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VOTE ON \$235,000 FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL

Municipal Elections Are To Be Held December 4th

The by-law providing for taking a vote of Acton electors qualified to vote on money matters as public school supporters on the question of construction of an addition to the Acton Public School at an estimated cost of \$235,000 was read as requested and received the assent of Council. This question will come before the ratepayers at the elections in December. The passing of this by-law was in accord with a meeting of School Board and Council held during the week.

Measrs Coon and Dills made a report on the situation in North Halton High School District and said that there appeared no unity in the plan for a central school to serve the three towns and two townships. They reported Milton was definitely out and would retain the Milton School regardless of action of other municipalities. Council commended the stand taken by Acton representatives and assured them they were in accord with going half way with any of the towns in location site but definitely opposed to sharing in one school in any of the other towns. They were in accord with a site at the seventh line corner on No. 7 Highway as had been considered. The representatives assured Council they would keep them aware of school matters. They expressed regret at the lack of success that had attended their efforts to help solve the central school problem. It had been hoped that building of a central High School would assist the Public School temporarily and the town finances in the debenture indebtedness required if the present building was not available.

Measrs Ken Haysard, Harold F. Holt and E. Marks as representatives of the Retail Merchants Branch of the Board of Trade asked permission of Council to erect a community Christmas tree. Council was also told of a play for prizes and a Santa Claus parade and distribution of treats. They asked if Council would assist with truck etc and help plan lighting for the Christmas tree. They asked if Council would make a small donation to help with the Christmas treat for the children.

Council made a donation of \$20 toward the Christmas treat and agreed to have municipal employees assist with the erection of the tree.

Mr. H. L. Ritchie gave a full report of the Women's school he had attended in Toronto.

Mr. McDonald of Spartan Construction Co. and Engineer Eric Hansen discussed with Council various matters of adjustment on costs of sewer work. One matter was the replacing of the town drain on Young and Mill Streets. Cost of replacing the drain was estimated at about \$2000.

Another item in dispute was replacing of the curb on Young St. Council had agreed to pay half of the cost of replacing the curb as there was plenty of evidence of carelessness in breaking up the curb and filling the pieces in the trench.

Mr. McDonald felt the storm sewer should be laid at the expense of the town and that the Spartan Co. would pay half the labor cost of replacing the curb.

The Clerk read the minutes concerning the proposition of costs at fifty-fifty on the replacing of the curb on Young St. and the recommendation of Engineer Anderson on the sharing of costs on this basis. Spartan Co. had received notice to this effect but had not replied.

It was agreed by motion that (Continued on Page Five)

Flash! Flash! Ding Ding! Stop!

Installation started yesterday on the railway crossing signals on No. 7 Highway at Mill St. Negotiations have been underway for several years by Acton Council and were brought to their attention again by each accident.

The signals will be of the flasher and bell type and at last report, if memory serves us right, there were to be three of these signals covering the five tracks at this crossing. Indications are that they will be installed soon. Equipment has been arriving at the station here for some weeks.

So for this winter it is likely that the crossing will be protected and motorists will have an opportunity to take their kids before coming on the tracks. It should certainly make a safer crossing.

HALTON PRESBYTERY W. A. EXECUTIVE MET IN ACTON UNITED CHURCH WEDNESDAY

The Halton Presbytery Women's Association executive met in the school room of the Acton United Church on Wednesday afternoon when plans for the annual meeting were made.

Mrs. James Moore welcomed the ladies and Mrs. Hunter, Reid of Oakville, presided. The ladies brought their own sandwiches and soup, pie and tea were provided.

Members were present from Watlington, Burlington, Oakville, Shelburne, Georgetown, Ballantrale and Acton.

FWW ATTEND FLYING X ROPE IN ARENA MONDAY, TUESDAY SHOW TO NEW HAMBURG

The Flying X Ropes put on a show in Acton Arena last Monday and Tuesday nights. The rodeo was most with his two daughters, Shirley, 12 and Patsy, 8 as riders. There were 15 riders all together performing in the show. Clown acts, roping, bucking horse and Brahma bull riding were all featured.

