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Acton Council Sets Tax Rate at Monday's Meeting

More Costs Make 69 Mill Rate Necessary—No Difficulty Seen in Town Incorporation—Mail Boxes are Outlined and Halton Member gives His Attention to Matter—Side-walks to be on a Frontage Basis

Acton Council met in regular session on Monday evening. Councilors L. Hotchen, T. Nicol, W. J. McLeod, Deputy Reeve E. G. Tyler were present with Reeve T. Jones presiding.

Mr. Kennedy of the Department of Municipal Affairs was present to discuss with Council the incorporation of the Village into a Town. Application must be made to the Municipal Board to change the status. Mr. Kennedy stated he could not see any grounds for not having the change made. It would mean that there would be a mayor, reeve, deputy reeve, and four councillors as decided on by Council. Mr. Kennedy suggested that the application be made at this time so that the change could be made at the end of the year. He agreed to supply a draft by-law for making the application for the change.

The fourth report of Finance Committee was passed as follows:

A. Gordon, salary	\$17.25
Wartime Housing, bonds	2660.62
J. B. Mackenzie, supplies	385.03
Dept. of Highways, sander	30.00
Hill Telephone, services	19.16
Acton Free Press, printing	2.41
E. E. Harrop, postage	3.80
Grand and Toy, chair	21.25
McCachern Electric, supplies	4.58

\$3,144.14

A copy of a letter from the County Health Unit, stated that the register had been sent to Mrs. Smithurst to allow her to continue to have her Nursing Home for 1949.

A bill from the St. Joseph's Hospital for an indigent patient was accepted.

The list of rates for the Town Hall were studied. It was decided to lower the rates for non-resident organizations to \$25.00 for the night. The other rates are left as they previously were set.

The Council decided to have the Public Utilities Commission install two additional street lights, one on Park Avenue and one on Church Street near Victoria Avenue.

Council discussed the matter of tree removal and decided to have a number of trees and hedges trimmed or removed which are a hazard to pedestrians.

The Clerk read a portion of the building by-law of Esqueping township and this will be used in drafting one for Acton.

The Clerk read a number of reports on the charges made for water services in various municipalities. Council discussed the problem of raising the rates for water service but no action was taken at this time.

A letter was read notifying the Council of a police school to be held in Hamilton in the spring.

A reply from Mr. Hughes Clearer, M.P., asked for more particulars in regard to the installation of mail collection boxes about town. Council designated six places which they thought would be desirable locations and also suggested that provisions be made for the pasting of permits in the collection boxes.

A letter from the municipality of Paris gave the cost of a water-main installed in their town.

It was decided to insure the Y.M.C.A. building for \$50,000 and have the boiler insured.

A letter from the Auditor gave the amount necessary to operate the North Halton High School Acton for 1949. Acton's share this year according to the auditors is \$6,724.00.

The receipts and expenditures for the year were given into. The estimated receipts for the year were \$24,384.94.

The total expenditures for the year were estimated at \$88,880.14. This leaves \$71,800.24 to be raised by taxation. This leaves into consideration the one mill subsidy paid by the government. There is an excess of approximately \$3800 from former assessed value which is nearly six mills. The Halton School mill rate this year is six mills instead of 2 1/2 as last year. Public School rate is up 1 mill on last year. Council decided to budget for paying off \$2800.00 of the overdraft this year.

The following motion was passed by Council, Moved by L. Hotchen (Continued on Page Four)

Nassagaweya Appoints Assistant For the Assessor

At a special meeting of Nassagaweya Township Council held Thursday, February 18th, 1949, a resolution was passed appointing Geo. S. Pullen, Assistant Assessor, to assist in the completion of Assessment under the Permanent Plan.

Other members of Centennial Reunion Committee met with the Council appointing committees reviewing work done by the Historical Committee, and decided on holding the Reunion on July 29th, 30th, 1949 at Hildesville.

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Public Utilities to Purchase Poles of Telephone Co.

