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E.TYLER, T.COOKE CONTEST MAYORALTY

THOMAS COOKE is this year contesting the mayoralty in Acton. A resident of Queen St., Mr. Cooke is a former president of the union in the Beardmore plant.

TED TYLER, former mayor and councillor, is seeking election as mayor of Acton in the election schedule for Monday when the only other ballot will be on the P.U.C. question.

Plan Improvements At Mill St. Park Ave. Corner

The often-shelved plan for improvements in the obstructed view at the corner of Mill St. and Park Ave. may come in for some attention if plans of Acton council at their regular meeting are initiated. The Road committee was authorized to meet with Beardmore representatives and discuss the plan that was presented by the Beardmore firm in blueprint form. It calls for rounding out of the corner by removal of part of the retaining wall and transfer of property on both sides of the street. Part from the town will be transferred to Beardmore's and an equal sized piece will be transferred to the town on the other side of the street. The transfer would not affect the present travelled section of the road.

Council received with regret the resignation of G. Musselle as town assessment commissioner. The clerk was instructed to advertise for applicants to the position.

Council decided not to proceed with the construction of additional sludge beds at the sewer plant. It was pointed out that F. Somerville had acquired the proper type truck to move the sludge at no cost to the town. It was though some type of agreement should be made and this was to be investigated.

Council was informed that two motors had burned out at the sewer plant within six days. Possibilities of low voltage power were to be investigated.

The industrial water rates came in for considerable discussion but no action is to be taken until comparative consumption figures are presented to council. A request for additional industrial water was reported to council.

The Industrial committee was instructed to visit Baxter Laboratories officials regarding the selling of a part of the lane passing their plant. The solicitor reported that it was quite legal for the town to sell this property.

It was reported that dog and poll tax was being collected and overdue accounts were to be forwarded to the bailiff for collection.

Separate by-laws were read approving the payment of salaries to the mayor and council. The by-law received two readings and was forwarded to the Municipal Board.

Transfers to the Public Utilities Commission of $1,000 from the 1953 levy, $1,666.67 for sewers capital expenditure and $136.30 for rebate on fence was approved.

Payment of grants of $500 to the Band, $700 to the Planning Board and $300 to the firemen were approved.

The $20 rental of the arena for the Hallowe'en party was refunded to the Y's Men's Club.

Tuesday and Thursday nights were granted to the Minor Sports committee for the arena winter program for the 1953-54 season. A request from the Eisen's hockey club for use of the arena on Monday night was held over for further consideration.

Boxing Day was proclaimed a holiday being the day following Christmas Day.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

J. Newton Mutual Aid trip to Bronte	$ 4.90
Bill's Service Station	94.91
Mun. of Esquesing, taxes	13.28
Concrete Pipe Ltd.	90.91
Bell Telephone Co.	20.10

It was reported that the second well at the sewer plant had gone dry. This provides water for vapor seals at the plant.

Appointments to the planning board approved were T. Jones, one year, W. Mattocks, two years, and M. Holmes, three years.

Mrs. Urquhart was given an honorarium of $25 for her added duties as assistant clerk-treasurer while J. McGeachie was sick.

Clean up operations were to be requested on the piece of property in the Leishman survey designated as a park.

Evening Auxiliary November Meeting

Mrs. A. McLeod, Main St., was hostess to the Acton Evening Auxiliary for their November meeting. A memorial service in the absence of the president, Mrs. A. Magee, who was ill, first vice-president, Mrs. J. Hodgins, presided and conducted the business of the meeting. The December meeting will take the form of a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Mel McCullough.

The theme of the program "God's Perfect Peace" was led by Mrs. Bella Rossell, assisted by Mrs. R. H. Armstrong, Mrs. S. Sinclair and Mrs. George Musselle, concluding with the hymn "Peace, Perfect Peace."

Memories were reminded of the obligation to the allocation for the year now ending. The meeting closed with prayer.

