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Sewer By-Law Approved Ready For Contractors

No Debuture Payments Before 1950—Vitrified Clay Pipe to be Used in Construction—Arns Details are Arranged and Harry Oakley Will be in Charge of the Making—Compensation Coverage on Fire Brigade Increased—Memorial Committee Has Small Deficit

Acton Council met in regular session on Tuesday evening with Deputy Reeve Tyler and Councillors Wm. McLeod, T. Nicol and L. Hotchen present and Reeve Jones presiding. Councillors elect W. Roszell, J. Hargrave, J. Greer and Mayor-Elect A. Mason were present at the invitation of Council to become acquainted with Council work prior to assuming office.

Mr. Lever, municipal auditor, was present and had a prepared schedule for the sewerage debentures and also discussed the issue of bonds. Council discussed the terms of the bonds from 20 to 30 years. It would be necessary to approach the Municipal Board for a change.

At a special meeting of Council on December 1st Council authorized the payment of \$75 on an extension of the option on the Dye property and if this could not be arranged to proceed with the purchase of the property as a site for the sewage disposal plant. The sale of the land was proceeding.

A delegation from the Junior and Midget hockey group was present to discuss with Council arrangements for the arena this year. Dr. G. A. Sirra was spokesman for the group and Mr. Holloway explained the program. They asked for a set schedule for operation of the arena.

The division of receipts for the Juniors was agreed to be the same as that given the intermediate club. The division on Juniors and the minor group was left to the judgment of the Council.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

C. F. Leatherland, fees etc.	\$104.04
M. Nelles, loading snow	40.35
L. W. Agar, coal	24.00
Dominion Hotel, 12 dinners	10.00
Canadian Legion, wreath	11.50
Acton Home Furnishings	20.00
T. Cuttins, trucking snow	51.25
G. Robinson, garbage	362.40
Acton Free Press	57.00
Personal Stationery, cabinet	12.00
Grand and Toy, supplies	3.00
W. D. Talbot, supplies	52.05
Ontario Provincial Police	485.63
Bell Telephone, re police	4.04
G. Chapman, supplies	5.00
Municipal World, supplies	13.95
Fred J. Stewart	16.25
Total	\$1,308.96

James Gladdey requested additional street lights on the highway west of town. This matter was left until next year.

Mr. Shook of the National Sewer Pipe Co. pointed out the advantages of using vitrified clay pipe rather than cement pipe in the construction of sewer lines. Clay pipe was used in Milton and Georgetown but was not used in Collingwood because they could not supply the glazed pipe at that time. He read a letter from a company where cement pipes were installed. He asked Council to use careful judgment on the type of pipe used in the town's sewers. This Company made cement as well as clay pipe but would not recommend the use of cement pipe. The processes used in making pipe were explained to Council.

Mr. McMillan, on behalf of the War Memorial Committee presented a financial statement of the committee. Total funds collected were \$1478.70 and contract for the monument was \$1700. This left a deficit of \$221.30. The funds anticipated had not yet been forthcoming but this would be dealt with as soon as possible. It was suggested that the amount available be paid on the work and the balance would be paid as soon as possible. Surplus funds from the War Service League were likely to be turned over on the balance due on the monument.

Mr. Harrop reported that the Department of Highways had agreed to erect speed signs at the entrance to town on the east and west. Mr. Harrop said Mr. Kirkness had been working at the arena and Mr. Churchill would now be available for the work at the arena. For the benefit of the new Council, the arrangements with Mr. Harrop and

the present plan of operations were reviewed. It was reported that the Department of Highways was willing to plow the highway through town if Mr. Harrop arranged to have the cars off the streets. Sanding would also be done as required.

Council discussed at some length the type of pipe to be used in the sewerage system and other matters in connection with the installation. The Solicitor read the proposed Money By-law that must be submitted to the Municipal Board for approval.

The following resolution was passed: "That we hereby repeal resolution dated November 14, 1940 with respect to tile for sewerage system and that vitrified clay pipe be used."

In reading the borrowing by-law several decisions were made:

1. That the issue be for 20 years at 3 per cent.
2. No storm sewers are to be connected to the system.
3. Agreed to sign contract with Spartan Construction Co.
4. The first payments on debentures will be in 1951 and debentures likely issued in June 1950.

The following resolution was passed: "That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to transfer the sewerage account of the Corporation from the Bank of Montreal to the Bank of Nova Scotia in Acton."

A resolution was introduced and read to authorize the construction of a municipal sewerage system and to award a contract therefore and to authorize the borrowing of \$300,000 upon debenture for the construction of the said system and plant and the by-law was given two readings before being sent to the Municipal Board.

