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## LAWS, LETTERS ARE COUNCIL PROBLEMS

### By-Law to Regulate Acton Garage Hours

An early closing by-law governing the hours of sale for retail gas outlets in Acton was passed by council at their regular meeting on Friday of last week after they received a petition from more than 75 per cent of the operators in the town. Seven men were present requesting the passing of the by-law. One garage operator, F. Toth, opposed the by-law.

One permit is to be issued each week to the garage that will be permitted, by the rotation plan submitted in a supplementary petition, to remain open for extra hours.

J. Whitham, for the petitioners, explained that the present rotation system had been operating favorably and the garage operators had been "striving to have working conditions improved when a man comes along and upsets the applicant." Mr. Whitham continued, "We have tried to retain a rotation system and it has been working very well without any much trouble to anybody."

Mr. Hear, of the Shell Oil Co., representing F. Toth, pointed out that council could not refuse to pass the by-law that they might issue permits "authorizing outlets to remain open notwithstanding the by-law. You are forcing people to the outside of town to buy gas." Mr. Hear pointed out, "In the interests of the town of Acton, you should do your best to have the petition withdrawn and relieve yourself of the responsibility of issuing permits." Mr. Hear concluded, "The by-law restricted the permits to one each week, good only for one week and the permit to be issued on the rotation plan."

Mr. Whitham pointed out that Mr. Toth had originally agreed to follow the voluntary rotation system by "a gentleman's agreement." Asked by council why he had changed his mind, Mr. Toth said he knew it was a gentleman's agreement and as far as he was concerned "there isn't a gentleman in the whole Acton garage business."

A letter from the Ontario Municipal Board, regarding the charge of sewerage rental was discussed. The letter referred to the payment of sewerage rental by H. V. Dron when he was allegedly not deriving benefit from the system because his dwelling was not connected.

The letter pointed out that "Mr. Dron was informed by the Board that in their opinion, the Town had a legal right to pass by-law 932 and as the wording of its enacting clauses followed closely the wording of the statutes, the Board had a right to approve it, but as the sewer rate to be imposed by the by-law can be charged only to owners or occupants of land who derive or will or may derive a benefit from the work, it was difficult to see how a tenant who was not provided with the facilities to use the sewer could derive any benefit."

The letter later continued, "The Board would therefore suggest that the Town Council should amend by-law 932 to provide that sewer rates may not be charged to a tenant until the premises occupied by him has been fitted with the necessary plumbing fixtures and connected to the street sewer."

A committee of members of the Finance and Sewerage Committee was appointed to consider the by-law with the Municipal Board.

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### Telling About Acton Overseas

Prominent on a display board in Ontario House in London, England, is the brochure of Acton recently issued by the town for distribution. This is noted in a picture published in the Ontario Government Services Bulletin issued this month.

Mainly towns and cities of Ontario, such as Galt, Hamilton, Barrie, Paris, Smith's Falls, Belleville and Cornwall have brochures shown on the display board in Ontario House but Acton is the only one noted in this immediate district to have a town leaflet in England.

Ontario House is a source of information for businessmen overseas who are looking for locations in Canada and the Acton brochure is among the literature working for this community.

### Committee Reports On Y Activities

Preparatory measures for the opening of the fall program at the Y.M.C.A. were reported by all committees at the latest regular meeting of the Board of Directors with Mr. Ed Footitt presiding. Program activities for all ages were prominently indicated.

A report was received from the membership chairman, Mr. Lorne Garner, including several recommendations on policy matters, all of which were approved. Mr. Dick Bean reported for the program and special events committees concerning the big opening party. Mr. Alf Long, building committee, reported progress concerning repairs and improvements of the building and equipment.

The general secretary's report revealed plans and activities were being featured in Young Adult and Junior Teen-age clubs which include a winter roast and nominations night by the Sateen Club, who are also planning to visit a Toronto Y Club for a program this month, while a planning group of Young Adults are seriously preparing for a week-end conference at Temagami in connection with their season's activities. Representatives from more than one Toronto Y.M.C.A. Young Adult group are to attend this week-end event.

