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NEW FIRE TRUCK PUMPER PURCHASED

Mutual Fire Protection Considered by Council

Fire Chief Dawkins reported on a mutual aid fire protection between county municipalities at council meeting Friday of last week. The arrangement, under discussion by the municipalities, calls for one municipality to assist another in the event of a large fire and another municipality would receive the calls directed to the absent firemen. By this method a bad fire in Burlington would be assisted by Milton and Acton would cover the Milton area, Georgetown the Acton area and so on.

Council discussed the mutual aid arrangement at length with fire department representatives and left the matter over for further investigation.

A fire department representative was to be sent to a five day course in fire inspection practices sponsored by the Fire Marshall's office, in Toronto.

Council passed a resolution forbidding truck traffic on Bower Ave. and Church St. until further notice. Trucks will be allowed to deliver on these streets. This resolution was to be effective until further notice since council felt the heavy traffic would soon ruin the streets.

The levy of the North Halton High School Board of \$5,530.31 was received. Clerk McGeechie pointed out that this levy was approximately \$300 higher than last year.

It was reported that the recently purchased retractor was damaged and service on repairs had been very slow. Repair workmen also left the machine operating and drained an oxygen cylinder. Council asked for a replacement of the tank and complained of the service to the company.

Roy Goodwin inquired what insurance the town had and reported that he had considerable damage done to his cars because of bad road conditions. Council instructed Mr. Goodwin to submit a bill for damages which would be turned over to the insurance company.

The monthly report from the local detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police was received and approved.

Council accepted the resignation of W. H. Clayton from the Acton Free Library Board. The proper committee was to recommend a new appointment at the next meeting.

A report was received from the Bell Telephone manager stating he would recommend the addition of house numbers in the next issue of the telephone directory.

James Buckland asked the price of rental on the town hall for an auction sale. Council set rent at \$25.

Jones and VanGils accepted the tender for the erection of the pump house at the new water source north of town. The pumping station is to be completed by May 30.

Council approved a donation to the Canadian March of Dimes. The donation was the amount of rent charged for the arena when an exhibition game was played. Only enough spectators had attended to pay the rental.

A by-law was passed to assign to the Bank of Nova Scotia the proceeds of debentures as security for advances which may be made by the Bank on behalf of expenditures incurred under the by-law.

A letter from the Norwich Union Insurance Co. was turned over to the Finance Committee.

Council empowered the Sewerage Committee to use their own discretion regarding the allocation of dredging costs in connection with the Beardmore creek silting.

Payment was authorized for the following accounts:
Norwich Fire Ins. Co. fire truck insurance renewal 48.10
H. Barnard, Dog tags 13.50
Hazard Radio, record player for arena 30.00
E. S. Cooper, First Aid Kit 9.50
F. Terry, postmaster 1.15
West Toronto Tire, re-cap ladder tires 414.20
L. W. Agar, coal 84.35
Franklin Press Printing Debentures 100.44
Ont. Prov. Police account 571.03
Lorne Garner Motors 107.81
Acton Free Press, advt. 29.20
\$1409.28
Sewer Account 18.00

A letter was received from H. V. Dron refusing to pay the sewer rental charge added to his water bill. The writer claimed he would not benefit until the system was installed in his house. The clerk was instructed to notify the property owner that the charge would be assessed on the taxes if not paid.

Sateen Club Meets At Y On Saturday

The "Sateen" Club held another of their regular social evenings at the Y last Saturday. Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Garnet McKenzie. This group is at present enjoying peak interest under the mentorship of Mr. Ken Allen with approximately 35 in attendance at all functions. Recently the club entertained 100 guests from the Guelph Y and Inter-Y basketball with the locals winning by a good margin of points. The club is planning to entertain a similar club from the Central Y of Toronto some time in the near future which promises to be a gala event.

The Model Aircraft Building Club at the Y has been enjoying the regular attendance of approximately 20 different boys since its inauguration two weeks ago. The group has been meeting Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons and plan contests for two types of model aircraft in the near future. Plaster modelling classes for boys and girls are still popular on Monday and Thursday evenings and plans are underway to afford instruction in leathercraft to both of these groups soon.

