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COUNCIL FACES HIGHER EXPENSES

School Operation Costs Estimated \$4000 Higher

Four delegations submitted their estimates on operation expenses for 1951 to the regular session of council in the Town Hall last Friday evening when they met for their second 1951 session.

J. Creighton and T. Jones, representing the Acton Public School Board submitted estimates for operational expenses totalling \$21,700.00. Last year's estimates totalled \$17,701.00. The finance committee of the council considered the budget and asked for a comparison of last year's and this year's figures.

F. Dawkins and S. Tennant, representing the Acton Volunteer Fire Brigade, discussed the possibility for additional water supply in conjunction with the Civil Defense program. Requirements for this department in 1951 included 300 feet of two and a half inch hose, 16 pair of leather lined mitts, 4 pair of rubber boots, two 12-foot fire hooks, two short bars, two 30 foot lengths of rope and one pair of blankets to be used with the recently purchased resuscitator. Mr. Dawkins also reminded council of the poor condition of the present fire truck. During the recent test by the Underwriter's Association, the machine was satisfactory but the inspector suggested that a fire of one hour's duration would practically wreck the truck. The firemen are learning to operate the resuscitator satisfactorily, the Chief reported.

G. W. Mackenzie and W. Clayton of the Acton Free Library Board presented council with some figures on the grants paid by surrounding municipalities and asked that council consider an increase in the annual grant.

The town grant has been \$1100, which is less than 50 cents per capita in Acton. Provincial grants are based on the grant of the municipality and if the grant is increased to 74 cents per capita the Library would receive a grant of 40 per cent from the province while at present they only receive 15 per cent grant. The Finance Committee was to consider the possibility of an increase.

A letter was received requesting a year levy of \$1500 for the newly formed Planning Board. The greatest expense in this levy was for the compilation of an up-to-date registered plan of the Town of Acton which would replace the outdated ones now in use. This request was left with the Finance Committee.

Council passed a resolution asking the Municipal Board to approve the issuance of debentures totalling \$227,000 for the addition to the Acton Public School. This amount was arrived at through the following figures: general trades, \$143,700; plumbing, heating, ventilating, \$29,000; electrical wiring, \$9,300.58; architect's fee, \$10,925.35; estimate on furnishings, equipment and grading, \$28,064.07. This makes a total of \$221,100 plus an approximate discount on the debentures of \$6,000.

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Council Discusses Repairs, Replacing

Acton Council had lists of repairs that had been made and also other replacements that had to have the attention of the contractor for settlement at a special meeting last night (Wednesday).

Regarding sidewalks, Sparton Construction Co. were agreeable to make any reasonable settlement that council suggests. The Company suggested that sidewalk repairs be made when the curbs on Young Street are being replaced in the spring.

Shortage on laterals were also discussed and adjustments were to be made to bring the pipes to the lot lines.

After discussing the sewer line and the flow east of Mill Street where the sewers are now being cleared, the engineer and Mr. McDonald were to use whatever means necessary to see that this line was on proper grade. At present the flow was not satisfactory and a new apparatus is to be used to clear silt from the pipes.

On checking the bond covering the work, Mr. Morse agreed to have the bonding company make the extensions on the policy in accord with the work done.

Mr. McDonald of the Construction Company was to come to Acton on Saturday and meet Council on repairs to be made.

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TOPPING THE GEORGETOWN Industrial League this week is the Baxter Labs team, who can also boast of downing Guelph Lehigh Electric at Acton Arena on Tuesday. In the Georgetown games, played every Monday, Baxter has climbed from the bottom spot to the very top and hope to take the league. Front row, left to right, Mel Jordan, Bob Marshall, Harold Robson, Earl Maseles, Vic Masters, Julian Zeig, Back row, left to right, Bill Fields, Jack Stewart, Ray Everdell, Fyfe Somerville, Lloyd Robinson, Ken Allan, Lorne Maseles, coach Kerwin McPhail.

FOUR ARE INJURED AS TWO ACTON VEHICLES INVOLVED IN SMASH-UP

When their car crashed into the rear end of a parked vehicle one mile east of Guelph, on Wednesday morning, three from Acton and one from Rockwood were injured and the car driven by Charles Lafave was considered by police to be a complete wreck.

The old car driven by Charles Lafave evidently crashed into the back of another car which was stopped at the side of the road, out of the way. At first it was thought he had internal injuries, but at later report he was suffering from facial injuries and severe shaking-up.

The other passengers in the car which was hit, Lila Ranney, Helen Novak, both of Acton, and Frank Wood of Rockwood were treated for minor injuries. This car, owned by R. C. M. Ranney of Acton, was damaged to the amount of \$500.

