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Increase In Acton Hydro Again, Last Not Sufficient

A 7.5% increase in Acton hydro rates will result if a recommendation of the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario is supported by the necessary approval of the local commission. In regular meeting on Thursday night of last week the Acton Public Utilities Commission received the information from the Ontario Commissioner.

Commenting on the second rate increase in less than a year, Mayor Oakes said H.E.P.C. officials had agreed they didn't give Acton a high enough selling price when they raised the purchase price. "We're led to believe this increase will handle it but we were led to believe ten months ago the original raise would cover it," Mayor Oakes declared.

It was pointed out the H.E.P.C. of Ontario set both the rate the local commission purchased power at, as well as the selling price. "It is estimated that this suggested increase will create approximately increases in revenue and surplus of \$10,800 and \$7,300 respectively over and above those estimated for 1953." The increase if approved, effective January 1, 1954, does not affect the hot water rates or street lighting rates.

The commission agreed to check the legal advice on whether the hydro truck purchase could be included in the debenture issue of \$35,500 proposed for the commission's capital expenditures to December 1954.

Council's recommendation that the commission secure a comparative price on the hydro truck was accepted and the price was being secured.

The discontinuance of electrical service to the emergency pump at the pump station on Main St. south as ordered by council was authorized. This service has been discontinued due to the high conversion charge and can still be powered by the gasoline motor.

A report from the road committee was received that on opening a storm sewer to eliminate blockage it was found a water service had been installed at that location. The committee pointed out that they would appreciate an opportunity to repair this type of damage when the excavation is open.

The amount of \$1,950 to Jones and Van Gils as the balance of payment for the new garage and work shop was received. Payment of \$1,500 of the account was approved, the balance being retained as a holdback for some minor items yet to be completed.

Hydro superintendent D. Mason reported installation of a control to prevent motors at the pump station running on a single phase in case of a power interruption.

Changes in transformer location were approved for increases in service demands.

Mayor Oakes requested detailed information on the cost of moving the old hydro garage. It was pointed out it had cost \$300 to move the building and \$325 for the new foundation.

The meeting, conducted by chairman C. M. Hansen, adjourned at 9:25 p.m. with all members present.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

Hydro Accounts	
Petty cash, exp. trans.	\$ 14.95
I.G.A. Super Market	12.70
M. Cox's clear drain	1.75
H. Palmer, office cleaning	17.00
H. G. Barlow	6.78
Addressograph - Multi graph	3.56
Ellis and Howard	4.20
Masco Elec. tape	3.76
Car Westinghouse Co.	14.41
Moloney Elec. transformer	5.68
Supreme Power Supplies	403.00
trans-former	171.00
H.E.P.C.	3.50
H.E.P.C. consumption and expenses	10126.83
	\$11126.83
Water Accounts	
Import. Oil oil	\$130.54
Thompson Motors	6.85
Car Brass Co.	177.17
Northern Elec.	409.20
W. D. Talbot	50
Pacific Flush Tank Co.	2.0
Car Brass Co.	14.24
	\$740.65

Penny Sale, Euchre Have Many Prizes

Many were prize winners when the Y Ladies' Auxiliary held its penny sale and euchre in the Y on Thursday.

Euchre prizes were: ladies' first, Mrs. H. Deforest; second, Mrs. L. Maroux; consolation, Mrs. J. Wildy; men's first, W. Osborne; second, Mrs. C. W. Maplesden; consolation, Mrs. D. Price.

Mrs. R. Haines of Glen Williams was the winner or three of the prizes in the penny sale—a set of pillow cases, nylon and pearls. Mrs. Jim McKnight won both the jodpurs and the dresser set and Mrs. H. Deforest both a tray and towels.

Other winners were: groceries Mrs. J. McGeachie; salt and peppers, Mrs. Gordon Gibbins; book ends, Mrs. D. Cook; spoon, Miss A. Stalker; chocolates, Jim Gibson; planter, Miss Lila Murdoch; pyrex dish, Mrs. C. Rognvaldson; doll, Mrs. E. W. Brown, Toronto; socks, Mrs. N. Hurst; playing cards, Mrs. R. Bean.

Writing paper, Mrs. A. J. Buchanan; glamor pin, C. W. Maplesden; Klaxon doll, O. Lamb; fancy pillow cases, Mrs. W. Chisholm; tea towels, Mrs. Loyal Cripps; refrigerator, Alex. Graham; Bampton; casserole, G. W. McKenzie; cup and saucer, Mrs. G. Rose.

Preaching Mission Week-Long "Calls"

The preaching mission that has been arranged by the four Protestant communions in Acton began on Monday evening before a congregation that nearly filled the Baptist church. As the congregation gathered, they sang hymns that are familiar to the whole church.

