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## NOMINATIONS FRIDAY FOR 13 POSTS

### New Faces Predicted For Council; Oakes to Retire

Several new faces are predicted for Acton council next year with decisions of some present members, unannounced but strongly rumored, for retirement. Mayor F. G. Oakes will not be available for the position next year pointing out that the position has called on him to attend more than 100 meetings this year and when the hours for the sessions are tallied up it comes out at about 10 work weeks. The Mayor is automatically a member of the P.U.C., Library Board and Planning Board as well as all committees of council. With nominations scheduled for Friday night, citizens will be searching for six councillors, a deputy-revee, three public school trustees and one public utilities commissioner.

Large crowds of citizens have been attending the nomination meetings in recent years but it is still a very small percentage of the total electorate.

An election is certain for Acton this year with the question to be submitted on whether citizens favor a five man Public Utilities Commission as opposed to the present three man commission. At present one commissioner is elected each year for a two year term and the mayor also acts. Under the new suggestion, two commissioners would be appointed each year. If the system is approved, it can not be put into effect until 1955, with the additional members being appointed from the 1954 nominations.

At the nomination meeting, the candidates for each office must be proposed and seconded on forms provided stating the name and residence of the candidate. Those who propose and second the nomination must be municipal electors and present at the meeting. All nominations must be presented within

the one hour allotted. When a proposed candidate is not present his nomination paper must be accompanied by a form indicating the candidate's willingness to be nominated.

Candidates must obtain from the treasurer a certificate showing that at the time of opening of the nomination meeting, there are no taxes of a preceding year overdue. Candidates must also be 21 years of age, a British subject, an owner or tenant or wife or husband of an owner or tenant assessed for \$300 or more.

This will be the fifth nomination meeting held to pick officials to serve in the Town of Acton. It was in 1873 that Acton, as a village, embarked on its own municipal government with W. H. Storey as the first reeve and John Speight, Asa Hall, C. T. Hill and Dr. E. McGavin, first councillors. From 1844 to 1873 the hamlet remained part of Esqueving township.

### SALARY DISPUTE CLAIMS TWO HOURS AS NORTH HALTON BOARD MEETS

More than two hours of the meeting of North Halton District High School Board were taken on Monday night to deal with a salary dispute. The teachers had requested that the Federation meet the board to enforce their demands and S. G. B. Robinson, an officer of the teachers' group and Principal Lambert of Georgetown presented the case for the teachers.

The incident arose not because the board was paying too little but because Mr. Heron had been engaged on the Acton staff last year at a salary of \$3500. It was claimed that he should have received only \$3200 according to the schedule. The teachers in a memorandum to the management committee said, "That the teachers were unanimous in requesting that all teachers employed prior to 1953 be given a \$300 adjustment in addition to the annual increment of their salaries into line with the salary which we understand has been offered to a teacher recently appointed according to the present schedule he would not be getting more than \$3200."

The Board pointed out to the representative that they had not deviated from any arrangements with the teachers. When the salary schedule had been adopted the motion covering had the following included: "With a provision that the Board has the right to remove any unsatisfactory teacher from the schedule and that when hiring a new teacher the Board could vary from the schedule if necessary."

The Board in a prepared reply pointed out also that on numerous other occasions increases above the schedule had been granted teachers with no comment or criticism from the other teachers of the district. In the case of Mr. Brown his increase had been \$1400 over a short period.

Mr. Robinson said that salaries being paid the teachers were below the average for schools of similar size. He did not think the request of the teachers was unreasonable and drew attention to the fact that they had offered to have the increase spread over a period of three years.

The following amendment to a motion was passed with six of the 11 members voting in favor of it: "That all teachers employed prior to 1953 be given a \$300 adjustment in addition to the annual increment which would mean that the annual increment for them be \$300 a year for three years. Then back to \$200 a year."

Teachers hired in 1953 have an increment of \$200 a year. Increases effective September 1, 1953. Other adjustments as follows: M. O. Parkinson to \$3000, Mrs. Hess to \$3100, Carriest.

The above was considered an amendment to a motion which had been tabled that in order to keep peace and harmony that all teachers be granted an increase of \$150 per year.

The insurance on the new school rooms at Georgetown was placed at \$100,000 with Messrs Barber and Evans handling the business. In Acton \$110,000 was placed on the new school with \$40,000 going to R. F. Bean and \$35,000 to F. L. Wright and \$35,000 to W. R. Franken.

### Parents Volunteer To Teach Classes

The November meeting of Lorn Home and School Association was held in the school on November 11. The meeting opened with God Save the Queen, after which the minutes were read by Mrs. S. Bowen.

A report was given on the euchar held recently in the school. A discussion on manual training and sewing classes for the school resulted in the parents volunteering to teach these subjects in the new year on Friday afternoons. The lunch committee was appointed for the next meeting.