Tenders were received for the arena concession for the season and the tender of the Scout and Guide Mothers was accepted at \$40.

Applications were received for the position of Secretary of the arena for the season. The application of Harry Oakley for the making, attending fires and making the necessary repairs at the arena was accepted at \$40 per week. The Clerk was instructed to advertise for a Secretary to sell tickets, arrange a schedule, etc.

Letters were read from the Sick Children's Hospital regarding the payment of accounts for patients from Acton. Council did not accept responsibility as these were not considered indigent and terms of payment had been offered the hospital by the parties concerned.

Roy Lambert asked that his business tax be written off for 1950 since he had ceased business. This was granted.

A letter from Hughes Cleaver acknowledged letter and said he would again take up the matter of letter boxes for Acton with the Post Office Department.

A letter was received from Lever and Hoskin regarding the audit of the Cemetery Board and giving recommendations.

A letter was read from the Workers' Compensation Board regarding the coverage on Volunteer Firemen.

Council passed the annual grant to the Acton Fire Brigade of \$550 and also doubled the protection to the Fire Brigade under the Compensation Act.

Two letters from R. V. Anderson, engineer, were received in connection with sewer plan. One was a copy of a letter sent to Beardmore and Co. regarding their disposal problem.

The monthly report of the Provincial Police was received. There were 3 convictions. The account for mileage was \$30.42 for the police cruiser.

Council agreed to pay \$35 for the burial of an inmate of the Old People's Home and an account of \$87.50 for an indigent patient in the hospital.

A letter from the Fire Marshall's office enclosed a cheque for \$381.33 as assistance in the maintenance of the Fire Department under the new provincial grants system of assisting municipalities instead of giving a mill subsidy.

ST. ALBAN'S GUILD REPORTS GOOD YEAR ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

On November 30 the St. Alban's Guild met at the home of Mrs. Hugh Graham with 20 members present.

The president, Mrs. Nelles, in charge. The treasurer, Mrs. Dolphin gave a report on the year's work. There was \$170.53 made at the Fall Bazaar and a balance of \$233 in the bank to start next year with. A short business meeting was then held followed by the election of officers for 1950. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Gamble; Vice President, Mrs. Jones; Hon. President, Mrs. Nelles; Correspondent Sec., Mrs. Footitt; Recreational Sec., Mrs. Fountain; Treasurer, Mrs. Haydon; Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. Hunter; Altar Conveners, Mrs. Dolphin, Reporter, Mrs. Currie; Social Committee, Mrs. Jolley; Mrs. Hargrave; Mrs. Sutton; Mrs. Cooke.

The meeting closed with the Mizpah Benediction and a delightful lunch was served by the hostesses.

Venison Dinner At Acton Rotary Tuesday Noon

A delicious venison dinner was enjoyed by Acton Rotarians at the dinner on Tuesday and the roast was from a fine two-year-old buck brought home from the north by Vic Rumbley. A very fine film of particular interest to business men was another feature of the gathering.

Amos Mason was honored with a special cake to the first Mayor of Acton and congratulations of club members was extended on his election to this office. A new member, E. Bilton was introduced and Roy Arnold conducted the initiation ceremony and welcomed the new member. Attendance at this meeting was just one short of 100 per cent and Jack Royston the secretary noted the improvement over an October low for the Acton Club.

FRIENDS HONOR BRIDE OF WEEK AT SEVERAL EVENTS

Prior to her marriage last Saturday, Mrs. Douglas Hodgins, formerly Eleanor Graham was feted at several showers. Mrs. Gordon Hodgins and Miss Margaret Hodgins held a miscellaneous shower, Mrs. James Findlay, the bride's aunt, a miscellaneous shower, Mrs. James Gault and Mrs. Scott a kitchen and bathroom shower. The office staff of Howlett and Smith, a photo engraving firm, also honored Eleanor with a luncheon and presentation.

CAMPBELLVILLE

Mrs. S. Cairns was hostess to the Women's Missionary Society of St. David's Church on Thursday afternoon. In the absence of the President the vice-president presided and opened the meeting with a call to worship. The scripture lesson was read by Miss J. Reid, Mrs. A. Moore gave the secretary's report and Miss Reid the treasurer's report. Mrs. Geo. Inglis Welcome and Welfare secretary reported making seven calls. Mrs. S. Cairns cheer secretary reported sending six cards to shut-ins. The Literature secretary spoke of the Presbyterian calendars. Mrs. Menzies, convener of the nominating committee, submitted a slate of officers for 1950 which was approved.

