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NEW YEAR GREETINGS

MISS HEARING SON FROM KOREA BUT McDONALD'S SEE NEW YORK

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McDonald of R.R. 2 Acton were disappointed after a planned radio conversation with their soldier son, Pte. Bernard McDonald of the 25th Brigade, Royal Regiment of Canada, failed to materialize Saturday.

The McDonalds travelled to New York as guests of the Mutual Broadcasting System to take part in a two way shortwave conversation with their son. The broadcast had been arranged as part of a Christmas day broadcast to be heard in Canada over the CBC.

Waiting tensely in the New York

Acton Broadcast Second of Year '52

Acton will go on the air January 2nd at 6:15 p.m. over CFRB as the featured program on the 1952 series sponsored by Cities Service Oil Co. Ltd. and entitled "Ontario Patriarchs and Papers".

Following on the 1951 series that featured material on Acton itself and Mayor Tyler, this new series deals with the history of the newspaper, in this case The Acton Free Press, and the oldest resident of the town which happens to be William Mainprize. Mr. Mainprize will receive a charcoal portrait with the compliments of the Cities Service Oil Co. done by Egbert C. Reed.

Acton will be starting the year off on the air as the New Year's Eve party will be broadcast across Canada. A second program follows on January 2nd, then, when the Acton Free Press and William Mainprize begin the new series, "Ontario Patriarchs and Papers". Be sure to listen Jan. 2, 6:15, CFRB.

Council Concludes Year's Business

The final meeting of Nassagaweya Township Council was held on Dec. 15th, 1951 with the members all present and Reeve Ellenton presiding. Accounts were passed amounting to \$400.00 also the Road Superintendent's voucher for \$400.00.

Mr. Ross Carbert was appointed to the North Hutton High School Board for a term of two years.

Council decided to call for tenders for supplying wood to the Township Hall.

A resolution was also passed requesting the Department of Highways to transfer \$1700 from the Bridge account to the General Road Account.

A resolution of thanks was tendered the Reeve for the efficient services and the courteous manner in presiding over the Council meetings during the year.

After the business part of the meeting the Council having as their guests the former Reeves, Councillors and officials presented Mr. J. W. Moffat who has resigned as Treasurer with a chair and spent a social hour in his honor.

OBITUARY

Mrs. E. Russell, 85, Dies at Her Home

Mrs. Elizabeth Russell passed away at her home, Acton, Wednesday evening, December 19. She was 85 years of age, widow of the late David C. Russell who passed away in May, 1926.

She is survived by her three children, (Florence), Mrs. C. H. Harrison, Toronto; Stanley S. Oakville and (Jessie), Mrs. Edwin Landsborough, Acton.

Private funeral service was held Saturday, December 22, conducted by Rev. Robert Armstrong, M.A., B.D. Pallbearers were four grandsons, Kenneth S. Russell, Oakville; Douglas K. Russell, Montreal; John Sault, and John Windeler, Toronto and Charles and Edwin—Landsborough, Acton.

Interment was in Fairview Cemetery, Acton.

Etienne Brule, first white man to explore Ontario and the discoverer of Georgian Bay and all but one of the Great Lakes, was only 18 when he first came to Huronia.



DON FAIRBAIRN, who broadcasts "Neighborhood News" each Sunday from CBL will be Master of Ceremonies at the New Year's Eve Acton broadcast in Acton Town Hall on Monday, December 31st. Admission to the dance and broadcast is by ticket only and under the auspices of Acton Y's Men's Club.

Wiring Completed At Disposal Plant

At the last regular meeting of the Public Utilities Commission for the year, Supt. Lambert reported that a check on the disposal plant had revealed water frozen in the basement of the building. The Commission felt that a stove should be erected so no damage would result from frost, before the plant was operating. Arrangements were made to move a stove from the arena and install it at the plant.

The meeting was held Thursday evening, December 20 with all members present and chairman R. MacArthur presiding.

An account was presented from D. Dawkins for the wiring of the sewage disposal plant. This wiring is completed and the power is turned on ready for the rest of the contractors to finish installation and then the plant can be operated. The sockets for the yard lights will be installed as soon as they arrive. The amount paid was \$967.58 with a hold back of 10% on the contract price of \$1060. This holdback will be paid when the engineer's certificate is forthcoming.

