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NO INCREASE IN HALTON COUNTY RATE

County Rate Stays Same As Last Year's - Council

The County tax rate for 1951 is expected to be the same as last year, it was announced by W. J. Higgins, chairman of the finance committee, during the regular session of Halton County Council, Tuesday. He said he hoped this would assist other municipalities who were striking their rate in the near future.

A tenth municipality will likely be added to Halton county by mid-summer, after all avenues of procedure had been completed by council, it was agreed. The clerk, William Deans, was instructed to have a special census taken of residents of Bronte within certain boundaries, to ascertain there are the proper number of persons in the area to constitute an incorporated village.

The village must have 750 residents and the petitioners are to pay all necessary expenses involved in taking the census. Earlier this year a large petition was presented to council asking to have Bronte incorporated.

Council shelved a third reading of a by-law authorizing the county to enter into an agreement with the Imperial Oil so council may investigate further all details involved. The oil company is seeking to have permission given to install an oil pipe line under county roads. It was explained the project is to lay the pipe line from Sarnia to Toronto for the purpose of speeding up delivery of petroleum products. It is also said cut offs would be constructed at different points along the line to facilitate delivery to other centres in the province. The road committee will investigate further and report back to council at the next meeting. Members of Trafalgar and Nelson Townships informed council similar agreements were asked of their councils.

Following a resolution from Trafalgar Township, council members asked the clerk to draft a by-law to govern and regulate scrap or wrecking yards in the county. Reeve Joe Wiekson informed members his council could do nothing to govern an establishment of this kind of business unless the county approved a by-law. He said his council was interested to have these types of yards properly designed as one had already been established in a building area in the northern portion of the township.

Following considerable deliberation, council approved engaging Bruce E. MacKenzie of Georgetown to act as temporary works clerk at the Home for the Aged. His remuneration is to be \$100 per week. While some members felt the salary was rather high others maintained his daily attention to the building and construction could save the county considerable amount of money which could be good insurance. He is to inspect all phases of the construction and make daily reports to the architect in charge of construction. It was stated Representatives from other municipalities who had recently installed new sewage systems, all agreed their municipalities would have been money in pocket if they had engaged the services of a competent inspector of works.

A large number of communications were received asking grants to charitable institutions. This matter was left in the hands of the finance committee to make recommendations as to the various amounts designated to the different organizations.

On recommendation of Reeve William Marshall, chairman of the assessment committee, council approved increasing the salaries of

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Acton Y Leaders Praised For Service At Last Board Of Directors Meeting

Leaders of young people's activities at the Y were praised by the Board of Directors at their regular meeting on Monday for their important service to the Acton boys and girls. These leaders included Ken Allen and Charlie Kingsmill, mentors of Club Sakeen; Janet McCarrville and Wilma Thompson, club's handicraft leaders; Gordon Close, boys' handicraft leader; Fred Hill and Ron Coleman, model aircraft club's leaders; and also the executive of the Triple Y for their perseverance.

Gym program attendance was reported below average due to the flu prevalent during the last

District President Visits Acton W.I.

The March meeting of the Acton Women's Institute was held on Thursday at the home of Mrs. W. Evans, Bower Ave.

Mrs. Davidson, the president presided and conducted the business, including a motion to donate \$10.00 to the Halton Musical Festival. It was hoped to have several attend the conference in Limehouse on Thursday, March 8th to hear a discussion on "how to brighten your home with color".

The attendance leader called the roll and members responded with an Irish story or poem. The motto of the month, "Habits at first are cobwebs, lastly cables," was read by Mrs. H. Park. A reading entitled, "A Pat on the Back," was given by Mrs. W. Denny.

Household hints were given by Mrs. E. Lambert. A delightful part of the meeting was the presence of the District President, Mrs. Milton Brown of Hornby, who gave a most helpful and enjoyable address on the responsibility for good citizenship. Mrs. Parks presented a quiz contest with the prize going to the guest, Mrs. Brown.

Singing of "Blest Be The Tie that Binds" closed the meeting with a social half hour enjoyed over the tea cups. Mrs. F. Anderson thanked the speaker and also the hostess and group of the month.

