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Illness Forces Resignation Mayor-Elect Thos. Salmon

All will regret to learn that Mayor-Elect Thomas Salmon was taken suddenly ill following the municipal elections in Acton last week and has been confined to his bed ever since. His illness is of such a nature that complete rest for a lengthy period is essential for his recovery.

Mr. Salmon realizes the importance of the Mayor's office and regrets that his illness has interfered with his assumption of office. The following letter to the clerk sets forth his position and with the consent of the Mayor-Elect we publish the authentic letter of resignation which he agreed was much preferable to rumors and guesses which might be circulated in town.

Acton, Ontario,
December 17, 1951.

Mr. J. McGeachie, Clerk,
Town of Acton,
Acton, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Shortly after my election to the Mayoralty of the Town of Acton, I suffered a severe heart attack and am now confined to my bed. My physician advises that I will be laid up for considerable time as a result of my sudden illness.

It is therefore with sincere regret that I am obliged to inform you that I will not be able to take the oath of office as Mayor of the Town of Acton; and I hereby resign from the Mayoralty for the year 1952.

I appreciate the confidence which the citizens of Acton placed in me and, as I said before, I sincerely regret the fact that I am forced to take this step.

Yours truly,

(Signed) Thomas W. Salmon

All will wish for Mr. Salmon a prompt recovery and return to good health, but for the present, we understand complete rest and no visitors are the doctor's orders for his recovery.



Mayor-Elect T. Salmon submitted his resignation from the mayoralty of 1952 last week because of a severe heart attack and on his physician's advice. Mr. Salmon expressed sincere regret at having to take this action.



THE FRONT DOOR of this home is closed—but only to keep out the nipping frost and drifting snow that are providing a typical Canadian "white" Christmas. At this season of the year, all the front doors in Acton and throughout the district are, symbolically, open—open to friends and neighbours. And open to the spirit of Christmas—the spirit of giving gifts in truly Christian generosity and of expressing best wishes with wholehearted sincerity. Associated with the spirit of Christmas is the spirit of peace, "Peace on earth, good will to men". While there is rending dissension in many less fortunate countries of the world, may there be peace and happiness in each home here next Tuesday as families mark together, in contented piety, the birthday of a King.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Acton New Year's Eve Broadcast Across Canada

New Year's in Acton will be broadcast to all Canada on Monday, December 31st and Tuesday, January 1st—Don Fairbairn, Mr. Palmer and Mr. Boyle of the C.B.C. were in Acton on Monday evening and made preliminary arrangements with Acton Y's Men's Club to sponsor the event and all net proceeds earned go to help the Y's Men in their community service work.

Rev. Young Speaks At Y's Men's Meet

Rev. W. A. Young, padre at the O.A.C., was guest speaker at the annual Christmas dinner of the Acton Y's Men's Club on Thursday evening of last week. He addressed the group on "Agriculture is your business".

The speaker dealt with three reasons why "agriculture is the most important business in Ontario or Canada today". He pointed out that everyone is dependent on the farmer, "because we like to eat". Only 11 per cent. of the people in Ontario are raising food.

Mr. Young's second point was the fact that Ontario is fast becoming an industrial province which makes it very dependent on agriculture. "Hunger is the chief cause of war," Mr. Young declared in introducing his third point in support of the agricultural industry.

The club secretary, H. A. Bie, reported a 100 per cent. attendance at the Christmas meeting. Projects such as the sale of Christmas trees, staging a New Year's Eve dance to be broadcast from the Town Hall, the remodelling of the Y.M.C.A. kitchen and the adoption of a club in India were dealt with.

President G. W. McKenzie presided at the meeting and dinner, which was served by the ladies, complete from turkey, dressing, potatoes and all the other many trimmings to pie.

An investiture was conducted at the close of the meeting when Tom Jones was welcomed to the club.

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Decision Reversed On Crown Appeal

Judge W. N. Robinson reversed a decision of Magistrate Langdon this week in hearing a Crown appeal and convicted George Pelletier on a charge of obstructing police. Pelletier was fined \$25 and costs of \$86. Crown Attorney Lloyd C. Dingle made the appeal.

Magistrate Langdon had dismissed the charge against Pelletier laid by Constable Leonard Chambers of the Georgetown provincial police detachment. The case was heard August 20.

Constable Chambers related that he had been called to a Main St. apartment in Georgetown to mediate in a fight between Pelletier and Alfred Bobileau. The officer claimed that Pelletier jumped on him and struck him in the chest and on the jaw with his fist.

Four other witnesses besides the constable testified at the hearing of the appeal. Judge Robinson considered that Pelletier had been intoxicated.

