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SCHOOL ADDITION FAVORED BY 4 TO 1

First Woman Is Elected To Council, Heads Polls

Over 80 per cent of Acton voters went to the polls on Monday to vote on three important matters. They gave a final to our approval of the new addition to Acton Public School, elected the first woman to Acton Council at the head of the poll and endorsed the present Utilities Commissioner by three to one. The voting was unique in these three respects and also in the clear majorities given to Councillors. It is quite evident that electors are pleased with the work of present officials because all were returned to office.

Following is the result of Monday's voting by Wards:

FOR COUNCIL

	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	Total
Taylor	215	112	159	145	631
Wood	154	71	143	115	493
Thompson	159	76	125	103	463
Wreck	148	93	126	96	463
Greer	172	73	115	95	455
Fryer	161	85	104	98	448
Salmon	79	46	82	96	303
Mercer	62	47	93	54	276
Cooke	72	22	37	47	178

FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	Total
MacArthur	224	109	172	138	643
Rognvaldson	56	41	59	51	207

FOR $235,000.00 PUBLIC SCHOOL ADDITION

	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	Total
YES	176	74	134	112	496
NO	50	11	24	36	121

Checking over the voting counting eligible voters it shows that over two thirds of those entitled on the school question cast their ballots on Monday. It is always a good sign when people get out and vote. It was also noticeable the number of spoiled ballots on all the items. When will electors learn that only crosses can be used in marking a ballot? Too many think that check marks are more suitable and these are only spoiled ballots.

Only one cross is required on the right hand side of the ballot yet some voters think they can put six crosses opposite a candidate's name and it will count six votes for him. The result is that the candidate did not get one vote. When you vote observe the rules if you want your vote recorded.

In the election on Monday in Acton there were 99 spoiled ballots. 29 of these spoiled ballots were on the school question; 39 ballots were spoiled on the Public Utilities voting and 31 ballots were thrown out as spoiled on the Council election. This in spite of the fact that the walls of the polling booths were covered with clear instructions on how to mark the ballots.

MACHINERY ACCIDENTALLY FALLS, INJURING HAND OF BEARDMORE CO. EMPLOYEE

A piece of machinery accidentally fell on the hand of Tom Ware at Beardmore and Co. Ltd. this week. He was helping to move some machinery when the accident happened.

First aid was applied to the hand at Beardmore's and then Dr. Garrett recommended he be taken to the hospital. In Guelph General Hospital it was discovered that the tendons of his fingers were cut. This necessitated the application of a cast which is expected to remain on his hand for three weeks. Nine stitches were required to close the cut.

Construction Starts On Home For Aged

Excavations have been made and forms are being built for the foundations for Halton County Home for the Aged on No. 25 Highway, south of Milton. Watermains ditches have been dug and mains are now being laid to the properties from the Milton Waterworks system.

The James Kemp Construction Co. has the construction house erected and electrical service is being run to the property. The site is the scene of busy activity these days as the construction of this Halton County's latest building proceeds in the first phases of construction.

Rotarians See Film Of A. P. Green Co.

Acton Rotary members saw a very interesting film on Tuesday night which showed the manufacturing process for fire brick by the A. P. Green Co. It was brought to the Acton club by Mr. Geo. Barbeau, superintendent of the Acton plant of the company which just recently located here.

The film showed the operations of the plant in U.S.A. and traced the process from the mining of the special clay used right through the big plant and testing in the laboratory. Art Hayden introduced Mr. Barbeau and thanks of the club were extended by Les McSwain.

Last week the club was treated to the annual venison dinner with Vic Rumley supplying the venison as a result of his marksmanship on his annual trip to Northern Ontario. It was a treat that all the Rotarians thoroughly enjoyed.

Exchange Presents At Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party of the Lake 91 Chapter IODE was held in the Legion Rooms on Monday, December 4th. A short business period was presided over by the Regent, Mrs. Hawkins. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

It was reported that a toy party and a scholarship had been provided at the Commencement exercises. A letter was read from the Scout Hall Committee asking for further assistance in finishing the project and a donation of $50 was voted to be sent.

A gift and letter of appreciation were to be sent Mr. F. J. Salt for his help in writing the "Never Late, Never Absent" certificates for the Commencement.

The treasurer's report was given by Miss Julie Lesmeweich and adopted. $10 was to be given the Legion Auxiliary to go toward repairs which had been made to the piano. The Welfare Committee were to make plans for helping any needy family at Christmas.

After the business was concluded a Christmas party and social were enjoyed. Carols were sung and court whist played the winners being Mrs. Marguerite Taylor and Mrs. Hazel Orr. The lucky chair prize was won by Miss Phyllis Mackie. Gifts were exchanged by the members from under the brightly lit Christmas tree and lunch was served by the group in charge.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Ernest Lee Dies After Stroke

Mrs. Ernest Lee of 107 Waterloo St. Guelph passed away on November 22nd in her 63rd year. Our brother, Fred Cunningham lives in Acton. She was suffering from a severe stroke.

