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## INSPECTION DISRUPTED WATER SERVICE

### Praise Warden VanSickle County Council Tuesday

High praise to retiring Warden William VanSickle for his services to the County of Halton during the past year and different appointments was featured at the concluding meeting of Halton County Council held at the County Buildings last Tuesday afternoon. In a resolution sponsored by Reeve William Marshall and Deputy Reeve Ken Macdonald, council unanimously endorsed a motion expressing Council's thanks to Warden VanSickle for the courteous and impartial manner in which he presided over the county business during the past year.

In responding Warden VanSickle said he felt humbled and urged members to know the kindness expressed was deeply felt by him. Explaining he would not be a member of council next year he said it was a great pleasure for him to sit on council with representatives of the different municipalities who were so co-operative in connection with the affairs of the county.

W. H. Biggar, retiring reeve of Trafalgar, took the chair and called for remarks by members. Those who spoke praised the work of Warden VanSickle but expressed disappointment of his not being with council during 1951. Mr. Biggar remarked he will long remember the associations in county council, adding praise to Mr. VanSickle's tenure of office. "We picked a very busy man to lead us during the year and he is one who has done his job well," he concluded.

Council approved a by-law authorizing the borrowing of money up to the amount of \$200,000 for the construction of the Home for the Aged. This borrowing will be from the bank at four per cent until debentures are issued. It was explained that grants from the province would reduce the cost 50 per cent.

Reeve Ted Tyler announced to members that Acton had approved of the new equalized assessment. The Warden thanked Acton for its good judgment in the matter, adding it would save the municipalities considerable expense in connection with the appeal.

Members also approved of a recommendation by the Agricultural and Reforestation Committee that the motion to purchase certain land from W. Service be rescinded. Reeve K. Y. Dick reported to council the architect had met with the architects to iron out different phases of the construction of the Home for the Aged. He also said arrangements were being made to install a water line from the town of Milton to the new site. This would have to go under the highway but permission was being sought.

Members unanimously endorsed a resolution sponsored by Lincoln County who were seeking that the Minister of Highways consider enactment of legislation that traffic from both directions be required to stop when a school bus stops to pick up or let out school children. Reeve Tyler pointed out this was in force in the United States and was rigidly adhered to over there for the safety of children.

Other communications from the counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, who were seeking to have the provincial government increase the Children's Aid Society grant from 25 per cent to 50 per cent and that grants to the Homes for the Aged be made to the county instead of the local municipalities were endorsed by the members.

Council approved of a \$500 grant to both the Oakville-Trafalgar High School Board and the North Halton High School board to aid in the (Continued on Page Five)



WARDEN W. M. VANSICKLE, who was honored by County Officials and County Council and former Wardens at the Warden's Banquet on Tuesday evening at Nassagaweya Township Hall.

### Special Meeting For School Money

At a special meeting of Acton Council on Tuesday morning, two readings were given the by-law authorizing the borrowing by debenture issue of \$235,000 for the purpose of erecting an addition to Acton Public School. The matter can now go before the Municipal Board for consideration.

Mr. Gifford of the Veterans' Land Act department discussed with council the easement on Hugh Graham's property on No. 7 highway. A resolution was passed arranging for a survey of the property and a clause regarding compensation for damages.

Council also arranged that no sewer manhole would be constructed but a Y built on the sewer line. A former agreement had been signed by all parties except officials of the Veterans' Land Act.

### MUSIC STUDY GROUP MEETS AT HOME OF MRS. J. JANY DECORATE TREE, GIVE GIFTS

The December meeting of the Music Study Club was held at the home of Mrs. J. Jany on Monday night with Santa Claus distributing gifts. The members decorated a Christmas tree during the evening. Mrs. C. L. Pasle gave the history of several carols which were then sung and a review of music of different nationalities proved most enjoyable. A delicious buffet lunch was served by the committee.

The November meeting of the group featured music by Mozart with a short play given in period costume.

### Large Trucks Bog In Service Break

A break in a water service on Mill St. between Frederick and Elgin Sts. resulted in two trucks being stuck in the hole which sunk in the road above the break early Saturday morning. A large truck owned by C. S. Denny, R. R. 2, Acton, ran straight into the ditch which was partly concealed by water. His two front wheels were caught in the hole and a bulldozer was needed to pull the truck out about 8 a.m.

About half an hour later a second truck struck the ditch and was unable to drive either forward or backward. This truck, belonging to Tree Surgeons of Toronto, was pulled out by another vehicle belonging to the same firm.

Shortly after the second accident the Waterworks Department put up a barricade. The road was closed to thoroughfare until late Sunday night when the main was fixed.

