

## REQUEST FOR, AGAINST GARAGE BY-LAW



**HIGHLIGHT OF BOOSTER NIGHT** last Thursday night in Acton arena was the game between the 1939 O.H.A. Intermediate champions and the old-time stars, which resulted in a 5-3 win for the champs, although not without surprisingly stiff opposition from the old-timers. The photo above was taken between the second and third periods and from your own observation you'll concede the players look in pretty fair shape. Oldest among the lot was Gordon Farlow, of Milton, 56. From left to right, kneeling, Jack Kentner, Ilio Marzo, "Minute" Walters, Johnny Brush, Doug Dawkins, Russ Brush, Norm Morton, Herb Woods, Ben Baylis, Bus Morton, Frank Gibbons, Ich Marzo. Standing, left to right, Frank Holmes, Vic Rumley, John Robson, "Did" Brush, Jack Greer, Gord Farlow, "Sonny" Townsley, Joe Woods, Bob Anderson, Joe Kentner, "Dud" Lindsay, Fred Dawkins, Fred Kentner, Gord Huffman, Neil Gibbons, Harold Mooney, Henry Arbie, Clarence Kentner, Perc Blackburn, "Bud" McDonald. The old-timers are those in the striped Georgetown Raider uniforms. —Staff Photo

### Capacity Crowd Attends Civic Memorial Service

Knox Church in Acton was filled to capacity last Friday morning when organizations, school children and citizens assembled in tribute to the memory of the late King George VI. It was an impressive and very appropriate service that was arranged and carried out by Acton council and the Ministerial Association.

Mayor B. D. Rachlin briefly stated the purpose of the gathering, paid tribute to our late sovereign and inaugurated the service. Ministers taking part were Rev. R. H. Armstrong, Pastor D. B. Shuter, Rev. E. A. Currey and Venerable Archdeacon Mackintosh.

The address was given by Venerable Archdeacon Mackintosh. He noted in his opening remarks that this was the fourth memorial service for a ruling monarch in which he had taken part during his ministry in the church, Queen Victoria, Edward VII, George V and George VI.

"Seldom has the passing of a man brought such feelings of regret," said the speaker. "No one king has left behind him such a tribute as George VI." Archdeacon Mackintosh pictured the man himself and the underlying principles of his life under six headings.

King George VI was a man of great courage. He was a man who never shirked his duty. He was a man of faith, a man of deep humility and a man who loved his home. He was a leader and chief servant. His example remains as a star to guide his people to a greater good.

Reeve R. J. Hargrave read the following resolution of sympathy and loyalty by the people of Acton which was forwarded by wire to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

"We, the citizens of Acton, Ontario, desire to express sympathy in the bereavement suffered by you in the passing of our late beloved sovereign, King George VI, and to pledge to your Majesty for the future, our devoted loyalty and allegiance."

B. D. RACHLIN, Mayor. Mr. E. A. Hansen presided at the organ and a choir composed of members from Acton churches filled the choir loft and part of the body of the church to lead in the singing of such familiar hymns as "The 23rd Psalm," "How Firm a Foundation," "Abide With Me" and "O God Our Help in Ages Past." The service concluded with "The Dead March in Saul."

### Acton To Join In World Prayer Day

As Canadian women approach the 32nd observance of the World Day of Prayer they are deeply conscious that they are entering a doorway that is never closed, and which leads straight to the Heavenly Father's foot-stool, remembering those who are joining "from every continent and island."

The local committee has planned a service to be held in Acton Baptist Church, Friday, February 29, first Friday in Lent at 2:30 p.m.

The address will be given by Miss M. E. Anderson of Georgetown, British Guiana, who will address a mass gathering of teenage girls in a similar service in Knox Church, Friday evening.

### Happy Pair Mark Golden Wedding

Sunday was a very happy occasion for Mr. and Mrs. John McDowell, R. R. 2, Erin, when amid friends, neighbors and relatives, they celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

The tea table was daintily arranged with a centerpiece of spring flowers and silver candelabra tall ivory tapers.

Receiving with Mr. and Mrs. McDowell were Mr. and Mrs. Elliott McDowell.

Mrs. William Sinclair poured tea in the afternoon, assisted by Misses Pearl and Betty McDowell, Mrs. Eleanor Klatt and Miss Florence Elliott.