FISHING AWARDS - MADE IN ROCKWOOD BY FISH, GAME ASSOCIATION

At a euchre and dance held by the Rockwood Fish and Game Protective Association in the town hall Wednesday evening, prizes and fishing awards were made. Leon Ayles won first prize for biggest brown trout, Leslie Ayles second and Frank Schneider third. The first prize for largest speckled trout was won by Leslie Ayles, the second by Vern Smuck, Guelph and the third by C. A. Downes.

Eric Hiltz won the first prize in the junior class.

Erin Board Defers Community Centre

A delegation from the Ospringe Farm Forum and Women's Institute met the Public School Inspector and School Board for Area No. 1 of Erin Township at the regular meeting held at Ospringe School. The petition relative to a combined school and community centre as presented by the Ospringe Farm Forum and Women's Institute, was tabled until more information could be obtained as to future school requirements and the attitude of the Department of Education towards such a project.

Mrs. Vera C. Black was given permission to purchase music books and get whatever pianos tuned that she deemed necessary.

The following accounts were ordered paid: teachers' salaries, \$1,467.70; janitors, \$132.00; Receiver General, income tax, \$78.80; Mrs. Myrtle White, books, 44 cents; Elliott McDowell, labor, \$4.00; Wright Real Estate, insurance on children, \$58.00; Bert Berry, salary and account for January, \$54.00; Chas. Chapman, cash book, \$4.55.

Good news is that 5000 yards of crushed stone from Glen Christie will be laid on the roads all over town.

"Case of the \$5,000" Traced Through Intricacies of Municipal Finances

The Case of the \$5000" is an interesting one and one that needs consideration. The \$5000 in question is a sum that has entered municipal affairs several times since last year and each time an explanation seemed to remain unreported.

Last year Acton Public School Board submitted their estimated operating expenses for that year, which was in the neighborhood of \$12,000 plus \$5,000 for a new boiler, making a total of approximately \$17,000. Thus the problem sum was created and since then it has been confused many times. Inspectors refused to sanction installation of a new boiler in the old building and then of course the addition to the public school was considered and the \$5,000

Esquising Council Moots Roads, Flood

The weather and the condition of the roads occupied Esquising Township Council at their regular meeting on Monday, March 5th, Reeve George Currie presided.

A letter from Mr. E. L. Taylor was read in which he complained of the condition of some of the township roads. He hoped the council would take steps to rectify this.

A deputiation of ratepayers from Glen Williams anticipated flood conditions there again this spring unless steps were taken during the coming summer to prevent this condition in the future.

Council accepted the tender of the Peel Construction Co. to supply, crush and deliver approximately 10,600 yards of gravel as per tender, subject to the approval of the Department of Highways. The treasurer was instructed to return the cheques of the unsuccessful tenders as well as the cheques of the snowplowing contract of Hamilton Bros. and D. Wendover.

The Esquising municipal council decided to apply to the North Halton High School District Board for an arbitration of the division of liabilities between the two municipalities for the maintenance and other expense which Esquising is required to pay to the Board under the High School Amendment Act. They felt it imposed an undue burden on the Esquising ratepayers.

The following taxes were refunded: to Norman Douglas, whose barn burned down, \$20.12; to John Randall, refund on taxes paid twice in 1949, \$8.97.

The following taxes were written off the tax roll: Gordon Bridgen, property assessed twice, \$2.25; Thos. Dickinson, business assessment, \$5.03; Credit Valley Lime, no business, \$36.22; Gerald Avery, charged in mistake, \$7; James Norton, 1940 business assessment, \$2.96.

A by-law was introduced to adjust the salaries of the clerk, treasurer, assessor and road superintendent and also the car allowance of the assessor.

A by-law was passed to appoint a building inspector for Esquising and William Hulls was given the position.

