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## COUNCIL ACCEPTS DEBENTURE TENDER

### Council Accepts Tender For \$25,550 Debenture

Tenders for a debenture issue of \$25,550 were received at the regular meeting of the council last Friday evening. This debenture issue is to cover water service improvements and additions. Included in this are waterworks extensions, pump house at the new well, and repairs to the tank on the cemetery hill. Council accepted the highest bid of the 10 tenders received. Dominion Securities Ltd. bid \$25,550 on each \$100 of the issue. Lowest bid was that of Gairdner and Co. Ltd. at \$25.25.

Jones and VanGill were the only tenders on the erection of the pumping station at the new water source north of the town on the second line. The tender price was \$4,300 for the 16 by 18 foot building with concrete floor and roof, brick walls and a steel beam for holding the pumps in position. Council accepted this tender providing a suitable completion date could be arranged.

Approval was granted by the Ontario Municipal Board to issue debentures totalling \$227,000 for the addition to the public school. Council passed a resolution authorizing the borrowing of the sum from the Bank of Nova Scotia for the erection of the addition rather than issue the debentures at this time. This was done because the actual amount required might not be that great.

Members of the council debated the advisability of rebuilding the motor on the present fire engine or purchasing a new one. Possible methods of financing the purchase were discussed. A brochure was received from the Hickey company giving information on new trucks and the clerk was instructed to obtain information and prices from all companies selling their equipment.

Complaints were received on the flat rate charge for sewerage imposed on those not using town water. Council sought further advice from the Municipal World on one of the complaints regarding a land-locked piece of property.

Beardmore and Co. Ltd. pointed out that they were paying their water account under protest since it covers a charge for sewerage which is not available to them in an industrial sense.

A letter from Beardmore and Co. Ltd. asked for immediate action to avoid heavy flooding and expense from the expected flood waters of the creek alleged to have been silted heavily by the town's sewerage excavation. The company asked that the bed of the creek be returned to its normal height by the town or the corporation would be held responsible for damages.

Council decided to employ Storm and Company to do the necessary work in the creek bed from Highway 25 east to the fence of Beardmore's at the west creek entrance. The sewer committee was empowered to oversee the work. This committee was also appointed to negotiate with Beardmore's on the silt in the creek bed from the Wool Combing bridge to the fence at the town line.

The Volunteer Fire Brigade was authorized to purchase 16 pairs of lined leather mitts, 1 pair of wool blankets, 2 50 foot hand lines, four pair of hip rubber boots, two-pike pole handles and two jimmy bars.

Notice was received from Town Engineer R. V. Anderson that a completion certificate had been issued to the Spartan Contracting Co. for one of the contracts for the installation of sanitary sewers and trunk sewer extension to sewerage treatment plant. Specific conditions were set out and items of incomplete work noted in the certificate. If any deficient or defective work is discovered during the guarantee period the contractor is to bear the cost of correction.

Members of the Finance committee recommended that the Town auditors check the Spartan Contract payments on the sewer account. Arrangements were to be made to have this carried out.

Clerk McGeachie was instructed to ask Ontario Provincial Police headquarters that they be notified before any personnel changes be made. No notification had been received of the removal of Constable Tremnor on the local detachment from either the Dundas or Toronto headquarters and no replacement had yet been made.

Council granted the Hydro commission permission to remove trees on Peel and Wellington streets. A Gestetner (duplicating machine) was purchased for use in the municipal office.

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### FORMERLY OF ACTON MISS ANNE MACDONALD RECEIVES RED-CROSS BADGE

Miss Anne MacDonald, formerly of Acton, was honoured by being presented with a Red Cross badge of service at the annual meeting of the Waterloo Red Cross recently. The badge represents 15 years consecutive leadership.

Miss MacDonald is a teacher in Waterloo Central School there and a leader in Red Cross work.

Introducing Miss MacDonald at the meeting, Mrs. H. G. Mistle read a letter from the Ontario Division asking that the branch make the presentation. She pinned the badge to Miss MacDonald's dress while members applauded.

