

APPROVE HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING PLAN



LEAGUE CHAMPIONS in the Georgetown Industrial League and surprise winners were the Baxter Lab entry. Shown here in Georgetown after the victory is the team. They eliminated Smith and Stone in the finals. Baxters now lay claim to the Sheeny Tost trophy. Shown are, back row, left to right H. Kinread, A. Robinson, R. Everdell, M. Jordan, K. McPhail coach, D. Timmins, W. Duval, D. Coleman. Front row, Bob Marshall, J. Zajac, J. Stewart, George Beatty, D. Coleman, V. Masters, E. Masales and F. Somerville. K. Adamson and W. Fields were absent.

Report Explains Town's Deficit of \$25,337.21

Council accepted the annual auditor's report at their meeting on Tuesday night. The report presents a complete financial picture of the town's operations in 1951. The auditor explains "The deficit incurred in the year of \$25,337.21 is a matter of grave concern. There are three principal items causing this deficit. The town failed to put into the 1951 tax estimates the full road expenditure as called for by the Road by-law and thus failed to levy in 1951 adequate taxes for the current expenditures."

"It has been the custom up to 1950 to prepare the budget very early and strike the rate before full information on many of the operating costs could be obtained. A fire truck and snow blower were purchased in the year with only partial provision for financing same. They could have been debentured and paid for over a period of years if the proper by-laws had been passed at the time and permission obtained from the Municipal Board."

Acton owns, in land, buildings and equipment, \$440,162.96, which are listed as fixed assets. In 1971 all the present debentures will be paid off according to the schedule contained in the report. The town's debenture debt is \$1,001,183. The report also serves to emphasize why everyone should be interested in council activities because expenditures totalled \$19,544.25 which is a "big, business" sum.

Last year's expenditures on education totalled \$22,024.05 with \$17,372.60 going to the Public School Board and \$5,552.35 to the North Halton High School District Board. Fire protection last year cost the town \$11,604.03, of which \$9,918.45 was for the purchase of the new fire truck.

Council authorized the printing of the auditor's report and copies will be available at the town office within a month.

District Governor Compliments Y Men

The Acton Y's Men's Club might stand first in the district, the district governor of central Ontario, Wilf Roberts, told Acton Y's Men at their regular meeting last Thursday evening. He complimented the group on their activities.

Forman Lawrence was elected president of the club; Garner McKenzie, vice-president; Russell Perry, secretary; Tom Watson, treasurer and Doug Manning, sergeant-at-arms. These officers are to select committees and will take office in May.

Experiments which proved that leather breathes accompanied a talk and film on the tanning of leather, given by W. Wolfe and C. Cook.

Final plans were made for the father and son banquet. J. Greer is chairman of the committee. Ten members will attend the district conference for Y's Men's Clubs in Kitchener.

It was reported that the average attendance during the winter was 95 per cent, with three members having perfect attendance. There are 38 members in the club altogether.

Don Wiggins, a former member, was a guest at the meeting.

Piano, Vocal Solos Vary Aid Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of Knox Ladies' Aid was held at the home of Mrs. F. Anderson on Tuesday afternoon, March 25. Beautiful spring weather prevailed, so there was a large attendance.

In the absence of the president, Mrs. J. Dennis presided and conducted the business. The devotional period was taken by Mrs. W. Watkins reading the lesson and Mrs. H. L. Bennie leading in prayer.

Mrs. W. Gowdy contributed two delightful piano numbers and Mrs. John Davidson rendered two vocal solos "Beyond the Sunset" and "Back of the Clouds."

An interesting story was read by Mrs. R. H. Armstrong "The story of the months." Mrs. E. Grindell, on behalf of the committee, expressed the thanks to the hostess and to those who had entertained with their talents.

Painting, Lighting At School Progress

Chairman Oakes presided at the regular meeting of the Public School Board Tuesday evening. All trustees were present.

Mr. Forrester of Guelph, sub-contractor who has the painting contract, was in attendance and advised that he would start painting on April 2.

