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## SELL HIGH SCHOOL DEBENTURES AT 97.35

### Council Sells High School \$190,000 Issue At 5%

The debenture issue of \$190,000 for five per cent over 20 years was sold at 97.35 by council at the meeting on Monday night. This issue is to cover the cost of the erection of the new high school in Acton. Before accepting the bid, council heard a letter of approval of the issue from the Municipal Board and representatives of Mills, Spence and Co. and Bell, Gaultlock. It was decided after discussion to cancel the callable feature of the issue as it was felt a lower price would be secured if this was retained.

The following motion was passed before the two firms tendered their price for the issue: "Moved by Stewart, seconded by J. M. Greer, and resolved that the recommendations of the Finance Committee be accepted and clause 12 of the by-law dealing with the borrowing of \$190,000 for the erection of a new high school be amended so that only the last year's maturity be callable and be further resolved that we do not advertise for tenders for this issue but consider competitive bids from Bell Gaultlock and Co. and a syndicate composed of the Bank of Montreal, Mills, Spence and Co. and Darwin and Hannaford, and be it further resolved that the bonds be sold immediately if a fair price is offered rather than wait till a later date with a possible lowering of the market." Carried.

Council authorized payment of the Municipal Board's fee of \$190 and \$120 for validation of the debentures. The net amount available for application on the construction of the school will be approximately \$184,000.

Mayor Oakes reported on a conference with Mr. Keith of the Bell Telephone Co. regarding a wider area of service for Acton. It was suggested a map be prepared and all the facts presented to the Bell Co. The boundaries, which it was felt should be reached from Acton exchange, should roughly be those of the fire area, north to no. 5 sideroad and to the seventh line of Eramosa in the southern direction. This material is to be prepared and further discussed.

The approval of council on the purchase of a Burroughs Sensimatic machine at a cost of \$4,000 developed considerable discussion. Councillor McLeod questioned if town finances permitted such an expenditure and doubted the right of this year's council to make an expenditure that would be paid for by the 1954 council.

Councillor Tyler contended the town hadn't the funds and there were plenty of other ways in which such funds could be better appropriated.

Mayor Oakes, who had gone to Hespeler to see a similar machine and other councillors contended the labor saving involved warranted the expenditure. Maintenance was \$124 per year and on the present equipment \$129 per year.

Moved by Greer, seconded by Lindsay and resolved that we accept the recommendations of the Finance Committee regarding the purchase of a new Burroughs Sensimatic machine and we agree to pay our share of the cost amounting to \$1,000 on delivery of the machine.

### Education Urged By Toronto Doctor

Dr. Moore of the Psychological Service Centre, Toronto, addressed members of the Acton Home and School Association at their meeting in the school auditorium Monday evening. Finding one's interests a job of prime importance in hunting a job, he told the gathering going on to consider personal qualities and the degree of complexity at which one can function without too much difficulty. He declared that everybody should have as much education as possible, no matter what job he or she was planning.

Gerry Candier introduced Dr. Moore and he was thanked by George Mason.

President W. Wolfe presided and introduced the executive of the Home and School association.

It was announced that new playground equipment purchased by the Home and School had arrived and several volunteered to help install it.

Peggy and Frances Oakes sang two duets accompanied on the piano by their mother, Mrs. F. Oakes.

Grade mothers will be chosen and will phone the mothers of pupils in each class before Home and School meetings, it was explained.

Mrs. Aiger's grade one class won the picture and \$2 for having the most parents present—18. This is the first time the new prize of \$2 has been awarded.

machine and a recorded vote be taken on the motion." Carried.

Voting for the motion were Messrs. Greer, Lindsay, Stewart, Weick and Oakes and opposed were Messrs. Thompson, McLeod, Tyler and Irwin.

A letter from County Clerk Deans advised council that the general county rate was 35 mills and 2.25 for county funds. Acton's share was \$238,922. "The amount Acton is required to pay is \$13,020.17. A discount of four per cent per annum is allowed if paid before December 20. By motion the treasurer was authorized to pay the county rate.

Hospital accounts for indigent patients from Acton up to September 1st amounted to \$1,933.50 and Acton's share of \$906.75 of these accounts was also to be paid.

A letter from the fire marshal pointed out that Acton would still have good fire protection if the electric pump at the reservoir was discontinued. They could not advise if insurance rates would be affected. Council notified the Public Utilities Commission to discontinue the electric service on the pump when it was found that for several years the service had not been operative and the monthly bill had been paid over this term.