Miss MacDonald replied, "I think of this as a great honour, but the honour really belongs to the children."

Born near Acton, Miss MacDonald first attended and then taught school here.

### Director 42 Years W. Lasby Retires

The annual meeting of the Halton Union-Farmers-Mutual Fire Insurance Co. marked several historical items of this local company. Organized in 1890, the past year completed 60 years of insurance service of the company.

For 42 of those sixty years, Mr. Wallace A. Lasby has been a director of the company. He has served as president and in recognition of this long and efficient service, he was made an Honorary Director on his retirement this year—we believe the first honour conferred.

Thos. Brownridge was elected to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Lasby's retirement. Daniel Gray of Hillsburg is the new president of the company succeeding Mr. Arnold B. Marshall and T. I. Leslie of Georgetown was re-elected vice-president. The other members of the Board were all returned to office and Mr. A. T. Moore is secretary-treasurer.

The report for the past year shows a very successful year of operation with 2531 policies in force at year end representing \$17,739,802.80 insurance in force. Last year's losses amounted to \$41,132.07. Total assets of the Halton Company are \$167,797.09 and the year end surplus was \$123,496.90. The officers had every reason to be proud of the fine financial condition as shown in the annual statement.

### Estimate Reduced By School Board

The full board of Trustees attended the regular meeting of the School Board Tuesday evening with Chairman Oakes presiding.

Town Solicitor C. F. Leatherland was present to review and witness the contracts with the three contractors and the Board re new school. He agreed to draft a contract for the Board with Architects Murion and Evans.

The Board agreed to allow Sanitary Plumbing and Heating to store plumbing supplies in the school basement as they arrived.

Principal McKenzie presented a requisition for supplies which was approved.

The need for an opportunity class was presented and discussed. Possibilities were to be investigated.

Chairman reported that he and the Finance Committee had met on February 5th. The Board was requested to lower the requisition estimate by \$5000.00 to enable the Council to purchase the new fire truck. By motion the former estimate was reduced and amended to read \$16,790.00 for 1951 school operation.

The Board approved the annual Ontario Safety League expenditure of \$12.00, for presentation of Safety measures.

The Board approved a donation of \$25.00 to Halton Music Festival.

The Secretary reported the receipt of \$40.00, January non resident fees.

The Finance report of \$33.04 was presented and payment authorized. The Secretary was directed to assess N.H.H.S.D. Board \$114.00.

### Miss Erla Currey To Address Ladies

An inter-church committee composed of the presidents of the Protestant missionary societies in Acton is in charge of the World Day of Prayer service to be held in the Presbyterian Church Friday afternoon. The convenor of the committee is Mrs. Harry Mainprize representing the Presbyterian Church with the other members, Miss M. Z. Bennett from the United Church, Mrs. W. H. Donovon from the Anglican Church and Mrs. S. Cripps from the Baptist.

Miss Erla Currey from the Orton Circuit has agreed to speak to the Acton ladies on the World Day of Prayer.

### KEN ALLEN ELECTED UNITED CHURCH CHOR PRESIDENT DURING PRACTICE

At a recent practice, the members of the United Church Choir elected their officers for the year. Ken Allen is again president of the group with Mrs. K. Randall the vice-president.

Others on the executive are: treasurer, Shirley Rolston; secretary, Irene Evans; librarians, Chris Lamb and Lorene Roszell. To the lunch committee were elected Jean McLean and Muriel Burns and to the gown committee, George Simpson and Rae West.

### Two Changes In Acton Businesses

Acton's retail section sees some changes this week and new locations. Eisen's Clothing Store has almost completed operations and the installation of new store fixtures in the fine store next to Carroll's Grocery. The move to the new store was made during this week and in this week's issue an announcement is made of the opening features Mr. Eisen is making to friends and customers.