Provincial police investigated.

Defense Group Waits Instructions

A meeting of the Civil Defense Committee was held on Monday evening. Those present were, Mrs. A. Ory, Messrs. R. R. Parker, W. H. Denny, C. A. Wood, E. G. Tyler, J. G. F. Dawkins, C. L. Kirkness, H. R. Fore, J. McGrath, Ray Mason, H. L. Ritchie and J. H. MacArthur.

The committee chairman, who had declined to act were Dr. F. G. Oakes on the Casualty Committee and H. Creighton on the Transportation Committee. Mr. Wes Beatty was appointed head of the Casualty Committee and Wm. Riddick on the Transportation Committee.

It was the feeling of the Committee that progress had been made as far as possible until such time as more guidance was forthcoming from the Provincial and Dominion Committees.

A questionnaire which had been filled in was to be forwarded to Provincial Headquarters and the local committee would hold itself in readiness to carry out any directives passed on from headquarters.

Mrs. E. Tyler was chairman for the meeting.

Year's Work Told Ladies In Poetry

The members of Knox Presbyterian Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. A. M. McPherson, Arthur St., on Tuesday afternoon.

The president, Mrs. F. Bly, read the lesson from the 95th and 96th psalms and Mrs. D. McPherson led in prayer.

Mrs. S. McPherson, secretary, read a list of thanks for the Christmas remembrance sent to the church and church members.

Mrs. Matthews gave the report of the work of the Ladies Aid in the year past. She reported that the committee had been busy with the work of making and after-noon tea for the next meeting. The singing of "Be Thou the Light" and the recitation of the Lord's Prayer closed the business part of the meeting.

An interesting program followed. A reading by Mrs. R. L. Davidson gave a story of the work the past year in poetical rhyme. A musical number was given by Mrs. W. Hall and a reading by Mrs. E. J. Hall. The old home on Sunday morning. An impromptu game of condurms was enjoyed with candy sticks going to the various winners.

Mrs. W. Nesbitt was convener of the month and was assisted by Mrs. Jas. Inglis, Mrs. C. Hansen and Mrs. R. L. Davidson in serving refreshments. Mrs. R. H. Armstrong expressed the appreciation to the hostess and committee.

An invitation was received to hold the next meeting at the home of Mrs. W. McLeod, Main St. S.

100 M EMPLOYEES HONOR MR. W. CLAYTON BEFORE TORONTO TRANSFER

The employees of the Bank of Montreal gathered at the Dominion Hotel on Tuesday, January 24th for an informal dinner party in honor of Mr. and Mrs. William Clayton. Mr. Clayton is being transferred to a Toronto branch of the bank.

The staff presented the couple with a walnut-topped end table with Orme Hunt speaking fittingly to the bank manager on behalf of the others. Mr. Clayton replied thanking the staff.

Daughters of Knox New Girls' Guild

The "Daughters of Knox" was the name chosen by a group of Presbyterian teen-age girls when they met at the Manse on Tuesday evening to organize a girls' guild.

The group is for girls 12 to 18, and Mrs. A. J. Buchanan, their leader, convened the meeting at 7:30. They will meet the first Monday in each month.

The following officers were elected and installed by the minister on behalf of the Session of Knox Church: Hon. Presidents, Mrs. H. Mainprize and Mrs. R. H. Armstrong; President, Ruth Smith; Secretary, Joan Chisholm; Treasurer, Marilyn Sigsworth; pianist, Elizabeth Jany; Crafts Convener, Betty Wilder.

Associated with Mrs. Buchanan are Mrs. G. Ritchie and Mrs. K. Mackenzie as the girls' leaders. The new group is associated with the W.M.S. of Knox Church and Mrs. H. Mainprize, president of the Senior Auxiliaries, conducted a service of affiliation. Mrs. A. McLean brought greetings from the Alert Evening Auxiliary and Mrs. Robt. O'Hara from the Victoria Mission Band and Explorer Group. The girls will study mission and church life and will engage in handicrafts.

DRY CURRIE STEPS UP TO PRESIDENCY OF THE HALTON PROTECTIVE ASSN.

Officers for the year were elected at the annual meeting of the Halton Protective Association held in the Court House, Milton on the afternoon of Tuesday, January 9. Since the president Dr. Heston, was unable to attend, vice-president Roy Currie acted as chairman of the meeting.

After two years as president, Dr. Heston retired from the position, and Roy Currie was elected president for the next two year term. Also a two year term the position of vice-president is to be filled by Allan Dixon, James Brownbridge was elected secretary-treasurer.

The directors for each township remain the same with the exception of Jack Chapman, who was added to the Trafalgar representation.