W.A. Ladies Honor Deceased Member

The monthly meeting of the Women's Association of the United Church was held at the home of Mrs. Hilton Elliott on Tuesday with the president, Mrs. J. Wilderspin presiding. The devotional period was taken by Mrs. F. Cleave. The roll call was well responded to by the word "Mercy". The ladies are still quite busy quilting. There is one new member, Mrs. Higgins.

Sympathy is extended to the family of the late Mr. Wm. Sterritt, also to the family of the late Mrs. E. J. Caldwell, a member for some years. A silence was observed and "Abide with me" was sung in her memory.

Several letters and cards had been sent out during the month. Cards are to be sent to the shut-ins during the Easter season. The meeting closed with prayer.

Mrs. Elliott, assisted by Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Fryer and Mrs. Poole, served a lunch of assorted sandwiches and cookies and a social time was spent at the close of the business meeting. A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Elliott for her home and lunch committee.

A date was set for the annual meeting of the Y.M.C.A. and the local Canadian Y.M.C.A. Centennial celebrations will be presented on the same program. An outstanding main speaker has been approached to highlight this important double feature event.

Ebenezer Societies Have Easter Theme

The ladies of Ebenezer United Church met in the church parlour for their March meeting.

Mrs. A. Diamond, the president, had charge of the W.A. meeting. After the business and worship period the ladies enjoyed a short program consisting of readings by Mrs. M. Anderson and Mrs. Dunbar and a solo by Mrs. George Robertson. After the singing of a hymn, the meeting was turned over to the W.M.S.

Mrs. George Thomas presided for the W.M.S. meeting. Mrs. W. Early read the Scripture lesson and prayers were offered by Mrs. Ellen Easterbrook and Mrs. Roberts. The Easter Thank Offering was taken and an article titled, "Easter Gave Us the Bible" was read by Mrs. Moffat. The roll call was answered with verses containing the word "risen". Mrs. Thomas very ably presented the interesting highlights of the chapter from the Study Book.

The meeting closed with singing of a hymn and repeating the Mizpah Benediction.

The ladies gathered in small groups around the tables for a short visit, while the lunch committee served refreshments.

MAYOR E. TYLER TO RECEIVE PORTRAIT FROM OIL CO. THIS FRIDAY

Word was received this week from the Public Relations Department of the Cities Service Oil Co. Ltd. that the portrait of Mayor Ted Tyler would be presented to him on Friday, March 16 (tomorrow).

Similar portraits are being presented to the mayors or Reeves of all the towns and villages featured on the company's radio program Acton was chosen for one of the broadcasts in December.

Officers Installed By Charter Member

Mrs. William Cochrane, a charter member of the Lakeside Chapter T.O.E. and now Municipal Regent in Kitchener, installed the officers for 1951 at the March meeting held in the Legion Rooms on Tuesday evening, March 13th. She expressed her pleasure at being able to attend and mentioned she had followed the work of the Chapter closely through the years. Mrs. George Musselle thanked Mrs. Cochrane for her visit and presented her with a beautiful bouquet of spring flowers.

Mrs. George Somerville expressed the Chapter's sincere thanks to Mrs. A. Orr, past Regent, for her leadership as Regent the past two years and presented her with a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Mrs. Orr said she appreciated very much the support of the executive and members during her terms of office.

The new Regent, Mrs. J. H. Creighton, took the chair and the business meeting was conducted. The minutes of the February meeting and the annual meeting were read and adopted. Correspondence was read by Mrs. C. Bradley and the treasurer's report was given by Miss Jean Harris. Outstanding accounts were ordered paid.

A letter was received from Mr. W. H. Clayton, thanking the members for the gift he was sent for auditing the Chapter books.

A motion was passed authorizing the new Regent and Treasurer to sign any cheques or documents.

Six new members were welcomed into the Chapter. The Provincial Convention is to be held in Hamilton in April and plans are to be made for any members desiring to attend.

Headquarters asked that the gift food parcels to Britain be increased and it was decided to adopt two or three elderly couples to whom parcels would be sent during the year.