It was also reported that Miss Carolyn Oakes and Mr. Meb Blow attended the National Y. M. C. A. Young Adult Annual Retreat at Camp Norval held recently on September 22-23. Acton's report for the year ahead was met with a friendly spirit of support by the whole conference group of 61 young men and ladies.



Welcomes the Royal Couple

### Councillor Taylor Speaker At W. I.

The monthly meeting of the Acton W.I. was held on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. Denny, Brock Ave. The president, Mrs. R. L. Davidson, presided. The roll call was answered by "a new saving device I would like for my kitchen."

Mrs. E. Lambert gave the report on the directors meeting held in Milton. In response to the decision to have some special gift from the "Hilton Women's Institute" for the new home for the Aged, now being erected a donation of \$25.00 was voted to this project.

The treasurer gave the financial report from Acton Fair which was not up to the usual standard owing to the bad weather. Each year parties will be held at various times working in groups.

Mrs. Geo. Lazenby gave a few highlights from the Area Convention held at the O.A.C. in Guelph recently.

Mrs. Fryer, Home Economics Convener, gave timely tips on preparing the Thanksgiving turkey.

Mrs. George Lantz, historical research convener, gave a most delightful paper on the history of the creation of Sunnybrook Hospital. Special mention was made of one particular room with the words furnished by the "Federated Women's Institute." Mrs. Golden and Mrs. Lambert each read a poem introducing the motto, "The world is taking your photograph, look pleasant." The president then introduced the guest speaker, Councillor Esther Taylor, who built her talk on this motto. Her ability to take a photograph is well known, but the important part of making one look pleasant was equally as well accomplished.

The speaker was thanked by Mrs. F. Anderson for giving of her time and her talents for this meeting.

Singing of "Blest be the Tie that Binds" closed the meeting and a friendly chat over the tea cups was enjoyed.

### PRESBYTERIAN W.M.S. MEET AT REGINA IN FOUR DAY SESSION

The mission of the Church in every part of the world and particularly here in Canada, became the individual responsibility of each member of the Women's Missionary Society (W.M.S.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada which has just concluded its annual meeting in Regina, Sask. For four days the meeting alternately heard the needs and discussed how they might be met.

In the final session, the delegates pledged support to a budget greatly in excess of 1951 and to obtaining ten thousand new members and 100 new groups in 1952.

Mrs. Arthur W. Pae, Toronto, convened the sessions. She was re-elected President of the Society.

### Postmasters Honor Dominion Pres.

Many readers of the Free Press will be interested in the following item from the Powassan News: Mrs. Church was the former Hannah Plank of Acton.

In recognition of Mr. Church's ten year service as president of the Dominion Postmasters' Association, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Church of Sandridge, upon arrival in Toronto last week to attend the annual convention, were escorted to a special suite and at a special session of the convention, they were presented with a sterling silver tea service by the association, also a pair of colored silver coffee dishes by the T. Eaton Company and a double automatic toaster by the Robert Simpson Company. They were also presented with 31 roses in recognition of his regular attendance at the conventions of the association for the past 31 years. Mr. Church has been a member of the association much longer than the 31-years, during which he regularly attended the conventions.

### Extra Charge For Overdue Taxes

Erin Council at the October meeting last Monday, introduced a by-law for the purpose of imposing an additional charge on all taxes not paid on or before December 15, 1951. Council in Committee reported as follows: All taxes will be due and payable on December 15, 1951. Overdue taxes will be charged a penalty of one half of one per cent per month or fraction thereof for the balance of the year. On and after January 1, 1952, the statutory penalty of half of one per cent per month or fraction thereof will be charged until paid. The by-law was passed.

A by-law was also passed for the purpose of making arrangements for the nomination and election. Nominations to be held in the town hall, Hillsburgh, on Friday, November 23 from 1 o'clock to 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Elections are to be held on Monday, December 3, 1951, in the different polling subdivisions from 9 o'clock a.m. to 6 o'clock p.m.

A by-law for the purpose of amending by-law no. 7 of 1948 to increase the salary of the Road Superintendent from 75¢ per hour to 85¢ per hour, was passed by council.

The rovee was appointed to attend the Tax Sale to be held in Hillsburgh on Saturday, October 6 at 10 o'clock a.m. in the interests of the municipality.

