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Quota Increased Full Co-operation Urged to Save—

Concluding Meeting Of Utilities Commission Tuesday Evening

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

Notice was received of an increase of 3% in the quota of electricity. This brings Acton's quota up to 24,996 k.w.h. daily. In checking over the past few weeks' quotas it is noted that Acton has consistently been under the allotment for the week. This is only possible by the fullest co-operation of all citizens of Acton and the industries.

A motion was passed authorizing the transfer of any balance on hand from the Waterworks Department to the General Account of the Corporation.

The waterworks by-law, which has been passed by the Council was presented to the Commission. Among the items contained in this by-law it stipulates that all meters must be accessible to the meter readers. A number of places have covered up their meters with coal and other goods. The Superintendent was to list these places and notify the consumer that they would be cut off if the meters were not made accessible.

It was decided to get a supply of water contracts, incorporating the provisions of the new by-law therein.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Chairman Hansen on the way he had conducted the meetings during the year. Another vote of thanks was also tendered to Reeve McCutcheon for his faithful service on the Commission during his term of office as Reeve.

The treasurer was authorized to apply the deposit of Mr Smith on his unpaid account.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Hydro Dept.

H.E.P.C. of Ont., Power	$4,292.75
J. H. McKenzie, Fuel	13.30
Acton Free Press Supplies	38.77
Masco Elec. Co. Supplies	21.84
MacDonald Elec., Supplies	35.00
Northern Elec., Supplies	3.20
Can. Gen. Elec., Supplies	5.00
Can. Line Materials	21.75
Mrs. H. Palmer	12.00
Express and Transport	3.25
	$4,446.86

Waterworks Dept.

N. McEachern	$60.75
Acton Garage	45.92
	$106.67

ACTON COUPLE MARRIED LAST WEEK IN GEORGETOWN

Miss Doris Roberts of Acton was married in St. George's Anglican Church of England, Georgetown, on Saturday, December 18th at 3:00 o'clock to Mr. Harold Townsley also of Acton. Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson was the officiating clergyman. Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Spires, Acton, attended the couple.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. James Roberts of Acton and the late Mrs. Roberts.

INCREASED FEE FOR MOTOR LICENSE LEVIED THIS YEAR

A 50-cent levy will be applied to all motor vehicle and chauffer licenses issued in Ontario next year. This decision was reached by the Ontario Cabinet.

The levy is to bring in an estimated $757,000 next year which will be put into the Unsatisfied Judgments Fund.

The fund, established by legislation last spring provides for payment of damages to an injured person when a claim has been established and the driver is found to be financially irresponsible.

License of the driver against whom the claim is made is cancelled until he has repaid the Province and proved financial responsibility.

It is estimated that $115,000 has already been paid out in claims and others are pending in the courts. The government made no levy on drivers this year when the legislation was passed.

Motor vehicle licenses vary in cost between $2 and $25 according to the make of car and its horsepower. Commercial vehicle licenses go as high as $250.

Chauffeur's licenses cost $2 originally with $1 required for renewal each year.

CHRISTMAS MEETING ACTON BRANCH WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The December meeting of the Acton Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Earl Lambert, Brock St. The president, Mrs. R. L. Davidson presided. The roll call was responded to by each member placing a Christmas gift on the pretty Christmas tree arranged for the party.

Tribute was paid to Mrs Alfred Watt who had passed away suddenly. Mrs. Watt had been the organizer of all Women's Institutes throughout the world and also of the Canadian Country Women of the world.

Mrs. Drysdale gave a talk on the motto—"Girls of today must be the homemakers of tomorrow.". Several Christmas carols were sung. Mrs. Lambert gave a demonstration of chocolate-dipped candy and also served samples of the finished product. The recipe was given and many homes will enjoy some during the holiday season.

At a specially appointed time one of Santa's Little Helpers arrived and distributed a gift to each one present.

Mrs. Lazenby as convenor with her committee, Mrs. Jas Wilds and Mrs. F. Anderson assisted the hostess in serving a delightful lunch.

As a community group we wish to all our friends in the community and elsewhere the best wishes for a holiday season and the New Year.

BALLINAFAD

A Happy New Year to the Editor and staff and all the readers of the Acton Free Press.

