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## COUNCIL PURCHASES SNOW BLOWER



**MAYOR TYLER RECEIVES** his portrait in charcoal from Mr. Catanaek and Mr. Richardson, representing the Cities Service Oil Company Limited. The portrait was done by Egbert C. Reed at the time the Mayor appeared on a radio program publicizing Acton in January over station CFRB.

### Present Charcoal Portrait To Mayor During Council

Mayor E. Tyler was presented with his charcoal portrait by representatives of the Cities Service Oil Co. Limited at the regular meeting of council Friday evening of last week. The portrait was done by artist Egbert C. Reed when Acton was featured on a broadcast sponsored by the Cities Service company January 26 over CFRB. The program outlined the history and progress of the municipality. Life size, head and shoulders the portrait of the mayor was presented by Mr. Catanaek and Mr. Prentiss, on behalf of their company.

In presenting the portrait, Mr. Catanaek expressed the hope that it would be some tangible remembrance to the Mayor for his "good years on council serving the town of Acton". Mayor Tyler thanked the gentlemen for the portrait and for the fine publicity they had so generously given Acton.

Council approved securing Merion and Evans, architects, to make a survey of the town hall and adjacent lot and consider the erection of a new municipal building. The architects are to make a survey and submit recommendations.

Mrs. F. Hunter, representing the Women's Auxiliary of the Y.M.C.A., asked the town fathers if they would assist the ladies by pouring tea and serving tables at an afternoon tea they had planned. Mrs. Hunter pointed out that the organization was trying to inject novelty. Council shouldered their tepids and agreed to co-operate.

Acton Public School Board requested payment of \$6,552.24 for architect fees on the public school addition.

Council instructed the clerk to secure public liability, fire and damage insurance on the town grader from the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society.

Charles Kirkness was appointed to the Acton Public Library Board on the recommendation of the Public Buildings Commission. Mr. Kirkness replaces W. H. Clayton who recently resigned.

Complaints on broken sidewalks and fossed streets were discussed with Foreman Kirkness and instructions issued.

Council engaged the tree surgeons presently working at town to remove the willow tree at the corner of Barr's Green, on Esplanade and Mill street.

The balance of last year's road grant was received totalling \$1,804.22 from the Department of Highways.

Payment of \$1,500 on the account for repairing the water tank on the cemetery hill was approved. The

### You Can Never Really Tell About Dogs Until They're Judged by the Experts

Many a time we've heard extolled the greatness of Jack Royston's Irish Setter dogs. But knowing Jack's liking for all dogs and our own lack of knowledge regarding dogs or anything else Irish we waited for proof of his assertions.

Since Jack went to Simcoe he has had more leisure and this year entered his Irish Setters at the Second International Breed Dog Show at the Canadian National Sportsmen's Show in Toronto.

On Wednesday and Thursday, Rusty of Erin (Rocky) won his class, was best of dogs and best of his breed at the show. On Friday, Roy of Brownside (Paddy), took the same sweep for Irish Setters.

We haven't heard the story yet from Jack Royston himself and he will be glad to listen now that he has the proof. Hope we get time to think up suitable alibi for our doubting judgment, just thinking of them as dogs.

### Senior Auxiliary Knox WMS Meets

The regular monthly meeting of the Senior Auxiliary W.M.S. of Knox Presbyterian Church was held at the home of Mrs. A. J. Buchanan on Wednesday, March 14th.

Mrs. Mainprize opened the meeting with a call to worship. The devotions were taken by Mrs. Blow. Mrs. J. Lishman and Mrs. Hollinger.

After the reading of reports the president gave notice of the Synodical meeting in Orangeville on April 24, 25, 26 and of the Presbyterian Rally in Fergus on May 8th.

Invitations were received from Friendly Circle and the Daughters of Knox to attend their respective teas.

Arrangements were made for the spring thank offering when Mrs. Cherry of Council Executive is to be the guest speaker.

Mrs. Blow then took charge of the meeting and gave a comprehensive summary of Chapter Three of the Study book which dealt with homes, hospital visiting, port service, and the work of the vans.

