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Hamilton Youths Win Acquittal On Serious Charge

Jury Deliberated For Over Six Hours Before Giving Decision

A Supreme Court Jury last Friday night, after six hours and 15 minutes deliberation, acquitted two Hamilton youths, Ronald Woods, 19 and John Wallace, 18, who were charged with the rape of a sixteen-year-old Burlington High School girl last April 1st.

In their deliberation the jury returned twice to seek advice from the Hon. Justice G. A. Gale. The first time, three hours after they had retired, they informed the court they were unable to come to agreement on the verdict. His Lordship strongly urged them to return to their room for further deliberation. After the lapse of another two hours the jury returned and through their foreman, Wesley Coombes, said they were in disagreement but asked the court if a lesser charge could be considered. "I would hesitate. I don't think innocent assault enters into this," His Lordship observed.

Returning an hour later, the jury brought in the unanimous verdict finding both accused not guilty.

In discharging the jury, His Lordship said, "As far as the verdict is concerned, I am in accord with it. Yours is not an easy task, and I am sure, that on behalf of all those engaged in this matter express our appreciation for the trouble you have taken in this matter. You have been most conscientious in the discharge of your duties. Your fellow citizens should be proud of you."

Turning to both youths who stood demurely in the prisoner's box His Lordship said, "You are free to go. I will say, however, you will realize you have had a very close call. You both apparently come from decent homes and I hope this experience you have caused your respective parents will have the effect of keeping you out of further trouble. I hope and pray your discharge will not have the effect of making you both local heroes in your community as I was not impressed with some of your friends in the witness box."

During his address to the jury His Lordship observed, "The performance of these young people, the complainant, the defendants and their companions is not a tribute to Canadian youth."

R. S. Robinson appeared for Wallace, Harry F. Hazell, K.C., for Woods. Crown Attorney Lloyd D. Dingle prosecuted.

Sectional Meeting W.M.S. Held In Ballinafad Church

The Halton Presbyterial Sectional Meeting of the Women's Missionary Society was held in Ballinafad United Church on Thursday, Nov. 17th. The theme of the day was "Advance Together" and it was encouraging to learn, through the reports of the different departments, how the work had advanced during the past year. Mrs. W. N. Brownridge presided and capably conducted the business of the morning, the presentation of reports from nine auxiliaries, one mission circle, six mission bands, six baby bands and three C.G.I.T.'s. Departmental conferences brought the business of the morning to a close.

In the afternoon, Mrs. E. B. Clements, Literature Secretary for the Presbyterial spoke of the importance of the written word in arousing interest in missionary work and asked for an increase in the number of books read. Mrs. Clements also gave an interesting synopsis of the new books.

Miss Jean Donaldson, now at St. Giles' United Church, Hamilton but formerly a teacher in the Mission School in Hatfield, India was the speaker of the afternoon. Attractively garbed in a blue suit, Miss Donaldson told of the work she had known in the mission school. Not only do the missionaries teach in the schools but for three months in the year, they go on tour making their headquarters in a village then travelling by ox-cart to the outlying places. The listeners were impressed by the obstacles encountered and overcome by these courageous men and women of the Cross, in their efforts to bring the Gospel to the villages of India and when they have claimed the Gospel for their own. Music by four of the auxiliaries added to the enjoyment and inspiration of the meeting.

Tragic Death Of Bright Young Student Sunday

Heartfelt sympathy in the community is felt for Mr. and Mrs. George Robertson and Mrs. Jean Robertson in the tragic death on Sunday evening of the daughter and sister, Miss Margaret Robertson, twenty-one-year-old, who died at the entrance to Peel Memorial Hospital in Brampton.

It is alleged she was taken to the hospital by John Gross of Toronto, salesman for a brewery in Kitchener, who left immediately without identifying himself, but returned later with his lawyer and stated he had been driving Margaret to her home near Acton when she collapsed.

Margaret was a bright young girl in school and talented in music. After attending High School in Acton and Guelph she entered Western University at London and was in her second year of studies. It is said she left London three weeks ago and has been in Toronto during these weeks. Police in Brampton and Toronto are investigating the circumstances in connection with the death of this bright young girl.

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon with service at her home in Nassagaweya, about three miles west of Acton. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery, Acton.

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION HAS TWO SPEAKERS

The Acton Home and School Association met on Monday evening November 7th at the Public School Mr. R. Chandler, vice president conducted the meeting.

The playground equipment project committee headed by Mr. H. Skilling was authorized by the School Board to spend up to \$75 for material necessary. Anyone willing to help with this project should contact Mr. Skilling.

Next month on December 7th the Association is holding a Christmas Party at the Y.M.C.A.