The Topic from the study book, "Enter China" was taken by Mrs. J. K. Mahon and was entitled, "The Pioneer South of the Clouds" was interesting, also a letter written by R. Malcolm Bamson, Subject—The Christian Future in China, in which Mr. Bamson speaks of the Yunnan Church conference. It was most encouraging to see this young church not yet eight years old, laying plans for the years of testing that lie ahead. The glad tidings prayer was read by Mrs. A. Moore. A report of the Presbyterian Executive meeting held in Guelph recently was read by Mrs. Menzies. The roll call was answered by 17 members also one guest. The hostess, assisted by the Social committee, served dainty refreshments and a friendly half hour was enjoyed.

WHEN CARS GET STUCK

Here is a new device for getting stalled cars out of snow, as reported by the Financial Post. It is a single piece of steel and provides non-slip tread that does not cut or otherwise damage tires. Measuring 18x8 inches, it can be conveniently stored in car; easily put in use, New York maker-claims—A larger size is available for trucks.

ACTON'S FIRST MAYOR



Amos Mason who was honored by Acton citizens on Monday by being elected the first Mayor of Acton. He has served on almost every office "has been chairman of innumerable committees, Bandmaster, Warden of Halton and it was fitting that this top honor in the newly organized town should be added to his public career.

Inspector's Report On Public School Very Satisfactory

The regular public school board meeting was held on Tuesday evening with Chairman Jones presiding and Chairman Oakes, Lovell Bowles and Heard present. Also in attendance were the trustees elect J. H. Coughton, T. Watson and J. W. Wolf.

The annual report was received from Inspector Skuce who was also present by invitation. In his report he stressed the urgent need for immediate consideration of school accommodation necessary to provide educational facilities. Probable admissions are reported as follows: 1950-48 pupils, 1951-55 pupils, 1952-70 pupils, 1953-68 pupils and 1954-71 pupils. These figures do not include any newcomers who may be included in Acton by 1954, at least five new rooms would be required.

Mr. Skuce paid tribute to the teaching staff and commended Miss Stewart for her fine music instruction. He also paid tribute to Mr. Mann for the excellent care he gives to the school.

The chairman expressed the appreciation of Board members for the Inspector's valued support.

Mr. R. R. Parker and Mr. H. Hinton of the Home and School Association attended the meeting and Mr. Parker pledged the support of the club to secure necessary additional rooms and urged that immediate action be taken in this regard. The chairman welcomed the members of the Home and School club and thanked them for the interest shown.

Accounts amounting to \$1874.37 were passed for payment and the secretary was authorized to assess the North Halton District Board for \$392.14. It was decided not to discontinue milk to the kindergarten.

The secretary reported non-resident fees of \$48.00 received for November, and that the grant of 55 per cent on \$1100 debenture was paid. \$605 had been paid to the Corporation of Acton.

The Secretary was directed to submit to the N.H.S.D. Board a request from Mrs. Parry for \$1200 weekly wage for cleaning the High School.

The Board approved the purchase of magnifying books for students with defective vision and also a requisition from Mr. McKenzie for scrub blocks to renew blackboards. Mr. McKenzie requested petty cash of \$5.00.

The principal reported that Dr. O'Meara would not make a dental inspection until January. It was considered that a visit to the dentist during Christmas holidays by a good report when Dr. O'Meara made his inspection. His visit will be an inspection only and no dental work will be done by him.

The property committee was authorized to have two lights installed to illuminate the outdoor rink at the school where evening skating will be supervised.

PRIZE WINNERS AT ST. JOSEPH'S BAZAAR HELD LAST WEEK

The annual bazaar of St. Joseph's Altar Society was held in the Church Hall last Friday and Saturday, December 2 and 3. The following were the prize winners:

Cushman, Chicken dinner, Michael Dwyer, Georgetown, Doll, Florence Enewein, Greenock, Penny Sale Casselle and wall brackets, Mrs. Hollinger, Sugar, Mrs. Gowdy, Towel, Mrs. Gordon Currie, Towels, Mrs. Bert Gibbons, Cake, Mrs. Bert Daniels, Apron and Cushman top, Mrs. G. McLeod, Purse, Maria Wilcox, Georgetown, Stockings, Anne Synott, Rockwood, Salad dish, Mrs. Joe Flynn, Bread, Mrs. J. Savers, Cup and saucer, Mrs. Marks, Cookie Jar, Mrs. Leo Chase, Casserole, Father Morgan, Cammister, Mrs. P. Evans.

Large crowds attended the event both in the afternoon and evening and the thanks of the Society is extended to all who made it such a success.

