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County Council Oppose Cost of Crossing Signals

Feel that the Railway Creates the Hazard and Should Bear the Cost—Resolutions to Government are Filed—Cars Left on Highway Retard Work of Snowplows—Appointments Made by County Council

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"I don't think we should have to pay 50% of the installation and maintenance costs for signal lights at the Eighth Line crossing when the railroad is the one, creating the hazard." This was the statement made by Roy F. Smith, County engineer, at the first meeting of the Halton County Council held in Milton on Tuesday afternoon.

"I think we should investigate the need for an adding machine in the Magistrate's office before we sanction the purchase of one," declared Reeve McLaren of Georgetown.

This year's Council is not going to spend money without some thought, but later approved of paying \$300 in grants and fees and passed bills amounting to \$16,916.62. Broken down into items they are: Canadian National Institute for the Blind, \$300; Salvation Army, \$200; Navy League, \$200; Ontario Rural Municipalities Association, \$10; Ontario Conservation and Reforestation Association, \$25; Ontario Good Roads Association, \$15; Ontario Agricultural Council, \$50. The bills were: Finance, \$2587.62; Printing, \$297.59; Hospital Accounts, \$1084.75; County Roads, \$11,288.46; County Buildings, \$947.35; Agriculture and Reforestation, \$20.78.

Council also disputed a bill sent to them by hospitals for Dorothy Trevelyan, as they could not see where she had been a resident of Halton, and the County was not responsible.

Mr. Smith's statement was in reply to a letter from the Board of Transport Commissioners concerning the installation of signal lights at the Eighth Line crossing of the C.N.R. near Oakville. The crossing itself is not dangerous but the railroad allows long freight trains to stand on sidings at the crossing and this blocks the motorist's view of any through trains that may be approaching thus creating the real hazard. He recommended that the Council inform the Board that this was the wish of the Council and Clerk Wm. Deana was instructed to do so.

Several resolutions and letters were filed by the Council, including one from the Polish Relief Fund W. S. Hall was of the opinion that if Poland was under Russian influence the right people would not receive the supplies. E. Smith, Burlington, said that they had no guarantee these supplies would go to those needing it most.

A resolution asking the ban on oleomargarine be retained and one asking that the Government reimpose price regulations and if necessary roll back prices on food, clothing and fuel were also filed. "Any endorsement sent to Ottawa will likely be ignored. They do what they like anyway," said Wm. Van Sickle, Reeve of Nassagaweya. "They sit down there for five years," commented Reeve Smith, "do a little bit and go back to see what we are going to do about it."

The members endorsed a resolution to have the Highway Traffic Act amended so that the right to move cars, hindering snow removal, would be in the Act, and not under the jurisdiction of a local by-law as at present. W. H. Biggar said in his township cars had been left in the middle of the road and the snow plows could not get around them or move them except by dragging as the owners had locked them. "If they must leave their car they should not go very far away and be available to move the car when the plows come along. It is just indifference and holds up the work so that a schedule of some sort cannot be retained," he added.

Oxford County sent in a resolution recommending that the Department of Health make a survey hospital serving that particular area. Council members were in agreement and cited one instance where three hospitals were in one area and all were soliciting funds with none receiving adequate support.

Endorsement was given to a resolution from Simcoe County that County courts Act be amended so that the dates of County jury sittings could be changed. At the present time the dates set are difficult during bad weather and it is difficult to have rural jurors attend. They suggest that the Fall sittings

MARCO CLUB HAS VARIED PROGRAM AT LAST WEEK'S MEETING

On Wednesday evening, January 21, the second meeting of the young married couples in the United Church was held in the Sunday School Room. A sing song was enjoyed by all and Mr. Pickering conducted a short devotional period after which Ernest West gave his address on World Citizenship, which he had given in the Junior Farmer Proponent Finals in Toronto. Garnet McKenzie thanked and complimented Ernest. A short skit entitled "Doctor Come Quick" was presented by Dorothy and Don McLean and Dick Bean.

Howard and Don Switzer conducted a recreational period after which lunch was served in close a very enjoyable evening. The group hopes that other young couples interested in such a club will get in contact with any of the present members and join the ranks as plans for an educational and enjoyable season are being made.

Conference Held on Disposition of Acton School

Committee Brings in Motions and Recommendations After Round Table Conference

A round table conference on Monday night discussed and decided upon the disposition of Acton Continuation School in the form of the new North Halton High School District.

