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Councillors Grapple with A Mixture of Problems

A broken boiler, an irate contractor, a high school addition, an unsettled insurance claim and demands for town services—all interspersed with varied matters of a lesser nature—occupied Acton council Tuesday evening when it met in regular session, delayed a day due to elections.

At the outset of the meeting, W. Coon, vice-chairman of the North Halton High School District Board, appeared to request approval for a \$40,000 three room addition to the local high school. In passing on approval, council learned from Mr. Coon that in Milton a two-room addition, at a cost of \$30,000, is to be built. A motion to have a by-law prepared was unanimously passed.

In acknowledging a complaint from here regarding the actions and noise of vehicles operating around the Department of Highways sandpile, that government body suggested the town take its grievance to Beamish Construction Co., the department contractor in the area.

Outline Safety Measures
Mayor E. Tyler suggested in reply to a recent request by the Home and School Association that a letter outlining safety measures in other nearby towns be forwarded.

Clerk J. McGeachie explained at length certain circumstances surrounding a slight overpayment, in adjustment, of a Department of Education grant on the school debt. The town contends the amount above normal payment is not the property of the school board, as was claimed by a town auditor. The matter is being further investigated.

A lengthy interview with R. F. Bean followed at this stage of Tuesday's five hour meeting.

Council had requested information that might explain the apparent delay in concluding a claim made by Miss Jessie McGregor against the town last year following a fall on the sidewalk.

Wants Written Statement
It was pointed out by Mr. Bean that the town's insurance company disclaims any liability on the part of its assured. Mr. Bean was questioned at length on the present state of legal proceedings.

At the conclusion of this discussion, a motion was passed that a statement in writing be requested on the case for the records of the town.

Warren Grove sewer extension contractor George Schultz next faced council. He demanded to know, since the job of installation is done, why the engineer had not been up to pass a progress report that would clear for payment to him 85 per cent. of money owing, involving an account of \$4,282.

"I am not prepared to wait beyond Thursday at noon for this money, gentlemen," he expostulated, and raised his voice higher to tell council it was no concern of his if engineer Hyde came up or not, he wanted the money.

Would Issue a Writ
Mr. Schultz was told he could get no money until a progress report was passed by the engineer.

Picking up his hat to leave, the contractor pointed his finger at council and warned if a check was not in his hand by Thursday at 12 o'clock noon, he would issue a writ against the town. "And that's 12 o'clock, gentlemen, not 1 o'clock," he explained as he left.

Council ordered payment of \$150 to the North Halton Urban Board as per requisition, also noted the monthly police report summary, filed a letter from the Trades and Industry branch of the Department of Planning and Development and ordered a Guelph General Hospital indigent patient account paid.

The clerk read a letter duly noted and filed from the Medical Audit Bureau notifying institution of legal proceedings if payment of the contentious LeGassick account to the Toronto General Hospital is not made by December 7.

Bills for Boiler Trouble
Clerk McGeachie also drew to council's attention several bills from local tradesmen for work in repairs to the YMCA building boiler which was damaged in a minor explosion following conversion.

Following conversion E.P.C. has been made against the H.E.C. clerk McGeachie said.

The damage, its nature, cause and possible source of fault was discussed with prolonged interest by members of the council.

In reply to an earlier request the Canadian National Railways said it would be pleased to send a representative to discuss industrial zoning with the local Planning Board.

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Legion Continues Tops in Cribbage

Legion cribbage team continued their league-topping play on Tuesday scoring 22 points. Next came Eden Mills and Ramblers with 19 each, followed by Town and Tiger Cats with 13. Union holds bottom spot with 10.

Standing: Legion 10, Eden Mills & Town & Tiger Cats 2, Union 2.

Elect Mrs. C. Cook President of Guild

Forty-one members were present for the end of the year meeting of St. Alban's Guild on Wednesday of last week. The president, Mrs. Cook, opened the meeting with prayer. The secretary and treasurer gave their reports, showing that the Guild had a very successful year. A sum of money was voted for the work on the parish hall.

