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## Nominations in Townships Were Held on Monday

All Offices in Esquewagare Filled by Acclamation—Other Nominations

Monday was nomination day in several of the Townships and qualifications had to be filed by Tuesday evening. Here are some results in which readers will be interested.

### Esquewagare Township

All offices were filled by acclamation in Esquewagare as follows: Reeve—George Cleave. Deputy Reeve—George Currie. Council—Geo. Leslie, H. Craig Reid, Wilfred Bird, Mr. R. N. Brown was also nominated but withdrew.

Township School Area Board—J. H. Bingham, R. H. Hunter, S. H. Webster.

### Nassagaweya Township

Two former councillors are seeking the office of Reeve at the elections for Nassagaweya Township being held January 5. Alex. Near, a former councillor and Reeve, who was nominated for both that office and council failed to qualify. Reeve Lloyd Crawford, who withdrew and announced his intention of retiring this year did not qualify. Altogether six residents were nominated to fill three seats on the School Area Trustee Board. Three qualified and were acclaimed.

Those nominated for Reeve were: Lloyd Crawford, Alex. Near, John Robertson, Wm. VanSickle, for council (4 to be elected): Gordon Agnew, Grant Campbell, Ernest Dredge, J. Edgar Elenton, Alex. Near, Stanley Norrish, George E. Stokes and R. Max Storey; for School Area Trustees (3 to be elected): Edgar Cairns, Ross Carhart, Lindsay Ferguson, Murray McPhail, Alex. T. Moore, Dr. B. D. Young.

Those who qualified before closing hour Tuesday evening included, for Reeve: John Robertson, farmer, Campbellville; Wm. VanSickle, feed service, Campbellville. For council (4 to be elected): Gordon Agnew, farmer, Campbellville; Grant Campbell, farmer, Moffat; Ernest Dredge, farmer, Campbellville; J. Edgar Elenton, farmer, Campbellville; Stanley Norrish, farmer, Moffat; George E. Stokes, farmer, Campbellville; R. Max Storey, farmer, Acton; School Area Trustees (acclaimed): Edgar Cairns, Campbellville; Lindsay Ferguson, Rockwood; Alex. T. Moore, Campbellville.

**Streetsville**  
Reeve—Dr. G. A. Montemurro, V. C. Johnston, W. Arch. Council (4 to be elected)—A. S. Mendell, L. Lee, U. C. Bailey, A. Couse, Dr. G. A. Montemurro, W. Arch. R. Cook, W. H. McKaugherty, I. J. Ardaugh, W. Potts. Public Utilities Commissioner—Len Lee, C. Cantelon.

**School Board**—M. R. Atkinson, J. M. Braithwaite, A. Chestnut, K. Thornadyke, D. Machin, C. Caves and O. Schnurr.

**Chinguacousy Township**  
Reeve—J. M. Fraser, acclamation. Deputy Reeve—F. Hastrawser, acclamation.

Council (3 to be elected)—Eldon Sparrow, W. Wilkinson, A. McKinney, E. Hyatt, Russell Pawley and E. Carney.

## Campbellville Boy Accidentally Shot At Parent's Home

Donald Stewart, 17, of R.R. 2 Campbellville, was shot in the chest when a gun was accidentally discharged in his parent's home, last week.

Police reported that Stewart and a cousin were examining a loaded rifle and as the other youth was handling it the trigger was accidentally tripped. Stewart was taken to Guelph General Hospital where the bullet was removed from his chest. Hospital officials have reported the youth was progressing favorably.

Greenly Island lighthouse in the Strait of Belle Isle, which separates Newfoundland from the Labrador mainland, has been destroyed by fire.

## TEEN TOWN TALK



With Christmas over and New Year's to come, there is still something ahead for us. As far as Teen Town is concerned, however, last Friday was a very successful night, with over 100 in attendance. Due to closed stores, there was no lunch but that couldn't be helped. The boys were in the majority but of course a balanced crowd is an impossibility. Following New Year's again as after Christmas there will be a teen town on Friday night. We're counting on a lunch and a big crowd to equal the last successful get-together.

Teen-agers' topics are again drifting toward school, a miserable topic, but so they go.

There are some big plans for teen town members when the new club is formed. Of course the events and running of it will be the same but admission will be higher for non-members.