Mrs. Lee was born Elizabeth Cunningham in Eramosa Township near Everton and later moved with her parents to a farm on No. 24 highway in Erin Twp.

The L.O.B.A. of which she was a member held a service for her on Friday evening, November 24.

Funeral services were held at E. F. McIntyre funeral home on November 25th with Rev. Crawford Smith conducting the service.

Pallbearers were Messrs. Melvin and Bert Cunningham, Ernest McGee, George and David Roszell and George Tilcox. Interment was at Everton Cemetery.

Surviving are her husband and three sons, Carl, Fred and Willard, all of Guelph, two brothers, Fred of Acton and William on the home farm and one sister, Mrs. George (Nellie) Roszell of Guelph.

ACTON'S SECOND MAYOR is E. Tyler, this years reeve, elected by acclamation. He succeeds Mayor Amos Mason.

Two Hurt Saturday In Highway Smash

Two people were slightly injured in an accident which occurred on No. 7 highway just three-quarters of a mile west of Acton last Saturday night. A Morris Minor driven by Barry McKeon of Woodstock was coming toward Acton and a car driven by Edwin Broughton 16 of R.R. 1 Acton was proceeding in the other direction.

The two cars crashed and Broughton emerged from his car in the ditch unhurt. Damage was estimated at $100. With about $500 damage to his car Barry McKeon suffered minor injuries to his knee. A passenger with McKeon Murray Taylor of Brampton was taken to Guelph for treatment to multiple face injuries.

Provincial police from Milton investigated and said that driving conditions were bad due to a heavy fog.

Junior Teen Agers Visit Toronto Club

Last Friday an enthusiastic delegation of 12 representing the Junior Teen Agers Club attended a social evening at the Toronto Central YMCA as guests of the Club Sunset. The venture was highly successful with both clubs anxiously looking forward to return visits anticipated soon.

The local club is planning an event this Saturday in the form of a variety night.

Those who attended the program in Toronto were: Paul Lawson, Marilyn Mellor, Peggy Oakes, Ed McHugh, Marilyn Marks, Bill McHugh, Betty Sinclair, Arlene Gordon, Betty Mae Lambert, Bill Coon and Hazel Williamson.

Knox Ladies' Aid Names '51 Officers

The members of Knox Ladies Aid met in the classroom of the church on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. F. McCutcheon presided. The devotions were taken by Mrs. Wilmer Watkins and Mrs. A. J. Buchanan.

Mrs. F. Blow, acting secretary read the minutes and correspondence and Mrs. Stanley Matthews the financial report for the year. A donation of $20.00 was to be given the managers.

Mrs. F. Anderson gave a reading on "The Mystery of Santa Claus".

This was the annual meeting and Mrs. A. J. Buchanan was in the chair for the election of officers.

The following were elected for 1951: president, Mrs. F. J. McCutcheon; vice presidents, Mrs. Geo. Kitchie, Mrs. Geo. Landz; secretary, Mrs. G. Somerville; treasurer, Mrs. S. Matthews; pianists, Mrs. A. Smith, Miss Wallace.

Committees: program, Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. O'Hara; kitchen, Mrs. P. Murray, Mrs. J. Wilds, Mrs. J. Dennis; quilt, Mrs. W. McArthur, Mrs. P. Murray; flower, Mrs. Fred Blow, Miss Wallace; press, Mrs. F. Anderson.

Mrs. Buchanan spoke in appreciation of the work of the members the past year.

The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Blow and a social half hour was enjoyed. The executive was in charge.

Mrs. Gowdy Tells Of European Trip

The regular monthly meeting of of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter IODE was held at the home of Mrs. R. M. McDonald with the regent, Mrs. Wolfe, in the chair.

The usual annual donations were made. It was decided to also make a donation to the Library Board, the Scout Committee and the Salvation Army.

Mrs. Gowdy delighted those present with a very vivid and interesting description of her European trip this past summer. Mrs. Schroeder voiced the thanks of the members to Mrs. Gowdy for her kindness in sharing her travels.

Tea hostesses: Mrs. Near, Mrs. Mercer, Mrs. Agar and Mrs. Hall served lunch.

FIRST SANTA CLAUS

The giving of gifts was instituted by St. Nichols who is said to have appeared as an oldster with white beard, on horseback carrying gifts for good children and switches for bad ones. Pelznickle, from the demon world, would accompany him, clad in a fur coat and carrying a switch.

St. Nichols, or Nicholas, was bishop of Myra in Asia Minor, in the fourth century. He is patron saint of Greece, Russia and Naples.