Mr. Chris Swachamer was elected 2nd Vice President to replace Mr. R. Chandler who is moving to Guelph.

The idea of luncheons to be worn by the girls to school several days a week was approved by those present.

C. Swackhamer, H. Ritchie and C. Swackhamer volunteered to help Mr. McKenzie and the senior boys to erect the fence for the skating rink at the school.

At this point in the program two speakers were introduced. Mr. W. Middleton, who represented the School Board and Mr. Skuce, I.P.S. Mr. Middleton dealt with operation of the School Board. He pointed out the need of a new school and showed how this problem could be solved practically. A standing invitation to attend Board meetings which are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall was extended to everyone.

Mr. Skuce explained the physical and education sides of the work of an inspector. The physical side contributed to the comfort and the convenience of the pupils as indicated by the type of school built and the installations therein. The educational side portrayed the guidance of the pupils by the teachers and the parents.

The meeting was adjourned and a pleasant half-hour was spent while sandwiches and coffee were served.

DONATIONS MADE BY NASSAGAWEYA INSTITUTE AT NOVEMBER MEETING

The November meeting of the Nassagaweya W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. Austin Fletcher. There were 18 ladies and 2 children present. Roll call was answered by giving a menu for unexpected guests.

During the business period several donations of money were made. \$25 was to be sent to the Canadian March of Dimes Campaign for the Polio Fund and \$25 was to be sent to the cemetery boards of each of the following cemeteries: Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church, Ebenezer and Moffat.

Mrs. Rossell and Mrs. Fraser were the conveners for the program for the afternoon and they had as their guest speaker, Dr. O. Meara, dentist of the Halton County Health Unit.

A contest conducted by Mrs. Rossell was won by Mrs. Padbury. Mrs. Rossell gave a very interesting demonstration of making French Cream Candy. Another contest conducted by Mrs. Fraser was won by Mrs. Rinehart.

The meeting closed by singing the National Anthem followed by a social time and lunch served by the hostess and her helpers.

Acton Receives Official Sanction, Becomes Town

Swimming Pool Site To Be On North Side of Track in Park—By-Law Passed to Proceed With Sewer Construction and Approval to be Sought of Municipal Board—Business Men Ask Council's Help For Christmas Parade or Street Decorations

At the regular meeting of Acton Council on Monday evening Deputy Reeve Tyler and Councillors Messrs. Nicol and Holchen were present and Reeve Theron Jones presided.

Messrs. A. Mason and J. Royston on behalf of Acton Swimming Pool Committee tendered the registers of the committee in not meeting with Council at the meeting arranged to select a site in the park. The committee was willing to co-operate with Council in whatever site the Council chose. The delegation stated that Council designate the site and have it staked out this year so that work could start in the spring.

The Reeve explained the site desired by Council was north of the track between the grandstand and the Fair Board building. Reasons were given for choosing this site. Council agreed to stake out the site.

Mr. J. Goy with a delegation of hockey players made enquiry regarding intermediate hockey in Acton this year. At a meeting in the Council Chamber a committee had been formed to organize an Intermediate Club. The Club to be formed asked that the same arrangements be made as had been used with the former Athletic Association. The Intermediate Club asked a 65 per cent share of the gate and the town have a 35 per cent share.

The following resolution was passed: "That we agree to give the Intermediate Hockey Club a 65 per cent cut on Intermediate hockey games, the balance 35 per cent for the town to come from the total gate. The said games not to interfere with skating Wednesday and Saturday nights.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

Band grant	\$600.00
North Halton High School	250.98
Postmaster, stamps re Court of Revision	492.65
Acton P. U. C.	47.15
J. B. Mackenzie and Son	5.61
Roy's Taxi, trip to Home	257.55
Municipality of Esquimaux	8.00
Acton Free Press advt.	20.52
County of Halton grader	33.40
Watson Dairs, re dinner	3.00
E. Brauda, rent of dump 1950	82.50
W. R. Braeken, insurance	125.00
Bell Telephone Co.	826.96
B. D. Rachlin towels	14.70
Highway Garage tow truck	1.58
Thompson Motors, gas etc.	2.00
Acton Machine Shops	64.16
Town Operations August	1.00
Town Operations Sept.	386.73
Hinton's Supplies	267.22
	9.90
	\$7,986.02

By resolution the Council accepted the Assessment Roll as submitted by the Assessor and revised by the Court of Revision and the assessment of the Town of Acton was set at \$1,840,003.99 for the year 1950. This did not include the supplemental assessment which is not yet complete and will likely bring the total to over \$2,000,000.