After the business, Rev. Jones took the chair for the election of officers for 1955, with the following results: honorary president, Mrs. E. Jones; president, Mrs. C. Cook; first vice-president, Mrs. Currie; second vice-president, Mrs. Bristow; recording secretary, Mrs. Wilson; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Newton; treasurer, Mrs. Candier; assistant treasurer, Mrs. Williams. Convener: bazaar, Mrs. T. Jones; flowers, Mrs. Lindsay; program, Mrs. Hargrave; welfare, Mrs. Nelles; lunch, Mrs. Barbeau; kitchen, Mrs. Jolley, Mrs. Dolphin; reporter, Mrs. R. Anderson.

The meeting closed with the Mizpah benediction. Games and contests were followed by a pot luck lunch with everything from cold turkey to Christmas cake.

Trafalgar O.K.'s Debenture Issue

An estimated 44 per cent. of the eligible Trafalgar ratepayers voted on Saturday at the first district election, endorsing the issuing of a \$600,000 hospital debenture for an addition at the Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial hospital. A total of 1,081 voted yes for the debenture with 478 opposing.

Robert Marshall had received an acclamation as reeve of the township at the nomination meeting. Donald H. Bath defeated Mrs. A. P. Miller on the margin of 1103 to 1069 for the post of deputy-reeve.

Ernest Henderson will represent ward one, Fred Near was acclaimed to represent ward two as was Harry Sewel for ward three and Alex Phillips for ward five. Martin Cruicher will be the elected representative of ward three.

The present members, Percy Merry, E. J. James, and Denzil Lawrence were appointed to the school board for a two year term. P. J. Bundy was appointed to the public utilities commission.

Complete results of the voting by wards is shown in the schedule in this issue.

Milton Man Killed As Train Hits Car

Thomas Featherstone of Woodward Ave., Milton, was fatally hurt Wednesday when his car was struck by a Toronto-to-London CPR dayliner at 4.30 p.m. at the Hornby station.

Police said the dayliner, with between 50 and 100 passengers aboard, hit Featherstone's car on the seventh line crossing.

The two-unit diesel train tossed the car to one side. Featherstone, alone in the car, received severe head injuries and died in Milton hospital four hours later.

Train passengers were shaken up but no one was injured. They were transferred to a train sent out from Toronto.

Post-Conversion Worries

Transformer difficulties in the town's hydro system prompted concern for members of the Public Utilities last week when they met in the town office for a regular December session.

At the outset of the meeting, C. Kirkness, representing the Mas Knitting Co. Ltd. laid before members several problems which he said, his firm was unhappy about. Main grievance was difficulties following a transformer bank blow-out near the plant recently.

Troublesome transformers had been quickly replaced with units of a higher KVA rating however, Mr. Kirkness pointed out, there is reason to believe that the kilowattage is not increasing while power costs seem to be.

He also noted the plant was troubled periodically with low voltage. It was possible conversion or causes may be affecting the difficulties. Mr. Kirkness was informed but further readings will have to be made before the kilowattage discrepancy is pinpointed.

Need Larger Water Lines
Before Mr. Kirkness left he said the firm was also anxious to have an enlarged water line installed in order to get more volume for plant operations. Arrangements to accomplish this are pending on in-



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY of their wedding was celebrated Monday by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Frank, long-time Nassagaweya residents, in a packed hall at Brookville where over 350 friends and relatives gathered to wish the happy couple many congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary

Nassagaweya's Brookville Hall was crowded to the walls Monday evening when over 350 relatives, neighbors and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Frank, Fifth Line, gathered to extend honors and congratulations to the popular couple celebrating their Golden Wedding anniversary.

Residents for 48 years on their present farm home, Mr. and Mrs. Frank are the tenth couple within two generations of Franks and Gilmours to mark the 50th anniversary of their marriage. Mr. Frank's parents and Mrs. Frank's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gilmour of Puslinch, all marked Golden Anniversaries in addition to other close relatives.