Don Gardiner's taxi license was not granted when the car he was operating had not been passed as mechanically fit. Mr. Gardiner had, however, ordered a new car and the following motion was passed: "we issue a license to Don Gardiner to operate a taxi cab within the town of Acton, provided he satisfies the police committee that all requirements of the town by-law and the serial number of the new car be provided when obtained."

A legal undertaking was presented by John Sheehy in which he agreed to hold the town blameless for any action that had been made regarding issuing of a taxi license. Mr. Sheehy has been granted a license and agreed to the terms as set forth in the town by-law.

An account of an indigent patient was approved and correspondence read from Toronto General hospital, where Acton had refused to pay a hospital account.

The fire marshal's office sent notice of the annual training course.

By-laws in preparation for the municipal elections were read and approved. A question will be submitted to the electors changing the Public Utilities Commission from three members to five members.

Municipal nominations will be held on Friday, November 27 at 7:30 p.m. and elections will be held on Monday, December 7 with all voting being done at the town hall. The clerk was to endeavor to arrange with the same deputy returning officers to act who had done the work at the last election.

The clerk reported Voters Lists were ready and was instructed to have advertisements inserted in the Free Press requesting that all ratepayers examine the lists to see if their names were properly entered.

Councillor Thompson drew attention to the nuisance of motor vehicles preceding the fire truck on calls and hampering the work of the brigade. The Highway Traffic Act provided for offences of motorists who followed a fire truck closely or interfered with the equipment reaching the scene. Cooperation of the police was to be sought in enforcing the laws.

Accounts were passed as follows and also an amount of \$2.50 for Henry Bittorf for attending mutual aid.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Whitham's Garage	\$76.17
J. B. Macdonald	\$1.10
Lorne Garner	2.36
Symon Hardware	20.36
W. D. Talbot	28.48
Town of Acton, hydro	308.00
Bell Telephone Co.	61.35
Acton P.U.C. hydro oper-	
ations for Sept.	341.65

\$907.77

Councillors L. Weick, J. Greer, C. Lindsay, E. Tyler, Wm. McLeod, A. Irwin and Reeve J. Stewart and Deputy-revee R. Thompson were present and Mayor F. Oakes presided at the Monday night meeting which adjourned Tuesday morning at 1:30.

### Employees Battle A. P. Green Blaze

Edward Ryan and Fergus Quee battled a blaze in a brand-new storage shed at the A. P. Green Fire Brick Co. with plant fire fighting equipment late Friday evening until Acton fire brigade arrived. Town firemen poured water on the flames in piles of loose excelsior which charred boards in the shed at the extreme end of the Bower Ave. plant.

The new shed had not yet been completely painted. Loss was under \$100.

Cause of the blaze is unknown. A passer-by noticed smoke coming from one of the windows of the storage area and ran into the plant to warn Mr. Ryan and Mr. Quee. Mr. Ryan, foreman of the tunnel kiln, phoned the alarm.

A fire door had automatically swung shut, due to the heat shutting off the shed from the rest of the plant by a "masonry wall" as well as the fire door.

The two plant employees battled the blaze from a door to the outside of the shed. One fire extinguisher was thrown directly on top of the burning excelsior.

The fire fighting equipment and fire door, which proved so valuable had been installed in the A. P. Green plant which was erected after a disastrous blaze about 14 months ago when most of the plant was razed.

Employees at the Friday evening blaze were up till 3 a.m. cleaning out the shed and taking the excelsior to the dump.

No production was lost.

The old Acton fire truck was also driven to the scene of the fire and stood in readiness in event of a second alarm.

### Children's, Youth Sunday Observed

Sunday, October 18 was observed as Children's Day and Youth Sunday throughout the Church of England in Canada. At St. Alban's Church here, 185 parents and children participated in the morning service. Families sat together on this Sunday and worshipped as a family.

The sermon was a simple one based on the wonder felt by persons of all ages at all the wonderful things God the Creator has placed in the world "Wonder," said the rector, Rev. R. E. Price, "is one of the biggest parts of worship. To wonder is to worship."

Boys of the church school acted as sidesmen. The offering was taken by boys of the school and the junior choir sang the anthem "Fairrest Lord Jesus."