Mr Grant Merriam of Toronto spent Christmas at his home here.

The W.M.S. and Mission Circle held a joint meeting at the Manse on Thursday night. Mrs. Elwood, president of the Mission Circle presided and Mrs F. J. Shortill over the W.M.S. meeting. All united for the candle-light service which was in charge of Mrs. Flindall. Mrs. F. J. Shortill sang a solo, "I will not be afraid".

The nominating committee of the W.M.S. reported the officers for 1949 as follows: President, Mrs F. J. Shortill; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. Frank Smith; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. McCluskey; Sec., Mrs. Warne; Assistant, Mrs. Robt. McEnery; Treasurer, Mrs Kirkwood; Assistant, Mrs Young; Community Friendship and Supply, Mrs. A. McKay; Christian Stewardship, Mrs. Flinda'l; Organist, Mrs Kirkwood; Press, Mrs. Robt McEnery; Mission Circle Leader, Mrs Jessie McEnery; Assistant, Mrs. Robert McEnery.

Roll call was answered by giving one of Jesus' parables. The meeting closed with Hymn and a prayer by Mrs. Flindall.

MORE BOXCARS

New boxcars — about 3,700 of them — are rolling along Canadian rails this year, according to The Financial Post. They are expected to relieve what has been a chronic boxcar shortage ever since the start of the war. Railroad men warn, however, that there is likely to be a shortage in some areas again before the winter is over.

Acclamations for All Offices in Esquesing Twp.

George Currie Becomes Reeve as Geo. Cleave Retires From Council

There was a good crowd at Esquesing Nominations on Monday—the first Nominations to be held in the fine new township hall. In fact the attendance would have been too much for the old quarters. There was quite evident satisfaction with the conduct of last year's municipal affairs since all the Members of Council were returned, with the exception of Reeve Cleave who retired. The new member of Council will be Walter Linham.

Following are the nominations:

For Reeve: George Cleave and George Currie with Mr. Currie declared by acclamation when Mr. Cleave withdrew.

For Deputy-Reeve: George Leslie by acclamation.

For Councillors: H. Craig Reid, Wilfred Bird, Walter Linham and R. N. Brown. With Mr. Brown's withdrawal the first three are returned by acclamation.

School Area Trustees: Hector Bird of S.S. No. 15 and R. L. Davidson of S.S. No. 12, both by acclamation. Lorne School from which section Mr. Davidson comes, is this year joining the school area.

A Bright And Happy New Year

Walker Lodge Installs Officers Monday's Meeting

The annual installation night of Walker Lodge was held on Monday evening when Bro. W. J. Beatty was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Wor. Bro. H. L. Ritchie acted as installing Master and was assisted by W. Bro. Frank Smith of Bedford Lodge, Toronto, and various past masters of Walker Lodge.

The following were invested in the various offices of the lodge:

Wor. Bro. W. J. Beatty, W.M.; Wor. Bro. T. M. McCutcheon, I.P.M.; Bro. L. M. Harris, S.W.; Bro. J. B. Watkins, J.W.; Ver. Wor. Bro. W. M. Cooper, Chaplain; Bro. W. K. Graham, Treasurer; Bro. G. H. Musselle, Secretary; Bro. A. J. Buchanan, S.D.; Bro. L. W. Lovell, J.D.; Bro. E. S. Cooper, I.G.; Wor. Bro. C. F. Leatherland, D. of C.; Bro. G. F. Wingate, S.S.; Bro. S. F. Snow, J.S.; Bro. A. C. Patterson, Organist; Wor. Bro. W. R. E. Blair, Tyler.

