

FOUR IN MAYORALTY RACE MONDAY



WITHOUT POMP, Joseph M. Wickson, reeve of Trafalgar township for the past year, was sworn in as Warden for Halton County for 1952 at the inaugural meeting of Halton County Council held at Milton Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Wickson is shown at right as former Crown Attorney W. I. Dick administers the oath of office. William Deans, county clerk is shown at the left. Mr. Wickson was selected warden over Ken MacDonald. —Pearen Photo

County Names J. Wickson Warden At '52 Inaugural

Reeve of Trafalgar for the past year, Joseph M. Wickson was elected Warden for Halton County at the inaugural meeting of Halton County Council held at the county buildings Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Wickson was elected to the highest office in the county over Deputy Reeve Kenneth MacDonald, Georgetown, by a 14 to 10 vote. Reeve George Leslie of Esqueving Township was nominated but withdrew.

Mr. MacDonald told members it was his intention to stand for Wardenhip observing that Georgetown had not had the honor since 1935. Mr. Wickson declared it had been 12 years since a Warden had been chosen from Trafalgar Township.

He felt that due to Trafalgar being the largest municipality occupied with not having the wardenship honor, this might be the year. However, he emphasized, "I will have no ill feeling if one sees fit to vote for the other fellow."

Clerk William Deans, who presided during the opening ceremonies, explained the vote for wardenship had to be an open one. Former Crown Attorney W. I. Dick administered the oath of office to the warden-elect, introducing him to council.

A third of the council this year consists of new members, Milton heading the list with Reeve S. A. Fay and Deputy Reeve Charles R. Anderson; Reeve J. Norrish is from Nassagaweya; Fred Walker, the new deputy-reeve of Nelson; Wilfred Bird, deputy-reeve of Esqueving; and deputy-reeve L. MacArthur, representing Oakville. Warden Wickson welcomed all members to the council, introducing each of the new members.

In his inaugural address, the new warden expressed his appreciation at being elevated to the greatest honor in Halton County. He pointed out that the present industrial expansion program taking shape in the southern areas of Halton, was assisting materially all municipalities, as well as the county as a whole. "There will be a noticeable reaction all over the county as industry is developed. All this will mean more work for the county council as a whole but I believe we will be able to handle it. With your co-operation, I am sure we will have a successful year," he concluded.

Following a report of the Road Committee and County Engineer Roy F. Smith, council approved a resolution to purchase 20 acres of gravel deposit land for a sum of \$20,000. The purchase will be made from J. Cooke. Mr. Smith explained to council existing gravel deposits were gradually becoming depleted and in order to protect the county's interests to have gravel in their own pit, it would be good insurance for the county to make the purchase.

He further added, an estimated 800,000 yards of gravel were in the area, with a strong possibility of there being a much greater quantity. With the estimated yardage and cost of the land, it would actually cost the county about two-and-a-half cents a yard. "That is much cheaper than if we had to buy it commercially," he said.

With the increased demands for better roads, especially with the present expansion program in the south, this excellent quality of sand and gravel could be used in making roads with a hard-top surface.

Engineers Confer On Swimming Pool

Acton Swimming Pool Committee conferred last night with Messrs. McNaughton and Wensal of the staff of Engineer J. C. Klähn, Kitchener, regarding plans for Acton swimming pool, to have in readiness when materials are available. The arrangements were considered for plans of the whole project with portions to be built as funds are available.

This firm of engineers drew plans and supervised the pool built in Elmira and also the pool under construction in Waterloo. The representatives arranged to have further details submitted as soon as Mr. Klähn recovers from his illness.

It appeared that there were sufficient funds on hand for the beginning of the pool and possibly the chlorination and filtration system and this section would not require very much of the scarce materials. The committee will meet again as soon as the engineer's report is received.

Officers Installed By Rev. E. Currey

The Woman's Association of the United Church held the first meeting of the year at the home of Mrs. E. Cleave on Thursday. The meeting opened with the singing of the ode and prayer. The devotional period was taken by Mrs. C. L. Poole.

Roll call was answered by a tea towel and a good supply came in. Installation of officers was conducted by Rev. E. A. Currey.

New dishes and silverware are to be purchased for the church kitchen.

Annual reports were presented at the meeting. There were two removals by death, 68 pieces of mail were sent to sick and shut-in and other sources. Two new members were reported, 413 calls were made during the year.

The meeting closed with prayer. Mrs. Cleave, assisted by Mrs. Lindsay, Miss E. Hawthorne and Mrs. Maddox, served lunch and a social time was enjoyed over the tea cups.

