

# The Acton Free Press.

Seventy-fourth Year—No. 28.

ACTON, ONTARIO, THURSDAY, JANUARY 20th, 1949.

Eight Home Print Pages—Six Cents

## Council Discusses Sewers Incorporation as Town

### Outdoor Rinks Established—School Board Estimates for Year are Received—Vital Statistics Are Given—Other Items of Monday's Session

Councillors W. J. McLeod, T. K. Nicol, L. S. Hitchcock and Deputy Reeve E. Tyler were present on Monday evening when Acton council met in regular session and Reeve Theron Jones presided.

Messrs. O. Brown, H. L. Ritchie and F. Dawkins representing Acton Fire Brigade brought in the requirements of the Brigade. The Brigade required another 24 man nozzle and six new long rubber coats. The Brigade felt that the Chief, Secretary and Truck Caretaker should also receive the same allowance, \$25.00 each. The Brigade requested that the annual grant be increased from \$500 to \$750. It was suggested that a fund be started to purchase a new truck within the next five years.

Chief Harrop, while the Fire Chief was present, suggested that notice be posted of the regulations concerning motor cars following the truck to fires. He suggested notice be given before the regulations were enforced.

Mr. Harrop reported that he had notified T. Seynuck that he should secure permission from the fire committee before moving a house to a foundation in town. He had not yet secured a permit and was moving the building. Council instructed Mr. Harrop to take proceedings as soon as the building was in the corporation.

Council approved of the purchase of the new equipment requested by the Fire Brigade.

Council also approved of the arrangements made by Chief Harrop for the care of a relief applicant in securing suitable living quarters.

A by-law was passed authorizing the Reeve and Treasurer to convey 50 lots in Wartime Housing subdivision to the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:  
Bell Telephone Co. \$14.30  
E. S. Cooper, supplies 8.26  
Personal Stationery Sales 7.25  
Acton Assessing Officers 10.00  
Municipal World Ltd. 24.00  
Thompson Motors 27.14  
Treas. Boys & Girls Band 250.00  
J. R. Adamson, Clerk and Halliffee Fees 8.00  
Acton Free Press, adver. 11.00  
A. P. U. C. 243.61  
W. R. Blair, plumbing 25.15  
Town of New Toronto, Well-fare Dept. 4.25  
T. Cutting, sanitary work 8.00  
F. L. Wright, security bond 8.00  
S. W. Tennant, labour 6.75

The Department of Highways forwarded a complete audited report of the expenditures on municipal roads in 1947.

The Clerk reported that a sandbar for use in spreading sand on the roadways could be secured for \$30. This equipment was to be secured.

Councillor Nicol reported that the outdoor rink had been constructed at the School Grounds and Principal McKenzie was quite pleased with the work of the Town Foreman and his helpers.

Council approved of the construction of the outdoor rink in the Wartime Housing subdivision which had been made by citizens without cost to the Municipality.

The Clerk was instructed to write a letter to Ajax Engineers thanking them for the rods supplied for the school rink.

A letter from the United Kingdom Commission Services asked particulars of the proposed sewage system in order that they could pass the information on to United Kingdom firms who might be interested.

Council informally discussed the sewerage disposal system and when work should be started and also the advisability of incorporating Acton as a town.

Correspondence was read from Acton School Board regarding an outdoor rink and a copy of a letter sent to the North Halton High School Board. The estimate of the cost of school operation for the year was \$16,925.00. It was pointed out an additional teacher would be required in September and payment of the fire escape was included. This accounted for the approximate increase of \$2,500.

Council made a grant of \$25 to the Salvation Army in reply to an appeal for funds.

The Clerk reported on the vital statistics for 1948. There were 70

## St. Alban's Vestry Meeting On Monday Evening

The annual meeting of St. Alban's Church was held on Monday evening in the parish hall under the chairmanship of Rev. W. G. Lutton. W. H. Denny was elected as vestry clerk.

The financial report was given by the people's warden, T. G. Jones, and proved to be very gratifying. All accounts had been met and many improvements carried out on the Church property. The reports of the various organizations reflected faithful work on the part of the members. Mrs. J. Creasy presented the W.A. report Mrs. H. Dolphin the Ladies' Guild, C. O. Ranney the Sunday School, W. H. Denny, the choir.

