

## VOTE AS YOU LIKE— BUT VOTE MONDAY

### A Front Page Editorial

#### Vote As You Like, But Vote

Monday is election day. Citizens of Acton are asked only to put an X beside the candidates of their choice. That X is not only a safeguard of freedom but a safety valve for efficient administration of a \$200,000 yearly business—your business—the town's business. Candidates interested in the efficient operation of the town's business have offered their services voluntarily in the town's interest and in your interest. The least you, as a citizen of Acton, can do is register your choice by marking the required X's on the ballots. We do not suggest the candidates you should vote for. If you are interested in the handling of your taxes and the care of your town you should be able to decide, as mature citizens, who is best capable to protect your interests and represent this progressive community. Hundreds of dollars are involved in the settlements yet to be made on the paving and sewerage construction contracts. This is just one of the major problems that will confront the council of 1952 that sits around the town's table of administration. Elsewhere in this issue or on this page you will find a complete list of candidates and also a list of voting places. Study these and be prepared on Monday to exercise your franchise sensibly and in the best interests of Acton. Electors in Acton are being called on to elect a Mayor from two candidates, six councillors from eight candidates and one Public Utilities Commissioner from three candidates. Think of the qualifications and capabilities of each of these candidates before adding the mighty power of your X to his name. Only the X is valid on your ballot but it is symbolic of trust invested in the peoples of the free world for the continuation of freedom and the efficient administration of government. For your sake—for the town's sake—vote on Monday between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

### STREET ADDRESSES FEATURE OF NEW ACTON TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Indicative of the continuing growth of Acton is the increase in the number of telephone directories which were mailed to subscribers here last week. Approximately 885 new directories were required for homes and business establishments, according to R. G. Dillane, Bell Telephone manager for this region, as compared with 780 when the last directory was issued. The new directory contains 20,000 new and changed listings and a sufficient quantity of the new directories has been printed for all present telephone subscribers and for the estimated number of new customers during the next 12 months. A new feature of the directory, which will be appreciated by all is the listing of subscribers' addresses with street numbers. Up to the present this has not been available but now the directory has added this new listing. It has meant much extra detail work in compiling but now established, will be carried on. New homes being

erected should therefore be sure of putting the street number on their dwelling. In addition to Acton, the directory also contains listings for subscribers in Kitchener, Waterloo, Galt, Guelph, Elmira, Ayr, Hespeler, Preston, Arthur, Elora, Fergus and several other nearby centres. Because of the many new and changed listings, Mr. Dillane urged subscribers to check any personal lists of telephone numbers against the numbers listed in the new book and to make any changes that are necessary.

### Five Take Parts In Study Period

Knox Church P.Y.P.S. held their regular meeting on Tuesday, December 4, opening with the call to worship by Douglas Davidson, Ken Mann read scripture and Mr. Armstrong and Douglas Davidson led in prayer. The study period was on "The Lord builds His Church" and was in five parts with James Greer, Elma Bruce, Don Davidson, Crawford Douglas and Douglas Davidson each giving a different part. A short discussion period was held. Clarence Coles then favored the Society with two songs, "Long long ago" and "Grandfather's clock." Douglas Davidson gave a short talk on how one P.Y.P.S. Society builds up to the Dominion of Canada P.Y.P.S. Lorraine Mullin then played a very enjoyable piano solo "Moon winks" and "Winter wonderland." The reading of the secretary's report opened the business part of the meeting followed by roll call. At the next meeting, Dr. Schofield will be the guest speaker.

### Christmas Party Follows Meeting

The regent, Mrs. A. Long, presided at the December meeting of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I. O. O. F. held Tuesday evening, December 4th at the home of Mrs. George Sires, Mill St. Annual donations were voted on. Lorne Skuce of Milton gave a very interesting illustrated address on his trip abroad. Following the regular meeting, the members enjoyed a Christmas party. Aside from cheese, rats also enjoy doughnuts, apples, sweet potatoes and peanut butter.