Wor. Bro. A. T. Brown was presented by Ver. Wor. Bro. Frank McIntosh, on behalf of the lodge with the Veteran's Jubilee Jewel. This jewel is presented to those who have had 50 years membership in the Masonic Order.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES HELD AT ST. ALBAN'S

The Christmas season was marked by special services in St. Alban's Anglican Church. On Christmas Eve the traditional choral Communion Service was held at which time the choir sang the anthem, "Night of Nights". On Sunday morning the children of the Sunday School joined with the congregation for their Christmas Service and the anthem was "The First Christmas Morn". In the evening, the combined Junior and Senior choirs presented a Carol Service. The congregation joined in the singing of the more familiar carols and special numbers by the choirs included "Bohemian Carol", "Diadem", "Gesu Bambino", "All My Heart this Night Rejoices", "Cradle Song" and "Infant Holy". Those taking solo parts included Mrs. H. G. Turner, Miss Marjorie Fountain, V. Bristow, Les Duby, and S. H. Webster. Mrs. F. G. Oakes was organist and Miss Landa Stewart, choir leader. Rev. W. G. Luxton was in charge of all services.

A Free Press Reader 50 Years At Same Address

Among our oldest subscribers to The Free Press is Mrs. John Cameron of Clarksville, N.Y. who for 50 years has been receiving the home paper at the same address on Eagle Street in this New York State city. Mrs. Cameron still delights in the news of the home community and looks forward each week to the Free Press visit. It is quite unique, we think for a half century the Free Press has been delivered on the same street to the same subscriber. That's much before the present editor assumed his duties.

1948 Building in Acton Reached New Record

83 New Residences in Past Year and Business and Industrial Growth

The past year has been one of the greatest building years in Acton's history. Chief Harrop reports 83 new houses during 1948.

In addition there has been business and other building activity. The new Roxy Theatre was completed this spring and the old theatre building was converted into two modern stores for Carroll's and the Ros Ann Shop. Reeve McCutcheon opened his new grocery store on Yonge Street during the year.

Norman McEachern has completed a fine new cement block and brick garage and apartment on Main St. S. and at Bower Ave. and Main Street a new service and sales building for Bert Woods is in the course of construction and s'ated for completion early in 1949.

A new classroom at the High School was completed during the year and the Commercial Courses are now being taught there.

There has also been renovation of other business buildings such as the new store of J. McMullen.

Thomson Bros. have opened a new store for the sale of farm feeds and B. D. Bachlin opened a new jewellery store on Mill St.

Another new industrial building was put into operation at the Blow Foundry and there have been extensions and renovations at other Acton industries.

Acton Flour Mills built three new cement grain elevators. Woodcrafts is another new industry which will manufacture sash and doors and other wood specialities.

It's quite possible we have completely overlooked some other building activities in such a building year but these are the ones we recall at the moment.

Prospects are for more building in 1949 in Acton in residential, business and manufacturing circles. It may not equal 1948, but certainly it will keep pace with Acton's continued growth.

PRIZES WINNERS CHRISMAS DRAW ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Prize winners of the Christmas Draw at St. Stephen's Church at Cayuga, Ontario, tickets of which were sold by St. Joseph's Church, Acton, are as follows: Turkeys, Acme Bowes, Cayuga; F. Robb, Hamilton; Helen Bank, Hamilton; Gordon Taylor, Hamilton; Mrs. M. Tait, Georgetown; Mrs. Betty Price, Hamilton; Margaret Dwyer, Hamilton; Les Wadel, Cayuga; Nicky Last, Canfield; Mrs. A. Lane, Canfield; Nylas J. H. Meyer, Canfield; Mr. Marcuse, Hamilton; Nick Last, Canfield; J. G. Dollar, Ayton; E. Graham, Hamilton; Jack Forney, Clarksville; Mrs. Richardson, Hamilton; G. A. Hanosek, Toronto; Mary Burke, Detroit; and J. McIntyre, Hamilton.

ing Nazis were tried is the centre of Germany's resuscitated toy industry.

Increase in Milk Prices for Many Ontario Centres

Retail price of milk in 42 Ontario market areas outside of Toronto is expected to advance one cent per quart as a result of an arbitration award granting the farmers a 20 to 25-cent increase per hundredweight. Consumers in these places are now paying 17 cents per quart. The current price in Toronto is 18 cents.

A price of $4 per cwt. was set for 37 markets. These are: Acton, Aylmer, Barrie, Bracebridge, Brampton, Brantford, Brockville, Campbellford, Cobourg, Collingwood, Cornwall, Delhi, Dunnville, Georgetown, Gravenhurst, Goderich, Kingston, Lindsay, Meaford-Thornbury, Midland - Penetanguishene, Newmarket North Muskoka (Huntsville), Orillia, Owen Sound, Paris, Peterborough, Port Elgin, Port Hope, St. Marys, St. Thomas, Simcoe-Waterford, Smith Falls, Southampton, Stratford, Sutton, Tillsonburg and Wiarton.