The service began at eight o'clock and was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Costerus. Sorrow was expressed that Rev. R. E. Price of St. Alban's had been taken to the hospital that afternoon and would not be able to participate in the mission.

Rev. Stanley W. Vance of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Hamilton is preaching each evening. The number attending the mission is growing and those in charge are looking for a steady increase leading up to the climax on Sunday when a service of witness will be held in Knox church at seven o'clock.

On Monday, Rev. Vance preached on "The Call to Christ," taking his text from Revelations 3: 20: "Behold I stand at the door and knock." He pointed out that this was addressed not to pagans but to Christians, and that Jesus stands waiting entrance into the whole of the Christian's life.

He made reference to Holman Hunt's well known picture "The Light of the World."

On Tuesday, in Knox church, Rev. Vance preached on "The Call to Faith," basing it on the 11th chapter of Hebrews. He said the call of Christ involved a call to church to prayer, to love and to worship and at its heart was the call to faith, which was also God's great gift.

Wednesday evening in the United church, Rev. Vance preached on "The Call to the Church."

"The Call to Prayer" will be his topic to-night (Thursday) and "The Call to Love" Friday, concluding Sunday with "The Call to Worship."

Rev. Vance preached with vigor in a way that stirred deep feeling and compelled the response of the well-to-the claims of the Christian faith.

"Warren Grove" Chosen New Name

"Warren Grove" has been selected as the name to replace "Warren Housing," to designate Mason and MacDonald Blvds. and Division St. a subdivision at the north-east limits of town.

Of the votes cast, 78.6 per cent were for Warren Grove. One vote was cast for "Elm-Drove" and two for Glenwood.

No official action is necessary to adopt the new name for the subdivision. "Warren Housing" the name by which the section was generally known was never official either the street names of Mason and MacDonald Blvds. were officially designated by council.

Only constant use will ensure the success of "Warren Grove," the new and certainly more attractive name.

Warren Grove is the name in use was called years ago and many of the older residents of town still refer to the grove of trees between the houses and the highway as that.

\$1161. Presented To Y.M.C.A. Board

The Y.M.C.A. Board was the recipient of two cheques at their meeting in the Y.M.C.A. on Monday, October 26. A cheque for \$900 was presented by Tom Watson, projects treasurer of the Y's Men's club, to Gordon Oder, chairman of the finance committee of the Y Board. A second cheque for \$261.28 was presented to Cliff Sutton of the Y Board by Mrs. J. McGladrey, treasurer of the Y Ladies' Auxiliary, on behalf of that organization.

It is expected that some of the money given by the ladies will be used for a piano and renovation of the front hall. The sum was raised through a project of dismantling bales.

The \$900 from the Y's Men is to be used to assist the Y Board in paying for the renovations to shower and locker rooms in the Y.

The Y's Men's club raises its funds through various projects such as the sale of turkey tickets, annual auction sale, sale of Christmas trees and other events. This money is turned back to the people of Acton in some form through the Y. Apart from this donation, equipment has been placed in the park to be used by the children and it is expected that more equipment will be added there at some future date.

Other events such as the Father and Son banquet and swimming classes for boys and girls in Guelph are further activities of the club.

The annual Halloween party put on by the Y's Men's club always gives the children a good time. There is no doubt that although the crowd this year was not as large as last year, all the children enjoyed themselves. After all the children in the arena were given candy, more was distributed at the main intersections in town.

Bus Trip Slides Shown to Institute

J. E. Whitlock, agricultural representative of Halton county, was guest speaker at the November meeting of Lamchouse Women's Institute on November 5 in Lamesara Memorial Hall. Mr. Whitlock spoke briefly of the changing conditions facing agriculture at the present time, after which he showed very interesting pictures of the bus trips enjoyed the past few years by Halton farm operators and sponsored by the Halton Crop Improvement Association.

He said, "You can tell a person you can show him pictures, but I see for himself, it carries more weight and much more often brings results."

The roll call, "A piece of furniture I would like," was answered by 13 members and one visitor. The motto, "Don't pray cream on Sunday and live skim milk the rest of the week," was taken by Mrs. Allan Norton and current events were given by Mrs. Smithurst.

During the business session, a bazaar and afternoon euchre were planned for later this month; the Christmas parade to an English farm arranged and \$25 was voted for the Korea fund of the Unitarian service of Canada.

Report of the Conference on "Cultural activities in our community" showed a small attendance, but a really worthwhile day for those who attended.

A social time over the tea cups was spent at the close of the meeting.

INEZ McLELLAN HEADS GUELPH YOUNG PEOPLES

Mrs. Inez McLellan was again elected president of the Guelph Presbyterian Young Peoples at a meeting Monday evening at Galt, Jan. Galt of Acton was elected first vice-president.