At the Monday night gathering the celebrants were presented with a huge bouquet of golden chrysantheums loaded with dollar bills, as well as other tokens of honor. A host of cards, letters and telegrams of well wishes was received previous and during the day's celebrations.

Speakers and Program
A program was presented in the hall performed mainly by nieces, nephews and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Frank. Speakers at the gathering were John Gilmour, Miss Sybil Bennett, M.P., Halton school inspector L. Skuce, Stan. Hall, M.P., P. Reeve Archie Service, M. J. Caron, Dr. H. R. McDonald, T. C. Amos, Andrew Gilmour, Duncan Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank have eight children, most of whom live in this district. They are Mrs. Bud James (Minnie), Georgetown, Mrs. Gordon Silcock (Laura), Burt's Rapids, Chris., Nassagaweya, Joe, Georgetown, William, also in the township, Bob, Acton, Earl, Brampton, and Howard, at home. One son, Wilfred, died in 1947.

There are six grandchildren. Both Mr. and Mrs. Frank enjoy robust health and speak enthusiastically of their equal enjoyment of life. According to Mrs. Frank, 72, she and her 83-year-old husband wouldn't be celebrating their 50th year of marriage "if we hadn't had such a happy life together."

Return Mayor J. T. Armstrong In Georgetown

J. T. Armstrong was acclaimed mayor of Georgetown again at the nomination meeting last Thursday. Stanley Allen is reeve by acclamation and deputy-reeve is Allan Norton by acclamation.

Seven were nominated for the six council seats. Garfield McGillivray, Thomas L. Lyons, Douglas Sargent, Irwin Noble, Walter Gray, Harold Cleave and Harry Hale.

The hydro commission vacancy is being filled by Graham Farnell. On the public school board are Wray Salter, Cecil McNamara and Stanley Finlay.

WHY DENOMINATION? TOPIC FOR KNOX Y.P.

Why Denominations? was the topic taken by Clarence Coles at the meeting of Knox Young People's Tuesday evening. The meeting was held in the classroom of the church with Clarence Coles in charge of the program and Jim Greer conducting the business session.

Bill Manprize read the scripture and Jim Greer led in prayer.

Bro. A. Martin Heads Acton L.O.L.

The Acton L.O.L. No. 467 held their annual meeting in the Orange Hall, Crawford's Corners, on November 16 with a good attendance.

Extension of officers resulted as follows: W.M., Bro. A. Martin; D.M., Bro. R. Denny; chaplain, Bro. Jack Fox; recording secretary, Bro. Fred Hunter; financial secretary, Bro. Bert Watson; treasurer, Bro. James Ralston; first lecturer, Bro. Ed Meade; second lecturer, Bro. Truman Spence; marshal, Bro. J. A. Martin.

Slight Damage at Garage Fire Today

Little damage was reported in a pre-noon blaze today at Thompson Motors, where one of the workmen smelled "something burning."

Investigation in the basement of the Mill St. building found one corner of the area was blazing fed by cleaning rags. Cause of the blaze is unknown since the section where the fire was located is at the opposite corner to the coal furnace.

Hand extinguishers were used to quell the rapidly spreading flames and the fire was extinguished just as the fire brigade arrived.

The burning rags caused a heavy smoky that indicated a more serious fire than it actually was.

Cash, Bond Draws At Firemen's Dance

Draws for the Acton Citizens' Band and the Acton Fire Fighters' Association were highlights of the Fire Fighters' annual dance held in the town hall on Friday evening. A good crowd enjoyed dancing to the Modernaires.

George Bayliss won the \$10 prize of the Fire Fighters and Ed Footitt the \$5 prize.

The Acton Citizens' Band held their draw at the dance when a \$100 bond was won by Bert Davidson; Lily Anderson of Brampton \$50; George Musselle \$25 and Fred Salt \$15.

Exchange Gifts at Acton W.I. Meeting

The December meeting of the Acton Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. W. Hall with 33 members attending. Also present were three invited guests. The president, Mrs. George Fryer, opened the meeting and all repeated the Institute Ode and Mary Stewart Collect. Mrs. Fred Anderson, read the minutes of the last meeting and the roll call came next.