K. C. Lindsay was appointed assessor and A. W. Benton assessment commissioner.

The following accounts were passed for payment: Bell Telephone Co., \$9.75; H.E.P.C. of Ont., Brampton, \$72.38; Georgetown Herald, \$6.21; Board of Hydro Commissioners, Georgetown, \$81.25; A. W. Benton, \$3.00; Georgetown Lumber Co., Ltd., \$2.75.

Claims for foxes destroyed in Esquising were ordered paid as follows: Melvin Sheppard, Acton, \$45; Finlay McCallum, Milton, \$30; Clayton Rogers, Glen Williams, \$20; Frank Jones, Acton, \$5; Tony Zillo Jr., Terra Cotta, \$5; John Buck, Milton, \$20; C. J. Alexander, Box 599, Milton, \$20; Len Naylor, Milton, \$15; John Michie, Milton \$5; Robert Bruce, Acton, \$10; Wm. Sheppard, Acton, \$15; Harold Deforest, Terra Cotta, \$10; W. H. Bailley, W. Mary St., Milton, \$10; C. S. Bailley, Georgetown 2, \$10; Lawrence Rayner, Georgetown, \$5.

Relief accounts as presented by the relief officer were ordered paid, amounting to \$112.00.

Furniture Ordered for Public School

Chairman Oakes presided at the regular meeting of the Acton Public School Board held in the school at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6th. Trustees Jones, Heard, Creighton and Watson were present. The minutes of February 6, 14 and 20 were read and adopted.

New school desks and furniture were ordered.

Principal McKenzie reported that Grade 8 pupils had visited the museum at Toronto.

A requisition for music teaching supplies was approved and also a mirror for K.P. piano.

The Board approved engaging a man to assist Mr. Mann each Saturday and the purchase of a 40' aluminum ladder.

Mr. McKenzie was directed to secure prices on attendance prizes awards.

The Board authorized expenditure of \$20 O.E.A. expense for two teachers to attend the convention.

The secretary was requested to furnish each member of the Board with an account of total expenditure for new school to date.

Correspondence was read. Secretary was directed to advise Miss Brada that the Board would give full consideration to her application should any vacancies occur on the staff this year.

The property committee was requested to meet the Public Utilities Commission concerning power line to the new school.

The secretary reported receipt of \$40 non-resident fees. The finance statement of \$1,030.45 was presented and payment authorized.

The secretary was directed to assess the N.H.H.S.D. Board \$387.34 for February plant operation cost.

Consider Hazard Of Blind Corners

Obstructions on corner lots which block the view of motorists were specially considered at a meeting of Acton Planning Board on Friday evening, Feb. 23. With T. Jones, the chairman, presiding, members discussed the possibility of eliminating these hazards in the town. A high board fence at the corner of Church and Maria Sts was mentioned where the vision is blocked on both streets. High hedges as well as fences present similar dangers. Further investigation and consideration was recommended.

Since no information was received by the board following a request for a grant from the County Council, the secretary was instructed to write to the council.

The Secretary, Frank Crump, asked that the present fire area by-law be studied and amended to conform to present and future requirements. The type of construction in different zones would have to be revised to correspond to the zoning by-law in residential sections.

A report on the Lindsay property in connection with downtown parking space was held over for further study.

The planning board's requisition for the 1951 grant was incorporated in the town's estimates for the year. It was reported.

Mr. Crump read a letter from the Department of Planning and Development advising different publications on that subject and recommending membership in the Community Planning Association of Canada. Further information was to be requested.

NINETEEN NURSES CAPPED BY DIRECTOR AT GUELPH NURSES' SCHOOL

After completing a six months probationary period at the Guelph General Hospital School of Nurses, Jean Armstrong, Acton was among the nineteen nurses who were presented with their caps in a ceremony held in the teaching department of the nurses' residence last week. The girls in this group will graduate as registered nurses in 1953.

Parents and friends of the students were present for the program which included a musical number, an address and remarks to the class by several people. The capping ceremony was conducted by Miss Ruth Gaw, the director of nurses.

Demonstrations End As \$9977 Pumper Favored

The much-mooted fire truck was purchased last Friday evening when representatives of the town and C. E. Hickey and Son signed a purchase agreement. Total cost of the addition to the fire department equipment is \$9,977.