Reeve McCutcheon, Deputy Reeve Coon, members of Council, School Board, Inspector L. L. Skuce, Clerk McGeechie, District Trustees, Ross Carbert and Secretary A. Sprout, Acton Board Secretary W. Middleton and Solicitor C. F. Lenthland were among those on the conference.

The Committee to make the decision of disposal were Messrs. E. Carbert, L. Lovell and John McGeechie, but all points could be clarified and all interested representatives would be fully conversant with the plan. Following the discussion the Committee retired and later brought in the following resolutions and recommendations to be forwarded to the North Halton Board.

"That the Acton Continuation School continue to be the property of the Acton Public School Board as of January 1st, 1948."

"That all furnishings, including pupils' desks, teacher's desks, science desks and equipment and library become the property of the North Halton High School District Board as of January 1st, 1948."

The following recommendations were also made by the committee: (1) That all teachers' salaries, instruction and instructional supplies, light and water, be the direct obligation of the North Halton District High School Board and that the High School Board also contribute to the Acton Public School Board the cost of janitor service, heating, insurance and maintenance applicable to the building occupied by the High School Board. Approved accounts should be submitted monthly for payment. It is anticipated the approximate cost for the year 1948 will be \$1800, made up as follows: janitor, \$900; insurance, \$50; heating, \$400 and miscellaneous, \$450.

(2) That if this building continues to be required for High School purposes, this agreement shall remain in effect for a period not exceeding five years and that thereafter the agreement may be terminated by either party giving notice to the other one year before the close of school in June. It is the intention of the Acton Public School Board to use this building for extra class rooms for the Public School when the new High School building is ready for occupancy. While it is not anticipated the new building will be available for two or three years, it is the plan of the District Board to provide transportation for rural pupils to the two schools commencing at the new school term in September, 1948.

The U.S.A. Navy has developed a barge that moves over mud and snow like a "frog"umping itself cautiously forward.

Among the Overseas Arrivals in Acton



Michael Pristach as he arrived at the Red Cross Reception Centre in the Toronto Union Station. Young Michael and his parents will live in Acton with the youngster's grandfather, Peter Fedirko, who came to Canada some 20 years ago. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pristach, he went with his grandfather, Mr. Fedirko, to get his wife and other daughters out, but so far he has failed to do so. The child's mother was taken into Germany from Poland where working on a farm, she met the father, Joseph Pristach, also a Ukrainian. They were married and went to visit Joseph's family who were in France. Down at the Union Station to meet them was also Mr. Michael Nakoneczny, who came to Canada with Peter Fedirko. He, too, is trying to get his wife and two daughters, aged 21 and 21 years, to come to Canada. They were repatriated to the Ukraine in 1945 with other Ukrainians. The Pristach will reside in Acton.

Mr. A. Sprout Named Secretary Halton School Bd.

Mr. Adam Sprout, of Milton, was chosen Secretary-Treasurer of the North Halton High School District Board at a meeting of the Board in Acton Friday evening. Mr. Sprout was chosen from six applicants who sought the position. Salary to be paid will be \$500 per year and any authorized travelling expenses.

The Board also passed a resolution to be forwarded to Mr. Stan Hall M.P.P. urging that the completion of Highway No. 25 be undertaken by the Department of Highways at the earliest possible date and that the work started last season be continued this season. The Board pointed out the urgency of this work in view of its importance in serving the new district High School.

The Management committee were asked to make a report on salaries in the two schools for the next meeting.

Principal Marcellus of the Milton School and Principal Stewart of the Acton school were present and presented requisitions and reported to the Board.

The next meeting will be held in Milton to coincide with the visit of Inspector Stewart to Milton in February.

Information was also given Mr. Sprout in order that he may prepare a budget of expenses and other matters of procedure were set out.

ENCOURAGING YEAR IN ANNUAL REPORT OF NASSAGAWEYA CHURCH

The annual meeting of the Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church was held on Thursday evening, January 22nd, with a good attendance when the activities of the past year were reviewed. The meeting opened with devotional exercises conducted by the minister, Rev. John C. MacNeil.

