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## Forty Nominated at the Best Meeting in Years

### Public Interest Shown in Affairs of New Town of Acton—Acclamation Given for Reeve and Deputy Reeve—Council of 1949 Complimented on Work—Financial Position Best in Years with Previous Deficits Cleared and Budget Balanced

The biggest nomination meeting in Acton in years put forty candidates up for election for the new town of Acton for 1950 and showed a keen interest in municipal affairs. The Council Chamber which has been quite adequate for many years was jammed last Friday night and the main hallway had as many more citizens participating in the nominations for the meeting of citizens that was held later and adjournment was made to the main auditorium of the Town Hall.

When nominations were declared closed at 8:30 by Clerk J. McCutcheon the following had been nominated:

Mayor A. Mason, E. Tyler, F. McCutcheon, W. J. Beatty, Theron Jones, Reeve E. Tyler, Deputy Reeve W. McLeod, W. Roazel, J. H. Creighton, Councillors—J. J. Stewart, Ray Thompson, W. McLeod, Thos. Watson, J. W. Roazel, N. Braida, Dr. F. G. Oakes, N. Bowles, Thos. Cooke, L. Youngblut, F. Davidson, Thos. Nicol, L. Hotchen, J. H. Royston, J. J. Goy, T. Hansen, J. Hargrave, Wm. Coon, J. Chapman, J. Greer, J. H. Creighton, S. Collett, School Board—T. Watson, Jr., J. H. Creighton, W. Wolfe, J. J. Goy, N. Bowles, J. Reid, H. H. Hinton, Public Utilities Commissioner Thos. Ware, C. M. Hansen.

### Citizen's Meeting

At the citizen's meeting which followed nominations J. H. Creighton was chosen as chairman of the meeting and in his opening remarks Mr. Creighton voiced the citizen's appreciation of the long hours and good work of the 1949 Council.

Reeve Theron Jones requested that the various committee chairmen give their reports first with his report to follow.

Deputy Reeve E. Tyler pointed with justifiable pride to the financial statement in the hands of the ratepayers. Starting the year with a deficit of \$5,800 which was shown as \$7,682.64 at November 15th, 1948, the present report showed only \$262.92 or practically a balanced report. The annexation of the Crescent had been completed and the work of the previous council completed. Council of 1949 had also paid the cost of watermains in the new Beardmore section which had been agreed upon by previous council. He told of the establishing of Provincial Police in Acton and re-furnishing of the Town Hall. The taxes were increased but \$11,000 of obligations had been retired and Acton was now in a good financial position.

Councillor W. McLeod said he would be a candidate for Deputy Reeve. He was glad to see so many citizens present and felt the new interest was in part due to the fact that Acton was being made a town. The installation of sewers had sidetracked much of the work on the roads this year and some saving in estimates had been made here. He felt the financial report gave a true and good picture of Acton's position. If returned to office he would do his best.

Councillor Hotchen told of installation of new street lights and renovations at the Town Hall. He endeavored to give even better service.

Councillor T. Nicol said it had been a busy year and in his first term he had gained a lot of experience. Funds had not been available for all the park improvements desired but the money had been spent to the best advantage. If he were in office again he would try to give more time to this work.

Reeve Theron Jones said he had been fortunate in having capable men on Council with him. He told of securing Provincial Police for Acton and paid tribute to the work of Mr. E. Harrop on the force for so many years. He felt he would give good service in the new position as he was very capable in all departments.

The Reeve told of County Council work and the plan to build an Old People's Home for Halton. He explained the start on conservation of water. He said there was a fine group of nominees and urged that all qualify.

Chairman C. Hansen of the Public Utilities Commission told of the installation of a new pump at the spring and the repairing of the present pump as a stand-by. The (Continued on Page Five)

## Shooting Incident Aired in Court At Milton

Milton Magistrate's Court adjourned for a week, last Wednesday, in order that Magistrate Kenneth M. Langdon could examine the scene of a shooting of a young Nasagawya Township youth, Allan Brooks, on October 29th. The Court's decision was announced after the evidence had been heard in the case against four young Milton men, John Jeffries, his brother Fred Douglas Stover and Frank Solo, who were charged with creating a common nuisance and discharging firearms from a public highway. All pleaded not guilty to both charges.

