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## PLAN \$35,600 HYDRO DEBENTURE ISSUE



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**THEIR SIXTIETH WEDDING anniversary** was marked by Mr. and Mrs. William G. Gamble, Park Ave., with "open house" Sunday. Many friends and neighbors brought congratulations and best wishes for many more years of happiness together. The immediate family enjoyed a turkey dinner Saturday. The couple is pictured cutting their diamond anniversary cake.

### Name C. Hansen to P.U.C. Succeeds J. R. MacArthur

Acton Council was notified at their regular meeting Monday evening of the resignation of Public Utilities Commission chairman J. R. MacArthur effective immediately. Council appointed C. M. Hansen to fill out the unexpired part of Mr. MacArthur's term which runs until December, 1954. Council also ordered preparation of the by-law authorizing the election on the question of appointment of a five man commission rather than the present three man group. At present one commissioner is elected each year for a two year term and the mayor is a member. Resignation of C. Wood earlier this year resulted in the appointment of Ed Hofmager. Plans were made for the vote last year but since no election was necessary for municipal officials, the vote was cancelled.

Jack Sheehy protested the action taken in cancelling his tax license. A license was granted subject to the approval of the police committee at the last meeting of the council on the understanding the business would be operated from the lane between Cooper's Drug Store and the building owned by Mr. and Mrs. F. Wilds. Property owners notified the council they would not allow this business to be operated from the lane and the committee ordered the license cancelled.

A letter from G. C. Hewson, Georgetown, representing Mr. Sheehy, notified council they were being held responsible to the amount of \$25 a day for every day Mr. Sheehy was not allowed to operate his taxi.

Mr. Hewson, appearing before council, said the contention was that Mr. Sheehy was not given the opportunity to say he had rented another lot.

Council by motion ratified the action of the police committee in cancelling the license of J. Sheehy to operate a taxi cab within the Town of Acton owing to the refusal of the property owners to permit Mr. Sheehy to operate from the laneway as requested by Mr. Sheehy.

An application was made by Mr. Sheehy to operate his taxi from the lot at the corner of Jern and Mill St. with entrance from the side street and this was granted.

An application from Don Gardiner to operate under Courtesy Cab was deferred until his insurance had been reviewed and police approval received.

### Diamond Wedding Marked By Couple

Sunday, October 4 was a red letter day for Mr. and Mrs. William G. Gamble, 21 Park Ave., Acton, when they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

On Saturday, a turkey dinner was enjoyed by the immediate family, brothers and sisters of the couple, and their pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Currey. A happy time together was enjoyed by 27, and many pictures were taken during the afternoon.

The popularity of this esteemed couple was evidenced by the number of neighbors and friends who called to bring congratulations on Sunday, when Mr. and Mrs. Gamble were "at home" during the afternoon. They were ably assisted by their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Albert Gamble, who provided a beautiful wedding cake which centered the table.

Mrs. J. Rolston and Mrs. D. H. Johnson, both of whom received the guests, and serving were members of the family.

Many cards and gifts were received by the couple, who are still enjoying good health. Out-of-town guests were from Victoria, British Columbia, Fonthill, Toronto and Hamilton.

Two sisters of Mrs. Gamble's, both over 80 years of age, attended both with broken limbs. Mrs. J. Reed recently broke her leg and Miss Melissa Johnston, her arm. Both live in Acton.

Mr. and Mrs. Gamble were married October 4, 1893, at the home of the bride's parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnston, two miles north of Acton. For several years they lived on the adjoining farm; from there they moved to a farm in Eramosa. Until seven years ago, they lived there. Then they moved to their present home in Acton. Their family consists of two sons, Clarence, who lives with his parents, and Albert, who lives at Hespeler.



**J. R. (Bob) MacARTHUR** this week resigned from the Public Utilities Commission on which he has served for a number of years. He leaves his position with the Acton Free Press this week after 27 years to become a member of the staff of the Manitoulin Expositor at Little Current.