The reports of the year's work in the various departments of the church were very gratifying. The manager's report showed that from a financial standpoint the church had enjoyed an encouraging year. The managers were commended on their work of the past year and a vote of appreciation was extended to the retiring managers. A fine response was noted to the church budget, their allocation being oversubscribed. Mr. T. Wilfred Kennedy, treasurer, reported a fair balance on hand to begin this year's work.

A discussion followed pertaining to matters of the church's welfare. Rev. MacNeil thanked the heads of the various organizations for their co-operation and faithfulness in the past year. The meeting was closed with prayer, after which lunch was served by the ladies of the congregation.

Elwood Johnston President Acton Fair for 1948

Dates are Set for October 1 & 2—Secretary C. B. Swackhamer Resigns after Several Years' Service

Elwood Johnston was elected President of Acton Fair for 1948 with A. Robinson first Vice-President and Walter Linham, second vice-president.

Directors elected were: E. O. Johnston, J. A. Mann, G. A. Dill, J. E. Pearson, G. W. Murray, C. McKewen, D. D. Walde, V. B. Rumley, M. Symon, J. J. Stewart, W. Linham, Gordon Leslie, C. W. Swackhamer, Dr. E. G. Oakes, F. Kontner, R. R. Parker, J. J. Gray, Clarence Reid, Geo. Wallace, Les. Pe Swackhamer, J. E. Royston, Stan Morrison, J. A. Swackhamer, Howard Switzer, Associate Directors, Stewart Millan, Mansell Niles, Geo. Musselle, Len Lovell, C. Davidson, Clarence Cole, Theo. P. Patton, J. Harding, R. Patterson, F. West, F. Cole, J. Allan, L. Musselle, M. Sorowal and Morgan Madill.

The auditors' report showed a year of successful operation although the fair of 1948 operated with a deficit of nearly \$100. Total prize money paid was \$2013.45. This included field crop competition and other events that are part of the agricultural work but do not show on the Fair.

The 1948 Board was faced with a new problem when Secretary C. B. Swackhamer tendered his resignation. Mr. Swackhamer has been secretary for a number of years and during the difficult war years when Acton Fair was badly handicapped without a hall or arena show. The fair has grown and expanded under his term of office. The Board instructed that the position be advertised with applications accepted until February 12th.

Dates for the 1948 fair were set as Friday and Saturday, October 1 and 2, and plans were outlined for improvement and expansion in this year's event.

FRIENDS SHOWER GIFTS ON BRIDE OF THIS MONTH

Mrs. John McHugh was hostess at her home on Monday night for a bridal shower in honor of Miss Shirley Marchmont. The Young Ladies Sodality of St. Joseph's Church and friends of the bride-to-be enjoyed a social evening and feted Shirley with numerous lovely gifts. A most delicious lunch was served and the best wishes of the group extended to Shirley for future happiness.

"BURNS" NIGHT AT KNOX KIRK

Oh, were ye out at our kirk, o' Wednesday o' last week— Noo, if ye're no' frae Scotland, 'tis a pleasure ye'd no' seek— But did ye hear the skirlin' o' the pipes across the town? An' were ye at the table when we happy folk sat doon?

The room was draped w' tartans, representin' Ilka clan, Mackenzie, Buchanan, Ross and Anderson, aron the wa' they ran An' did ye see the tables decked w' dress Stuart O' sae braw, An' ranged aron' the Helan' regiments, in bonny pictures a'?

We marked another birthday o' the piewman bard o' Ayr, Who recognized the worth o' him, tho' 'dye'n' to be gaily; Whose honest nature lo'ed, perhaps, no' wisely but tae weel, Yet gaed the Book its rightful place and aye upheld the leaf.

Pipe-Major Peter Gibson o' the Fergis Pipers, Ba' Piped in the honored haggis, while the rest o' us did stan', While Alexander Henry, a' resplendent in a kilt, Bro't high the previous plates, w' the knife grasped by the hilt.

Right up the aisle proceeded these (wa' lads, w' measured tread, Then ilka heart burst out w' "Seots Wha Hae Wi' Wallace Bleed". An' then, that ceremony o'er, while each an' jock took his seat, Our ain Jack Anderson addressed in ode the savory meat.

He used the grace o' Rabble Burns, while head and ee were bent, For w' our evening's repast we surely were content. "Twa' haggis a' I' Anderson, w' tartan, neeps an' tea, An' shortbread, oatmeal cakes an' pie. Wha better wou'd there be?"