Attendance was very low with about 100 there the first night and 60 the second. Mr. and Mrs. Gatewood agreed that the numbers here set a new low attendance record for all the rodeos they have put on in many parts of the States, Quebec and Northern Ontario. The troupe is from Montana and has given successful shows in Maple Leaf Gardens and large arenas in Ottawa and Montreal.

The rodeo has just performed in Orangeville and went to New Hamburg from here.

Memorial Services Cenotaph, Church

Next Saturday, November 11th, Acton soldiers who failed to return from two world wars will be honored at special services. A parade led by the Acton Boys' and Girls' Band will leave the park at 10:30 and proceed to the cenotaph. There the names of those who died in service will be read aloud and wreaths placed to honor them.

Two minutes silence will be observed with Major Amos Mason sounding the last post and reveille. After the band has played "O God, our help in ages past" and "Abide with me" has been sung, Rev. W. G. Luxton will say the benediction to close the first part of the service.

Immediately after a service in Knox Presbyterian Church will continue the theme of remembrance. Rev. R. H. Armstrong, Hon. Capt. Rev. E. A. Currey and Rev. W. G. Luxton will conduct the service with Hon. Capt. Rev. E. A. Currey giving the memorial address.

The Remembrance Day program is under the auspices of Acton and District Branch No. 197, Canadian Legion B.E.S.L. and the Mayor and Council of the town.

There are forty-two Acton soldiers whose names are listed on the cenotaph, twenty-one from the first world war and twenty-one from the second. This November 11th, the Legion also honors three who have passed on since last Remembrance Day, Thomas Mason, Earle Davidson and Kenneth Mackenzie. As the cenotaph proclaims: "Their name liveth for evermore"

School Area Board Makes No Decision

No agreement was apparent on the central school for North Halton High School District at the Board meeting in Milton last Thursday. The Building Committee reported on the visit from Inspector Laskie and inspection of the various sites. Any of the sites would be suitable if the Board approved one by a substantial majority.

A recorded vote on the following motion resulted in a 6-4 decision: "That this Board place itself on record as being in favor of one central High School to serve the area as at present constituted."

Those favoring the motion were Brown, Beaumont, Schenk, Coon and Dills and those opposing were Gilbert, Babin, Fitzgerald and Pickett.

Briefly the situation might be summed up that the Milton members were opposed to closing the school in Milton. Esquimesque members were agreeable to any suitable location. Nassagaweya was opposed to a school situated at the far east side of the district. Acton was agreed to go half way between any of the three towns and Georgetown was not sure of Georgetown's desire other than to have the school located in that town.

Accounts passed amounted to \$11,943.51 and approval of purchase of supplies was given for Acton and Milton Schools.

A grant of \$5 each was made to the Legion Pops Fund in each town following reading of a letter from Georgetown Branch of the Legion.

TWO ORANGEVILLE MEN DRIVE INTO 4 FOOT DITCH MILE WEST OF GEORGETOWN

Two Orangeville men, Jim Harris and Jack Anderson, suffered serious injuries when their car went off the highway just one mile west of Georgetown last Wednesday night about 12:30. Going south on No. 7 highway, they drove into a 4 foot ditch and struck a large maple tree.

Damage to their car was estimated at between \$200-\$400. Constables, Bradles of the O.P.P. investigated.

To Honor War Dead Nov. 11 Afternoon

The Memorial Service at Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church and at the Soldier's Memorial will be held this Saturday afternoon, Nov. 11th. A short service at the memorial will begin at 2:15 p.m. and includes two minutes' silence, the reading of names, the placing of wreaths, the last post and reveille.

At 2:30 the service will continue in the church with Rev. T. G. M. Bryant, Rev. E. Porritt and Rev. R. W. Pickersgill taking part. The Campbellville quartet will add beauty to this solemn service through their singing and hymns. Scripture reading and address are all especially suited to this annual service of remembrance. There are 23 Nassagaweya Township soldiers who gave their lives for peace and freedom in the 1914-1918 war and five in the second world war.

