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Halton Council Endorse Plan Hospital Sweepstakes

Members Favor Nationalized Sweepstakes to help Defray Canada's Hospital Expense—Nelson Township Reeve Eligible for Another Vote in County Council Owing to Growing Population

The last meeting of the year was held on Tuesday when Halton County Council assembled in the Court House. The usual round of bouquets by members for the retiring Warden was omitted when Reeve Whitaker presented a motion expressing their appreciation of the thoughtful, kind and efficient manner in which the duties of the year had been performed by Warden N. R. Craig and they wished him and his family the best in life, together with the season's greetings.

Resolutions were endorsed with little discussion as the subjects were pertinent to present day conditions. A resolution was passed that Halton County Council go on record that action be taken regarding immediate treatment of all sex perverts. Effort should be put forth for the protection of women and children and to effect a cure of these perverts whenever possible. A copy of the resolution is to be sent to Provincial Department of Health.

Elgin County presented a resolution to nationalize sweepstakes or, failing this, that sweepstakes be legalized as a provincial measure. It is the feeling of ninety per cent. of the public that sweepstakes be nationalized in Canada and the profits devoted to relieving the high costs of hospitalization thus keeping in Canada the millions of dollars that are now sent out illegally for the benefit of other countries despite the efforts of the postal authorities to prevent the use of the mails for this purpose. Reeve McLaren of Georgetown was the only one who was not in favor of this resolution. The others agreed that people are going to buy tickets anyway and the money might as well be kept in Canada legally.

Lanark County introduced a resolution that immediate action be taken to remedy the serious situation of shortage of feed and the present high cost of feed. There is a rapid depletion of poultry and hogs and a definite determination on the part of farmers to stop feeding dairy and beef cattle. This is due to no small extent to recent short supply of feeds and more recently to the adverse price structure. If no action is taken there will be a serious depletion of stock in Lanark County and also in the Province generally. Council was unanimous in endorsing this resolution.

Halton County Federation and the Livestock Improvement Association are holding a campaign to have all grade and thoroughbred cattle in the County calfhood vaccinated against Bang's disease. It seems too much to expect busy men to use their time and cars for the canvass without remuneration and J. E. Whitelock asked the Council if they could see their way clear to assist in this campaign. Members passed a motion to pay canvassers twenty-five cents for every herd signed up.

By-laws were passed to appoint a Superintendent and Matron for the House of Refuge for Peel and Halton, and for a farm Supervisor for the Home for the Aged.

The following were appointed to High School Boards, Ross, Scogwort, Burlington-Nelson, for three years: Venerable Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson, Georgetown, for three years; Nelson Pickett, North Halton, for one year.

Wm. Deans, secretary of the O.C.I. Age Pensions Board, was voted \$200 for his services this year.

A letter from Nelson Township informed them that there are 2162 voters in the Township and this gave the reeve an extra vote.

Finances passed were: committee fees for Children's aid, \$141.40; Printing, \$105.10; Finance, \$1370.74; Education, \$108.48; County Buildings, \$515.43; Hospital Accounts, \$114.50; Reforestation, \$167.37; County Roads, \$20,158.41.

SUFFERED BURNS ON FACE FROM HOME FURNACE EXPLOSION

John Mowat, 13-year-old son of Mr and Mrs. J. A. Mowat, Frederick St., received severe burns on his face and a severe fire was narrowly averted in the home by the prompt action of Mr. Mowat and neighbors. The mishap occurred, when John, who had been cleaning his bicycle before storing it away, picked up the oily cloths used and put them in the furnace. There was an immediate explosion which burned his face and shot a flame which ignited material nearby. All will be glad to learn that the injuries are healing along satisfactorily. Prompt action of Mr. Mowat and Mr. Gordon Currie put out the house fire before much damage was done.

Many Parents Visit Public School On Tuesday Evening

Tuesday of this week was Parents' Night at Acton Public School. The pupils were not in their seats as they had been in previous years but teachers were in their rooms and were glad to receive the many parents who took this opportunity of visiting the school and meeting the teachers.

