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Diplomas Awards Presented at the High School Event

Joan Somerville was Top Girl Student and Ernest West and John Barr Tied

The annual High School At Home last Thursday evening drew a fine assemblage of pupils, teachers, parents, former students and friends of the Acton School. Presentation of awards was made before the dancing started. Principal Stewart gave the explanation of the awards.

The Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. awards for the best boy and girl student of the year were made by the Regent, Miss Marguerite Ryder. Joan Somerville won the girl's award and Ray Arbie the award for the boys. Both received beautifully engraved rings.

Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. also presented prizes of \$2.00 each and certificates to pupils who were never late or absent during the terms and the following pupils received these awards: Jean Armstrong, Doreen Fryer, Joyce Greer, Freida Harris, Joan Matthews, Bill Toth, Mary Mowat, Mildred Armstrong, John Barr, Helen McLellan, Aldo Braida, Armand Braida, Joan Somerville.

Mr. Stewart made comment on the splendid showing Miss Joan Somerville had made the past year. She had completed her Upper School in one year with splendid standing. Rev. J. M. Anderson also told that Miss Somerville had been chosen as a delegate to attend the North American Student Conference at Kansas City during the Christmas holidays. Acton School was proud of her achievement as a brilliant student.

Mrs. R. M. Baird, regent of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. made the awards on behalf of the chapter. The scholarship of \$25 for the student attaining the highest standing was won by Miss Joan Somerville.

The Lakeside Bursary of \$25 for the student who completes in one year the course of Grade XII with the highest academic standing was keenly contested by two students. In fact the final analysis showed a tie between John Barr and Ernest West. The Chapter made two awards to these students for their fine work.

Mr. John Chapman Sr. made the presentation of diplomas and awards as follows:

Upper School Graduation to Joan Somerville and George Elliott.
Lower School Intermediate certificates to: Betty Bauer, Eleanor Beatty, Dena Braida, Elenda Britton, James Dills, Ray Everdell, Lawrence Hemley, Pearl McDowell, Eleanor McDowell, Sadie McIntyre, Mary Mowat, Lorraine Mullin, Olive Musselle, Harold Smith, Douglas Thompson, John Zions.

Secondary School graduation diplomas were presented to John Barr, Joan Coles, Shirley Elliott, Irma Kentner, Doreen Steele, Ernest West, Ronald Hemley, John Agar, May Dyrly, Helen McLellan, Calvin Sprowl.

Winners of trophies this year also received certificates: Freida Harris won the A. T. Brown trophy for proficiency in Grade IX; Ray Everdell won the Wm. Cooper trophy for proficiency in Grade X; John Barr and Ernest West were tied for the H. H. Hinton trophy for Middle School proficiency and the Dr. F. G. Oakes trophy for proficiency in Middle School History; John Barr won the proficiency trophies for Middle School Science and Middle School Mathematics; Ernest West won the Dr. Buchanan trophy for Middle School Languages and the Dr. McNiven trophy for Middle School English.

The School Board medals to the Athletic Champions at the annual field and sports events held on September 24, 1947 were presented to: Junior boys' champion, Donald Davidson; intermediate boys' champion, Jim Spielvogel; senior boys' champion, Melbourne Blow; junior girls' champion, Jacqueline Chew; intermediate girls' champion, Patricia Chew; senior girls' champion, Joan Coles.

Music for dancing was provided by the Merry-makers' Orchestra and lunch was served in the council room of the Hall.

Our problems only grow when we don't.

Automatic Press Now at Work in Free Press Office

This week the Acton Free Press and Canadian Champion, Milton put into operation an additional press in the Acton office to care for the commercial printing work. The new equipment is an automatic cylinder press known in the printing trade as a Meihle Vertical. It is one of the finest small automatic presses and the model has been one of the most popular and satisfactory in printing establishments throughout Canada.

The press is known as a small cylinder type but the design varies from any other in that the cylinder operates in a vertical rather than horizontal position. The sheets are automatically fed to the machine and developed at speeds varying up to 4000 an hour depending on the type of work being printed and paper being used. If two sheets are fed or a sheet is improperly fed to the machine it is automatically stopped.

It is equipped with what is known as a spray gun which places a fine spray over each printed sheet so that the next sheet remains clean on the reverse side even if a heavy solid is being printed. It is in operation every day except Thursday and Saturday and anyone desirous of seeing it is perfectly welcome. We are however cramped for office space and cannot accommodate large groups or any group of small children.

An expert pressman from Toronto has been in the office for a week getting the machine properly adjusted and instructing the staff in its operation. With this equipment we hope to be able to meet delivery requirements of our customers much better and maintain a high standard of quality printing.

