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SET '53 HALTON COUNTY RATE AT 5.75

ARTILLERY TO PARADE, FIRE SALUTE PADRE SPEAKER AT SERVICE IN PARK

Three bands have already agreed to participate in the parade and drumhead service in Acton on Sunday, May 31, and the speaker for the service in the park has been secured. The Coronation committee is still making plans for the afternoon event, which will mark the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

The Royal Canadian Field Artillery Trumpet Band from Guelph, Guelph Pipe Band and Acton Citizens' Band plan to parade with the school children; more bands may be added as plans progress. Members of the artillery will also fire a gun salute.

The parade is expected to march from the Station to the park along Mill and then Main St., which will be gay with red, white and blue decorations and pictures of the Queen. The coronation decorations committee has met splendid response from businessmen and industries and look forward to decorations throughout the whole town as well as along the route of the parade.

The school children will each carry a flag as they march to the park.

The service there is under the direction of the Acton Ministerial Association. The speaker will be the padre of the Royal Canadian Field Artillery, Rev. Crawford Smith of St. Andrew's Church in Guelph.

Large pictures of the Queen have been ordered too for the decorations.

Representatives of various organizations attended the coronation committee meeting last Thursday. Since then, Dr. A. J. Buchanan, the chairman, with mayor Dr. F. G. Oakes, have attended a meeting of the Guelph Coronation committee for ideas which might be adapted to Acton's plans.

Donations have been made for the committee's use in the coronation celebration.

Further plans will be announced as they are made.

Hymn in Memory Of Late B. Mason

A variety of band, instrumental and solo selections was enjoyed last Sunday evening in the Roxy theatre when the Lorne Scots band presented a concert, under the direction of Bandmaster A Perrott. Numbers played by the smartly uniformed bandsmen were introduced by the master of ceremonies, Mayor F. G. Oakes.

Mr. Perrott spoke briefly and introduced the hymn, "Unto the Hills," which was played in memory of the late Bert Mason.

Joseph Seelen played accordion solos and a young boy from Brampton sang.

Acton residents playing with the Lorne Scots Sunday were Charles Landsborough, Charles Kingsmill, Ken Allen, Ray Agnew, George Smith, Joseph Seelen and Nino Braida.

INCINERATOR BLAZE SPREADS TO GARAGE

Flames threatening the frame garage at the home of K. Timbers, Main Street, South, were quickly extinguished by firemen Thursday afternoon about 3 p.m. Grass caught fire from an incinerator, and flames spread to the garage, which was next to the lumber pile of J B. Mackenzie and Son.

Damage was limited to one side of the garage.

District Deputy Visits Acton Lodge

About 150 Masons from Wellington District and other surrounding districts assembled in Walker Lodge on Monday evening. The occasion was the official visit of District Deputy Grand Master D. K. Bartleman to Walker Lodge, along with a number of Grand Lodge officers.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Bartleman complimented the officers and especially Worshipful Master L. W. Lovell on the high excellence of the degree work which was conferred on Bro. Thos. C. I. Winlow.

After the degree work of the evening, Rt. Wor. Bro. Bartleman presented Wor. Bro. A. J. Buchanan, the immediate past master of Walker Lodge, with his Past Master's jewel. Wor. Bro. V. B. Rumley presented to Wor. Bro. Roy McIntosh of Oshawa, on behalf of Walker Lodge, a life membership certificate to Walker Lodge.

A cold plate luncheon was served under the direction of Junior Warden George Wingate, assisted by a number of ladies, which was enjoyed very much.

Wor. Master L. W. Lovell was toast master for the evening and called upon Bro. Fred Dawkins to propose the toast to Grand Lodge which was replied to by Rt. Wor. Bro. Bartleman. The District Deputy commented on the friendliness of members of Walker Lodge and how visitors were always made to feel at home there. He took for his subject the topic, "Is Masonry a Religion?" He outlined some of the tenets which have to be subscribed to before joining Masonry. He pointed out that Masonry does not specify any religion but candidates must have a belief in the existence of a Supreme Being. "Being a Mason will not make a Christian of anybody, but will help any person to be a better Christian," the speaker said. He stated that any religion holds much for mankind. "A good Mason is a good churchgoer and carries the precepts of Masonry into his everyday life and business," the District Deputy concluded.