The following were elected to office for 1949:

Rector's warden, J. H. Jolley; People's Warden, T. G. Jones; Endeavour Secretary, A. Clifford; Advisory committee, the wardens, Dr. F. C. Oakes, C. O. Ranney, Mrs. C. Stewart, Mrs. C. Nelles, Miss E. Taylor, W. H. Denny, A. Clifford, B. Paragter and C. F. Leuthert; Side-man, Messrs Harold Adis, T. Ware, C. Cooke, M. Root, J. A. Chapman, C. F. Leatherland, H. Hinton, M. Schroeder, E. Footitt, Dr. F. G. Oakes and G. Holloway; Religious Educational Council of the Sunday School teachers and Messrs J. H. Price, E. Footitt and Messrs James F. Currie, L. Duby and C. Cooke; Lay delegate to synod, C. O. Ranney; Substitute delegate, S. H. Webster.

A memorial prayer was offered in memory of seven members of the parish who passed away during 1948. The rector reported that there were 214 families in the Church roll, 22 baptisms and 10 weddings were performed. Mention was made of plans for a Young People's group, also of future improvements in the Church property. After prayer, the meeting closed with refreshments served by the Ladies' Guild.

## UNITED CHURCH W. M. SOCIETY MET AT THE PARSONAGE

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church was held at the Parsonage on Tuesday. The newly elected President, Mrs. E. J. Caldwell presided.

This being the first meeting of the year when the annual reports were presented, there was a good attendance. The devotional period was conducted by Mrs. E. J. Caldwell and Mrs. C. L. Pools, and the study book was taken by Mrs. G. McDonald, Mrs. F. Cleaver, Miss D. Simmons, Mrs. G. A. Dills and Miss M. Z. Bennett. Membership fees were paid for the coming year. A vote of thanks was given to Rev. and Mrs. L. Pickering for their home.

## HALTON JUNIOR FARMERS' DISCUSSION TO BE BROADCAST

On the air Saturday a group of Halton Junior's will broadcast on Saturday evening January 22 over radio station CHML from 8:30 to 9 p.m.

The discussion group will deal with that all-important agricultural term "conservation". The special feature of the program will be an interesting talk on "Recreation". Those taking part in the program will be Bill Lawson, John McClure, Dave Pelletier, Vera May, Ray Evered and Joan Somerville. Listen in to hear from some of Halton's active Juniors.

On the air Saturday a group of Halton Junior's will broadcast on Saturday evening January 22 over radio station CHML from 8:30 to 9 p.m.

The discussion group will deal with that all-important agricultural term "conservation". The special feature of the program will be an interesting talk on "Recreation". Those taking part in the program will be Bill Lawson, John McClure, Dave Pelletier, Vera May, Ray Evered and Joan Somerville. Listen in to hear from some of Halton's active Juniors.

Council also discussed the addition to the War Memorial to honor those who fell in the Second World War.

Council decided to meet on January 26th to make the estimates for the year.

Clerk McKenzie requested an increase in salary be arranged for this year. This question was left for consideration at another meeting.

## AT THE NASSAGAWEY A 100th ANNIVERSARY



Here are a group of Reeves who have served the Township of Nassagawey and were present at the Hundredth Anniversary when the 1949 Council assembled on January 10th, 1949. Left to right are: M. J. Carlton, Jaa W. Moffat, L. W. Chabodan, F. McNiven, Donald Campbell, Alex. Near, Lloyd Crawford and the present Reeve Wm. Vanackle.

## Worst Hockey Brawl Witnessed Here in Years

### Bridgeport Provided Fighting But Little Hockey Ability 38 Penalties Imposed

Webster's definition of mayhem is an unlawful attack on a person which results in mutilation or maiming. Just puts last Thursday's game down pat. It speaks volumes for what occurred in the entire sixty minutes in front of close to 1000 fans as the Tanners blasted Bridgeport Vets 8:3 here, to win their thirty-first game in two starts.

Thirty-eight penalties trouped to the straits in what admittedly was the crudest, most penalty-studded affair ever to be seen in Acton, for that matter, Ontario. There were nine penalties in the first period, twenty-three in the second and six in the third. Three of these were majors. The result of fights was made of plans for a Young People's group, also of future improvements in the Church property. After prayer, the meeting closed with refreshments served by the Ladies' Guild.

The game was marked by fast cuts, not only on the ice but in the peevish, frequent stick-swinging duels, long interludes of argument, a puzzled official, confused timekeepers and incessant clamoring from the crowd for more action.