An account from D. Jordan was presented amounting to \$4742 for extra work and material over and above the contract price for wiring the sewage pumping station at the corner of Main and Agnes streets.

Mrs. Holloway requested a refund on her services. For the past six months, she stated, the residence has only been a one family dwelling. According to the rules laid down, a refund was not possible as the commission had not been notified of the change in status of the house.

Supt. Lambert reported that a number of services had been frozen with the cold weather. The usual charge for thawing the services was to apply.

It was also reported that the heater at the sewage pumping station was at the factory being repaired. In the meantime a portable heater is being used.

Superintendents Lambert and Mason and Sec. Treas. McGeeche were, by motion, given one week's pay in lieu of holidays which they did not receive in 1951, due to the press of work.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Hydro
Canada Wire and Cable Co. \$ 99.00
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PTE. BERNARD McDONALD failed to make Tokyo where arrangements had been made for him to have a two way shortwave conversation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McDonald, R.R. 2, who had made the trip to New York from Acton as guests of the Mutual Broadcasting System.

Special Music For Church Services

Those who were present at the carol service on Sunday evening in St. Alban's Church remarked that this year's rendering of the music was outstanding in quality and perfection of detail and reflected great credit on the organist and choir leaders.

As well as the familiar carols in which the congregation joined, special numbers by the choir included the anthems "While Shepherds Watched"; "Sleep, my Saviour Sleep"; "O'er Bethlehem Fields"; and "As Lately We Watched".

Soloists were Miss Y. Brunelle and Mrs. H. Turner. The Junior choir sang the anthem, "Peace, Good-will" as well as descants to "Good Christian Men Rejoice"; "O Come All Ye Faithful"; and "While Shepherds Watched".

On Christmas Eve a large congregation attended the choral communion service at which time the choir sang the anthems, "Ten Carols Ring" and "Bohemian Carol".

The average human heart weighs about 11 ounces.

Object to Closing Alley In Two Hour Hearing Fri.

A delegation of ratepayers was represented at the regular council meeting by A. Dale, solicitor, regarding the possibility of closing one end of the lane or alley that goes behind the row of houses on Bower Avenue, commonly known as the syndicate houses. Council had received a request to purchase the 13 foot Bower Avenue entrance to the lane that borders the property of W. Wolfe. Town solicitor-Leatherland reviewed the legal proceedings and Mr. Dale suggested that the Town of Acton had no jurisdiction over the alley because they had never maintained it.

In a two hour hearing he pointed out that some of the residents used the alley for coal delivery and they were doubtful about the place to be provided for a turning area in the proposal from Mr. Wolfe.

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Mr. Dale suggested that it was not fair to benefit one citizen to the detriment of several. Mayor Tyler expressed the opinion that the case should be heard before a Board of Arbitrators. Mr. Dale pointed out that if council was satisfied there was no necessity to close the alley entrance that could end the matter immediately without arbitration costs. "The first decision must be made by council. If you think it is a fair by-law, then it should go to the judge for arbitration," Mr. Dale declared.

R. Arnold reminded the group that if the alley was put up for sale the owner of the adjoining property, W. VanFleet, was entitled to purchase half of the 13 feet, which he wanted to do. Mr. Arnold expressed the feeling that it was up to council to decide either for or against the by-law.

Councillor E. Taylor queried the town solicitor if the resolution to introduce the by-law for a first reading was any indication of whether the council favored the move. Mr. Leatherland pointed out that the first reading only gave council a chance to hear what was in the by-law.

The first reading of the by-law was introduced with six supporting the motion and three against. It was defined as a "By-law to stop up and close part of a certain street or alley, or allowance for same known as an alley according to plan 75 and to authorize sale of same."

The by-law was given a second reading on a 5 to 4 vote and Mayor Tyler pointed out that "the thought is it will be given to the judge for arbitration but council can still turn it down on the third reading."

J. Bruce, during a discussion on the payment of expenses said, "That's a bribe if council accepts the offer of Mr. Wolfe to pay costs for legal expenses. The municipality must pay arbitration costs."

Councillor Wood suggested to the delegation that council could be guided by the judge's wisdom on whether to give the by-law its third

reading or not. Councillor Taylor said to the delegation "I don't want you to feel we're prejudiced." Mr. Arnold answered that "Five have voted in favor of Mr. Wolfe, and four in favor of us." Several councillors expressed disagreement.