### Teachers At-Home To Friends Tuesday

On Tuesday evening the Scout Hall was a scene of gay festivity when the teachers of the Public School were at home to the High School staff, the clergy, and their wives former teachers and friends. The blazing fireplace lighted trees and decorations symbolic of the Yuletide season provided a charming background for the program and activities.

After each guest had been introduced all joined in singing "The First Noel" and "Silent Night." Mrs. Victor Alger then read "A Canadian Carol" and Miss Josephine McPhail gave a beautiful vocal rendition of "White Shepherd Watched their Flocks."

Mr. Elmer Smith gave two stirring violin numbers which were much enjoyed and Miss Daisy Folster read, in her customary pleasing manner, from Dickens' beloved "Christmas Carol." Rev. F. A. Currey unable to be present in person, was "on record" in voice and for fifteen minutes entertained delightfully with witty stories and harmonica selections.

A contest entitled "Who Am I?" in which pictures on the walls represented the surname of all the guests was won by Mrs. A. J. Buchanan and Miss Grindley. The correct answers to a "Treasure Trail" on "Christmas" were rewarded by plucking some fruit from the gum drop tree with the special prize going to Miss Muriel Burns.

A parody "Twas the night before Christmas" composed by Mr. A. J. Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Orr, Miss Daisy Folster and Mr. Robbins was judged as most clever. Prizes for the best sketches went to Miss Audrey Anderson and Mrs. Arthur Gamble and to their models, Miss Bailey and Miss Isabel Gammie.

A bountiful lunch was served after which owing to the lateness of the hour a Grand March arranged by Mrs. Robbins had to be unwillingly forgone.

Mr. Ted Hansen was the capable pianist for the evening with Mr. G. W. McKenzie a jovial host, assisted by Miss Isabel Anderson.

### Re-elections Fill Georgetown Posts

Last Monday in Georgetown seven men contested the six councillor seats with the following results: Frank Petch, 57; Garfield McGilvray, 57; Harry Hale, 52; Norman Hill, 52; Thomas Lyons, 50; William Tuck, 48; Fred McNally, 45.

This is the first time that council has been elected by general vote rather than the former three ward system. All of this year's council sought re-election while it was the first year that Fred McNally, who did not win a seat, ran for council.

The ratepayers were also asked to answer the question, "Are you in favor of a \$2500 grant to the Recreation Committee?" The answer was: Yes, 516; No, 287.

All other offices were filled by acclamation with all candidates being re-elected. Harold Cleave was returned for his fifth term as mayor with William G. Marshall and Kenneth R. McDonald returned to their second terms as reeve and deputy-reeve respectively.

### Warden Van Sickle Host To About 200

For the first time in Halton history the annual Warden's Dinner was held in Nassagaweya Township at the Brookville Hall where Warden W. VanSickle, Reeve of Nassagaweya, was host to nearly 200 guests. The dinner last Tuesday night proved a delightful event with the Nassagaweya Women's Institute serving a bounteous and appetizing banquet of turkey and all the other delicacies that go with such an event. The Warden was complimented on his innovation of having the dinner in his home constituency.

The program too was very pleasing both in its quality and in the fact that so much was given in such a brief time. It was concluded by 10:30 and guests were returning to their homes.

Judge W. N. Robinson was the able master of ceremonies. There were stirring and appropriate numbers by the Lorne Scots Band and Lowville Male Quartette gave several well rendered numbers. Head table introductions were made by Judge Robinson. The toast to the ex-wardens was proposed by Mr. W. J. Dick who called that this was his forty-eighth Warden's Dinner and ex-Warden George Cleave replied.

The toast to county council was proposed by ex-Warden J. M. McDonald, formerly reeve of Acton, and responded to by ex-Warden George W. Thorpe, reeve of Nelson Township. The toast to the guests was proposed by Mr. W. J. L. Hampshire and Mr. Roberts of the head office of the Bank of Nova Scotia Toronto responded.

Guest speaker of the evening was Padre W. A. Young, College Chaplain at the O.A.C. Guelph who was introduced by G. A. Dills, editor of the Acton and Milton papers. After complimenting Halton and the Warden on the importance of their position, he gave an address based on the theme "The more we are together, the happier we'll be."

He felt that this should be the theme song of the world today. If we just took to heart this theme the world might not be in its present turmoil. "We must learn to say 'our' instead of 'mine.' Co-operation, said Padre Young, is the secret of all success. Our greatest danger to democracy he felt, was from within rather than from without. If we would not only learn but practice the golden rule a world at peace would be achieved. But peace must start in our own hearts.

It was a message that compelled thought and was spiced with illustration and humor that held the attention of all. On behalf of the audience, Judge Robinson expressed appreciation to Padre Young.