When play was indulged in, the Tanners, in spite of dwindling ranks, really had no trouble downing Vets. They had a constant edge on play, skated faster, and showed more combination than the visitors.

To reduce this margin, the bliant Bridgeport crew resolved to cut Tanners to ribbons with their shillealahs. That precipitated what turned out to be a prize ruckus.

At one point ten players were in penance, filling an extra large donation to capacity. Practically the entire game someone served time. It seemed to be the only way Referee Feinbach could curb the flagrant violations of code prevalent on the compound.

Police had to twice intercede as rousing brawls of the bar-room type broke out. "Dude" Lindsay pounded out an unanimous decision over Schaefer, a burly defenseman, in the second period. A preliminary bout saw Ted-Hilton take on the entire Bridgeport team in a stick-swinging episode. Weight of numbers forced Hilton to concede a loss.

Hardly one brawl was subdued on the ice when another sputtered in the bleachers. The local gentians were by far the feature attraction acting as peacemakers. One carrot-topped Bridgeport fan had to be hustled in order to preserve the peace.

The win was a costly one for the black and green uniformed Tanners. "Basher" Ben Bayliss suffered a broken nose in the early moments of the second period while Mike Coxie further depleted the team's strength by returning to the injured list. The picture is far from cosy for future games.

Acton rang up three goals in the first period by interspersing penalties with a strong attack. Bayliss notched the first one by tipping in a shot from a melee in front of Woolner. Sandwiched in between the next goal, a backhand by Ted Hilton. Mike Coxie was injured and had to be assisted from the ice. At 10:00 the fiery little pivot returned and on the ensuing (Continued on Page Five)

## BRACEBRIDGE MINISTER TO COME TO KNOX CHURCH IN ACTION

The Bracebridge Gazette last week carried the following item of interest to Acton:

The Knox Presbyterian Congregation of Acton, Ontario has extended a call to the Rev. R. H. Armstrong, M.A., Minister of Knox Church, Bracebridge, to become their minister.

Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong have lived in Bracebridge for five years and during that period they have made many fast friends among members of their own denomination as well.

Mr. Armstrong's previous church before coming to Bracebridge was in Neepawa, Manitoba.

## Local No. 26 Names Officers at the Meeting Monday

On Monday, January 17 the first general meeting of the National Shoe and Leather Workers Union Local 26 was held in the Legion Hall with the newly elected president, A. Clement, presiding.

After a prompt business session, the president outlined his views on Local 26 and the duties of the union towards the Company. Members of the union gave their new leader a unanimous vote of confidence and support.

A special feature of the meeting was the visit of the President of Tain Cities Council of Kitchener in the person of Renald Regeski.

Who addressed the members on the Tain City Union Institute, conducted by the Canadian Congress of Labour, which was held at the Kitchener Walper Hotel on January 15th and 16th.

In conclusion the president gave his message as announced on the bulletin board.

The 1949 officers are as follows: President, A. Clement; Vice President, R. Johnson Sec. Treas., Leo Cloze; Sentinel, A. Ford; Trustees, F. Cook, G. Holmes.

The following stewards were appointed for the various apartments: Outside Labor, J. VanFleet; Cutler, G. Holmes; Upper Leather, R. Johnson; Welting, G. Fountain; Machine Shop, J. Russell; Tan Yard and Chrome, J. Roberts; Currie, W. Allan; Beamhouse, P. Fetterly; Dry Dip, H. O'Rourke; Rolling Room, A. Ford; Warehouse, O. Matzies; Belting, H. Freuler.

## ELECTED WARDEN 1949



On Tuesday, Halton County Council unanimously chose Mrs. Mary S. Pettit as Warden for 1949. Mrs. Pettit was the first woman in Halton to be elected to County Council and also has the now added distinction of being the first woman to occupy the post of Warden of Halton.

## Inaugural Meeting Esqueuing Council Held Last Week

### Appointments Made and By-laws Passed — Bounty to be Paid for Foxes

The inaugural meeting of Esqueuing Township Council was held in the Township Hall on Monday, January 18th with Reeve George Currie presiding and Deputy Reeve George Leslie and Councillors H. Clark, H. W. Hird and Walter Linham present. Reeve Currie welcomed the former members for another year and especially the new member, Walter Linham.