### Candidates In Monday Election

**MAYOR**  
(One to be elected)  
T. Salmon  
E. Tyler

**COUNCIL**  
(Six to be elected)  
N. Cunningham  
A. Fryer  
J. Greer  
A. Irwin  
C. Rognvaldson  
E. Taylor  
R. Thompson  
L. Wieck

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**  
(One to be elected)  
E. Bilton  
C. Wood  
J. T. Ware

Election Monday, December 10. Polls will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

In view of the fact that so many ballots were spoiled in the last municipal election, we would point out that only an X can be used to mark your ballot. There will be three ballots. If you vote for more than the number to be elected in each case, your ballot is not counted. For instance, if you vote for two names on the Utilities Commission, the ballot is spoiled and uncounted. You cannot put more than one X opposite a name. These remarks may to many seem unnecessary but every year many ballots are spoiled and uncounted.

### Where To VOTE

**WARD ONE**  
All eligible south of Mill St. and east of John St. vote in the Council Chambers at the Town Hall, Vera Ingles, Deputy Returning Officer.

**WARD TWO**  
All eligible north of Mill St. and east of John St. vote at the Council Chambers in the Town Hall, W. Coles, Deputy Returning Officer.

**WARD THREE**  
All eligible north of Mill St. and west of John St. vote in the Firemen's Room, Town Hall, Annie Anderson, Deputy Returning Officer.

**WARD FOUR**  
All eligible south of Mill St. and west of John St. vote at the Back Room of the Town Hall, Harriet Helwig, Deputy Returning Officer. Polls open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. To be eligible to vote, a man or woman must appear on the assessment roll as either an owner or tenant of property to the value of \$300.

## 'Warm' Nomination Meeting Friday Scene of Heated Verbal Exchanges



REEVE ELECT J. S. Norrish was acclaimed to the position in Nassagaweya last week. Four councillors, J. Robertson, J. Milne, C. Thomson and A. R. Service were elected in Monday's election. —Staff Photo

Nearly 1,500 voters will be eligible to vote for Mayor six councillors, and one Public Utilities Commissioner in the Municipal Election to be held Monday, December 10, following the nomination meeting held on Friday of last week. Approximately 100 citizens attended the nominations and nearly 50 nominations were accepted for the 13 offices. In the mayoralty contest are the present incumbent, E. Tyler, and a new candidate, T. Salmon. For the six council seats the following eight qualified: C. Rognvaldson, A. Irwin, R. Thompson, N. Cunningham, L. Wieck, E. Taylor, J. Greer and A. Fryer. In the campaign for the Utilities Commissioner are J. T. Ware, C. Wood and E. Bilton. Elected by acclamation were Reeve J. Hargrave, Deputy-Reeve J. J. Stewart, and three Public School Trustees, J. H. Creighton, J. W. Wolfe and T. Watson. Those nominated who did not qualify for election in the following offices were: Mayor, E. Taylor, C. Hansen, B. D. Rachlin; Reeve, E. Taylor, J. J. Stewart, B. D. Rachlin; Council, C. Hansen, E. Footitt, S. Collett, T. Salmon, G. V. Barbeau, D. Dawkins, J. Leishman, C. Wood, A. Mercer, W. Carnochan; Deputy-Reeve, J. Greer, N. Hurst, J. Goy, F. Dawkins, C. Hansen, A. Fryer; P.U.C. Commissioner, C. Hansen. C. Hansen was appointed chairman for the citizens' meeting that followed the close of nominations. Mayor Tyler reported recent receipt of a letter from Engineer R. V. Anderson that the Sewerage System would be in operation not later than January 15, 1952. He reported on the formation of an industrial committee and the work they had done in retaining one of Acton's large industries. The Mayor also pointed out the expansion of office space that would soon be necessary for Acton. Reeve Hargrave of the Finance Committee said the deficit at the year end was due mainly to extra work on road paving and downtown sidewalks. Deputy Reeve J. J. Stewart of the Road Committee reported on the application of crushed stone, and oil on the roads. He pointed to the subsidy that was yet due from the government on the road expenditures. Councillor E. Taylor, chairman of the Parks, Fire and Public Buildings Committee, reported a "hectic year." Miss Taylor reported the addition of the new fire truck. She commented "It's a pretty poor town hall but there isn't much we can do about it." In paying tribute to the "senior members of council" for accepting the criticism and giving excellent guidance, she commented that she felt the present council had been the most highly censured because they accomplished more. Dr. F. G. Oakes, chairman of the Public School Board reported on the progress of the new building. Although the outside is pretty well finished there are floors, partitions, wiring, plumbing and carpentering on the inside to complete. The chairman reported the purchase of additional playground area. Mr. MacArthur, chairman of the Public Utilities Commission reported \$67,000 of power purchased last year and \$75,000 this year. Mr. MacArthur said 45,000,000 gallons of water had been used and 4,000 feet of copper wire installed in services. C. Youngblut, chairman of the Cemetery Board reported the smallest budget of any town group. He pointed out that roads had been repaired in the cemetery this year. Tom Jones commended the council on lining the roads this year. "I think it's a worthwhile expenditure," Mr. Jones said. B. D. Rachlin reviewed the sewer by-law and the exceptions. He drew attention to the rate structure that was recently reaffirmed by the Municipal Board. He suggested that Mr. Dron was getting no benefit from the sewers and couldn't see why he should pay. "I might have been wrong, but no one can deny me the right to support the man," Mr. Rachlin commented. "One of the councillors told me I would never get any co-operation from council as long as I supported Herb Dron. What kind of ideology is this?" Mr. Rachlin questioned. In his review he said two letters from the board urged a change in the by-law. "In spite of all that, the case was heard before the Municipal Board and thrown out. I don't know what happened," he exclaimed. Mr. Rachlin also referred to the location of a light standard on a piece of property that he claimed to own. He suggested that when a man approaches council he should be given a fair hearing. "Council has always been a thankless job. I just did what I thought was right," he said. O. Stapleton interrupted to suggest that the sewerage system was a public project and everyone should pay their way. Mayor Tyler suggested that the people knew how the system was going to be paid for when it was put in. He reminded that the letters Mr. Rachlin referred to came from members of the Municipal Board, not from the Board itself. The Mayor also said that the position of the light standard alleged to be on Mr. Rachlin's property would be considered if and when he builds. He challenged Mr. Rachlin to repeat the statement he made before a number of councillors.