The rooms were well decorated with projects of the pupils, art work and a variety of material and was hung around the room for the parents to see. There was the continual showing of educational films for the visitors to the school.

It was a profitable evening for the parents and teachers and the well decorated rooms were a credit to the some 300 pupils that attend Acton Public School.

MR. F. THOMPSON SPEAKER AT MEETING ACTON INSTITUTE

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Earl Lambert. In the absence of Mrs. Davidson due to the death of her mother, Mrs. F. Anderson took charge.

Being the Christmas meeting several carols were sung. The roll call, was answered by a Christmas verse. The motto was taken by Mrs. Wm. Evans on "The Beauty of Christmas." A letter of thanks was received for the donation of \$25.00 given for British Relief.

An address was very much enjoyed by Mr. Thompson of Halton's Children's Aid Society on his work, after which he was presented with \$15.00 to help along with this work.

Mrs. Drysdale as lunch convener, with her helpers, served a delicious lunch.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT SO-ED CLUB MEETING LAST WEEK

"Christmas" was the theme of the program for the So-Ed Club of Knox Presbyterian Church last Wednesday evening. Miss Isabel Anderson presided. The school room was quite seasonably decorated with miniature Christmas trees, gaily lighted, while a Christmas cake held a central place.

Group four was in charge of the program with William Mainprize as convener. Devotions were conducted by Miss Marguerite Roszell and Mrs. F. S. Blow. The audience entered wholeheartedly into the singing of favorite Christmas carols with Mrs. E. A. Hansen at the piano. Misses Aileen McIsaac and Betty Masters blended their voices in the singing of "Holy Night" and Mr. Wm. Burton contributed as a solo the beautiful English carol "Christ was born in Bethlehem."

A film "Merry Christmas" depicted the busy life of the jovial old "Saint Nicholas," while through the medium of recordings the audience heard once more that most famed of all Christmas fiction, Charles Dickens' "Christmas Carol."

Plans were announced for a congregational Christmas Party when practical gifts would be assembled to be sent to the needy. Christmas cake and tea were served by the committee in charge.

Christmas Party of Lakeside Chapter Held Tuesday Night

The regular monthly meeting of the Lakeside Chapter I. O. D. E. was held in the form of a Christmas Party in the Legion Rooms on Tuesday, December 9th.

The treasurer gave a successful report on the bazaar held recently. Ten dollars was donated for the wedding gift of an ermine wrap to Princess Elizabeth by the National I. O. D. E. Donations were made to the Shopping Fund and the workroom.

Three new members were inducted into the Chapter.

The rest of the evening was spent in games and stunts. The Christmas Story of Serouge was heard and carols sung. Everyone received a gift from a well laden basket and a bounteous lunch was served.

Mrs. C. Leishman favored with a solo "Silent Night."

OFFICERS ELECTED AT DECEMBER MEETING OF ST. ALBAN'S GUILD

The December meeting of St. Alban's Guild was held at the home of Mrs. F. Jolly with eighteen members present.

After a short business discussion the following officers were elected for 1948: president, Grace Nelles; vice president, Peg Coon; secretary, Beatrice Anderson; treasurer, Alleen Currie; bulletin secretary, F. Jolly; press secretary, Bette Footitt; altar convener, Sylvia Jones.

A delightful lunch was then served by the hostess, assisted by B. Dolph and Mrs. Denny.

WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION OF UNITED CHURCH INSTALS 1948 OFFICERS

The regular monthly business meeting of the Woman's Association of the United Church was held at the parsonage Tuesday with the president, Mrs. L. Agar presiding. The devotional period was taken by Mrs. L. Agar.

The Friendly Circle will be asked to have charge of decorating the church for Christmas. Cards are being sent to sick and shut-ins during the Christmas season.

