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Council Plans Restriction on Hawkers and Pedlars

More Details are Secured on Making Acton a Town — Protection on Mill Street Crossing to be Further Dealt With — Ruling given Fire Chief on Out of Town Fires

Acton Council met on Monday evening with Councillors W. J. McLeod, L. Holchen, T. Nicol and Deputy-Ressie Tyler present and Reeve T. Jones presiding.

A resolution was passed by Council arranging a division of Commissions among local agents on insurance carried by the Corporation.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

F. L. Wright, insurance	\$258.00
W. D. Talbot, supplies	110.40
L. W. Agar, coal	61.40
Acton Free Press, adver.	13.30
Acton Flour Mills, salt	3.00
Watson Dairy	12.80
Grand & Toy Ltd., supplies	4.54
Newson & Gilbert, supplies	33
J. Goy, transport on sander	3.00
	\$467.48

Fire Chief O. Brown asked ruling of Council regarding area to be covered by the Brigade outside the Corporation boundaries.

The following resolution was passed: That the Council grant permission to the Fire Chief of the Acton Volunteer Fire Brigade to attend fires outside of the Village at his own discretion, but that no more than 50% of the Brigade to attend this out-of-town fire, the rest of the Brigade to stay in the Village in the event that a fire breaks out.

Council discussed with the Fire Chief, the installation of oil burning furnaces and also the periodic inspection of buildings, particularly in the business section.

Council discussed with Chief Harrop the matter of business assessments and licensing of hawkers and pedlars. Supplemental assessment of new buildings were also discussed.

The Clerk read correspondence regarding the holding of a police school of instruction in Hamilton. Council decided that no representative would be sent.

Solicitor Leatherland read a draft of the by-law covering hawkers and pedlars and Council set forth the fees applicable and those who were now liable were listed.

It was decided to hold a special meeting of Council on Tuesday, March 15th.

By resolution the Solicitor was authorized to pay taxes on a property on which the Corporation had a claim.

Council considered a small list of tax arrears and issued instructions for their collection.

The Clerk was instructed to cancel the business permit and tax of Mrs. Jessie Landborough for 1948 and of Wm. Grundy for 1948.

A letter was read from Acton School Board regarding the requisition for 1949 and assurance that the Board would co-operate in every way possible.

Letters were read from Galt, Burlington and Paris regarding the cost of railway crossing signals installed in those municipalities. The Clerk was instructed to proceed further with the crossing protection on Mill Street.

A letter was read denying negligence of the town for an accident on the streets and the claim was refused by the insurance company as adequate sanding had been done by the Municipality.

Letters from the Canadian Welfare Association and the Pedlar People were read and filed.

Plans of the Bell Telephone Co. for the erection of lines in the municipality were approved by Council. The plans call for removal of poles from Mill Street and many improvements.

The Clerk read a letter from the Municipal Board and a draft by-law necessary to incorporate Acton as a town. The procedure necessary was outlined and will be dealt with more fully at another meeting.

Council adjourned about 1 a.m.

ANOTHER RESIDENT JOINS THE OVER NINETY GROUP

Acton district has another member of "The Over Ninety Birthday Club." On Sunday Mr. D. D. Morrison quietly marked his ninetieth birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Morrison have been residents of this district for the past twenty-five years and we join with hearty, even if belated birthday congratulations to this latest resident of an exclusive group.

50th Anniversary Of Wedding of Acton Couple

On Monday, March 7th, Mr. and Mrs. Alex MacGregor joyfully celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home on John St. With the exception of a few years spent in Western Canada, they have spent most of their life in Acton and vicinity. They have two daughters, Mrs. W. D. Talbot, Acton, and Mrs. Merwin H. Royster of Hobbs, New Mexico, and one granddaughter, Mrs. John McHugh.

Many gifts and congratulations were received from relatives and friends.

We join with other friends of this well-known couple in extending congratulations and best wishes for many more happy years.

Additional Pump At Spring for Water Supply

Engineer Confers with Commission — Change in Billing of Power

The regular meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Tuesday evening. All members were present with Chairman C. M. Hansen presiding.

A letter was read from the H.E.P.C. of Ontario stating that hereafter the charge for power consumed would be made on the kilowatt hours consumed instead of the horse-power reading. They asked that the industrial users be charged on the same basis. This will be inaugurated at the next billing period in April. On the February billing approximately \$8.00 would be saved in the cost of power to the Commission. This reduction will be passed on to the industrial user, the same as the cost to the Commission.

