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## Assessment Decisions Given on 40 Appeals

Some Changes Made On The 1950 Appeals After Town and County Assessors Check the Properties—Citizens Will Vote On Change in By-Law This Year—1950 Council Will Have Mayor, Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Six Councillors

All the Councillors and Deputy Reeve Tyler were present Monday evening when Acton Council met and Reeve Theron Jones presided. Mr. Stan Hall was present to discuss with Council the arrangement for the sharing of costs on the railway crossing signal on Mill Street. Mr. Hall also gave information regarding the visit of the Lieutenant Governor in Acton on November 11th. This information had been requested from Mr. Hall and he agreed to forward the request of Council to the Department of Highways.

Mr. Winters asked for a light on Vimy Street. Midnight traffic was particularly heavy.

Messrs. J. H. Creighton and C. Kirkness on behalf of the Y's Men's Club asked a renewal of the lease on the arena. They requested that toilets at the arena be put in good condition. A separate outside entrance for the ball players room was requested. Council agreed to make a survey of the arena. The Y's Men's Club also asked some adjustment on the Hydro account.

Council then dealt with the appeals on the 1950 assessment and heard Assessor Harrop's report after consultation with the County Assessor on the various complaints.

Robert Marshall recommended a depreciation of 75 per cent of the normal a lowering of \$34 on the assessment. Land assessment was to remain the same.

George Simpson property no reason could be seen for change in this assessment.

Eugene Branda - No change in store assessment. No change in rates or measurement on farm but 40 per cent was allowed for location obsolescence on farm buildings as on all farm property. The farm assessment was reduced \$200.

Ralph Chandler was granted a change of depreciation on his property. The assessment was cut to \$1866 a difference of \$38.

Miss Kate Littley - No change recommended on this property.

John Williamson—No change on the lot assessment.

Herb Dodds - Reduction was made for removal of two buildings and assessment reduced to \$1214.

Douglas Price—Allowance of \$128 on total assessment.

Hugh Graham—Land rate changed from \$4 to \$3 per foot frontage and overpelt to be forgone.

Fred Kenner - No recommendation made for a change.

Robert Anderson—Treated as one storey building and reduced \$238 for the unfinished attic. Total assessment \$2519.

Wm. Benson No change recommended.

Alex McIsaac - Allowed \$300 charged for oil burner. Land assessment was not changed on the garage. Total assessment now of \$3185 on land and buildings.

Ben D. Rachlin Error in original assessment adjusted. Building assessment of \$305 and land of \$771 remains unchanged.

G. M. Hull Adjustment made on building removed and allowance made for farm buildings as other farm properties.

John Boyes - Allowance of \$3 rate instead of \$4 rate on the land owing to rock formation.

Acton Poultry Farm - Adjustment made to total of \$1813 on chicken house.

Edward Footitt - No change made.

Mrs. Annie Paul - No change made.

Fred McJor—No change suggested by assessor.

Robert Turner—No change made. Frank Sagaski - Complete new survey made and total assessment of \$1514.

J. J. Stewart—Allowed the new assessment for farm property reduced by \$201.

Mrs. Emily Allen - No change made.

John Palmer—Property rechecked and depreciation on garage allowed and adjustment made for error in measurement. Assessment now \$1450.

Theodore Papillon—Special depreciation allowed now \$1407 of total assessment.

Colin McCall—Allowance for unplastered walls. Now \$1014 in revised figures.

Thos. Brankowles—No change. Anglian Church—Now \$1079 assessed.

## Boys and Girls Honor Leader Of The Band

In a celebration of the eighth anniversary of the Acton Boys' and Girls' Band a testimonial Banquet was given by the members of the organization in honor of the founder and conductor of the group, Mr. C. W. Mason.

The Band members dressed in their uniforms assembled last Saturday in the Y.M.C.A. and thoroughly enjoyed a turkey dinner prepared by the ladies of the W.I.

At the conclusion of the dinner, J. Spielvogel proposed a toast to Mr. Mason and Miss S. Ralston on behalf of the Band presented him with a lovely electric mantel clock. In his response Mr. Mason expressed his appreciation and his love for the work he felt that the moving of some of the originals from town should have no drastic effect on the group and he expressed a hope that he could carry on the band with the help of the remaining members.

