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1951 ROAD IMPROVEMENTS APPROVED

Road Improvement Costs Given Council's Approval

Halton County Council, at their regular meeting held last Tuesday gave the County Engineer the go-ahead signal to spend \$210,000 on the county road system during 1951. This was made possible when members of council, without a single dissent, approved a by-law authorizing the expenditure.

Estimated expenditures in this department was broken down for the construction of new roads \$45,500, maintenance \$134,000, machinery repairs \$9,000 and miscellaneous expenses \$21,000. It was further disclosed the new budget was some \$31,500 more than that spent during 1950 as council approved a resolution to petition the Minister of Highways requesting the balance of the statutory grant as provided by the Highway Improvement Act.

The amount spent, during last year was \$178,446.00 to maintain the 130 miles of county road system.

Council accepted the resignations of former Reeve W. H. Biggar and W. McLeod as members of the County Road Committee. Three new appointments were made, including Reeve Edgar Elletton for a five year term; Reeve George Thorpe for four years and Reeve J. M. Wickson one year.

While Dr. J. M. Mather, medical officer of health, was unable to present his annual report to council at this meeting, he however did present the budget of operating the County Health Unit for 1951. He said the population of Halton had grown by 3,000 during the past year, now making a total of 40,580. Continuing, he stated that since the Unit was established three and a half years ago, the population of Halton had increased over 10,000. He explained cost of operating the Unit was based on a per capita rate of \$1.20. For this reason cost of operation has increased to \$48,696 for 1951.

Dr. Mather emphasized fifty per cent. of the cost of operation was paid by the Ontario government making Halton's share \$24,348. With the county equalized assessment established at \$33,470,384, the mill rate for operating the Health Unit is only 72 mills, which he felt was very small as compared to other Health Units in the province.

Council continued their membership by authorizing payment of the \$50 fee with the Ontario Agriculture Council and delegated the Agriculture committee to attend the convention being held on February 14-15 in Toronto. Members felt council should leave the membership in the Ontario Association of Rural Municipalities to the local townships as they would receive most benefit from the organization.

Warden Kenneth V. Dick informed members council had been presented with a petition from the ratepayers of Brents who were seeking to have their community incorporated as a village. Nothing was done by council as further information regarding the petitioners was necessary before by-laws could be considered.

Urging council members to emphasize to their respective councils, the necessity of forming a civil defense committee to work in conjunction with local fire departments. Deputy Reeve E. R. Lauder, who was selected chairman of the special committee to investigate the possibility of forming a centralized fire protection scheme for the county, said in case of emergency the populace from along the lakeshore and cities would flock to the more inland areas. He urged all members to arrange for this year.

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Acton was the theme of City Service Oil Company's Friday evening broadcast on January 26th. The program, lasting fifteen minutes, featured band music with facts about different Ontario towns between the pieces.

A description of the town included mention of the park, the pond, the schools, the industries and other features of the town. The commentator, like the recently published Acton folders, revealed in words many favourable aspects of Acton which are often obscure to those who live in too close contact with them.

He mentioned that over 1000 are employed at the Wool Combing Corporation and at Beardmore and Co. alone, and told how Acton had plenty of room for industrial and residential expansion, under the

R. Parker Named 1951 Fair President

R. R. Parker was chosen president of the 1951 Acton Fair at the Annual Meeting here on Saturday. George Wallace steps up as first vice-president and J. C. Dennis is second vice-president. The Board of Directors were re-elected the same as last year.

Total receipts are listed as \$4306.10 and while the weather last year was very unfavourable there is a small bank balance carried over of \$140.14.

Cash prize money paid out last year amounted to \$2,200.15 with \$780.00 for horses; \$455 for cattle; \$120 for sheep; \$60 for swine; \$214 for poultry; \$200 for grain; \$31 for roots and vegetables; \$24 for fruit; \$27.15 for flowers; \$112.00 for food and clothing; \$142 for arts and crafts; \$110 for boys' and girls' exhibits and \$30 for W. I.

There was a good attendance at the meeting and reports of various departments showed that weather was the chief deterrent to any lack of exhibits and interest in the 1950 event.

No. 1 League Spot Is Kept By Labmen

Still in undisputed first position in the Georgetown Industrial League, Baxter Labmen further clinched the top status with a 3-3 win over Smith and Stone at the Georgetown arena last Monday evening. It was a well played game despite the fact that the Acton team was short the complete line of Somerville, Evered and Jordan.