The business meeting closed with an urge to sell Christmas cards and wrapping paper, proceeds to go toward the school fund. Interesting games of charades and geography were enjoyed. At the close, lunch was served by Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. McPhedran and Mrs. Bowen.

### Paper on Publicity Given Greenock WI

The November meeting of Greenock W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. Wm Johnston with a goodly number present. Members answered the roll call with a suggestion for an evening's entertainment. The motto, "A community is like a ship, everyone should be prepared to take the helm," was given by Mrs. Elwood Johnston.

Two minutes' silence was observed as it was Armistice Day. Following a piano solo by Mrs. Hugh Reid, a splendid paper on publicity was given by Mrs. T. Hemsley. It contained much useful advice and ended with a poem and the question, "Are you an active member or do you just belong?" A very appropriate poem was given by Mrs. Calvin Aitkens.

Following community singing and a contest on birds, a social time was enjoyed when lunch was served by the hostess and her assistants.

### OSPRINGE "Teacher Training" Film Series Ends

The teachers and officers of the local Sunday School have enjoyed a series of films on "Teacher Training" at the home of Rev. Vair Erin, which concluded Friday night.

We regret an error in last week's correspondence. In reporting a brush demonstration at the home of Mrs. David Stewart, we stated Mrs. Trimble as demonstrator, which should have been Mrs. Teeter. Please accept our apologies. Congratulations to Mrs. George D. Robertson, who received the lucky door prize on Monday evening at Erin at the cosmetic party. The prize was a Tiffany cosmetic set.

Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Griffin left recently to spend the winter months at South Bend, Indiana. Television is being installed at the home of Mr. Vernon Stewart. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Craig and Joan of Georgetown spent the weekend at the home of Messrs R. and J. Hunter. Miss L. Potter spent the weekend at her home at Bradford. Mrs. White St. of Hinton spent a couple of days last week with Mrs. Martha Jackson.

Balsam is used for paper making.

### REV. V. J. MORGAN ORDAINED IN INDIA

Rev. Vincent Joseph Morgan, S. J., nephew of Father V. J. Morgan, pastor of St. Joseph's church, Acton, was ordained to the holy priesthood in India on Saturday, November 21. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Morgan, Hamilton. Another brother, Father Frank Morgan, is assistant priest at St. Joseph's church, Kitchener and a sister is Sister Marie Brebeuf of Brantford.

Father Morgan celebrated his first solemn mass last Sunday in Kurseong, India. To commemorate his ordination in his home parish, St. Ann's church, Hamilton, last Sunday a solemn high Mass was celebrated by his brother, His uncle, Father Morgan of Acton, acted as deacon and Rev. V. Cullinan, assistant at St. Ann's, was subdeacon. Rev. Charles McColgan, pastor of St. Ann's, preached the sermon.

In the absence of Father Morgan at Acton, Rev. McColgan of the Novitiate, Guelph, took the service here on Sunday morning.

### Many Win Prizes At Rotary Bingo

Many fine prizes were handed out to lucky players at the Rotary club bingo held Thursday evening of last week in the town hall. About 90 attended. Door prizes were also won.

The event was considered a good financial success by the club. Winners were as follows: coffee percolator, Mrs. Joan McKnight; lamp, Mrs. Farmer; doll, Mrs. Johnson; rocking chair, Mrs. Jack McDonald; hassock, Mrs. Kingsmill; groceries, Miss Lucienne Maroux; hassock, Mrs. C. Maplesden; blanket, Miss Hill; electric clock, Jesse Coles; garbage container, Mrs. McQuinn; Guelph, blankie, Mrs. McCrystal; lamp, Mrs. Hufnagel; tea set, Miss Lucienne Maroux; sauceman, Mrs. Johnson; double boiler, Mrs. McCrystal; crockery board, Mrs. McKnight; flowered card table, Mrs. G. Simpson; heating pad, Mrs. A. Hufnagel; thermus jug, Mrs. Cook; blankets, Mrs. Speer; groceries, Mrs. Creasery; pillow cases, Mrs. Kingsmill; turkey, Mrs. Struthers.

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The W.I. held quite a successful euchre last Tuesday night. High scores were held by ladies. Mrs. Henry Hills and Mrs. Robert McEnery; men, Robert McEnery and Bert Davidson.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jameson on the safe arrival of their little daughter.

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PRESENTED WITH DIPLOMAS at Acton High School Commencement exercises of last week were members of this group shown. From the left are Barbara Joan Baxter, Joy Botell, Ena Jennings, Joyce Farmer, Mary Jennings, Isabelle Ritchie, Barbara Turner, Joyce Allen and Fred Gordon. The presentation of the secondary school graduation diplomas was made on Friday evening.