Congratulate Council On Folder Issued for Acton

Acton Council members sat as a Court of Revision on the Supplemental Assessment for Hydro. There was only one appeal. Earl Lambert appeared that he lives on Bland Ave. was incomplete and therefore was over assessed. Assessor Crumpe said the house was up for sale and he had made allowance for the addition which was not complete. The house was ready for occupancy. The assessment was $2,525. The assessment was upheld.

The Clerk read a letter from Acton Public School Board requesting that the Council proceed with arrangements for a joint delegation to appear before the Municipal Board etc. It was requested the be done before the year's end. Chairman F. G. Oakes was present to discuss this with council.

Council instructed the solicitor to prepare the necessary by-law and agreed to call a special meeting to expedite the matter and prepare for replacement of the heating equipment. It was arranged for a special meeting on Tuesday morning to give readings to the by-law.

Roy Goodwin addressed council regarding the parking of his taxi cab on Mill St. He reviewed the arrangements that were made at the time the parking concession was granted. He pointed out the difficulties he had in securing a central location and the reason for the consideration of the 1949 council. He asked council to reconsider the matter.

The following resolution was passed: That Roy's Taxi sign be moved farther west on Mill Street down to within two car lengths of the corner, signs providing that this is agreeable to all businesses affected by these signs.

By resolution the annual grant of the Fire Brigade for $550 was passed for payment and the annual levy to the Band of $500.

A letter from the Dept. of Planning and Development defined the Town of Acton as from time to time constituted as a planning area to be known as "The Town of Acton Planning Area" in accordance with Section 2 of The Planning Act 1946 as amended. The minister requested the names of the Board members and offfers.

A letter from the Ohio Chemical Canada Ltd. gave information regarding a supplying of cylinders of oxygen. Each cylinder costs $2.60 and the clerk was instructed to secure six cylinders.

Foreman Kirkness reported that stone and gravel were available for west Mill Street and Cameron St. The clerk was instructed to write regarding a truck tire. Mr. Kirkness also reported the arena was ready for flooding just as soon as the weather was cold enough. He felt the present employees could handle the ice making for the start.

Letters from the Canadian Mothercraft Society and F. L. Wright were read and ordered filed.

Accounts were received for four indigent patients and the clerk was to check on these and instructions were given.

A letter was read from the county clerk regarding the appointment of a member to the North Halton High School Board.

The Department of Health forwarded their final approval for the construction of sewers in Acton.

The clerk presented a list of taxes in arrears which amounted to

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Mrs. G. Musselle Made Life Member

The Alert Evening Auxiliary of Knox Church held its Fall Thankoffering and Fireside hour on Sunday evening. December 3rd. Mrs. F. Anderson, president, presided.

The devotional theme, "Music of the Bible" was led by Mrs. G. W. Masales assisted by Mrs. S. Sinclair, Miss Margaret Brown and Mrs. George Musselle, concluding with the hymn "Come, let us sing of a Wonderful Love".

Miss Sheila Paul played two delightful violin solos, "Star of the East" and "Hark the Herald Angels Sing", accompanied by Mrs. A. Mann, pianist. Mrs. John Davidson rendered a solo, "The Old Rugged Cross".

The offering was received and the dedicatory prayer given by Mrs. H. L. Bennie.

Mrs. R. H. Armstrong introduced the guest speaker, Miss Ruby Walker, who has served the Presbyterian Church throughout the western provinces for a few years and is now a regional worker in the Ontario division. Miss Walker in a very pleasing manner told of her experiences, the joy that has been hers in serving her Master and church. She urged that all appreciate the privilege of having such beautiful churches to attend on Sundays, when she knows there are hundreds of people in Canada who have never seen a church.

At the conclusion of her address Mrs. Davidson sang, "Open my eyes that I may see all the work Thou hast for me".

Mrs. Anderson spoke in appreciation of the service rendered by Mrs. George Musselle throughout the years to their organization and Mrs. Cameron Leishman presented her with a Life Membership and Mrs. G. Somerville presented the pin. Mrs. Musselle replied in appreciation of the gifts.

Mrs. R. O'Hara offered a vote of thanks to the speaker and all who had helped.