### Urges Interest In Affairs of World

The Duke of Devonshire Chapter IODE held its regular monthly meeting October 17 at the home of Mrs. J. Graham, Peel St. The business meeting was conducted by Mrs. A. Long.

Mrs. A. Moxat introduced the speaker, Mrs. H. Brooks, from Simcoe, who is the provincial convener of Empire and World Affairs. Mrs. Brooks stressed the importance of women taking an interest in world affairs and the danger of being unaware of the growth of communism. At the conclusion of her very interesting talk Mrs. Blow thanked her and Mrs. Youngblat presented her with a gift.

The members were distressed to learn that Mrs. R. MacArthur, recording secretary, is leaving town and Mrs. W. Wolfe expressed the appreciation of the chapter for her past good work.

A sum of money was voted to be sent to headquarters for boxes to be sent to Canadian boys.

### Rotarians Learn Of YMCA Objectives

The task of the Y.M.C.A. in the world community at large and in Acton was the subject of a most interesting talk by Mr. D. Schmuil, general secretary of Acton Y. to the members of Acton Rotary club on Tuesday evening.

Mr. Schmuil, who recently came from Amsterdam, Holland, to have charge of the Acton Y. told of some of his world experiences in his 25 years in Y.M.C.A. work. He pointed out the need in this present day of gadgets and automatic helpers in our everyday life for activity of mind and interest in our leisure hours and the using of these leisure hours for building of healthy bodies and sound thinking. He asked for the advice and guidance of all to make the Y.M.C.A. a force for good in Acton.

Mr. Schmuil was thanked by Art Padbury and Ogner, district governor, Partridge, of Port Credit, and a motion and vote of appreciation was passed.

### Mrs. W. Watkins Hostess to Group

The September meeting of Knox Ladies Aid was held at the home of Mrs. Wilmer Watkins on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. F. McCutcheon presided and conducted the business of the month. Mrs. D. McLean read the Bible lesson and Mr. E. Smith led in prayer.

The menu was planned and arrangements made for a banquet for the Men's Club. The group also decided to have the annual turkey supper at the anniversary season and to hold the October meeting one week earlier to complete the plans for the occasion. This meeting will be held in the classroom of the church.

As a follow-up to the business, Mrs. Murray Smith gave a reading by Edna Jacques, "Church Suppers" and Mrs. R. L. Davison gave on the "Value of a Quarter".

The meeting closed with a hymn and the Lord's Prayer. The convener, Mrs. A. M. McPherson with her helpers, Miss Somerville, Mrs. Murray Smith and Mrs. George Somerville, served refreshments. Mrs. F. Anderson expressed the vote of appreciation to the hostess and all who assisted in any way.

### SEVEN Y'S MEN AT REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Seven Acton Y's Men attended the regional conference of Y's Men's clubs at London on Saturday and Sunday, September 26 and 27. Attending sessions both days were D. H. Schmuil, Acton Y. general secretary, Mansell Nellis and G. W. McKenzie, Saturday evening only were attended by Claude Cook, Jack McGoach, Jack Greer and Charles Kirkness.

Both Mr. Kirkness and Mr. Greer took part in a panel discussion on membership and Mr. McKenzie looked after the membership form.

The forest policy of the paper industry is perpetual yield.

### "Sold" Called 500 Times at Auction

From a sewing machine that sold for \$13 to an old piece of china for a nickel, articles of all sizes and description changed hands Saturday in the third annual Y's Men's auction sale. Volunteer auctioneers Roy Hindley and Jack Elliott held the donated furniture, produce, household articles and even animals up for the encircling crowd to see and waited for the quick bids from the crowd. "Sold" was cried about 500 times.

As well as the items auctioned off, books and clothing and shoes were sold separately. Although not as many attended as last year, the response was good. A steady crowd coming and going inspected the articles for sale throughout the arena, patted the puppies, peered in at the chickens and chatted with friends, as well as purchasing what they wanted.

