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County Assessor Requests Clerical Aid for Office

Most Municipalities Believe New Assessment Will be Ready by 1950—Inquiry to be Made on Hospital Account of \$2000 for Indigent—Resolutions Approved on Tax Exemptions and Excess Profits Tax

A request of Ward Rogers, the County Assessor, for clerical aid, brought up the question of how soon the new assessment for the county would be in force. Each of the municipalities were certain that they would be ready for the 1950 assessment. All except Nassagaweya. There they are not sure. The necessary co-operation is not forthcoming and the general opinion is that the work could not be speeded up, so that all the municipalities would be ready at the same time. If they aren't the system won't work. Mr. Hall, the county controller, for some years Nassagaweya has objected to their assessment, and within the last three years concessions to the tune of \$100,000, were made. About \$75,000 of this amount was absorbed by Burlington. It would be ironic if the municipality who wanted equalized assessment the most should be the one to hold up the system that would give them what they wanted.

The finance committee were given power to deal with the acquiring of aid, for Mr. Rogers.

A resolution from Peel County dealt with the difficulty of assessors "adjusting their assessment rolls owing to a lack of a precise and suitable description given on the transfer list as supplied by Registry offices and the section of the Registry Act dealing with this is not clear." They would like the Act to be amended or clarified to furnish a description properly identifying property for assessment purposes. Council concurred.

The Council also endorsed resolutions from Grey County that the Dominion Government be requested to impose a 50% excess profits tax and the tax-exemption for income tax purposes be raised for single and married people. Also that the Grain exchange be closed, as the industry existed and thrived without it during the war years and speculative advances in grain since reopening the Exchange had resulted in slaughter of bacon stock and seriously reduced the possibility of filling the bacon quota to Britain.

Nassagaweya requested that the County Roads take over a portion of the road in the northern section of the township. The committee on Roads were delegated to consider the request and bring in a recommendation at the next meeting.

Council gave Mr. Kenneth Dick authority to inquire into the case of Dorothy Treleavan and to present a complete case history at the next meeting. Hospital bills amounting to nearly \$2000, have been received and it appears that the County is responsible. The Hospital committee will make their recommendation next month.

Victor Hall will receive \$30 a month for work during February 1 to June 1, and an adding machine will be bought for the Magistrate's office.

Accounts passed were: Finance \$924.06; Printing, \$193.11; County Buildings, \$1090.14; County Roads \$5461.42; Hospital Accounts, \$189.50, a total of \$7858.23

TRUCK CRASHED GUARD RAIL OF MARIA STREET BRIDGE

When a truck driven by B. Drew of Milton, crashed through the guard rail at the Maria Street bridge on Monday afternoon, both driver and machine had a narrow escape from serious injury as it plunged to the railway siding thirty feet below. The machine was a 1 1/2 ton practically new truck and was owned by Mr. Cannon, contractor of Milton. Considering the plunge it took the damage was not heavy. Chief Harrop investigated the accident.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER TO BE HELD FRIDAY

Women's World Day of Prayer service is being held in the Acton Baptist Church this year on February 13th at 3 p.m. Mrs. (Rev.) C. B. Gower will conduct the meeting and Mrs. (Rev.) A. B. Keeble, formerly of Belleville, will be the special speaker. All denominations are urged to attend this service.

ST. ALBAN'S GUILD MEMBERS ENJOY TURKEY DINNER

The February meeting of St. Alban's Guild was held at the home of Mrs. Leatherland with 18 members present.

Following the business discussion, Mrs. Luxton gave a short reading on the work of our ministers in the western districts.

The meeting was closed with prayer after which a lovely lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Jolley and Mrs. Hasley.

On Tuesday, January 29 twenty-seven members of the Guild sat down to a delicious turkey dinner prepared by Mrs. Nelles and members. The toast to the King was proposed by Mrs. Jolley. The toast to the church was proposed by Mrs. Duby and responded to by Mrs. Luxton. The Rev. Mr. Luxton gave a short talk which concluded a very delightful evening.