A motion was passed "that this arbitration of the by-law for the council defer the resolution for sufficiency of enclosed alley according to registered plan 75 in the Town of Acton for action of our next year's council at their first meeting of the year 1952."

The resignation of Mayor Clerk T. Salmon was received and Clerk McGeeche explained that no action could be taken until the inaugural meeting on January 7. He explained that the nomination meeting would probably be scheduled for January 15 with an election, if necessary on January 25.

Insurance problems were dealt with and recommendations of the Finance committee were accepted. Coverage on the Y.M.C.A. was increased from \$25,000 to \$45,000.

A report was received from R. R. Parker who was appointed by the Council to attend a meeting in Georgetown regarding the establishment of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority. Mr. Parker reported that the vote was taken and the majority did not favor the establishment of the Authority. The balloting was disclosed and after a discussion the representative from Caledon asked that his ballot be returned to allow changing it. This was done which gave a majority in favor of establishing the authority.

Council protested this procedure along with several other councils and it was discovered that the representative from Caledon was not the bona fide representative. Eliminating his ballot the group theoretically favored the establishment of the authority to which Acton would be forced to contribute financially.

This meeting has been protested again in the hope of a new meeting to deal with the matter more equitably and democratically.

Free skating was granted in the arena until the end of the year and the town foreman was authorized.

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Bearded and gaunt with a year of life behind him, old 1951 will be stopping soon at the door of time to reflect before he passes into History and before he makes way for the life of 1952 and all it holds in store for the people of the world.

Old 1951 has a lot to look back on. Think of all those resolutions that were made as his reign began and how many of them were carried out. Think about the threat of a third world war and the possibilities that such a conflict might have. But old 1951 hasn't been all trouble and heart-ache. It meant a lot of good things to everyone too.

Young 1952 will mean a lot to a lot more people. During the year a lot of questions will be answered about the peace of the world, the future of the nations, and the part each one of us is to play in this act called Life.

We pause just before we bid adieu to the old year and pass on to the people everywhere a wish for a happy, healthful, helpful New Year.

And as the clock tolls twelve, the old year passes to History and the new year romps in let us make one resolution as an individual, as a community, as a nation; a resolution to make this world a little better for our having been here.

GREAT FUN FOR WINTER SPORTS LONG HOURS IN ROAD CLEARING

For those folk who crave an old fashioned winter and for ski enthusiasts who for the past two or three years have been deprived of the opportunity to use their equipment, this season has filled all the longings. For motorists who don't enjoy being stuck or kept off the road the story is different.

The Christmas holiday continued with more snow and ever since then snowflurries have been the order of the day. It doesn't seem to matter whether the weatherman predicts them or not, or whether our home barometer indicates it, snow seems the order of most every day. The result is that we've got bigger snow banks and used snow clearing equipment more in December than we can recall in many years. It's in piles everywhere and it's on the hills and in the valleys and filling the roads. Fortunately, to date there has not been much drifting and the snow coating is kept freshened up with the clean coating daily supplied.

Strange, it seemed this year that we didn't hear many predictions in the fall on the type of winter that was due for this year. Well December has piled up something of a record for the annual January thaw and most folks are very pleased

that repairs were finished on our paving program and that next spring when this covering all disappears there will be solid footing on most of the roads.

With January just around the corner and February and March to follow it's a pretty safe bet and one does not need to be weather wise to conjure up any vision of an easy winter. One consolation to all, the days are getting longer and the sun is getting stronger.

Perhaps some local application of early winter might be recorded. Acton has only natural ice in the arena but skating has been enjoyed there since December 10th this year and the local juveniles are rounding up their hockey schedule. Acton will have no O.H.A. entries.

In spite of the heavy snowfall, Acton is better equipped this year for snow removal and the result is plowed streets all over town and snow removed from the business section very quickly. The holiday storm was cleared away yesterday and the new snow loader mounted on the grader is working splendidly. It's a great long hours for Foreman Al Kirkness and operator Walter Kentner and thanks of all go to them for meeting a tough problem and record December snowfall.



SANTA CAME to the annual Beardmore Christmas party for more than 300 children who packed the theatre with parents to receive a pre-Christmas stocking, hockey stick or some token of Santa's generosity. Seated on his ice throne on the stage of the Roxy Theatre he hands Paul, Peter and Stephen Wolfe their present and wishes them a Merry Christmas.

—Staff Photo