Scorers were Anderson 1, Lloyd Robinson 1, Ken Allan 1 and Vic Masters 3. There was one penalty 2 minutes to Stewart for tripping. Baxter line-up was Robson 2; Lafine Masales, Robinson, Earl Masales, Zajac, d; Marshall, Stewart, Allan, Fields, Masters and Anderson.

Previous to Monday night game the list of the top twelve scorers in the league included the names of Acton's Stewart and Masters. The official record then had Stewart 5th with 13 goals, 3 assists; 16 points total.

Masters was 9th with 3 goals, 9 assists, 12 points total. At the top of the list was Luggis of Norval with 13 goals, 6 assists and a total of 30.

The date of Easter can vary as much as thirty-five days, from March 21 to April 25.

guidance of a Planning Board. The commentator then dealt specifically with Mayor Ted Tyler, telling how he came from England to Acton as a child and received all his schooling here. He mentioned that Mr. Tyler operated a trucking business from Acton, and suggested that the Tylers could be called a typical family.

A life-size charcoal portrait of the mayor of each town which the program features is to be presented. These will be sketched by Egbert C. Reed, a well-known Canadian artist. It is expected that an official of the company will present this portrait to Mayor Tyler in the near future.

The program "Ontario Marches On" is a new one this year and is heard every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6:15.



BOTH BADLY DAMAGED, these two cars were involved in an accident on No. 7 highway at the third line Saturday afternoon. The car (above) driven by Fred Dawkins was travelling west along the highway when it was unable to avoid crashing into the car (lower) owned by George Williamson, travelling east, when it made a left turn north onto the third line. Injured were both Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dawkins, with Mrs. Dawkins suffering a broken right arm and other shoulder injuries. Mr. Dawkins was released from hospital the same day with chest injuries. Others in the Dawkins' car, Rocky Brush and Mr. and Mrs. G. Currie, and the driver of the other car, Mr. Williamson, were not injured.

Group Shown Film On Leather Work

A film on leather carving proved so interesting to the members of the Acton Arts and Crafts Club Wednesday evening that they requested to see it through again. Shown by Mr. Wills of Lewiscraft, it pictured step by step the making of a beautiful carved leather purse.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER OBSERVED FRIDAY, FEB. 9 IN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

This year the World Day of Prayer, being observed in Acton in the Presbyterian Church on the afternoon of Feb. 9th. This day, observed by Christian women all over the world is usually held on the first Friday in Lent.

To Canadians the most interesting gatherings are those that take place outside Canada. Dwellers in the South Pacific greet the dawn early and the first service of the day takes place at 6:30 a.m. In 1950 the main language used at this service was Hindi, but prayers were also offered in Telugu and Fijian, and Europeans, Indians and Fijians were among the worshippers.

Last year's report from Tokyo, Japan, said, "There were about three hundred and fifty women at the service. When it came for individual prayers so many people wanted to pray that the time was far too short."

In Glasgow Scotland, a dramatized service was carried out by the Girls' organizations of all denominations. "It was most impressive," this report read. "Women from Fiji around to Alaska walked in singly with hands folded in prayer to the front of the church." Last year at Yellowknife, North West Territories, senior Indian girls conducted a service. Indian visitors from the reserve were much impressed and boys wanted to know when there would be a world day of prayer for them, too.

Mrs. F. Shortill W.M.S. President

The January meeting of the Balfour W.M.S. was held at the manse on Wednesday afternoon, January 24th with the president presiding. Miss Hills took the devotional from the book of Amos, chapters 6, 7, and 8, comparing the condition of the people of Canada and other countries to-day to those in the time of Amos. Drinking, gambling, luxury, disregard for the Sabbath day, lovers of pleasure, etc. were present then and now Amos warned the people and gave one cure, repent and turn back to God.

Mrs. Gibb led in prayer. Mrs. Smith had charge of the "Lure from the study book on Japan." Slightly over one hundred books were read during the year. Over twenty cards and letters were sent to sick and shut-ins and over eighty visits made in sick and shut-ins in the hospitals and homes. All the missionary societies reached their objectives.