A letter was received from Mrs. M. Ivers for a box which was sent to her and was much appreciated.

Election of officers took place and installation was by Rev. L. Pickering. Mrs. Pickering was received into the Society.

Past president, Mrs. L. Agar; president, Mrs. James Moore; 1st vice-president, Mrs. I. Harris; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. H. Burns; secretary, Miss E. Hawthorne; treasurer, Mrs. F. Cleave.

Committees: church kitchen, Mrs. E. T. Theford, Mrs. E. Lambert; visiting, appointed at meetings; parsonage, Mrs. L. Agar, Mrs. B. Veldhuis; quilt, Mrs. F. Cleave, Mrs. N. Lambert, Mrs. J. Moore, Mrs. J. Reid, Mrs. R. L. Johnson; pianist, Mrs. G. McDonald; Mrs. A. Fryer; press, Mrs. E. Hawthorne.

Rev. L. Pickering closed the meeting with prayer. Mrs. Pickering served lunch, assisted by Mrs. Jennings and Mrs. Cleave. Tea was poured by Mrs. J. Moore. A very hearty vote of thanks was given to Rev. L. and Mrs. Pickering, also to the lunch committee.

Several Delegations at the Thursday Council Meeting

MR. AND MRS. THOS. ALLAN WILL MARK SATURDAY 50th ANNIVERSARY

By Campbellville Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Allan of Campbellville will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, December 20th, 1917.

They will be at home to receive their friends and neighbors from 2-4 p.m. in the afternoon and 7-10 p.m. in the evening. At 7 o'clock a dinner will be served for them in St. David's Presbyterian Sunday School Room at which their immediate family will attend, and will be catered to by some of the Ladies' Aid members.

Mrs. Thomas Allan, 76 years of age and formerly Catharine Witte, daughter of the late James and Isabelle White and who has resided most of her life in Nassagaweya Township, is in good health and an active worker in the church. Mr. Allan, born 50 years ago, has resided all his life in Nassagaweya, was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Allan.

They were married in Pudich Township by the Rev. Dr. Blair. Their family living to attend this celebration are three sons, William of Toronto, Stuart of Arkell and Roy of Morriston.

Report Saving Power Used by the Users' Co-operation

Waterworks Makes Transfer to General Account of The Corporation

The regular meeting of Acton Public Utilities was held on Tuesday evening. Chairman C. M. Hansen presided and Commissioner J. R. MacArthur was present.

Permission was granted in a letter from H.E.P.C. of Ontario, for the flood lights requested by Force Electric Products and the Wool Combing Corporation of Canada. The application of Beardmore and Co. was refused. More data was to be sent to the H.E.P.C. regarding the Beardmore application and ask for a reconsideration.

Superintendent Wilson reported that 17,600 kilowatt hours of electricity had been saved in November in comparison with the month of October. This was made possible through the co-operation of the consumers.

The account of a former consumer who had moved to Guelph was to be forwarded to the Guelph Hydro for collection.

The Treasurer was instructed to transfer \$2,300 from the Waterworks Account to the General Account of the Corporation.

An estimate of \$35.50 was received for repairing the check writer. The work was ordered to be proceeded with.

A motion was passed setting the minimum of 90c on all accessory sales to be included on the bi-monthly bill for domestic consumers. This is a minimum of a carton of bulbs, but does not affect the former arrangements for power users.

Superintendent Lambert reported that two fire hydrants had arrived for the War-time Housing subdivision and would be installed at once.

Superintendent Lambert was also to check with the men in charge of War-time Housing to have the shut-offs and other fittings properly installed.