A toast to Mrs. C. W. Mason "the lady behind the scenes" was proposed and followed by a toast to Acton Boys' and Girls' Band proposed by Ken Allen and responded to by Chas. Kingsmill.

A dance and social evening closed the celebration of the Eighth Anniversary of the Acton Boys' and Girls' Band.

## SCOTCH BLOCK WOMEN'S INSTITUTE GUESTS AT ACTON

Mrs. F. Anderson was hostess to the Acton Women's Institute on Thursday, November 3 when they had the members of the Scotch Block W.I. as their guests.

Mrs. R. L. Davidson, the president conducted the business period and this included donations voted to the "March of Dimes Fund in aid of Poliomylitis" and also approval of sending our commitments to the Halton District.

The wreath for Armistice Day was ordered and a check for it to be sent to the Legion poppy fund. Members also were asked to attend the service on November 11th. The roll call was answered by introducing the person on your right. Previously each person had been given a guest to sit with.

The president welcomed the visitors and invited their president, Mrs. Arthur Murray to take charge for their program. She then expressed their pleasure at coming. Miss Mary Joyce contributed a piano solo. Mrs. Irving read a delightful paper on "Mental Happiness" with a "recipe for Beauty". In conclusion Mrs. McGibben and Mrs. Michie contributed vocal duets "The Sweetest Story Ever Told" and "Forever and Ever".

An interesting number was given by Mrs. Galbraith of Milton who spoke on her visit to the Spode China factory at Stoke, Eng. Her description of the making of china from the moulding of the clay to the final painting was most interesting and educational.

Mrs. Davidson expressed our enjoyment of the program and also invited the members and friends to a social evening at her home later in the month.

Meeting closed by singing "Auld Lang Syne" and a social time was enjoyed together. Convenors of the month were Mrs. W. Denny, Mrs. D. Holmes and Mrs. Wilderspin.

## Baseball Benefit Has Further Contributions

The Baseball Benefit Fund continues to merit support from many citizens and this week the following acknowledgments are made.

Previously acknowledged \$947.47  
Lakeside Chapter, I.O.D.E. 25.00  
J. Ralston 1.00

\$973.47

## GARAGE BUSINESS IN ACTON IS SOLD TO TORONTO MAN

The fine new garage at Main St. and West Bower Avenue has been sold by Mr. Bert Woods to Mr. Lorne Garner of Toronto who will come to Acton soon and put the new premises into operation. Mr. Garner also has the dealership for the General Motors, Pontiac and Buick lines with this garage. He expects to soon have the premises in operation.

## TO BE UNVEILED TO-MORROW



The Soldier's Memorial in Acton with the new sections in recognition to the Acton boys who paid the supreme sacrifice in the war of 1919-45 will be unveiled by Lieut. Governor Ray Lawson tomorrow morning. The parade will form in the park and the service at the Memorial will commence at 10.30. It will be followed by a service in the United Church and following the Lieut. Governor and Mrs. Lawson will be guests at a civic luncheon in the Y.M.C.A.

## County Council Face Deficit of \$13,610

Halton County Council clamped down on spending at their regular monthly meeting held at Milton Tuesday when Reeve William Vansickle announced Council would have a \$13,610 deficit over their budgeting for the year.

Warden Mrs. Mary Pettit and Mr. Vansickle advised members most of the deficit was caused by large amounts being spent for repairs and necessary improvements at the Halton and Peel Home for the Aged at Brampton.

While members were sympathetic towards a proposed grant of \$1000 to the Hospital for Sick Children building fund, they held over the grant to be disposed of by the 1950 council. Most members felt grants such as this should be considered by the County instead of individual municipalities. In all cases municipalities were also asked to make grants during the year as well as the central body. Members felt this was a duplication of spending taxpayers money.

Approving of establishing pond sites for the conservation of water, on selected property in the County Council cut the proposed \$1000 expenditure to \$250 for the year.

