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## '53 COUNCIL CONVENES AT INAUGURAL

### COUNTY GROUPS CONTRIBUTE TO CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES AT MANOR

A joyous and happy Christmas season was made possible for the residents of Halton County's new home for its senior citizens, "Halton's Centennial Manor," by the kindly thought of many county organizations.

The I.O.D.E. of Burlington provided a Rogers-Majestic television set for the men's day room, the I.O.D.E. of Oakville gave a General Electric television for the women's day room, the Y's Men's club, with the assistance of others from Acton, gave slippers and a treat with a lovely lunch to every resident. The Lorne Scots Band rendered an excellent program of carols and selections in the Manor dining hall, with several assisting artists.

The Milton firemen and Canadian Legion presented each resident with a splendid gift box of fruit and candy. Rev. J. L. Blair, with his projector, portrayed the Christmas story and the C.G.I.T. girls of Milton United Church a carol service and lunch following.

Mayor G. Thompson of Milton gave an appreciative address at the residents' house party on Christmas Eve, when all gathered around the large decorated tree in the main dining room. Singing of carols was enjoyed by the residents under the direction of the Superintendent and Mrs. Clarke, who later escorted the venerable gentleman of the season, "Santa Claus," into the room to the delight and applause of all present, following which presents were distributed to everyone.

Others who contributed to the

festive season were the Mr. and Mrs. Club of St. Paul's Church in Milton; Knox Church of Milton; several of the Women's Institutes of the County; the Milton Junior Institute; the "Waydandagen" Chapter of the I.O.D.E. in Burlington; Circle "D" of Trinity United Church, Burlington; the W.A. of St. Paul's Church, Milton; the Scotch Block Women's Institute; the Busy Bees of Rockwood, a subscription to the "Family Herald and Weekly Star"; Laura Scott, a subscription to the "Reader's Digest"; also from the Mountain Union Women's Institute, a "Digest" subscription; the Wellington Square Chapter of the I.O.D.E. in Oakville gave gifts of jam, etc. and Warden and Mrs. Joseph Wickson of Bronte, a subscription to "Chateleine" magazine.

Indoor games were donated by the Drumquinn Women's Institutes and gifts of fruit and cookies from the Georgetown Institute. A further gift subscription to "Chateleine" and "Time" magazines were made by the Hornby Institute.

On Christmas Day, a turkey dinner with all the trimmings, well cooked by the Manor's chef, was enjoyed by all residents and staff alike, who went the extra mile to make it what one resident described as the best Christmas he had had in 70 years.

The Superintendent and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Clarke, are very grateful for all the good-will displayed and wish one and all the very best for 1953.

### Queen's Honor List Commends Officer

Queen Elizabeth's commendation "for valuable service in the air" has been awarded to Flt. Lt. Robert E. Burn of Hespeler. Defense headquarters has announced the award for the Pacific theatre, that appeared in the Queen's New Year's honors list.

Mrs. Burn is the former Joan Somerville of Acton. Flt. Lt. and Mrs. Burn were married in Acton last year. They are now living in Montreal.

Flt. Lt. Burn is one of seven members of the R.C.A.F. and one army sergeant who received the awards for service in the Pacific theatre.

### First of New Blue Plates Issued Here

Sale of 1953 motor vehicle licenses is reported by Mr. J. K. Gardiner, the local issuer, as the most brisk ever. First plate for 1953 to be issued was N3201 and it was Roy's Taxi which was the early bird this year and Roy Goodwin was at the door when business opened on Friday morning, January 2. The truck licenses, Mr. Gardiner says are, however, moving more slowly than the passenger vehicle plates.

The new blue plates with white letters are making their appearance on the streets about town and Acton cars will be identified by the letter N, replacing the Y of former years. The editor of the Free Press, who has for many years secured the first license plate of the year was not in the running. Matter of fact is still not in the running. Maybe we're getting older and not so fast.

### Tree Sale Doubles In Annual Project

Sale of Christmas trees and the profit realized were doubled this year by Acton Y's Men's club, compared to last year. It is expected the sale of Christmas trees will become an annual project of the club.

About 250 Christmas trees were sold from December 13 till Christmas Eve, with the Y's Men taking turns in charge of the lot on the corner of Mill and John Sts.

The trees came from the farm of Mansell Wells.

The trees were sold to buyers from Toronto, Guelph and Georgetown, nearby villages and even to local farmers who couldn't find a good Christmas tree on their own lots. The best day was Saturday, December 13, when Charles Kirkness was in charge.

The trees, which had been bought from December 13 till Christmas Eve, with the Y's Men taking turns in charge of the lot on the corner of Mill and John Sts.

Proceeds of the Christmas tree sale go toward the club's projects, such as swimming instruction in Guelph for boys and girls.