The meeting was brought to a close and an extremely amusing skit "The Buggsville Uplift Society" was presented by a group of members.

Games were enjoyed and a lovely buffet lunch was served.

Erin Council Names Township Officials

At the regular meeting of Erin Township council on March 8th a by-law appointing Fence Viewers, Pound-keepers and Live Stock Valuers was passed. The Fence Viewers are Duncan McMillan, Chester Burt, Joel B. Leslie, George Davis, Geo. C. Burt, Arthur Rowan, Jesse McEnery and Robert A. Rowan, first line.

The Pound-keepers are Robt. A. Smith, Hector Pinkney, Morgan Graham, Leslie Jackson, Kenneth Reid, David Barbour, David Stewart, Hugh M. Reid, Norris Sinclair and Wilbert McFee.

The Live Stock Valuers are as follows: North Division, Clarence Blyson; West Division, Earl Jessop; South Division, D. B. McKinnon; East Division, Gordon Jackson.

The assessor and members of council agreed to attend a meeting of assessors at Mount Forest on March 28th.

The Road Supt. was authorized to advertise for tenders for the supplying, crushing and delivering on the Township roads in 1951 of 12,000 yards of gravel.

The treasurer was instructed to forward to the County Treasurer a cheque for \$20, the balance due on the County Levy for 1950.

The Erin Advocate's tender to do the printing for the year for \$425.00 was accepted. The contract included 150 copies of Voters Lists, 300 copies of Proceedings of Council, 900-tax bills, advertising, nominations, two insertions, advertising, posting of Voters Lists, two insertions, and the printing of the complete minutes of council in Advocate.

A donation of \$20.00 was made to the Salvation Army.

John E. Duncan was refunded \$626 due to an error in assessment for 1950.

The following accounts were ordered paid: General \$895.91; Road \$204.35; Sheep \$62.00; Roads \$2,235.54.

Reeve Goldwin Burt presided at the meeting with all the councillors present except councillor Griffin who was ill.

NOTABLE VISITORS AND NOTEWORTHY EVENTS AT MASONIC MEETING HERE

The March meeting of Walker Lodge A. F. and A. M. on Monday evening had several features of unusual interest to Masonic brethren of Acton and district. Members of St. Clair Lodge, Milton visited the Lodge in goodly number and conducted the degree work of the evening. R. W. Bro. George Dawson, D.D.G.M. of Hamilton District A was also a distinguished visitor of the evening.

Not many Masons can acclaim a half century of Masonic membership and on Monday night Bro. James Chalmers of Acton joined that small group and Walker Lodge presented him with the jewel distinguishing to Masonic brethren of fifty years and over. The presentation was made by Wor. Bro. W. J. Beatty with the wish that he will be spared many more years to attend Masonic meetings and fraternize with his brethren.

Mrs. R. MacArthur Hostess to W.M.S.

The study book, under the leadership of Mrs. Bert Mowat assisted by Mrs. D. Selwood and Mrs. G. A. Dills was especially interesting at the regular meeting of the W.M.S. of the United Church held at the home of Mrs. Robert MacArthur, Main St., last Tuesday. The president, Miss M. Z. Bennett, was in charge of the meeting.

Owing to the absence of the secretary, Miss E. Hawthorne, the minutes of the last meeting were not heard, but the treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Jack Lambert. The devotions were taken by Mrs. E. A. Currey.

During the meeting plans were made for a Thankoffering meeting to be held in April. Mrs. Selwood, the book convener, contacted members regarding the W.M.S. literature read during the month.

A pleasant social period followed with refreshments served by the hostess Mrs. MacArthur, assisted by Mrs. Mowat, Mrs. Dills and Mrs. Currey.

W.I. Sponsors Trip For Junior Girls

Fourteen ladies attended the March meeting of Limehouse W.I. at the home of Mrs. James Noble in Limehouse village. After opening the meeting in the usual manner, roll call was answered by naming a cabinet minister and his portfolio. Donations of \$15.00 to the Halton Musical Festival and \$12.00 for books for the new Limehouse Library were agreed upon. It was also decided to sponsor the Junior Girls' Project Club's trip to Toronto during Easter vacation. Reports were given by convengers of Flower and Fruit Fund, and the Hall Board. Current events were prepared and given by Mrs. Sidney Kirkpatrick. The motto, "Shine the spot where you are" was given by Mrs. Noble. Mrs. S. Gishy, convener of Public Relationships, read the recommendation of the Halton Medical Co-operative which advises the building and equipping of a hospital in North Halton which would cope with emergency cases, minor cases and convalescing.