Esqueuing Pays Bounty on 22 Foxes Killed

Esqueuing Township Council met Monday evening at 7:30 with all members present. Reeve George Currie presided.

Accounts passed for payment included Bell Telephone Co. \$6.40, A. W. Boston, stamps, \$56.20, Dale and Bennett, legal, \$207.50, Sheep Claims, \$150. Claims for foxes destroyed, \$110.

A by-law to authorize the temporary borrowing of \$20,000 upon the security of debentures issued under By-law No. 13-49 was given the required readings and passed.

The tender of the Bank of Commerce of \$100,872 for debentures of \$47,000 at 3 1/2 per cent was accepted. Council adjourned to meet on December 15 at 10:00 a.m.

THE HODGINS-GRAHAM WEDDING SATURDAY IN TORONTO CHURCH

Eleanor Jean, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Graham, RR 3 Georgetown and Douglas Edgar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hodgins, Toronto, were united in marriage on Saturday, December 3rd at 3:30 o'clock in Dovecourt Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Ross K. Cameron.

The bride wore a street length gown of grey chinchilla lace over blue satin and a small hat with matching ostrich plume. Her carriage was of roses. The bride's sister, Mrs. W. H. Sproule, was matron of honor, choosing a dress of navy blue tissue faille and a small pink feathered hat. Groomsman was the brother of the groom, Mr. Gordon Hodgins, Toronto.

A reception for the immediate families followed at Mrs. Sproule's apartment, 401 Indian Grove. For the wedding trip to the States the bride changed to a hunter's green dress with black coat and accessories. Upon their return, Mr. and Mrs. Hodgins will live in Dundas where the groom is a member of the Provincial Police force. He was stationed in Georgetown for a short time, prior to going to Dundas.

EVERTON

Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Hamilton and Charlie were Mr. and Mrs. Alf Couling and Mr. and Mrs. W. Alexander.

Friends of Mrs. Hamilton are sorry to hear she is on the sick list and all wish her a speedy recovery.

Recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Horton were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Palframan, Mt. Pleasant. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jestin and Patzy visited on Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Max Milne, Rockwood.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Omar Parker and family in the loss of their daughter Marie, who passed away at the Guelph General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Jestin and Bobby visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Palframan. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wilson were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Alf Boles.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Kingsbury and Catherine visited Mr. and Mrs. Mac McLeod and family recently in Toronto. The McLeods are moving to Thornbury where they have purchased a fruit farm. Mrs. Norman Fryer and daughter have returned to Guelph after staying with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Omar Parker.

A. Mason First Mayor By Substantial Majority

Erin Voters Make Changes In 1950 Council

Another upset occurred in Erin Township when Albert Wheeler was named deputy reeve by a vote of 450 against 432 for his opponent, who was George D. Scott, deputy reeve for the past two years. Golden Burt has been returned for his third year as reeve, without opposition.

The other contest in Erin township was for the three man council, which resulted as follows: Arthur Swackhamer, 519 votes, Harold Griffin, 525 and George C. Wallace, 440. Defeated in the council election were Alvin White, with 387 votes and Melville McCutcheon, 221.

Halton Forums Report on Week Discussions

Reports received this week were from Kelsa, Mt. Nemo, Zimmerman, Town Line, S. S. No. 1 Nassagaweya, Hannonckburn, Hornby, Boyne, North Trafalgar, No. 4 Esqueuing, Kilbride, and Omagh. The topic, "Are we good farmers?" obviously provoked real soul-searching that resulted in exceptionally interesting reports.

The question as to whether financial stress is the main standard by which to judge if a farmer is a good one brought a decided "No" from ten of these twelve forums, although they were in agreement that money is important too. As to what other standards were important, Kelsa said, "Above all be a good neighbour. Practice the golden rule. Have good livestock, keep fences and machinery in repair, grow clover and plow down." and adds, "Sell nothing off the farm that can't walk off with an aid saying that could apply to the farmer today, who robs his soil by selling barnyard fertilizer." Mt. Nemo adds something to this when they say, "A good farmer keeps his farm clean of weeds," and also, "he has a tidy wife." Zimmerman suggests two additional factors: "Buildings in good order," and attendance at local farm organizations and maintaining a social standard in the community." Town Line thinks, "the kind of family he raises and how he educates them," shows what kind of a farmer a man is. Hannonckburn mentions "improving marketing practices," and "contributing to community welfare." Hornby agrees with the latter when they say, "He should aim to be a respected citizen in his community religiously, socially, and politically."