The operators of township power road machinery are to be paid at the rate of 80¢ per hour from September 1, 1951.

A donation of \$50 was made to the Plowing Match sponsored by the Erin Township Junior Farmers. The Erin Township Federation of Agriculture was given the usual grant of \$300.

Accounts were paid as follows: general accounts \$52.00; sheep accounts \$107; relief accounts \$104.35; road accounts \$1,984.12.

Council members were all present at this meeting and Reeve Goldwin Burt presided. Next meeting in November will also be a Court of Revision on the Assessment of 1952.

### October Meeting Alert Auxiliary

The October meeting of Knox Alert Evening Auxiliary was held at the Manse on Wednesday evening. The president, Mrs. A. McIsaac, presided and led the Devotional period assisted by Mrs. B. O'Hara, Mrs. H. Frueler, and Miss Florence Elliott. Mrs. C. Leishman rendered a solo, "Have you been in the Garden with Jesus?"

The Study Book was taken by Mrs. F. Anderson dealing with the final chapter on the value of religious literature in our missionary work both at home and abroad. The national anthem was sung as a prayer for the recovery of our beloved king. The supply convener gave a detailed report of the contents of the table. A committee was appointed to arrange for the Fall Thanksgiving and fireside hour.

Mrs. W. Watkins gave a closing prayer and the meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer in unison. During the social time which followed a guessing game on advertisement was enjoyed. Mrs. A. Mann won the prize.

A dainty lunch was served by the committee of the month. Miss M. Garvin expressed the thanks to Mrs. Armstrong for her home. An invitation to hold the next meeting at Mrs. F. Terry's was accepted.

The Christmas Card Committee had the usual supply on hand and gave instruction as to their disposal.

### County Accepts Simpson's Tender For Furnishings

Hullon County Council did not approve of bartering tenders, members decided at their regular meeting held at the Court House, Tuesday afternoon. A lengthy discussion arose when a tender of Simpson's for supplying furnishings for the new Home for the Aged was recommended by the committee to be accepted.

Amendments and amendments to the amendment flew rather thick and fast, almost confusing members. Following a resolution to accept the Simpson tender, Deputy Reeve Shannon of Burlington, tabled an amendment asking council to accept the tender of Haswell's Furnishings, Burlington, if he could reduce his tender to meet that of the Simpson figure. He contended the estimated cost of rugs and drapes in the Haswell tender was high and he felt this man could meet competitive prices.

When Warden K. Y. Dick pointed out that council was not duty bound to accept the lowest or any tender, Deputy Reeve Charles Palmer, Nelson, tabled an amendment to the amendment to accept the Haswell tender.

The Warden approved of Reeve George Cutler's argument that council should accept the Simpson tender and not ask people to barter, after they had presented their prices for supplying materials under sealed contracts.

Mr. Cutler also pointed out the committee had spent almost two days inspecting materials to be supplied by the three people who tendered. He also felt the specifications were being followed and there shouldn't be too great a discrepancy in materials. Both the amendment and amendment to the amendment were lost and the committee's recommendation to accept Simpson's tender was approved by a 9 to 6 vote. Simpson's tender was for \$31,778; Haswell's Furnishings, \$35,000 and McClure's Furnishings, \$39,000.

A touch of humor was injected into the meeting when council considered a resolution sponsored by Trafalgar Township council who were seeking to have the open season for hunting raccoons extended a month earlier.

While Reeve Joe Wickson, Trafalgar, explained how destructive these animals were, he said, "Why, we have one coon that comes in and helps himself when we leave the kitchen door open."

He further stated coons were increasing in numbers and the shortness of the season prevented hunters to exterminate a great number. He felt that if the Department of Lands and Forests were to extend the season to open November 1, it would be of great assistance. Niasagawaya's representative Reeve E. Elliott told members he had a couple of rows of sweet corn near his house and coons ruined it.

Deputy Reeve Charles Palmer was opposed, adding the Council and government were spending great sums of money to protect wild life and the season should not be extended. He argued nature somehow seemed to balance wild life. When there was a surplus, they seemed to die off with disease or other animals more plentiful killed them off.