The Treasurer was instructed to pay the following accounts: Donby Duplicating and Supplies, \$98.84; J. Lovell, \$1.20; J. 47-48, Toronto Stationers Supplies, \$30.67; Municipal World, \$13.40; Georgetown Lumber Co., \$17; Bell Telephone, \$5.93; H.E.P.C., Brampton, \$8.79; Treasurer, of County of Halton, Hospital accounts payable by Esqueuing for 1948, \$1,008.75; Ontario Training School, \$122.12; Postmaster, G. Orgetown, \$2.00; I. M. Bennett, Old Age Pensions, \$14; Province of Saskatchewan Charity Account, \$20; Ontario Good Roads Association, \$5; A. W. Benton, \$7; E. Barnhill, goods supplied Mrs. Carter, \$21.

The following 1948 taxes were ordered refunded: Edwin Harrop, land expropriated by Dept. of Highways, \$10.00; Credit Valley Bottling Works, business tax, \$5.72; Harvey Abbott, hotel removed, \$12.09; Robert Vyse, barn removed, \$8.82.

Assessments amounting to \$2100 were written off the 1948 roll. These included G. A. France, house mill and office removed, \$1300; Inglis Bros, barn burned, \$400; Mrs. Alice Logan, house burned, \$400.

Relief accounts amounting to \$61.11 were ordered paid.

K. C. Lindsay was appointed assessor at a salary of \$100 per month with \$25 per month car allowance, for a period of six months, and a by-law was prepared to this effect.

The road superintendent was appointed to attend the Good Roads Convention in Toronto. George Leslie and Walter Linham were appointed to Esqueuing Community Hall Board for 1949.

Day labour in the Township was set at the rate of 70c per hour. The Treasurer was instructed to pay I. M. Bennett \$100 part payment as tax collector.

By-law No. 1-49 to grant permission to the Reeve and Treasurer to borrow \$50,000 to meet current expenditures was given the required readings and passed by Council.

A by-law was introduced appointing a Board of Management for Norval Athletic Club.

A bounty of \$3 per head was set on foxes killed in the township and a by-law prepared in accordance.

Council adjourned to meet on February 7th at 1:30 p.m. or at the call of the Reeve.

## OLD BULL HAS NEW LOOK

Everyone is familiar with that old adage about hiding a light under a bushel. Hardware and Metal has unearthed a modern version in the form of an electric light bulb buried for half a century that glowed like new when tested. It was identified by experts as a type used in electric signs way back when.

## First Woman Elected as Halton County Warden

### Well-Known YMCA Secretary Addresses Y's Men's Club

The highlight address of the year in the Y's Men's program was delivered on Thursday evening to a full gathering in the Y. The speaker was Joe Connell, secretary of the Kitchener-Waterloo Y.M.C.A. and former International officer in the Y's Men's movement. Well-known to many local Y followers as a dynamic speaker, it was agreed that he fully lived up to his reputation in dealing with the subject, "The Place of the Y.M.C.A. in a Modern Community."

"The Y.M.C.A. is a living ideal an ideal shared by forward looking men who believe there is a God in the universe," he declared. "It is a deadly foe of materialistic communism, and there never can be peace between the two. The Y is not the building, no matter how fine the equipment. Nor is it the secretary or secretaries that help carry out the program. The real Y tests in the character of the men in the community who believe in it support its policies when they have interest or rest on great accomplishments, then you Y is on the downgrade and will soon close its doors."

He stressed that the needs of the modern community requires that the Y pay more attention to adult education. He told of how crowds of adults attend the evening classes in Psychology, Economics, Art and crafts at the Kitchener Y, where the membership have just completed a successful drive to raise \$25,000 to expand their facilities. The Y must always retain its Christian emphasis, and try to meet the special needs of the community, needs that are not being met in other ways.

He recalled that the Y.M.C.A. was the movement that pioneered the establishment of swimming pools, gymnasiums throughout the country, until today they are commonplace. It must continue to pioneer in fields where there is need, whether it be in sex education, employment service, or father-son relations.

The speaker was introduced by Charles Kirkness and thanked by Bill Denny. Arrangements were made to transport the public school youngsters to Guilph for the swimming classes, beginning next week. Several members stressed the urgent need for more equipment for our local Y, if it is to serve the needs of this community as it ought.