Doug Manning was in charge of the sale.

### Mayor Accepts Gavel at Inaugural Council Meet

Acton's 1953 council was sworn in at the inaugural meeting on Monday of this week followed by a flood of about 25 resolutions necessary at the first meeting. Rev. R. Armstrong offered a prayer on behalf of the 1953 officials and Mayor F. G. Oakes accepted the gavel, symbolic of the mayoralty.

In a 10-point program Mayor Oakes, in his inaugural address, stressed the need for a lot more sidewalk in town a progressive program of road improvement with some plans for hard topping, park improvements, arena maintenance, and an effort to increase the assessment by getting more people to pay the taxes, possibly by encouraging more building and annexation of more land.

C. Rogvaldsen, member of 1952 council, expressed the confidence of the people who elected this year's officials by acclamation and urged the officials to co-operate with each other.

Committees were arranged and the following will be the standing committees for 1953:

Finance—J. Stewart, J. Greer, C. Landay

Streets, Lights and Garbage—R. Thompson, E. Tyler, A. Irwin, W. McLeod

Public Buildings and Arena—L. Wiecek, C. Lindsay, A. Irwin

Fire and Police—F. G. Oakes, L. Wiecek, R. Thompson, W. McLeod

Industrial—E. Tyler, J. Greer, F. G. Oakes, J. Stewart

The first named in each committee is to act as chairman.

Authorization was granted the clerk to have committee cards printed similar to former years.

Solicitor Leatherland asked that a committee be designated to deal with the Spartan law suit against the town since there was now no sewer committee.

Mr. Leatherland explained that no action had been taken recently by either party and while the suit was for \$12,173.26 held back by the town, a payment of \$10,900 had been made with the \$2,173.26 retained to cover the cost of correcting what was thought to be faulty installation.

Clerk McGeechie reported that about 400 laterals had been connected up leaving about 150 or 200 yet to be connected. Claims on the installations made to date totalled about \$1,000.

The finance committee was delegated to handle any committee work on this subject.

Fire chief Dawkins reported that through the courtesy of Apex Firefighters, the firemen now had an efficient hose dryer. Council members adjourned to the fire hall and viewed the dryer. A letter was sent to the firm expressing the town's appreciation for this welcome addition to the department.

Council also directed a letter of sympathy to the family of the late Ted Lauder, who organized the Halton Mutual Fire Aid system and died quite suddenly.

A letter from the Acton Plan

### Name Tom Watson Chairman of Board

Trustee Tom Watson was nominated chairman for the ensuing year at the inaugural meeting of the public school board, held on Tuesday, January 6 at the school. After the declaration of office, he was invited to the chair.

Committees were appointed as follows: finance, J. H. Creighton, T. C. Jones, property, T. C. Jones, C. Bradley, supply, J. W. Wolfe, C. R. Heard.

The secretary-treasurer and caretakers were re-engaged.

Clifford Bradley affirmed his declaration of office and was declared a trustee of the board.

The necessary resolution authorizing any two signatures of the finance committee, chairman, and secretary - treasurer for all school board cheques was duly passed.

G. W. McKenzie reported that the funds from the sale of Christmas cards had been used as follows: \$75.00 music appreciation; \$75.00 film strips; \$85.00 sports equipment; \$20.00 album for P.T. He also reported K.P. attendance of 87 and full school enrolment of 473.

The board recommended that principal McKenzie arrange for teacher supervision during noon hour for children who bring lunch.

The supply committee was requested to arrange to order the annual supply requirements.

Mr. McKenzie displayed a very fine plaque which had been donated to the school by Masales Dairy for recording winners in Field Day events.

Finance statement of \$394.45 was presented and payment authorized.

### Unseen But Useful Equipment Added

It won't be visible to our readers in any way but some new pieces of mechanical equipment have recently been added that will expedite our newspaper service. On the typesetting new metal feeders have been put on which automatically feed the metal into the machines in the same proportion as it is being used. The result is much improved operation of the machines and relieves the operator of feeding metal during long periods.

With the ever increasing use of more illustrations for advertisements and more pictures, the casting of these illustrations becomes an increasing problem. These illustrations are cast in solid blocks of metal the same height as the type used. These illustrations are cut to size in a special metal cutting saw. The new piece of equipment is a circular saw with an attachment for routing and parts that are not to show in the printing and for drilling in the metal and jig sawing odd shapes or reproductions.

The equipment is in line with our policy of being continually improving to offer our readers, advertisers and commercial printing customers an improved and modern service.

### Men of Knox Hold Regular Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Men of Knox was held on Monday evening in the Presbyterian Church.

After a hymn, the Doxology and the Queen, Rev. Armstrong led in prayer and responsive scripture.