Hasard's Electric has moved to the larger quarters vacated by Eisen's and is getting the fixtures and stock arranged in their location on Main Street right at the Mill Street intersection. An announcement in this issue also tells of this opening in the new

### Actonian Member Over Ninety Group

Mrs. Peter Smith of Main Street observed her ninetieth birthday last Sunday when she received the congratulations of friends and relatives at an afternoon tea held in her honor at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Sibbett, Toronto. Many cards from friends and neighbors here and elsewhere also wished Mrs. Smith more years of happiness and we join with these Actonians in best wishes to Acton's latest nonagenarian.

Mrs. Smith has been an esteemed resident of Acton for over thirty years and formerly resided in Bracebridge where Mr. Smith was superintendent of the Bracebridge plant of Beardmore and Sanford. She has always been actively interested in the work of the United Church and its various organizations, the I.O.E. and Acton generally and the years have not dimmed her community interest.

### Two Capacity Audiences See "Magic Beanstalk"

The tall green vine growing on the platform of the Town Hall auditorium early this week was not the result of some strange seeds of thought cast carelessly in the council chamber—it had the title role in the public school pupils' operetta "The Magic Beanstalk" presented there on Monday and Tuesday evenings of this week. Full houses both evenings thoroughly enjoyed the musical story of Jack and the Giant from the first chorus to the last minute when the giant lay, quite dead, on the stage.

### W.I. Ladies Discuss Forming Library

Sixteen members of Limehouse Women's Institute were entertained on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Mitchell, Limehouse. Mrs. Smethurst presided at the meeting which opened with the singing of the "Ode" followed by prayer. Roll call was answered by everyone paying money equal to the date of her birthday. Collection thus amounted to \$2.54.

Mrs. Noble reported on flower and fruit fund, and Mrs. Frank Brown reported on the Leaders' Training School she attended in Milton on January 29-30. The new project selected as a unit of study for the girls is entitled "The Club Girl Entertains." Woolen skirts made by the girls were on display. Ten dollars was donated to the Limehouse Cemetery Board and a similar amount was voted to the March of Dimes.

It was decided to ask the Campbellville Young People to bring their play to the hall. Mrs. Sanford and Mrs. Benton will be in charge of arrangements.

Setting up a Library for Limehouse was discussed. Mrs. Mitchell offered use of a room in her home, and to act as librarian. Misses Winifred Ivens, Jean Ruddell, and Mrs. J. Ellery were named as librarians in purchasing and organizing books.

The Community District Conference will be held in Limehouse Memorial Hall soon. The subject to be dealt with is "Brighten Your Home with Colour." All neighbouring branches will be invited and Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Sanford will be in charge of arrangements.

The program was in charge of Mrs. S. Kirkpatrick, convenor for Historical Research and Current Events. Mrs. Sanford read an article, "Are you a Quitter?" Mrs. Noble read an article about the late Major L. Grant of Georgetown; and Mrs. Smethurst read "When Oakville Rivalled Toronto." Mrs. Mitchell told about the founding and organizing of Knox Presbyterian Church, Acton. Mrs. Brown read "Rules on Etiquette" and "Nutrition in Canada." There was a display of fashion of yesterday, community singing and the anthem. Refreshments were served by Mrs. McVey and Mrs. Kirkpatrick.

### LIMEHOUSE Euchre, Dance Held In Hall Last Friday

Winners for euchre prizes at a Hall Board sponsored event on Friday evening included Joe McDonald and E. Karn, first and second for men and Mrs. C. Jones and Mrs. E. Karn for ladies. Harry Devereaux won the door prize. Elliott's orchestra with Jack Cain as floor manager took care of the dance following lunch.

Recent visitors include: Mr. A. W. Lane a week ago and last Sunday, Mr and Mrs. Ted McGrow and Elaine, Toronto, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lane and children of Georgetown with Mrs. Lane.

The W.I. met at Mrs. Mitchell's on Thursday. Mrs. Mitchell was appointed librarian for the winter months. Several social affairs were planned.

The second in a series of marathon euchres was held on Tuesday evening. Ladies first went to Mrs. James Blair and Mrs. S. Matthews won second in a draw with Mrs. Smethurst and Mrs. C. Jones. Ron Latimer held men's high score and Harold Campbell second. Sidney Kirkpatrick won lone hand prize. The W.I. members provided lunch.