According to the evidence of Allan Brooks, a young Acton factory worker, he was riding in a horse-drawn wagon with his sister Alice and a friend, Roas Goldthorpe, on the afternoon of October 29, when he heard a shot and felt a sharp pain in his left shoulder. Witnesses said they were passing a parked car on the road leading from Moffat to Haltonville where the four young men were loading their guns.

"I asked them what they were hunting, and one replied in a sarcastic manner, 'Crows,'" Brooks testified.

After they had gone about 200 yards he heard a shot and felt the pain in his shoulder. "I jumped off the wagon and my sister jumped after me. There was another shot and I shoved her down behind the wagon. A few minutes later we got back on the wagon and went to Haltonville where I called for a doctor and police."

Under cross-examination by K. Y. Dick witness stated he didn't think the four were hunting crows, but pheasants.

The four young men were located by Provincial Constable J. A. Mc-Niven about a mile from the scene of the accident later that afternoon. He testified "There were four guns in the car and at first they denied being in the vicinity, but later indicated where the car had been parked."

Magistrate Kenneth M. Langdon registered a conviction against four young Milton men yesterday who were charged with creating a common nuisance. They were each fined \$30 and each ordered to pay costs of \$13. In default of payment they were to serve a month in jail.

The second charge of discharging firearms on a public highway was withdrawn by consent of Crown Attorney Lloyd D. Dingle. While the court was unable to assess payment of medical expenses incurred, it thought it might be arranged to come out of the fines by consent of the Crown. An inspection was made of the site where this offense occurred and the court could not see any reason why accused could not have seen the wagon from where the shot was fired. The court was not directly concerned with the injury to Brooks but whether the hunters had the right to discharge firearms on this highway. "This court is of the opinion that discharging firearms on a public highway obviously endangers the travelling public. Therefore the manner in which these guns were fired is a common nuisance and a conviction will be registered against each of you."

## ONE SOCIAL NIGHT ENJOYED BY MEMBERS OF ACTON COUNCIL

On Friday evening the Reeve, Deputy-Reeve, Council and members of the staff around the Council table with their wives enjoyed a chicken dinner at the Dominion Inn. The gathering made a fine time for not only Council but the wives who have during the past year had husbands who gave long hours to conduct municipal affairs. After the dinner all the group attended the nomination meeting in the Town Hall.

## JUNIOR HOCKEY CLUB GUESTS OF GUELPH "B'S" ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

The first practice of Acton's Junior "D" team will be held in Guelph on Wednesday next, December 7th in Guelph Memorial Gardens. The team will leave Acton at 7:45 to attend a Junior "B" game at the best of Guelph Biltmore B's before the practice. All players and prospects are requested to be on hand.

Foreign trade gives Canadians one-third of their national income.

## Plan Spring Start on Acton Swimming Pool

At a meeting last night the building committee of Messrs. R. H. Parker, Wm. Coon, K. Mackenzie and Theron Jones were asked to get plans ready and an approximate cost on the Acton Swimming Pool and present to the Committee on January 18th. It is planned to get whatever part of the construction done that will be permitted with the funds on hand which are well over \$10,000.

The committee was empowered to engage a surveyor to run levels on the park site and make preliminary plans. A report was furnished to the committee on the results of a canvass of industries which was still incomplete. It is planned to start construction as soon as weather permits in the spring.

## BASEBALL BENEFIT FUND LAST ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS TO BE MADE NEXT WEEK

With the Baseball Benefit Fund for the family of the late Rod H. Dier nearing the \$1100 mark, the committee have decided the fund should be closed and the trust fund set up for the benefit of the family. Accordingly the last acknowledgements to the fund will be made next week of any final donations turned in until Tuesday noon. The committee appreciate the splendid response of the public and the splendid fund collected.

## Courses and New Teachers Considered By Halton Board

Two applications for a position on Acton school staff were found unsuitable when the North Halton District Board met in Milton on Monday evening. Permission was received from the Department to teach Agriculture Science at the Acton School and this course will be started this month under Mr. D. McLean.

The resignation of Mrs. L. Marlett, as part time teacher on the Milton staff was accepted with regret and the Secretary was instructed to advertise for a teacher for this vacancy on a full time basis.

A letter from the Acton Y.M.C.A. Board gave the same fee as previously for the use of the gymnasium. If however use of the facilities was increased by 50 per cent the cost would be an additional \$100. The Board also agreed to arrange for any other school activities at times that the building was available.