## UNITED CHURCH HAS ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR

On Thursday, January 13, the United Church Choir were entertained at the Parsonage where they held their choir rehearsal and a social evening. The business consisted of election of officers for 1949 after which a delightful lunch was served.

Officers elected for the coming year were organist, Ethel Franklin; President, Dorothy Rimmon; Recording Secretary, Joan Fetterly; Corresponding Secretary, Helen Hittor; Librarian, Ken Allan; Social Committee, Shirley Rayton, Mrs. M. Taylor; Gown Committee, Ethel Franklin, Annetta Evans.

## MARCO CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS AT JANUARY MEETING

The Marco Club met on Wednesday evening, January 12th, with a good attendance. Mr. Pickering led in a sing song. The devotional part of the meeting was conducted by Kay Swackhamer. Miss Josephine McPhail sang "By the Bank of the River", accompanied by Mrs. Grant McDonald.

Rev. Lutton, showed pictures of the Alaska Highway and his trip to the Yukon, which was very interesting. Mr. Pickering was in charge of the election of officers which were as follows:

President, Dorothy and Don McLean; Treasurer, Kay and Ross Swackhamer; Secretary, Pauline and Mac Symon; Group Leaders, Louise and Harold Baxter; Doris and Fred Kenner; Helena and Gordon Cunningham; Helen and Gordon Cunningham conducted some games which everyone enjoyed and Dorothy McLean led in some folk dances.

Lunch was served by the committee.

### Mrs. Mary S. Pettit, Reeve of Nelson, Unanimous Choice for Highest Position in the County — Committee Appointed — High School District Matters Referred to Educational Committee

Written exclusively for the Canadian Champion and Acton Free Press

Unique in the history of the Province and Dominion of Canada, Halton County has the first woman to be elected to the wardenship. At the inaugural meeting of Halton County Council, Tuesday, Mrs. Mary S. Pettit, reeve of Nelson was unanimously elected Warden for 1949.

A native of Nelson, Mrs. Pettit has had an unusual career in the municipal field. In 1940 she was elected to the Nelson township council, which office she held until 1945 when she became deputy-reeve. The following year she was elected reeve of her native municipality, holding that office since W. J. Dick, K.C., Crown Attorney administered the oath of office to Mrs. Pettit.

"You are the first woman warden to be elected in the Province of Ontario and possibly have the distinction of being the first woman warden in the Dominion of Canada," declared Mr. Dick. "You were elected unanimously and therefore you will have the support of council members representing each community. I suppose, to a woman, there is a certain amount of glamour to the office, and I am doubly proud to have the honor and distinct one of swearing in the first woman warden in Halton."

He concluded paying tribute to Mrs. Pettit's late husband Harry Pettit, who was clerk of Halton a number of years.

In her inaugural address, Mrs. Pettit welcomed the seven new members, adding "Only by your guidance and co-operation will it be possible for me to succeed. There are many important duties resting on our shoulders, and with your assistance we will be able to successfully complete them. I ask you to accept my sincere thanks for bestowing this honor upon me."

Two other members, John T. Armstrong, reeve of Georgetown, and Wm. Vanackle, reeve of Nassagaweya, were nominated but withdrew in favor of Mrs. Pettit.

William Vanackle said that due to certain circumstances during the past year it was impossible for him to allow his name to stand. John Armstrong, said while Georgetown had not been so favoured for such a long time, he hoped that his municipality would be represented in the near future.

"Mrs. Pettit has given much to the county during her membership, thus I feel she should be so honored at this time."

Clerk William Deana escorted the new warden to the chair, presenting her with gown and gavel representing the office.

Following the advice of the new warden, council chose E. W. Smith James Goodlet, W. H. Bigger, E. Tyler and Wm. Vanackle as an assessment committee. The members will choose a chairman at the first meeting.

Councillor Vanackle urged the committee to make an immediate survey, so council could strive to have it in operation by 1950.

Councillor Jones advised members the Acton representative on the North Halton High School District Board had tendered his resignation he hoped council would appoint two members to the Board (Continued on Page Five)

## Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, no cost per line, with a minimum charge for any announcements of 5c.

Junior Farmer meeting at Lorne School, Wednesday, January 26, 8:30. Good music. Admission 35c.

The Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church annual meeting at the Church, Tuesday, 8 p.m.; January 27th. Ladies provide.

The ladies of St. Joseph's Church are holding a bingo on Tuesday, February 1st, St. Joseph's Hall.