In the evening, a family party took place, honoring the couple, at which Mrs. William McDowell of Georgetown poured tea.

Six sisters and two brothers of Mr. McDowell, Mrs. McDowell's two sisters and brother, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren were present for the happy occasion, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Spring bouquets and cards were received by the honored couple.

Mr. and Mrs. McDowell moved to their present farm from Esqueving in 1914. Married on February 19, 1902, Mrs. McDowell was the former Laila Elliott.

At the wedding of 50 years ago, Miss A. Elliott, Acton, was the bridesmaid and Mr. William McDowell, Georgetown, was the groomsmen. Mrs. McDowell recalled that the wedding day was bright and "we took the horse and cutter and visited among our friends."

Guests were present from Toronto, Brampton, Campbellville, Georgetown, Streetsville, Orton and Acton. Congratulations were received from the Provincial Government.

### CIVIC HOLIDAY, EMPIRE DAY GRANTED, PAID HOLIDAYS FOR LAB

It was announced in the last issue of Trava News of Baxter Laboratories Ltd., that, effective immediately, there will now be eight holidays with pay per year rather than the former six.

To date, Baxter employees had been paid for holidays for New Year's, Good Friday, Dominion Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. The two new holidays granted are Civic Holiday and Empire Day.

### BUILDING PROGRAM "DISCUSSED" AS MOTIONS FLOOD BOARD MEETING

Running in regular procedure, the last item dealt with on the agenda of North Halton High School District Board on Monday night, was a discussion on the building program for adequate facilities.

A report on the use of the Georgetown building for a new school by Architect J. D. Kyles pointed out that the land and building were not suitable for remodeling. The report went into detail and all members were satisfied to eliminate this plan from further consideration.

Payment of \$100 was authorized to the architect for the report as arranged at a previous meeting when he was requested to do this work.

Chairman J. Bell introduced the consideration of building one school for Acton and Georgetown at Silver Creek, the junction of No. 7, Highway and the seventh line.

A motion which failed was to the effect that the Board build a 250 pupil school at Acton and a start be made on the building in the spring of 1952.

An amendment to another motion passed some time ago was that the Board make immediate plans for new schools in Acton and Georgetown and gymnasium facilities at Milton. When first put, the motion was defeated. It was presented again after its purport had been explained and the vote was five for and one against, with four members not voting.

Dr. Milne, R. Corbett and W. Coon were appointed a committee to prepare a brief to present to the councils of the various municipalities giving details of whatever is decided upon.

Concluding motion before the after-midnight session was that the motion and amendment as passed to-night be withdrawn and that the building question be discussed at a special meeting and that J. D. Kyles, architect, be invited to attend this meeting. This resolution passed on a vote of 8-2.

A grant of \$50 was approved to the Halton County Music Festival and the principals of the schools were to select a representative to the Festival Board.

Letters from several architects asked consideration when building plans were to be discussed.

The secretary reported receipts of \$944.87 for tuition fees from the

Burlington - Nelson Board. Correspondence with the Municipal Board advised that the order setting up the division of costs would be forwarded in a few days.

H. H. Hinton, of Acton, submitted prices on school supplies and solicited the consideration of the Board. The secretary reported the prices submitted were better than those obtained from National Stationers of Toronto. However, it was revealed that Principal Lambart of Georgetown had arranged a purchase of 100,000 sheets of foolscap, which had been allotted the three schools and delivered. Criticism was voiced by G. A. Dills for purchase of supplies by any of the principals and the view was expressed that these should go through the secretary.

Principals of the three schools presented budget requirements for the year. Milton school budget was \$2,035; Acton's budget was for \$1,650 and Georgetown required \$1,805. G. A. Dills protested the inclusion in the Georgetown budget of \$100 for transportation of the choir and \$150 for transportation for sports events. There were no similar items in the other budgets and since there was no government grant on such items it was argued that the municipalities should not be called upon to pay these costs. The budgets were approved.

Chairman J. Bell was appointed representative of the Board on the inter-board committee regarding school problems and the secretary was to forward this name to the secretary in Oakville.