The Inspector's reports that were incomplete were not dealt with at this meeting and accounts passed amounted to \$7,612.48.

A letter from the Department of Education requested additional information regarding a piece of land that had been proposed to add to the Milton grounds. The Board were informed that it was unlikely the land could be purchased owing to illness of the owner.

Members of the staff of the Milton school met the Board and discussed school problems. Following adjournment delightful refreshments of sandwiches, cakes and coffee were served. These were products of the Home Economics course and the Board were in hearty approval of the efficiency of Mrs. MacArthur and the students after this sample of results achieved.

## FIRE SATURDAY HELD TO FURNITURE IN EAST END HOME

Acton Fire Brigade had a call late Saturday afternoon when fire in a chest of drawers at the residence of Reg Black, 284 Mason Boulevard, was threatening. The house was filled with smoke from the smouldering chest of drawers but damage was confined to the one piece of furniture and a small patch of floor covering. Cause of the fire is thought to have been from a cigarette butt when some one dozed on the chest of drawers.

## Musical Treat by The Toronto Star Concert Here

Lovers of good music in Acton and district who attended Knox Presbyterian Church last Tuesday night were presented with a musical treat they will not soon forget. The Commodore's Male Quartette presented through the courtesy of The Toronto Star, showed their extreme versatility in a two-hour program that ranged from serious classical to light humorous numbers. Two of the members of the quartette gave solo groups, and their accompanist, Mr. Leo Lighter, demonstrated his special skill in a group of piano selections. All who had the privilege of hearing the Commodores and Mr. Lighter sincerely hope that they will return in the near future so that the people of Acton may have the opportunity of partaking of another evening of excellent entertainment.

The program was opened by the Knox Church Choir in a group of numbers, "Evening Hymn," "The Awakening Chorus" and "Go Down Moses." Rev. R. H. Armstrong then introduced the members of the quartette: Harvard Redick, first tenor, Carl Tappost, second tenor and leader, John Bingham, baritone and Donald Parrish, bass and master of ceremonies. The following program was presented: Quartette: Das Wandern, Schubert; Am Meer Schubert; Heidenroslein Schubert; Solo: Donald Parrish: Creation's Hymn Beethoven; O Isis and Osiris Mozart; Quartette: Spirituals: Standin' in the Need of Prayer, Medley: Were You There, Steal Away, Joshua fit the Battle of Jericho.

Solo: John Ringham: Pilgrim's Song, Tschakowsky; None but the Lonely Heart, Tschakowsky; Yarmouth Fair, Warlock; All Day on the Prairie.

Quartette: Bound for the Rio Grande, Sea Shanty; Think on Me, Lady Jane Scott; The Turtle Dove; Folk Tune; Billie Boy, Dry Bones; Piano solos, Leo Lighter: Scherzo in E Minor, Mendelssohn; Etude, Liszt; Malaguena, Lecuona.

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## Erin Township Will Have Election Reeve and Council

There will be an election in Erin Township on Monday for Deputy Reeve and Council. Goldwin Burt has been returned as Reeve for 1950 and members of the No. 1 and No. 2 School Area Boards have also been accorded acclamations.

For Deputy Reeve—Geo. Scott and Albert Wheeler. For Council—N. L. Griffin, Melvin McCutcheon, J. A. Swackhammer, Geo. Wallace and Alvin White. Three are to be elected.

## Former Resident Returns to Address Rotary Club

When Acton Rotary Club visited the Brampton Club on Tuesday night they took as the speaker of the evening a former resident of this district and one who had spent his school days in Acton, Dr. James J. Talman, Chief Librarian of the University of Western Ontario. Friends here will be interested to learn that this spring Dr. Talman was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

Dr. Talman gave a most interesting address to the Rotarians telling of early pioneer days in Ontario and the life of the people. All through the years there has been the desire of men to work together. In early days we had the bees and today we have service clubs but all with one common purpose. Dr. Talman is associate professor of history at Western University and he is particularly well versed in early Canadian history and the lives of pioneer days and the years when this section of Ontario was settled.

## DISTRICT PRESIDENT ADDRESSED MEETING GREENOCK INSTITUTE

Greenock W. I. held their November meeting at the home of Mrs. D. Peck, Georgetown (near Hesse) held 15 members, 3 visitors, 1 children were present. Roll call was a quick supper menu for the men on Institute day.