Mrs. S. Kirkpatrick told the early history of Knox Presbyterian Church, Georgetown. Mrs. Frank Brown read articles entitled, "Plastics" and "Cultivate Charm". Mrs. E. Sanford read a clipping about recreation for crippled children.

After community singing, Mrs. Harold Barber gave a paper she had prepared on the topic, "School Buses across Canada". Mrs. Wright tendered a vote of thanks to the hostess after which the National Anthem closed the meeting.

Assistants at the tea hour which followed, were Miss Isabel Moore and Mrs. E. Batkin.

PERFECT PRINTING COMPLIMENT LOSES FORCE NO ADVERTISING SHORTAGE

An extravagant advertising campaign is being carried out by the First Trading Co. Ltd. of Montreal with price lists sent out as indiscriminately and as generously as letters and blotters at election time.

At first we were pleased to see a letter in our box addressed to the "Perfect Printing Co." but when three others, all duplicates, followed, the first compliment was somewhat dimmed. Another letter was addressed to G. A. Dills, a third to the paper and a fourth to Enterprise News. Evidently we received two of the letters through default of Enterprise News and Perfect Printing Co.

Pte. K. Robertson Wounded In Korea

Word was received from Ottawa on March 8th that Private Keith Robertson, R. R. 1, Campbellville, has been wounded in Korea on February 24. His injuries were defined at head and shoulder wounds and the army authorities stated that he was in the hospital at Tokyo.

The next word his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Robertson had was a letter from a lady in Tokyo stating she was the wife of a chief Canadian official, had visited him in hospital and that he was not too seriously wounded. Telling them not to worry, she added he would write as soon as possible.

Private Robertson joined the 2nd Battalion of the Princess Patricia's Light Infantry in Toronto in August, training at Wainwright, Alberta and then Fort Lewis. He had his last leave in October when he was home for two weeks. He has been in Korea since Dec. 1 and spent Christmas Day - his 21st birthday - there.

Pte. Robertson attended public school in Napaagweya and then Milton High School. For three years he was in the employ of the International Nickel Co. at Sudbury. He has one sister, Mrs. Clare Pemberton, Guelph and a brother, Paul, attending Milton High School.

The Korean war is brought much more vivid with this news that a Halton soldier has been wounded in the fighting.

Water Tank Again in Use After Month's Repairs

At the regular session of Acton Public Utilities Commission last Tuesday night Superintendent Lambert reported that the water tank was back in service, after being shut down for a month. One small leak was detected in the new bottom of the tank and the Horton Steel Co. are to send a man to make the necessary adjustment. The inside of the tank was sand blasted and given two coats of paint. The painters are now working on the outside of the tank.

Isaac Watts' Life, Hymns Knox Topic

The Knox Presbyterian Ladies Aid met for the February meeting on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. Jany, Main St.

The president, Mrs. McCutcheon, was absent owing to illness so Mrs. F. Anderson presided. The Devotional period was taken by Mrs. D. McLellan and Mrs. Robert O'Hara.

The convengers of the travelling baskets of 1950 were asked to carry on with this project this year and as soon as possible.

It was also decided that the four groups of last year carry on, with a possible change of one convener for the ensuing year.

A musical number, "Take time to be Holy" was rendered by four ladies, Mrs. W. Hall, Mrs. R. L. Davidson, Miss M. Hall and Mrs. F. Anderson accompanied by Mrs. A. Smith.

Mrs. R. H. Armstrong contributed an interesting story of the life and favourite hymns of Mr. Isaac Watts concluding with the hymn, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" sung by the group.

Mrs. O'Hara conducted an interesting quiz contest with Mrs. Geo. Somerville winning the award.