Rev. Armstrong spoke about the man from which the club got its name, John Knox.

Following the business part of the meeting taken by the club president, Gordon, Oder, Stan Norton took the program, which consisted of a talk by Jim Chalmers and movies shown by Dr. A. Buchanan who took the movies around town and various parts of Ontario.

The meeting was closed with lunch and the benediction pronounced by the chaplain, Rev. Armstrong.

### Ruth Landsborough D. Dawkins Win

December gold star winners at the Y.M.C.A. were Ruth Landsborough, a midget, and Don Dawkins, an intermediate.

Point leaders in attendance this week are Faye Sagaskie, with 400 points and Brian McCristall, 330.

In the hit and miss tournament, Bob Wahlman is leading the boys with 92 points. Three girls are tied for first with 30 points each—Elaine Deforest, Earlene Botell and Fay Andrewes. Midget girls are leading the different classes in the hit and miss tournament, with a total of 4,880 points. Midget boys came next with 3,150 points. Girls lead the boys in the overall total with 11,285 points altogether.

Box horse skill winners announced this week are Faye Sagaskie for girls and Don Wilds for the boys. Both were awarded 80 marks.

In the girls' tumbling competition, Cheryl Morton led with 90 marks.

### Funeral Service On New Year's Day

On Thursday afternoon, January 1, New Year's Day, funeral service was held at the Victor R. Rumley funeral home in Acton for Mrs. Ruth Cargill, one of the most widely known citizens of Nassagaweya township, who died suddenly at her home, R. R. 1, Campbellville, early Tuesday morning. She was the widow of Andrew James Cargill. She was in her 91st year.

Interment was in Sodom cemetery.

Born in Nassagaweya township in the vicinity of No. 8 school, Mrs. Cargill was from pioneer stock which emigrated from Ireland in 1820. Her father was Thomas Bell, son of John Bell who settled in the township in 1,25 John Bell built a sawmill on his lot in 1842 and the mill was passed on to Mrs. Cargill's father in later years. Thomas Bell operated the mill on the Rockwood line between No. 7 and No. 8 schools for a long time.

Mrs. Cargill married the late James Cargill in 1894. He predeceased her in 1927.

She was a member of Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church and could recall when the family, as a whole, walked to church each Sunday. The church was many miles away and churchgoers would often wear their old shoes until they got close to the church, then change into their best footwear to go into the service, she would relate.

Mrs. Cargill never lived elsewhere but on the Rockwood line in her younger days and on the Eden Mills school line where she and her husband brought up their family. She had resided on the same farm for the past 60 years.

Palbearers were Elwood Wilson, Arthur Norrish, James Simpson, Frank Reinhart, Ott Fletcher and Fred Freeman, all of Nassagaweya township. Rev. Sutherland of Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church officiated at the service.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. P. J. McLean of Puslinch, Mrs. M. S. Easton of Windsor and Mrs. C. D. Lewis of Guelph, four sons: Harry of Guelph, Tom at home, John of Hamilton and Carl of R. R. 1, Campbellville, and six grandchildren and one great grandchild, A. son, Chester, predeceased her in 1933.

### HIGHEST AMOUNT OF ACTON TAXES EVER PAID; AMOUNT TO \$148,588.65

The highest amount of town taxes ever — \$148,588.65 — was collected at the Acton town office during 1952. Added to this were arrears with penalties from other years, amounting to \$2,855.77.

The number of births registered during the past year was 34, just one lower than the 1951 figure of 35.

The number of deaths registered was distinctly higher during 1952, compared to the year previous. In the year just ended, 52 deaths were recorded; in 1951, 33.

Marriage dropped in popularity with 25 marriage licences issued at the town office compared to 31 the year before.

The number of dog tags issued was 245. Total revenue was \$785.

A total of 69 licenses and permits was issued to transient traders, taxi operators, tobacco dealers, pin ball machine owners, etc. Revenue realized was \$1,132.50.

### Thos. B. Douglas Dies Suddenly

Thomas B. Douglas of Hornby, a well known farmer of Esquesing township, passed away suddenly last week at his home on the eighth line. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Douglas and had spent his entire life on the farm homestead where he was born. His wife predeceased him 12 years ago and Mr. Douglas lived alone on the farm.

Surviving are two brothers, R. F. Douglas of Hornby and B. Douglas of Toronto and two sisters, Mrs. Thos. Douglas (Nellie) of Brandon, Man. and Mrs. G. A. May (Emma) of Hornby.

Mr. Douglas attended Hornby United Church and the funeral service on Wednesday from the home of his sister, Mrs. G. A. May, was conducted by Rev. Ainsworth, assisted by Mr. G. Leck. Interment was in Evergreen cemetery, Milton.