The budget for the year drawn up by the secretary was approved. The levy from the municipalities this year is \$47,800 against a levy last year of \$24,250. The difference is largely accounted for in the amount of provincial grant collected last year which was \$84,300 and this year's estimate is \$72,400. It was pointed out that last year the province paid two debenture instalments and this year only one is payable.

Accounts amounting to \$12,188.32 were finally passed for payment. The objection of G. A. Dills against an account from a cleaner for cleaning "shirts and shorts" at a cost of \$10.80 resulted in pointing out to principals that while this one would be paid, no more such items for cleaning would be approved.

### Silver-Wood W.I. Honors Late King

Mrs. E. L. Miller, president of the Silver-Wood Women's Institute, conducted the February meeting at the home of Mrs. D. Williamson, 7th line.

Nineteen members joined in singing the Institute Ode and observing two minutes' silence in humble tribute to the beloved monarch, the late King George VI.

Roll call was answered by naming one's favorite radio program. Mrs. George Burt was appointed representative to the Stone School Association and also to the Halton County Festival. Ten dollars was donated to the latter organization.

A similar amount was set aside for the purchase of materials to make a layette for the Children's Aid Society. The program on Agriculture and Canadian Industry was convened by Mrs. George Henderson Sr.

Miss Isabel Moore prepared and read a paper entitled "As ye sow, so shall ye reap" and she drew parallels from the subject to agriculture, in industry and in daily living.

A report on the recent short course, "Oven Meals," was given by Mrs. Batkin, following which a speech was given by Mrs. Batkin on "Pattern Making in Industry".

The hostess served refreshments after the close of the meeting, assisted by Mrs. Ouke Mulder and Mrs. S. R. Corbett.

A special cake was cut to honor Mrs. Clarence Varey for her birthday.

### Struck on Highway Pair Hospitalized

While walking along the highway in Hillsburgh Township last Friday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Matheson of Hillsburgh were struck by a car and both injured. Mr. Matheson received a fractured leg above the knee and broken ribs, while Mrs. Matheson suffered a broken leg and neck and face injuries. Both were badly shaken and suffering from shock.

The couple, who had been visiting Dan Grey in Hillsburgh, were walking in the dark facing the traffic when the accident occurred. The car was driven by Bill Somerville of Erin and Donald Barber of Erin was a passenger in the car at the time.

The injured couple were treated by Dr. Wilton of Erin and taken to Guelph General Hospital, where they were in satisfactory condition at last report.

### Artist Sketches Officials, Officers

W. R. Mac, caricaturist for the Toronto Telegram was busy sketching town officials and members of organizations for his series that runs daily.

With a fast moving pencil the artist sketched his impression of Acton council at their regular meeting on Tuesday evening, officers of the Rotary Club, Legion, Y's Men's Club and Public School Board.

Mr. Mac has just completed a series of sketches in Fergus, Elora and Guelph before coming to Acton on Tuesday.

### Submit Two Petitions On Garage Closing By-Law

Frank Toth Jr. submitted a petition to council at their regular meeting on Tuesday evening signed "in the neighbourhood of 450" protesting the elimination of 24 hour garage service in Acton. All those signing the petition were not residents of Acton. A petition was submitted by 777/0 per cent. of the garage operators in the town asking for regulations of the closing hours of retail gasoline outlets. The petition was passed around to council members and all looked at it. Clerk McGeechie certified that more than the necessary percentage had signed the petition.

Several councillors referred to a section in the Municipal Act requiring a council to pass the by-law if more than 75 per cent. of the operators in town signed it. Clerk McGeechie said his understanding was that if council refused to pass the by-law a lawyer could appeal to Osgoode Hall for a writ of mandamus forcing council to pass the by-law and each councillor could be individually responsible for the cost of the writ.

Deputy Reeve Stewart said that one of the town doctors and the veterinary had signed the petition supporting 24 hour service. "I feel there is a place in town for one who can be open 24 hours," he declared.

Frank Toth Jr. presented his case. "There has been an agreement. I was invited to sign the agreement. Then I found sticking to the agreement for one week I didn't do so well. I told five operators I would withdraw and very shortly the town council passed a by-law agreed to by the operators. Then they saw I could go on 24 hour service. I had to buy a tow truck, then shortly the council passed another by-law. I was pinched under the by-law and the by-law was thrown out in court. This other petition is to close me up. They don't want to stay open themselves. This by-law is just because garage men want to control the town."