Officers for the new year are as follows: president, Mrs. F. W. Shortill; 1st vice, Mrs. W. G. Gibb; 2nd vice, Mrs. Jesse McEntyre; secretary, Mrs. F. J. Shortill; assistant, Miss B. Hills; treasurer, Mrs. Robert Warner; Christian stewardship, Mrs. F. Smith; literature secretary and organist, Mrs. J. Kirkwood; friendship and supply secretary, Mrs. A. McKay; social members secretary, Mrs. C. McCuskey; temperance, Miss H. Emmission; circle, Mrs. Robert McEntyre; mission band, Mrs. J. McEntyre; assistant, Mrs. Jesse McEntyre; baby band, Mrs. F. Smith.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PLANNING T.B. SURVEY FOR SOUTH WELLINGTON

A committee of the Junior Chamber of Commerce was organized at a meeting held at Board of Health headquarters recently to have charge of organizing an early T.B. survey for South Wellington. Present for this occasion was Dr. Jamieson of the provincial department of health at Queen's Park Toronto; Miss Nora Kenny, Guelph health nurse and Dr. C. Z. Sutherland, Wellington County medical health officer.

Mrs. Fred Dawkins Injured In Accident

Mrs. Violet Dawkins, the wife of Acton's Fire Chief Fred Dawkins, is still in hospital following an accident which occurred late last Saturday afternoon. A car driven by George D. Williamson of High St. was proceeding east on No. 7 highway and then made a left turn north at the third line.

The car driven by Fred Dawkins, Brook Ave., coming west was unable to avoid crashing into Mr. Williamson's car. Mr. Williamson stated that he did not see the car coming the other way on the highway.

Damage to Mr. Dawkins' car, a 1947 Pontiac, was estimated at about \$300 while Mr. Williamson's 1936 Plymouth was almost a total wreck.

Mrs. Dawkins, riding in the front seat with her husband and a boy, Rocky Brush of Hamilton, suffered a broken right arm and other shoulder injuries. She was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital in Guelph for treatment. Young Rocky Brush was shaken up but not injured. Fred Dawkins, suffering from chest injuries, was also treated at St. Joseph's Hospital but was released the same night.

Passengers in the back seat were Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Currie, Fredrick St. Mr. Currie suffered laceration to his forehead and an injury to his right knee while Mrs. Currie was not hurt.

First Pick-up From Mail Boxes Today

Six bright red mail boxes were put up Wednesday at convenient locations in town, and the first pick up from them was made Thursday by Joseph "Sonny" Jaque, the courier. The boxes, which had been on order for some time, arrived about a week ago.

These boxes will be cleared twice a day at 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. except Sundays.

The boxes are situated at the telephone booth in the wartime housing, at the corner of Main and Queen, the corner of Victoria and Mill, on Main near Bower, at Agnes and Maria near the Crescent bridge and on Wellington St. between Mill and Arthur. This last box may later be moved as there is no sidewalk there.

OBITUARY

Services Held For Mrs. Agnes Brooks

Funeral services were held at the Victor H. Rumley Funeral Home, Acton, on January 26th for Agnes Davies Brooks, widow of the late Joseph Brooks. She passed away at her home, lot 32, 25th line, Esquimaux, on January 24th after an illness of about two weeks.

Mrs. Brooks was born in England in 1879 and came to Canada thirty years ago. First making her home in Toronto. After five years she moved to Esquimaux and had lived there ever since. She was married in 1898 at Old Hill, Birmingham, England and her husband predeceased her.

Mrs. Gibb officiated at the funeral in Acton on January 26th with members of Bannockburn W. I. attending with the others who mourn her loss.

Funeral bearers were Messrs. D. A. Russell, B. Kerr, R. Evans, J. Anderson, J. Ferguson, and R. Bontor. Flower bearers were Messrs. D. MacDonald, A. Benton, R. Davies, C. Swackhamer and W. Anthony. Interment followed in Fairview Cemetery, Acton.

Surviving Mrs. Brooks are four children, William, Hastings, Ont.; Mrs. Portie (Agnes) R.R. 2, Acton; Albert, R.R. 2, Acton and Fred, R.R. 2, Limehouse; four brothers, Elijah Davies, Acton; Albert, Jonah and Walter, all of Birmingham, England. She had seven grandchildren.

ROYAL VISIT

Their Majesties King George and Queen Elizabeth, accompanied by Princess Margaret, will visit Gibraltar and Malta next year on their way to Australasia. Brief visits will also be made to Aden and Ceylon.

Salary Revisions Made By Utilities Commission

A special meeting of the Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Monday evening. Meeting with the Commission were members of the Finance Committee of the Council. The meeting was called for the purpose of setting salaries of employees.

Each employee was individually interviewed as their views were ascertained. Most employees objected to the proposed sick leave as outlined by the Commission in the tentative salary schedule. After discussing each case individually the following schedule was passed.