RETURN VISIT PAID BY VICTORIA SQUARE

A special bus brought members of the choir and congregation of Victoria Square United church and their minister, Rev. Houston, to Acton United church Sunday evening for a special service. Several items were sung by the visiting choir and Rev. Houston, Vic Dyke, Lois Wray.

Rev. Carey was in charge of the service and the regular church organist, for the power of the church.

Refreshments were served after the service. The Victoria Square choir and minister were entertained at a social made in their church recently by a group from Acton United church.

Election Battle Seen in Eramosa

Eramosa township nomination meeting was held in the Rockwood town hall on November 27. Those nominated were: for Reeve, E. H. Benham, F. L. Cox, D. D. Gray and D. H. Storey. For deputy reeve, F. L. Cox, D. H. Storey, and Max Storey, for council, Franklin Armstrong, Charles McNabb, Frank Ostrander, Fred Oakes, Joseph L. Oakes, Warren Parkinson, A. Sobol and Clifford Swanston; for school trustees, Cameron Lush, Cliff McDougall, Rae Freure and Ralph Comfort.

The clerk, S. S. Royce occupied the chair.

Candidates are as follows, after qualifications were completed: for reeve, Ernest H. Benham the present reeve, and David D. Gray, a former Wellington County Warden.

For deputy-reeve, Fred Cox, the present deputy, is opposed by David H. Storey, a former reeve. Three councillors are to be elected from those running, Franklin Armstrong, Charles McNabb, Joseph Oakes, Frank Ostrander, Warren Parkinson and Albert Sobol.

Candidates in the election for trustees for the Police Village of Rockwood, with three to be elected, are Charles Heffernan, John Lloyd, Clifford Meadows and Frank Schneider.

Calvin Sprowl Wins Machinery Contest

Calvin Sprowl is the winner of the Halton Junior Farmer machinery club competition and the Kingsway Kiwanis scholarship entitling him to a week's short course at the O.A.C., Guelph. Calvin Sprowl and the second place winner, Jack Ferguson, will represent Halton in competition with other counties in Toronto in January.

Bert Moggach visited the farms and judged club members on their tractor, yard, interest, maintenance, written account achievement, day, quiz and plowing.

Calvin Sprowl placed first with 505 points; Jack Ferguson second with 466 and Mac Sprowl third with 465.5. Others were competitors were Charles Thompson, Don Matthews, Fyfe Somerville, Leonard Thompson, Jack Marshall, Bill Fox, Allen Bowen, Ron McEachern, Gordon Evans, Bill Thompson, Bert Spitzer, John P. McDonald and A. D. McEmery.

U.N., Peace Garden Described to Group

Mrs. A. Long, Church St., was hostess for the Duke of Devonshire chapter of the I.O.D.E. regular monthly meeting Tuesday, December 1. During the business meeting the annual disbursement of funds was voted upon and $25 will be sent to a polio victim. The school award was discussed and the amount to be given raised to $50 for the student with high standing in nursing for her studies.

It was decided to send a parcel of clothing and bedding to the Eskimos in care of Clayton, Fryer.

Mrs. A. Mowat, Empire and World affairs convener, described the United Nations buildings and gardens in New York.

Slides were shown of the International Peace Garden with commentary by Mrs. M. Magee, who was particular impressed with the land between supported by the I.O.D.E.

The meeting closed with refreshments served by the group in charge.

Canada's farm, Hudson Bay, a navigable inland sea, is 595 miles wide, 800 miles long.

District Elections

Elections in all centres are being held on Monday, December 7.

Acton

Mayor — E. G. Tyler, T. Cooke.
Reeve — J. J. Stewart (accl.).
Deputy-reeve — R. Thompson (accl.).
Council — C. L. Lindsay, E. Footitt, A. Irwin, L. Wieck (accl. with two more to be nominated).
School Board — T. Watson, W. Wolfe, M. Smith.
Public Utilities Commission — E. Hufnagel.