Reeve Hargrave took exception to the statement that Mr. Toth tried the agreement for a week. "It is not correct he tried it for a week. He signed the agreement on Wednesday and he was open Sunday," the Reeve said.

Mayor Rachlin said, "If we legislate against this man does this council feel that they would want to defend this with the taxpayers' money?"

Councillor Taylor pointed out, "If we're bound by the municipal act to pass the by-law, personal opinions don't matter."

A resolution was passed allowing the by-law to be read a first time. Councillor Rogivaldson opposed the motion to introduce the by-law. Reeve Hargrave and Councillor Thompson withdrew from the table for the vote.

A section in the by-law allows the issuing of a permit each week in rotation for a garage to stay open 24 hours. Deputy Reeve Stewart said, "I won't go for that unless the garage must stay open for service." The matter was left over for future consideration.

Council considered the wages of town employees. Raises were granted on the unanimous approval of council. Town Foreman A. Kirkness was raised from \$2,350 to \$2,600. Walter Kentner was raised from \$2,250 to \$2,500. Men on hourly rate were raised from 85 cents per hour to 90 cents. Clerk J. McGeechie was raised \$100 to \$2,900. All increases were retroactive to January 1, 1952.

Fire problems in protection and equipment came in for a 50 minute discussion between council and Fire Chief Dawkins. Councillor Taylor was appointed to arrange a meeting with a representative of the Fire Marshall's office and dele-

gates from the surrounding townships of Nassagaweya, Esqueving, Eramosa and Erin. The meeting was to discuss rural fire protection.

Fire Chief Dawkins told council the Brigade had gone so far as to form a committee to investigate building a new fire hall. "They will build a fire hall that won't cost the citizens one cent." Labor had been volunteered. "That's what the firemen are going to do, I'm sure," the Chief declared.

Reeve Hargrave, chairman of the Finance committee, pointed out the cost for 1952 maintenance of the brigade and equipment, based on 1951 figures would be \$7,523. "We're going to have a tremendous tax rate. Any cut in your requisition of requirements would be appreciated by the taxpayers," the Reeve said.

More heat in the fire hall was discussed at length and Foreman Kirkness reported bags had been put along the bottoms of the doors to prevent draft and the ceiling had been insulated.

Mayor Rachlin expressed concern with the disposal plant. "I understand nothing extensive has been done there since before Christmas." The feeling was expressed that there was only about four days work of pipe fitting in the Duxter tank. Sections of the contract were reviewed and discussion followed.

Clerk McGeechie reported a grant of \$18,641.24 received on road work in 1951. This was in addition to the grant of \$23,000 which was received on the paving program. Application was forwarded for approval of subsidy on \$23,460 for 1952 road work. The grant is for 50 per cent. of the money spent within the approved levy.

A list of 32 delinquent taxpayers was presented for council's attention. Taxes unpaid totalled \$2,559. The matter was left with the clerk and mayor at the mayor's request.

Cost of the survey in Wartime Housing subdivision, requested by residents who agreed to bear the full cost on an equal division, was discussed. A few of the residents who agreed to the survey had not paid their share of the cost incurred by the town. The matter was left with Mayor Rachlin.

A report on the Child Health Clinic was received from the Halton County Health Unit. There were 23 clinics handling 223 infants and 130 pre-school children in Acton.

Acton Planning Board submitted their requisition for a grant of \$200 for operations in 1952. Last year's grant of \$1,500 included the cost of a new town plan.