The salaries of the employees to be as follows: J. McGeachie, \$2,700. (This does not include the \$240 paid Mr. McGeachie from the Cemetery Board. The total salary of Mr. McGeachie from all town jobs is therefore \$2,940.) J. Lambert, \$2,000; F. Sumerville, \$1,900; Miss J. Walker, \$1,500; K. McPhail, \$2,500; D. Munro, \$2,000.

Included in the above motion the Utilities are to draft a time loss through illness schedule along approved lines, so that the employees will have protection in case of illness.

Another motion was passed, which read as follows: "And resolved that we dispense with the services of M. Jordan with one week's notice, also that we ask for applications for the position of Meter Reader. Same must be done in the required time each month and salary to be \$50 per month."

An exceptionally good year financially was reported despite several outstanding items of expenditure last year. The contributions through envelopes were \$900 more than last year and the loose collection up \$200. No house-to-house canvass was conducted last year as it has been previously.

The Missionary and Maintenance Fund was also over its objective last year.

Reports were heard from the representatives of the W.A., W.M.S., Cradle Roll, Baby Band, Board of Stewards, church treasurer and the missionary and maintenance treasurer.

Since the facilities are inadequate during the alterations in the basement of the church no refreshments were served. The good number present were assured that this omission would be rectified when the renovations were completed.

Grandmother Is Theme of Meeting

Dublin Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. George Robertson with Mrs. Watkins in charge and the program planned by Mrs. Storey to honor the grandmothers. In the Evening by the Moonlight, Put On Your Old Grey Bonnet and Standing at the Portal were chosen as songs to open the meeting and were followed by repeating the Mary Stewart Collect.

Hill call was answered by each naming an ancient handicraft. A scheme was planned for the month of February to be held in Stewart town Hall.

Mrs. W. McIntyre was in charge of the program. Headings were given by Mrs. Black, Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Van Gordon, Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Davidson. Appiano solo by Mrs. Van Gordon and chorus by Mrs. Van Gordon. Mothers was enjoyed. An old fashioned game contest was won by Mrs. Dunbar.

After 53 Years' Office, Mr. A. T. Brown Resigns As Society Secretary-Treasurer

Knox Church school room was filled to capacity on Sunday evening when members of the four Protestant congregations in Acton met for an hour of fellowship and the annual meeting of the local auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society. The most interesting event of the evening was the revelation that Mr. A. T. Brown had been secretary-treasurer of the auxiliary for fifty-three years. High tribute was paid to Mr. Brown's long and faithful service and his resignation was accepted, and by unanimous decision of the meeting he was made honorary secretary so that the executive might have the benefit of his experience.

The meeting was convened by Mr. M. M. Coles, the president, who welcomed the gathering. He introduced Rev. E. A. Currie who led in the singing of a group of favourite hymns. This was followed by the showing of a film strip produced in connection with the book "Jesus and the Fine Arts" which showed several paintings of modern and earlier masters based on the Christian message.

The following were elected as officers of the Bible Society for the coming year: President, M. M. Coles; Auxiliary Secretary, A. T. Brown; Secretary-Treasurer, Chas. Landsborough. Other members of the executive are Ernest West, Lorne Wieck, Arthur Haydon and Dr. A. J. Buchanan. The ministers of the churches are members ex-officio.

The evening closed with a genial cup of tea provided by the ladies of the four congregations participating.

UNION LOCAL 26 HOLDS SOCIAL EVENING JAN. 26 WITH DANCE, EUCHRE, PRIZES

Last Friday evening, January 26 a good crowd attended a social evening under the auspices of Local 26, National Show and Leather Workers in the town hall. The program featured euchre and dancing.

The proceeds of the evening went for the social and welfare work of the headmen and Co. employees. The door prize was won by Sam Finlay, Rockwood. Euchre prizes went to Mrs. Janks, who received men's high while Mrs. Janks, Mrs. Lloyd Masales won ladies high and Mrs. Kingsmill ladies' second.

The social evening was a success that more may be planned.

WOOL COMBING CORP. HEAD, RIGHT HON. BARNBY ANNOUNCES NEW EXPANSION

The Right Hon. Lord Barnby, CMG, CBE, MVO, President of the Monarch Knitting Company Limited, and head of the Wool Combing Corporation of Canada, announces still further expansion of Monarch Knit. A minimum of ten acres of land has been acquired in the improvement district of Acton, Ont. for the installation of a model plant devoted to the spinning of cotton blend yarns.

The building is a conditioned and most modern construction and design will provide 30,000 square feet of total working space for approximately 150 employees. It will house the very latest spinning machinery. At a cost of \$2,000,000 to make a plant available to those taking a "Lift" construction will begin immediately and the plant is expected to be in production before the end of 1951.