Repairs and Improvements Are Discussed and Rental Agreement Reached

Acton Public Utilities Commission met in regular session Tuesday evening. Reeve T. Jones, Commissioner R. MacArthur were present with Chairman C. H. Hanson presiding.

The Treasurer was authorized to transfer \$1500.00 from the Waterworks Department to the General Account of the Corporation.

A letter from the H.E.P.C. of Ontario was read notifying the Commission of the lifting of certain restrictions in regard to display and store lighting.

Another letter from the H.E.P.C. notified the Commission that the group plan of liability and property damage insurance would be carried on for another year. It suggested that the rates of coverage be increased. The Commission decided to increase the amount of insurance to \$20,000, \$40,000 and \$10,000.

A letter was received from the Consolidated Machinery Co. stating that a representative of the Commission would be in town shortly and discuss with the Commission the requirements for a new pump.

Superintendent Wilson reported that a representative of the Bell Telephone Co. had gone over the poles used jointly and the one that the Bell Co. wished to dispose of. There are 37 poles which the Bell Co. will not require which are being used for hydro wires. The cost of these poles would be \$28.00. The average cost of the poles are \$4.43 each. The Commission ordered these poles purchased when the Bell Telephone Co. are finished with them and their wires removed.

Superintendent Wilson reported also that the telephone Co. had agreed to fix a number of poles which were unsatisfactory for use of both Commission and Bell.

Superintendent Lambert reported that the school fire hydrant being used for flooding the rink without proper supervision. A letter was written to the principals of the schools asking that this practice be stopped.

The Commission passed a resolution authorizing the payment of \$500.00 rent per month for the office as the Council had authorized the Y Board to charge this amount.

An additional supply of coal was to be ordered for the pump house.

The Commission discussed at some length the division of the costs of the office and it was decided that a joint meeting of the Council and Commission would be advantageous to both bodies. After the auditing department of the H.E.P.C. have set forth the costs a meeting is to be arranged.

Two street lights are to be installed as ordered by Council One on Park Avenue and the other on Church St.

The repairing of the work shop on Willow Street was discussed by the Commission and it was decided that this building would have to be repaired this summer.

The list of arrears were checked and orders issued for their disposal.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Hydro Department	\$487.44
HEPC of Ontario Power	16.73
Bell Telephone Co.	54.29
MacDonald Electric Ltd.	25.61
F. L. Wright	25.61
F. & F. Lightning Check Writ.	6.05
Grand and Toy Ltd.	1.25
R. E. Lee, Index Product	1.25
N. L. Electric Co.	1.25
Lane and Carlo Accessories	1.25
Electric Electrical Works	1.25
R. C. Gun of Canada, Inspection of Meters	22.21
Miss H. Palmer	1.00
Express and Transport	4.86
Shelburne Bldg.	27.19
	\$524.83

Water Works Department

Acton Free Press	49.15
Nassagaweya Meters Ltd.	49.15
MacDonald, McCull & Co.	11.55
	\$99.85

District Board Met In Acton Monday Evening

The North Halton High School District Board met in Acton on Monday evening with board members, Dr. C. Martin, R. Carbert, D. R. McLaughlin, Wm. Coon, N. I. Pickett, F. W. B. Fitzgerald and G. A. Dilla present and Chairman A. Beaumont presiding.

The Board were informed that Mr. E. Batkin the newly appointed Esqueping representative would not be able to take the position and another appointment would be necessary. The Chairman expressed pleasure on behalf of the Board that G. A. Dilla was again a member.

The usual grant was made to the Acton Music Festival and Mr. Ted Hansen was appointed the Board's representative to the Music Festival Executive.

Accounts amounting to \$11,072.85 were passed for payment and those included payment on the building account.

Mr. G. A. Dilla was appointed a member of the property and building committees.

A letter from the Guelph College gave an estimate of \$4,220.32 as the amount the Halton Board would be required to pay for tuition of pupils from the North Halton District.

Principal Stewart invited the Board members to attend the Commencement of the Acton School on Tuesday evening and arrangements were made for the transportation of the pupils from the rural section to this event.