Burn Effigy, Shriek At B.Y.P.U. Social

On the evening of Friday, October 27th the Acton B.Y.P.U. held a social after the regular devotional meeting. A series of contests and games conducted by Mrs. L. Garner were enjoyed by all. Near the close of the meeting lunch was served by the ladies. Guests were present from Georgetown and Hillsburgh.

On the following Friday evening, November 3rd, the young people met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Coles to celebrate the not-to-be-known occasion of Guy Fawkes day. The story of this notorious villain was related by Mr. Coles after which an effigy was burned to the accompaniment of fireworks.

Later the dismembered parts of the deceased were examined in the dark, during which process, shrieks and screams were heard.

The winner of a cherry-batten tart eating contest was given a free case of indigestion. Later, hamburgers and tea were served by Mrs. Coles, and after a sing song the happy people parted.

Slides Shown IODE By Mrs. O. Robbins

The regular monthly meeting of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter IODE was held on Tuesday, November 7th at the home of Mrs. A. Leung. The regent, Mrs. W. Wolfe, presided at a short business period. Members were asked to try to attend the memorial service on November 11th in a body.

Thank you cards from recipients of food parcels were read. Both cards were from Wales.

Mrs. O. Robbins then delighted those in attendance with a description of her tour this past summer through England and Scotland. This talk was followed by the showing of colored film depicting the various beauty spots and places of interest. The speaker was thanked by Mrs. H. Mainprize.

Tea hostesses were Mrs. R. MacArthur, Mrs. Mooney, Mrs. Bruce Smith and Mrs. Thomson.

Retain 1950 Posts In W.M.S. Election

At the November meeting of the Women's Association of the United Church held at the home of Mrs. J. Rolston last Tuesday it was decided that the 1950 officers should retain their office for 1951 with one change.

The 1951 officers are: past president, Mrs. J. Moore; president, Mrs. J. Wilderson; 1st vice-president, Mrs. H. Burns; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. D. Drysdale; secretary, Mrs. E. Hawthorne; treasurer, Mrs. D. Lindsay; corresponding secretary, Miss E. Hawthorne. The standing committee: church housekeeper, Mrs. J. Rolston; paragoner, Mrs. B. Veldhuis; Mrs. I. Agar, Mrs. N. Lambert and the president, Mrs. J. Rolston. The visiting committee will be appointed at meetings.

The president, Mrs. J. Wilderson, conducted the meeting with Mrs. J. Moore taking the devotional period.

It was reported that several cards had been sent to the bereaved and shut-ins.

The roll call was answered by the song "Thanksgiving." Plans were made for a money raising project for the near future. A donation was made to the Sunday School fund to help expenses for the scholars' annual treat at Christmas. The meeting closed with the Mizrah benediction.

Mrs. Rolston, assisted by Mrs. E. Lambert, Mrs. M. Lean and Mrs. W. Evans, served a very tasty lunch and a social time was spent at the close of the meeting. A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Rolston and the lunch assistants.

Wool Combing Has New Plant in Galt

The following announcement is of particular interest in Acton in view of the fact that the Wool Combing Corporation plant is located here and one of Acton's major industries.

The first plant in Canada to be devoted exclusively to the conversion of synthetic fibres of all kinds into top and light silver is announced by Lord Barnby, President of the Wool Combing Corporation of Canada Limited.

The Wool Combing Corporation has purchased a building of brick construction on Dundas Street in Galt, Ontario, comprising 17,600 square feet of floor space with two and a half acres of ground, allowing for future expansion.

Only brand-new machinery of the latest type will be operated in this plant processing nylon, rayon and other synthetic fibres from loose staple. Experimentation toward producing blends of synthetics with wool of all qualities for high-class weaving fabrics will be an important operation within this division. A re-combing department will be added in the very near future.

The plant will employ 50 to 100 persons. Operations will commence on January 1, 1951 under the general management of Stanley Wilkinson, Acton. General Manager of Wool Combing, assisted by Stefan Holu, formerly head engineer of the Research and Development Department of the Monarch Knitting Co. Ltd.