South Americans New W.M.S. Topic

Mrs. R. M. MacDonald was hostess for the January meeting of the Senior Women's Missionary Society of Knox Church. The president, Mrs. H. Mainprize, presided and the devotional period was in charge of Mrs. H. Allison.

The new study book, "Meet the South Americans" was introduced by Mrs. A. J. Buchanan, using a map. A very interesting and informative talk in the form of a "questionnaire" gave many facts as she reviewed the history and geography of this great country.

Mrs. Blow followed Mrs. Buchanan's talk by telling the story of the Spanish and Portuguese invasion and showing their influence on the native Indians.

She then favored with a piano solo. Members are greatly interested in this new study as Miss Nellie Anderson, now home on furlough, is doing work in British Guiana, S.A.

Much business was discussed regarding work for the coming year. At the close of the meeting, refreshments were served by Mrs. MacDonald, assisted by her committee, Mrs. H. Allison, Mrs. Buchanan and Mrs. Blow.

NATIONAL BALLET COMPANY GUEST ARTISTS AT PRESTO CONCERT, GUELPH

Act members of the Guelph Presto Club enjoyed a program of ballet last Monday evening in Guelph Collegiate.

The Canadian National Ballet Company, under the direction of Celia Franca, presented a varied program which included "Les Sylphides" with music by Chopin, "Pas de Deux" from "Don Quixote" and from "Giselle", short and patterned "Etude" with a Canadian choreographer and Act II from "Coppelia".

Several cars travel to these concerts in Guelph from Acton.

Esqueving Council Takes Office Oath

At the inaugural meeting of Esqueving township council, held on January 14th, George Leslie, reeve; Wilfred Bird, deputy-reeve; Walter Linham, George Currie and William Schenk, councillors subscribed to the oath of office and were wished success by F. W. Chapman, manager of the Bank of Commerce and G. C. Brown who were both present.

Permission was granted the reeve and treasurer to borrow \$70,000 to meet the township's current expenditures by law.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Bell Telephone Co.	\$11.00
H.E.P.C. of Ont.	22.98
Denby Duplicating and Sup.	80.25
The Municipal World	6.20
I. M. Bennett	42.00
Assoc. of Assessing Officers of Ontario	20.00
Ontario Good Roads Assoc.	3.00
Postmaster, Georgetown	2.00
George Stringer	5.00
A. W. Benton	5.00

Claims for foxes destroyed in Esqueving were ordered paid as follows:

H. Beers, Georgetown	\$ 5.00
Wm. Sheppard, Acton	75.00
J. Buck, Milton	15.00
C. S. Bailey, Georgetown 2	10.00
Ralph Blud, Georgetown	5.00
Harold DeForest, Terra Cotta	10.00
Robt. Heaton, Glen Williams	5.00
Ken. Harris, Georgetown 2	5.00
Glenn Saunders, Hornby	5.00
W. J. Crichton, Georgetown	5.00
Sheldon Lawr, Limehouse	5.00
Robt. Lockhurst, Georgetown	5.00
Fred Toat, Georgetown	5.00
H. Campbell, Georgetown 1	5.00
Wm. Sheppard, Acton	30.00
Chas. DeForest, Terra Cotta	5.00
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John. Presswood, Georgetown	5.00

Election expenses were ordered paid as follows:

Rolling Subdivision No. 1 Roy Currie	\$21.00; No. 2, Thomas Joyce	\$20.20; No. 3, A. Anderson	\$19.00; No. 4, J. L. Cleave	\$30.00; No. 5, Norman Devereaux	\$12.50; No. 6, J. M. Steele	\$20.20; No. 7, Harvey Norton	\$18.60; No. 8, T. H. Price	\$19.00; No. 9, Albert Presswood	2
Polling booths	\$31.00; Town of Milton, 1 Poll Book, complete	\$2.00; The Georgetown Herald, election supplies	\$50.33.						

George Leslie was appointed a representative to the Grand Valley Conservation Authority.

The treasurer was instructed to pay the treasurer of Halton County 50 per cent of hospital accounts for 1951, \$223.95 re Ontario Training School accounts for 1951, half payable by Esqueving, of \$71.62.

Relief accounts amounting to \$32.30, as presented by the Relief Officer were instructed to be paid. Arthur Beaumont and George C. Brown were appointed members from Esqueving to the North Halton High School District Board.

Council decided to petition the Department of Highways for the subsidy on the approved expenditure of \$80,842.00.

A surveyor or engineer will be engaged for the township when the signatures of the petitions have been checked by the township assessor.