Since 1948 is leap year there will probably be a leap year dance in the near future and possibly the council will get around to choosing a name and having a gala opening.

A sleigh riding and toboggan party are also in the air, but of course there is plenty of time and there will probably be all kinds of winter fun for the coming season.

The local teen-age ski fans have been anxiously watching the hills for a good supply of snow but so far "Old Man Winter" hasn't been obliging. Oh well, there are a few months of winter left and the skiers are still hoping.

Santa Claus has been to town and the local teen-agers are sporting new plaid shirts, gloves and all Santa's usual presents. So with Santa's visit over, we'll wind up the column with a sincere wish for a Happy New Year.

## Letters to the Editor

Acton, Ont.  
December 29, 1947

To the Editor,  
Acton Free Press,  
Acton, Ont.

Dear Sir,  
I would like to bring to your attention and the attention of the Citizens of Acton a peculiar matter of our Village Municipal Government.

At the recent Nomination Meeting, Mr. C. F. Leatherland tendered his resignation as Village Clerk, which was accepted by the Council. The matter was discussed at Council meetings held on December 2nd and December 4th and then left over for further discussion at the next Council meeting that was to be held on December 15th.

The next public notice on this question was the appointment on December 22nd by the 1947 Council of Mr. Jack McGeachie, Esquewagare Township, as Village Clerk for 1948 and Mr. Leatherland as Village Solicitor for 1948.

The questions I would like to ask the Reeve and 1947 Council are the following:

1. Why did not the Reeve and Council state the salary to be paid for these positions of Village Clerk and Village Solicitor and advertise publicly for applicants for those positions?
2. Why did the retiring Council make these appointments for a municipal office beginning in 1948?
3. Did the 1947 Council have the consent, officially or unofficially, of the incoming 1948 Council?
4. Why was the position of Village Clerk given to a non-veteran and a non-resident and non-taxpayer in the Village of Acton?

It is quite possible that there are qualified taxpayers and veterans in Acton who would have liked to have had the opportunity of applying for one or both of these positions.

A copy of this letter is being mailed to Reeve McCutcheon and the 1947 Council and I would appreciate your co-operation in publishing this letter to bring it to the attention of the Citizens of Acton.

Yours truly,  
A Taxpayer

## AT THE HIGH SCHOOL AT HOME



Ernest West and John Barr, who tied for top honors of their year at Acton High School are shown at the luncheon at home as they join lunch with Principal Stewart (left). Coffee is being served by June Brown, one of the pretty waitresses and other pupils presiding at the lunch table may be seen in the background.

## New School for North End of Township of Nelson

The Nelson Township School Area Board held their final meeting of the year at the home of the secretary on Tuesday evening last week. W. E. Brecken presided and all members were present. The balance of the accounts for the year were passed and the resignation of Miss Cowling, caretaker at Limestone school, was accepted.

The Board felt this was a year in which much had been accomplished. The Glenwood school had been officially opened in October, plans were under way for the four-room addition to Strathcona school, and to make the year complete, a motion was passed at this meeting to proceed at once with the choosing of a suitable site in the north end of the Township for a new modern school, as central as possible, and where an ample supply of spring water could be obtained. The Board unanimously and sincerely feel that such a school is needed to make educational facilities equal in the Township.

Prior to the business meeting Wilbur and Mrs. Kerns entertained the members to dinner.

## THE TAYLOR-WHITNEY WEDDING AT MANSE IN GEORGETOWN

On Friday, December 12th at Knox Presbyterian Church manse, Rev. C. C. Cochran united in marriage Rhoda Louise Whitney, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John O. Whitney and William Donald Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Taylor.

The bride was attired in a tailored suit of brown gabardine with matching brown and blue accessories and wore a corsage of white roses. Her only attendant was Mrs. Wilmer Davidson of Acton, wearing a heavenly blue crepe dress with black accessories and a corsage of red roses. Mr. Wilmer Davidson was groomsmen.

A reception was held for the immediate families at the home of the groom's parents where the mothers of bride and groom received, both wearing pale blue with corsages of cyanthiums. Mr. and Mrs. Whitney celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary along with the bride and groom.

The couple will take up residence at their home on the 8th line, Georgetown Herald.