Clerk reported \$2,187.37 in outstanding taxes as at the present date. The Clerk was instructed to make collections of these overdue amounts in the usual manner.

The Department of Highways submitted a plan of Acton streets approved for grant purposes. The streets designated are Main Church and Mill Streets.

Mr. Harrop gave a report on road work and other matters under his supervision.

Report was also made on signs for speeding to be erected at the entrance to town.

Accounts from the Guelph General Hospital for indigent patients were approved by Council.

The Clerk presented the official orders from the Municipal Board creating Acton into a town and the approval of the Zoning By-Law. Acton is now a town known as The Corporation of the Town of Acton.

The Bell Telephone Company submitted a letter and report of their application for interim raise of 10 per cent in their rates. The Council disapproved of the increase and passed a resolution opposing the increase.

The by-law authorizing the construction of a system of sewers and of a disposal plant and the power to enter into contracts with the

ROTARY GOVERNOR



John W. Goach

The Rotary Governor of District 207 was speaker at the Tuesday luncheon in Acton Club and told of the work of Rotarians in Local and International fields.

Spartan Construction Co. and the Toronto Construction Co. to do the work was read and passed by the Council. This by-law will become effective after approval of the Municipal Board. The Clerk and Solicitor were to meet the Board to secure the approval required.

The agreement covering the lease on the arena for the summer months with the Acton Y.M.C. Club at \$150 for the five months was read and approved by Council.

Messrs. Marks and Egan representing the Business Men's Association asked support of Council in an arrangement to have a Santa Claus parade or Christmas decorations for Acton. Council approved of such a plan but pointed out that municipal funds could not be large for such purposes at this time of year.

Council passed a resolution that the swimming pool when built would be located on the North side of the track between the grandstand and the Fair building.

The Clerk read correspondence from the Department of Planning regarding the subdividing of land for building purposes. It included a draft by-law. The Clerk was instructed to proceed with the preparation of the necessary by-law.

Additional street lights were discussed but Council decided that no new expenditures could be included this year.

Council adjourned before midnight.

New School Course Urged By Federation

A course in "alcohol education" in Ontario schools has been urged by the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations.

A letter to Provincial Education Minister Hon. Dana Porter, signed by Mrs. J. O. Arrowsmith of Toronto, to federation president asking the course be instituted as quickly as possible, has been made public by Mrs. M. D. McPhail of Windsor federation publicity convener.

The federation's action is in behalf of its members, follows intensive studies of alcohol courses such as the one introduced in the schools of British Columbia.

The federation's letter said: "We realize that there can be no easy solution to a problem so deep rooted and of such long standing. We recognize, too, that many factors have contributed to the complexity of the problem, and that many approaches must be surveyed before any satisfactory solution may be found. However, we believe that education is basic to all of these and for that reason, we would respectfully commend to the Department of Education this course."

"Such a course would have to be selective in approach and wholly scientific in nature, an integral part of these subjects to which it naturally belongs. We are aware that some provision for such education already exists but if it is to be really effective a less general and more specific treatment is needed. To guard against misinformation and faulty approach, we also respectfully recommend the preparation of a manual for reference material and that teachers be given special instructions in its use. We have studied such a course and examined such reference material."

Lakeside I.O.D.E. Hold Successful Bazaar and Sale

The annual Bazaar of the Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. was held last Saturday in the Y.M.C.A. The fancy work and apron tables were displaying useful Christmas gifts. Homemade candy was sold at another table and homemade cakes, pies and loaves were offered for sale at the baking table. Bronze mums decorated the tables when tea was served during the afternoon. At the close of the bazaar the draws were made and the winners were: Christmas cake, Mrs. Holt Hall, of Wingham, Hand knit socks, Mrs. C. H. Harrison, Toronto, pillow cases, Mrs. Chas. Roher, R. R. 2, Acton, chicken dinner, Mrs. W. Middleton, Acton, leather purse, Mrs. Ada Finch, Stratford, doll Mrs. Holt Cross Acton, chair Mrs. Jas. M. Knight Acton.

The thanks of the Chapter is extended to all who patronized the bazaar and made it such an outstanding success.

GRANDMOTHERS MEETING AT THE NASSAGAWEYA BUSY BEES BRANCH

The November meeting of the Busy Bees W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. J. J. Kennedy with an attendance of 18 ladies and 3 children. Mrs. McLean opened the meeting. Roll call was answered by "Where your grandmother was born" Mrs. Wilfred Kennedy assisted the Secretary by reading the minutes of the last meeting. Mrs. Stan Robinson read correspondence which contained a letter of appeal from the Canadian Foundation for Polio. A nutritious Bulletin was read asking our support in the objective for 1949-50 in health, good food habits for children.