Donations for the sale during the week, Volunteer clerks and Saturday assistants included some of the members of the Y's Men's Ladies' Auxiliary.

Final figures of the sum added to the club's treasury for its projects from the sale are not yet tabulated.

Very little was left over after the day's sales.

### "Dust or Destiny" Much Appreciated

A crowd of well over 300 overflowed the seats in St. Alban's parish hall Sunday evening when the inter-congregational Bible Society presented a far side of musical numbers and a perceptive film followed by refreshments.

M. M. Coles, president of the inter-congregational Bible Society, executive presided. Musical numbers were given by Mrs. B. Veldhuis, Mrs. Dorothy Simmons, Les Duhay and Vic Brilow. Refreshments were also included.

"Dust or Destiny" the radio film followed scientific facts with a conclusion that a very hard chance of logic and intelligence is our choice.

Unexpectedly a part of the film included the pictures of an operation on the heart, a contrast on the eye and on the radar system of the brain. The brain failed to give us the answers of a child subject has not been matched by man's cunningness radar apparatus.

Much impressed by the film were over 30 from Mimosa Church, and Ballinacraig with Rev. Eric Curry and Mr. Russ, as well as local people. The four Protestant ministers in town were also present.

This far side was the first of the fall season, sponsored by the four Protestant churches on behalf of the Bible Society, which receives the offering. Sunday it totalled over \$50. It is hoped other films in the same series as "Dust or Destiny" may be secured.

Nine-tenths of the forests are owned by the people of Canada.

### P.U.C. Seeks Approval \$35,600 Capital Outlay

At their regular meeting Thursday evening of last week, Acton Public Utilities Commission agreed to obtain the approval of the H.E.P.C. of Ontario for capital expenditures up to December 31, 1954, totalling \$35,600. The following is a break-down of the amount required: frequency standardization \$16,000, stores building in excess of estimate \$2,000; rehabilitation and extension to distribution system \$4,500, line transformers \$1,200, meters (float type) \$100, new truck \$8,000, hot water heat control \$900, bank overdraft \$3,000.

The expenditures are to be financed from available funds and a debenture issue. These estimates and the financing has been set up by H.E.P.C. officials and they feel it is the minimum necessary to carry on the work for service to the community.

### Briefly Distressed At Nursery School

Playing and working with a large group of children for the first time in most cases, 36 young tots registered for Nursery School Monday and had their first morning of junior size activities on Wednesday.

While the youngsters sat around tables in the Y lounge, Wednesday morning, delightedly banging the table tops in rhythm with Mrs. D. Schmuil, another assistant was able to explain that this was the first regular morning session. The preschool children come to the Y Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:30 until 11. Working with them on different days are Mrs. F. Mooney, Mrs. J. Jany, Mrs. Curran, Mrs. Paul, Mrs. Gervais and Mrs. Schmuil.

Mrs. Schmuil, an expert in rhythmic gymnastics for the little boys and girls, had already given them some of her specialized instruction. Other activities include singing, games, drawing, playing with plasticine and cut-outs.

While the instructions were being interspersed only one little curly-haired blond girl seemed distressed while the others were beaming as they played together. "By now each bang on the table was alternated with a clap of hands."

"I want to go to my mummy," she said. She started up the stairs Mrs. Paul ran after her and easily persuaded her to come back and join the fun. She was soon banging the table with the rest.

The matter had been discussed with the finance committee of the Hydro Accounts.

Hydro Accounts  
Pety cash exp. trans. A \$ 1238  
North. Union Exp. In-  
premiums 10.00  
M. Cox repairs 2.65  
Packard Elec. ind. 50.10  
Ellis and Howard supp. 20.47  
MacDonald Elec. ind. 43.60  
H. B. Palmer office cleaning 17.00  
R. B. MacArthur ind. 7.98  
H.E.P.C. of Ont. water utility consumption 10290.21  
Piney Boxes of Can. serv. 4.10  
Ret. Gen. meter inspect 2.00  
\$10,468.59

### OBITUARY

#### Mrs. Ray Watson Dies at Grimsby

Mrs. W. Ray Watson, the former Neta Holman Kottner, died Monday at her residence, 2 St. Andrew's Ave., Grimsby. She was born in Welland county a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Kottner. She had lived in Georgetown before going to Grimsby with her husband nine years ago.