Milton

Mayor — C. R. Anderson, Dr. C. H. Heslop.
Reeve — Dr. C. A. Martin, F. W. McMaster.
Deputy-reeve — Sydney Childs (accl.).
Councillors — C. Johnson, R. C. Cunningham, John Charlton, E. R. Pearen, Robert Reid (accl., with nomination needed for a sixth).
Public school board — J. M. Ledwith, G. C. Gowland, James Bell (accl.).
Hydro Electric Commissioner — John A. Rush (accl.).

Esquesing Twp.

Reeve — Wilfred Bird (accl.).
Deputy-reeve — Walter Linham (accl.).
Council — George Currie, Campbell Sinclair, Spencer Wilson (accl.).
School Area No. 1 — William Dobbie, John H. Bingham, Robert J. Cunningham, for two years, and James Kirkwood, one year (accl.).

Nelson Twp.

Reeve — George Brenholtz.
Deputy-reeve — Edwin Leather.
Council — Fred Walker, Warren McNiven, John Atkinson, Harold Adkins, Leonard Coulson (three to be elected).
School trustees — Gordon Cartwright, Mell Hood, Norma Alberta Dobson, J. E. McKinnon (two to be elected).
Inter-Urban Board of Burlington — Nelson — Paul Fisher, Allan Thorpe, James W. Eales, Reginald Smith (three to be elected).

Trafalgar Twp.

Reeve — Emerson Ford.
Deputy-reeve — Robert Marshall.
Ward one — Ernest Henderson, ward two, Frank Stark, ward five, A. Phillips (accl.).
Ward three — Mrs. E. Miller, Edgar Bulmer (one to be elected).
Ward four — Donald Bath, Mrs. Vera Cudmore (one to be elected).
School Board — Rupert Relmer, O. J. Ross.
Public Utilities Commissioner — Gordon Leaver.

Nassagaweya Twp.

Reeve — Archie Service, John Robertson.
Council — John Milne, Stan Norrish, Charles Thomson, Lloyd Chisholm (accl.).
School Board — Stan Robinson, John McDougall, Horace Blyth (accl.).

Eramosa Twp.

Reeve — Ernest H. Benham, David D. Gray.
Deputy-reeve — Fred Cox, David H. Storey.
Councillors — three to be elected — Franklin Armstrong, Charles McNabb, Joseph Oakes, Frank Ostrander, Warren Parkinson, Albert Sobol.

Rockwood

Trustees — three to be elected — Charles Heffernan, John Lloyd, Clifford Meadows, Frank Schneider.

School Board Picks Desks, Furniture

Desks and other furnishings for a new school and new rooms occupied the attention of North Halton High School District Board at a meeting in Georgetown Monday night. Mr. Stillman, who represents nine different manufacturing firms had samples of desks and suggestions for furnishings in non-teaching areas.

Orders were placed for 185 desks, 25 commercial desks, 30 commercial chairs, 6 teachers' desks and chairs and one commercial teacher's desk and chair. The building committee and the secretary were to visit showrooms and make selection of furnishings for principals' offices, teachers' rooms, etc. Authority to purchase was given provided the items did not exceed the budget.

Mr. Peffer of Kitchener gave details of a public address system to be placed in the Acton school. His equipment was all Northern Electric. He submitted a tender and more details were to be secured by the secretary before a decision was made. Acton members of the board were to arrange other matters on this installation.

Correspondence was read regarding insurance on the Acton school. W. R. Bracken was present and gave explanations.

It was decided that a guy wire placed by hydro on school property would remain at the pleasure of the board. No easement rights were given but a nominal rental of $1 a year was to be paid.

The board discussed the maximum salaries of principals and action on this item was held over with the understanding that a decision was to be made at the January meeting.

Another motion passed by the board made it unnecessary for principals to attend regular board meetings except to present their budget or unless called by the secretary.

The salary of the secretary was established at $1,700 per year with an advance of $300 in addition.