One minute silence was held for the late Mrs. C. Mason and a prayer was said by the president.

Mrs. Bert Davidson gave a report on the winners of the Royal Winter Fair.

Mrs. Earl Lambert told of winding yarn around a moth ball to keep moths away from the material.

Mrs. H. L. Bennie told of keeping warm in the winter-time by stopping all drafts.

Mrs. E. J. Jones told of muscular dystrophy.

Mrs. George Lantz told of the old Rockwood Academy.

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Christmas carols were sung while Mrs. McKnight played the piano. Presents were exchanged after which lunch was served by the committee. Mrs. George Lazenby, Mrs. James Wilds, Mrs. W. Ballentine and Mrs. R. L. Davidson. The meeting was brought to a close by repeating the W.I. Grace. A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. W. Hall for the use of her home.

Election for Council Draws Out 38 Per Cent of Voters

Four of Present Council Re-Elected

Five hundred and eighty-four voters, out of 1532 Acton citizens eligible to cast ballots for office elections, exercised their right in the town hall Monday to select six councillors from a field of nine candidates. Percentage-wise, 38 out of every 100 persons entitled to vote did so.

Elected for council, the only officers to be filled in 1955 by ballot, were all members of the current council who stood and two newcomers to municipal politics, J. Newton and S. Brunelle.

Present members re-elected are C. Lindsay, L. Weick, A. Irwin and R. Langford.

Results from all polls are as follows:

Lindsay	402
Brunelle	385
Irwin	320
Langford	300
Weick	267
Newton	245
Marshall	219
Masters	170
Toth	161

According to chief returning officer J. McGeachie, only 15 ballots were spoiled. Largest turnout from any one ward was from ward two with 50 per cent.

Girls' Auxiliary Admission Service

The service of admission for St. Alban's branch of the Girls' Auxiliary was included in the evening service at St. Alban's church on Sunday.

The teen-age girls and their leaders, Mrs. J. H. Price and Mrs. H. Jolley, filed into the church behind the choir and sat together at the front. After the second hymn they rose to respond to questions by the rector, Rev. E. Jones. Each girl took a promise of loyalty to the church and the country and went up to the chancel to be officially admitted into membership by Mr. Jones. He gave each girl a membership card.

The girls have a program of instruction and handicrafts, including help for missions, home nursing, leatherwork and study for badges.

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Wheel Chair Lent By Scottish Rite
Corp. R. Mason has received a letter of thanks from Mrs. Knight of Palmerton expressing appreciation for the use of a wheel chair for her son.

The wheel chair was lent to Mrs. Knight by Acton members of the Scottish Rite. Others have also made use of this service.

Mrs. Knight's son suffers from muscular dystrophy.

Almost Over (?)

Conclusion of the Municipal Board's public proceedings in the town of Acton's big to annex 566 acres of Esqueving township will be held next Thursday in Toronto when the case will go to argument before the board.

Last month, hearings were completed here after the case resumed from September adjournment. Over 30 witnesses were questioned by both counsel. Esqueving township, excepting two areas in process of subdivision, has actively opposed the town's proposal.

WA Has Christmas Tea, Sale of Work

St. Alban's W. A. held its annual Christmas bazaar last Saturday in the parish hall. The sale of work upstairs was in charge of Mrs. T. Jones, with Mrs. McEachern, Mrs. Gibbons and Mrs. William Denny at the baking table and Mrs. V. Bristow selling candy.

The sewing and knitting table was in charge of Mrs. Bayliss and Mrs. Kingsmill. The Guild had a table of articles in charge of Mrs. J. Newton.

The newly formed Girls' Auxiliary ran the fish pond, sold mystery parcels and shell work. Their leader, Mrs. H. Price, sold tickets on a cushion, which was won by Mrs. Robert Anderson. Members of the Girls' Auxiliary working were Ena Waller, Diane Newton, Marjorie Jank, Heather Withers, Barbara Ware and Beverley Price.

