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AMATEUR TALENT IN ROXY SHOW Contest for All Offices But Reeve, School Board



Last Wednesday the Roxy Theatre in Acton featured a Local Talent Show and upper photo shows the winners while the lower picture shows the contestants who took part in the event. Free Press Photo.

By-Laws and Agreements Are Passed by Council

Arena Manager is Appointed—Booth-Concession is Awarded—Cemetery Board Agreement on Employment of Caretaker—Other Items of Last Night's Session

Acton Council met in regular session last evening with Councillors W. J. McLeod, A. McIsaac and F. J. Davidson present and Reeve F. J. McCutcheon presiding. At invitation of Council, Reeve-elect Therin Jones was present to become acquainted with Council work.

Solicitor Leatherland read the by-law for the appointment of A. Kirkness as municipal supervisor and outlining the duties of his office.

Mr. H. R. Force of the Cemetery Board was present to discuss with Council matters regarding the caretaking at the Cemetery and cooperation in Municipal work during the winter months. The plan of engaging the cemetery caretaker was written into the by-law to coincide with the engaging of the Town Foreman.

The following resolution was passed: "That we arrange with the Acton Cemetery Board to secure the services of their caretaker during the winter months when not required for winter months for Cemetery work and reimburse the Cemetery Board for the wages which they pay to him while he is engaged in town work. The said caretaker to be under the direction of the Town Foreman when engaged in town work."

Council was requested to allow use of the Town Hall auditorium for Physical Training classes of the High School on Thursday of each week for an hour and a half. No decision on costs was made.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

County Halton, grader	\$1917.55
Twp. Engaging, taxes	3.00
Acton Garage, firetruck	17.19
J. A. Kerr, labor	13.51
E. Braida, rent of dump	35.00
Acton Machine, repairs	175.00
Manse's Neill's levelling	6.50
H. G. Turner, repairs	20.00
L. W. Agar, coal	1.80
Symon Hardware, supp	49.95
Toronto Salt Works	111.52
C. F. Leatherland, solicitor's fees, etc.	22.00
F. Terry, postage	102.37
Acton Boys' & Girls' Band, balance of grant	6.29
Public School Board, balance of levy	234.54
	2000.00
	\$4,716.02

The by-law appointing a Town Foreman and defining his duties was read as required and passed by Council.

Another by-law appointing a Chief of Police, Assessor, etc., and defining his duties was also read and passed.

Another by-law appointed A. L. Kirkness as weed inspector.

A by-law to regulate and control

Swimming Pool Fund Nears The \$8,000 Mark

The citizens and general canvass phase of the Acton Swimming Pool fund is now near the \$8,000 mark or just \$2,000 short of its first objective. No report has yet been received on the business men and industrial section and we understand that work has not yet been done. Here is the present standing of the fund.

Previously acknowledged	\$7,138.50
Y's Men's Club	500.00
Wool Combing Union	50.00
Jack Smith	10.00
	\$7,698.50

MEMBERSHIP TEA UNITED W.M.S. PINS PRESENTED

The Women's Missionary Society of the United Church held their annual life membership tea at the home of Mrs. Sirrs on Tuesday.

Mrs. G. McDonald, secretary of the department had charge of this meeting and the following special program was presented: duet by Mrs. Pickering and Mrs. E. J. Caldwell; reading, Mrs. A. T. Brown; solo, Mrs. B. Veldhuis; and piano duet by Mrs. R. Arnold and Mrs. G. McDonald.

Life membership pins were presented by Mrs. McDonald and certificates by Mrs. Caldwell to Mrs. H. Denny, Mrs. J. Mowat and Mrs. C. Buck, Georgetown. Mrs. J. Lambert was also presented with a pin and certificate in memory of the late Mrs. Watson. Mrs. L. Pickering dedicated the new members.

A candlelight lunch was served by Mrs. Sirrs, assisted by Mrs. B. Veldhuis, Mrs. G. McDonald, Mrs. F. Cleave and Mrs. R. Arnold and a social time was enjoyed together. A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Sirrs, the lunch committee and program committee.

The Waterworks system was read. This repeats three former by-laws and consolidated the by-law. The by-law was not passed until the clauses could be studied.

The Clerk pointed out that the annexation proceedings were called for December 14th and he urged that all members of Council attend.

Applications for the position of arena manager were read. The application of H. F. Holmes at \$30 per week was accepted at the same conditions as previous years.

Applications were received and read for the concession at Acton Arena for the season. The Scout Mothers' Association tender was accepted. Application on their behalf was made by the Secretary.

Instructions were issued to the Clerk for the collection of taxes which were in arrears.