### Township Council Appoints Assessor

The Eramosa Township Council met in Rockwood Town Hall on March 12th, with all the members present and the Rev. in the chair. The minutes of the last regular and special meetings were read and adopted.

Correspondence was read from the Department of Public Welfare, Mr. Thos. McGladrey and the Fergus Board of Education.

The clerk was instructed to advise Mr. McGladrey to refer to the county clerk as his claim stated the map to his car was on the second line at Lot 30 which is County Road.

It was moved that the Clerk reply to the letter of the Fergus Board of Education advising that the council has no objection to the formation of a Fergus High School Area, and suggest that we prefer leaving all our Township in the Guelph area, and the matter of Education costs of Eramosa pupils attending Fergus school be handled by mutual agreement between the Boards concerned.

The Road Superintendent was instructed to advertise for gravel tenders for about 10,000 cubic yards crushed and delivered on township roads. Tenders are to be in the clerk's hands by 2 pm Monday, April 2nd.

On request of the Rockwood Police Village Trustee Board, the clerk and clerk were authorized to sign the garbage collection agreement between the village of Rockwood and Cecil E. Harris.

The Tax Collector was instructed to collect the outstanding taxes by May 1st or sooner if possible.

Applications for the position of Assessor and Collector of Dog Licenses were received from the following: Messrs. Chas. A. McNab, Clifford McDougall, J. W. Hewitson and Wm. R. Black. Messrs. McDougall and McNab interviewed council, and after a great deal of discussion the following motion was passed:

That the application of Charles A. McNab as Assessor and Collector of Dog Licenses be accepted and the appointment his term be made. The salary to be \$550.00 per annum and 12 1/2 per cent of the dog licenses. That the resolution of February 12, re-appointment of an Assessor is hereby repealed.

The Clerk was instructed to prepare the necessary By-Law concerning the appointment of an Assessor and present it at the next regular meeting of council.

Accounts amounting to \$4,125.67 were passed for payment.

### March Meeting of Dublin Institute

Dublin Women's Institute met at Mrs. G. R. Somerville's for their March meeting. Owing to bad weather and sickness, there was a very small attendance. A donation was voted to the local Easter seal fund. Dublin School group arranged a euchre to be held later in the month in Dublin School. Mrs. R. L. Davidson read a paper "A Day in April" Lunch and a social hour were enjoyed.

### Blower Purchased For \$4212 Tuesday

Mr. R. Bean and Mr. Mansell Nellis were present at the special meeting of the Acton Council on Tuesday evening to quite price on a snow blower, which was purchased for the town. The present price of the machines are \$4,100 plus tax. The machine demonstrated last week could be bought for \$3,000 or a total price of \$4,212, they said. This machine has run approximately 20 hours. It is expected the price of the machine next fall will be \$4,000. It is guaranteed for one year against defective material and workmanship and will be mounted on one of the town's trucks. No charge would be made for the use of the machine for clearing snow for this season. Delivery would be next November with 90 days net. Mr. Nellis reported that a snow blower was installed as a safety measure.

The following motion was passed, sponsored by Greer and Welck: "And resolved that the council purchase snow loader with electric controls from the Halton Manufacturing Co. Ltd. for the sum of \$3,000 plus sales tax, delivery according to purchase agreement and the mayor and clerk be authorized to sign the purchase agreement on behalf of the Corporation." Carried.

Those present at the meeting were: Councillors L. Welck, J. Greer, Ray Thompson, Miss Esther-Taylor and Alf Fryer, Deputy-revee J. J. Stewart, Reeve J. Hargrave, and Mayor E. G. Tyler. Also present at this meeting were Messrs J. T. Ware and J. R. MacArthur of the Public Utilities Commission.

A motion sponsored by Councillors Hargrave and Greer was passed at this meeting which reads as follows: "The Public Utilities Commission be requested to transfer \$12,000 per year to the Acton Capital Sewer account." Carried.

Another motion was passed providing that the Capital Sewer Account be opened in the Bank of Montreal.