It is hoped that each year this Sunday will be marked by a special observance.

### Three Quilts Sent To Korea by W.A.

The Woman's Association of the United Church met at the home of Mrs. B. Veldhuis on Tuesday, with the president Mrs. H. Burns presiding. Devotional period was taken by Mrs. E. A. Currey. The roll call was answered by the word "fruit".

The ladies have quilted several quilts and three were sent to Korea. A donation is being sent to a memorial to the late Mrs. Jewell in F.V. Oak Training School for leaders.

Plans were made for several events which are taking place in the very near future.

Lunch was served by Mrs. Veldhuis assisted by Mrs. C. L. Poole, Mrs. H. L. Elliott, Mrs. D. Drysdale and Mrs. E. Jennings.

A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Veldhuis for her home and to the lunch committee.

Sympathy was extended to Mrs. C. W. Mason through the passing of her sister also to others who have been bereaved. Congratulations were extended to Mr. and Mrs. William Gamble on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

### Largest Attendance at Square Dance

Although 95 — the largest attendance to date — gathered in the Parish Hall last Friday evening for an evening of old-time dancing held by the Square Dance club. Hugh Hamer of Kirkdale called out the music of the Rhythm Ramblers.

Mrs. Vyse won the door prize.

Gerry Candier announced that Uncle Penn's square dance set winners at the C.N.E. and champions of Northern Ontario would give exhibition dances at the next club dance. An old-time fiddler will also come to one of the dances as guest artist.

### Congratulate W.I. On Winning Prize

Dublin Women's Institute held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. J. Black and Mrs. J. D. Black. 22 members answered the roll call, which was a mystery, with each one given a question to answer. The answers included reports from the area convention, highlights of Erin fair, summer holiday trips and household economies.

Mrs. J. C. Van Goozen spoke of her pleasure in being a member of the Irish Horticulture Society and having won a prize on her garden. She also told of her trip to Prince Edward Island and the east coast of the United States.

Mrs. Roudhouse of Guelph spoke on the history of the African violet and gave many hints on growing them.

A report of the district directory executive meeting was given. It was decided not to send in for the annual report.

Congratulations were extended to Dublin from the district and other institutes on winning a prize at the area convention. Lunch was served by the committee and a social hour enjoyed.

### Elmer Taken Down As Pupils Watch

Elmer, the Safety Elephant pennant was slowly lowered from the flag pole at the public school Thursday afternoon of last week, as all the pupils and their teachers stood outside watching.

Police constable R. Robinson lowered the flag early in the afternoon, following an accident during the noon hour in which David Shannon, eight, was struck by a car.

The lad, who suffered a minor head injury, is back at school this week but Elmer may not fly again until after 30 accident-free days.

Principal G. W. McKenzie introduced the policeman to the youngsters. Constable Robinson told how their fellow pupil was injured, apparently darting from between two parked cars. He reminded them to cross streets between the marked lines and stressed the safety rules again. If you don't obey the rules, you aren't fooling a policeman but you are fooling yourselves, he told them.

The green flag with the picture of Elmer the Safety Elephant was rolled up and taken away.



HIS 94TH BIRTHDAY was marked on Monday, October 12 by John Smith, a former Acton resident who now lives in Kitchener.

Mr. Smith spent many years of his life in the Acton area, both on a farm and later in town at the corner of Mill and John Sts.

### 111th Anniversary For Baptist Church

Sid Johnson of Toronto, past president of the Ontario and Quebec conference of Baptist churches, was guest speaker both morning and evening Sunday when the Acton Baptist church observed its 111th anniversary. Members of other Protestant congregations in town joined in the evening worship.

At the morning service, Mr. Johnson spoke on the "Heart of God," stressing the importance of letting God hold our hand, and direct our paths through trouble and sorrow, joys and pleasures.

"Whispering Hope" was sung by the trio, Faye Garner, Mary Reid and Helen Landsborough, and the choir sang "The Old Hugged Cross."

Rev. Price read the Scripture at the evening service and Rev. R. H. Armstrong led in prayer. Special music was again a highlight. Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Casleris sang a duet and Mrs. Casleris sang a solo.

The church that doesn't need our money, our time and talents, is stagnant, Mr. Johnson declared in his address. Churches must always be building on God's foundation.

There was a good crowd in the morning, with the church filled in the evening when members of other congregations joined with the Baptist congregation.