It was decided to meet on Thursday, December 18th for a final meeting of the year instead of the regular date of December 23rd.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Hydro Department	
H.E.P.C. of Ont., supplies	\$ 58
Grand & Toy Ltd., supplies	29.90
Acton Free Press, adv.	3.00
Carbon Paper Serv. Bureau, supplies	12.76
Can. Line Materials, supplies	210.93
Packard Electric, supplies	204.84
Northern Electric Co., supplies	120.94
Jas. R. Kearney Corp., supplies	14.09
Federal Wire & Cable Co., supplies	482.58
Can. Westinghouse Co., supplies	2.50
Express and Transport	2.58
	\$1,064.98

Waterworks Department	
Power and heating at spring	\$64.50
J. B. Mackenzie and Son	17.06
Can. Brass Co., Ltd	62.66
	\$142.62

Prices were to be obtained for a 5 h.p. motor that has been used at the spring on a pump, which was not in use.

Plans Discussed for Filling Clerkship Vacancy—Same Arrangements as Last Year on Terms for Athletic Association—Several By-Laws Passed in Attempt to Clear Business of 1947

The adjourned session of Acton Council was resumed on Thursday at 7.30 with all the 1947 Councillors present and Reeve F. J. McCutcheon presiding. Councillors elect for 1948 Wm. McLeod and F. Davidson also attended to become familiar with Council proceedings.

A ruling was sought from Council on accepting a strip of land at present being used by houses on Highway No. 7 west of Main Street. Council decided they could not accept this land and the liability involved. It was a matter for the owners of the properties affected.

A by-law to execute a lease with the Acton Fair Board of the land on which the Fair Board had a building was read and required and passed by Council. The building referred to is the old drill hall, used by the Fair in the Park and moved to its present location when the Arena was erected. The lease is for ten years and the payment was one dollar a year.

Another by-law to authorize certain easements for a watermain westward along Main Street was read as required and passed by Council. This was on property owned by Frank Toth. The agreement was read and examined by Council.

Mr. Harrop reported that fill had been removed in the War-time Housing subdivision and work would be continued when the loader was repaired.

Second and third readings were given to the by-law licensing places of amusement and the by-law finally passed. First reading had been given at the Monday night meeting.

A by-law in closed Maple Street and to convey various portions of same to properties adjoining was read as required and passed by Council. The street allowance closed was to be decided to the owners of the plants of Acton Machine Shops and Armco, Limited, provided that a street allowance be given to the village back of this land. This deed would not be registered until the land from these properties was received for a street allowance.

Messrs. J. F. Royston, Ray Mason and Fred Dawkins of Acton Athletic Association were present to discuss with Council the program for the Arena this year and what arrangements would be made. It was understood the Intermediate team and the Athletic Association were willing to operate on the same basis as last year which was a third to the Municipality and two thirds to the Athletic Association. The present Council and the newly-elected members all expressed agreement with the same arrangements as last year. A resolution was passed covering the details. The Juvenile games are to be on a basis of half to the Corporation and half to the Acton Athletic Association.

Mr. Rumley of the Cemetery Board was present and stated the caretaker of the Cemetery would not be able to do work at the Arena since he was not living in Acton. He agreed to

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REEVE McCUTCHEON OPENS NEW ALLEYS



Last Wednesday evening, Reeve F. J. McCutcheon rolled the first ball down the new Acton Bowling Alleys, recently built by Ed. Jennings, and the sport was officially opened in Acton. There are a number of leagues now operating on the six alleys and it is quite a busy spot every night in the week. In this photo the Free Press Camera caught Reeve McCutcheon as the ball started down the alley.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Conventions, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, in conformity with a minimum charge for any announcement of 50c.

There will be no further euchres on Thursday evenings at the L.O.L. Hall, Crewson's Corners, until Jan. 8th.

Women's Institute Euchre, Legion Hall, December 12th. Lunch. Door prize. Admission 25c. 8.30 p.m.

Christmas Community Band Concert by Acton Boys' and Girls' Band, Tuesday, December 23rd at 8 p.m.

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

Dance in Acton Town Hall New Year's Eve, Doris Hull's Orchestra. Admission 75c. Dancing 9.30 - 2.00 a.m. Hats, horns and streamers. Auspices St. Alban's Guild. 3-23, 25, 26

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!