In seeking Council's approval of the scheme, Reeve Vansickle explained the idea, was given to the conservation committee who favored the project. The purpose was to select certain sites where small streams could be dammed to provide large ponds of water.

Mr. Vansickle suggested Council contribute twenty-five percent toward the project with the owner of the property paying the same amount while the Ontario Department of Agriculture would pay the balance of fifty percent of construction.

"The entire purpose is to regulate our water levels," he stated. Members deferred action regarding a request from Magistrate J. M. Langdon asking council to pay \$396.60 for a new adding machine for his office. Council felt they had erred in purchasing a typewriter and a used adding machine earlier for the magistrate's office, when Clerk William Deans pointed out there was nothing in the

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## CHUCK KINGSMILL ELECTED MAYOR ACTON'S TEEN TOWN

"Chuck" Kingsmill was chosen last Friday evening to head Acton's teen-agers as they elected him president of the Penguin Club. The usual campaign and election speeches were the highlight of the event as a band led the candidates vehicles around the town prior to the assembly at the Y.M.C.A.

Ron Salt, also a contender for the position was nosed out by a small margin as the teen-agers democratically went to the polls. Ron will serve as Vice President on the Executive of the organization for this year and these two leaders will be assisted by the other members of the executive, Patsy Duval and Jo Ann Veldhuis.

Although the first event was definitely not crowded Cliff Sutton who will be assisting the executive in an advisory capacity, expressed a hope that when the snow starts flying the crowd will start coming. With the executive elected and plans being made the Club seems all ready for a big season. The Penguin Club has drawn teen-agers from distant points and no doubt with the executive swinging into action the Club will again be famous in the vicinity.

Belgium must vote, and there are more women than men voters.

## Increased Interest And Attendance Reported at Y

An increase of 55 per cent in attendance figures for October was shown in the Secretary's report to the Y.M.C.A. Board on Monday evening. Emphasis last month was placed on gym class and during November establishment of Senior Men's Classes with leagues and competitions are to be started. The Hadminton Club also reported good attendance and keen interest.

The report dealt with by the Y Board showed a keen interest in the Acton Y this season in all departments. Some repairs and new installations in the shower rooms were approved that will make the facilities much better.

## ORANGEVILLE AND ACTON ROTARY CLUB EXCHANGE SPEAKERS

Another meeting in the arrangement of exchange with neighboring Rotary Clubs had the Orangeville Club bring Mr. Orme Sharpe on Tuesday to Acton. Mr. Sharpe spoke on youth service and guidance and told of the work being done in Orangeville since the Club there has operated the Arena and hall. He urged Rotary Clubs to put pep in their programs and activities. President Alf Long of the Acton Club with some of the Acton Rotarians will pay a return visit to Orangeville.

## REV. A. CALDER SPEAKER AT Y.W.A. FIRESIDE HOUR

The Albert Y.W.A. of Knox Church held their fall Thanksgiving and Fireside Hour on Sunday evening. There was a large attendance of friends from St. Alban's Church as well as Knox members. This was a fitting service to conclude the missionary services held by Rev. R. H. Armstrong throughout the day.

The president Mrs. F. Anderson led the service of Thanksgiving and Consecration. The opening hymn "He Leadeth Me" was followed by a devotional service led by Mrs. R. O'Hara on our need for Thanksgiving.

The parable of the talents was the scripture reading by Miss Marguerite Roszel and Mrs. Halliday offered a prayer with Mrs. O'Hara requesting a consecration of our lives in service.

Misses Lorraine Mullen and Olive Musselle rendered a duet "In the Garden".

Rev. Mr. Armstrong introduced the guest speaker, Rev. A. Calder of the Georgetown Presbyterian Church, who chose his text from Genesis "Am I My Brother's Keeper?" and emphasized the fact that missionary work is not something extra to take or leave as we see fit, but a need right in your own homes, community or abroad.

Mrs. Bowen and Mrs. A. Mann contributed a vocal duet, "Ivory Palaces".

