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## Inaugural Session 1948 Acton Council on Monday

### Committees are Named and Appointments Confirmed by By-Laws—Increases in Salary Go to Municipal Employees with Re-Appointments—Garbage Collection Paid on Added Houses—M.O.H. Advises Continuance of Nursing Home

The inaugural session of the 1948 Acton Council was held on Monday evening with Deputy Reeve W. Coon, and Councillors W. McLeod, Alex. McIsaac and F. Davison present and Reeve F. J. McCutcheon presiding. The newly-elected Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Councillors took the declaration of office and their seats at the Council table. They were sworn into office by Solicitor C. F. Leatherland. Committees for the year were appointed as follows:

Finance—W. J. Coon, chairman; W. J. McLeod and the Reeve.  
Fire, Light and Property—F. Davison, chairman, A. McIsaac and the Reeve.  
Streets and Walks—A. McIsaac, W. J. Coon and the Reeve.  
Park and Arena—W. J. McLeod, Chairman, E. Davison and the Reeve.

Mr. Fred Stewart was present. He had secured the loading machine from Lawrence Lee and asked that he be permitted to carry on the same contract as that given Mr. Lee. The Reeve explained that the machine method was on trial and Mr. Stewart said he planned to increase the size of the bucket as the present shovel was not loading enough. Council agreed to give the machine another trial with the larger bucket and if satisfactory this method of snow clearing would be used.

A by-law to appoint a Clerk for the Village of Acton was read as required. It was estimated the service of a part-time stenographer would cost about \$500 per year. John McGeachie was appointed clerk at a salary of \$200 per year confirming the recent appointment of Council.

A by-law to appoint a solicitor for the Village of Acton was read as required. The fee was set at \$300 and the duties of the solicitor were set forth in the by-law, which takes effect from January 1st, 1948. The by-law was passed by Council after being read as required and the appointment was confirmed.

It was decided to hold the regular meetings of Council on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. It was also decided to hold a special meeting on January 28th for the sole purpose of striking the rate and making the estimates. No other business will come before this special meeting.

A motion was passed authorizing the payment of \$50 for petty cash for the use of the Arena Manager H. F. Holmes.

Mr. Holmes reported he had secured the services of Harry Oakley to assist at the rink. Mr. Oakley was willing to assist at the Cemetery also and dig graves. The salary of Harry Oakley was set at \$30 per week with \$5 extra for each grave dug.

Mr. Holmes was empowered to secure boards for repairing the arena and new hose for flooding. The rate to be charged out of town teams playing on the arena was set by Council.

Mr. J. Morrison was present regarding the collection of garbage contract. He understood he was to be paid extra for every ten houses added but the contract read only Wartime Housing subsidizing. He had now fifteen extra houses in other parts of town from which to make collection. Council agreed to pay on ten extra houses, retroactive for a month. When another ten houses were added Mr. Morrison was to supply a list of the new houses to the Clerk.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

J. McGeachie, assisting clerk	\$ 23.60
Allan Gordon, work at arena	15.10
Soliciting Jurors—F. J. McCutcheon, C. F. Leatherland, E. E. Harrop	15.00
J. A. Kover, labor	23.10
M. Edwards, sand	12.50
Jas. Gilmore, repairs	5.90
Fred T. Stewart, re snow removal	37.50
Symon Hardware	33.33
Perkins Electric Co. Ltd., supplies	7.20
Municipal Work, supplies	16.50
Canada Valve & Hydrant Co. Ltd.	389.00
F. T. Stewart re snow removal	51.25
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H. F. Holmes salary at arena	41.10
Jas. Jennings, labor	5.70
Roy Chisholm, labor	9.60
Wm. Anderson, labor	9.43
David Nelles, labor	7.80
Ben Casey, labor	6.18
	\$791.06

The Clerk reported receipt of \$3100 from Wartime Housing for the cost of installing water services in the new subdivision.

The by-law to authorize the borrowing of money was passed.