Campbellville Church Report Shows Fine Year

The annual congregational meeting of St. David's Presbyterian Church was held on Friday evening in the Sunday School room. There was a good attendance of members and adherents and a fine spirit of optimism prevailed as encouraging reports of the various church organizations were read.

The financial statements were satisfactory and various officers were able to announce that where objectives were set they had been more than met, while results showed that the social and practical work had been well looked after.

The meeting was opened by Rev. J. C. MacNeil with the hymn "The Church's one Foundation" followed by a devotional period.

Mr. Murray McPhail took the chair and the minutes of the 1947 report were then read and adopted by the secretary-treasurer Mr. J. McPhail. Mrs. Wallace King gave a report of the work of the adult Bible Class. Mrs. Thomas McPhail was called upon to give a report of the Women's Missionary Society. This was most satisfying to know our allocation to missions of \$400 was exceeded.

Mrs. J. K. Mahon read the review of activities of the Ladies' Aid. This report was one of the highlights of the evening, showing a total of about \$600, which enabled this society to make grants to both the church and the nurse. The ladies received a special vote of thanks from the meeting.

Mrs. James Robertson gave a report of the Blair Young Women and Mr. Ronald McPhail for the Y.P.S. The following board of managers were elected, Messrs. Murray McPhail, Gordon McPhail, Robert Elliot, George Inglis, Edgar Cairns, John Campbell, Robert Inglis, William VanSickle, Wallace King.

The Cemetery Board were elected as follows: Messrs. Robert Inglis, J. K. Mahon, John Campbell with A. T. Moore as secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Jack McPhail is still Secretary-Treasurer with an increase of \$25.00 in salary.

Mrs. R. J. Lakings and Robert McPhail were named to count loose collections. Ushers elected are George Inglis, Kenneth Moore, Rodger Mahon, Duff Alexander, James Robertson, Harold Hurren, and Gordon McPhail. Auditors are E. D. Mahon and A. T. Moore.

Church Savings Bonds which were stolen in the bank robbery last July are insured and the cash will be received. The Presbyterian Record will be purchased by the individual members this year.

The managers were requested to call for tenders for the inside and outside painting of the church. 25 new hymn books will be purchased. The meeting ruled that Rev. Mr. J. C. MacNeil's salary be increased \$100 for car expense. Donations for Food for Britain fund will be received. It was voted to send flowers to Mr. R. C. Menzies who is ill in St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton.

The meeting closed with the hymn, "For all the saints who from their labors rest" in memory of the late Miss Caroline McPhail and the late Mr. Samuel Sharpe. A social hour followed.

These away below zero days, and nights are getting so regular that it just isn't news anymore to record a twenty below temperature.

Fine Program at Y's Men's Ice Carnival Friday

The Acton Y's Men's Club Skating Carnival program held last Friday night in the Acton Arena was an interesting one but the Acton population must have been at home keeping warm because the attendance at the Carnival was poor. The program of local speed skating talent gave the audience a real thrill. The very smooth sheet of ice which was given special attention for this occasion, was graced with the beautiful performance of Miss Bessie Henry, Mrs. Margaret Roberts, Mr. Bruce Hyland and Miss Frances Dufoe, all of the Toronto Skating Club, who gave the spectators just enough of the grace, rhythm and beauty characteristic of the high skill of these artists on skates. It was worth the price of admission alone to see the precision work of the 1947 Canadian dance champion team of Mrs. Margaret Roberts and Mr. Bruce Hyland, sensational is the word for the exhibition they put on and I understand they liked the ice very much.

The speed skating events brought out as much excited shouting as you would hear at a hockey game when the entrants were making around the ends jockeying for position and the inside lane causing many a spill. Although there were not many entries in the costume contest, those who did enter had pretty and original ideas in their dress.

Winners in the speed skating contest were as follows: girls under 14, Carol Tyler; senior girls, May Splers; boys under 12, Grant Withers; boys over 12, Gregory Barr; men's race, Fred Kentner.

Winners in the fancy costume contest: youngest girl, Ruth Landshorough; Halloween costume, Helen Landshorough; Highland costume, Marjorie Winter; senior girls, Elaine Arbie; Chinese costume, Bob Landshorough; patchwork, Warren Wagner; clown costume, John Cameron; convict costume, Rodney Force.

