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## HALTON BOARD SELECTS SECRETARY

### Fire Inspection Repairs Expected To Total \$512

At the regular meeting of the Public Utilities Commission last Tuesday evening, Water Superintendent Lambert reported that the total cost to date of repairing the services broken when the high pressure was put on the mains was \$412. There are still two services to be repaired and it is estimated these will cost \$100 as they are difficult ones to repair. This cost is to be forwarded to the underwriter for their consideration.

A letter and report was received from the A.M.E.A. which told of the meeting with the H.E.P.C. of Ontario early in December. This meeting was called to discuss power rates. The H.E.P.C. intimated that a rebate would be forthcoming in the thirteenth power bill but this money would have to be used for rehabilitating the systems.

A letter was read from the A.M.E.U. dealing with accident prevention.

Hydro Superintendent Mason reported that the H.E.P.C. would start building the power line down the third line as far as the disposal plant at the end of January. An estimate of the cost of this line is to be obtained. There already is a power line down the third line but is not suitable for operating the treatment plant.

The purchase of more transformers for the servicing of industry in town was discussed. Those manufacturers needing more power were to be contacted so that arrangements could be made for installing suitable load capacity.

Superintendent Mason reported that the line servicing Hinton's new store is at the present time being built in from Willow Street. This is the first step in removing the poles from a block on Mill Street.

The Commission in passing the accounts, joined the Ontario Municipal Electric Association and also the Ontario Municipal Electric Utilities.

Upon motion, J. R. MacArthur was appointed chairman of the Public Utilities Commission and J. T. Ware vice-chairman for the year 1951.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Hydro Accounts	
H. E. P. C.	\$179.92
L. W. Agar, coal	24.00
G. H. Wood & Co. Ltd., sanitary supplies	50.55
Federal Wire & Cable Co., Jas. R. Kearney Corp.	72.98
Ont. Mun. Elec. Assoc. membership	20.14
Frank Terry, postmaster, box renewal	25.00
Addressograph—Multi-raph Ltd.	5.60
Assoc. of Mun. Elec. Util. membership	1.01
Highway Garage	10.00
Petty cash	3.05
	7.23
	\$398.88
Waterworks Accounts	
J. Lambert, garage rental	\$24.00
Thompson Motors	2.25
Can Brass Co Ltd	12.64
Symon Hdwe	19.79
	19.79
	\$58.68

### Pictures Present Problem In Filing; Assistance In Identification Needed

To run in the paper, photographs are processed and engraved in metal. This metal plate is mounted



on a block of wood for printing. Usually the name of the person or place in the picture is written on the bottom of the wood.

On several of these cuts which have been kept in the Free Press office for many years however the name was either not written there for identification or has become too blurred to read. In some cases the identity of the person is not known at all in some cases fair guesses have been made.

In order to be certain, however, the help of Acton residents who recall the good old days, or pictures in family albums, is needed. Would anyone who believes he or she knows who this gentleman was, please write and let us know or else drop the suggestion in at the office.

We hesitate to throw out pictures which may still be of historical value, and faces, no matter how pleasant, are of little value in files without a name.

### Year Reports Given At W.A. Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Women's Association was held at the home of Mrs. F. Cleve with a good attendance. The president, Mrs. J. Wilderspin, presided.

The devotional period was taken by Mrs. E. A. Currey with roll call answered by the word "obey" contained in a verse of scripture.

There will be no social activities while the church is undergoing repairs. It was announced. Home and lunch committee of four for each month were secured for the year. The annual reports for the past year were presented. 400 calls had been made and 100 pieces of mail sent to sick and shut-ins. There were two removals by death and 3 removals from town.

The treasurer gave a splendid report on the finances and all hope for a good year which lies ahead. The meeting closed with prayer.

### Lorne Scots Band Names Officers

At the annual meeting of Lorne Scots Brass Band held on Tuesday, January 9th, the following officers were elected: honorary presidents, Messrs. A. Beaumont, Cardaro, Dr. Reid, E. Fleck, Brig. Wallace, Mr. D. G. H. Wright, Mr. Mason, Col. Cousins, Mr. Bradley.

The president is Bruce McKerr, Milton; vice-president, Norman Marchment, Georgetown; secretary, treasurer, Douglas Peck, Georgetown; committee, Vic Carter, Ered Leese, Brampton; librarian, Thos. Herbert, Georgetown; social convener, E. Forgrave, Georgetown.

The bandmaster of the Lorne Scots, Alfred Perrott, Warrant Officer 1st class, has been with the band for 20 years. During that time, the band has had remarkable success in many competitions.