Mrs. McLellan conducted the business part of the meeting. Others from Acton who attended were Mrs. Billa Mae Russell, Doug Bennie, Bill Manprize, Ralph Vlastra and Bob Vlastra.



A CHEQUE FOR \$900 is presented by Tom Watson, projects treasurer of the Y's Men's club to Gordon Oder, chairman of the finance committee of the Y.M.C.A. Board, cover the flags of the International Y's Men's club. The money will be used to assist the Y Board in paying for the renovations to the shower and locker rooms. From left to right are Gordon Oder, Cliff Sutton, G. W. McKenzie, D. H. Schull, the Y secretary, J. Greer, Elmer Smith and Tom Watson.

REMEMBER WAR DEAD WEDNESDAY IN SERVICES AT CENOTAPH, CHURCH

Names of the Acton soldiers, sailors and airmen who gave their lives in the wars of 1914 to 1918 and 1939 to 1945 were again this year read aloud shortly before 11 a.m. on Wednesday morning November 11. After Sgt-at-Arms H. O'Rourke read the names, the crowd gathered at the Acton cenotaph bowed their heads in two minutes silence, recalling the sacrifices made for freedom.

The flag at the cenotaph flew at half mast until reveille, sounded by Norman Braida, when it was raised to the top. Simultaneously, the flag of the color party, which had been dipped during the annual two minutes of silence, were raised.

A service in the United church followed the outdoor ceremony of remembrance. A parade from the Legion Hall to the cenotaph began the yearly remembrance for war dead. Acton Citizens' Band was followed by the color party, members of the Legion, Legion Ladies Auxiliary, firemen, members of the Duke of Devonshire and Lakeside chapters of the I.O.D.E., Women's Institute members of council, boy scouts, clubs, G.P.P. and brownies. Stan Hall, M.P.P. also marched with the group.

Members of the Lorne Scots Reserve Arms division, under Lieut Crawford Douglas, formed a cenotaph guard.

W. Maddocks gave the Legion message.

Wreaths were placed at the foot of the cenotaph from the Acton Citizens' Band, Beardmore and Co., Ltd. Acton Women's Institute, Legion Branch No. 197, Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, branch 197, Lakeside Chapter, I.O.D.E., Duke of Devonshire, Chapter I.O.D.E., The Fire Brigade, the town of Acton, U.P.W.A. Local 497, T.W.U. Local 721, the province of Ontario and Mrs. J. Gibbons.

Rev. Armstrong pronounced the benediction, after which the groups paraded. Filed between the flags of the color party, which had formed two lines at the door of the United church.

Basing his memorial address on the 13th chapter of Romans, Rev. Armstrong recalled that Paul stressed the importance of governing authorities. Good citizenship is a Christian as well as a patriotic duty he declared.

Hon. Capt. Rev. E. A. Currey gave the call to worship, conducted the responsive reading and pronounced the benediction.

Rev. Armstrong read the scripture lesson. Hymns were appropriate to the occasion—O God our Help in Ages Past, From Ocean unto Ocean, and O Valiant Hearts. The Legion choir and E. Hansen at the organ led in the singing. A quartette "Let Your Lower Lights be Shining" was sung by George Musselle, Hamilton, Peal, W. Maddocks and John McHugh.

The flags and wreaths made bright spots of color before the cenotaph during the service in the morning on a grey, chilly day. By evening rain was falling and well-known names on the Acton cenotaph glistened wet in the light of their illumination. The wreaths still looked bright; rain can no more daunt their spirit and meaning than time the memory of fallen comrades.

Roof construction, depreciation and a new valuation card were discussed by nine members of the Halton County Assessors' Association at their meeting in Milton on October 30.

Ballinafad W.I. Guests in Acton

The November meeting of the Acton Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Charles Mason on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. R. L. Davidson presided and welcomed the visitors from Ballinafad W.I. at the meeting.

The roll call was answered by "Little things that make for good citizenship."

The motto of the month was given by Mrs. Robert Van Norman, "Don't look for flaws as you go through life, and even if you find them, it is wiser and kind to be somewhat blind and look to the virtue behind them."

The standing committee conveners gave interesting items in their own departments—Mrs. William Hamilton an interesting item on quality of citizenship; Mrs. E. Smith a paper on "The error in making children take music if they do not choose it themselves." Mrs. Earl Lambert displayed a home-made Christmas gift and also gave the report from the Directors' meeting in Milton.

Mrs. George Lantz read an informative paper on "what we learn from shadows." Mrs. Wilderspin reported on the quantity of grain at the west coast. Mrs. Davidson told of a fellow member of Ancestry who had won an essay contest.

Greeting cards were autographed by all present for a sick member at home and a former member in Toronto hospital.

