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## Application to Elevate Acton to Town Status

### By-law Passed for Licensing of Hawkers and Peddlers — Annexation of Crescent and Other Sections Have Approval — Council and Cemetery Board Meet Regarding Employee Conduct — Bell Telephone Improvement Plans are Discussed

All councillors were present at the regular bi-monthly meeting of Acton Council last Monday with Mayor Theron Jones presiding. Members of the cemetery board were present to discuss with council the dissatisfaction of the council to the work of Wm. Churchill. The Cemetery Board stated they had been completely satisfied with the work of Mr. Churchill in the cemetery and voiced considerable surprise at the disagreement during his employ at the arena. The town foreman also stated that he had no complaints concerning the work of Mr. Churchill for the two weeks he was with him before going to the arena other than the fact that he would not come to work at 7:00 a.m. Members of the Cemetery Board took considerable offence at the report of the last council meeting regarding the employee as it appeared in the Free Press. The gentlemen felt the report was "ill advised", and they would "contact the proper authority." No definite conclusion was arrived at and the matter was left in the hands of the Cemetery Board.

A delegation of Messrs. Reid, Bouvier and Long was present in the interest of Micro Plastics. These gentlemen desired some information regarding a possible expansion of their plant in the municipality. Discussion was left over for the next meeting.

Accounts were passed as follows:

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| B. J. Tennant, labour   | \$23.25 |
| H. Oakley, labour       | 37.50   |
| Thompson Motors         | 45.58   |
| Bell Telephone          | 15.82   |
| South End Motors        | 3.00    |
| Acton Public Utilities  | 201.84  |
| Manning Electric        | 2.50    |
| C. E. Hickey and Son    | 89.75   |
| Symon Hardware          | 17.52   |
| Equipping Street Lights | 27.00   |

Clerk J. McGrachie gave a full report on his attendance with the Town Solicitor to the Industrial conference in Toronto on March 17 and 18th.

Reeve Jones reported to council on the trip of the Deputy Reeve and himself to Toronto on several Municipal items.

A by-law making necessary the purchase of a license by Hawkers and Peddlers was passed. This by-law requires that all those agents, door to door salesmen, etc., of products whose manufacturer does not reside in town will need a license.

The tax rate of 80 mills was set out in a by-law for the municipality. The taxes are to be paid in four instalments as is customary.

A by-law providing for the expenditures on roads and streets in the village was passed. The grants on these expenditures will amount to 50 per cent.

By-law 874 was passed to make application to the Ontario Municipal Board to have the Village of Acton erected into a Town.

Daylight Saving time was adopted by by-law to be effective during the period from Sunday April 24th at 12:01 to Sunday September 25th at 12:01.

The following is the text of the letter received from Lucas and Lawson regarding the Annexation of land adjacent to the municipality and that section of the Crescent now outside the boundaries: "I have been notified by the Ontario Municipal Board that the time for filing objections has now expired, and no objections having been filed with the Board, would you kindly advise the date when the annexation is desired to take effect so that the supplementary order fixing this may be appended to the Board's order of approval."

A motion was made asking the Municipal Board to set the date of Annexation as of January 1st, 1948. The reeve, deputy-reeve and clerk were appointed to arrange a settlement between Equipping Twp. and Acton.

A communication from the Y.M.C.A. Board of Directors was read expressing the appreciation of that Board in the council's co-operation in operating the Y.M.C.A.

The Wool Combing Corporation asked by letter information regarding Fire Town Volunteer Department in the event of fire. The

## Local Girls Model at Spring Fashion Show

The spring fashion parade at the Roxy Theatre last Wednesday and Thursday drew large crowds both evenings. Feature of the show was the modelling by four local girls, Misses Lois Hunter, Joy Romphf, Georgina Perryman and Betty Gibson, who had been selected by popular vote for the event. Also taking part in the program was Miss Margaret McDonald, professional model of Guelph.

Miss Joanne Stout of Station CJOY Guelph introduced each model and commented on the fashions and trends of the season. Fashions were supplied by Ros-Ann Store and shoes by Maher's. Kendrick's Hairdressing had charge of the hair styles and the stage setting was arranged by Acton Home Furnishings.

The awards for the modelling were as follows: Betty Gibson, \$10 voucher from Ros-Ann; Lois Hunter, \$7 voucher from Ros-Ann; Joy Romphf, \$5 voucher from Maher's and Georgina Perryman \$3 voucher from Maher's. Each model also received free passes to the Roxy for a month and a coupon for Elizabeth Arden Cream at Cooper's Drug Store.