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"So you like my poem," he beamed the sportily attired gent. "I'm glad. It cost a thousand dollars. Very rare breed. Part schnauzer. Part bull!" "Amazing," clucked the lady he had just met. "Which part is bull?" The gent broke down. "The part about the thousand dollars," he confessed.

Christmas Parties Last Saturday for Acton Industries

Beardmore and Co. Event in Arena and Wool Combing Party at Y. M. C. A.

Saturday was Christmas party day for families of two of Acton's industries. The Christmas party of the Wool Combing Corporation was held at the Y.M.C.A. Here the children had a movie show and Santa Claus distributed presents to every boy and girl from the Christmas tree set up in the gymnasium.

The arena was the carnival scene of the Christmas party for the employees and their wives and families of Beardmore and Co. and over a thousand attended and enjoyed this event. It was a whole afternoon's program starting shortly after two o'clock. Christmas decorations were all about and a big Christmas tree was on the ice surface. Al Harvey was the genial master of ceremonies.

There was figure skating by artists of the Toronto Skating Club and our own "cookie" in a snow white uniform but no dwarf. There was carol singing by the combined choirs of the United and Presbyterian Churches. There was music by two bands, the Acton Boys' and Girls' Band and the well-known local clown band. There were movies of a favorite Mickey Mouse Christmas story.

Then Santa Claus arrived resplendent in bright uniform and waving to all from his sleigh. He distributed Christmas stockings to every child—big generous ones. Then there was lunch for children and grown-ups of sandwiches, milk, tea, Christmas cake, etc. Each wife received a Christmas gift before leaving the arena. It was a party that children and grown-ups thoroughly enjoyed. Of course, Mr. R. R. Parker was the man behind the scenes and keeping the entertainment running smoothly for the company's Christmas treat.

J. McGeachie Named Clerk C.F. Leatherland is Solicitor

Streets in New Subdivision Named—Mason and McDonald Boulevards in Recognition of Fine Public Service—G. A. Dills Acton's Representative on North Halton High School District—1947 Council Concludes Work of Year

The adjourned session of Acton Council was resumed on Monday evening with Councillors Aylsworth, Creighton, Coon and Cook present and Reeve F. J. McCutcheon presiding. Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

Municipal Board re debt-ure issue	\$17.00
War Assets Corp. re land purchase	25.00
Fred Stewart, snow removal	56.91
Acton Free Press, printing	9.45
County of Halton, indigent patients	566.12
	\$675.41

A letter from J. J. Graham Company confirmed the purchase of the debentures for \$29,000 as per their tender.

A letter was received from the Department of Education and the forms for filing for a grant for the Physical Fitness and Recreation Program. The committee named to this work was Dr. G. A. Sirrs, R. Benn and Win. Coon.

A letter from the Board of Transport Commissioners enclosed a copy of a letter sent to the C.N.R. It was deemed necessary to widen this crossing for a sidewalk on Main Street north and the railway was so instructed.

A letter was read from the Department of Planning and Development regarding the street in the Wartime Housing subdivision whereby adjoining lands could be controlled to conform with other buildings. This will be dealt with in a by-law.

The Clerk was instructed to write a letter to the Cemetery Board thanking them for their services and expressing the hope that they would continue their efficient services for some time.

A representative from Wartime Housing had requested that the streets be named in the subdivision and the houses will be numbered. It was decided to number the houses as the same numbers of the lots. In recognition of the fine public service that Mr. Amos Mason had rendered Acton for years, it was decided to name the north section Mason Boulevard and the section on the south side of the subdivision be named McDonald Boulevard in recognition of the fine public service of Mr. J. M. McDonald. The street at the east end of the subdivision was named Division Street.

By motion G. Arlof Dills was named the Acton representative on the North Halton High School District Board which becomes operative in 1948.

In considering the appointment of a Clerk the Reeve said that Council should not let this opportunity pass without making some recognition of the splendid service Mr. C. F. Leatherland had given not only the past year but through the ten years of service as Clerk and Treasurer for many of these years.

By resolution an amount of \$200 was voted to Mr. Leatherland in recognition and appreciation of his services and Mr. Leatherland expressed appreciation of this recognition.

Reeve McCutcheon thanked members of Council and officials for the co-operation that has been accorded him during the past year.

A letter was handed the Reeve by Councillor Aylsworth tendering his resignation as Councillor to take effect immediately. The resignation was accepted by Council by resolution to take effect at 9.30 p.m. on Monday, December 22nd.