The property committee reported that the lighting fixtures had been selected and also that Mr. Kent of the Kent Tile Co. had left plans and designs for the mastic flooring. A further meeting was arranged to make the final choice of design and color for the various rooms.

Tenders for the sale and removal of the old boiler and fill for the old pit were opened and the highest bid of \$100 from J. Harris was accepted, subject to removal during the Easter holidays.

The Board approved requisition for books and supplies and was advised that the typewriter had been cleaned and made useable.

The supply committee was directed to list supplies needed and to secure prices for presentation at the next meeting.

Receipt of \$28. March non-resident fees was reported by the secretary.

A finance statement of \$1,312.69 was presented and approved, and the secretary was directed to assess the N.H.S.D. Board \$422.80 for cost of March plant operation.

Airborne Mission Subject Of Film

It was missions night at Knox Y.P.S. regular meeting on Tuesday night in the Sunday School room. In the absence of the convenor, Isabel Ritchie, Clarence Coles substituted.

The meeting began with a lively song service of gospel hymns. June Watkins, Deanna Grier and Crawford Douglas assisted in the devotions and two hymns were sung. Feature of the evening was the film "Wings to the word," showing the work of an airborne missionary in the vast distances of Brazil. The meeting divided into two groups for a Bible quiz which resulted in a very close score of 17-16.

Bill Bell took charge of the business meeting comprised of the secretary's report, roll call and announcements. Fourteen answered "yes" or "no" if they had been able to answer a question in the quiz or not.

After a closing hymn, Rev. R. H. Armstrong pronounced the benediction.

Silence Observed For Mrs. H. Denny

Silence was observed at the meeting of the Women's Association of the United Church, held on Tuesday, for the late Mrs. H. Denny, who was a member of the society for some years. One verse was sung "Blest be the tie that binds."

Mrs. H. Burns, the president, was in charge. The devotional was taken by Mrs. D. Drysdale and Miss E. Hawthorne. Roll call was answered by "Neighbor."

Cards are being sent to the sick and shut-ins during the Easter season.

An invitation was extended to members to attend the C.G.I.T. event. The W.A. ladies are serving dinner to the presbytery meeting.

The meeting closed with the Mizpah benediction. Lunch was served by Mrs. G. Simpson, Mrs. D. Lindsay, Mrs. L. Agar and Mrs. B. Veldhuis and a social time was spent together.

POLICE RECOVER MEMENTOS TAKEN IN TORONTO ROBBERY OF MR. AND MRS. HARRISON

Acton friends will be glad to learn that police recovered for Mr. C. H. Harrison, the watch presented him and which had been taken when his Toronto home was burglarized. Other items recovered by police and returned were the watch presented Mrs. Harrison when they had left the farm home at Rockside, the movie camera, a radio and five rings. The items were in five different pawn shops in the city. The thief who was apprehended, was a man who had escaped from the hospital for the criminally insane at Penetang. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison were particularly glad to receive the two watches which had been presented them by friends and which represented friendships they enjoyed.

At the beginning of 1950 investments in Canada by non-residents totalled \$7,977 million compared to \$6,913 million in 1939.

Ontario Mission Fights Communism

The March meeting of the Baptist Mission Circle was held in the Church. Mrs. S. Cripps welcomed the large congregation, which included guests from the local churches and from the Georgetown and Hillsburgh Baptist Churches.

Mrs. Lorne Garner led the devotions and introduced the speaker, Miss Mae Brooks, of the Rural Life Mission. Miss Brooks showed colored slides of her work among the new Canadians in Northern Ontario and told of many interesting experiences. She impressed her audience with her wonderful sense of humor and with her zeal. She made special reference to the Communist infiltration in Northern Ontario and told of the efforts made by the Mission and the churches to counteract it.

Miss Ethel Franklin and Miss Salome Bowman sang two lovely duets.

Mrs. Cripps expressed the appreciation of the group to Miss Brooks and following the benediction, refreshments were served and a time of fellowship enjoyed.