When we ha' dined o' hamely fare, a plate was handed roon', An' hard-earned babees ginged in, w' quite delightful soon', Then Scotty Burton disappeared, and it is known for certain, That when he saw that coming plate, he hid behind a curtain.

Weel, then we sang the auld Scotch songs, that waken'd mair a' glee We sang o' bonnie lassies and their lo'ed, stout-hearted men; An' Rabble dear was listenin' this I know beyon' a doubt, For did he no' assert himself and frae his frame leap out?

Jack Anderson was chairman, lookin' like a work o' art, W' his bonny cheeks a-bloomin' like a rose apple-tart; An' his little was perfection oh, he certainly was gush, An' there cam' a hush expectant o'er the crowd as he did stan'.

He spoke to us o' Rabble noo, his simple life an' name, His contempt for sham and seemin' and his disregard o' fame, Said we don't condone his failin', but we lo'e him for his worth, For his sangs o' matchless beauty, unsurpassed o'er a' the earth.

Mrs. Robertson contributed some stirrin' Scottish airs, An' sang "Willie's Gang Tae Melville Castle" just to banish cares, "The Bonnie Broom" she a' sa' gied, w' a' her usual grace, For charm and natural sweetness are weel bred w' in the race.

Knox mixed quartette "Loch Lomond" sang and o' her bonny broom. Ye've heard them o' a Sabbath in the psalm or paraphrase, Musselle, Roszell and Anderson and Hanson. It is true, They didn't come frae Scotland, but their accent still wad do.

Wee Margaret Jeannie too was there, to do her father proud In namin' o' the tartans, from McGregor to McLeod; An' when the Major lustily upon the pipes did blaw, It mad' the bairnie cuddle deon w' wonderment an' awe.

Stewart Elliott played the fiddle and fu' mony were the feet That longed the dance a' Scottish reel, sae nimble and sae neat; An' Alexander Ross, yin time, gaed a' most out o' bou'n', As when the windin' huntin' horn awakes the leashed houn'.

Jack Anderson recited too "John Anderson, My Jo", Tae the Pattersons who wedded half a century ago; An' John MacLach frae Glasgow read sae weel "Tae Mary" then An' "Holy Willie's Prayer" and other lines frae Rabble's pen.

When Mrs. Leishman sang "O' A' the Airts the Wind can Blaw", Her liltin' was sae sweet it mad' the ready tears doon fa'; (Continued on Page Four)

Milton and Acton Play to 5-5 Tie on Tuesday

MRS. C. A. STEWART PRESIDENT OF ST. ALBAN'S W.A.

The meeting of the W.A. of St. Alban's Church was held at the home of Mrs. C. A. Stewart. The election of officers took place and are as follows: Mrs. C. A. Stewart, president; Mrs. Wm. Denny, vice-president; Mrs. V. Alger, secretary; Mrs. H. Jolley, corresponding secretary; Mrs. J. Croney, treasurer; Mrs. H. Holmes, Dorcas secretary; Mrs. H. Jolley, Living Message secretary.

After the election of officers, the hostess served a delightful lunch.

More Hydrants Are Ready For Spring Installation

Other Items at Tuesday Night's Session of Acton Public Utilities

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

A letter from the Bell Telephone Company requested permission to use a pole of the Commission. As the Commission are now using this pole, permission was granted during the lifetime of the pole.

A letter from the H.E.P.C. of Ontario confirmed the charge to be made to the Corporation of Acton for the collection of taxes, dog tax, treasurer's salary, etc. This was for the year 1947. This account was to be forwarded to the Council.

Superintendent Wilson reported that he had attended the meeting of District No. 4 of the O.M.E.A. in Toronto last week.

The commission decided to order two new 15 K.V.A. transformers for June delivery. These transformers are needed to give the consumers the necessary service on the Crescent and Guelph Streets as the present ones are overloaded.

Superintendent Lambert reported that he had secured the desired snow shoes for travelling into the spring property.

Four more fire hydrants have arrived and this completes the number on order and these will be installed when the frost is out of the ground.

Instructions were issued for the purchase of a half ton hoist with 16 feet of grab chain. This is to be of the enclosed, triple geared type.

A delegation of the Y.M.C.A. Board were to be present at this meeting but found it impossible and arrangements were to be made for a joint meeting on February 10th, the next regular meeting of the Commission.