Messrs. Aylsworth and McGeachie retired while Council considered their applications for the vacant clerkship. Both signified the desire to make applications for the position and members of Council were familiar with their proposals.

The following resolution was passed: "That John McGeachie be and is

Varied Program at Christmas Party At Knox Church

In spite of the storm, a splendid audience gathered in Knox Church last Wednesday evening when the various organizations united in a congregational Christmas entertainment. Two large lighted trees made a festive setting for the program. The enrolment "Away in a Manger" was sung by Mrs. Otterbein's primary class and the members of the Junior congregation.

Anne Maplesden contributed a very sweet solo and Sharon Gervais a recitation. Inez McLellan's class presented in a fancy drill with bells. Bella Roszell's class of boys had an interesting act representing a professor in getting an act with his students. Mrs. O'Hara's class sang a seasonal chorus entitled "Wreaths and Garland." As Bella Roszell sang "As With Gladness Men of Old," it was dramatized by Betty Wilds, Enys Dawkins and Glen-lev Robertson, while Beatrice Cripps and Marguerite Roszell portrayed the manger scene. Mrs. A. K. Mann was accompanist. The Young People's Society was represented in a solo by Olive Musselle, accompanied by Crawford Douglas.

"The Christmas Story" was effectively enacted by members of the S.O.E. Club with the following cast: Mary, Mrs. Douglas Maplesden; Joseph, Alexander Hendry; the innkeeper, Douglas Davidson; Rufus, a servant boy, Marion MacDugall; a mother in Bethlehem, Mrs. A. K. Mann; a child in Bethlehem, Linda Mann; King Herod, Herbert Ritchie; Herod's attendant, Kenneth Mann; Shepherds, Kenneth Hassard, William Near and Clarence Coles; the Magi, Messrs. George Musselle, Albert Robinson and Alex K. Mann; Angels, Inez McLellan, Mrs. Ted Hansen and Mrs. Lorne Masters.

The choir provided a fine musical background for the play with Bella Roszell and Mrs. Eileen as soloists. Aileen McIsaac and Betty Masters in a duet and Ted Hansen at the organ.

At the conclusion of the program, Santa Claus arrived with bags of candy for the children.

The admission price to the entertainment was a gift for the needy and the response of canned goods, clothing and money was very generous. Rev. J. M. Anderson was the very capable chairman of the evening.

A REMINDER AND A WARNING

There is no knowing how many people read the sober and thoughtful words of men who have the capacity and opportunity to think our problems through with more than the average judgment. The words of George W. Spinnery, president of the Bank of Montreal, are worth remembering for our own good.

"It must, I think, be recognized," he said, "that in some measure at least, the process of recovery has been seriously retarded by the practical consequences of popular fallacies. The doctrine that by some magic formula of monetary manipulation and state control, a community may indefinitely consume more than it is able or willing to produce is certainly not the exclusive property of any one nation or area. But once such a belief is allowed to become a dominant influence in a people's life and thought, the result is a form of economic and social anaemia which leaves its mark even after creative energies may have been restimulated by the shock of crisis."

hereby appointed Clerk of the Corporation of the Village of Acton at an annual salary of \$200 per annum and that we pay for the services of a part-time stenographer in the Public Utilities office. Be it further resolved that we employ the services of C. F. Leatherland as Village solicitor at an annual retainer of \$300. Both of the above appointments to begin January 1st, 1948.—Carried.

Mr. Harrop was instructed to secure four new tires for the municipal truck from Thompson Motors

Diamond Wedding Anniversary Marked By Two Haltonians

The following item from the Winnipeg Free Press will be read with interest by many friends in this district who will join in congratulations in this diamond wedding anniversary.

"Mr. and Mrs. Shanks, Lakeside Farm, Pettapiece, Man., celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary, Tuesday, December 9th when they received felicitations from friends and relatives.

"Mr. Shanks, now in his 87th year, was born in Halton County, Ont., and came west in 1879. Mrs. Shanks, the former Annie Graham, was also born near Georgetown. She came to the Lakeside settlement in 1882. Mr. and Mrs. Shanks were married in 1881. For 50 years Mr. Shanks operated the Pettapiece elevator and retired five years ago.

"There are two sons and two daughters, Professor G. L. Shanks, Manitoba; Pender at home; Mrs. G. R. Kite, Pettapiece; and Miss Laura Shanks, principal of Strathclair collegiate. There are four grandchildren."