Nomination Meeting Placed 21 Names for Various Offices—Vote on Monday for Deputy Reeve, Three Councillors and One Public Utilities Commissioner—Small Attendance at Meeting but those attending Snow keen interest

Thirty citizens attended the Nomination meeting in Acton town Hall on Friday night, heard reports of the last year's Reeve, Councillors, Board and Commissioners and put 21 persons in for nomination to the various offices. Here are the nominees.

For Reeve, F. J. McCutcheon, Therin Jones and W. J. Beatty.

For Deputy-reeve, Wm. Conn, J. E. Davidson, E. Tyler.

For Council, Clarence Rogwaldson, Thos. K. Nicol, Therin Jones, J. J. Stewart, Leslie Hotchen, J. F. Davidson, Edward Tyler, Wm. McLeod and A. McIsaac.

Public Utilities Commission, Clarence Rogwaldson, B. D. Rachlin, Robert MacArthur.

For School Board, Thos. Jones, Dr. F. G. Onkes and Chas. Heard.

Ratepayers Meeting
Mr. W. J. Beatty was chosen chairman for the ratepayers meeting which followed nomination.

Reeve F. J. McCutcheon dealt with the work of County Council after announcing that he was not in the field for re-election. He told of the County's finances, the health unit, child welfare, Old People's Home, County roads, etc.

Deputy Reeve Wm. Conn explained he would like to continue in Council work but his position demanded his full attention and he could not accept office again.

Councillor Davidson said he would do his best if he got in.

Councillor McIsaac said his hat was in the ring again. He had done his best in his year's work and appreciated the co-operation he had received.

Councillor McLeod realized that Council work was a big task. He told of the estimates and the desire to keep the taxes low and the resulting small amount left for new expenditure. Acton was in need of a sewage system and must prepare for this improvement. He was willing to qualify for office and if elected would do his best for the ratepayers.

Chairman C. Hansen of the Public Utilities Commission gave a review of the Waterworks and Hydro departments. 85 new domestic services, 5 commercial and 3 power services had been installed in the past year. He told of the new substation planned for July to serve the largest power users. The present station was overloaded.

New water services of 1600 feet had been installed and all water services were now metered. Use of water was over three times the amount used in 1937. The supply was quite adequate but larger pumps would soon have to be installed.

Superintendent Wilson explained the hot water heater control.

Mr. J. B. Chalmers requested repairs to the Church Street roadway.

Mr. Tom Jones reported for the School Board and told of the growth here and the need for more classrooms. He told of improvements on the present building and signified that he would again qualify for the Board.

Mr. G. A. Dills reported on the North Halton High School District Board, told of the progress made in transportation and new classrooms and added subjects.

The meeting applauded Mr. Beatty's thanks to citizens who had served the municipality the past year.

Nominees who responded when called upon were Reeve F. J. McCutcheon, Therin Jones, W. J. Beatty, Wm. Conn, E. Tyler, J. F. Davidson, Clarence Rogwaldson, Thos. Nicol, J. J. Stewart, L. Hotchen, W. McLeod, A. McIsaac, B. D. Rachlin, Thos. Jones.

Ex-Reeve A. Mason spoke briefly and felt the present was a good nomination in comparison through the years. He gave best wishes to the candidates, and urged the ratepayers to stand behind their elected representatives.

The National Anthem brought the meeting to a close.

Election on Monday
When qualification closing time arrived on Saturday evening it was found that the Reeve and School Board were the only acclamations accorded and that for every other office there would be a contest. Here are the candidates: Reeve, Therin Jones by acclamation.

Election in Erin Township for Reeve and Councillors

There will be an election in Erin Township on Monday for Reeve, Councillors and School Trustees.

For Reeve, J. Arthur Swackhamer and Goldie Hart.

Deputy-reeve, George B. Scott, (acclamation).

Council, Albert Wheeler, Harold Griffin, Geo. A. Wallace and Alvin White (three to be elected).

No. 1 School Area, J. E. Pearen, W. L. Marshall, Alex Jackson, Arthur R. McKinney (three to be elected).

No. 2 School Area, H. Dearing, J. C. Parkinson, K. Letch (acclamation).

Erin Village
Reeve, D. Stanley Letch, Clayton Justice.

Council, James Robertson, Fred Steen, D. L. Mundell, Jas. Musgrave, L. B. Matthews, Frank Johnson. (four to be elected)

GREENOCK W.I. HAD VARIED PROGRAM NOVEMBER MEETING

The November meeting of the Greenock W.I. was held on Wednesday, November 17 at the home of Mrs. Chester Allen with the president, Mrs. A. McKeown in charge.