A game of broom ball was played between the Y's Men's Club and a team of high school girls. This game is strictly fun and funny with many spills and laughs. Of course the girls led the game by one goal. At one stage of the game the referee had to fire a gun to keep the wild Y's Men under control.

DOG CAUGHT IN TRAP ON COLDEST NIGHT THIS YEAR

Caught in a muskrat trap the fine red setter dog belonging to Mr. J. F. Royston spent the coldest day and night of this winter out of doors and came limping back to town on Tuesday with the trap still on his front foot and trailing a piece of broken chain. It has not been ascertained yet whether the paw was frozen, but the dog otherwise seems none the worse for his experience. The temperature Monday night was between 20 and 30 below zero in this district. The dog was missed shortly after dinner on Monday.

NEW TELEPHONE DIRECTORY NOTES MANY CHANGES

That husky, winged figure with bolts of electricity clustered in his fist, has come to town again on the cover of the new Bell Telephone directory. Despite the housing shortage, he is necessary to welcome in private residences, boarding houses, hotels and restaurants.

Based on a globe of the world and known as "The Spirit of Communication" he decorates the front of each of the 600 buff-covered telephone books now coming through the mail to Acton subscribers.

The new book contains more than 10,500 new and revised listings, some of them in the Acton section, according to J. I. Sanderson, Bell Telephone manager for this area, who urges local telephone users to check numbers in the directory before calling to reduce the wrong number nuisance to a minimum. Mr. Sanderson also urges subscribers to discard the old green covered directory with its many out-dated listings, to avoid referring to it in error.

Telephone pads and lists of frequently used numbers are a great convenience to many people. Mr. Sanderson adds, but it is a good thing to bring them up-to-date by reference to the new directory, to avoid delays caused by calling numbers that have been changed.

The new book, as usual lists Galt, Kitchener-Waterloo and other centres as well as Acton and is being mailed simultaneously to subscribers at these points.

Increases Granted By the Public Utilities Comm.

Interior of the Office to be Redecorated—Other Items of Tuesday's Meeting

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

An account of a delinquent consumer was to be put in the hands of the court for collection. Another account was to be sent to Napanee for collection by the Napanee Commission as the tenant had moved to that town.

It was decided to install a telephone in the pump house on Main Street for the Waterworks Superintendent.

The salaries of Mr. John Lambert, superintendent of the Waterworks Department and Mr. Kerwin McPhail of the Hydro Department were increased \$100 per annum as of February 1st and an additional \$100 at June 1st.

Two tenders were received for painting the interior of the utility office. The tender of Mr. Herb Cook was accepted. The work is to be completed by April 1st and Secretary McCutcheon was to choose the colors.

Warlike Housing are desirous of securing hydro service on that part of the subdivision that had no pole line installed. It was decided to install a temporary service to this part of the subdivision until such time as the frost is out of the ground and the streets are graded.

Superintendent Lambert reported three more fire hydrants had been installed and another allotment of water meters had arrived.

Superintendent Wilson also reported a supply of hydro meters had been received.

A number of freeze-ups on the waterworks system were reported. These had been thawed out by Superintendent Wilson with the hydro transformer. The rate of charges for thawing these services was set by the Commission.

A bill was to be sent to Mr. Wendover for the use of the sump pump last fall at Warlike Housing. This pump had not been brought back to the pump house and Mr. Lambert had to go after it and repair it. A flat rate of \$2 per day was set for this pump plus tax.

A letter from the Bell Telephone Company objected to the Commission using the pole of theirs in its present condition as it had not enough clearance between the two sets of wires. They suggested installing a longer pole for John's use. Commission left this matter over for a future meeting.