A motion sponsored by Hargrave and Greer read as follows: "And resolved that we request the Acton P.U.C. to do the electric work on the sewerage disposal plant and pump house, also the waterworks pump house." Carried.

The council discussed at some length the increasing size of Acton Public Utilities Commission to five members instead of the present three members. It was decided to leave this matter until a later date and if an election necessary, the question may be put to the vote of the people. This suggestion was introduced by Mayor Tyler who is also a member of the Commission.

Council also discussed the condition of the roads and streets. Town Foreman Kirkness reported that on Tuesday one hole in the road had required 12 loads of stone as fill.

Arrangements were made for issuing of tax bills by the end of the month. Sickness in the office staff had somewhat held up the clerical work.

Ninety-seven per cent of Red Cross work is carried on by volunteers, working without pay.



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### Native Garb, Hymn Fun, Food Enjoyed

The March meeting of the Daughters of Knox, Acton, was held in the classroom of the church. Following a busy crafts period, under the supervision of Mrs. Geo. Ritchie, the president Ruth Smith, called the meeting to order, using the Flag Ceremony.

The Worship Service was conducted by Dorothy Dawkins, Barbara Anderson and Elizabeth Jany. After the roll call and the reading of the secretary's and treasurer's reports, a short business period followed in which plans were discussed and convenor appointed to arrange for an Oriental Christian Easter Sunrise service followed by an Easter breakfast and an Easter tea.

The study period conducted by Mrs. Allan J. Buchanan was a travelogue, using the picture map from India, where a charming girl from India in native garb, impersonated by Diane Dawkins, bade us "God run with you" to Formosa, beautiful island of the Pacific. Here they met and loved the story of Mrs. Li-Gong-How, internationally famous Formosan woman.

The singing of Holy, Holy, Holy in the Japanese dialect, followed by the Mizpah Benediction closed this part of the meeting.

A native balloon game was enthusiastically enjoyed.

A social half hour, with native fruit drinks and sweets, brought the evening to a conclusion.

### Announce Winners In Seed, Bacon Fair

The Halton Junior Farmers Section was again the outstanding feature of the sixteenth annual Halton Seed Fair held in Milton Town Hall on Saturday, March 17. All five Junior Farmer Clubs were in competition and it was with difficulty that the judges made their decision between the entries of the Milton and Paloma Clubs, both of which were outstanding.

In the open section of the show, competition was particularly keen in the oat classes with no less than 19 lots in competition in the bushel classes and 12 entries in the ten bushel class.

The T. Eaton Co. Special for the champion exhibit in the open show was won by Earl Wilson of Norval on his entry of red clover. Calvin Aitken of Acton won the special for the largest number of entries which was donated by the Burlington Branch of the Bank of Toronto.

To return to the Junior Farmer section, the Royal Bank Special donated by their Burlington Branch, to be awarded to the Junior Farmer winning the most points was won by Floyd Bridgen of the Norval Club. The Halton Junior Farmer Special awarded to the Club with the largest number of entries was won by Norval Juniors.

In the inter-club grain display, the Paloma Juniors, forged to the front with Milton in second place. Other awards were as follows:

Open Show—C. E. Beatty, Milton, R. R. 6.

Class 2, Medium Oats (15 entries)—Calvin Aitken, Acton, R. R. 3, George C. Burt and Son, Hillsburg; W. B. Sutton and Sons, Hillsburg; Fred R. Russell, Georgetown; T. J. Brownridge, Georgetown; S. E. Griffen and Son, Acton; Gordon A. Leslie, Acton; Geo. Robertson, Acton.

Class 3, Late Oats—J. S. Ferrier, Campbellville; W. H. Reid and Son, Georgetown; John M. Bird, Georgetown.

Class 4, Barley, rough sown—Gordon A. Leslie, Acton.

Class 5, Barley, smooth sown—Calvin Aitken, Acton; Gordon A. Leslie, Acton; Erwin Gunby and Son, Freeman; George C. Burt and Son, Hillsburg; W. H. Reid and Son, Georgetown; A. S. Broughton, Bronte.