Christmas Time At Rotary Club

Tuesday's meeting of Acton Rotary Club was the Christmas meeting and a Christmas dinner with turkey, Christmas pudding and all the trimmings was served by the Dominion Hotel that could not have been bettered by any publicized chef. Reports were received of the Christmas baskets which are sent out each Yuletide in co-operation with the I.O.D.E. Arrangements were also made to bring crippled children home from hospital by ambulance so that they may spend Christmas at home and get a break in their long confinement to hospital.

Featured on the program were the musical four of the Club's membership, who gave some real old-fashioned numbers. The group are Ken and Jack Blow, Les McSwain and Edgar Bilton.

LADIES' AUXILIARY ENTERTAINS; BANTAMS GET TROPHY, JACKETS

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion entertained the boys of the Acton Bantam Baseball Club to a turkey dinner on Friday night of last week when they were on hand for the presentation of blanket cloth jackets, crests and the receiving of a trophy for the Halton County Bantam Baseball Championship.

The trophy and crest for the county championship were presented to the club members by League President P. McMullen. Speaker for the evening was Clarence Rid-

County Assessors Meet At Nelson

Percy Spurgeon, of Oakville, was elected president of the Assessors' Association at a meeting of assessors of the county at Nelson Township hall. Frank Crump, of Acton, was elected secretary for the same term.

The assessors met in the morning at Nelson and adjourned to the Estaminet at Burlington for dinner at noon. The session was resumed in the afternoon. Chief topic for discussion was the assessment values of bowling alleys and theatres and varied viewpoints were expressed. Joseph Gibbons, Georgetown, president this year, was chairman and William Johnston, secretary.

A. C. Walker and Edgar Marshall, assessors for Nelson Township, were hosts of the occasion. At dinner grace was said by Ford Rogers, chief county assessor. Short speeches were made by Deputy Reeve C. L. S. Palmer and Deputy Reeve-elect Fred Walker. Regret was expressed at the illness of Reeve George W. Thorpe, who was admitted to hospital in Hamilton. Col. G. O. Brown and John Blair of the county court of revision were visitors.

SCOUT SANTA DISTRIBUTES GIFTS AT HODENOSAWNEE PARTY

Santa Claus, resembling a member of the Acton Scout group, committee more than the traditional red-suited, white bearded gentleman, distributed Christmas gifts ranging from chocolate bars to rubber mice to members of the first Acton Scout troop Monday in the scout hall, Hodenosawnee.

The regular meeting was replaced by a Christmas party. Scouts had decorated a Christmas tree for the occasion.

After games and skits, hot chocolate, doughnuts and cake were enjoyed.

Auxiliary Greet Santa's Helpers

The home of Mrs. G. W. Masales was gaily arrayed in Christmas dress for the annual meeting of the Knox Evening Auxiliary. The president, Mrs. A. Melsaac, was in charge and was assisted in the devotional service by Mrs. Alex Mann and Mrs. Lorne Masales. The roll call was answered by a Christmas verse.

The convenors of the various groups reported on their accomplishments through the year. Mrs. Geo. Musselle, secretary, read the annual report, making mention of the fine leadership shown by the president during the term she has been in charge.

Mrs. Geo. Somerville read a lovely Christmas story and Mrs. John L. Davidson gave a solo.

The election of officers for the year 1952 was held. Mrs. Somerville presiding and Miss Emma Cole acting as secretary. The results are as follows: honorary president, Mrs. R. H. Armstrong; past president, Mrs. Fred Anderson; president, Mrs. A. Melsaac; first vice-president, Mrs. Alex Mann; second vice-president, Mrs. H. Freuler; secretary, Mrs. E. A. Hansen; treasurer, Miss Emma Cole; assistant treasurer, Miss Isabel Smith.

Program committee, Mrs. W. Masales, Mrs. Geo. Musselle, Mrs. S. Sinclair, Mrs. Geo. Somerville, supply committee, Mrs. J. Ingles, Mrs. C. Leishman, Mrs. V. B. Rumley; life membership, Mrs. Bonnie, Mrs. O'Hara; welcome and welfare, Miss M. Garvin, Mrs. F. Anderson; home helpers, Mrs. S. Sinclair, Miss B. Rossell; Glad Tidings, Mrs. H. Dods; press secretary, Mrs. F. Anderson.

Mrs. C. Leishman offered her home for the next meeting, the date being changed owing to the week of prayer, and the newly appointed program committee will be in charge.

A period of carol singing was enjoyed with Mrs. A. Mann at the piano.

Mrs. Melsaac and Mrs. Lorne Masales, in the roll of Santa's helpers, made sure that everyone present received a gift from the well laden Christmas tree.

The lunch hour was a most enjoyable conclusion to a happy evening. The committee had omitted nothing to make the Christmas party a memorable event.