Mr. Napier of the Consolidated Machinery Co. was present to discuss with the Commission the purchase of a new water pump for the spring. Details of auxiliary power head were explained, also an engine to drive same. It was decided to view the pump house and then turn the details over to the Council for their consideration.

Superintendent Wilson reported that there were five power meters to be replaced and to have government inspection then the 1949 meters will be completed.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Hydro Department
Acton Free Press advertising \$12.80
Whitman's Garage, gas 9.87
Force Electric, Supplies 2.83
Can. Gen. Electric, supplies 12.11
Grand & Toy Ltd., supplies 12.15
Symon Hardware supplies 12.88
Mrs. H. McDonald renewal 68.00
Express and Transport 11.43

Waterworks Department
Canadian Brass Co. \$23.84
W. H. Cunningham & Hill Co. 1.38
Symon Hardware 22.72
Neptune Meters Ltd. 48.31

\$84.25

The Soviets claim to have developed a 45-ton truck.

Juniors Pile Up 20-1 Score In Second Round

Fenelon Falls Entry Gets Much Rubber In Tuesday Night's Play-Off

When Acton Redmen really get down to the business of passing that black disc around, they are apt to give the opposition an inferiority complex by firing twenty or thirty shots behind even a so-called invincible net mender before intervention of the final bell. Tuesday night, exhibiting a power-laden passing attack they practically blew up the second round of the O.H.A. Junior "D" playdowns by blasting Fenelon Falls Spinners 20-1, in their second scoring period within a week, to take a one game lead in the best of three series.

Resuming to night in Fenelon Falls, the series isn't likely to be prolonged by a win on the Falls part. Unless they show vast improvement the margin should be just as large, if not larger, than it was on Tuesday.

The Redmen were too potent for the visitors in every department and that includes speed, combination, polish, with a weight advantage thrown in as well. Although not as one-sided as the contest a week previous, it possessed all the ingredients of a complete contest. Play was virtually consolidated in Spinners end with periodic excursions, rather few and far between, over the Acton blue line.

Soft ice didn't deter the Redmen from relaying accurate passes to one another with flawless precision. It delighted the thousand odd paying customers to view an Acton club take up where some of the old puck masters left off and they had particularly fine words for the somewhat performance of blue-liner Bob McEwen, basking in the limelight as a result of his disarming method of totting the biscuit. McEwen is a natural at logging the puck around, and his effortless grace at manipulating rates him the No. 1 spot in the local club's stick handling department.

Fred Kentner and Harold Townsley too aggressively wended their respective ways in on brilliant solo rushes, putting more than their quota of the night's goals. Kentner went about the entire Falls team while Townsley possessing a terrific shot, released one that had enough velocity to dent the mesh from the blue-line despite the presence of an alert and efficient net guardian. Brackenshire, as the rebound tender is named, was easily the bright spot in the Falls team, blocking shots from every conceivable angle with perfect resignation to his fate. He restricted to 20, what might easily have been double that amount of goals.

Acton's first string forward trio, composed of the two Fay brothers, Stan and Keith, and Bill Vaughan, gave Brackenshire plenty to do as they figured in nine of the Redmen's total. To Vaughan, the two Fays fed pucks at a brisk pace and the red-head responded with five goals while Stan and Keith picked up a pair apiece.

Rozell, Mowat and Arbie started to click in the latter part of the game rapping in several goals. Unselfish with the puck, this three-

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More Thievery When Arena Is Wilfully Damaged

Among the worst thieving and wilful damage of this week was that at the Acton Arena on Friday night when persons broke in and used the ice surface, broke into the hockey dressing rooms and scattered equipment and took skates and stick blades and chocolate bars etc. from the Scout Mother's refreshment booth at the arena. It was an orgy of destruction and the merest kind of thieving on an organization which has been attempting to raise funds for the Scout and young people of Acton.

Stealing of car keys, breaking in to cars and taking contents and other housebreaking acts reported by many lately. Looks as if the lawlessness has gotten out of hand.

60 Foxes Shot in Esqueusing in Past Two Months

Council Pays Bounty At March Meeting This Week

The regular meeting of Esqueusing Township Council was held on Monday afternoon with all members present, and Reeve George Currie presiding.

The treasurer was authorized to pay the following accounts: Municipal World, \$10.61; Carney's Hardware, stove, \$219.35; Town of Milton, court fees, \$4.80; Bell Telephone, \$7.25; M. McCullough, shooting dog worrying sheep, \$5.00; Wm. Caves, rent, \$10.00; A. W. Benton, stamps, \$7.00; General Accident Assurance, renewal band, K. C. Lind, assessor, \$1.00; March 1, 1950 \$40; Workmen's Compensation, on clerical employees, \$7.94.