Tanners Trim Bridgeport Lose to Georgetown Tues.

FEBRUARY MEETING OF DUBLIN W.I. AT MRS. FERGUSON'S

Mrs. Ferguson was hostess for the February meeting of Dublin W.I. with Mrs. Robertson in charge. The Prayer was repeated. Roll call was answered with naming. "Your favorite Radio Program" More publicity was requested from the members.

Mrs. Mansell Nellis, convener of Social Welfare gave a splendid paper on "A few advances in the last 20 years in medicine and dental care." Mrs. J. Dennis read another chapter of Fifty Years of Achievement. Community singing was held with singing of many old favorites. Five Dollars was donated to Halton Music Festival and \$5 to the Unitarian Service Committee of Canada Fund. A Valentine contest was conducted, prizes going to Mrs. Robertson and Mrs. VanGoszen. A hot lunch was served by the hostess and committee and a social hour enjoyed.

Final Game of Schedule in Hesperus Last Thursday Had Many New Angles—Georgetown Took First Game of Play-offs by 9-4 Score—Second Game Will Be Played in Guelph To-morrow Night

Georgetown Raiders left a bitter taste in the mouths of Acton fans on Tuesday night as they humbled the Tanners 9-4 to take a one game lead in the best two of three group semi-final. Raiders took an early lead in the first period by banging home two quick goals and were never headed by the near exhausted Tanners.

The series resumed on Friday night in Guelph's new Memorial Arena with the Tanners facing possible elimination. In the event Acton puts a highly improbable decision over Raiders, the third game will likely revert back to Georgetown.

Although the Tanners had more clean cut scoring chances, Georgetown had too much raw strength and caught Acton with their ignis down in the final stanza when they scored three goals to take a commanding lead. Up until this point there was some doubt as to the outcome since Tanners were staging a determined bid to even the count off. Their failure to capitalize on numerous scoring chances when they had an undefended Lever at their mercy is what actually dimmed their best hopes of emerging on the top side. Then, when forced to cope with three complete Georgetown forward lines as compared with their own two, they found it difficult to sum up sufficient energy to maintain the pace.

Clinging to their checks tactically in the early minutes of the first period it looked as if the Tanners might give Georgetown a run for the marbles but when they did not, the picture assumed a grim outlook. It was generally observed, however, that with any polish at all around the net the story might have been different because Evans, in spite of an attack of flu, was in rare form blocking the persistent Raiders offensive surges.

Tempera flared dangerously as the contest drew to a close. Touched off when Ted Hilson jarred dimwitted Max Bradbury into the dasher with a bruising, but particularly clean, body slam, they made only an added spark to feed the flame fanned by an inconsistent footling job by Braithwaite and Hodgins.

Some of Bradbury's mates, especially his brother, considered it their bonded duty to repay Hilson in kind for his deed, and they conspired in an attempt to cut Ted down. But what they hadn't figured on was Hilson's ability to protect himself under such circumstances. As a result these "Sir Galahads" only exposed themselves to ridicule in their ludicrous attempts to square accounts.

One unfortunate incident did bluish what otherwise was a clean game. Jack Kemphead, doughy Raider pivot, was injured by a flying shillelagh around the eye. It was feared the wound was serious and Kemphead was rushed to the hospital. Reports emanating from Georgetown disclosed it is improbable that his eye will suffer any permanent harm.

Ken Storer, playing one of his better games, notched the first Georgetown goal with Evans playing the short side. An angle about the corner at Storer ranged unheeded in the pay-off slot. Less than a minute later Max Bradbury, banged at a succession of passes for Raiders second in the initial period. Tanners previously had given away plenty of trouble around the face but seemed to lack the polish to finish off their play.

With hand-in-glove penance for (Continued on Page Five)

Thieves Ransacked Editor's Residence on Monday Ev'g.

Failed to Find any Quantity of Money From Cellar to Top Floor

Some thief or thieves chose one of our busy nights to turn the editor's home topsy-turvy in a search for money. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Dilla on Frederick St. was ransacked from cellar to upstairs in an almost fruitless search for money sometime between 7:30 and 11:00 p.m. on Monday night.