### Esquesing Council Has First Meeting

On Monday, January 8th, the inaugural meeting of Esquesing Township Council was held. Having subscribed to the oath of office, the following members took their seats: George Currie, Reeve; Geo. Leslie, Deputy Reeve; H. Craig Reid, Wm. Bird and Walter Linnham, Councillors.

Mr. F. W. Chapman, the manager of the Bank of Commerce was present and wished the Council success in their work during the coming year. Mr. G. C. Brown who attended spoke briefly, congratulating the council on being returned to office again.

### FAMILY CONGREGATES IN ACTON LAST SATURDAY TO HONOR MRS. G. WOODS

Mrs. George Woods, Young St. had a very pleasant surprise last Saturday evening when her daughters, sons-in-law and grandchildren gathered together to honor her on her birthday. Members of the family came from Georgetown, Guelph, Hamilton and Acton.

A most enjoyable evening was spent with lunch served by two of Mrs. Woods' granddaughters. A special birthday cake, with lovely decorations and candles was brought in.

Mrs. Wood was presented with a sum of money and other presents from the members of her family.

### Acton Gala in 1901 Gunner Gould Back

Too important to carry in the "back in 1901" column is an account of the return of Gunner William Gould from the Boer War to Acton on January 14th, 1901. Still living in Acton and in fair health, Bill Gould again saw service in the first world war.

The account in the Free Press describes the excitement in Acton the day he returned home. We had a chat with "Billie" the other day and he proudly showed us the address that was presented to him along with the presentations from the citizens of Acton. It was beautifully executed by the late William Stark and bound in real leather. It is on view in the Free Press window this week.

Here's part of the story from 1901.

"This old town went wild on Monday over the welcome accorded to Gunner W. J. Gould of 'D' Battery, R.C.A., who reached his old home from the war in the Transvaal by the 2.21 p.m. train. A public holiday had been declared and the populace turned out en masse amid great enthusiasm. Bunting and flags and banners floated from private residences; from public buildings and business places appropriate mottoes were in evidence at various points.

"Immediately at his appearance at the car door a cheer of welcome went up from 2,000 throats; he was carried on the shoulders of a couple of members of Company G to his sleigh, and Acton Cornet Band struck up 'Home Sweet Home'.

"After personal greetings from hundreds of friends the procession moved along Mill St. in the following order: Grand Marshall Warren, mounted; Acton Cornet Band; Halton Lorne Rifles; the town clergy; the reception committee; Gunner Gould, in sleigh, accompanied by Col. Davidson, Guelph, and D. Henderson, M.P.; the reeve and council; the school board; Chief Gamble and ex-chief Harvey; mounted; Acton Fire Brigade, in uniform; Crescent Lacrosse Club; citizens and visitors mounted, in sleighs and on foot.

"Since not one-fourth of the people could crowd into the town hall, the account tells, the proceedings were carried on in the open air despite falling snow. Rev. H. A. MacPherson of the Presbyterian Church then read an address of welcome. This is the address that has been lent by Mr. Gould and will be on display in the Free Press window until next Thursday.

A gold watch was presented to Gunner Gould by Mrs. D. Henderson and the purse by Mrs. (Reeve) Williams.

The article continues: "Gunner Gould thanked them very heartily for their generous gift. He then referred to the feelings of sadness he experienced at returning alone instead of having with him the brave comrade 'Bombardier Moores' who had gone to South Africa with him from Acton."

Gunner Gould and about 700 of them entered the town hall where the crowd at the doors was the greatest in the twenty years since the hall was built. There several speeches were heard expressing pleasure at Mr. Gould's return.

Over two columns of small-sized type described the gala welcome of 1901.

### Wellington County Council Number 27

There will be 27 members at the first meeting of Wellington County Council this month. Eight of these will be new members and in four of these cases, the change results from the retirement of previous office holders.

The members of Wellington County Council are as follows: Arthur Township, T. Edwin White; Arthur Village, Wilfred Warden; Clifford, William Penman; Drayton, A. E. Andrews (new); Elora, Arthur A. Badley (new); Erasmus, David D. Gray and Ernest H. Benham; Erin Township, Goldwin Burt and Albert Wheeler; Erin Village, D. Stanley Leitch (new); Fergus, Willard R. Smith (new) and J. O. Robertson; West Garafraxa, Harold S. Anderson; Guelph Township, Wilbert Griewe and H. L. Palfaman (new); West Luther, Hugh M. Saunders; Harriston, George Walkey; Maryboro Township, Philip Rowland; Minto Township, William G. Tillen; Mount Forest, Ross F. McLellan; Nichol Township, Robert G. Foote (new); Palmerston, Robert G. Bridge; Peel Township, William A. Walker and Rillel Cherry; Pilkington, John Quarrie; Puslinch Township, William J. Hunter and Peter C. McLean (both new).