Estimated growth in Canada's population in the year ending Sept. 1, 1950, was 285,000.

### Chairman for the first night was Tom Jones and R. R. Parker on Tuesday.

Although all grades were represented in the cast, the leading players and all the chorus gave proof of excellent direction as they worked together as a complete unit. Voices were distinct even in group songs and the appreciative audience could hear every word.

The music was under the direction of Miss Linda Stewart with Miss J. McPhail in charge of the speaking parts. Miss Stewart accompanied the young singers on the piano. The costumes, under the direction of Miss J. Griffin and Mrs. V. Alger, were cleverly fashioned as in the cases of the Dutch children with their yellow wool hair and wooden shoes and the Chinese girls with their coolie hats and black braids.

The staging was under the direction of Mrs. Gamble and Mr. McKenzie. Much credit is due both in the staging and the costuming to pupils who assisted greatly backstage with the production.

Ron Emmerson as Jack, Jerry White as the wicked ogre and Frances Oakes as Jack's mother had the main speaking parts in the play and handled them with veteran stage ease. The chorus provided fine support and all the youngsters seemed quite at home on the stage.

Others whose performances are to be commended are George Oakes as the announcer, Robert Parker as Captain Kidd, Leona Sagaski as the fortune teller and Herb Dodds as the magician. An amusing tap dance by Ron Sheppard and Martin Marks as a surprising kind of cow delighted the audiences while Henrietta the hen also provided two stellar performances.

To add to the music and dialogue dances by groups of younger children as pirates, Dutch children, Chinese girls and the five bears were very charming.

Even the youngest of the school had part in the operetta as a representative group from the morning and afternoon kindergartens played as a rhythm band accompanied on the piano. Interesting contrast was presented before the curtain rose and between the cast. Under the direction of Miss Daisy Folger, a chorus composed of grade eight pupils sang two part songs "Mama's in de cold, cold ground" and "I've been working on the railroad."

For the intermissions, two members of the Toronto Girls' Pipe Band, Miss L. Murray and Miss Jean McPhail, presented bagpipe music and two dances, the highland fling and the sword dance.

The proceeds from "The Magic Beanstalk" will be given to charitable organizations and used to buy needed commodities in the school.

As the whole cast re-appeared on stage for "God Save the King" a most successful operetta, technically, musically and financially was brought to a close.

### Knox Junior Choir Officers Elected

The Junior Choir of Knox Church held their election of officers last Thursday evening and the following were installed: honorary president, Miss D. Folger; president, Diane Dawkins; vice-president, Elizabeth Jany; secretary, Bob Armstrong; assistant secretary, Betty Sinclair; pianist, Mrs. A. K. Mann; assistant pianist, Ruth Smith.

The Junior Choir is under the direction of Mrs. A. K. Mann and Miss D. Folger with the co-operation of Mr. E. A. Hansen, the church's organist and choirmaster. The choir was organized in November and took part in the evening service on January 28.



THE HAPPY ENDING to the public school pupils' operetta "The Magic Beanstalk" is just about to be reached in the top picture (1), as Jack, played by Ron Emmerson, fights a duel with Blunderbuss the ogre, played by Jerry White. The second happy ending to the operetta is the report that it was a decided financial success with splendid audiences both nights. The Dance of the Five Beans (2) was charmingly done by Patricia Barr, Linda Lovell, Judy Halliday, Faye McEachern and Pat Moyses. In (3) the wicked giant shakes the beanstalk as he climbs down it after Jack, brandishing

his heavy club. The fearless hero watches from below. The escape of Jack from Blunderbuss is pictured in (4) as he returns to his mother and friends with the hen he took from the ogre. The hen, a competent actress named Henrietta, obligingly laid two golden eggs during each performance. "The Magic Beanstalk" was presented in the Town Hall on Monday and Tuesday evenings of this week. The music was under the direction of Miss Linda Stewart and the dialogue under Miss J. McPhail. The proceeds will be used as donations to charitable organizations and to buy needed items for the public school.

—Staff Photo