Manufacture of fishing tackle in Canada is a business worth close to $2,000,000 annually.

THE LORD NUFFIELD scholarship for at least six months of study and travel in the United Kingdom has been awarded to Mac Sprowl of R.R. 4, Acton, it was announced last Friday by the special committee of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture. With a winner from Western Canada, Mr. Sprowl will leave about the first of April.

Two Councillors Short Acclamation For 10 Posts

There were 20 nominations for the 13 offices at the annual municipal nominations in Acton on Friday and a good crowd of citizens attended but when time for filing qualification too few chose to take council seats and all the offices except that of mayor were filled by acclamation. The voting will proceed as scheduled on Monday, December 7 on election of mayor and voting on the question of having a five man Public Utilities Commission rather than the present three man board.

Those nominated on Friday were:

For Mayor — E. G. Tyler, F. G. Oakes, T. Cooke and J. J. Stewart.

For Reeve — J. J. Stewart, W. McLeod, Theron Jones.

For Deputy-Reeve — R. Thompson.

For Councillor — C. Lindsay, E. Tyler, A. Fryer, E. Footitt, J. Greer, A. Irwin, L. Wieck, A. Mercer, J. H. Hargrave, E. Barr.

For Public School Board — J. H. Creighton, T. Watson, M. Smith, C. McCrea, G. McCutcheon, W. Wolfe.

For Public Utilities Commission — E. Hufnagel, R. J. Hargrave, G. Rognvaldson, T. Ware.

On Saturday night when time for filing qualifications for the various offices had elapsed Clerk McGeachie had the following duly qualified citizens for offices:

Mayor — T. Cooke, E. G. Tyler.

Reeve — J. J. Stewart (acclamation).

Deputy-Reeve — R. Thompson (acclamation).

Council — C. Lindsay, E. Footitt, A. Irwin, L. Wieck (acclamations for these four with two more to be nominated at another meeting).

School Board — T. Watson, W. Wolfe, M. Smith.

Public Utilities Commission — E. Hufnagel.

Electors' Meeting

For the electors' meeting which followed the nominations Charles Hansen was appointed chairman, Wm. Cook was also nominated but withdrew in favor of Mr. Hansen.

Mayor Oakes gave a review of the past year. He said he felt council had been sincere in their work and welcomed criticism of their activities but deplored criticism which certainly not in the best interest of Acton, a growing town, he pointed out. He believed Acton was in for a time of expansion. "We are well located but just a few miles back from the rapidly expanding area and the growth is therefore not so noticeable yet," he declared.

The mayor told of the debenture indebtedness of $299 per capita but pointed out the water and sewage system, fine school buildings, fire equipment and other assets which are plainly visible for the expenditure. "We have plenty of collateral for our debt," said Mayor Oakes. He told of the work that should be undertaken such as new sidewalks, street drainage and surfacing.

Council had known when the 51 mill rate of the past year was set that it would not allow for any extensive improvements. They had seen the need for more land, more assessment and consequently more revenue if improvements needed were to be carried out. They had been disappointed that the annexation application had not been granted and the program had not been able to be fulfilled.

The mayor paid tribute to the fine co-operation given by council, staff and municipal officials. He told of the time the week had taken and was undecided whether he would seek continuance in office. He favored the remuneration that had been arranged for future councils and pointed out that regardless of who qualified there would be an election on the Public Utilities issue of a five man board.

Reeve Stewart advised ratepayers to closely study the financial statement before them. The rate of 51 mills had allowed for little extra work. It had been impossible to make a balanced budget owing to the change in government grants. He was willing to serve again as he had in the past three years and he favored remuneration for future members of council.

Deputy-reeve Thompson reported on streets and walks. The program which council would have liked to put in effect would have cost $30,000 and in an economy effort this had been reduced to $18,000. He gave a detailed report on costs on various work and said he would like to see a program of sidewalk rebuilding.