### First Week of New Hit-Miss Schedule

The Hit and Miss Volleyball League got off to a flying start last week as the competition was keen and plenty of fun prevailed.

The group was chosen into two teams, the Chestnuts and the Donuts. The Chestnuts ran off with the honors by winning two of the three games when they seemed to find the holes in the Donuts, to win by scores of 15-12, 15-9 and lose 15-11.

The ball handling was very steady with a few highlights on the part of Orm Hunt and Bob Tyler with some excellent spiking, and Tom Nicol making some terrific saves as he was all over the floor.

In these games the points are not given to the team but to the individual player and each one on the winning team receives 3 points and the losers 1. Captains are elected and teams drawn for at each session. Extra players are rotated into the play to assure games for all who turn out. This replaces the town league, which may be later reverted to when sufficient regulars are recruited. Prizes will be awarded to the high players when the schedule ends.

Here are the points after the first week's activities: F. Euringer 7, Orm Hunt 7, F. Nightingale 7, T. Nicol 7, R. Davies 7, L. Hemmley 7, K. Allen 5, F. Somerville 5, Bob Tyler 5, Scottie McCristall 5, Hank Earl 5, Meb Blow 5. Late arrival Bob Bruce earned himself 3 points.

### Misadventures In Photography Told

The regular monthly meeting of the Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. was held in the Legion Rooms on Tuesday evening, January 9, with the Regent, Mrs. Hazel Orr, in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted and the roll call answered to.

An executive meeting was arranged for January 30th in the Legion Rooms.

Mrs. Marguerite Taylor and Mrs. Hazel Orr were to represent the Chapter at a meeting of all town organizations to discuss Civil Defence.

An invitation was received to the opening of the new Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto on January 15.

A letter of thanks was received from Elenora Britton for the ring she received on graduating from Acton High School as the most outstanding student.

Numerous cards and letters of thanks were received for the Christmas parcels and for baby spoons. The Scout Committee thanked the Chapter for their donation.

The treasurer's report was given by Miss Julie Lesniewich. Many donations were made to funds and scholarships sponsored by the Provincial and National Chapters.

A sum was to be sent the Canadian National Institute for the Blind and the "Save the Children" Fund. A donation was voted to the Legion for the use of the Hall.

An instrumental by Helez Pickett was enjoyed by everyone.

Miss Esther Taylor gave a very enlightening talk on her "Photography Misadventures." She told of some of the amusing incidents in her quest for photos and of the real enjoyment and sense of accomplishment which can be gained by becoming interested in photography as a hobby.

Nominations were held for officers for the coming year, and lunch was served by the group in charge.

### Approve Vacation Of Three Weeks

The establishment of three weeks' vacation with pay after 15 years' service was a leading request of the National Union of Shoe and Leather Workers before Boards of Conciliation in Guelph and London recently. The companies concerned were Beardmore and Company Limited of Acton, and C. S. Hyman Leathers of London.

The union, shop at Beardmore's was requested of the Conciliation Board in Guelph which will make recommendations regarding the employees of Beardmore's was Judge R. S. Clark of Guelph and the chairman of the Board in London dealing with the dispute at Hyman's was Prof. Alex. Brady of the University of Toronto.

### Chairman and Secretary Chosen by Halton Board

From a list of ten applicants coming from four of the five municipalities which comprise the District the High School Board of the North Halton District chose Col. G. O. Brown, of Stewarttown as Secretary and Treasurer at a meeting last night in Milton. Mr. Brown will take over his duties within the month from his predecessor, Mr. A. D. Sprout, who has resigned. Salaries requested by the applicants ranged from \$500 to \$1100 per year. The salary at which Col. Brown was engaged was the same as that paid now, \$750.00 per year.

Mr. Ross Carbert, Nassugaweya representative on the Board, and last year's Vice-Chairman was the unanimous choice for chairman and Mr. John Bell of Georgetown was also made Vice-Chairman by unanimous approval.