The meeting opened in the usual manner and scripture was read by Mrs. F. Johnston. Fifteen members, three visitors and several children were present. Roll Call was "A member of Parliament to-day", \$5.

It was donated to the Wellington County Children's Aid Society. The supper the W.I. is planning was thoroughly discussed. It was decided to have Schneider's of Kitchener entertain with their aids and Mrs. A. McKeown was appointed to look after the other program.

It being Agriculture and Canadian Industries meeting Mrs. Chester Allen read a paper on the Canadian Apple and was convener for the following program: reading Mrs. T. Hensley; piano solo, Mrs. T. McCutcheon, Mary Reid, Doris Helen and Muriel Allen; contest, conducted by Mrs. A. Thompson won by Mrs. T. Hensley and Mrs. R. Allan, tied.

The meeting closed and a social time was enjoyed with lunch served by the committee and hostess.

TWO SCHOLARSHIPS WON BY SISTERS AT GUELPH COLLEGIATE

Announcements of awards and scholarships at Guelph Collegiate-Vocational Institute last week was of interest to many here. In the group who topped their classes were both Josephine and Heather Boyd, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Boyd, former residents here.

Josephine won the Ralph Ramsay Memorial Scholarship, and Heather captured the Alice Matric Memorial Scholarship. It was the only instance where two members of the same family won awards and highest standing. We join with other friends in extending congratulations to these fine students.

LAKESIDE CHAPTER HOLD SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL BAZAAR

The Lakeside Chapter I.O.F.E. held a very successful bazaar in the Y.M.C.A. on Saturday November 20th. There were booths for aprons, knitted goods, baby clothes and Christmas cards. A delightful tea was also served, and the tables were well patronized during the afternoon. David Cullen and little Mary Lou Creighton drew tickets on three-lucky draws and the following were the winners: Occasional Chair—Miss Stella Zajac; 1 pair of diamond socks, Orville Brown; bride doll, Mrs. Southern. The proceeds will go towards the charitable and educational work done by the I.O.F.E.

Deputy-reeve, J. F. Davidson and E. Tyler, (one to be elected).

Council, L. Hotchen, A. McIsaac, Wm. McLeod, Thos. K. Nicol, J. J. Stewart, (three to be elected).

For Public Utilities Commission, R. MacArthur, B. D. Rachlin, Clarence Rogwaldson (one to be elected).

Voting is on Monday, December 6th from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and polls will be at the Town Hall and Y.M.C.A.

Local Volunteers Begin Work On Scout Home

November twenty-seventh is indeed an historical event in the annals of the Acton Boy Scouts Association. A small army of skilled craftsmen and assistants gathered at the Scout Home location on the school ground and went to work to erect a building for Scouting in Acton. In no time at all the hard working group had floor rafters of the 25'x10' building installed and walls were standing.

Work is progressing through the week. The excavation has been made for a fireplace foundation and the sheeting and floor insulation is being installed. This Saturday with a gathering similar to last week's it is hoped to get the roof on and the foundation for the fireplace in.

The fireplace is to be of rock and approximately eight feet wide. The outside of the building will be covered with a siding not yet decided on.

In all, the building is a worthwhile project. If anyone would like to make their contribution to the building in work or finances get in touch with Mr. W. Middleton, secretary of the association and he will use your help to the greatest benefit.

SUNDAY EVENING FIRESIDE HOUR OF KNOX Y.W.A.

The annual (Thanksgiving) Fireside hour of Knox Y.W.A. was held on Sunday evening in the School room.

The president, Mrs. F. Anderson, presided and announced the theme of the evening as "Service". The lesson was read by Mrs. A. McIsaac and the Glad Tidings Prayer by Miss Florence Elliott. Two beautiful hymns were sung as solos by Miss Kathleen Findlay. Miss Olive Musselle contributed a piano instrumental.

The leader introduced the Guest Speaker, Mrs. H. L. Bennie, who was given a hearty welcome on her return to reside among us again. Also to Rev. H. L. Bennie and Miss Joyce and Douglas who were also present. Mrs. Bennie took her theme from the psalm already read "A New Song" and stressed the need for leaders to carry on in the work of the church, happy in serving. A duet was rendered by Mrs. Gordon Bowen and Mrs. A. Mann "Beyond the Sunset".

Mrs. F. Blaw, president of the Senior W.M.S. brought greetings and Mrs. Robt. O'Hara on behalf of the Y.W.A. expressed thanks to Mrs. Bennie and all who assisted.

Rev. H. L. Bennie offered the closing prayer. A social time was enjoyed when dainty refreshments were served.