JOAN SOMERVILLE NAMED REPRESENTATIVE TO U.S. CONFERENCE

Miss Joan Somerville, University of Toronto School of Physical and Health Education, will attend the North American Student Conference on Christmas Frontiers at Lawrence, Kansas City, next week. Twenty Canadian universities will be represented at this conference and 2000 students from U.S.A. and Canada and a number of other countries will meet on the campus of the University of Kansas to study the world mission of the church.

Sponsored by the Students' Christian Movement of Canada the conference is held every four years.

At Christville, Que., in the Laurentian Mountains, served by the Canadian National Railways, one of the newest and finest ski jumps has been completed. This territory also has some thrilling down hill runs.

Year End Business Completed in Erin Township Council

Reeve Swackhamer Appointed Representative on Grand Valley Authority

The Erin Township Council met on December 15th at 10 o'clock a.m. All members were present and the Reeve presided.

Resolutions as follows were passed: That the treasurer be instructed to make adjustments between the Township and the Police Villages and the Telephone Company and that he be authorized to pay any township accounts that may be presented before December 31, 1947.

That Reeve J. A. Swackhamer be appointed as representative for Erin Township at a meeting of the Grand Valley Authority to be held at Galt on Thursday, December 18th.

That Friday, December 26 (Boxing Day) be proclaimed a Public Holiday in Erin Township.

That the treasurer be authorized to return Deposit Bond on gravelling contract, 1947 to the Hayward Construction Co.

That the treasurer be authorized to pay school money in three instalments, December 15, 1947; March 1, 1948 and June 1, 1948.

That David Douglas, assessor, be paid \$25 for assessing dogs and delivering tags for 1947.

The Reeve was paid \$100, deputy-reeve \$85, and the councillors \$75 each for their services as Commissioners for the year.

That the trustees of school areas No. 1 and 2 be each granted \$50 to cover their out-of-pocket and incidental expenses while performing their duties during the year.

Accounts were presented and passed as follows: general accounts, \$1,306.65; sheep accounts, \$34.00; relief accounts, \$108.09; road accounts, \$3,206.65.

Supplies and Equipment for Utilities Commission

Some Surplus Equipment to be Sold—Hydrants Installed at Wartime Housing

The final meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Thursday evening last. Chairman G. M. Hansen presided with J. L. MacArthur being present.

A letter was presented cancelling the contract of the Canadian Wool Company at the warehouse in the Mason Knitting Co. Ltd. building and notifying the Commission that the Canadian Wool Combing Corporation would take over the warehouse on January 1st.

A letter was read from the H.E.P. Co. of Ontario regarding the saving of power during the winter months. This letter was discussed and it was decided to run an ad in the Free Press quoting the letter to show the consumers the position of the Commission regarding the supplying of power.

Supt. Lambert reported that two fire hydrants had been received and were installed in the new Wartime Housing subdivision.

Supt. Lambert was also ordered to purchase chains for the truck for his department. The old chains were worn-out and it was felt that it would be cheaper to purchase new ones rather than repair the old ones.

The Commission decided to purchase the cheque writer on loan from the Cheque Writer Co. The cost of repairing the old machine would be \$35 and the new machine could be purchased for \$10 more with the old one turned in.

It was decided to sell the 5 h.p. motor on hand at the pump house as there was no further use for it. The price was about \$100.

Guelph Utilities sent the amount of a bill which they had been requested to collect for the Acton Commission, to the local office.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Hydro Department	
H.E.P.C. of Ont., power	\$5660.65
Bell Telephone Co. of Can., services	15.84
Highway Garage, oil, gas, etc.	17.75
F. Terry, postmaster, postage	16.01
Express and Transport	3.36
Can. Line Materials, supplies	33.75
G. H. Wood and Co. Ltd., supplies	3.11
Can. Gen. Electric, supplies	11.77
	\$5762.83

Waterworks Department	
Acton Garage	\$3.00

An apprenticeship scheme for journeymen in the building trades adopted by the United Kingdom in 1944, provides for a long term recruitment to the industry with a flow of 15,000 apprentices a year. The best of these apprentices are enabled to take scholarships leading to a University degree in Building Science and the Higher National Diploma in Building Technology.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, to cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 5c.

Dance, Erin Town Hall, Friday, December 26th. Debonaires orchestra, 9-1.00.

L.O.L. 2017, Hillsburg, are holding their annual dance New Year's Eve, December 31st. Fisher's 7 piece Orchestra. Lunch counter. Admission 50c.

Don't miss the Acton Junior Farmers Marathon Euchre at 8.30 p.m., Tuesday, December 30th, in Lorne School. Prizes and lunch. Admission only 25c.

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. 25-2