Farmers shipping to Oakville will receive $4.15; to Pembroke, $4.10; to Hawkesbury and Picton, $3.35, and to Napanee, $3.75.

ANOTHER LOCAL WINNER AT THE ROYAL FAIR

Belated news of the Royal Winter Fair of 1948. Robt. Kerr and Son were successful in winning 2nd prize on two-year-old, 4th prize on one-year-old and 5th prize on foal in the hackney classes; 2nd on single light express or delivery horse out of a class of 14; 1st on pair of light delivery horses.

THE TURNER-MAHON CHRISTMAS DAY WEDDING AT CAMPBELLVILLE

St. David's Presbyterian Church was the scene of a pretty candle-light wedding at 6 p.m., Saturday, Christmas night, when Olive Gertrude Annette Mahon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Mahon was united in marriage to Roy Byron Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Turner of Milton. Rev. J. C. MacNeil officiated.

Mr. James MacDougall was soloist and Mrs. Lloyd Crawford aunt of the bride played the wedding music. The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a white faille taffeta gown with high neckline and fitted bodice. A draped train caught at the back formed a double bustle train and bride's veil was fingertip length. She carried a white and blue bouquet of carnations with an orchid. Attending her attending were a red velvet gown similar in style to that of the bride [illegible] and a corsage of pink carnations. The groom's mother wore a street length dress of aqua crepe and a corsage of pink carnations. The bride travelled in a dressmaker suit of red gabardine with navy accessories on a honeymoon to New York City by plane.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT PRIZES AWARDED ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH

St. Alban's Parish Hall was filled to over-flowing for the annual Christmas entertainment. Rev. W. G. Luxton acted as chairman for the program.

Several carols were sung with Mrs. F. G. Oakes at the piano. Recitations were given by Tommy Fountain, Freddy Graham, Carol Goodwin, Faye Sagaskie, Howard Jank, Wayne Ridley, and Nora Robson; piano solos and duet by Susan and Peter Canham; vocal duet, Peggy and Frances Oakes; song, Marion Luxton; chorus, Beginner's Class; solo, Miss Barbara Turner; piano solo, Helen Luxton; a skit, "Visit to the Dentist" by John Hayden and John Creasy; Choruses by the girls of the Junior Choir; play "Merry Christmas in Haste", the parts taken by Betty Williamson, Peggy Oakes, Sylvia Jones, Jo-Ann Stuckey, Helen Luxton, Marilyn Mellor, Joy Peal, Frances Oakes, Leona Sagaskie and Marjorie Ware; chorus by the boys of the Primary Class; Christmas "Ifs" by Robena Sagaskie, Heather Withers, Joan Courtney, Georgina Waller, Sara Lazenby, Shirley Roche, Ruth Jones, Faye Sagaskie, Susan Canham, Jill Haydon, Yvonne McGladdery; play, "Getting Even with Sister's Beau" with Ted Footit, Wayne Currie, Bob Coon, George Oakes and Geo. Williamson. After several guitar numbers by Les Duby, Santa Claus arrived.

Prizes for attendance during the year were presented to John Creasy, Bill Coon, John Haydon, George Oakes, Wayne Currie, Frances Oakes, Helen Luxton, Faye Sagaskie, Robina Sagaskie, Donald Luxton and Bob Jones.

Wood Crafts Latest Industry to Open Plant in Acton

"Wood crafts" is the most recent small industry to start operations in Acton. Mr. C. Varey has fitted up the building adjacent to the Station Hotel with wood working equipment and has commenced manufacture of sash, doors and fittings for the building trade and special wood requirements. The plant is now in operation and Mr. Varey reported plenty of orders on hand for some time.