The nine applicants for secretary-treasurer with salaries requested are as follows:

- Cecil Brookman of Glenspey Farms, Speyside.
- F. W. B. Fitzgerald, Milton, \$750 salary.
- R. F. Bean, Acton, \$500 salary with increase if found satisfactory.
- Adam E. Armstrong, Milton, salary \$1000 plus car expenses.
- J. Norman Bird, Esquesing, salary \$800.
- L. E. Youngblut, Acton, salary \$550.
- Col. G. O. Brown, Stewarttown.
- James F. Evans, Georgetown, salary \$1100.
- Mr. Armstrong of Milton and Mr. Youngblut and Mr. Bean, both of Acton, were the only applicants to appear before the Board at the meeting.

The resignation of Col. Brown as a member of the Board had been given the County Clerk since he was a county appointment and this was verified for the Board.

All the eleven members of the Board were present at this meeting. Messrs. Carbert, Pickett, Martin, Cook, Buchanan, Milne, Dills, Biehn, Bell, Beaumont, and Schenck.

Committees were named with the first named as chairman:

- A striking committee report was given approval as follows:
  - Finance—Milne, Martin and Beaumont.
  - Management—Pickett, Dills and Biehn.
  - Transportation—Bell, Buchanan and the new member to be named by County Council, from Esquesing.
  - Building—Schenck, Cook, Martin.
  - Accounts passed for payment, amounted to \$2808.19.

The report of the Committee of Management on the request by the teachers for increases in salary was adopted. It provides a \$200 increase in salary for all the teachers effective January 1, 1951 and an annual increment of \$200 effective September 1st, 1951. Each of the three principals will also receive a \$200 increase in salary. Miss Luke of Georgetown will receive an additional \$100 increase in view of her specialist standing. Caretaker's salaries were to be increased by \$200 per year.

Board meetings will be held the third Monday of each month in alternate schools in the three towns in the district. The January meeting will be held on the 22nd in the Milton School.

Messrs. T. Bradley, Milton; M. H. Moir, Georgetown; and C. W. Mason, Acton were appointed attendance officers at \$50 per year plus mileage.

### ACTON'S NEW YEAR BABY IS JANICE ANN PAPILLON BABY O'Rourke 1950'S LAST

Acton's first baby for 1951 is Janice Ann Papillon. The daughter of Dorothy and Francis Papillon, Queen St., Janice Ann has two little sisters, Judy and Theresa Papillon. She arrived at the Nursing Home on January 6th.

The runner-up for the first baby of the year was Judy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dean, Main St., who was born at the Nursing Home on January 9th.

Another distinction is awarded the little daughter of Dorothy and James O'Rourke. She was the last baby of 1950 for the district, born just a few hours before midnight on December 31st in Guelph General Hospital.

### Universal Week Of Prayer Observed In All Acton's Protestant Churches

Week of Prayer is being observed in all the Protestant churches in Acton as well as all over the world, this week. The Week of Prayer is believed to have originated in England and is gaining momentum as more districts adopt the date as a regular part of the church calendar. It is always held in either the first or second week of January with local ministers having slight leeway to adapt the date to special circumstances.

The first night of the Week of Prayer, Tuesday, was observed in the Baptist Church with Ernest West in charge of the service as a representative of the Baptist Church. Mr. Ted Hansen was at the organ and Mr. Chas. Landisborough played a cornet solo "A Mighty Fortress is our God." A composite group of members from the different church choirs filled the choir loft.

The speaker for the first night of the observance was Rev. E. A. Currey of the United Church. He spoke on "Praying with God" explaining that the Divine is helpless if the people do not cooperate.

Wednesday evening the service was held in St. Alban's Church with Rev. Robert Armstrong giving the address.

On Thursday evening the service will be held at the United Church with Miss Lampard, the regular organizer directing the church choir. Rev. Luxton will give the address.

Friday, the final night of the Week of Prayer, the service will be held in the Presbyterian Church. The speaker will be Edgerton Young from Toronto, sponsored by the local branch of the British-Foreign Bible Society. As well as giving the address, he will show colored moving pictures.

### BAXTERS IN SECOND PLACE IN GEORGETOWN INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE FOLLOWING 6-3 WIN

Baxter Lab's hockey team moved into second place in the Georgetown Industrial League last Monday night at the Georgetown arena with a 6-3 win over Norval. Goals were counted up by Mel Jordan, Bob Marshall and Fyle Somerville, with one each and by Jack Stewart with 3.

Baxter's line-up was as follows: G. Hobson; D. Zajac; R. Robinson; C. Stewart; L. F. Somerville; R. W. Marshall; alternates, Vic Masters; W. Fields; K. Allen; E. Masters; M. Jordan and R. Everdell.