ABILITY IMPAIRED BY ALCOHOL, DRIVER FINED COURT COSTS, JAILED

Convicted of driving while his ability was impaired by alcohol, Thomas Perryman of R. R. 1, Limohouse was fined court costs of \$32.50 and given 10 days in jail.

He was driving Saturday morning on No. 7 highway east of Acton when his car went off the road and broke a hydro pole. No other vehicles were involved.



FUNERAL SERVICE was held on Tuesday in Acton United Church following a private service for Mrs. J. H. Denny, a resident of Acton for 44 years. Rev. E. A. Currey conducted the service.

Islington Salesman Killed At Rockwood

When his car went off the road east of Rockwood and went sideways over a six-foot bank, Islington, was instantly killed on Saturday night. Two witnesses who saw the car travelling east from Guelph, where Mr. MacKenzie is believed to have been visiting friends, told investigating police that the driver apparently did not see the curve in the road and the car went straight over the bank on No. 7 highway.

The vehicle careened through guard rails, crumpled a checkered warning sign and a stop sign and overturned in the gully. The curve is quite sharp and near the junction of four roads.

The car came to rest almost in a clump of small trees.

The accident occurred about 10:45 p.m., and Guelph Provincial Police investigated. Dr. K. Waller, Rockwood, the district coroner, was also summoned.

Mr. MacKenzie, who was alone in the car, suffered various fatal injuries, including cuts to the head. The body was taken to the Victor B. Rumley Funeral Home in Acton and the funeral service was held in Islington.

A salesman of the Astral Refrigeration Co., Toronto, Mr. MacKenzie leaves a sister, Mrs. Gordon Bennie, Toronto and a brother and sister in the United States.

The car, a 1951 model, was almost completely wrecked. Estimated damage was \$1,000.

OBITUARY

Funeral Service Is Held In Church

Following a private funeral service in the Victor B. Rumley Funeral Home, Acton on Tuesday afternoon, a second service was conducted in Acton United Church for Mrs. J. H. Denny by Rev. E. A. Currey. Mrs. Denny died in St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph on Saturday, March 29.

Church officials attended the funeral as Mrs. Denny was a faithful member of the United congregation. Pallbearers were J. Harris, C. Mason, F. Cleave, B. Veldhuis, H. Elliott and O. Johnston.

Interment followed in Fairview Cemetery, Acton.

The former Margaret Moore was married on Christmas Day, 1889, in Acton to J. H. Denny and the couple lived on the farm of his father, Robert Denny. They moved to Queen St., Acton, 44 years ago.

At Christmas, 1940, Mr. and Mrs. Denny celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Mr. Denny died several years ago.

The late Mrs. Denny had been living with Mrs. A. T. Mann.

Schools, Garage By-Law Topics At 6 Hour Session

Acton council, in regular session Tuesday night that lasted until 1:30 a.m. with all councillors present, approved the building program suggested by representatives of the North Halton High School District Board that calls for the erection of a new school at Acton and Georgetown with the addition of a gymnasium at the Milton school. Council also passed the garage closing by-law petitioned for by 75 per cent. of the garage operators. A special meeting was also arranged to consider the petition presented some time ago by Bower Ave. residents asking removal of the nuisance allegedly caused by the Wolfe Turkey Farm.

It was a busy session Tuesday night that ran past the midnight curfew by an hour and a half as council was plagued all evening by technicalities. In the early part of the meeting nearly 20 citizens were present, some as members of delegations.

Considering the proposal of the District High School Board, it was pointed out that the present basis on which the shares were to be paid by municipalities was established by the Municipal Board in a ruling that is valid, with exceptions, for five years. The ruling was demanded by Georgetown and is favorable to Acton and Georgetown.

During the discussion such questions as "Where's the money going to come from?" "Are you satisfied to pay two mills to a school in another town?" "Are you satisfied to go without a high school in town?" were tossed back and forth in an effort to arrive at a decision.