The following 1948 business taxes were written off the roll: Roll 1948 decreased, \$4.26; Frank Van Wyck, moved away, \$5.78; Glen Textiles Ltd., roll closed since June 1948, refund, \$27.94.

The assessments of Harold Skelly for 400 horse removed, Herb Hill, Rogers, \$100, business assessment, and Glen Textiles Ltd., \$3000 business assessment, were written off the roll.

Relief accounts amounting to \$2015 as presented by Helief Officers were ordered paid.

It was decided that Council would take no action in supplying tile for the ditcher in Norval on the No. 7 Highway, and a copy of this resolution was forwarded to Stanley Hill, M.P.P.

The treasurer was authorized to pay road accounts as presented by the Road Superintendent, amounting to \$3,672.67.

Claims for foxes shot under a County by-law were paid to 13 men who destroyed 35 foxes and collected \$175 in bounties. Claims at \$3. per fox on 25 foxes shot from Jan. 10 to Feb. 7, were paid under by-law No. 4-49 of the Township of Esqueusing and this by-law was rescinded.

MANY ATTEND THE FARM EQUIPMENT DEMONSTRATION HERE

About 125 who were interested in farm equipment attended a demonstration and picture of Ford, Dearborn equipment at Thompson Motors last Friday afternoon. A question period on machine problems proved very helpful.

Prizes were won by Tom Saunders, Rockwood; Allan Burnett, R. R. 3, Rockwood; E. A. Mann, Acton; T. D. Graham, Erin and Fred Cole, Acton. The afternoon also provided a social time and refreshments were served the group.

I.O.D.E. CHAPTERS TELL OF WORK IN BRITISH WEEK

Last Friday at the screening of one of Dickens' famed classics "Oliver Twist" in the Roxy Theatre, the two chapters of the Daughters of the Empire presented a brief outline of their work between their first and second show.

The regents of the two chapters, Mrs. Orr representing the Lakeside Chapter and Mrs. Baird representing the Duke of Devonshire Chapter, were flanked on either side by the flags of their respective chapters, carried by the standard bearers, Mrs. Dumérché and Mrs. Long.

The representatives of the chapters each gave brief accounts of the work of their organization and voiced their thanks to Mr. Robison for this opportunity to appear. Both regents also pointed out the value of British films to the public.

County Rate Higher With Last Year's Surplus

OFFICERS' TEA OF DEVONSHIRE CHAPTER I.O.D.E.

The Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. annual Officers' Tea was held last week at the home of Mrs. Baird. The Regent, Mrs. N. Baird, presided and after the customary opening ceremonies read a short poem entitled "The Optimist." After welcoming the new officers, one minute of silence was observed in tribute to the memory of the late Mrs. Gould, a charter member of the Chapter.

It was decided to make the usual donation to the Halton Music Festival. A letter from Marry Sims was read, in which she expressed her thanks and appreciation for the Chapter's award given for highest standing in the final year at Acton High School to one going on to higher study, and which was presented to her, in absentia, at the school's commencement exercises last month.

At the close of the business meeting, the teachers of Acton's Public and High Schools and the officers of Lakeside Chapter, I.O.D.E., were welcomed as guests for the meeting and a short interesting program was enjoyed. Miss Dorothy Simmons gave two songs, Mrs. Grant McDonald a piano solo, and Mrs. H. Mainprize read several short poems from a book of verse by the Canadian Poetess, Edna Jacques Mrs. A. Orr, Regent of Lakeside Chapter expressed the appreciation of the guests.

Mrs. J. C. Matthews, Hon. Regent and Mrs. D. McLean, 2nd Vice-Regent presided at the tea table, which was lovely with its huge bouquet of spring flowers in red and yellow and tall white tapers, and a very pleasant social hour was spent.

RURAL NAMES IN HALTON THAT ARE NOW FORGOTTEN

Following our comment on names that used to mark corners and settlements in Halton, we are reminded of four more that are not commonly known to-day. There is St. Helena on the Town Line of Nasawagawa and Esqueusing and Ladysmith which was on the next line west in Nasawagawa and Kentucky that used to be on the fourth Concession in Nasawagawa.

Mr. Allan McIsaac also drew to our attention that Glen Lawlor was the name of what is now more commonly called Dolly Varden. Perhaps there are others that recall some of these now extinct names.

New Fire Escape At Public School is Satisfactory

The regular meeting of the Acton Public School Board was held at the home of Trustee Baird on March 3rd with Trustees Oakes, Bowles, Heard and Baird present.