Mr. J. Royston and Dr. Garrett of the Y Board were present to discuss with the Commission increasing the rent for the Public Utilities office. The commission promised to give this matter consideration and to let the Y Board have an answer at the next regular meeting of the Utilities Commission.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Hydro Department	
Acton Free Press, supplies, etc.	\$44.11
Earl Van Norman, supplies	5.40
Highway Garage, gas	9.45
Northern Electric, supplies	55.50
Irving Smith Ltd., supplies	30.45
Can. Gen. Electric, meters	\$32.00
Sangamo Co. Ltd., supplies	31.26
Express & transport	10.17
Remington Rand Ltd., service	10.00
	\$102.67
Waterworks Department	
Power & heat at spring	\$59.70
Can. Brass Co. Ltd., supplies	38.52
Thomson Motors, truck	16.00
Jack	114.22

WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION ACTON UNITED CHURCH FEBRUARY MEETING

The regular monthly business meeting of the Woman's Association of the United Church was held at the home of Mrs. N. McNabb on Tuesday. The newly elected president, Mrs. J. Moore was in charge and the devotional part was taken by Mrs. F. Cleve and Mrs. J. Moore. Several letters of appreciation have been received from England with very sincere thanks for the boxes of food received.

Mrs. McNabb assisted by Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Harris served lunch and a social time was enjoyed. A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. McNabb and the lunch assistants.

BANTAM HOCKEYISTS WIN BY 4-2 IN MILTON ARENA

Acton Bantam Hockey Team defeated Milton in the County town last night by a score of 4-2 in the second game of the series. They won the first game from Milton 5-2 on Saturday, January 31st. The next game is scheduled with Fergus on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Acton Arena.

Forgery, Assault Charges Heard in Milton Court

Oral Helka, who pleaded guilty to a charge of forging a check of his employer Hudson Wallace, in 1946 was sentenced to make restitution and pay court costs, or spend three months in jail, when he appeared before Magistrate Kenneth M. Langdon for sentence. Wallace offered to re-employ Helka, and Helka is to be in his employer's custody for one year after his release.

Helka also pleaded guilty to forging the name to a check in May 1943, which he cashed in a Queenston grocery store. He was ordered to make restitution in this case and pay costs of the action, as well, or three months in jail to run concurrently with the former sentence.

Alex. Sheppard, convicted on a charge of common assault against his brother-in-law, Lorne Mitchell, Nassagaweya, is to pay court costs or 15 days in jail, and post \$100 in sureties to keep the peace for a period of twelve months, as well as stay away from the Mitchell home.

The action arose from an argument over the custody of a child, following an action brought before the courts two years ago.

THE DREW-MARCHMENT WEDDING AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

A very pretty wedding was solemnized in St. Joseph's Church, Acton, on Saturday, January 31st, when Bertha Shirley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley H. Marchment, Acton, became the bride of Bernard Drew of Milton.

The altar was beautifully decorated for the ceremony which was performed by Rev. Father Morgan of Acton, assisted by Rev. Father Smith of Milton. During the mass, Miss Joan Lavole of Georgetown sang Panis Angelicus, Jesus Thou Art Coming and Ave Marie, accompanied at the organ by Miss Irene Mulholland.

The bride given in marriage by her father wore a floor length gown of white satin with coronet veil and corsage of red roses. Mrs. John McHugh as patron of honor was gowned in pink sheer, matching shoulder length veil and carried red roses. Mrs. Thomas Golden of Georgetown was bridesmaid in blue lace with matching veil and corsage of pink carnations.

The groom was attended by his two brothers, John Drew of Milton, Messrs. Kenneth and Lyle Marchment, brothers of the bride.

Fifty-eight guests enjoyed the wedding breakfast in St. Joseph's Church Hall, served by the ladies of the Acton Society, following the service. A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents to about 100 guests, the bride's mother receiving in black crepe trimmed with satin and corsage of pink roses. She was assisted by Mrs. Robert Anderson of Milton who wore black with corsage of red roses.

For travelling to Toronto and Peterborough, the bride wore a powder blue dress and blue coat with black accessories. The happy couple will make their home in Milton.

Guests were present from Windsor, Peterborough, Toronto, Fergus, Brampton, Georgetown, Hornby, Milton and Acton.