Mrs. T. Gibson, the president of the Ballinafad W.I., expressed their pleasure at being present. Mrs. Ernie McEnery contributed several piano numbers and Mrs. Robert McEnery gave a reading, "The yellow butterflies" in commemoration of Remembrance Day.

Mrs. Lantz introduced a bird contest with prizes for the winners. Singing "The More We Get Together" closed the meeting and a social time was enjoyed together.

Christmas Buying In First Snowstorm

Early Christmas shoppers, during the first snowstorm of the season, made many purchases Saturday afternoon at the bazaar sponsored by the Lakeside Chapter, I.O.D.E. A full selection of knitted articles, children's wear, toys, aprons, home-baking candy and novelties was offered. Special Christmas items were greeting cards, red felt decorated stockings, corsages of cones and Christmas balls and wax candles decorated with sequins and crushed glass.

A fish pond was a special feature for the children.

Tea was served at one end of the symposium, while tables of goods for sale effected the rest of the room. Pouring were Mrs. G. W. McKenzie, regent of the chapter, and Mrs. A. Long, regent of the Duke of Devonshire chapter.

Winners in the draws were: child's desk set, Mrs. John Wynne; oil painting, Mrs. Doris McGilloy; box of candy, Mrs. R. O'Hara; dressed doll, Miss Ruth Anne Leatlerland; hooked rug, Mrs. M. Walker; toolled wallet and key case, Tommy Perkins.

Mrs. R. Bean and Mrs. H. H. Hinton were conveners of the bazaar and tea, which proved a splendid financial success.

18,000 Acre Ranch Described to Group

A talk by Dr. D. C. Maplesden, a film on tuberculosis, vocal and piano selections and readings, as well as regular business, comprised a full meeting of the Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. in the Legion Hall Tuesday evening.

A former Actonian who now lives at Guelph, Dr. D. C. Maplesden, veterinarian and agriculturalist, described to the group his work in Texas at Flat Top Ranch and told his impression of the country. In Texas there are pastures of 1,000 acres, he said, with cattle never stabled. Two crops a year are harvested, which Dr. Maplesden considered "robbing the land."

Flat Top Ranch was a "farm" of 18,000 acres with 2,000 head of Herefords. There were 120 miles of improved road on the ranch and a dam which created a 100 acre lake. This was used for irrigation in time of drought.

One August, he recalled, there were 25 days when the temperature rose to over 100 degrees!

Mrs. A. Orr thanked Dr. Maplesden and presented him with a gift.

Mrs. Maplesden, an out-of-town member of the chapter, and Mrs. Cullen of Guelph, were special guests.

A film on Christmas seals and the funds thus raised to combat tuberculosis was shown by Dick Bean and Lorne Garner.

Plans for attending the Remembrance Day service were announced. Mrs. R. Bean reported on the bazaar held last Saturday, which was a splendid success.

Mrs. E. Smith gave a reading on the opening of parliament, concluding with Kipling's "Recession-ism."

A donation of \$25 was made to a victim of polio.

"Danny Boy," sung by Mrs. C. Leishman, was much enjoyed, as was a piano solo by Mrs. M. McCullough.

A delicious lunch was served by the group in charge.

School Observes Remembrance Day

Acton public school pupils conducted their own Remembrance Day service Tuesday afternoon in the auditorium of the school. Young students from grade four up attended. As usual, the teachers sat in the audience while the students themselves carried on the planned program on the platform.

Mary Jane Force was chairlady for the memorial assembly and Rev. Currey was guest speaker. He told the group of boys and girls he had met overseas during the war and said that he hoped that they would all be able to live for their country, not die for it.

Bible reading was taken by Margaret Armstrong with Sandra Cripps leading in prayer. Bill Greer recited "In Flanders Fields." During the last post and reveille, flags were lowered and raised by Ernie Lawson and Bill Johnson. Two hymns were sung.

New School Walls Are Now Going Up

Some progress is now being made on the new high school building in Acton. Last week steel was delivered at the site and this week the bricklayers are at work putting up the walls. The street and sewer lines from the street are also being put in. Rough plumbing and heating pipes below the floor surface have also been laid.



WORDEN CEMETERY will be beautiful next spring with daffodils and tulips brushing against the worn old stones which date back as far as 1836. Planting of bulbs is part of the work undertaken by the Bannockburn community in beautifying the overgrown old family plot. While the men in the background work on the new fence, the ladies finish their planting. Left to right are Mrs. S. Matthews, Mrs. J. Fox, Mrs. R. L. Davidson, Mrs. W. J. McDonald and Mrs. W. Roszell. None of the descendants of the Worden family live in the district now. Trees were removed and the site bulldozed in preparation for the improvements.