## Injured by Car When Run Over After Bumper Broke

Felix Kucyild received painful injuries on Saturday when he was run over by an automobile when he was taking through the heavy roads after the snow storm. The accident happened when the bumper by which the car was being towed broke and Kucyild, who was driving the team while sitting on the radiator of the car was thrown in the path of the vehicle. He suffered a fractured rib, a cut on the knee and numerous cuts and abrasions. After receiving treatment here he was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital in Guelph. The car being towed was that of Mr. Archie Kerr, fifth line.

## ADMINISTRATOR FOR FIFTY NEW HOUSES LOCATED IN ACTON

Announcement was made recently by F. E. Kettie, Hamilton, branch manager for Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, that Mr. P. F. Myers of the Hamilton office has been appointed acting administrator in the corporations' Oakville office. He succeeds Geoffrey L. Pratt, who has left for another position.

Mr. Myers is a native of Guelph and served for four years with the Canadian Army before joining the Corporation. As administrator for Oakville, Acton and Georgetown, he will be "handlord" and will have charge of allocating for the fifty new tenants in the houses on Mason and McDonald Boulevards in Acton. His office will remain in the present location on Colborne Street, Oakville.

## NEW ILLUSTRATIONS FOR WINTER GOODS NOW AVAILABLE

The Free Press has just received the January release of the new Metro service for advertisers. It is complete with modern illustrations and lay-outs for winter advertising for local merchants. Just ask for it when you are planning your sales program to maintain winter business. There is no extra charge for use of these illustrations. Only one stipulation. Please select your illustrations for the current week's issue not later than 4 p.m. on Monday of that week.

## L. Lovell Chosen Chairman for 1948 Acton School Board

### Caretaker, Music Instructor and Secretary-Treasurer Are Re-Engaged for the Year

The first meeting of the 1948 Acton School Board was held on Tuesday evening. The newly elected members took their declarations of office and the Trustees were all present, J. A. Chapman, L. Lovell, A. Kirkness, T. Jones, N. Baird and R. Benn.

The Secretary presided while the Board elected Len Lovell as chairman of the Board for 1948. The newly elected members took their declarations of office and the Trustees were all present, J. A. Chapman, L. Lovell, A. Kirkness, T. Jones, N. Baird and R. Benn.

Mr. Lovell reported on the need for redecorating and improving the lighting at several grades of the Public School. There was an enrollment of 320. Accommodation and salaries were also discussed and it was hoped building any more temporary rooms could be avoided.

Principal Stewart presented a request on and congratulated the Board on the businesslike and efficient manner in which they had conducted business in almost impossible situations.

Committee appointments for the year were: Finance—L. Lovell and N. Baird. Property—T. Jones and R. Benn. Supplies—J. A. Chapman and A. Kirkness.

After discussion of the work of the caretaker and assistant, Mr. Mann was re-engaged at \$1900 per year. The music director, Miss Stewart was engaged at \$400 per year and the Secretary-Treasurer W. Middleton at \$300 per year.

It was decided to hold the regular Board meetings the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Rental of the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium for the use of the High School for \$240 was confirmed. These facilities are available until April.

A requisition for music supplies made by Principal Stewart was forwarded to the North Halton District Board.

Accounts amounting to \$368.13 were passed for payment.

## Acton Loses Fine Community Citizens In the McDonald's

Citizens in every walk of life will regret to learn that Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McDonald are removing this week to take up residence in Toronto where Mr. McDonald can give his attention to the tanning plants at London, Barrie and Kitchener which will come under his management.

Just prior to Christmas a complimentary dinner was tendered Mr. McDonald by the officers and directors of Beardmore and Co. with whom he was associated for so many years. Heads of departments were present to honor him on this occasion. On Saturday, Mr. Wm. Norton was host for another gathering of friends who wished Mr. McDonald success in the new field but regretted his removal from Acton.