A surprise feature on the program was introduced by Mrs. Geo. Somerville who expressed the thanks to our speaker and then called on Mrs. Geo. Musselle who read an address of appreciation to the president, Mrs. F. Anderson and Mrs. O'Hara presented her with a Life Membership certificate and a Pin from the members who are proud of 25 years of the work they have accomplished together.

Mrs. Anderson replied with thanks hoping she deserved this honor.

Mrs. C. Nellis of St. Alban's Church brought greetings and Rev. Armstrong closed with prayer.

A committee had provided a cup of tea and a dainty lunch was served to all.

## KNOX LADIES AID NOVEMBER MEETING AT MRS. F. BLOW'S

The monthly meeting of Knox Presbyterian Ladies Aid was held at the home of Mrs. Fred Blow on Tuesday, November 1st. The president, Mrs. F. McCutcheon was in charge.

Mrs. Blow read the Scripture lesson and Mrs. L. Allison led in prayer. Reports were given from the various convenors planning for the fall supper and final arrangements were made.

Mrs. A. J. Buchanan and Mrs. F. Blow as Table Convenors will meet the individual convenors and give instructions as to their duties.

At the close of the meeting a social half hour was enjoyed over the tea cups. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. John Allison, Mrs. A. Near, Mrs. Hollinger, Mrs. Lantz and Mrs. F. Wright as the committees of the month. A vote of thanks was expressed by Mrs. Alex Mann.

## Operations on Waterworks Has \$1500 Transfer

Power Line Changes Necessary For New Workshop Building

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

A letter was received stating that a date would be arranged for a representative of the engineering division of the H.E.P.C. to check the proposed changes in the power lines at the substation in order to rebuild the workshop.

The checkwriter repairs asked were too high in comparison with new costs. This machine was a used one purchased in 1947 and the full purchase price as allowed on the new one purchased.

A number of used poles are available for kindling and clothing poles. These are poles that were on No. 25 Highway to the spring lane. An ad was to be inserted in the Free Press offering them for sale.

A transfer of \$1500 was made from the Waterworks Department to the General Account of the Town. This is revenue over and above the cost of the new pumping equipment on hand and soon to be put in operation.

A letter was read from the Consolidated Pump Co. in regard to an outstanding account for the pump. The Commission replied stating that the account would be paid when all the equipment was delivered. If the equipment is not ready shortly the Commission will refuse to take delivery.

The purchase of a pair of barriers for the Waterworks Department was sanctioned, along with the purchase of a Watt Hour meter for the Hydro Department.

The account for water at the Lorraine Turkey Farm was adjusted since the meter had been stopped.

A settlement had been received from the Hannah Construction Co. for repairing a hydrant on No. 25 Highway.

Due to the installation of a valve at the corner of Church and Main Street, the water will be shut off all over town on Sunday afternoon from 1 to 5 p.m. This valve is being installed for the control of the supply on Church St. South.

The following accounts were passed for payment.

Hydro Department \$ 5.00  
Whitham's Garage 37.00  
E. P. Bowman 37.00  
Personal Stationery Sales 19.50  
MacDonald Electric Ltd. 15.26  
Maaco Electric Co., Ltd. 52.44  
Northern Electric Co. 1160.00  
Symon Hardware 10.56  
Federal Wire & Cable Co. 227.60  
Transport and Express 2.59

Waterworks Department \$1530.85  
Symon Hardware 55.44

## PRIZE WINNERS ARE ANNOUNCED FOR THE ST. ALBAN'S FAIR

St. Alban's Guild held their annual Variety Fair Friday evening and Saturday afternoon. Candy, home-made baking, sale of work fish pond for young and old lucky tub were the features of enjoyment. Tea was served Friday evening and Saturday afternoon.

The winners of the door prizes Friday were Mrs. Bert Tuck, Mrs. Mackie and Mrs. Harold Kinrad, while Saturday's winners were Mrs. Lovell Mrs. Fred Cook and Mr. C. Bradley. There was also a bean guessing contest with the prize being a Christmas cake which was won by Mrs. Fred Kenner whose guess was 2998 and the total being 3013. The three layer Christmas cake was won by Mrs. Fountain, Fergus, Mrs. Rookes and Mr. Harold Wiles all three guessing the exact weight, 12 lbs. 6 ozs.