The loot secured as near as can be ascertained was about 200 copies of two men's watches valued as family gifts and a box of odd coins the most of which was a \$2.50 American gold piece and two silver dollars. The thief also stole some gold mining certificates that we have been trying to unload for the past thirty years and took an old school bag to load the loot and make a get away. There may be other things that have gone and will be missed later.

Entrance was easily secured through the back door. The key was taken from the window sill and the man was apparently quite familiar with the family habits. The break-in was discovered when Mrs. Dilla who was the first to return home found both back and front doors open and had gone to our nearest neighbour, Mr. John Morton for assistance. The editor arrived home at the same time and Chief Harrop was called to investigate.

We said it was one of our busy nights. The editor was attending the meeting of the North Halton High School District Board. Both Paul and James were at the weekly Scout meeting and later at the Charter Night of Rockwood Boy Scouts. To cover a meeting of Acton Council the same night. Mrs. Dilla was staying with the six year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McArthur, so that Mr. McArthur, foreman, could report the Acton Council meeting.

We failed to understand why the thief took the key of the back door with him. There is no use of him coming back because he got all the savings and relies on my pen and he surely knows by now that there is no money or valuables in the home of a weekly newspaper editor. He's sure going to get the stock of his life when he tries to sell that mining stock. We certainly would like those watches and the coin collection back and we're willing to forget about the 200 copies and the old school bag and the terrific mess in which everything was left. Yes, we'll even forgive the looting of our mining securities, although they always served as a fine reminder not to buy more whenever we were tempted during the past thirty years.

Chief Harrop made an inspection of the break-in and is conducting an investigation. It was found when the telephone was used to call him that the burglar had carefully removed the receiver from the hook so that he would not be disturbed in his work.

Commencement of Acton High School Has Fine Crowd

As the climax to some arduous practicing, the local High School presented a very fine program at their Commencement Exercises in the Town Hall last Tuesday.

A welcome was expressed by the Master of Ceremonies, J. Dills, and the Grade 9 girls presented the first event of the evening, a beautiful rendition of the song, "When Day is Done."

The Graduation Exercises, the next item on the program were presided over by Principal C. A. Stewart. Reeve Jones, Miss M. Hyder and Mrs. N. Harnd made the presentations to the graduates and to the winners of the proficiency awards for scholastic and athletic ability.

The Junior and Senior boys of the school combined efforts to present a spectacular P.T. display of pyramids. With various colored lights playing on them they constructed some of the more difficult pyramids. More than once the top man reached well above the height of the curtain where a fall would have been dangerous.

A girls trio composed of Shirley Thompson, Lorraine Mullin and Olive Musselle joined voices to sing two songs, one of the old favorites "All We Meet Again" and one of the newer numbers, "You Can't Be True Dear."

Dances comprised the Girls P.T. display. The Junior girls presented one of the dances popular a number of years ago, "The Finnish Schottische." The Senior girls contributed a second dance, "The Sailors' Hornpipe."

Hattie Carnegie, enacted by Ted Tyler, entertained her boys at beauties in a very extravagant Fashion Show predicting the fashions of the future. Models for the event were Lyle Maréumont, Whitney Cook, Anthony Backland, Bob Cunningham, and Andy Johnson.

As a final number Yvonne Brundage and Shirley Thompson chose a very beautiful old song and set to a song, "All Through the Night."

In a fine Act Two, "The Sailor's Hornpipe," Melvyn Brewster, Muriel Binnie and Fred Hastings played the parts of Terry, Linda and Colin Arena, respectively. The two systems have been quite powerful until the starting assistance at Cousin Arena's supposedly lost relation. The Faculty, Alumni and the elderly, at Fitzsimmons, also played leading roles in the play.

The final number of the program was a chorus of Grade 9 girls singing two beautiful songs, "Swain Night" and one of the more recent ballads, "Now is the Hour."