Means of increasing efficiency as farmers also brought a wide range of answers. Omagh thinks, "Use the facilities of the Co-op market to standardize prices." Kilbride says, "By conservation, or building the top six inches of the soil; by co-operating in the use of better-used machinery; by being better neighbours; irrigate and drain the soil where necessary; by having soil tested at nearest Agricultural colleges." S. S. No. 4 Esqueuing reports, "Better quality—keep less livestock and feed them better or buy more feeds. Mechanize farming. More co-operation." North Trafalgar suggests, "A forty hour week will help to stabilize the price of farm products." This Forum also believed it would help "if everyone would come out to Farm Forum and discuss our problems." Boyne says, "Try to keep abreast of new developments and methods." Hannonckburn advises, "Make better use of literature available through the Department of Agriculture and our Agriculture representative. Back up our Federation of Agriculture."

North Trafalgar reported that their meeting had endorsed a resolution to raise \$20 toward recreation equipment for the Community Park, but suggested it would be more economical to have swings and slides constructed locally.

On Thursday, Dec. 1st, twenty-five people, representing ten Halton Forums, journeyed to Toronto on the special bus chartered by annual meeting and banquet of Milton Co-operative to attend the United Co-operatives of Ontario. The young people also attended the Co-operative Youth Conference for which Prof. Harry Hutton, of Queen's University, was the guest speaker. The highest speaker was Dr. E. A. Corbett, Director of the Canadian Association for Adult Education.

With sixty per cent of the eligible voters exercising their franchise on Monday and the polls so crowded at closing time that many more could not get inside before polls closed, Acton voters chose Amos Mason as the first Mayor of the Town of Acton with a majority of 250.

Reeve F. Tyler and Deputy Reeve Wm. McLeod were accorded acclamation to their seats on the first Town Council and members of the Council chosen were John Greer, Raymond Thompson, John Hargrave, Thos. Nicol, L. Hotchen and Wm. Roszell. These will make up the nine man council which replaces the former five man Board. Four of the members who served last year were all returned to office which is quite an endorsement of the work of 1949.

The Band by-law was given overwhelming support for an annual fixed grant of \$500 rather than the present levy of a half mill on the tax rate. 332 voters favoured a grant against 82 opposing the band support. The vote on repeal of the present by-law was almost identical - 335 for repeal and 80 opposed. There were a large number of spoiled and blank ballots in this voting and apparently voters were confused on the questions.

For the Mayor 843 votes were polled. Both Mr. Mason and Mr. McCutcheon had served on Council and as Reeve of Acton and the interest in both was keen. Both are citizens of many years and have given freely of their time in the interests of Acton. To be the first Mayor of Acton is a distinct honor that might well be sought by many citizens. Congratulations are due both these citizens for the support given and the conduct of a fine municipal campaign in the first election of the newly formed Town of Acton. The new officials will take office at the first meeting in January 1950.

Following is the vote by wards on the election:

FOR MAYOR	
Mason	163 122 105 161 551
McCutcheon	119 56 65 51 292
Majority for Mason	250
FOR COUNCIL	
Greer	182 97 84 124 487
Thompson	157 98 91 118 462
Hargrave	164 81 64 103 412
Nicol	114 85 106 86 292
Hotchen	132 89 54 110 385
Roszell	122 82 61 108 371
Raymond	81 58 71 102 312
Davison	77 55 50 51 234
Braidis	72 53 41 63 229
Cooke	86 42 42 38 206
Collett	76 50 31 46 203

First Six elected:

RAND BY-LAW	
Question 1	Yes 137 73 34 91 335
Question 1	No 41 16 17 17 85
Question 2	Yes 132 77 49 74 332
Question 2	No 39 19 10 14 82

Band grant will hereafter be \$500 annually instead of a half mill on the total assessment.

UNNECESSARY EQUIPMENT

"What kind of a saddle do you want?" the cowboy asked the Dude. "With or without horns?" The Dude pondered a moment before answering: "Without one, I guess. Doesn't seem to be much traffic on these prairies."

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 3c.
- Woodside Christmas Concert and dance, Thursday, December 22nd, 8:30 p.m. Admission: 25c and 10c.
- DANCE Cedar Valley Cowboys, Carlisle Hall, Friday, December 9, 9 p.m. Admission 50c. 30-3
- JOHN ROCKWOOD Concert in Rockwood United Church on Wednesday, December 14th, at 8:15 p.m. Admission 35c.
- S. S. No. 8 Nassagaweya are holding their Christmas Concert December 14th at 8 p.m. Admission ladies 25c, men 25c. Ladies provide.
- The regular meeting and Christmas Party of the Lakeside Chapter I.O.O.F. will be held in the Legion Hall, Dec. 13th at 8 p.m. Each member is asked to remember the gift.