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer in unison.

A delightful social time was enjoyed when the group of the month Mrs. W. Hall, convener, Mrs. Jas. Wilds, Mrs. O'Hara, Mrs. F. Anderson and Mrs. E. McDowell, served refreshments.

OBITUARY William Sterritt Dies On March 4

After an illness of about two years, William James Sterritt passed away in Guelph General Hospital on March 4th. Although Mr. Sterritt trained as a station agent, his occupation for most of his life was farming.

Born in 1888 in Arthur Township, Mr. Sterritt was married in Brampton in 1916. In 1926 he moved to R. R. 1, Acton, where he has lived since then.

Funeral services for the late Mr. Sterritt was held on March 6 with the Rev. E. A. Currey in charge. Pallbearers were four neighbors, Messrs. Cecil Nelles, Orwell Johnson, John McEachern and Alex. Ross and two nephews, Robert Topham and John Sterritt. Interment was made in Brampton Cemetery.

Mr. Sterritt leaves his wife, the former Mildred MacLain and three children, Robert, Clifford and William; five brothers, Albert, Malcolm, Robert, David and Richard and one sister, Mrs. W. Topham.

Hockey Fan Turns Detective To Trace Halton County's Harris Trophy to Acton

Maybe hockey should just be played for the enjoyment of the sport and not for winning, but this league wants its trophy! Evidently about fourteen or fifteen years ago, there was a Halton County hockey league which played each season for the Harris Trophy. The source of this information was a Burlington man who would like to see the county league revived and, in tracking down its previous organization, discovered that the famed trophy for which the teams played is missing. No one he asked could tell him where it was.

A letter from Baxter Laboratories stated they were contemplating the installation of a sprinkler system in the factory. This will necessitate the installation of a separate six inch main to service the sprinkler system. Superintendent J. Lambert was instructed to view the situation and find out the plans for the sprinkler system so that plans could be laid for installing this main.

The report of the Ontario Health Dept. on the water supply was tabled. There are 2 parts per million gallons of chlorine being used and the Dept. of Health recommended the continued use of chlorine. The samples taken were all A1 water.

The secretary was instructed to make inquiries from various agents on the cost of insuring the hydro truck.

A letter from the H.E.P.C. urged a check of all facilities available for servicing customers so that factories would not be held up in production for lack of power supplies.

Secretary J. McGeachie was instructed to procure prices on fire extinguishers for the various buildings operated by the Commission.

Mr. H. Palmer was present to discuss with the Commission the charges made for thawing his water pipes this winter. After some discussion, it was decided to waive the charges on these thawings as there seemed to be a question on whose side of the shut-off the freezing occurred.

The thirteenth power bill for last year was presented to the Commission. This report shows a surplus of \$1,280.83 as Acton's share of the profits of the H.E.P.C. This is a gain of approximately \$400 compared with a year ago.

It was reported to the Commission that Superintendent Mason was in hospital. The necessary forms are to be filled in and forwarded. Mr. K. McPhail is carrying on during Mr. Mason's absence.

Arrangements were made to meet the representative of the School Board on Saturday morning. The power line feeding the school will have to be moved as it crosses the site of the addition to the Public School.

It was brought to the attention of the Commission certain consumers were supplying lights and water to trailers parked beside their buildings. As this is contrary to both hydro and water regulations, this practice will have to be discontinued.

A ruling of the H.E.P.C. was received dealing with two family residences. Any house which has two facilities for preparing meals must be charged at the two family rate.

Mr. F. Somerville tendered his resignation as a member of the Waterworks Department.

Applications were received for the position of helper on the Waterworks Dept. It was decided to hold these over and advertise.

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What followed will perhaps plant the sympathy Acton readers would have for the lost cause of the hockey loop. He seemed to think that the award was lost seen in Acton... probably hidden behind a slouch hat and sun glasses. Well, just about that time Acton was winning quite a few hockey trophies and apparently this one happened to get mislaid. Giving the inquiring gentleman the benefit of the doubt—it is quite likely we have the trophy—we pass on his query. Would anyone who has any idea where the Harris Trophy is, please contact the Free Press office?