J. R. MacArthur Heads Commission

The inaugural meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Friday evening, January 11. Present were Reeve R. J. Hargrave, Charles-Wood and Bob MacArthur. Upon motion of Hargrave and Wood, J. R. MacArthur was appointed chairman and C. E. Wood, vice-chairman, with signing authorities.

It was decided regular meetings would be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.

R. R. Parker was present, representing Beardmore and Co. He requested consideration of a peak load for power, which occurred on the 28th of the month. It has been the practice for a number of years to read the Beardmore meter on the 28th of each month. This had been at the request of the Company some years ago.

The Company had been making a change in their system of operation.

To Exchange With English Institutes

Mrs. E. L. Miller, president of the Silver-Wood W.I. was hostess for the January meeting. Nineteen ladies were present including three new members, Mrs. Ouke Mulder, Mrs. John Snow and Mrs. Archie Gates.

The meeting commenced in the usual manner. Correspondence was read by the secretary and fair reports given. A discussion concerning exchange of correspondence with members of English Women's Institutes resulted in a decision in the affirmative.

The motto "Never venture, never win" was given by Mrs. K. C. Lindsay. Current events were covered by Mrs. George Henderson Sr., mention being made of a newly formed Home and School Club in the section.

A paper on historical research entitled "Laura Secord" was read by Mrs. R. R. Corbett, who also moved a vote of thanks to the hostess for her hospitality.

Assisting with refreshments after the close of the meeting were Mrs. Gilbert Sinclair and Miss Isabel Moore.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sask. Reader Keeps in Touch

Crooked River, Sask. Jan. 9th, 1952

Editor of Acton Free Press, Acton, Ontario. Hello Old Timer: On New Year's Eve we listened to the broadcast from Acton and it was really loud and clear. Without your paper I would not have known about it and would have missed a good program. I enjoy reading your Chronicles of Ginger Farm column. I must close now wishing your paper and the old home town every success I remain, Yours truly, W. G. Locker

Convenors Provide Program For W.I.

The first meeting for 1952 of the Acton Women's Institute was held on January 3rd at the home of Mrs. George Fryer and was presided over by the president, Mrs. R. L. Davidson.

Members responded to the roll call by naming their favorite column of any paper. "Chronicles of Ginger Farm" by Gwendoline Clarke was a very popular choice.

In sympathy with a family who lost their home by fire, a pair of blankets is to be present. The motto of the month "Better to build your life than make a fortune" was given by Mrs. H. Park.

The various convenors were all prepared with interesting stories in their own department. Home economics convenor Mrs. Fryer gave an interesting article from the Department of Health on "Eating in Restaurants". In the agriculture department, Mrs. Wilderspin read an interesting story about the champion turkey.

Mrs. Geo. Lantz, who always takes care of the historical stories, told of the origin of the hymn, "Rock of Ages". Mrs. W. Denny reported on the New Year. Eve party sponsored by the Y's Men, putting Acton on the air from coast to coast.

Mrs. F. Anderson reported on the ten Christmas parcels sent to the sick in hospitals, sanatoria and old people's home. The white gift shower was shipped to the children's hospital at Thistleton and from there a letter of thanks was received.

Mrs. Earl Lambert read a humorous story, "Granny's Remedy for the Flu". A welcome was extended to Mrs. W. M. Hamilton (Mrs. Lambert's mother), who had recently moved to Acton and is a member of the Erasmus W.I.

Mrs. Lantz concluded the program with a timely topic "New Year Thought". All joined in singing "The more we get together".

Mrs. H. Lusby and Mrs. Fryer entertained with a few bingo games with prizes for the winners. The committee served a delicious lunch and a happy time was enjoyed by all.

Slate of Ten Dwindles To Four in Mon. Election

Four candidates have qualified for election in the mayoralty contest following the nomination meeting Monday evening. Carl Hansen, Tom Nicol, Ben Rachlin and Ted Tyler are contesting the position vacated by the recent resignation of Tom Salmon because of ill health. At the nomination meeting 10 were nominated for the position but of the 10 only four qualified by 9 p.m. Tuesday evening. The election will be held on Monday for the 1952 mayor.

Voting on Monday will be from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. and all polling subdivisions are located at the town hall.

Acton Joins World In Week of Prayer

With the attendance mounting from about 55 in Knox Church on Tuesday, January 8 to well over 100 in the United Church last Friday, Acton's Week of Prayer was likely the most successful yet held here. The annual week of prayer is observed all over the Christian world early in January and in Acton is usually the first full week of the month.