SCHOOL CONCERT AT BANNOCKBURN CHRISTMAS WEEK

Bannockburn School held their annual concert on December 20 with a large crowd attending. The following pupils took part in the various numbers, Frank Benton; Francis Heffernan, Billy Fox, Evelyn McDonald, Leonard Zions, Evelina Rocher, Dorothy McDonald, Marjorie McDonald, Gorson Evans, Brian Evans, Margaret Morrison, Carol Goodwin, Lillian Phillips, Joan Brooks, Rosemary Brooks, Kenneth Rotz and Theodore Zions. Santa Claus paid a visit and emptied his large pack of goodies and distributed much appreciated gifts. Mrs. George Robertson presided at the piano throughout the evening. Everyone went home feeling happy.

PEACH PACK BEARS RICH FRUIT

For the second year in a row, Canada's peach pack has blossomed forth in glory. This year's total has outstripped last year's record pack of 1,056,234 cases by a tidy 30,000 cases, according to Canadian Grocer.

Pack this year is estimated at 1,086,118 cases with increases reported in Ontario and British Columbia, the grocery business paper reports.

Nassagaweya Electors Accord All Acclamations

Reeve Wm. VanSickle and All Members of Council Are Returned to Office

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Reeve: Wm. VanSickle.

Councillors: [illegible] Stokes, [illegible] Elliott, J. S. Norris and R. M. Grey.

School Trustees: T. W. Kennedy and Arthur Diamond.

800 Children at Christmas Party Last Friday

Even the Sick Were Visited by Santa — Band Led The Parade

About eight hundred children of Acton and district made the Roxy Theatre their headquarters last Friday when Acton Merchants joined with the Theatre management in giving them a fine Christmas party.

It was an all day event and from 10 until noon the children saw comics and cartoons, had chocolate milk, cookies etc., and a generally good time together.

Of course the highlight was the afternoon visit of Santa Claus when headed by Acton Boys' and Girls' Band he drove into town on a sleigh waving his greeting to all along the street. Since his own equipment was fagged out it was in the sleigh and behind the fine team of Mr. J. J. Stewart that his entry to Acton was made.

At the theatre Santa was welcomed by Reeve F. J. McCutcheon and the Theatre was packed to capacity and beyond. Never since its opening had such a crowd been accommodated. Never did any crowd have more fun. There were pictures and Mrs. Robertson was accompanist for the Christmas carols and community singing.

There were more treats and novelties for the children. Over 750 bags of Christmas goodies were passed out. But Santa Claus' work did not stop here. To all the boys and girls who through illness were unable to attend he made a personal visit and took a Christmas treat and we are told that it was eight o'clock on Christmas eve before he had finished this task.

It was a Christmas party the children will not soon forget and credit is due Mr. Robertson and the business men in making the event possible.

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Mr. and Mrs. Percy Kellam and Shirley, Brampton, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Watson, Toronto, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lyons and family of Erin were Christmas visitors at the home of Mrs. John Watson.

Mrs. Henry Graham Zurich and Mr. Joe Cook spent the holiday at their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Turner, of Detroit with Mr. and Mrs. George Lush.

Miss Melba Dearing and Miss Joan McKenzie, Toronto, at the formers home.

Mr. Wm. Bolton, Kitchener, and Mr. and Mrs. Art Watson and family spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. George Bolton.

Mr. and Mrs. John Berry, Erin, Miss Bettie Burd, Toronto, Miss Jeanne McEachern and brother, John, and Russell Woods, Belwood, visited with Mr. and Mrs. John Hurd.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Hall and Arm. visited Mr. and Mrs. George Bryan Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Weeks entertained Mr. and Mrs. Bert Weeks, Sr., Miss Lyda McLachlan, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse McLaughlin and John McLaughlin, Hillsburg and Mr. and Mrs. Norman McKenzie, Ospringe, on Christmas Day.

Holiday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ballentine were Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ballentine and Leslie, Acton, Miss Gay Bertsee and Mr. Ken Ballentine, Brampton.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Turner, Detroit, spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. George Lush.

Mr. Murray Dearing spent Christmas Day with his friend Mr. Roy [illegible] St. Joseph during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Davison, Bob and Bodgey spent Christmas in Toronto.

Badge activity from the Bikini [illegible] tests bleached out the red and purple encouraging of [illegible] heads.

Coming Events

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