## Survey Meters Before Change to 60 Cycle Made

### To Secure Plans for Installation of Additional Pump at Reservoir

Acton Public Utilities Commission met in regular session on Tuesday evening. All members were present with Chairman C. M. Hanson presiding.

A letter was read from the H.E.P.C. of Ontario stating they would have an inventory taken of the meters in Acton before the change to 60 cycles so that the new meters would be ready when the change-over takes place.

A letter from the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation asked if the staff would check on the electrical appliances in use at the Wartime Housing when making their rounds to see that the services are not overloaded. This is to try and eliminate the fire hazard. The Commission will co-operate with this request.

Permission was given Superintendent Wilson to purchase a pair of second-hand scales for use at the workshop.

The advisability of purchasing a watt meter was discussed but this matter was left over for future meetings.

Superintendent Lambert reported a break in a service on Agnes St. This service supplied jaw dwellings and it was decided to install a separate service to the second house.

The matter of sending a delegate to the Waterworks Convention in Quebec was discussed. It was decided to leave the matter for Council to decide.

A floor plan was to be secured from Consolidated Machinery Co. for the proposed pump at the spring.

The list of arrears was checked and instructions issued for their disposal.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

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|---------------------------|---------|
| Hydro Department          |         |
| Bell Telephone Co.        | \$14.09 |
| H.E.R.C. of Ont. Power    | 4895.63 |
| Personal Stationary Sales | 6.00    |
| Line & Cable Accessories  | 34.90   |
| Force Electric Products   | 4.20    |
| MacDonald Electric Ltd.   | 23.12   |
| Canada Wire & Cable Co.   | 57.82   |
| Jac. R. Kearney Corp.     | 28.16   |
| Res. Gen. of Canada       | 22.85   |
| Mrs. H. Palmer            | 12.00   |
| Express & Transport       | 7.10    |

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| Waterworks Department   |        |
| Dominion Flow Meter Co. | 6.75   |
| Wallace and Tiernan     | 34.82  |
| Drummond McCall & Co.   | 119.28 |

Recently removed restrictions on the sale of margarine in Canada had been in effect for 80 years.

## RANNOCKBURN W. I. HAS BUSY MEETING AT MRS. ROTZ HOME

The March meeting of the Rannockburn W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. Rotz. In the absence of Mrs. Gordon, secretary, Mrs. S. Russell took her place.

A letter was read from Clarence Cole, secretary of Rannockburn Farm Forum, thanking the Institute for their part in helping to purchase a radio for the school.

Flowers were to be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Morrison on the occasion of their sixty-second wedding anniversary and also Mr. Morrison's ninetieth birthday.

A series of small eucrae are to be held at homes of some of the members.

A eucrae and dance is planned for the end of the month.

A paper on citizenship was read by Mrs. McEachern and enjoyed by everyone.

Lunch was served by the hostess and her assistants and an enjoyable time held. The evening closed with the singing of "God Save the King".

## Putting Trimmings On Interior Of New Scout Hall

Best winter building weather ever seen has favoured the work on the Acton Scout Home and the grandest community co-operation has been shown in the project.

The walls and ceiling are on and the floor completed and the weather shut-out from around the eaves.

The doors are ready to hang and this week the foundation was put in for the fireplace. Today master mason Allan Leishman with two assistants, Kelly Gardner and "Louie" are building a fine fireplace. Baxter Laboratories loaned the cement mixer for the workers who ran in the fireplace foundation.

Financial help came from C. A. Stewart with \$5 and Station Hotel of \$20. Folks who aren't building are supplying the funds for materials and the job will soon be done.

## Fast Ambulance Trip Fails to Save Acton Twins

In an effort to save the lives of twin babies of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gervais, Cameron Street, a quick ambulance trip was made yesterday morning. The twin babies born at the Acton Nursing home weighed 2 lb 10 ozs and 2 lb 2 ozs at birth. They were taken by V. B. Rumley's Ambulance to the Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto leaving Acton at 9:35 and arriving in the hospital there at 10:25 a.m.

Both the children passed away later in the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.

## International Director Rotary At Acton Club

Gordon Perdue of Oakville, Canadian representative on International Rotary was the special speaker at Acton Club on Tuesday. It was largely through the efforts of this untiring Rotarian that the Acton Club was formed and in his opening remarks Mr. Perdue recalled the satisfaction he realized in again visiting this club and marking the progress it had made in its first year.