Council voted unanimously in favour of making the purchase and fire department officials also favoured the Hickey truck. Tenders called for locally on a three-ton chassis for the truck was awarded to Lorne Garner Motors for a G.M.C. chassis at a tender price of \$2,507.

This elapsed several meetings of consideration and equipment demonstrations locally for the benefit of firemen and councillors.

In comparing the three trucks inspected Fire Chief Dawkins said, "I think the one we saw yesterday (the Hickey truck on Thursday) is the one we should have. It is much more impressive than anything seen before."

Councillor Wood and Reeve Hargrave tabled a resolution that council purchase the fire truck plus an extra high pressure hose reel including 150 feet of one inch hose and nozzle for a total amount of \$7,300. The vote unanimously favored the resolution.

Tenders for the chassis were made by Thompson Motors for a Ford truck at \$2,925, MacSwain Motors for a Fargo truck at \$2,980, and Lorne Garner Motors for a GMC truck at \$2,507. All tenders were based on specifications prepared by the Fire Committee.

Delivery on the new fire equipment is guaranteed in 120 days or approximately six months. The pumper will supply 420-500 gallons of water per minute at a pump pressure of 120 pounds.

Hose carrying capacity on the body is 1200 feet of two and a half inch hose and 600 feet of one and a half inch hose. Running boards and the rear step are made from slip resistant tread plate steel. The rear platform is designed so a large area is provided on which equipment can be piled and returned in a hurry to the fire hall in cold weather.

All piping and pump chambers are covered with canvas and water proofed. Pipe and chambers can be drained from one main valve operated from the control side of the truck. The under side of the pipe compartment is protected by a pan to eliminate dirt, slush and mud from reaching the pump or any piping.

An outlet at the rear of the truck is provided for the use of a bucket brigade. The truck carries a booster tank of 400 gallons of water. This water is protected from frost by an exhaust heater.

Two hose reels are included on the truck and will be mounted behind the cab above the pump and the hose will be permanently connected to the pump. Water to the reel is controlled by a valve on the operating side of the truck.

A finger-tip control pressure gauge enables the operator to maintain an equal pressure on each of any number of hose lines in the event one is suddenly shut off.

Equipment also includes ladders, 300 feet of high pressure booster hose and 20 feet of hard suction hose for pumping water from a lake or well, extinguishers, flood lights and search lights, lanterns and of course one siren with flashing red light mounted on the cab.

The truck has a 170 inch wheel base and J. Hickey, representative of the firm, hopes to deliver the truck in less than the required six months.

Moffat Man Buys Top Irish Cattle

Grant Campbell of Moffat returned to Canada from Ireland last week, where he made several purchases at the Royal Ulster Show at Balmoral, near Belfast. Mr. Campbell paid 80 guineas—about \$253—for a 10-month-old Shorthorn red bull and 80 guineas each for twin heifers which took the medal for the best pair of dairy heifers in the whole show. He also bought a roan heifer, a top winner in her class, for 48 guineas.

The cattle breeder from Moffat is reported to have told reporters in Ireland that there was a good market in Canada for British Short-horns provided the right type is produced.

LAST PICTURE DEFINITELY ASA HALL OF ACTON'S FIRST COUNCIL

The second in the series of old pictures to be positively identified was last week's with several agreeing he was Asa Hall, a well-known resident of about 50 years ago. The original picture from which our engraving was made is owned by Mrs. Thomas Storey.

When Acton was incorporated as a village in 1873, Asa Hall was on the first council. Before then, it was incorporated with the township. Quite a few descendants still live in Acton.

Both Mr. Hall and Christopher Swackhamer were conclusively proven to be the men pictured in the paper in recent weeks. In the cases of the three others, there is still some doubt. The first is either R. E. Nelson or J. C. Wolfden, the second Robert Little (perhaps) and the third Joseph Fyfe (perhaps).

The two who are now positively labelled in the Free Press files both have many relatives still living in town and in the district.