Mr. McKenite reported that the new fire escape had been used by about 200 pupils and was very satisfactory. A full fire drill is to be held shortly to familiarize all pupils of the second floor with the new escape.

Requisitions for supplies presented by the principal were approved. As certain requirements for Kindergarten could not be secured locally, the board approved an expenditure of \$25.00 by Miss McPhail for same.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Mrs. H. McDonald, insurance \$138.00
W. D. Talbot, supplies 73
Maasles Dairy, k.p. milk 23.40
Acton Machine Shop 95.04
Watson Dairy, k.p. milk 22.40
C. Anderson Co. supplies 258.00
J. H. Goy, express 8.57
J. Hargrave, fuel oil 57.50
Can. Nature, book 2.10
James Texts, supplies 5.10
U. of T. Press, books 13.25
Bell Telephone 3.58
Mrs. Parry, cleaning 30.00
Two boys, snow removal 3.80
Public Utilities, light 37.80

\$703.41

The Board directed the secretary to assess the North Halton High School District Board \$128.74 cost of operation for month of February.

Council not satisfied with Assessment Department — Duplication of Grants to be Avoided — Will Pay Bounty for Destroying Foxes — Salary Increases are Passed

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While there is a slight raise in the county rate for 1949, a surplus of \$18,155.96 was carried over from last year it was revealed in a report of the Finance Committee presented at the regular meeting of Halton County Council held at the Court House last Tuesday afternoon.

J. W. Higgins, chairman in his report on the budget, estimated expenditures for the year as \$141,330.05 as compared from the different departments. For the administration of Justice it would cost \$18,600.00, Jail, \$13,500.00, Agriculture, \$4,250.00, Charity and Welfare, \$68,800.00, Indebtedness charges, \$18,058.84, General Administration, \$20,800.00, Highway office, \$2,400.00, Reformation, \$13,000.00 and miscellaneous accounts, \$715.31.

Estimated revenue from the different departments are: Administration of Justice, \$3,250.00, Jail, \$2,000.00, Licenses, \$200.00, Registry office, \$3,500.00, Hospital accounts, \$4,500.00, Rents (Health Unit), \$400.00, Ontario Training Schools account, \$1,000.00, miscellaneous subsidies, \$100.00, and surplus from 1948, \$18,155.96.

In recommending a by-law be prepared the chairman said the necessary moneys to be raised by general levy would be \$102,134.10 or 32 mills, a 2 mill increase over a year ago. Total expenditures for 1949 were estimated at \$3,401.60 or 23 mills. Last year's rate was 175.

Members approved of the Finance Committee's report adding it had done an excellent job in keeping the rate down, in spite of the higher cost of administration and maintenance. Council also approved of the committee's recommendation that the treasurer, Miss Margaret Maxted, Clerk William Dean, and County Engineer Roy Smith be granted a \$200 increase, retroactive to January 1st, 1949. Members advised council Mr. Smith had taken on extra duties as building superintendent. Their recommendation to increase the County Assessor's salary to \$2,800 was held over for further consideration of the Assessment Committee. The Assessor's clerk was granted an increase of her salary from \$17 to \$25 a week. The auditor's report was approved and payment of their \$400 was ordered.

Criticism of the Assessor's department was made in a report by the chairman James Goodlet, which reads: "That Miss Field of the Registry office be instructed to give a more descriptive outline on property reports to local assessors. 2. That we the committee are dissatisfied in not having a report of the County Assessor, as requested at the last meeting; namely a report of all properties turned into the assessor's office as completed by local assessors."

"Our committee feels if it is to function properly we will all have to get down to work and have cooperation all the way down the line," Mr. Goodlet declared.

Council approved Wm. VanSick-Je's recommendation on behalf of the Reformation Committee of a parcel of land, 30 acres, be purchased from Robert Laking, Napa-

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Coming Events

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

Dance, Stewarttown, Esqueusing Community Hall, Debonnaires Orchestra, Friday 11th March.

Spring Tea and Sale of Work, May 7th Parish Hall. Auropces St. Alban's Guild.

St. Patrick's Supper served at 6 o'clock in S.S. room, United Church. Come and enjoy a good meal, Mar. 17th. Admission, Adults 50c, children 35c.

FORE! Interested in golf? A 8-week course, commencing Wednesday, March 16 at 8 p.m. for beginners and advanced. Everything supplied, instructions by George O'Donoghue. Fee \$5.00. Members free.

MARRIED FIFTY YEARS



Mr. and Mrs. Alex MacGregor, lifelong residents of Acton and district, who on Monday, quietly marked their Golden Wedding Anniversary.