But J. M. McDonald in Acton has been more than a success industrially. He found time during the twenty-five years he has resided here to serve on School Board, Council, as Reeve and as Warden of Halton. He was president of Acton Branch of the Legion and under his guidance this organization gained prestige from a very small beginning and favor with the public. He was treasurer and moving spirit in the War Service League. He was to be found on Victory Loan Committees, directors of the Acton Fair, a Past Master in Walker Lodge, an officer in the Lorne Scots Regiment, helping in the old boys' reunions, giving his time and talent when a new skating arena was built, with the hockey boys at the baseball diamond and doing well the part assigned him. We know we have not enumerated all his activity but wherever Acton needed him, Bud was there.

Then, too, he found time to be a fisherman and "the deer season" always found him providing a venison dinner for Vimy night at the Legion. Yes, there isn't a part of Acton's community life he didn't assist in and every part and person will miss him.

Mrs. McDonald, too, was an officer of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter, I.O.D.E. and ably assisted in many phases of community work. We know now, how Bracebridge, felt twenty-five years ago when Mr. and Mrs. McDonald left that community to come to Acton.

All of us will miss Bud and Mrs. McDonald but are thankful Toronto is not far distant and we know they will be frequent visitors back home and when the age of retirement comes, Acton perhaps will still have the warmest spot in their affections. All of us wish them well and continued success in the new home and business life.

Ernest West completed last night in the provincial finals, Jr. Farmer's Pudge Speaking contest. Although Ernest did not achieve top honors he deserves credit for having gone so far in this competition. There were five other competitors representative of the province.

## RECORD CHRISTMAS MAIL HANDLED AT ACTON POST OFFICE

The Christmas mail at Acton Post Office this year set a new high record in keeping with the growth of the town. Biggest mail received in one day was the Monday before Christmas when the mail coming in required 56 bags. Postmaster F. Terry says that the sale of stamps indicated about a 15 per cent. increase this year, showing that outgoing mail was also a record breaker.

There were times when the space seemed inadequate and it appeared the task would never end but Postmaster Terry and his assistants carried out Santa Claus' distribution splendidly and came smiling through.

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## RETIREES AFTER 31 YEARS IN ACTON



Above photo shows Mr. W. K. Graham, Manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Acton, at his desk on the last day of 1947, when he retired after serving in the Acton Branch as manager for thirty-one years. Mr. A. W. Haydon of Toronto, new manager, goes over some of the final details with Mr. Graham.

## VITAL STATISTICS FOR ACTON ARE REPORTED FOR 1947

During 1947 there were 60 births registered in Acton and it might be interesting to note that 51 of these births were at the Acton Nursing Home conducted by Mrs. Smethurst on Guelph Street. There were five still-births reported and 17 deaths and 22 marriages registered with Clerk C. F. Leatherland, last year.

## W. Vansickle is Elected Reeve of Nassagaweya 1948

### Election Held on Monday for Municipal Offices in Town- ship

Municipal elections were held in Nassagaweya Township on Monday with a contest for the Reeveship and for the four seats as members of the 1948 Council. In spite of the wintry roads there was a fair vote out.

For the Reeveship, two former Councillors had a close contest. Wm. Vansickle polled 306 votes to the 251 accorded J. Robertson.

For Council, M. Storey, Geo. Stokes, S. Norrish and E. Ellenton were the choice of the electors.

Following is the result of the total vote.

For Reeve—Wm. Vansickle 306; J. Robertson 251.

For Council—M. Storey 294; Geo. Stokes 285; S. Norrish 277; J. E. Ellenton 234; G. Campbell 232; E. Dredge 146; G. Agnew 101.

## ACTON'S FIRST ARRIVAL IN 1948 BORN ON JANUARY 1st

Acton's first 1948 baby, is David Michael McMillan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael McMillan (nee Helen Hamill of Greenock, Scotland) and the first grandchild of Mrs. Fred McMillan, Frederick St., Acton. The new arrival was born at the Nursing Home on Guelph Street, Acton on January 1st at 4:30 p.m. All are well and it's a very Happy New Year.