SON OF REV. LOUIS PICKERING WINS BURSARY ONT. COLLEGE EDUCATION

John Pickering, elder son of Rev. and Mrs. Louis Pickering of Acton United Church has been awarded a Bursary valued at \$100 through the Ontario College of Education, University of Toronto. The conditions for the award are that the student obtain an average of second class honors on the Christmas examination papers and that he show the promise of making a successful High School teacher.

John took his B.A. degree in Geology at McMaster University, Hamilton and is specializing in physical training at the Ontario College of Education. He was recently united in marriage to Miss Betty Fleming of Toronto.

FERGUS TAKES A WIN OF 7-5 OVER TANNERS

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Acton Juveniles Win 8-2 Over Georgetown Entry

Acton Juveniles took a commanding lead in their two game series to count round with Georgetown last night, crushing the Georgetown Memorial Arena. Pushing in five goals during the first period, the triple A club were full value for the win. The issue was never in doubt with the Actonians maintaining a constant edge on play.

The series will be resumed on Friday night in Acton Arena with the locals carrying a six goal lead. Winner of the round advances further into the O.M.H.A. playoffs.

Acton made no pretense of their scoring punch in the first stanza when they whipped five pucks past Dillon in the Georgetown nets. Spurred on by good defensive work Roszell handed Kentner the pill at the three minute mark and Kentner banged it home to instigate the string of goals. Sandwiched between the first and second tallies by the locals was a marker by Briff's Braves. Ingles broke loose with Thompson and Guild fanned on the first of two goals which included him. Lanky Bob Tyler put Acton ahead again at 12:07 with a shot between Dillon's legs. From here in Harold Townsley and Fred Dunn notched up three goals between them. One by Dunn was a solo effort.

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Penalties, Tyler, Ingles	
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Tanners with List of Injured and a Fergus Referee are the Victims of Set-Back When Visiting Northern Town — Fergus Led All Through the Game — Meet Orangeville in Acton To-night

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That story might have an imaginative ring to it but on Monday night in Fergus, we would have put credence on it. For the Fergus "Thistles," a mild bunch of players over in Acton, faced the "Tanners" 7-5 in the Thistle hiliwick in one of the most rugged contests to date. They swanbuckled a win over Acton via the shillelagh, the skate and a mayhemish method of body contact.

The Tanners, already with two players on the sick list, suffered 2 additional injuries to team strength when Grant Gillespie was sidelined for the remainder of the game early in the initial session. A high stick caught his face. During the second period "Podge" Riddall was injured in the mouth by another flying shillelagh. The two injuries forced Frank Terry to overhaul the line-ups considerably and their plays didn't click as usual.

All these mishaps could have been avoided if a strict official had been in charge. For the second consecutive time an O.H.A. referee didn't arrive and a Fergus lad was recruited to handle the whistle chore. Chapman by name, he couldn't (or wouldn't) pay attention to the illegal tactics being employed. He missed off sides galore. Ilio Marzo was tripped time and time again but Chapman insisted on penalizing only the most flagrant violations of code. Hence the entire complexion of the game was changed.

Fergus took a lead and held it. The Thistles took an early lead in the contest but were being held "fore station" by the small staff of Tanners, left unmolested, until the final stanza. Sniping three goals in the early stages of the final, Fergus built up an imposing lead which was never headed. Woods fanned easily on two of the goals. One by Pearson, a long shot, bounced off his paraphanelia into the net like a sponge ball. The other was flicked in by Pearson over Wood's stick in a haphazard manner.

Montgomery was best for the Thistles on the play. He potted 2 goals, neither of which was tainted. Ilio Marzo played a fast back checking game for Acton and was robbed on countless occasions when in close. Brother Leno and Johnny Gay fashioned the prettiest marker of the night when they

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Coming Events

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

Hard time dance, Acton Town Hall, March 19. MacDonald's Orchestra, prizes. Admission 50c. 32-6

Rockalong Women's Institute euchre, S. S. No. 8 Eramosa, Febr. 18, 8:30 p.m. Admission 25c. Lunch.

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

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.

The Kidd Baker's Radio Cowboy Show heard over CKCR, Kitchener will appear in person at the Town Hall, Acton, Saturday, February 14 at 8:15 p.m. Dance afterwards. Don't miss this.