In the year ending July 31, 120,775 Americans left New York for a trip to Europe, which is almost 50,000 more than in the year ending July 1937. But the amazing fact is that 33,775 of them went by plane being well over a quarter of the total. It will soon be that those who travel by ship will be considered old-timers.

## Obituary

### RETA JACQUELINE STUCKEY

An invalid for the past twenty-five years, Miss Reta Stuckey passed away at her home, Willow Street, Acton on Saturday last. Born in Grand Valley forty-nine years ago, a daughter of the late William John and Elizabeth Ann Stuckey, she has resided in Acton for the past thirty-four years.

Although confined to bed and suffering from illness for many years, Reta Stuckey was always bright and cheerful. She had a smile to greet all visitors and her life was a challenge to many who enjoy good health.

Three brothers and two sisters remain to revere her memory. They are Harry Stuckey of Weston, William of Damascus, Ont. and Fred of Acton; Mrs. Harry Smith of Bowmanville, and Mrs. Joseph Kentner, Acton, who has cared for the invalid sister for many years with a faithfulness and tenderness that has indeed been exemplary.

The funeral was held on Monday with service at St. Alban's Anglican Church of which Miss Stuckey was a member. Service was conducted by Rev. E. Brillinger, now of Guelph, a former beloved rector. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery, Acton. The pallbearers were Messrs. Wm. Smith, Frank Smith and Herbert Smith, all of Bowmanville; Glen Stuckey and B. Stuckey of Weston and William Stuckey of Toronto.

### MRS. AMBROSENA F. HAVILL

One of Acton's brightest and most active elderly citizens, Mrs. Ambrosena F. Havill passed away suddenly on Wednesday, December 23rd at her home on Lake Avenue. Mrs. Havill was about as usual, although the night previously had not been feeling well. Her neighbor, Mrs. Ray Mason visited her in her apartment that morning and called in an hour or so later to find Mrs. Havill had passed away as she sat in her chair doing some mending.

Ambrosena F. Havill was born in Perth County, a daughter of the late Peter Hills and Jane Yeman. As a young woman she came to Acton and was an employee of the Storey Glove Co. In Acton she met the late Geo. Havill and they were married sixty-three years ago. They were highly respected residents of Acton all their lives. Following the death of her husband in 1940, Mrs. Havill sold their home on Agnes Street and went to live in Oakville with her son. But the ties of the home town where she had spent over sixty-five years of her life were too strong and she returned to Acton and the life-long associations.

No woman in Acton in our recollection took a keener and more intelligent interest in the town than Mrs. Havill. Wife of a former Reeve, she maintained an interest in all municipal affairs. She was the first woman to serve on the School Board. She was a pioneer in the Women's Institute work, a charter member of the Acton branch and district president and organizer of several Halton branches. Few indeed realized that Mrs. Havill was in her eighty-ninth year. She maintained a keen interest and was busy preparing for the holiday when she went peacefully asleep. Hers had always been a busy life.

One son, Frank of Oakville survives her and three grandchildren: Anne (Mrs. Jack Becker) of Toronto; George at Queen's University and Charles of Doylestown, Pa. In their bereavement they have the sympathy of many friends in Acton and district.

The funeral was held at the Johnstone and Rumley Funeral Home on Friday afternoon with service conducted by her minister, Rev. J. Anderson of Knox Presbyterian Church. Here many friends gathered in tribute and several floral tributes also bore testimony of esteem and sympathy. The pallbearers were Messrs. Ray Mason, John R. Leishman, W. K. Graham, E. J. Hassard, A. T. Brown and G. A. Dills. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery beside the husband who had gone on a little while before.

Lord Mottistone (Major-General E. B. "Jack" Seely) who died a few weeks ago in his London, England home, was the colorful commander of the Canadian Cavalry Brigade in the First Great War.

