acton until the new Board becomes operative.

The secretary expressed his appreciation of the co-operation he had received from the Board. The chairman expressed appreciation of the services of Dr. Oakes and G. A. Dills for eight years on the Board. Both had been chairmen in their term. Messrs. Oakes and Dills said they had enjoyed the community service and the co-operative spirit of members. They felt it was time to retire and wished the Board continued success in their work.

Citizens Endorse Proposal of Council and Bandmaster for Recognition of Band's Achievement in 1947—Will Mean A Perpetual Fund to Assure Operation of Band in Acton

By a vote of nearly four to one Acton Citizens on Monday gave approval of the Band Tax Law. The vote was 129 to 29. By this new law the Band finances will operate much the same as those governing the Public Library. Here each year an annual amount is levied in the tax rate and paid to the Library Board who administer the library matters. It is not a grant cancellable by Council unless the Band fails in its performance or requirements. The books of the Band will, we understand, be subject to the same audit as those of the Arena, the Public Library and the School Board.

Acton has had a band since 1872. It appears from the vote that most citizens want to make a contribution and receive an assurance that Acton will continue to have a band in the years to come. The vote is a worthy tribute to the success of the 1947 Acton Boys' and Girls' Band under Bandmaster C. W. Mason. It was Mr. Mason's answer to Council when recognition was to be made that the band tax law would be the most permanent recognition. Citizens are glad to have the opportunity of making the recognition and wish Acton Band continued success. Here's the congratulations as the citizens voted on Monday.

Town Hall	For	Against
Y. M. C. A. - A to L	62	15
Y. M. C. A. - M to Z	44	8
Total Vote	129	29

There was a possible vote of about 700 property owners. There was, however, no municipal offices to be filled and many ratepayers did not take the opportunity to go out and vote for the by-law alone.

CHRISTMAS SEALS HELP PROVIDE FINE HEALTH SERVICE

Christmas seals for 1947 are meeting with a good response in Halton County. We understand that last year 13,700 persons had chest X-rays provided in Halton County through the funds raised by the sale of these Christmas seals. This is about 40 per cent of Halton's population and next year it is expected a similar number will take advantage of this service.

It is a splendid service for any community. You can help maintain it by your purchase of Christmas seals again this year. 1947 seals are showing appreciation but we can do better.

NOT IN OUR ALLEY.

Mother: "Why did Johnny get such a bad mark in history?"
Teacher: "He didn't know when Caesar died."
Mother: "How should he know? We live on a side street and never see any funerals go by."

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, etc., for Other Events, under this heading, are charged, in cents per line, with a minimum charge for an item of one dollar.

Electro and dance, Every Thursday, I.O.O.F. Hall, Crewson's Corners, 8:30 p.m. Refreshments. Good prizes. Admission 25c.

Dance, Brookville Hall, Friday, December 5th. Al Watson's Orchestra. Dancing 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Admission 50c.

All interested in hockey are urged to attend an open meeting in Acton Town Hall, Wednesday evening, December 10th at 8 p.m.

St. Alban's W.A. annual bazaar in the Parish Hall on Saturday, December 6th, 3 to 6 p.m. Aprons, children's wear, home baking and gandy.

Churchill's Women's Association are holding a sale of home made bakers, huzzar and tea in the Acton United Church on Saturday afternoon, December 13th.

S.S. No. 7, Nassagaweya will hold their Christmas Tree entertainment in the School on Monday, December 15 at 8:00 p.m. A good program of dialogues, drills, dances, comic and Christmas songs choruses, etc. Lunch served as usual. Everybody welcome. Admission 25c and 15c. Come and see Santa!