Councillor Tyler of the Industrial Committee said while the past year had been a busy one, it had not been very successful. Contacts had been made with 10 industries to locate in Acton but up to the present none of them had developed. He was confident more industrial growth would come to Acton and pointed out the price of land in Acton had turned some away, since land closer to the lakefront could be secured at similar or lower prices. Another application would be made for annexation of more land and he was hopeful would meet with greater consideration.

Councillor Wieck reported on the work done at the Y.M.C.A. building and in the park. Improvements had been limited in an economy effort on the tax rate.

Mayor Oakes reported for the Fire and Police Committee. The budget of $3,300 for fire purposes had been modest and the fire brigade had co-operated in keeping expenditure down. He told of the changed system of provincial grant and the $3,600 expected for fire and police work had been cut by the per capita system of grants. He told of equipment and gave details of where the budget money went. He praised the volunteer fire brigade of 21 men and stated that their new dress uniforms had been paid for by the efforts of the brigade and not on the tax rate. He told of the fire hazard and felt that the present charge for rural calls was not adequate.

C. Harris reported for the Public Utilities Commission and told of the new debenture issue to cover capital expenditure and the deficit that had occurred because the Ontario Hydro officials had made an error in calculation of rates. There will be a further increase in Acton rate the first of the year which it is hoped will balance the receipts and expenditures. The rate increase will be 7½ per cent. He told of further work being done at the sewage disposal plant and the water shortage for one week caused by the heavy consumption of one industry.

T. Watson, chairman of the Public School Board, pointed out that the new school building had been amply justified since it was now filled to capacity. Next year the three rooms of the present High School would fortunately be available. The board had co-operated in keeping down municipal expenditure. He told of school equipment and improvements and gave details of finances.

Wm. Cook reported on the North Halton District High School Board. He told of the struggle over the past five years but finally a new school was being built in Acton. It was a school of seven rooms of which he was sure citizens would be very proud. He pointed out provision would be required for a sidewalk on Mill street to the new school which would be opened and in use in September.

Patrick Kerney made inquiry of when sewers were to be extended to Warren Grove subdivision. He was assured the matter was having attention and the work would be started in the spring.

Wm. Middleton expressed appreciation to police for their attention where school children were crossing the highways. He also felt credit was due to the staff at the municipal office. He was glad a new high school was being provided and said North Halton Board had given fine co-operation in operation of the present building.

Most of the candidates who were present did not commit themselves regarding their intentions in election but Councillor McLeod said he would not seek any office. Councillors Greer, Lindsay and Irwin spoke briefly.

E. E. Barr was quite sure he would not be a candidate. He sought information about grants and pointed out that costs should be curtailed. It was not an opportune time to add new expenditure. Clerk McGeachie explained the questions and Thomas Jones gave an explanation of planning board funds.

J. H. Creighton, M. Smith, C. McCrea, W. Wolfe and E. Hufnagel spoke briefly.

Fined $25, Costs For Theft of Gas

After being remanded a week for sentence, Edward Horne Kitchener was fined $25 and $20 costs for theft of gasoline in Acton. The case was heard in Milton on November 18. Also remanded and appearing the same day was Tulio Persello Kelso who was fined $25 and $18 costs for creating a disturbance.

In court in Acton on Wednesday, November 18, four appeared charged with having liquor in an illegal place. Fines totalled $100 and $40 costs.

Canada has roughly 1,200,000 trade unionists in a population of 15,000,000.

TOWN OF ACTON COUNCIL of 1953 is shown here at the conclusion of their first meeting in December. Shown in the back row, from the left, are councillors J. Greer, and L. Wieck, clerk-treasurer J. McGeachie, councillor A. Irwin, solicitor C. F. Leatherland and councillor E. Tyler. In the front row are councillor C. Lindsay, reeve J. J. Stewart, mayor F. G. Oakes, deputy-reeve R. Thompson and councillor W. McLeod. Of the 1953 group at least five will be filling positions in 1954.