### Board Receives Inspector's Report

The Acton Public School Board had the pleasure of a visit from Inspector L. L. Skuce, B.A., B. Paed., at their regular meeting in the school at 7:30 on Tuesday. Inspector Skuce made his inspection of the school last week and his report was presented. Secretary W. Middleton reported receipt of \$60 November non-resident fees. The liability insurance policy was replaced by a new policy, the premium being established on the number of rooms in the schools rather than on the number of pupil attendance. A finance statement was presented for the amount of \$899.77 and was approved. The secretary was directed to assess N.H.S.D. Board \$238.82, being their cost of November plant operation. An account of \$1,622.23 was received from the Acton Public Utilities Commission for cost of underground electric cable. An account of \$393.36 was also received from Acton Public Utilities Commission for cost of waterworks installation. These accounts were handed to the finance committee. Secretary Middleton reported to the Board that the service charge of the 4" hi-flow-low-flow water meter would be \$26.60 every two months. The Board approved the recommendation that Mrs. Jane Gamble visit the "Porter Plan" class in Georgetown where that plan is in its second year. Principal McKenzie reported that a representative from the Department of Education had visited the school to introduce a vocational guidance record program. The Board approved the adoption and requisition for the necessary forms. The best "catgut" comes from the intestines of lean, ill-fed sheep, horses or mules.

### P.U.C. Checks On Valve Operation

Superintendent Lambert reported to the Public Utilities Commission at their regular meeting that the valve springs were not working in the pumps at the sewage pumping station. This matter is to be taken up with the engineer to see who should bear the cost of the installation as these pumps have only been operating a short time. Superintendent Lambert reported that a break had been repaired on Knox Avenue. The Commission agreed that the account submitted by them to Anthony Hufnagel should be assumed by the Commission as this was the agreement with Mr. Hufnagel at the time the lot was purchased from him for the water source site. The agreement was that water would be installed to his residence. Superintendent Mason reported that the hydro inspector had given permission for two services to be installed at the Anglican Church and Parish Hall. This enables the church to enjoy the special rate for power used in a church. Notification was received from the H.E.P.C. Inspection Department that 48 meters would have to be inspected before the year's end. The oil switch has arrived to be installed at the well property. Mayor Tyler is to take up with council the removal of a tree on Mill Street east so the power line can be extended towards Acton Blvd. The following accounts were passed for payment:

Hydro	
Ellis & Howard, supp.	\$ 6.88
Northern Elec. supp.	115.10
H.E.P.C. of Ont. power bill	7617.39
Acton Free Press, supp.	50.89
Tommy Green, supp.	7.50
D. H. Howden, supp.	67.15
Masco Elec. supp.	17.18
Sungamo, supp.	83.64
MacDonald Elec. supp.	16.63
Gen. Elec. supp.	37.94
Jas R Kearney, supp.	19.50
Rec. Gen. meter inspect.	2.50
Petty cash, express and transport	20.59
	\$8,062.88

  

Water	
B. D. Rachlin	\$ 9.85
Standard Chemical	14.60
Acton Free Press	13.48
Canadian Brass	228.58
	\$262.51

Those present at the meeting were Mayor E. Tyler and Commissioner J. T. Ware with R. MacArthur presiding. More than 7,000 varieties of apples have been recorded in Canada and the United States.

### Acton Police Get Robbery Suspect

Acton Provincial Police captured Stuart Anderson of Toronto early Sunday morning, who was wanted by Guelph police in connection with an attempted safe cracking in the office of R. O. Barber Ltd., Guelph, a few hours earlier. The suspect had ordered a taxi to Toronto and was enroute when the Acton police stopped the car and escorted the two to the local headquarters at gunpoint. Without cash, the suspect offered the Guelph cab driver his wrist watch as security for the trip to Toronto. He said he had come to town (Guelph) with some other fellows to see their girls and had been stranded without means of transportation to get home. A Guelph police cruiser returned the taxi passenger to Guelph.

### J. Robertson Heads Nassagaweya Poll

J. Robertson headed the polls when Nassagaweya electors voted on four councillors on Monday of this week. Approximately 300 electors cast votes. Those elected to council are J. Robertson, J. Milne, C. Thomson and A. R. Service. G. Robertson was the fifth candidate separated from the fourth by two votes. Following are the results released by Township Clerk L. McMillan:

Wards	Total			
	1	2	3	
J. Milne	37	58	113	208
G. Robertson	48	49	65	162
J. Robertson	67	92	84	243
A. R. Service	69	48	47	164
C. Thomson	27	77	93	197

J. S. Norrish was acclaimed Reeve of the Township at the nomination meeting. Newspapers selling for a penny apiece were originated in England in the 1830's. Nassagaweya Township Council accepted with regret the resignation of J. W. Moffat, Township Treasurer for more than 27 years, at their regular meeting in the Township Hall this week. Mr. Moffat's resignation was necessitated by ill health. Members of council expressed their regret at the submission of the resignation of such a faithful employee. (Continued on Page Five)



MR. AND MRS. S. H. LINDSAY celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary at their home on Sunday, when about 125 friends and relatives visited the couple to mark the pleasant occasion. Congratulations were received from Their Majesties the King and Queen and the Province of Ontario. Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay received their guests that arrived Sunday afternoon and evening to extend congratulations.

### LETTER TO EDITOR

### Criticizes Council On Rate Collection

Acton, Ont., Dec. 4, 1951  
Editor of the Free Press, Acton, Ontario.  
Dear Mr. Editor:  
In this week's issue of the Free Press there is appearing the third consecutive weekly insertion of the sewer by-law no. 932. This is the last publication of a by-law which should have been published in three consecutive issues of the Free Press about a year ago, before the sewer by-law was passed. In this by-law, the citizens of Acton may note, paragraph 9 provides that the Town may charge to the owner of the property, in the form of taxes, any overdue sewer rates. One wonders why the council has chosen to spend the taxpayers' money in an effort to force payment of sewer rental charges by a citizen-tenant of Acton who deems himself not liable for the payment of these charges. Why did Acton council not charge the amount in dispute against the property, as provided in the by-law? Yours very truly,  
B. D. Rachlin  
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