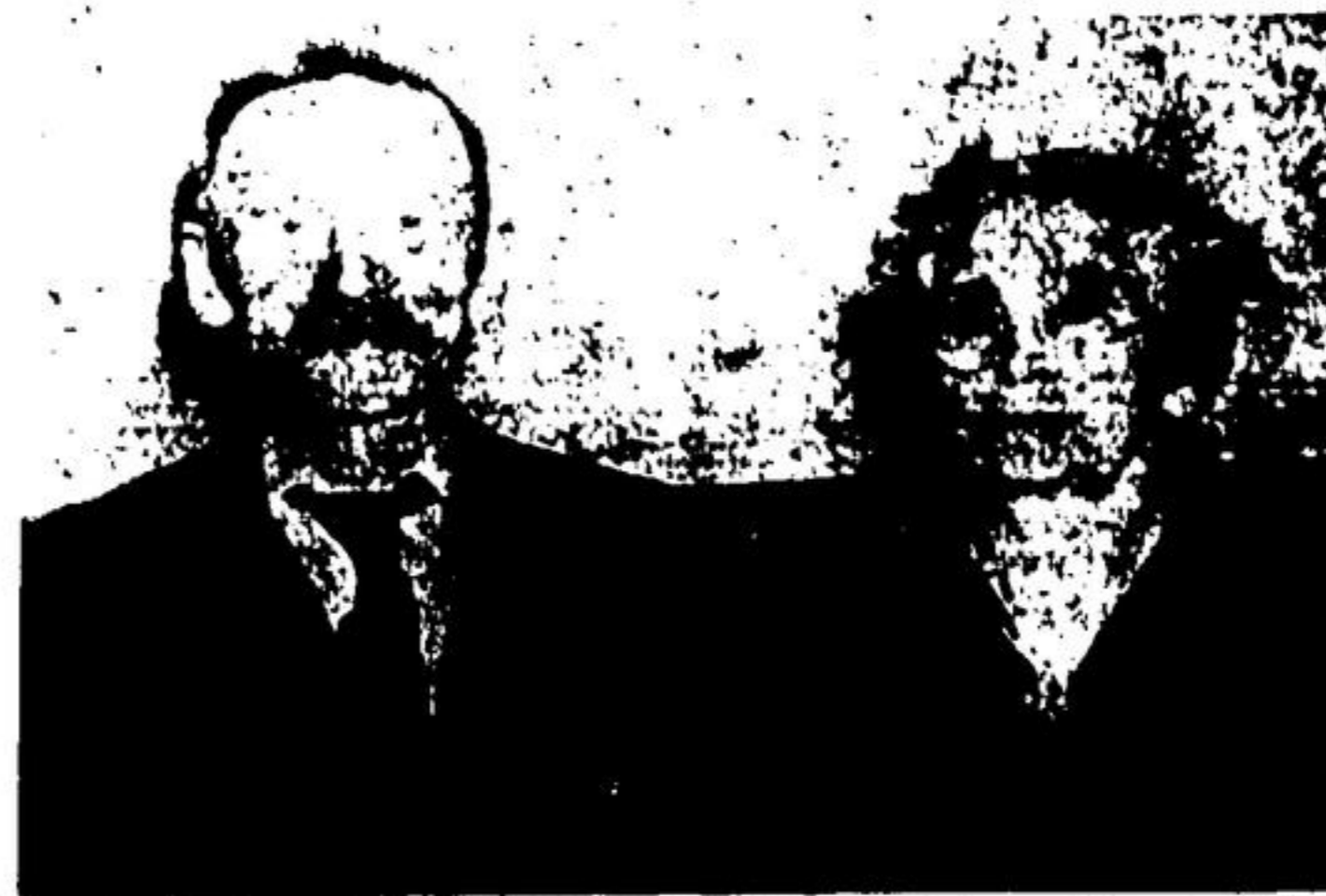
The Library Board grant came in for further discussion but council agreed to consider it with all the others in establishing the estimates for the year.

Deputy Reeve Stewart suggested the Highway Department should be contacted regarding the condition of the Mill and Main street paving. Council agreed and a letter was to be sent with a copy going to the contractor.

Councillor Wiecek said he thought the town was paying for too many telephones and inquiry was to be made to decide whether some of the phones could be put on a party line.

Councillor Taylor was appointed as a representative to the Oakville and District Humane Society.

A donation of \$10 was approved for the Halton Music Festival. This is the customary grant. Vic Britow notified council he was discontinuing his photography studio and asked withdrawal of his business assessment. Council agreed it would be dealt with with others.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN McDOWELL, R. R. 2, Erin, celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary at their home Sunday. Married on February 19, 1902, Mrs. McDowell was the former Laila Elliott. Rev. J. M. Hagar of the Methodist Church married the couple at the Elliott farm on the second line. Many friends called to congratulate the couple Sunday. —Staff Photo

### ITEMS HELD OVER

News items not appearing in this issue but sent in will appear next week due to the space limitations.