"Rotary Another Crusade" was the subject of Mr. Perdue's address and it was one of the finest the club has heard and splendid explanation of Rotary and its Crusade for brotherhood in the world. He told of the Rotary International Board and the restoration work in the east.

Mr. Perdue was introduced by Jack Roston and the thanks of the members extended to the speaker by Norm Baird.

In addition to Mr. Perdue, the club had nine visitors from the Guelph Club, who were introduced by Frank Chapple after a welcome by Reeve T. Jones. The visitors were Dr. A. Ritchie, Geo. Chalmers, Alf. Bassett, Fred Kelly, Al Daymond, Alex. McLaughlin, Will. Tully and Jim Osborne.

Vic Rumley of the Nominating Committee submitted a list of nominations for the various offices which were to be further considered at the next meeting. The Club marked the birthday of Frank Oakley this week and President A. Mason's cake was enjoyed.

Woodpackers are found in nearly all trees areas of the world. Acton deafness wide open and firing

## SENTENCED FOR 8 YEARS



Leo Burnell, alias Adams, who was sentenced on Monday to eight years in the Penitentiary for his participation in the robbery of the Bank of Nova Scotia at Campbellville. John Krywarchuk, another of the gang was sentenced to 20 years for his part in the robbery.

## Eight Years for Second Man in Bank Robbery

### Leo Burnell Found Guilty of Robbing Branch at Campbellville

Leo Burnell, alias Adams, was found guilty of robbing the Bank of Nova Scotia at Campbellville on July 8th, 1947, while armed, of \$10,000 cash and \$95,000 in bonds, by Judge Archibald Cochrane in County Criminal Court in Milton Monday afternoon. The court immediately sentenced the accused to serve 8 years in the Penitentiary.

Burnell charged by the Crown as being the driver of the bandit's car is the second to be sentenced, for the hold-up. John Krywarchuk was sentenced to serve 20 years for his part in the robbery. Evidence disclosed that three men with painted faces entered the Campbellville branch about 2:15 in the afternoon and made off with the \$105,000 loot. They herded Frank Quinlan, manager and his teller, Miss Holmes out of the bank to the road where the men jumped into a car and sped south toward Hamilton.

Krywarchuk was arrested with a woman in a tourist cabin east of Hamilton shortly after the robbery where police found \$1000 in bills identified as taken from the bank hidden under a pillow. Burnell was arrested in Vancouver and brought back to Milton to stand trial last September.

The accused was identified by Roy Coulter as being the driver of the car. Coulter testified he attempted to drive his car out on the Guelph Road in an effort to stop the bandit's car. Further evidence by Mrs. Dorothy Smythe of Toronto disclosed accused paid her \$30 on a \$50 loan with six five dollar bills bearing serial numbers of those taken from the bank on July 8th, 1947.

The Crown's case presented by Harvey McCulloch, Crown Attorney for Hamilton, had been heard at two other sittings of the Court. When court resumed Monday, defence evidence was heard.

Mrs. Ella Adams, wife of the accused said she met her husband on a train bound for Montreal the day previous to the hold-up. Continuing her alibi evidence, she said he helped at her deceased father's store on July 8th, remaining with her two or three days longer.

Witness testified she married Adams five weeks later, and with the money obtained from the sale of the store spent a short honeymoon in Quebec. Later they moved to Vancouver where a boarding house was purchased. She told how he helped around the house, later taking a job with a carnival. She denied knowledge of her husband's record until after he was arrested.

Miss Joyce Cowper, Guelph Junction, was visiting friends who lived across the road from the bank on the day in question. She said she saw the driver of the car, but thought he appeared to be a younger man than accused.

Taking the stand in his own defence, Burnell admitted a lengthy record. He described meeting his wife on the train and also elaborated on his convictions of illegal entry into the United States. He also denied owing Mrs. Smythe money, adding he had given her a \$50 loan holding a diamond ring as security.

He further admitted being chased by a Toronto policeman when Mrs. Smythe's home was raided on July 8th.

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## YOUNGER BROTHER MARKS HIS 100th BIRTHDAY ON 17th

John Robertson's 100th birthday falls on St. Patrick's Day, but he doesn't claim Ireland as his country of origin. Mr. Robertson was born in Dorchester Township in 1849 of Scottish parentage. Until recently he lived with his brother Charles who was 102 years old in February. These boys are Great Uncles of Mrs. E. Lambert.