Mr. Higher Cleave, M.P. for Halton and Mr. Stanley Hall, member of the Ontario legislature for the county, spoke briefly.

Reeve George Currie of Equestrian dean of county council had the honor of toasting the Warden and making a presentation on behalf of county council of a beautiful chair. The endorsement of Warden VanSickle was spontaneous from band and audience when they sang lustily "For he's a jolly good fellow."

In his reply, Warden VanSickle thanked all for the co-operation he had received in the work and expressed his appreciation for the municipal honors bestowed on him. He briefly reviewed county council experiences and sounded a warning on the demand of people in spending public funds and brought to attention that all funds of all governments were the moneys of the people.

He had enjoyed the rich experiences municipal politics provided and the co-operation accorded him which had made any success achieved possible.

The final toast was to the ladies of Nassagaweya Women's Institute for the splendid banquet provided and to the ladies who are county officials and perform their tasks so efficiently. It was given by Sheriff W. J. Robertson and Mrs. Lloyd Campbell responded.

### HUNTING EXCITEMENT

Mike and Pat went hunting. A big bird flew up in front of them. Mike drew a bead while Pat shouted, "Don't shoot, yet, Mike. The gun ain't loaded." "Can't help it," said Mike, "the bird won't wait."

### W.I. Seasonal With Carols, Santa Claus

The Acton Women's Institute met for their December meeting at the home of Mrs. F. Anderson, Brook Ave. The president, Mrs. R. L. Davidson, opened the meeting with a Christmas message "Peace on earth" followed by the carol "Holy Night" and the Lord's Prayer.

The roll call was answered by "Memories of Christmas." Motions were made to send a donation of \$5 to the Christmas seal fund and \$10 to the local boy scouts.

Boxes for the holiday season were to be sent to Actonians in the Sanatoriums and the Aged People's Home in Brampton.

The motto of the month "He who gives a child a treat makes joy bells ring on Heaven's street" was given by Mrs. Wilderspin. Other members contributing stories for the festive season were Mrs. Geo. Fryer, Mrs. G. Golden and Mrs. W. Denny. A paper on "The Wonders of Christmas" was read by Mrs. Wilderspin.

As a musical number related the news that "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" he promptly arrived and greeted the gathering, then distributed the gifts surrounding the tree to all present.

The meeting closed by singing "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" and a social half hour was enjoyed. The committee in charge consisted of Mrs. Wilderspin, Mrs. W. Denny and Mrs. George Golden.

### Eramosa Officers Elected Recently

At the annual meeting of the Eramosa Township Federation of Agriculture held recently in Rockwood Community Hall the officers for 1951 were elected. The guest speaker was Ralph Staples, the Ontario manager of the Co-operative Life Insurance Co.

The secretary of the Wellington County Federation of Agriculture, Alex Anderson spoke on federation activities and Mrs. Roy Black reviewed farm forum and folk school work in Wellington.

The progress of Eramosa Junior Farmers was reported by their president, Earl Osborne. The officers elected were: Past pres. Rea Freure, president, Fred Cox, 1st vice-president, Chas. McNabb, 2nd vice-president, Russell Osborne, sec-treas. John Carter.

Directors: SS 1 Harry Walker and Russell Osborne; SS 2 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robinson; SS 3 John Smith and Wilbert Norris; SS 4 Hugh Sampson; SS 4A Alex Lawrence and Wm. Hamilton; SS 5 Leslie Foote and Mrs. James Talbot; SS 6 Lorne Allan and Mrs. Ross McDougall; SS 7 Mr. and Mrs. Earl Barber; SS 8 Douglas McNabb and Albert Shultis; SS 9 Gordon Ostrander and Mrs. G. Franck; SS 10 Fred Oakes.

Auditors Bruce Hindley and Arthur Leslie. President Fred Cox was chosen as delegate to the Ontario Federation of Agriculture annual meeting in Toronto, with Chas. McNabb as alternate.

### BOYS FROM ACTON Y DRIVE TO GUELPH FOR SWIMMING CLASSES, GIRLS PLAN SAME

Swimming classes at the Guelph Y got off to a very good start on Tuesday last with 29 boys attending the first excursion. It is expected fully as many girls will be on hand for their first swimming party.

The project, featuring one trip each week, is organized by the Y's Men's Club of the Acton Y and assisted by many other local car owners.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTY HELD AT HOME OF MARIE LAMBERT ATTENDANCE RECORD WINNER

A very enjoyable time was held at the home of Miss Marie Lambert on Friday evening when the entertained her Sunday School class and her teacher, Miss Dorothy Simmons. Games, quizzes and the opening of exchanged Christmas gifts were enjoyed by all. Marie Lambert was the highest in points for attendance at Sunday School and church with Clara Lambert second and several others.