The Master of Ceremonies expressed the appreciation of the Acton Participants and Directors for the very fine way in which they received the program.

The final curtain was drawn and the chorus led in the Singing of the National Anthem.

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Acton Juniors Win First of the Play-Off Games

Last night Acton Redmen again triumphed over Georgetown a Junior "D" entry in the first game of the group play-offs by an 8-3 score. The line of Stan Fay, Vaughan and Keith Fay were best for Acton collecting all the goals.

It was fast, fairly even contest which was hard fought from first whistle.

The hapless Blue Shirts—was yet not the victors in a single contest so not seem to have the ability of the coaching that it takes to win games and are not as smooth as the Redmen and their fast brand of wide open hockey. The group series in all probability will be ended at Georgetown on Friday night when they meet again.

There were only seven penalties handed out in the game five of that nature going to Acton.

In the first period Acton held the lead and scored two goals with Vaughan the top scorer.

The second frame, Vaughan, scored the light at 140 but the Redmen held the majority of play time. The goalkeepers were good but in the last period, Acton outscored the Blue Shirts three to one.

A late goal that was fortunate by some standards was a lucky save that prevented Acton's impressive lead from mounting even higher.

It was a good game and the fans appreciated it. As one fan remarked, "We have a A-mazing team here and it doesn't seem to be appreciated by the small crowds that turn out to see them."

A. S. Fay (K. Fay)	4-0
A. Vaughan (S. Fay)	4-0
A. S. Fay (Vaughan)	1-0-55
G. Inglis (Scott)	1-3-30
A. S. Fay (K. Fay)	1-3-30
Peck—Kentner	
A. Vaughan	1-20
Pena—Kentner, Inglis, Fay and South	
A. S. Fay (S. Fay)	3-25
G. K. Scott (Hewitt)	1-15
A. Vaughan (S. Fay, K. Fay)	1-15
A. S. Fay (S. Fay, Vaughan)	11-30
G. Hewitt (K. Scott)	14-45
Pena—Zajac, Kentner	

OPEN NIGHT AT BANNOCKBURN FARM FORUM

It was Open Night at Bannockburn Farm Forum on Monday night. The public had been invited, and about 45 were present to enjoy euche, crinkole, and checkers. Door prizes were won by Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Jack Andrie had ladies high scores and Mrs. Chas. Brinning won the consolation. Mr. J. M. Steele was gent's high and Mr. Cook was second. Bountiful lunch brought the evening to a close.

JUNIOR FARMERS HOLD SUCCESSFUL EUCHRE AND DANCE

The Acton Junior Farmers held another successful Euchre and Dance at Louie school on Farmure with a good attendance.

The winning prizes were awarded to Mrs. H. Switzer and Mr. R. L. Davidson and the consolation prize to Mrs. G. W. Noyesville and Harold Robinson. Acton's school was selected a winner and a half of that prize was enjoyed by all.

Good Turns For Boy Scout Hall Still Continue

Well folks—You will be glad to know that you are progressing favourably with our Scout Home.

The flooring is nearly completed one side of the building is installed. We expect to complete the other side walls and ceiling this week. Excellent lighting and wall paper have been installed.

Unsolicited donations continue to come in and we gratefully acknowledge \$2 from Walter Footitt, \$5 from Mr. A. Clifford, \$10 from B. D. Rachin and \$10 from Elliott Bros.

The Scout Committee

FELL ON GLASS HAD HER THIGH BADLY LACERATED

Mary Hunter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hunter, sustained a deep and severe laceration on her thigh when she fell on some broken glass on Church Street near her home. The wound required about fifty stitches to close and was a deep cut.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings (Continued from Other Events under this heading, are changed, to cover last date—write a neighborly note for any announcements of meetings.)

Returning by popular request, Halton Male Choir, United Church, Monday, February 25th 8 p.m. Get your tickets now.

Don't forget the Friendly Circle Easter Tea and Baking Sale, Saturday, April 9th at the home of Mrs. Jaa Symon from 3 to 6 p.m.