ACTON INSTITUTE SOCIAL EVENING AT CREWSON'S CORNERS

The Acton Women's Institute held an enjoyable social evening in the L.O.L. Hall at Crewson's Corners on Monday evening. Progressive euchre was played with high scores going to Mrs. J. Kentner, Mrs. J. Ellerby, Mrs. Thos. Gordon and Mr. Stan Matthews. Following the lunch dancing was enjoyed. Mrs. D. Drysdale and Mrs. Wm. Evans were joint conveners in arranging this splendid evening.

ANNIVERSARY CONCERT PRESENTED HERE BY LOCAL BAND

Last Sunday the Acton Boys' and Girls' Band presented their seventh Anniversary Concert to a small but appreciative audience.

The varied program included Marches, Descriptive Numbers, Trombone, Alto and Drum Solos along with a host of other features.

It was just seven years ago that the present conductor, Mr. C. W. Mason, called together a group of interested boys who knew nothing about the blowing of a horn, and organized them into a Boys Band.

A large group of girls were added several years later and the band progressed and expanded. The group won honors at the Waterloo Music Festival and the C.N.E. proving their worth and interest.

A lot of the band members that walked on the stand at the C.N.E. will remember how they had to get their seats as uncomplimentary remarks were passed regarding their uniforms. Indeed that may be why they played well enough to carry off top honors that day and return determined to obtain uniforms.

The band is on the verge of receiving the uniforms for which they have been working and before Christmas they hope to appear in their flashy new distinctive uniforms, a credit to their town.

NEW HIGH SCHOOL ROOM



The new commercial classroom at Acton High School was opened last week and here are two photos of the room. The upper picture shows the fine lighting on the south-east side of the building. Free Press Photo.

Blackout is Eliminated For a Trial Period

Increased Quota and Change of Working Hours Allow a Trial Period without Power Cut—If quota is exceeded Cut-off Will have to be resumed.

A meeting of all power consumers of Acton was held in the Town Hall on Monday evening. A telegram had been received on Monday notifying the local commission that Acton's quota had been increased by 5 per cent.

Mr. Harold Force, the local chairman had drawn up a schedule for decreasing the blackout to half an hour. With the new quota it was felt that the blackout would be eliminated for a trial period.

The elimination of the blackout is contingent on all citizens in the community making an extra effort to compensate for the power being left on.

Beardmore & Co. have changed their working days and are working all day Saturday and having Mondays off.

This gives the employees of Beardmore's a two day holiday in the week. In order to compensate in the other factories it was decided to add a half hour to the working time each day and eliminate the Saturday afternoon shift. It is pointed out that all factories may work on Saturday and Sunday and not affect the local quota. Some employees had been working shorter hours and having less take-home pay.

It was decided that a general meeting of the power consumers would have to be called if any change were made in the working hours. The day shift of the Beardmore & Co. were to continue going to work at 6:30 a.m. and night shifts at various factories at the same time as now in force.

If a blackout was ordered by the H.E.P.C. of Ontario it was felt that the same arrangements as previously in force would apply.

The meeting passed a resolution asking the local Utilities Commission to publish a notice in the Free Press and to circulate the town and rural district regarding the elimination of the blackout for this trial period, and ask the consumers for their co-operation so that the blackouts would not have to be imposed again. The local commission were heartily in favor of this resolution. With no blackout and the present consumption no kilowatt hours are left for emergencies and if house-holders do not save more kilowatts it may be necessary to re-impose the daily cut-offs.

The regulations in force at the present time still remain, both those imposed by the H.E.P.C. and the local commission in regard to heaters, hot water heating, store windows and night lights. These restrictions are very inconvenient to most people but it is better to abide by them than to have the whole town backed out and workers on short pay. It is requested that if more savings can be made, it would help the overall power situation in Acton and district.

Christmas Band Concert Saturday, December 18th.

Christmas Concert and Dance, Woodside School, 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 21st, Admission 25c and 10c.

Knox Sunday School Christmas Concert will be held on Friday evening, December 17th, 1948, in the Sunday School room.

The Acton Badminton Club will hold a euchre and bridge tournament, Wednesday, December 8th, at 8 p.m. in the Y.M.C.A. Refreshments.

Program, Quilt Draw, Schneiders Movie Films and Supper, Greenock School, Tuesday, December 17th at 8:15 p.m. Auspices Greenock Women's Institute. Adults 50c, school children 25c.

Bazaar and Tea, sale of homemade baking, candy and fancy articles, Friday evening, December 10 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, December 11 at 3 p.m. St. Joseph's Parish Hall.

Coming Events
Announcements of Meetings for this week are charged, events for line, with a minimum of 100 for any announcements of p.