On Tuesday, Rev. W. G. Luxton of the Anglican Church spoke on "The Militant Church" in the Knox Church; on Wednesday, Rev. R. H. Armstrong of Knox Church on "The Militant Church" in the Baptist Church and on Thursday evening, D. B. Shuter, interim pastor of the Baptist Church, spoke on the "Unity of the Church" in the Anglican Church.

The district secretary for the Foreign Bible Society, Rev. W. H. Moore, showed a film "The Frontiersmen" at the last service of the series held Friday in the United Church. This film was taken in color by a United Church minister in Saskatchewan and showed missionary work from Winnipeg to the west coast. All ministers had part in the final service and the collection went to the Foreign Bible Society. A duet "The Holy City" was sung by Mrs. B. Veldhuis and Miss Dorothy Simmons.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, the collection was for the Canadian Council of Churches, while Thursday's offering was for the local Ministerial Association. The pattern of services followed that of the different churches and special intercessions were made each night. Each choir, accompanied by the regular organists, sang in its home church.

Honor 25 Years Of Bob MacArthur

Twenty-five years of faithful service with the Acton Free Press and the Canadian Champion were remembered with R. J. (Bob) MacArthur as honored guest at a staff dinner at Hawthorne Lodge, Milton, on Saturday evening. The group of 18 included husbands and wives of staff members on both papers and the turkey dinner and home-like surroundings, at Hawthorne Lodge were really enjoyed by the group.

Bob MacArthur started the printing trade 25 years ago and has been associated with G. A. Dills, publisher, through the whole quarter century. He is now foreman of the plant, but doubles in most every branch of the printing and publishing business and does considerable reporting.

From the publisher 25 new silver dollars were presented to him and to Mrs. MacArthur a bouquet of 'mums. The staff which is associated with him in the printing business, presented him with a utility drill set with all attachments. It accompanied a unique address which had pictures of all members of the staff on the inside cover.

BETTER NEXT TIME

What suggestions for the next Royal Tour. The Financial Post asked a group of experienced citizens? Unanimously, they urged less formalism, a severe whittling down of state occasions. Let our royal visitors see much more of "the real Canada and Canadians"; don't subject them to such a rigorous schedule is the theme of most replies. As one respondent, a woman reporter on the royal train, put it: let's treat our royal visitors like human beings, with consideration for their feelings and wishes.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Subscriber Queries Swim Pool Funds

January 13th, 1952.

Dear Editor: Every spring the people in Acton ask about the swimming pool. We too, gave our donation and can't help but wonder if it was just money put down the drain.

I took my children to the park several times last summer. The times they could play in the water, the dressing rooms were in such a filthy condition I forbade them to use them. Instead I dressed the children in some quiet corner of the park. If we, the public, can't look after such simple dressing rooms, I'm sure we don't deserve any better ones.

I'm sure a lot of Acton citizens would be glad to see some of the swimming pool money spent on swings and teeter-totters and such simple amusements for the children.

The cost would be small compared to what the pool would cost and the labor entailed would be little. I'm sure the children would appreciate such things this coming summer instead of an elaborate pool in the dim distant future.

If it were necessary to begin a new fund, I feel confident that the Rotary, I.O.O.F., Y's Men, Legion, etc. would fall behind it and see that the children were not let down.

Perhaps this seems an odd letter to receive while we are still having snow storms, but if the plans are started now, maybe the park this spring and summer and fall will contain more than empty space and condemned water.

Yours truly, Acton Mother.

New Modern Look For Kitchen In 'Y'

The Y.M.C.A. kitchen is having its face lifted — and its face includes walls, ceiling, floor and equipment.

Under the sponsorship of the Acton Y's Men's club and the direction of a committee headed by Harry Arbie, the old kitchen in the basement of the Y has been enlarged by 30 inches all along one side and is being converted into a modern, model kitchen.

Albert Van Gils began sawing for the new kitchen 2 weeks ago. Masonite has been placed on the walls and ceiling, and this will be covered by grey arborite and covegwall. Counters will have the same grey arborite covering. Cupboards run the extent of both long walls.

The present stove will be built into the cupboard and counter space, and room has been left for a refrigerator.

It is expected that linoleum will be laid on the floor and the ceiling painted.

The door has been made wider and instead of opening on to the corridor will slide against the end wall. This will facilitate carrying trays, and a tray carriage may be one of the equipment additions. A new double sink has already been installed.

A small square hole in the wall has been left through into the lounge.

The wiring and plumbing are completed and the carpentry expected to be completed in about a week.