## THE BANNOCKBURN FARM FORUM AT SCHOOL ON MONDAY

The Bannockburn Farm Forum met in the school on Monday, November 7th. Mrs. Geo. Somerville, discussion leader for the evening, took charge of the first part of the meeting. The radio broadcast was listened to with interest at the close of which Mrs. Somerville called for the decisions reached by each group. The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting and the remainder of the evening was spent playing crokinole. Prizes were won by Miss Minnie Somerville and W. J. McDonald. Lunch was served by the committee in charge.

All the members of the Junior Farmers Girls' and Boys' Ball Team, Jr. Farmer Hockey team, Junior Farmer members and any others interested are requested to attend an important meeting at Lofth School on November 17th at 8 p.m. Dance. Ladies provide. Silver collection.

## County Dentists' Dinner Meeting Held in Acton

Dean Ellis of the Faculty of Dentistry, Toronto, was the special speaker at the dinner on Thursday night of the Halton County Dental Association.

There was almost a perfect attendance at the event held in Acton Y.M.C.A. and Dean Ellis' address on the accidental fracture of children's anterior teeth and the methods of restoring them proved most interesting to the group.

Movies taken in Canada's far north aboard the Narcopic and showing the Arctic Indians and Eskimos were enjoyed as well as those taken in the British Isles by the speaker.

Officers chosen for next year are: Past President, Dr. Deans, Oakville; President, Dr. Babcock, Milton; Vice-Pres., Dr. Milne, Georgetown; Sec.-Treas., Dr. Walker, Burlington.

## Two Cars Were Wrecked in Sunday Crash

Two people were injured and two cars were almost completely wrecked in the early hours of Sunday morning when they met in a rear end collision about three miles west of Acton on Number 7 Highway.

Injured were Edgar Demonds of 79 Arnaud Street, Guelph, employed by the Keating Tire Co., and his wife, who were both taken to the General Hospital by City Police ambulance. Mrs. Demonds sustained facial lacerations, while Mr. Demonds suffered a broken nose and a severe shaking.

The accident is alleged to have occurred about 3:15 a.m. Sunday, when J. Anderson of 146 Emma Street, Guelph and a companion were pushing their 1931 model car along the highway towards Guelph. A car approaching from the rear driven by Edgar Demonds plowed into the rear of the Anderson vehicle.

Anderson and his companion jumped clear when they saw the car approaching. They were uninjured. Demonds told police he did not see the Anderson vehicle on the road, reported to have been stalled.

The stalled car was knocked into the right hand ditch, a complete wreck. The vehicle driven by Demonds ended in the right hand ditch on its top after it had slipped over a couple of times.

## Coming Events

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

Penguin Club Dance at Acton Y.M.C.A., Friday, November 11th, commencing 9 p.m.

Dance, Cedar Valley Cowboys, modern and old time dancing, Brookville Hall, Friday, November 11th, 9 p.m. Admission 50c.

Euchre and Penny Sale Monday November 14, Legion Hall, Lunch, Admission 25c. Auspices Acton L.O.B.A. 1101

Bridge and euchre, Monday, November 21st, Y.M.C.A., at 8.30 o'clock. Door price, Admission 35c. Auspices Badminton Club.

Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. Annual Bazaar, Sat. Nov. 19 Tea, homemade baking, fancy articles, special draws. 16-3

Knox 104th Anniversary Services Sunday, November 13th at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Annual turkey supper and concert, Monday, November 8th, 5.30 - 8.00 p.m. Adults \$1.00, children under 12, 50c. 17-2

A Toronto Star Free Concert, featuring the Commodore, well-known male quartette, will be held in Knox Presbyterian Church, on Tuesday, November 29th at 8.00 p.m.

Films on Frozen Foods will be featured at Greenock School on Monday, November 21st at 8.00 o'clock. Standard Time, by Miss Elaine Found of Toronto. Sponsored by Greenock W.I. Everyone welcome. Social, evening and lunch.

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