## Careless Driving Charge Brings Fine in Court

William Thompson, Hornby, was convicted and assessed \$5 and costs or five days, on a charge of careless driving on the Base Line, February 15th, and failing to give one half of the roadway. He appeared in County Magistrate's Court in Milton last week before Magistrate T. H. Moorhead, of Brampton, in the absence of Magistrate Kenneth M. Langdon.

According to the testimony of Harold Bartman, Brown's Line he was following the curve in the roadway on the Seventh Line and Base Line intersection at Hornby east, as the accused's car was proceeding east. He stated Thompson continued through the intersection striking his car on the right front fender. Witness said accused failed to come to a stop, forcing him to swerve in an effort to miss the crash.

Provincial Constable J. A. Mc-Niven told the court damages amounting to \$200 was caused to the Bartman car. He said the Thompson car went out of control proceeding east and turned over on the north shoulder of the road.

George E. Elliott made a strong plea for dismissal arguing the accident occurred by mistaken judgment.

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY PROGRAM AT MEETING KNOX SO-ED CLUB

The regular meeting of the Knox So-Ed Group was held on Wednesday evening, March 16th, in the schoolroom. The devotion for the evening were taken by I. McLellan and M. Roszell. Following the business an enjoyable St. Patrick program was presented with the President Miss I. Anderson, presiding. Musical selections by B. Ritchie and vocal solos by B. Roszell were much enjoyed. The President demonstrated the Musical Jug owned by Mrs. Hall and it proved very interesting, playing Irish melodies. Everyone entered wholeheartedly in contests which followed, prizes going to B. Mapleaden and R. Patterson for the Guessing Contest; Mrs. Blow for the best joke; Isabel Anderson for Irish citter; Mrs. Blow for "Pigs in Pigs"; B. Roszell for "What do you know about Ireland"; Group I for a Spelling Contest and for the "Artist's Contest". The lucky birthday box went to M. Somerville. A special St. Patrick's lunch served by M. Roszell's group brought an evening of fun to a close.

## Train Derailed Early Yesterday on C.N.R. Line

### No One Injured When Three Cars Left the Rails

A tender and three coaches were derailed three miles north of Georgetown Wednesday morning on the Hamilton-Allandale C. N. R. line, as it rounded a curve in the track.

While officials late yesterday were unable to determine cause of the accident, two theories were advanced. Some thought the swaying train jumped a rail while others thought a soft spot in the road-bed was the cause.

Ten passengers riding the coach at the rear were uninjured as the small train skidded along 300 feet before coming to a stop. None of the coaches including the express-mail car toppled from their carriages. Considerable length of track was torn up while some of the different cars were damaged.

Conductor R. W. Colpitts, of Collingwood, said the train was travelling about 20 miles per hour when it was derailed. It stopped within the length of itself, he said. The Boston-Allandale train backed up south to the disabled train and took the passengers on to Allandale, officials said.

A 10-year program will electrify Sicily's railways.

## Acton Juniors Defeated By Orono Two Straight

### The North Halton Board Meeting on Monday Evening

Accounts amounting to \$7,880.88 were passed for payment at the meeting in Milton on Monday evening of the North Halton High School District Board.

The open night at Milton school will be held on April 8th when Mr. Norman Davies will be the speaker representing the Ontario Department of Education.

Assistant Principals were appointed in both schools who will assume charge of the school in the absence of the principal, Mr. C. A. Wood for Milton School and Mr. E. A. Hansen for the Acton School.

Authorization was given for new shelving, floor finishing and repairs to the davenport and chair at the Acton school. Other minor repairs were given attention at the Milton School.

The Board will hereafter meet on the fourth Monday of each month. Following the meeting the Board members inspected the new rooms and equipment at the Milton school and had sandwiches and tea in the new household science room.

## Juniors Took Round From South River

### Fine Game in Acton Arena On Thursday Night Had 6-3 Score for Acton

With some 1200 fans roaring approval of their most stirring performance this term, Acton Redmen overcame a one goal deficit existing from the first game of the series, then decisively marched on to a 6-3 victory over South River Chevrotes here last Thursday night to capture the goals-to-count round by an 8-6 margin. The win, witnessed by the largest arena crowd ever to view a Junior game in Acton, gave the Redmen an admission ticket to the provincial semi-finals.

In a contest jam-packed with action throughout, it wasn't until the final chapter, during the latter minutes, that the flashy Acton club rapped in the series clincher, to the immense satisfaction of a partisan crowd. Until that particular point, it was a toss-up who would survive what was tagged "the best game seen this year," by most spectators.