The meeting then opened for Grandmothers Day and Mrs. W. E. Britton called on each grandmother to contribute something. Mrs. Stephen Covey read a poem, I Love Grandmothers. Mrs. J. J. Kennedy read a humorous poem "Grandmother's." Mrs. Norman Barlow, Mrs. Roy Lindsay and Mrs. Peter McLean reported amusing experiences as a grandmother. Convener Mrs. Roy Lindsay read a thank you note for a box sent to the sick.

Mrs. J. J. Kennedy reported for her community activities and public relations committee which resulted in a splendid discussion on community social welfare work. Plans were made to assist a family of small children and a new baby immediately and a layette, ladies' nightgown and a quilt to be finished by March in case of need. Orders for Christmas cards were placed and conveners for the bazaar are Mrs. W. Tuck, Agnes, Mrs. D. Henderson, Lunch Mrs. C. E. Davenport, Mrs. Stephen Covey, Mrs. D. Dredge, Mrs. Jack Dredge, Baking Mrs. Elmer Covey, Mrs. Roy Lindsay, Candy and Nuts Mrs. Mrs. Wilfred Kennedy, Mrs. Harold Hill, tickets for draws, Mrs. J. J. Kennedy, Decorating Mrs. J. J. Kennedy. A night was set for marking and pricing articles.

Mrs. Wm. Tuck gave a poem "Poppy Day." Mrs. Norman Barlow placed wreaths on Nassagaweya cenotaph for the Institute.

A social half hour was spent over refreshments and Mrs. McLean gave thanks to the hostess for the use of her home.

SECTIONAL RALLY OF UNITED W.M.S. AT APPLEBY CHURCH

Appleby United Church was the scene of a Halton Presbyterial Sectional Rally of the Women's Missionary Society. It was held Wednesday, November 16th, Mrs. A. E. Pichard, Bronte, was in the chair.

The Rev. R. F. Mercer opened with prayer. Mrs. S. Woods and Miss A. Woods of Palermo took the morning worship service. Mrs. Tull Hawkins, Appleby Auxiliary sang "The Lord's Prayer" which was enjoyed by all.

Following lunch the afternoon worship service was taken by Mrs. N. McLean, Oakville. The Guest Speaker, Mrs. Jean Donaldson, read "The Missionary from India, now Deaconess of St. Giles' Church in Hamilton" was introduced by Mrs. Kenneth Appleby, a former teacher of Miss Donaldson. Miss Donaldson spoke of the life in India and followed the theme of the day, "Advance Thy Church, O God."

Mrs. Bridie Burlington, President of the Presbyterial W.M.S. gave a short address on "Our Share in the Advance Program." Mrs. DeCoursey, Oakville, gave "Books on Review" and reports the sale of the missionary literature most gratifying.

Australia, geologically, is the oldest continent.

New Pump Now Installed at Spring Property

Old Machine To Have A Complete Overhaul Before Being Replaced

Acton Public Utilities Commission met in regular session on Tuesday evening. Chairman C. M. Hansen presided with all members being present.

A letter was read from the Wood Combining Corporation protesting the paying of a penalty on an overdue account. It was pointed out that the bill was due when rendered and the amount of ten per cent was only allowed on or before the 20th day of the month. All local consumers have to pay this amount and it was ruled that there should be no exceptions.

A price was submitted for water main blinds for the office. It was decided to procure prices on lined blinds also before purchasing.

Superintendent Lambert reported that the new pump had been installed at the spring and the old one taken out for an overhaul. This pump is to be taken to the factory for complete repairs. The new one is pumping 30 gallons a minute more than the one that had been in service.

Another break on house services was reported and is being repaired. Superintendent Wilson reported the engineers from Toronto are to be in Acton on Wednesday to choose a site for the second transformer station and also to look over the present station.

He also reported that the work in connection with the joint use of poles with the Bell Telephone Co. on the second line is completed.

Superintendent Lambert reported that the first freeze up of the waterworks system occurred on Tuesday morning.

Superintendent Wilson showed 2 new types of street lamp shades which are to be installed on Mill Street to see if they improve the front street lighting. These lights contain a 300 watt bulb.

A felicity bond was to be taken out on Mrs. Walker. The same type of bond is to be procured a cover, Miss Walker.