Wor. Bro. A J Buchanan proposed the toast to the visitors, which was responded to by Wor Master Earl Wilson of Speed Lodge, Guelph; Wor. Bro. Maynard Watson, of Mercer Lodge, Fergus and Rt. Wor. Bro. John Heap, Guelph, Grand Junior Warden for the province of Ontario.

The Junior Warden's toast, proposed by Junior Warden George Wingate, brought the enjoyable meeting to a close.

Esquesing Group Hold Annual Social

The Esquesing Federation of Agriculture held its annual social evening on April 8 at Stewarttown Community Hall, when an enjoyable evening was spent.

All the prizes were donated, three by Acton merchants and three by the ones in the southern part of the township.

Winners for the euchre were: ladies' first, Mrs. Ab Robinson, Acton; second, Mrs. Wilson, Georgetown and third, Mrs. Munro of Toronto; men's first, Mr. Ed Davenport, Milton; second, Mr Mac Alexander, Hornby; third, Mr. Cam Sinclair, Georgetown.

WILL TAPE BICYCLES TO AVOID ACCIDENTS

Cycling safety is everybody's business and in an attempt to protect night riders from accidents, the Acton Rotary Club will apply scotchlite tape to all bicycles at the public school on Saturday morning between 10 a.m. and 12 noon and between 1.30 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Supplies are on hand for 100 bicycles. Silver tape is applied to the handlebars and front forks, with red tape being applied to the rear fender.

The tape glows brilliantly, reflecting headlights, and is a definite safety precaution for the summer months ahead. Parents are asked to co-operate with club officials in making this plan a success.

Farmers Consider Group Advantages

A meeting of farmers in Brockville Hall on Tuesday evening of this week discussed the Federation of Agriculture and the Farmers' Union.

Many participated in the discussions and some expressed the opinion that a new organization might be better and solve some of the troubles that have been encountered by farmers.

The work of the Federation was also upheld and a list of Federation activities was reviewed. No decision was reached at the meeting but plans were made to review the situation.

Two Fire Alarms Within Half Hour

Before the Acton fire brigade had returned to the fire hall from a fire Monday afternoon, the siren sounded the alarm for a second blaze. Neither of the fires, which were reported within about half an hour of each other, was serious.

About 1.30 p.m. the alarm was turned in that there was a fire in the reforestation area behind Guelph St. The flames, which had apparently spread from the railroad tracks, were burning underbrush and had started up the trees. Over 400 feet of hose was quickly laid by the firemen from the truck to the spreading fire and the danger was soon eliminated.

The siren sounded a second time as the fire truck was on Bower Ave. returning to the fire hall. The truck immediately hurried to the property of Herbert Dodds near Dublin cemetery, where a grass fire was out of control. A large cedar bush was close to the spreading flames.

A workman on a township grader had stopped to help fight the fire before the brigade arrived.

Saskatchewan Band Has Balance

The following item from Swift Current, Saskatchewan, will be of interest to Actonians who heard the Swift Current band play a concert in Acton park last summer:

"Swift Current, Sask. — The Swift Current Boys' Band has at last been able to add up all of the many items of expense connected with their trip to Toronto last September. The total cost of the trip to Ontario was $11,077.15. After paying all expenses, the band committee finds that it has a balance of $2.300. This would seem to prove that such huge undertakings can be handled successfully, if they are handled by the right kind of people and in this case, we feel sure that the biggest share of the credit must go to Bandmaster Charlie Warren."

Canada's population should advance beyond the 15,000,000 mark this year.

County Secretary Is W.M.S. Speaker

The Christian stewardship secretary for Halton County Presbyterial was guest speaker when the United church W.M.S. held its Easter thankoffering meeting Tuesday afternoon in the Sunday school room of the church. The president, Miss M Z Bennett, was in charge and introduced the speaker, Miss Blanshard of Burlington, who spoke to about 60 ladies on Christian stewardship. Ladies from other Acton churches had been invited to attend.