A donation was given to the Rod Ryder fund, seek children's hospital in Toronto, also the Salvation Army.

The next meeting will be held a week earlier. Greenock W. I. was divided into three groups, each group to hold a social evening in Greenock school in the winter. The film on Frozen Foods, put on in Greenock School by Miss Foster was very much enjoyed. It showed the correct way to prepare foods for locker bags or home freezer.

Several from here attended the dress and personality conference held in Hillsburg. Mrs. E. Moore, district President, was guest speaker, talking as her topic "Home and Country" starting when the W. I. was first organized and telling how it has helped women for the last 50 years to be better homemakers not just housekeepers.

Mrs. J. Near and Mrs. J. L. Allen were convenors for the following program: Solos, Mrs. H. G. Turner; Motto: "To Live for Pleasure Alone is to Defeat full purpose"; reading by Mrs. H. Reid, "Things to Remember"; paper on publicity, Mrs. J. Near; contest on music, Miss Elva Pearson, with the winner, Mrs. C. Allen. A lovely lunch was served by the hostess and committee.

## JOHN PELL IS PRINCIPAL OF FINE, NEW SCHOOL

The many friends of Mr. John Pell, former teacher at Lorne School, north of Acton, will congratulate him on the progress he has made, since coming from the west.

Starting at Lorne School in a different educational system from the west and taking working hard, with the aid of his partner, Mrs. Pell, he won his B.A. and was engaged as principal of Fruitland Public School. But last Friday evening was the crowning point in Mr. Pell's teaching when he was chosen as Principal of the beautiful new, modern "Mountain View" School, Saltfleet Township, when it was officially opened. This school contains eight classrooms, industrial arts, home economics and a large assembly room, which is to be used as a "community centre", as well as a library, teacher's room and nurse's room. All are on ground level, each classroom having an exit and the whole school may be emptied in less than one minute in case of emergency.

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## CHANGES IN STAFF AT ACTON BRANCH BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA

Transfers have been made in the staff of the Bank of Nova Scotia here. Mr. Ken Randall has been transferred from Bridgen to the Acton Branch as assistant accountant. Mr. and Mrs. Randall have moved to Acton with their family of two children and are living on Mason Boulevard. Milton was the home town of Mr. and Mrs. Randall and the transfer to Acton brings them back to their own local district.

Mr. George Greensides who has been on the staff here for several years goes to the branch in Toronto on the corner of Queen and McCaul Streets.

## Election in Acton for Mayor, Council, By-Law

### 200 Attend the Halton Forum Held in Milton

More than two hundred Farm Forum members representing nineteen of Halton's twenty six townships attended the County Rally held in the Town Hall, Milton, on November 21st. In the absence of the county chairman R. S. Heathcote, the chair was occupied by Bob Howard, Vice Chairman. The County secretary Mrs. R. E. Elliott read the minutes of the fall meeting.

Mr. Howard in his opening remarks, frankly criticized the average farmer for his indifference toward his farm organizations.

Farm organization should be as much a part of the farmer's business as his fall plowing," Mr. Howard stated. He also regretted the lack of attendance at meetings and the lack of constructive suggestions and criticism from the floor. He thought Halton should take the lead in soil conservation work, and should concentrate on leadership training and co-operative enterprise. Bob Howard, who was a Wing Commander in the RCAF, and who is now farming in Halton in partnership with two brothers, who were also RCAF Wing Commanders, stated he has a growing admiration for the Canadian farmer, but he would like to see him giving better support to his farm organizations.

The first speaker, Prof. Tolton, of the OAC, Guelph, was introduced by J. E. Whitelock. Prof. Tolton, who took as his topic, "Social Engineering," stated Farm Forums are a necessity to rural people. "There must be a co-operative discussion of problems in Agriculture if we are to maintain our country as a nation socially and economically," he said. "Social science must keep in balance with physical science if we are to avert disaster. The speaker recommended cooperation as being the way in which the farmer may obtain his just portion from his produce. The farmer he declared, should control his produce practically to the consumer's table. Prof. Tolton also regretted that there is more erosion going on than that of the soil. Discussing the development of personality, he said the basis of all delightful personality is self-discipline. "He lives best who serves most," the speaker concluded. Prof. Tolton was tendered a vote of thanks by Mrs. Denzil Lawrence.