South River presented the strongest opposition the Acton Club have encountered thus far. They extended the locals to the limit and refused to admit defeat until the final second had elapsed. A fast, close checking club, they found Rusk, in the Acton nets, a hard nut to crack.

Rusk played spectacular hockey all the way. Called on to make numerous saves on clean-cut breaks, he rose to the occasion with an agile display of puck blocking that had all the earmarks of brother-in-law "Dookey" Evans' hot night. He was in fact, the series hero.

After the first period Acton was never headed on the game but the series champion wasn't determined until the two goals late in the final stanza.

Eager to overtake the one goal lead posted by South River in the first game of the set, Acton, like a domineering parent, slapped home the first goal of the game and put an entirely different complexion on the series. Bill Vaughan took Stan Fay's pass behind the cords, worked his way in front. With a shot directed at the open corner he found the target for number one. The terrific pace that ensued was sprinkled with a liberal dose of penalties before Dame Fortune smiled benevolently in South River's direction, when a puck fell under Kentner's skates in an aimless scramble around the Acton net. Bedard scooped it up and slammed it home. However, six minutes later Stan Fay set brother Keith in the clear and he sparked the light to again knot the series.

Visitors pressed as the middle chapter opened with Brooks breaking into the clear on two occasions only to have Rusk block both his shots. While the River crew strove for balance, Townsley retrieved a loose puck, pulled the length, relayed to Vaughan who picked the right corner on an astonishing angle for his second goal. What

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## Local Team Gave their Best but Went Down to a Good Team in Semi-Finals — Game at Milton last Night Had Packed Arena — Orono Now Goes into the Finals — Hockey Finished in Acton After Another Good Season

Acton Juniors fared from the hockey picture last night losing their second straight game to Orono in the provincial semi-finals at Milton arena. Firing three goals in the last period without a reply, Orono found the measure was adequate. They had too much firepower for the Redmen and might easily have had a wider margin than the modest 6-4 count they won by.

It was a clean, fast skating game with both clubs going at an accelerated clip. The Orono team now enter the Ontario finals against the winner of the Milverton-Lyndon series.

Three brothers, Ray, Don and Jim West packed all the wallop of the Orono Club. Aided by a hefty defence they figured in practically all the goals scored. Brother Ray was the most potent of the three—some firing five past Rusk on the series. Gearing played a strong game in the nets to withstand the most determined Acton offensive.

The Acton club tried desperately but didn't possess enough puck savvy to fire many goals. Rusk while in goal with a sound effort while Kentner and McEnery played heads up hockey on the offensive.

The loss concluded a splendid hockey season for the locals. They lost only three games in twelve played since the season's inception. One of the best Junior clubs to ever come out of Acton they tried right down to the wire. Although outplayed in the last period they never gave up trying and were the first to congratulate the winners on their success.

### First Period

Play started off slow in the first period but increased in tempo as Acton applied pressure. Gearing blocked shots galore but it was Orono who scored the first goal when Ray West took brother Jim's pass, broke clear and blazed a low shot past Rusk. Acton really struggled to gear up to even it up. Finley Stan Fay was put in the clear by brother Keith and fired high into the net above the Orono tender's head. The game stayed on even terms until period's end with plenty of shoving and pushing to liveen it up. Townsley and Pollard exchanged a few blows but it was broken up before much damage was done. Pollard drew a penalty for his part in the fracas. Acton had an edge on play.

### Second Period

Off to a fast start Acton notched the first goal when Townsley strode right in and blushed the bulb to put the Redmen one up. Orono pulled right back in the game, however, when Pollard released a long angle shot that Rusk never made a move on. It caught the farthest corner while Rusk covered the short side. It was a heartbreaker for Rusk who a few minutes previously blocked two breakaways. Huddy a minute later and hustler Huggy Ray West took his brother's relay to once more put Orono in the lead. That inspired the Redmen, McEnery in particular. He stick-handled his way through the entire Orono team to knot the count again. Gearing never had a chance on a foot high shot. Then Keith Fay converted Kentner's pass-out and the Redmen finished the chapter one goal up.

### Third Period

Staging a last period drive, the West brothers took over themselves in the final chapter splitting the Acton defense wide open and firing

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## Coming Events

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

The Minister's Aunt will be presented again April 30th in the Town Hall, Acton.

Eucrae, Bridge and Dance, will be held in E. S. No. 8 School, Nasagawaya, Friday, March 25th. Admission 25c.

Eucrae and Bridge, Y.M.C.A. on Tuesday, March 22nd, at Annapolis Lakeside Chapter LODGE. Admission 50c.

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