A trio was sung by Miss Dorothy Simmons, Mrs C Pickett and Mrs. B. Veldhuis, accompanied by Mrs R Arnold. Piano solos were played by Mrs. Gordon Aitken, Ospringe.

Miss Bennett, Mrs. C Poole and Miss M. Mainprize took the devotional and Miss Bennett led in prayer.

After Mrs B Mowat thanked the speaker and those who had taken part, the meeting concluded and refreshments were served.

OBITUARY

W. Douglas Dies in Toronto Hospital

A well-known and highly respected resident of the Speyside district, William Douglas passed away in Toronto last Friday following an illness of about a week. A son of the late George Douglas and Margaret Manson, he was born at Streetsville, September 12, 1872. He resided in Guelph for a number of years prior to going to Speyside, where he owned the general store. In earlier years he was a builder and carpenter.

Besides his wife he leaves one son, Douglas and a brother. Three sisters predeceased him. Sympathy of many friends in the community goes out in their bereavement.

Mr. Douglas was a member of Knox church, Acton, and the funeral service on Monday afternoon was conducted by his minister, Rev. R. H. Armstrong. Interment was in Fairview cemetery, Acton.

The pallbearers were Messrs. John Moore, Goldie Gillies, Robert Dredge, Herbert Dredge, Ben Robertson and William McDonald.

County Rate Up ¾ Mill Road Rate 2.25 Mills

County Council agreed to the recommendations of the finance committee that a by-law be drawn to establish the county mill rate at 5.75 mills, an increase of three-quarters of a mill over last year when they met in regular session on Tuesday of this week. A general increase of operational cost contributed to the increase. Reeve E. F. Ford, Trafalgar, said the estimated expenditures would be $236,012.92, while revenue was estimated at $42,325.00, leaving a balance of $194,587.92 to be raised by general levy or 3.5 mills on the equalized assessment. The road levy is estimated at $125,092.24 or 2.25 mills.

Council approved a revision and increase in the salaries of the county clerk, the county treasurer and to members of the jail staff. Sheriff Robertson presented correspondence with the Department of Reform Institutions in this connection. He said it was extremely difficult to obtain guards, for the remuneration they were receiving.

On recommendation of the county building committee, council approved remodelling the governor's former residence in the building for office purposes and the erection of a vault with office equipment at a cost of $10,000.

Members endorsed a resolution sponsored by Smale and Atkinson that an investigation be made by the county engineer as to the regulation of speed in built-up areas served by the county road system, particularly the Guelph line south of the Queen Elizabeth highway and highway two.

Council turned down a proposal to celebrate the county centennial this year as they felt it should have been arranged last year. Some suggested it could be left in the hands of the different fall fairs but it was pointed out Milton fair observed their centennial in 1952 with an appropriate ceremony.

A number of grants were approved: to the Halton Junior Farmers, $25.; Halton Plowmen's Association, $200.; and the same amounts to the Milton Fair Board; the Acton Fair; the Georgetown Fair; the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, $350.; Salvation Army, $700.; Halton Music Festival, $100.; Hospital for Sick Children, $250 and $500 each to the Lorne Scots Regiment and the Lorne Scots Regimental Band.

Lt. Col. J. R. Barber was present to report on the activities of the regiment during the past year.

Following an investigation, council approved the purchase of 65 acres of land for reforestation in Nassagaweya township from the Frank estate, for $1,200. Walter Eaves, Trafalgar, was re-appointed weed inspector for 1953.

Ratepayers of two Nelson township school sections waged a successful fight when Halton County Council granted their request to establish a board of arbitration to hear their appeals in withdrawing from the Nelson school area. Over 20 ratepayers comprised a delegation which presented a petition to council last Tuesday afternoon.

Two identical petitions presented by the ratepayers of Zimmerman and Bell public school sections, asked council to establish this board to hear their case in connection with withdrawing from the present public school area and to re-establish the former school section. The petition also charged Nelson township officials with refusing this request and sought to have the county board of arbitration set up to hear their case according to provisions in the Act.