## Three Towns Will Have Teams in Juvenile O.H.M.A.

A schedule for three teams in this district, Milton, Acton and Georgetown, who will play in Juvenile Ontario Minor Hockey Associations, was drawn up this week.

Tuesday, January 13—Milton at Acton.

Friday, January 16—Georgetown at Milton.

Monday, January 19—Acton at Georgetown.

Friday, January 23—Acton at Milton.

Monday, January 26—Milton at Georgetown.

Friday, January 30—Georgetown at Acton.

Second and third teams play home and home games, goals to count, for the right to meet the top team for the privilege of going on in the play-downs. Two games, goals to count, on the ground. Second and third teams play games Monday, February 2 and Friday, February 6. Team finishing second has choice of home games.

Winner meets top team, home and home games, on February 9 and February 13. Goals to count on round.

## Acton Takes First Game From Oakville Army Entry

### 31 Years Manager W. K. Graham Retired Last Week

The close of 1947 was not just closing another year for Mr. W. K. Graham, Manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia in Acton. Wednesday of last week, Mr. Graham retired from the service of the Bank and Mr. A. W. Haydon of Toronto assumed his duties. Mr. and Mrs. Haydon and their two children will move to Acton as soon as they are able to secure a home.

Bank managers often come and go in any community but Mr. Graham's experience was unique in that for 31 years he held the managership of Acton branch. In these years in the community, he has become a part of the town and all will be pleased to know that it is his intention to continue to reside in Acton and spend his leisure time among the friends his business life has brought him in association with.

When we called on the last day of 1947 to see "Bill" Graham we could reminisce a bit and both enjoy it. "Thirty-one years ago, bank managers were clerks at all the farm sales. There were only two industries in Acton, the Beardmore Co. and the Storey Glove Co., both going strong yet, since 1844 and 1868 respectively with fifteen other industries added to their number. Mr. Graham recalled many local improvements during the years such as waterworks, municipal improvements and growth. We might go on and did recall many more that day.

Mr. Graham came to the bank here when it was located at Mill and Main Streets. A few years ago he had the pleasure of seeing the new premises completed on Mill Street and the branch settled in this fine new building.

We hope W. K. will enjoy his leisure time and we're glad he's going to stay in Acton and continue his interest in the Fall Fair and the many other phases of the community life.

## Dr. C. A. Martin Chairman of the North School Board

### Inaugural Meeting of North Halton High School District Board Held on Tues- day Night

The inaugural meeting of the North Halton District High School Board was held in Milton High School on Tuesday evening when organization was made and an introduction was made on the new plan for larger High School district.

Those present were Dr. C. A. Martin and Mr. F. W. B. Fitzgerald, representatives of the town of Milton and Milton Public School; Mr. C. Pickett, representative of the County Council; Mr. Beaumont, representing Esquesing; Mr. Ross Carbert, representing Nassagaweya and Mr. G. A. Dills, representing Acton. The second representative of Esquesing will be appointed by Esquesing Council. Mr. Wm. Stewart, High School Inspector and Mr. L. L. Skuce, Public School Inspector.

Dr. C. A. Martin of Milton was chosen chairman and Mr. G. A. Dills of Acton vice-chairman. Mr. Adam Sprout was appointed secretary pro tem until a permanent secretary is engaged and the secretary was to advertise in the Milton, Acton and Georgetown papers for applications for the position.

Mr. Ross Carbert was appointed the Board representative on the committee which will include Acton's share on the Acton Public School Board municipal clerk and a representative to settle the disposition of Acton Continuation School. The Milton High School becomes the property of the North Halton Board along with any assets and liabilities.

Committees appointed were: Property—Messrs. Pickett and Beaumont. Management—Messrs. Dills and the Esquesing representative to be named.

Transportation Messrs. Fitzgerald and Carbert.