Council Agrees Call Vote School Board Gives Issue

The pros and cons of building a new addition to the public school were discussed at a joint meeting of Acton Council and the Public School Board held last Thursday evening. Chairman Oakes presented the blueprints and specifications for the addition to the public school. The plans call for six classrooms, assembly hall, washrooms and boiler room. These plans are ready for all rooms to be on one floor with each room to have an outside entrance. The Department of Education has viewed the plans and approved of them.

Dr. Oakes stated that a survey had been made of those children who will be starting to school in the next five years. Ten rooms are being used by the public school at the present time with 370 pupils attending. By 1955 it is estimated there will be 524 pupils attending if no additional families move to town and this will necessitate 17 rooms.

Principal McKenzie stated that at the present time one teacher is teaching three grades in one room. Half the teachers are now teaching two grades. He also stated that there are three classrooms in the High School building suitable for public school classes.

It was pointed out that the heating system had been condemned by the Inspector and the insurance expires in December. The boiler has been repaired three times since September.

Councillor Greer asked if the Board had considered the possibility of building a new school. He thought the present location was not a proper site.

The estimated cost of the school is \$235,000 by the Department of Education. According to Inspector Skuce the Department will pay 50 per cent of the debentures, this year. The Department pays \$16 per pupil average attendance plus 20 per cent of the costs. As the pupil attendance increases so does the Department grant.

According to the figures submitted the town would have to raise eight mills for the new school the first year and four mills each year until the debentures are paid. The Department will not lend itself to pay any fixed amount of the school costs as the policy might change and more or less be paid according to the policy of the government at that time.

Chairman Oakes stated the Department would not pay any grant on a makeshift school room such as the Town Hall or a church basement.

J. Creighton pointed out that \$5,000 had been budgeted for this year for a new boiler which could be used toward the building costs.

The architect's firm is to receive 6% of the total cost of the new building.

It was pointed out that operational costs would increase with the added section, such as extra teachers and caretaking. Provision is made in the plans for one boiler to heat all the buildings.

J. Hargrave brought out the information that during the past year the per pupil cost was \$44.1 per month.

Mayor Mason felt that before the council should pass on the addition, a vote should be taken of the ratepayers. Reeve Tyler also thought the people should have the privilege of voting.

W. Wolfe stated that it was the considered opinion of the School Board that the addition was the best for the town and hoped Council would be behind the School Board.

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Weatherman Pulls Boner Again - Sunny Intervals, Clouds, Saturday's Forecast

We recommend the services of an oculist to the weathermen—or else to ourselves—following last Saturday's snow storm which attempted to smother the district without any official warning. The weather reports were innocent enough. Friday's paper printed mildly: "The weather: Toronto and vicinity, Saturday: Cloudy with occasional sunny intervals. Low tonight 32, high Saturday 45."

The only sunny intervals we encountered all day were the few moments as we drove north along the highway, when we did not see a car slithered into the ditch or skid ourselves in the slush.

Many cars found themselves in difficulty with one at Creoson's Corners at noon on Saturday completely upside down in registered protest against the weathermen.

The disturbance was a large one although local hunters report no snow above North Bay. It seems to armchair weathermen who rely on a barometer, weather houses with appropriate figures coming in or out through the doorways, or rheumatism to predict the conditions a day or so ahead that surely the much-lauded meteorologists must have forgotten to dust off their instruments when they missed such a storm.

Old Paper Cutter Hard on Blades, Backs Is Replaced By 3000 Lb. Power Machine

Last week the oldest piece of equipment in the Free Press Office was discarded for one of the latest power paper cutters. The old cutter has served well for over fifty years. It has worn out numerous knives and even more human backs, and is still in better condition than our back. It has many more years of service in it for some other shop where the amount of paper to be cut is not so large as here.

The new machine is known as a "Craftsman" power cutter. It has many advantages in steel measuring tape with illuminated and magnified dial. Its big advantage, however, is in a motor which pulls the cutting blade through a pile of paper nearly four inches high "with the greatest of ease."

In order to avoid accidents with the razor sharp blade, controls are so arranged that two hands are required to put the knife into action. The knife can, however, be stopped at any part of its stroke.

The new machine weighs 3000 lbs. and is supported by a heavy iron base. It has a wider cutting length than the old cutter and will greatly facilitate the production of work in our expanding commercial printing department.