No claims for stomp or shot horns, cattle, sheep or pigs were presented.

Building Motion Rejected By North Halton Board

In a letter to the North Halton High School District Board the teachers of the three schools accepted unanimously the increases recently offered by the Board but requested the Board reconsider their original request for an immediate increase of \$300 per year as reasonable and free. The letter was filed.

The following motion was presented and discussed by the Board and defeated by a recorded vote of 8 to 3.

Commission Hear Two Complaints

Mr. Frank Toth was present at the regular meeting of the Public Utilities Commission on Tuesday evening. He asked why he was charged \$606 for repairing a broken service at his place of business when the break was outside the property line. As the shut-off was placed near the edge of the sidewalk and the break was between there and the building he felt he should not be charged. The ruling was that as the building was on the town property and the customer is responsible from the shut-off into the building.

Messrs. E. and Ron Davies were present protesting being charged for a two family residence on Young Street. Mr. Davies claimed that there was not two distinct apartments in the house and all lived together. The ruling was the Commission remembered it was as long as there are two facilities for getting meals it was to be classed as a two-family residence. The ruling was to be looked up and Mr. Davies so informed.

An account was submitted from Bell Telephone Co. for pole rental on Mill St. for 1951. As these poles will be taken over by the Commission shortly, this account will hold over until such time as a check is made of the poles involved.

A letter was received from the Fire Marshal's Department in Toronto. They claimed that the inspector who demanded a list of the fire equipment in town last fall was not an officer of their department. He was an inspector of the fire insurance companies and should have had no authority to demand any demonstration or test of equipment. The reply forwarded to the Commission was also to be sent to the insurance companies and a copy of the letter was to be also sent to the local Fire Brigade.

It was pointed out in the letter that if the inspector was not satisfied his report might result in an increase in the fire insurance rates to the people of Acton.

The hydro auditors' report was presented to the Board. The Commission but the commission felt that it was misleading insofar as no check record had been made and only a guess at the amount of fuel had been used.

The meter readers' report was presented to check on all houses and mark on the meter books if any irregularities were shown. These reports will be sent to the Board and the family residences are to be kept accordingly.

Hydro applications for D. M. A. No. 254 and 255 were presented. The Board also had before it a report from the Ontario Power Generation Commission. (Continued on Page Eight)

Foster Hewitt's New Station, CKFH Has Transmitting Towers From Acton

Radio transmitting station CKFH on Centre Island was serviced with its two steel transmitting towers this week. These 100 foot towers, painted in alternate orange and white bands, were made at Ajax Engineering Co. Acton. Ajax employees put up the towers on Monday and the final coat of paint was put on Wednesday.

This new radio station is owned by Foster Hewitt with the last two letters of the call letters his initials. At the beginning it is believed that mainly sports will be featured on this new station which will only be on the air at specified times. Later development into a full-time station is expected.

Broadcasting should begin about the middle of February. Ajax Engineers assembled the two towers in two and a half days and then they were sent to Walkerville to be galvanized. After a wash with vinegar, the towers were painted and then transported to Centre Island where Ajax employees erected the towers. This week the firm is working on three more similar orders for stations at Val d'Or, Fort Francis and Picton, B.C.

Women All Over World Unite In Prayer On First Friday In Lent, This Feb. 9th

Have you ever looked at a map of the world and tried in imagination to see the earth living world, as our Heavenly Father sees it? Every element of nature would be depicted every geographic and geologic formation every form of vegetation.

Also every type and style of building would be there, from the humble grass or mud huts to the tall skyscraper and the glorious cathedral.

groups all would be of the same race and color, in others women of different shades of skin, dressed in different styles of clothes, would sit side by side, because, being Christian, they have come together with no thought of race or tongue or creed.

For during the twenty-four hours of the World Day of Prayer women in more than eighty countries across the world pray the same prayers to the same Heavenly Father and so are united, at least for a brief period, into one family.

Mrs. H. Mainprize of Acton is in charge of organizing the Women's World Day of Prayer here. Interdenominational services will be held in the Presbyterian Church.

LES BALLENTINE GIVEN PEN, PENCIL SET BY FELLOW BANK EMPLOYEES

Les Ballentine, who was transferred from the Acton Branch of the Bank of Montreal to Merlin, Ont., was presented with a pen and pencil set by fellow employees at the bank on Wednesday, January 17th. The staff held an after-five party in the bank office, and enjoyed their supper there.

Mr. William Clayton, the manager presented the pen and pencil set, and Mr. Ballentine spoke briefly expressing his appreciation. Merlin, where Mr. Ballentine now lives, is near Windsor.