"This situation has existed in both school sections since 1942," declared B C MacNab spokesman for the delegation, as he reviewed events since the township board established a school area. He further stated that officials asked the ratepayers to try the new system for a period of three years and if they were not satisfied at that time, they could make representations to withdraw. The speaker said they had exhausted all avenues open for them to withdraw and they now sought to have council establish the board to hear their case.

"Bell section has tolerated the inefficient manner of operation of our school section for a long time and we are not setting a precedent in asking council to approve of our requests under the Act."

When questioned as to who would pay the costs of such a hearing, Mr. MacNab said his group would be happy to pay the costs as the saving in the first year of operating the section under the old system would more than cover the costs.

Reeve Russell Smale, Nelson, asked that a resolution of his council, passed March 23, be read, which said the council and the board would be willing to make improvements in the schools in question.

Reeve L. A. McArthur, Oakville, stated almost 90 per cent. of the people in these areas approved of withdrawing and "I feel we should grant their wishes and appoint this board of arbitration."

Reeve Smale outlined the events pertaining to these sections and "no progress was being retarded in the areas, while Deputy-reeve Frank Petch, Georgetown, pointed out there was an admission that these schools had not been treated as they should have been by the board.

"There have been promises and promises and you can't trust them as far as you can throw them. There is no voting power in the north of the township and we are forced to do something we do not wish to. We are solely run from the south," Mr. MacNab charged.

When asked why their problems had been carried over such a long period, the spokesman said, "political pigeonholing," as the delegation applauded. Warden George Leslie warned the delegation the speaker must keep to the point of argument in connection with their requests.

Reeve R. H. Shannon, Burlington, said he felt council should grant the request while Deputy-reeve John Atkinson, Nelson, said he welcomed the appointment of such a board, adding "but I am somewhat disappointed that some cannot reconcile themselves to decisions of those chosen and elected for duties in the municipality."

County solicitor K. Y. Dick was called to give his opinion regarding the Act pertaining to the appointment of a board of arbitration. He felt the act referred to school sections but not to a school area. Mr. MacNab pointed out the delegation disagreed with the solicitor's interpretation, as they had obtained information this procedure was their only right. "This was obtained by the higher officials in the Department of Education."

On motion of deputy-reeve B C. McKerr, Milton and reeve R H. Shannon, a resolution was approved to establish a board of arbitration to consider the appeal of the ratepayers of the Bell and Zimmerman school sections and that the board comprise of the county judge or his appointee, the public school inspector and three others. Only Nelson township representatives refrained from voting on the question.

The board of arbitration will consist of Judge W N Robinson or his appointee; L. L. Skuce, public school inspector, Edwin Harrop, Milton; Reeve L. A. McArthur, Oakville and George Currie, Georgetown.

Dr. M. McCready Addresses I.O.D.E.

The status of women is an index of civilization, Dr. Margaret McCready, principal of Macdonald Institute, Guelph, and president of the Ontario Educational Association, declared when she addressed the Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. Tuesday evening in the legion hall. She said other countries cannot expect the East to progress until women's status is raised there.

Vast changes are affecting our homes, she said, and homemakers must be well educated. She stressed that matrimony is actually a profession and a housewife needs training as other professionals do.

Telling of her own work at Macdonald Institute in Guelph, she stated that home economics is "out on a limb" at present since the government will not give grants for home economics facilities. "I don't think it's really meant, they're just hard pressed," she said.

Dr. McCready was introduced and thanked by Mrs. Wallace and presented with a bouquet of spring flowers.