Mayor Rachlin opposed the building plan and contended "that if this town isn't run more efficiently than in the past, people will be leaving town because of economic conditions and the school will be adequate."

It was pointed out that Acton did not own a High School building; the Public School Board controlled the present building and the agreement ran out this year. Council also reviewed the point that charges for such a building program would not likely begin until 1954 and the program might still be upset unless four of the five municipalities in the district support the plan.

A letter from R. W. McCauley, solicitor for the garage operators, warned that unless council took action and passed the by-law petitioned for by the operators the necessary proceedings would be started forcing the town to pass the by-law.

Deputy-recve Stewart, Councilors Rogvaldsen and Irwin opposed the passing of the by-law.

Frayed tempers were in evidence as the discussion dragged on reviewing many of the often repeated arguments.

Solicitor Leatherland pointed out that if council continued to fail to pass the by-law, the operators could apply for a mandamus and councillors might be personally responsible for the costs.

Mayor Rachlin explained that he had instructed the solicitor to prepare a by-law along the lines of what he felt council wanted. Mr. MacSwain emphasized the fact that he for one operator would not accept a substituted by-law. A resolution calling for the first reading of the substituted by-law was defeated.

Mr. MacSwain told council the



NINE AND A HALF decades of life were celebrated on Monday by William Mainprize of Acton. Mr. Mainprize, who was 95 on the last day of March, lives on Mill St. and enjoys good health for a man of his years. He was recently featured on a radio broadcast as Acton's oldest resident.

operators had assurance their lawyer would support the by-law in the Supreme Court without cost. The by-law is printed in full elsewhere in this issue.

Mayor Rachlin asked if it would not be better to hold a special meeting on the matter of the turkey farm about which a petition had been presented and on which a delegation was present.

R. H. Elliott reminded council that a petition had been presented some time ago regarding the nuisance. "We want some type of action," he declared. "This is a problem for council to solve. That's what they are elected for," he concluded.

Several members of the delegation said they had no quarrel with Mr. Wolfe but wanted action from the council.

Mayor Rachlin added that he would not be a party to considering a thing concerning two parties without hearing both sides.

A special meeting was arranged with all petitioners and interested parties to be notified. It was also decided that council request the presence of Dr. Mather of the Halton County Health Unit and an official from the Department of Municipal Affairs.

A resolution was passed that council would not supply tile for private driveways but would keep for sale at cost price plus freight to property owners. It was explained that when the tile had been supplied by the town, a great deal of damage had been done to it, in some cases.

The Planning Board advised council that the light standard at the corner of Mill and Main St. was not encroaching on private property and is on the property purchased in 1920 by the town. They suggested that no further action be taken.

The Board also asked that council open several feet as roadway on Mill St., the property for which was purchased in 1910 and which would allow the establishment of a straight line on the plan now being prepared. They advised against deciding the property back to owners since it might be required at some future date for the development of the town.

Mayor Rachlin attempted to explain the situation that some years ago there was considerable land in front of the stores from Elliott Bros. down and the town bought that land to widen the street. Subsequent to that, there was a plan made showing the street line at approximately the face of the store. Apparently the town bought 10 ft. but used 8, because it only took 8. The Planning Board suggests that the additional two feet be retained and opened.

The chairman and vice-chairman of the Planning Board were to be invited to the next meeting to clarify the situation.

Council accepted the auditor's report for 1951 and discussed the advisability of having it printed. It was pointed out that statutes require reproduction of 200 copies. Cheaper methods were discussed but council agreed to have the report printed in the usual manner. They also authorized the publication of the 1952 estimates in the Free Press.

A motion to purchase three new chairs for the council chambers (one has a leg off) was defeated.

Mayor Rachlin inquired how much the Library Board had at the end of 1951. The report showed a balance of \$310. Adding to this \$280 grant coming from the government, Mayor Rachlin concluded they had \$1,160 before receiving this year's grant from the town.

The Mayor pointed out that very little had been provided for relief.

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