Secretary McGeechie was instructed to secure a binder for storage purposes of old ledger sheets.

It was decided to call for tenders for the painting of the interior of the office. This was to be advertised in the Free Press.

The list of arrears was reviewed and those who had not paid the accounts were to be sent the usual notice and if not paid in full services were to be discontinued.

The following list of accounts were paid for payment:

Hydro Department	
H.E.P.C. of Ont., power	\$5675.54
Bell Telephone Co. of Can., Serv and att. of poles	44.00
Can. Gen. Electric, supplies	101.83
Sangamo Co. Ltd., supplies	44.70
Line & Cable Accessories Ltd., supplies	97.47
Jas. Kearney Corp., supplies	84.88
Personal Stationery Sales, supplies	1.85
Underwood Ltd., typewriter	170.10
Reeve Gen. of Can., meter inspection	31.05
F. Terry, postmaster, postage	16.00
Mrs. H. Palmer, Petty cash, express and transport	1.92
	\$6281.34
Waterworks Department	
Roy Chisholm	22.40
Muller Ltd.	15.10
Neptune Meters Ltd.	413.91
	\$451.91

Game was Fastest in the Acton Arena this Season as Wide-Open Hockey Put First One and then Another Team in Lead—Ten Minutes Overtime Failed to Decide a Winner

We have heard of it... but so far have failed to view better hockey than that which we saw on Tuesday night in the Acton Arena. Like Grandma's soup, it had everything in it—deluxe twine leading, picture-passing, fistuffs and a sprinkling of everything that satisfies one's craving for the ice game. Milton Redshirts, an Intermediate A club and Acton Tanners a B squad battled for sixty minutes and couldn't produce a winner. The contest went into overtime but 10 minutes didn't break the stalemate so the final count stood at 5-5.

It was a fast, hard checking bit with neither club having an edge on the play. At one point the redshirts would pace the puck and hold the initiative and at another the Tanners carried the play threatening to grab an imposing lead. It seemed like this until the final bell.

The two net-minders, Woods of the Tanners and Lever from Milton played stellar games between the pipes. When a marker did burdge the twine, it was really deserved. Break-aways broke up on their terrific "Kitty-bar-the-door" acts like chuff on the wind. This was repeated again and again on both ends of the compound. Then finally one shot would permeate a mass of arms and legs so well screened it was practically latent, and the bulb would twinkle.

First Period Milton bottled the Tanners in their own end in the opening minutes of the initial stanza. They kept up a constant offensive until Currie bagged the biscuit home at the halfway mark. He took a pass from Linton and waltzed in from left wing to beat Woods on an angle shot. The goal inspired the Tanners, they broke away fast and scored only to have the play called at the Milton zone. A penalty was meted out to Westlake for tripping. Referee Braithwaite had called the play before it was complete. Acton tied the contest up with only a half a minute left in the first. Hilson connected for the equalizer on a relay from Gillespie and Diddall.

Second Period Stoff gave Milton a one-goal edge early in the 2nd session but Gillespie notched a marker to tie the count minutes later. A repetition of this wasn't long in coming. Scarrow potted another for the Redshirts a minute later. It was the luckiest goal of the game. Woods thought he had saved but examination proved different. For his second goal Gillespie again tied the count on a three-way passing play with I. Marzo and Hilson.

Perhaps the most terrific save of the night was pulled off by Woods in this period. E. Marzo had the disc and was cruising to find his blue line when out of nowhere Bruno Scilicci appeared, took the pill and headed for the Acton cage. The red light flashed but Bruno still had the puck and Woods made a split second stop that had everybody blinking. The goal judge must have seen it (Continued on Page Five)

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, 5 cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcements of 25.

Don't forget the Euchre and Dance, Friday evening, January 30 in Public School.

Hard time dance, Town Hall, Acton, March 19. Auspices Women's Auxiliary of Legion.

Euchre and dance, Every Friday, L.O.L. Hall, Crews's Corners, 8.30 p.m. Refreshments Good prizes. Admission 25c. TF

Rummage Sale and Sale of Home made Baking on Saturday, February 7th, in Council Chambers. Auspices Scout and Guide Mothers' Association. 28-30-31

Valentine Tea, home baking and apron sale will be held under the auspices of Ladies' Auxiliary of the Legion at the Legion Hall, February 14th. 29-1