A Christmas Cheer committee was appointed to look after this important part of the year's work. To the Free Press editor, his staff, and to all the Evening Auxiliary wishes a most happy Christmas.

Apt for a province which boasts the Canadian Rockies, British Columbia has as its motto, "Splendor Without Diminishment."

NHHSDB Ends Year At Chicken Dinner

Members of North Halton High School District Board were guests of Chairman Ross Carbert at Hawthorne Lodge, near Milton, for the final meeting of the year. A delightful chicken dinner was served and the appreciation of the hospitality, the guidance and courtesy of the chairman, was expressed by Vice-Chairman John Bell of Georgetown. Also present at this social event was the former secretary, A. Sprout of Milton.

Year-end business following the dinner was brief. Accounts passed amounted to \$14,137.41.

Mr. Everett West has been engaged for the Milton Staff to replace Mrs. Meekins, who has resigned. The change will be effective from January.

Two winners of scholarships from Acton School wrote thanking the Board for the awards that had been presented.

A letter from Georgetown Public School Board gave notification that Mr. Walter Biehn would be their appointee for 1952.

A letter from J. D. Kyles, architect, of Hamilton, expressed a desire to assist the Board in any building program which might be under consideration and asked the opportunity to confer with the Board when the Board was taking up their building plans.

Authorization was given to exchange an old typewriter at the Georgetown School for a new machine and payment of \$75.

Dr. Buchanan of Acton, who is retiring from the Board this year, expressed the hope that more progress would be made in a definite building program this year. Chairman Ross Carbert, in thanking the Board for their co-operation, also expressed a hope that more definite progress would mark 1952 in providing more adequate school accommodation for the district.

Members present at this meeting were Dr. Martin, N. Pickett, W. Coon, Dr. A. J. Buchanan, G. A. Dills, J. Bell, Dr. Milne, W. Biehn and Chairman Ross Carbert, who has just recovered from a severe illness. All were glad to welcome him back again.

L.O.L. 467 ANNOUNCES WINNERS AT ANNUAL DRAW FOR FOWL

L.O.L. 467, Acton, held its regular euchre at Crewson's Corners Hall on Friday, December 14.

Winners in the annual draw were as follows: Mrs. Elsie Kinread, "Acton, turkey; Mrs. Lilla Murdock, Palmerston, turkey; Mrs. Rawson, Georgetown, goose; Harold E. Kelly, Palermo, goose; R. B. Mellen, Acton, chicken; Dave Drysdale, Acton, chicken.

Acton Streets Clear After Storm

The early winter storms made travel by car difficult on Saturday and again on Tuesday. But in Acton, equipment was ready to meet the emergency.

Plows were busy all day and kept most streets open for travel. The seven inch fall Tuesday made evening traffic difficult but Tuesday night at midnight, the new snow blower and trucks went to work, police co-operated in moving cars and Wednesday morning, citizens were greeted with the snow cleared from the main thoroughfares. Saturday's storm was cleared early Sunday morning.

There were numbers of cars which were stuck in the snow during the storm and some crack-ups as a result of the heavy going. But there were no traffic snarls and out here in Acton folks were not hours getting to and from work.

Turkey Draw Part Of Social Evening

Braving the blizzard swirling up Acton's Main St., a fair crowd attended the Christmas party in the Y Friday, December 15. The social evening was sponsored by the Board of Directors and was held in the Y's games room.

Bridge and euchre were the leading activities, with some playing table tennis or dancing. Lunch was served by the Ladies Auxiliary.

A draw for 10 turkeys was conducted by Ed Footitt.

Winners were Bert Tuok, Georgetown; John Crouse, Acton; J. Benton, Limehouse; Gail Roberts, Guelph; George Mann, Acton; Alice Duby, Acton; Mrs. G. Paul, Acton; E. A. Stern, Brampton; Bill March, Rockwood and Fred Anderson, Acton.

Record Breaking Mail Despite Rise

Even although Christmas cards require twice as much postage this year—two cents on all open cards—the estimated volume of mail passing through the Acton Post Office seems to be breaking all records. Although there may not be as many parcels this year, employees are sure there are more cards.

There are four extra employees at the post office helping cope with the flood of Christmas greetings and parcels.

Delivery can only be insured now on cards to Acton and the immediate vicinity. Last mailing date to Toronto was last Saturday.

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Retiring After 27 Years As Treasurer of Nassagaweya, J. Moffat Honored

J. Moffat was honored at a presentation and social time in Brookville Hall by the Nassagaweya council, officials and past reeves. Shown here after the presentation are Reeve Elct S. Norrish, J. Moffat in the chair he was presented with and retiring reeve El-



lenton. About 30 were present at the presentation. —Staff Photo