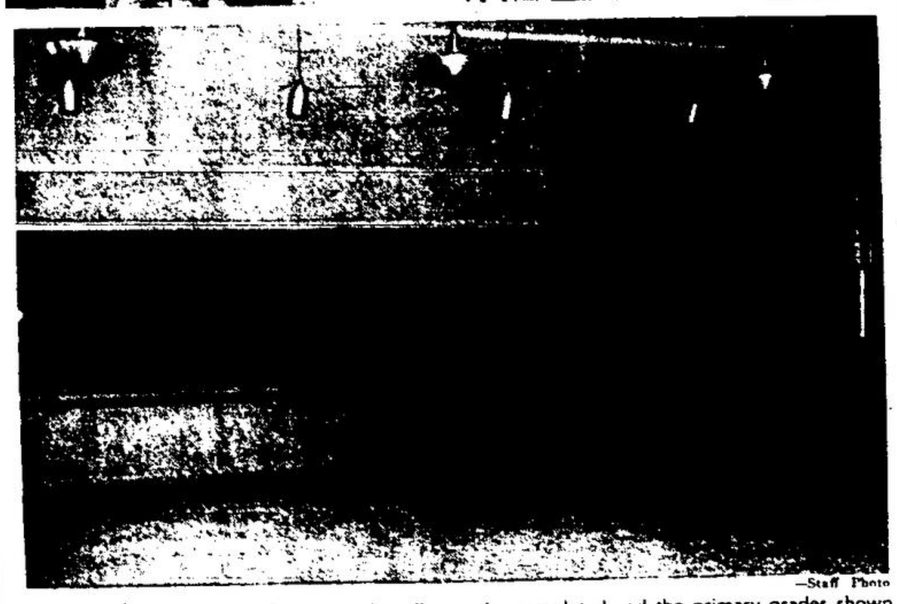
Regent Mrs G. McKenzie was in charge. It was decided in the business session to give flags, holders and pictures of the Queen to the public school, to donate to the coronation committee, to send gifts to Eskimos and to arrange for a Coronation dance.

A piano solo by Mrs. C Heard was enjoyed.

DIFFERENCE

"I was told to stop in here and buy either a camisole or a casserole, but for the life of me I can't remember which."

"Well, sir, if you'll tell me what kind of a chicken you propose to put in it, perhaps I can help you."



—Staff Photo

NEW SCHOOL ADDITION at Campbellville will so on be completed and the primary grades shown in the top photo, now in the Masonic Hall, will be moved to their bright new quarters. The addition at the Campbellville school has large windows on one side, rubber tile floors, deflective lighting and many new features. Miss June Watkins is the teacher of the primary group. The bottom photo shows one of the new rooms in the addition.

Town, Six Groups Show Surplus on '52 Operations

A surplus of $3,009.80 on the town operations for 1952 is indicated in the auditor's report submitted for council's approval at the last regular meeting this week. The Waterworks department, hydro electric, library board, planning board, public school board and North Halton high school district also reported surpluses on the past year's operations. Deficits were recorded on the Sewer operations, the Citizens' band and cemetery board.

Leaver and Hoskin, town auditors, pointed out in the report that the surplus on town operations resulted from an increase in supplementary assessment, fire grant, licenses and permits, interest, fines and a decrease in street light expenditures and welfare. Revenue in recreation and community services went up with expenditures going down.

The waterworks department recorded a surplus of $3,801.47 on the year's operations that involved revenue of $19,196.27, with expenditures totalling $15,394.80. A deficit of $773.56 on sewer operations was borne by the waterworks department.

The hydro department reported a surplus of $10,061.81 with expenditures of $101,379.69 and receipts of $111,440.87. The library showed a surplus of $49.22 and $1,271.81 of books purchased and the Planning Board showed a surplus of $23.75. A deficit of $378.99 was reported for the Cemetery Board and $8.24 for the Citizens' Band. The band received a total of $1,057.47 for engagements during the year.

The Public School Board reported a surplus of $9,691.04 on expenditures of $59,693.49, with income of $69,384.53.

The North Halton High School District Board reported a surplus of $14,287.03 on expenditures of $152,817.09.

Expenditures in town operations during 1952 totalled $208,735.15. All debentures presently in effect will by paid by 1972. Taxes receivable at the end of the year were $3,284. Cost of fire protection during the year was $2,473.15 and police protection $8,614.01.

Copies of the complete auditor's report will be available at the town office in a few weeks.