Others said hunters were not bagging them as the price paid for the pelt was too low. "Well, they could go out and hunt them anyway. They are good eating," remarked Mr. Palmer.

"Yes, they are much better eating than horse meat. It would be cheaper meat than you could buy at the stores to-day," observed Mr. Crump.

### LORNE SCOTS BAND TO APPEAR IN TORONTO PARADE ON SATURDAY

Lorne Scots Band and the county unit have been chosen for duty in Toronto on Saturday morning on the occasion of the visit to that city of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh. The band and detachment will be stationed on Bloor St. West near Marguerite Street in the morning.

In the afternoon, they will be near the Maple Leaf Gardens. This is quite an honor for the Lorne Scots as we understand it is the only band outside of Toronto that will take part in parade in the city.

### ACTON'S ASSESSMENT 1/4 MILLION HIGHER THAN LAST YEAR'S FIGURE

The population of Acton is 3037 according to the assessment census recently completed for the 1951 assessment. Assessment Commissioner E. Crump in his report presented to council at the regular Friday meeting, reported an assessment increase of \$225,529. The increase in the 1951 assessment is due mainly to two reasons, first the re-assessment of Beardmore and Co. and second, the sale of Wartime Houses previously exempt to private individuals. Mr. Crump said. The 1951 assessment is used for taxation levy next year.

He pointed out that the remainder of the increase was due to natural growth and routine adjustments.

In Ward 4, the increase after view was partially due to the 195,000 assessment increase in Beardmore and Co.

Assessment notices were delivered to tenants this year. Mr. Crump pointed out because the Assessment Act requires it. "The tenant should know and is entitled to know the amount of the property he occupies as a tenant. It is also a better check on the publication of the voters' list as to the eligibility of municipal voters." The Assessment Commissioner pointed out.

The assessment notices were delivered this year because it was cheaper than mailing. Mr. Crump told council.

### No Wiring Contract For Sewage Disposal Plant

Two tenders were opened for the wiring at the sewage treatment plant by Acton Public Utilities Commission on Tuesday, but as only one plan has been received from Engineer Anderson, as yet, it was deemed advisable to defer the letting of the contract until the specifications are received from the engineer. Both those tendering were to be so notified. A proposal to have the local electricians do the wiring at an hourly rate was discussed.

By-law No. 1 of the Public Utilities was read the necessary number of times and passed. This by-law deals with regulations governing the thawing of water services and the precautions to be taken to prevent their freezing again.

A check was received from the Bell Telephone Co. for pole rental. The amount was \$66.00 and was the balance due the Commission after the rental to the Bell was deducted.

The water main has been installed at the new public school. It required a four-man man to service the facilities in this building.

A letter from the Compensation Board stated they were assuming the liability for the accident to Superintendent D. Mason early in the year.

The secretary was instructed to seek legal advice on the advisability of installing services to a property on Mill St.

Superintendent Lambert reported that a check had been received from the party who broke the fire hydrant on Guelph St. some time ago.

Steps were to be taken to collect an amount due the Commission for service pipe. If necessary, the am-

Hydro	
Acton Free Press	\$5.50
Bell Telephone Co.	77.07
V. B. Rumley wreath	4.00
Highway garage repairs	4.96
Acton Woodrats	5.85
Beare's Ltd.	7.59
Northern Electric	113.04
Canadian General Electric	392.43
Maseo Electric	41.62
Massey General Meter In	2.59
H.E.P.C. of Ont.	163.77
Petty Cash	7.33
	\$430.53
Water	
G. R. Mueckart	\$9.25
Canadian Brass Co.	233.48
Wallace and Tiran	31.67
National Iron Corporation	266.55
Crane Ltd.	109.92
Acton P. U. C. Hydro	59.87
A. Vine, labor	112.50
	\$823.21



CHEERING SECTION for the local high school are these girls in their red shorts and white school sweaters with the red and white school colors. From left to right are Barbara Joan Baxter, Annamaria Spitzer, Peggy Oakes, Carol Fetterley and Betty Sinclair. The girls are leading the cheering at the football game in Acton Park today as the local gridiron stars tussle with Milton High's entry.