She was an adherent of Trinity United church. Her husband a former Acton resident is her sole survivor.

Service was held at the Stone house Funeral Home Grimsby on Wednesday. Burial was in Fairview cemetery, Acton.



**INTER-SCHOOL CHAMPIONS** as decided at the field meet in Erin on Tuesday of this week with Erin, Georgetown, Milton and Acton competing are shown. From the left in the back are Paul Barber, Georgetown, trophy winner of the 880 Peter Hurst, Acton, junior champion, Emmerson Baxter, Acton, bantam champion, Don Dawkins, Acton, senior champion, also holding the winning school trophy won by Acton, Wayne Arbic, Acton, intermediate champion, Eileen Oates, Georgetown, senior champion, and Betty Anderson, Milton, junior champion. Three girls were tied for the bantam championship and the tie was not broken.

### The secretary-treasurer was authorized to credit consultant's deposit of \$1000 against the account of W. Massey.

Mr. C. Mason was present to discuss obtaining services for his proposed new dwelling. It was his intention to erect a house fronting on the lane between Baxter's and his present house. His lot starts 132 feet from Willow St. and the town owns the lane, a distance of approximately 202 feet.

The matter was to be referred to council as this property was not a town street and it would involve a major expenditure to pay for these services.

The commission was to attend council meeting October 5 regarding new sludge beds for the disposal plant.

The H.E.P.C. advised by letter they were willing to pay the sum of \$340 for the 25 hp motor at the pump house in lieu of conversion. If it was desired to have it converted the cost would be \$275.

The commission was of the opinion they should accept the \$340 and this was to be recommended to council.

The secretary requested the commission to consider the purchase of a new billing machine at a cost of \$4,000. This machine could be used for tax bills and numerous other jobs which the present machine could not do. It therefore seemed equitable that the cost should be borne equally between the hydro water sewers and the town.

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H.E.P.C. of Ont. water utility consumption 10290.21  
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Ret. Gen. meter inspect 2.00  
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Waterworks Accounts  
Beardmore Co. ind. \$ 1.70  
Wallace & Tierman Ltd ind. 62.15  
R. B. McEachern, ind. 2.60  
Pacific Flush Tank Co. supp. 1.75  
Baxter Lab's solution 4.50  
Northern Elec. supp 85.42  
Can Brass Co supp 54.14  
\$218.25

council and they had consented to bear their share of the cost. A recommendation to this effect would be made to council on Monday.

It was decided Mayor Oakes could go to Hespeler to see a similar machine in operation so that a decision could be arrived at by Monday night.

Superintendent Mason reported they were going to install a 60 amp service to the pump house to take care of the new washroom.

Superintendent Lambert had reported he had moved the hydrant in the school lane to the inside of the sidewalk.

Chairman MacArthur submitted his resignation from the Commission to take effect immediately as he was leaving town to take up a new position. He expressed appreciation of the co-operation given by members of the commission and staff during his term of office.

The Acton P.U.C. accepted with regret the resignation of Chairman MacArthur from the commission as of October 1, 1953.

### 25 YEAR PIN GIVEN TO FORMER ACTONIAN

A 25 year pin was presented to former Acton resident Stan Mackie at the Davenport works of the General Electric Company recently. He began work with the company in 1927, but lost some time the following year so his continuous service dates from 1928.

Born in Scotland, Mr. Mackie came to Canada at an early age. He attended both public and high school in Acton. Married, he has a 10-year-old son. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mackie, and a sister, Miss Phyllis Mackie, live in Acton.