## Officers Installed At Walker Lodge On Monday Night

A large number of members and visitors attended Walker Lodge A.F. and A.M. on Monday night. It was the occasion of the installation of officers for the ensuing year. Bro. T. M. McCutcheon was installed in the Master's chair and the following officers invested with the badge of their respective offices:

- I.P.M.—W. Bro. C. F. Leatherland.
- S.W.—Bro. W. J. Beatty.
- J.W.—Bro. I. M. Harris.
- Chaplain—Ver. W. Bro. W. M. Cooper.
- Treasurer—Bro. W. K. Graham.
- Secretary—Bro. G. H. Mussell.
- S. D.—Bro. J. D. Watkins.
- J.D.—Bro. A. J. Buchanan.
- I. G.—Bro. L. W. Lovell.
- D. of C.—W. Bro. H. Helwig.
- S. S.—Bro. E. S. Cooper.
- J. S.—Bro. G. F. Wingate.
- Organist—Bro. R. E. Sly.
- Tyler—W. Bro. W. R. E. Blair.

## MRS. JAMES SHARP WILL BE NINETY-ONE ON SUNDAY 4th

We join with other friends of this district in extending birthday congratulations to Mrs. James Sharp, who will be ninety-one on Sunday, January 4th. All her married life was spent in Limehouse and it is this district in which she still maintains her interest although she has resided in Toronto since 1914. She has all through the years been a reader of the Free Press.

We learn that Mother Sharp, in spite of her years, is still very active. She does the housework of a six-room house in the city where she resides with her son and daughter. She does the household baking even to the homemade bread and her years have never dimmed her youthful spirit or made her old-fashioned. Mrs. Sharp has two sons and two daughters living in Toronto and three grandchildren. A daughter Mary met accidental death in Toronto on December 17, 1943. Her husband died in 1894.

Birthday congratulations to this lady who at ninety-one is still youthful in mind and activity.

## LOCAL PICTURES IN IMPERIAL OIL MAGAZINE REVIEW

The current issue of Imperial Oil Review, a magazine telling of the interesting things the Imperial Oil Company is doing has several pictures of local interest. A page showing "How Woolens are Made" has photographs from the plants of the Canadian Wool Co. and Wool Combining Corporation. Several operations with local people are shown on the page.

## Utilities Commission Arrange for the Clerkship Duties

### Special Meeting Held on Saturday Afternoon for Year-End Business

A special meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Saturday afternoon. Chairman Hansen presided and Reeve McCutcheon and Commissioner MacArthur were present.

Matters dealing with the transferring of the Corporation Clerkship from C. F. Leatherland to J. McGeachie were discussed. It was decided to engage a part time stenographer to assist with the clerical work in the office.

A transfer of \$500 from the Waterworks Account to the General Account of the Corporation was made.

The salary of Mr. J. McGeachie was set at \$1800 per annum to be effective as of January 1, 1948.

The matter of storage space for town records was discussed and it was proposed to approach the Y.M.C.A. about the use of arranging storage space for records in the vault in that section of the building.

## ORTON

Christmas weather was ideal and the roads for motoring excellent so that many families had their family circle complete for the Christmas festivities.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lyons and family, Erin and Mr. and Mrs. Percy Keilmann and Shirley, Brampton, were visitors with their mother, Mrs. John Watson.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Roszell are spending Christmas and New Year's with relatives in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Awrey, Bonna and Howard were Christmas guests with Mrs. Charles Barbour, Millie and Dave.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ballentine, Acton, and Mr. Kenneth Ballentine, Brampton spent Christmas Day at their parental home.

The Leeson family spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Donaghy.

Mrs. Nevills had as guests, her family, Mr. and Mrs. Les Jackson and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Morrison and boys and Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Nevills and children and Miss Mabel Depew, Toronto.

Miss Melba Dearing, Toronto is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Dearing.

Dr. Duncan and Mrs. Duncan spent Christmas Day with their son and daughter-in-law in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Gregson, Jack, Bob and Myrna visited in Toronto over Christmas.

Miss Betty Hurd, Toronto was at her home for the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Gray and family visited at Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Robertson, Hillsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hurd and family spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. Hurd, Erin.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Hall, Glenna and Ann were Christmas guests with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hall, Erin.

Incompletely burned cinders are a valuable fuel, advises the Canadian Institute of Plumbing and Heating. They are needed for banking a fire, and burning them may save as much as 15 per cent. of the coal bill. Cinders can easily be sifted from the ashes.

## Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, 10 cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 30c.

Dance, Brookville Hall, Friday, January 2nd. Al Watson's Orchestra. Admission 50c.

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. Suspense, St. Alban's Guild. 25-2