Class 6, 10 bus lots of oats (12 entries)—Gordon A. Leslie, Acton; Fred R. Russell, Georgetown; S. E. Griffen and Son, Acton; W. B. Sutton and Sons, Hillsburg; Calvin Aitken, Acton; T. J. Brownridge, Georgetown; H. S. Calverley, Oakville; George Robertson, Acton.

Class 10, 10 bus lots of barley—Calvin Aitken, Acton; Gordon A. Leslie, Acton; Erwin Gunby and

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ACTON'S SNOW BLOWER, which was purchased on Tuesday night at a joint meeting of the council and Public Utilities Commission, was demonstrated on Acton streets last Saturday morning. A truck was loaded in approximately 45 seconds and in less than two hours the highway from Garner Motors to the Mill St. railway crossing was cleared of excess snow. Many citizens were on hand for the demonstration given by Mansell Nellis. The Whirlwind Snow-Blower was bought by the town for \$4,212.

### Esqueuing Appeals Levy For High School Purposes

Formal notice was given the North Halton High School District Board at the meeting on Monday evening that Esqueuing Township would appeal the assessment levy for school purposes, based on the last equalized assessment of Halton. Notice was from Dale and Bennett, solicitors for Esqueuing. The secretary was instructed to take the required proceedings for hearing the appeal by a Board of Arbitration.

The secretary reported the claims that had been made against other municipalities for pupils attending the North Halton schools. The various amounts were Burlington, \$864.74; Wellington County, \$1,044.35; Oakville, Trafalgar, \$8,567.47; Brampton, \$220.35. Notice was received that Burlington was disputing their account and were willing to pay approximately 40 per cent of the amount. The secretary was to write Burlington Board in an effort to clarify the disputed amount.

Accounts amounting to \$11,472.22 were approved for payment. Approval was given for the purchase of a cultivator at \$50 and for seeds, trees and fertilizer at approximately \$75 for the Milton School.

Negotiations were to be resumed for the purchase of additional garden land at the Milton School. A letter from Mr. J. E. White-lock, Agricultural Representative, expressed appreciation of the co-operation of the Board in the community classes conducted this year in the Milton School.

It was decided by motion that the minimum salaries for High School teachers would be \$2500 in accordance with the schedule of the Teachers' Federation and that salaries of teachers presently on the staff would be adjusted to conform with this minimum. These changes are to become effective September 1, 1951.

The secretary was authorized to secure purchase order forms which must be signed by either the principal or secretary before any supplies were secured. The Board will hereafter only make payment on goods which have been approved by written orders. The present system was found very inefficient.

Principal Marcellus expressed the appreciation of his family and himself for the letter and flowers sent in their recent bereavement. The Board spent over an hour (Continued on Page Five)

Observation by radio star: The human brain is a wonderful thing. It starts working the moment you are born and never stops until you stand up to speak in public.

### Prodigal Suitcase Is Found, Returned With Owner and Finder Both Rejoicing

It took many folks and quite a little time for a small "lost" ad in the Free Press to accomplish its mission but it finally did the job and made all involved happy. Here is the story.

A couple of men were going from Kitchener to Milton by car and one was scheduled to take a plane trip. Some place along the highway before reaching Acton a suitcase with valuable papers was lost from the car. It was missed at Acton where police were notified and an ad inserted in the Free Press.

The case was apparently run over by another vehicle, near Crewson's Corners and its contents strewn about the highway. The police found and returned the broken

travelling bag and Mrs. J. Airdrie picked up the scattered articles and phoned the address given in the ad. The Kitchener man, however, forgot to secure her name and address and came to the Free Press for information. He left without any word but five minutes later Mr. Airdrie brought in the carton of articles found and left them at the office.

The rest was simple. An express parcel was sent to Kitchener and a week later an express parcel from Kitchener arrived, with a letter asking us to deliver the parcel to Mrs. Airdrie in appreciation of her returning the articles.

The Free Press' service charge was 50 cents.