### Crowds at Showing New 1953 Pontiac

Judging by the crowds at Lorne Garner Motors on Tuesday, there was keen interest in the first showing of the new 1953 Pontiacs, which came out from under cover and went on public view that day. Two of the newly designed models were on display and many complimentary remarks were heard concerning the new models.

Motion pictures were shown during the opening and coffee and doughnuts were served the visitors and calendars and souvenirs of the opening were given the visitors. The new models remain on display at the show room on Main Street all week.

### Expresses Thanks Christmas Presents

At the Christmas season, the Children's Aid Society of the County of Halton received many generous donations of gifts, clothing, money and other articles. Superintendent G. F. Thompson reported in expressing the Society's thanks and appreciation.

"These donations were used to make the festive season happier for families not quite so fortunate as most of us in this prosperous county," Mr. Thompson said. "A number of well packed hampers of food were distributed along with the toys and clothing where it was felt they would be most needed.

"If the good people who made all this possible could witness the joy of the children and hear the words of appreciation expressed by their parents, they would indeed feel that their contribution was well worthwhile.

"To all the individuals and organizations who helped to make this possible, we extend our sincere thanks, coupled with best wishes for the year."

### Plan Safety Talk For 800 Children

Close to 800 school children will be addressed on the importance of safety when R. J. Cooksley and J. E. Morgan, Hydro Electric Power Commission Representatives, conduct a series of illustrated talks in the Acton public school auditorium for public and high school students on the morning of January 13. The program will continue in the afternoon in Rockwood where arrangements have been made to talk to students of Rockwood public school.

Big pantry bill: In 1951 Canadians spent \$3,400,000,000 on food.



INAUGURAL SESSION of Acton's 1953 council got under way on Monday night of this week when the newly appointed officials were sworn in and dealt with the year's first business. Shown around the table from the left are Clerk J. McGeechie, Councillors L. Wiecek, J. Greer, C. Lindsay, Reeve Stewart, Mayor Oakes, Deputy-Reeve Thompson, Councillors W. McLeod, E. Tyler and A. Irwin.

### BALLINAFAD

#### Friends Join As Couple Celebrate

A pleasant evening was spent at Mr. and Mrs. Cam McNery's when about 40 friends and neighbors gathered to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary December 27. Progressive euchre was played, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Law being the high scorers.

Refreshments were served, after which several pictures were taken and Mr. and Mrs. McNery were presented with a beautiful satin comforter, two beautiful china vases and a basket of mums. All sang "For they are jolly good fellows." All joined in wishing them many more happy anniversaries.

W. I. Holds Euchre

The Women's Institute held at the Hall on Tuesday night of last week when 29 tables of euchre services were played. High scores were held by Mrs. Jyn Brydon first and Miss Nora Base second, girls first was Ken Hamilton and second, George Somerville.

Door prize was won by Gordon Harding, spot dance, Nora Base and Jimmy Staddon. Music was by Ken Cotton's orchestra, which everyone enjoyed.

#### REPAINT Y 27 HOURS STRAIGHT PAUSE FOR TEA, HAMBURGS

Don Clayton and Y Secretary Bob Redfern, working 27 hours straight, from 8 a.m. last Friday morning until 11 o'clock last Saturday morning, repainted the Y staircase, downstairs hall, games room floor and kitchen floor a smart combination of cream and dark grey. With pauses for hamburgers and tea, the pair worked straight through so the regular Y schedule would be interrupted as little as possible.

The following accounts were approved for payment:	
Watson's Dairy Bar lunch for firemen & council	\$ 15.00
Whigham's Garage, gas, oil	103.80
Gypsum, Lime & Alabaster, crushed stone	44.05
Thompson's Farm Serv	42.09
Barnard Stamp & Stencil Ltd dog tags	17.25
J. Calder, repairs labor	17.10
Boone's Ltd, mums	9.05
Assoc. of Assess. Officers of Ont. fees	10.00
Acton Public Util. labor & material	129.88
Benington Rand Ltd, services calls & ribbons	14.00
Ont. Prov. Police salaries	687.54
Thompson Motors gas services	36.84
C. F. Leach and acct	190.19
	\$1,336.96
Sewer accounts were approved as follows:	
Len Ariss & Co rental of compressor	\$ 16.00
Franklin Press making up debentures	80.50
	\$76.50

A resolution was approved that the building committee in submitting estimates for the year, consider the purchase of new council chairs.

Reeve Stewart was authorized to act on any committee in place of the Mayor when delegated.

Tax arrears of \$4,429 for 1952, the highest in six years, were discussed. Action was arranged for collection of the various accounts.

Councillors Wiecek, Greer, Lindsay, McLeod, Tyler and Irwin, Reeve Stewart and Deputy-Reeve Thompson were present at the inaugural meeting with Mayor F. G. Oakes presiding.