### Many Services Damaged By Inspector's Insistence

The Public Utilities Commission discussed the breakages at the meeting last Friday caused by the inspection of the Underwriters representative. A large number of old services had been broken when the inspector insisted that the water pressure be put on the mains. Superintendent Lambert was to turn in a report of the breakages and the cost of repairs so that the bill could be forwarded to the Underwriters for settlement. There had been so many breaks that the spring could not keep up with the demand until some of the leaks had been shut off. The Commission felt that the inspector had not used very good judgment when demanding that such high pressure be put on the mains for test purposes only.

Superintendent Lambert was instructed to keep the extra men until such time as all the broken services were repaired so that the water situation would be improved as soon as possible.

A letter was read from the Spartan Construction Co. stating that the price of 90¢ per foot would not apply to the laying of water mains on Crown St. Due to the lateness of the season and the frost the price would be \$1.50 per foot. A motion was passed authorizing the laying of the mains on this basis. Superintendent Lambert was to make arrangements for the digging of the house services to the property line.

Sec. Treas. J. McGeachie reported that the bills would be a few days late in being sent out this month. This was caused by the extra work due to breakages which held up the meter reading.

It was decided to put Mr. M. Jordan on the permanent staff of the Hydro Department and to apply for insurance and pension arrangements in his case, the same as all permanent employees of the Commission.

Due to the extra work involved this year on account of the expansion of the town, adjustments were made in the wages of the employees for 1950.

Hydro Department	
Acton Free Press adv.	\$ 3.45
Highway Garage, oil, etc.	20.35
Whithams Garage, gas	17.25
Can. Wire & Cable Co. supplies	1150.87
Victor B. Rumley Funeral Home	10.00
Express and transport	25.50
	\$1438.41

Waterworks Department	
Neptune Meters Ltd.	\$244.53
Can. Brass Co. Ltd.	220.80
Drummond, McCall & Co.	35.10
Thompson Motors	221.82
Standard Chemical Co.	7.20
	\$509.25

A letter was read from the P.C. of Ontario stating that the Acton Commission would have to change their wires and fixtures from the poles belonging to Acton to that of the H.E.P.C. on Queen St. east. No provision had been made by the H.E.P.C. to change these wires belonging to Acton.

All the members of the Commission were present at this meeting on Friday.

### INTERMEDIATE BASKETBALL HOUSE LEAGUE AT ACTON Y HAS FOUR COMPETING TEAMS

The Intermediate Boys Basketball House League of Acton Y selected teams last Friday and the regular schedule will open this Saturday. The league will again feature four teams, captained by Don Dawkins, Don Davidson, Philip McCrystal and Bill Coon.

### Believe It Or Not — Weather To Blame For Late Editions Of Home Town Paper

The weather gets blamed for a lot of things and if we were to tell you that the weather was accountable for some of the late deliveries of your home paper, it would seem ridiculous. How could the weather affect a product that is produced indoors and away from outside conditions?

Without getting technical, the winter weather plays havoc by means of static electricity. Most of the moisture is either frozen out or dried out of the air. We run a pretty tight schedule in producing your newspaper and the hour required for allowing papers to rest between press and folding machines isn't allowed for.

So at this time of year we attempt to put moisture in the air and by various methods endeavor to make ground contact for the static. Sometimes it isn't successful and the papers cannot be controlled. That's often what happens when your papers are later than usual. That's the reason you'll see our presses and folders footed with what looks like Christmas tinsel decoration. That's the reason that around these machines you'll feel a dew falling and see steam arising. It's the weather again, takes the blame.

### H. V. Dron "Took a Chance" And Won Radio, Watch, Frigidaire, Prestoware

"Take A Chance" the radio program was called—and H. V. Dron of 38 Church St. did just that. Last week he learned that on the program of Wednesday, December 5th, he had won a Frigidaire refrigerator, a Red Seal cedar chest, a set of Prestoware aluminum cooking utensils, a bedlamp-radio and a wrist watch!

Mr. Dron had been sending his name into the Adam's chielet "Take A Chance" quiz program for quite a while, but was not listening the night he won the jackpot. Roy Ward Dickson, M.C. of the program when a member of the studio audience drew Mr. Dron's

name, answered the question correctly and then pulled the right curtain to win the big prizes.

These prizes were shipped to Manning Electric Store in Acton and are on display in the window there. Mr. Manning was also sent several photographs of the show. Both Hamilton and Toronto radio stations have been advertising the program this week by telling of Mr. Dron's win and the display of prizes in Manning's window.

The only thing Mr. Dron is chewing about this week is the gum—and he'll be chewing on the cartons of Adam's product he was sent for some time yet to come.