The Board arranged for banking and heard of the details for financing, grants and other details. An inspection was also made of the Milton High School building.

It was decided to hold the next meeting on Friday, January 23rd at 8 p.m. in Acton School when the Board will also make an inspection of the premises.

The principals of both Milton and Acton High Schools will attend the Board meetings which will likely be held monthly.

## One Sided Score of 13-2 for the First Game in Acton Arena— Oakville Legion to Play Here To-Night in Acton's First Home Game—Hard to Pick Out the A's From the B's this Year

In their first scheduled appearance against Oakville Army on Tuesday night, Acton Tanners aroused the plaudits of a fair sized crowd when they trounced the G.I.'s by the one-sided score of 13-2. Actually the tally was the Army's home game and the Tanners' debut was enthusiastically received by the Acton supporters. As the contest was played in the local compound, they attended in numbers and viewed the relentless attack by a well-organized club.

Twine-tender Davies of the newly organized Army club was deluged with pucks for the full sixty minutes by the local marksmen. Through the first stanza he withstood the attacks and allowed only four to crash the twine. But in the latter two sessions as much as he parried muffed and caught the biscuit another nine shots bulged the cords.

In contrast Woods in the Tanners' nets had comparatively less to do, being called on rarely to make a save. The two tallies registered by the Army both came in the opening period. One, a long cramer rebounded off his paraphenalia and Trodden, rushing in pushed the pill past "Frick" as he attempted to regain his position. The other goal was scored from a tangle in front of the crease.

### Back With a Vengeance

Oakville cashed in at the nine minute mark in the first period to take the lead. The Tanners were acting mayhemish around the Army nets. A vociferous carrot topped trainer in front of us needed that "Acton should have had four goals by now". That was an understatement. There they were clustered around Davies, missing the corners as if trained to do so. "Goy was clear and rushed in with only the pipe keeper to beat. He missed.

At this juncture "Porge" Riddall sensing his mates were helpless and at Davies' explication, crashed off-party with the first Acton goal. Gillespie forwarded the pill to him as he barnstormed his way in.

From here in, it was a rout. Goy twinkled the bulb again as Morton passed from the wing abolishing the goal mouth blues. Twenty seconds later Ken Marzo received from Gillespie and Kier Marzo and the Tanners spurred ahead with a jolt. Oakville hit once more in the period and then Woods blunted them.

"Jackie" Kenter, a rookie, made his first intermediate appearance with a hat trick. All three of the goals were in the third canto. Veteran "Teh" Marzo followed suit with another while Leno Marzo with two, Bayless, Morton, I. Marzo, Goy and Riddall potted singletons to complete the count.

### A Strict Official

Referee Maurice Walsh from Toronto, a sharp eye with the juniors, lent a stern attitude towards the night's fracas. He dealt sixteen penalties, one of them a misconduct, to both clubs. Nine of these were to Acton and the misconduct and additional five were awarded to the G.I.'s. He created a mountain out of a molehill in the second session. The lights went out at the left corner of the arena and F. Terry, managing the Tanners from the box, in order to attract his attention threw a stick on.

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## WORKMAN FELL FROM ROOF OF THE NEW THEATRE HERE

David Patterson of 19 Main Street, Brampton, a workman employed by Wolford and Lewis, Contractors of Guelph on the erection of the new Bessy Theatre in Acton had the misfortune to fall from the roof of the new building on Monday. He suffered shock and injury to both heels and was taken to Brampton Hospital after receiving treatment by Dr. W. G. C. Kenney here.

## Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, in cents per line, with a minimum charge for an announcement of 50.

Dance, Erin Town Hall, Friday, January 9th. Debonnaires orchestra, 9-11:00.

The Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. will meet at the home of Mrs. James Symon, Tuesday, January 13.

Euchre and dance, Every Thursday, I.O.L. Hall, Crewson's Corner, 8:30 p.m. Refreshments. Good prizes. Admission 25c.