The following accounts were paid and in payment:

Hydro Department	
H.E.P.C. of Ont. Power	\$5,772.22
Bell Telephone Co.	19.05
Acton Free Press	29.01
Bears' Ltd.	6.11
F. L. Wright insurance	8.00
Commonwealth Electric	436.00
Mason Electric Co. Ltd.	8.33
Line and Cable Accessories	26.15
MacDonald Electric	16.50
Federal Wire and Cable	14.50
J. E. Holdcroft and Co.	701.75
Mrs. H. Palmer	12.00
Grand and Toy	23.75
Express and Transport	6.41
	\$7,078.67

Waterworks Dept.	
Consolidated Engine	\$3,503.19
J. B. Mackenzie and Son	8.74
Art Vines material labor	66.50
	\$3,508.93

Halton Breeders Shorthorns Score At Royal Fair

There was good news for shorthorn breeders at the Royal Winter Fair Monday when judges selected for the King's Jubilee a sleek shorthorn steer exhibited by Duncan Campbell, of Moffat in the top class of the show for Ontario's young farmers.

Decision of Dr. J. W. G. MacEwen of Winnipeg, which gave the award to young Campbell was the first step in a couple of big days for the young prize-winner. Later the youth got his prize money from Viscount Alexander. At the close of the show, his steer, along with sheep classes and the grand champion steer will go on the auction block and should bring him, anywhere, up to \$3 a pound.

Grand Champion Shorthorn bull owned by William Harrison, Dufferin, and the senior award winner, Calrossie Atlantic Wave, owned by S. G. Bennett, of Georgetown, took the reserve. Reserve senior bull was Garretton Grand Finale, owned by George L. Lasby, Guelph, and the reserve junior winner was Blythwood Challenger, owned by C. M. Blyth of Guelph.

John Barrymore once remarked: "If you have to fight with a woman, your best weapon is your hat—grab it and run."

District Governor At Acton Rotary On Tuesday

Rotary Clubs in 80 countries throughout the world are united in an endeavour to promote international understanding, good will and peace. That was the message of John W. Goach of Toronto, Governor of District 247 of Rotary International, in addressing the Rotary Club of Acton on Tuesday following a conference with local Rotary officers, directors and committee chairmen.

In addition to the activities of Rotary's 7,000 clubs in their own communities to promote this objective, Mr. Goach explained during the next three years Rotary International will spend \$750,000, principally to create better understanding among the people of the different nations. One of the principal ways in which this money will be spent will be on Rotary Foundation Fellowships which enable outstanding graduate students to study abroad for one year as ambassadors of good will. Since this program was established in 1947, 111 Fellowships have been awarded to students in 27 countries with a total of more than \$250,000.

"Devoted to service, Rotary provides a common ground for 300,000 business and professional executives throughout the world regardless of nationalities or political or religious beliefs," the Rotary District Governor emphasized.

He said there is a striking parallel between the program of Rotary and the United Nations Charter, and since the organization of the United Nations in 1945, Rotary Clubs throughout the world have been active in the development of an informed public opinion on the objectives of the United Nations in an endeavour to make it an effective instrument for free peoples everywhere.

The District Governor presented to President A.H. Long a desk plaque and a framed "Code of Business Ethics." He stressed also in his address the four services of Rotary Club: vocational, community and international service. There was a good attendance of members and three visitors present on Tuesday.

BASEBALL BENEFIT FUND NOW AT \$1,083.57 MARK

This week's donations to the Baseball Benefit Fund for the family of the late Rod Ryder have now reached \$1,083.57 and is made up to date as follows:

Previously acknowledged	\$105.37
Friends	5.00
National Shoe and Leather Workers Union Local 26	10.00
Mr and Mrs. Sid Eason	15.00
	\$105.37

One of the first requirements in conserving a woodlot is the erection of a fence to guard against damage by livestock. Young seedlings which will serve for replacements in future years are protected and damage to exposed roots is eliminated.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, to cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcements of 50.

A duchre and dance will be held in L. McHose Memorial Hall on Dec. 2 at 8:30 sharp. Refreshments Admission 40c.

The Churchill ladies will hold a sale of baking and last minute Christmas gifts on Saturday, Dec. 10, in the Acton United Church S. S. Room.

Come to the Junior Farm's picture and dance at Louise St. John, December 1st, at 9 p.m. Admission 50c. Lunch provided. Everybody welcome.

Ballinafad W.A. Turkey Supper and Concert, Wednesday, November 30th, 6 to 8 p.m. Adults \$1.00. Children under 12 years, 50c. (Get tickets at Church).

The Ladies of St. Joseph's Church are holding a bazaar, penny sale and sale of home-made baking in the Church hall on Friday evening, December 2 and Saturday afternoon, December 3.

The annual meeting of the Nassagaweya Federation of Agriculture will be held in Brookville Hall, Wed. Nov. 30th, 8:00 p.m. Guest speaker, Prof. Bell of O.A.C. Guelph. Progressive euchre. Ladies please provide lunch.