### Diplomas, Trophies, Are Commencement Awards

The public school auditorium was well filled both Thursday and Friday evenings when the annual commencement exercises of Acton High school were held. Highlights were presentations of diplomas, awarding the inter-school rugby cup, won by Acton for the first time, the valedictory address, athletic demonstrations and a play.

Dennis Papillon, president of the Student Council, and Janice Baker, vice-president, welcomed the parents and friends Thursday and Friday evenings respectively. The interesting, well varied program began and ended with lifting selections by the Glee Club, under the direction of Ted Hansen.

Thursday evening the "Never Late, Never Absent" certificates were presented by Mrs. G. W. McKenzie and Mrs. H. Hinton. These were won last year by Barbara Anderson, Neilson Benton, Mary Braid, Wayne Currie, Fay Garner, Bert Halliday, Gail Hamilton, Elizabeth Jany, Joe Jany, Barbara Lindsay, Maureen Kinroad, June Lindsay, Colin MacColl, Jean McCrea, Evelyn Saunders, Annapamie Spitzer, Kathleen Stanley, Barbara Turner, and Vera Warne.

Mrs. McKenzie presented the scholarship of \$25, donated by the Lakeside chapter I.O.D.E. for academic standing in Grade XII to Barbara Turner. Proficiency scholarships for grade IX were presented by G. A. Dilis to Elizabeth Jany and Edna Jennings.

Bert Halliday won first prize of \$3 for selling 30 commencement tickets. Close behind to win \$2 was Elaine Deforest with 29 and to win \$1, Beverly Smith with 28.

Mrs. Hess and O. E. Robbins presented intermediate certificates which were awarded to Barbara Lambert, Wayne Arbie, Frank Bean, Bob Coon, Diane Dawkins, Ted Footitt, Joyce Halliday, Gail Hamilton, Rochelle Henderson, Norma Hobson, Joe Jany, Kathleen Kirkpatrick, Colin MacColl, Mary Magaz, Jean McCrea, Mary Ann Maxwell, Cheryl Morton, Frances Oakes, Elaine Rachlin, Kathleen Stanley and Lorraine Tyler.

Five out of eight possible field day championships were won this year at the inter-school meet by Acton. J. M. Heron announced as he introduced Beth Ritchie, Emerson Baxter, Peter Hurst, Wayne Arbie and Donald Dawkins. G. A. Dilis presented the inter-school field day cup to Beth Ritchie on behalf of the North Halton High School District Board, and she in turn presented it to Janice Baker, who accepted it on behalf of the school.

Loud applause greeted the appearance of the football team on the platform. Coach Heron recalled he was surprised at the beginning of the season to learn Acton had won its first football game in years—and then the team went on to sweep the series. Donald Dawkins accepted the inter-school rugby cup from G. A. Dilis and Dennis Papillon accepted it from him on behalf of the school.

On Friday evening, further presentations took place. The Duke of Devonshire chapter I.O.D.E. scholarship of \$25 to the student who stands highest in upper school was presented by Mrs. W. Wolfe to Joyce Lambert.

Cook gave the N.H.S.D.B. proficiency scholarship to Joe Jany and Jean McCrea of Grade X, and Janice Baker and Nancy Lambert of Grade XI.

E. G. Tyler presented to Fred Gordon his scholarship for the student who has made the greatest contribution to the welfare of the school.

On behalf of the school staff, Miss Edythe Harris presented prizes for best all round student in grade IX, Barbara Jensen and Grade X Jean McCrea.

Miss Clara Grindley gave the Stanley Wilkinson scholarship for proficiency in the commercial option to Joyce Allan.

Joy Botell, winner of the Amos Mason scholarship for the student making the greatest progress received the award from George Mason.

Principal O. E. Robbins presented honor secondary school graduation diplomas to Chris Lamb and Joyce Lambert. Secondary school graduation diplomas were presented to Joyce Allan, Barbara Joan Baxter, Joy Botell, Joyce Farmer, Fred Gordon, Ena Jennings, Mary Jennings, Chris Lamb, David McVey, Isabelle Ritchie and Barbara Turner. Speaking briefly, Mr. Robbins said that parents night would be held in January after reports were out. He referred to Isabelle Ritchie, who won a \$100 Dominion-provincial bursary last year.

Joyce Lambert gave the valedictory address and the valedictorian medal was presented to her by Dennis Papillon.

Arlene Gordon was judged the winner of the drama trophy for her part in the play, "The Red Lamp" which was presented each night. This is the first year such an award has been given. Judges were R. R. (Continued on Page Five)



"THE RED LAMP" was one of the features at Acton High School commencement held on Thursday and Friday of last week. Members of the cast and directress from the left are Bob Armstrong, Faye Garner, Wayne Currie, Pauline Papillon, Miss Snyder, directress, Arlene Gordon and Joe Jany. Large crowds attended the event in the public school auditorium.