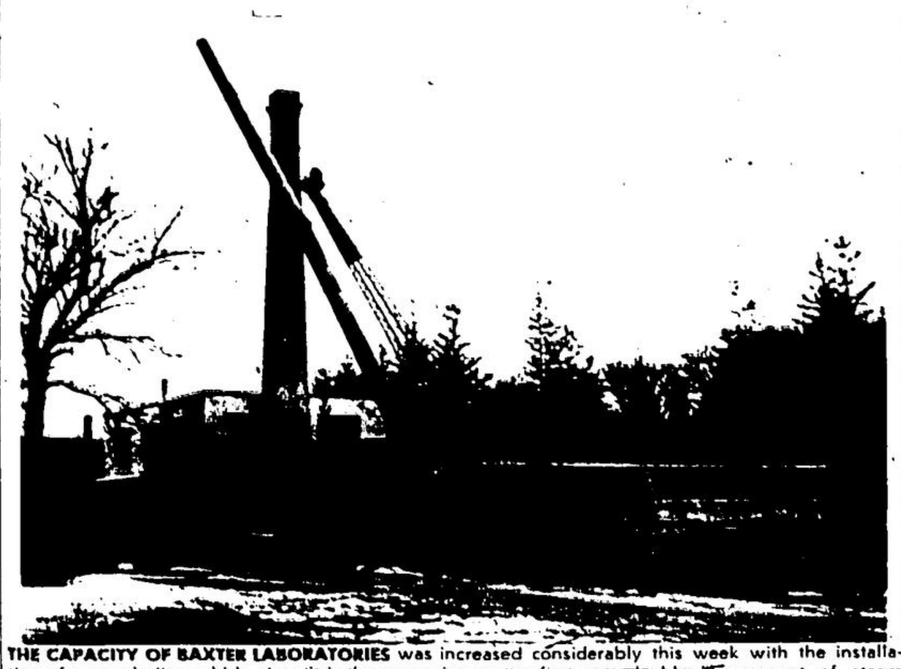
Greetings were also given by Mrs. H. Helwig, Mrs. Mainprize and Mr. M. Coles.

Following the singing of the Christmas hymn, "Who is He in Yonder Stall", Rev. H. L. Bennie pronounced the benediction.

A period of social fellowship was enjoyed, arranged and served by Miss Laura Wiles, Mrs. L. Holliday, Mrs. A. McIsaac and Mrs. C. Leishman.

HITCH-HIKING "OUT"

Canadian Boy Scouts do not "hitch-hike". The Scout Movement has decided that a false glamour has attached itself to hitch hiking and that Scouts will only ask for lifts in an emergency.



THE CAPACITY OF BAXTER LABORATORIES was increased considerably this week with the installation of a new boiler, which, since it is the same size as the first one, doubles the amount of steam produced. The fabricated one-piece steel chimney for the boiler is shown as it was being erected last Monday. It is 85 feet in height and rises above the brick chimney now in use. The new boiler is complete with its own stoker unit and will soon be in production to meet the increased demands for Baxter Laboratories hospital solutions.

Fire Tuesday Proves To Be Test Run Watching Flames Dwindles to Wading

The familiar wail of the fire alarm sounded last Tuesday about 11.30 a.m. All went according to schedule—the firemen dashed from their jobs, and many who could, did the same.

The truck with the men stopped by the hydrant at the corner of Mill and Willow Sts., the hose was unrolled, the water was turned onto the flames . . . what flames?

There was something different about this fire—it was the presence of a neatly dressed man with a notebook and pressure gauge. He was from the Fire Underwriters Association. This was a trial run to test the equipment and speed of the Acton Fire Brigade.

So the fire was by special request, with the hose turned down the middle of Mill St., down John St. from Mill and down Willow St. The invisible flames got worse and the Underwriter ordered that the pressure in the mains be increased to 100 pounds.

The water streaming with such force onto Willow St. would have discouraged any flames. But it didn't daunt the youngsters. For once they were able to get to a fire—it was directly on their route home from school at noon. When the lack of real fire was discovered they devised a substitute, wading in the large puddle of water that covered the ice, snow and blocked drain near the corner.

The fire was a good one for them until Town Foreman Kirkness came along with a shovel and opened the drain. Then the children went home for lunch and the fire was over.

Railway Crossing Warning Signals Start Ringing, Flashing This Morning

The railway crossing signals on the Mill Street C.N.R. crossing went into operation this morning and should certainly cut down the hazard to motor traffic at this point. Yesterday we were shown part of the intricate mechanism required in this construction by Mr. A. McGeachie and his assistant, Stan Gurgacz.

Trains coming from the east will start the operation of the signals 2450 feet before the Mill Street crossing and 2050 feet on trains from the west—this is beyond the Main Street crossing. There are flasher and bell signals on the Guelph Street and railway road entrances and double flashers on each side of Mill Street. It requires eight boxes of electrical control located along the railway for the mile of operation. In each box there are seven units which operate the mechanism. Every rail joint along the main line and three sidings had to have a wire connection.

Another interesting feature of the installation is the operation of a train standing on the siding next the main line. After 75 seconds the signals cease to operate on this standing train and do not start again until the train moves into the next area of operation.

For several days the crossing was blocked while the installation was being made and the tracks were cleared, new planking and rock ballast were put in. Traffic is now back to normal but for safety's sake, obey those signals from now on!