### Brigade Douses Fire Out of Control

A grass fire out of control was quickly doused by Acton firemen shortly before noon Saturday, Jake Keotzier, who rents a farm on the third line of Resuing about half a mile south of the Dublin crossroad, turned in the alarm.

His attempts had been unsuccessful to prevent a fire from spreading to nearby trees and weeds. Mr. Keotzier, wearing wooden shoes, had tried to smother the flames with a shovel. The blaze, at the entrance to the farm lane, was extinguished by hose from the Acton pumper.

### REV. CURREY, CHOIR ANNIVERSARY GUESTS

An amplifier carried the church service to the basement when a capacity crowd filled the main church auditorium at Brown's Corners United Church on Sunday evening. Rev. E. A. Currey of Acton United Church was the anniversary speaker and the Acton church choir presented the special music.

Three anthems were sung by the choir: "Great and Marvelous," "The Radiant Morn Hath Passed Away" and "Therefore With Joy." Mrs. B. Gobbs sang a solo, "Near My God is My Trust." Over 20 members of the choir were present.

Before church, Acton visitors and their friends enjoyed refreshments at the parlourage of Rev. A. C. Huston at Victoria Square. Lunch was served in the church basement after the service.

### SCHOOL ATTRACTIVE WITH NEW SHRUBBERY

Attractive ornamental shrubs are being planted around the new public school this week. The low evergreens are being planted by Fergus Quee for the school board.

Planting of bulbs and flowers between the new shrubs is already being considered. There is a possibility some of the money raised by the pupils through such projects as the recent sale of Christmas cards may be used for such a purpose.

### THANKOFFERING SPEAKER DESCRIBES TRIP TO EUROPE, PRAISES W.M.S.

Ladies from Ebenezer Rockwood, Ballinacraig and Acton Protestant churches gathered in the Sunday school room of the United church for the Women's Missionary Society thankoffering meeting Tuesday afternoon.

Special speaker was a returned missionary from China, Mrs. Langley who spoke of her church work as well as her trip to Europe.

Miss Bennett, the president in charge of the meeting. Prayer was given by Mrs. Hannah and the collection taken by Mrs. Lambert and Mrs. Banne was dedicated by Mrs. Cleave. Miss Bennett gave a reading on the "Guidance of God."

Musical numbers were given by Mrs. R. Robbins, who sang two solos and Mrs. J. Gordon, who played two piano selections.



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### P.U.C. NAMES C. HANSEN CHAIRMAN, UNANIMOUSLY CONDEMNS EDITORIAL

Charles Hansen was appointed Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission after subscribing to the oath of office to replace J. R. MacArthur who recently resigned, at the regular meeting of the Commission on Thursday evening of last week.

The secretary-treasurer was authorized to issue cheques in payment of the following account: hydro \$497.25; water \$1770.93.

An editorial in the Acton Free Press dealing with the proposed debenture issue was read by the Commission and exception taken to the statements contained therein.

It was stated that no increase in rates had been forecast by the H.E.P.C. but apparently Acton will pay in its tax rate. Commission pointed out this is not the case as a debenture requested by the Commission for hydro purposes is paid from funds accrued from the sale of electricity to the consumer. No levy is made on the tax rate of the town.

The \$4,000 billing machine has no bearing whatsoever in the proposed debenture issue. Commission said the cost of this machine is to be borne from general funds in the four departments concerned who will benefit from the operation of this machine. Commission pointed out: As the town grows so does the administration of its business and it is only good business practice to keep up with the work involved. This machine will save the cost of additional staff which will soon be required to keep up with the growth of the P.U.C. bill.

The Commission emphasized that the \$800 for the hot water heater control will contrary to the opinion expressed certainly help the consumer in that it reduces the peak load thereby reducing the cost of power to the Commission which is naturally passed on to the consumer.

It has been proved beyond doubt in numerous municipalities that this control system pays for itself in a very short time.

Commission explained that when it is considered that only one debenture issue has been undertaken by the Commission since its inauguration, the speaker for itself.

Council advised they wished the hydro meter moved from the property of J. Higgins on Mason Blvd. The Commission concurred in this request and the secretary was to write Mr. Higgins and ask that he deal with the Commission until the meter was installed in the subdivision.

Mrs. Adam Brown requested consideration of her hydro accounts as she had been away for three months. No debit was placed as the power bill had been on during the entire period.

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