The second speaker, introduced by Bob Howard, was John Madsen, of Cherry Hill Farm and Folk School. Mr. Madsen, who is a native of Denmark, explained the folk school as it originated in his country, and as it is being developed in Ontario. He stated that Denmark's great advancement in legislation for the good of the people could be largely credited to the folk school. "You cannot tabulate the spirit of man," stated the speaker, "and in the folk school men work for their fellowmen." People learn there to blend the elements of economics and living in ordinary life. They learn simple Christianity. At the Cherry Hill school, there is in addition to adult education in practical and cultural topics, a training in crafts and recreation, and in good will. "What can I do for my community?" is the idea the student takes away with him. Mr. Madsen gave a practical demonstration of folk dancing in several of such dances. The speaker was thanked by Mrs. Gordon Gray.

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## SURPLUS SMALLER

Canada's budgetary surplus for the first seven months of the current fiscal year amounts to \$305.3 millions as compared with \$533.7 millions in the first seven months of last year. The Financial Post reports.

## Two Contest for Honor of Acton's First Mayor and Eleven Qualify for Six Seats at the Council Table For 1950—Reeve, Deputy Reeve, Utilities Commissioner and School Board Are All Acclaimed—Vote on Band By-Law Revision—Polls Open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Monday will be election day in Acton with polls at the Y.M.C.A. and the Town Hall and open from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. All persons listed in the 1949 lists in Parts 1 and 2 are entitled to vote for Mayor and Council and all property owners so designated in the list may vote on the Band By-Law revision.

When nine o'clock rolled around on Saturday night qualification forms had been filled out for the following:

- FOR MAYOR: One to be elected. A. Mason, F. J. McCutcheon.
- FOR REEVE: E. Tyler (accl.).
- FOR DEPUTY REEVE: W. McLeod (accl.).
- FOR COUNCIL: Six to be elected. N. Braida, S. Collett, T. Cooke, F. Davidson, J. Greer, J. Hargrave, L. Hotchen, T. Nicol, W. Rozell, J. F. Royston, R. Thompson.
- FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSIONER: Thos. Ware (accl.).
- FOR SCHOOL BOARD: All by acclamation. J. H. Creighton, Thos. Watson Jr., W. J. Wolfe.

Voters will be given two ballots one for mayor and one for council. All other offices are filled by acclamation.

The Band By-Law: Property owners and those entitled to vote on money by-laws will be given a third ballot for voting on the band by-law.

The vote will mark in the Yes or No columns provided opposite each of the following questions:

1. Are you in favour of cancelling the payment of an annual grant of one half of a mill on the whole ratable property in the Town of Acton to such band or bands as Council may by resolution appoint?
2. If the present grant of bands of one-half mill is cancelled, are you in favour of the payment of an annual grant of \$500.00 for the support and aid of such band or bands of music as Council shall by resolution designate?

## 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 30.
- Hanoverburn School concert December 13.
- DANCE Cedar Valley Cowboys, Carlisle Hall, Friday, December 9, 9 p.m. Admission 50c. 20-2
- A euchre and dance will be held in Limestone Memorial Hall, on Dec. 2, at 8:30 sharp Refreshments Admission 40c.
- Come to the Junior Farmers euchre and dance at Lorne School, December 1st, at 9 p.m. Admission 35c. Lunch provided. Everybody welcome.
- The Church Hill ladies will hold a sale of baking and last minute Christmas gifts on Saturday, Dec. 10, in the Acton United Church S. S. room.
- Euchre and dance at Crewson's Corner Hall postponed this Friday on account of Firemen's Hall regular euchre and dance again on December 9.
- The Ladies of St. Joseph's Church are holding a bazaar, penny sale, tea and sale of home-made baking in the Church hall on Friday evening December 2nd and Saturday afternoon, December 3rd.
- Acton Home and School Association Christmas Party, Monday, December 5th, in the Y.M.C.A. Social room at 8:15 p.m. Parents and friends welcome. Special Christmas entertainment, Carols, contests and fun for all.

## IN 1950 MAYORALTY CONTEST



F. J. McCUTCHEON ANOS MASON

Two former Reeves of Acton will contest the election this year for the honor of being the first Mayor of Acton which has been raised from the Village status. Both have served as Councillors for Acton for several terms. F. J. McCutcheon left and A. Mason right are the 1950 candidates for Mayor.