Downstairs the tea room was in charge of Mrs. E. Jones and Mrs. H. Holmes. Assistants were Mrs. C. Nelles, Mrs. G. Fountain, Mrs. H. Jolley, Mrs. K. Knox, Miss Shirley Fryer and Miss Sylvia Jones.

Twins Christened At United Church

Four children were christened at Acton United church on Sunday morning. Gail Noreen Douglas, Jane Anne Lamb and twin boys, Douglas Victor and Donald Robert Masters. The church was well filled for the service, conducted by Rev. E. A. Curry.

Handicapping the choir was the lack of organ music. The organ has not been operating since hydro conversion. Miss Lampard accompanied hymns and special music by the choir on the piano.

In the evening, Norman Russ of Ballinacoff took the service as Mr. Curry was preaching at his home church in Newmarket. There, the recently renovated auditorium was being reopened.

Mac Sprowl Shows Slides to Chapter

The regular monthly meeting of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I O D E was held at the home of Mrs. R. H. Elliott on Wednesday evening, December 1. The regular meeting was presided over by Mrs. J. Whitham, president.

During the transaction of business, grants were made to the various funds of the Order and to local institutions Mrs. Gordon Ragnvaldson was appointed the chapter representative to the Music Festival committee.

Mac Sprowl entertained with some of the beautiful pictures of his recent trip to the British Isles and gave a most interesting commentary. Mrs. Fred Coles expressed the sincere appreciation of the chapter to Mr. Sprowl.

Refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed.

Chamber Membership Projects Ideas for Future Plans, Activities

Ideas for future plans and projects were aired Wednesday evening at the December meeting of the Chamber of Commerce by members who suggested action on matters ranging from civic education to boosting local sports.

Earlier in the meeting the membership endorsed the action of the chamber council in accepting the resignation of Dr. F. G. Oakes as president and elevating vice-president John Goy to the leadership of the chamber.

Brief reasons were given for Dr. Oakes' decision to resign and the procedure, under the adopted by-laws, taken by the council in naming his successor. F. Terry was named second vice-president to replace C. Bradley, who becomes first vice-president. Don Timmings was named to the council to fill the vacancy created.

In the general discussion of projected activities, suggestions were made for providing sanitary waste

Ella Jany Chosen Top Public Speaker

For the second year, Miss Ella Jany is the winner of the Rachlin trophy for public speaking at Acton public school. Competitions were held last Friday morning at the senior assembly and four from Acton were chosen to represent the town in further competition tonight in Georgetown.

Altogether 13 competed, making their selections from several topics. Miss Jany told Why I Am Glad to be a Canadian. Sharon Gervais, who placed second, chose the same topic. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police was the subject of Peter Lawson who took third place and the St. Lawrence Seaway that of Caroline Cook, the fourth winner.

Preliminaries had been held all through the school and those who spoke before the judges Friday were Joanne Porce, Caroline Cook, Sharleen Marshall, Danny Holmes, Andy Williams, Susan Wilson, Peter Lawson, Margaret Armstrong, Carol Goodwin, Sharon Gervais, Blair Hotchen and Ella Jany.

Judges were Mrs. A. Orr, Rev. E. A. Curry and Mr. Spencer Lee.

P.S. Donates \$100 For New Piano and \$225 in Film Strips

Donation of \$100 by Acton's public school pupils, out of funds raised through various activities, toward the new piano for the auditorium was reported by principal G. W. McKenzie at the Tuesday meeting of the public school board.

The principal also said \$225 from the same source has been earmarked for purchase of educational film strips. At the same time he said the school inspectors at this week visiting the Acton school.

Chairman T. Watson presided at the December meeting, attended by trustees Heard, Jones, Wolfe, Bradley and Smith.

Complying with a request by the teachers, the board approved payment of both December salary cheques on the 15th of the month.

Adopt Retirement Plan
The board also adopted a retirement plan policy for lady teachers. Under the plan the retirement age limit will be 63, with a proviso for re-engagement, on a yearly basis, to a maximum of two years. A pension plan for caretaker D. Price was also approved.

Recommendations from the H.E.P.C. on lighting improvements in the Stone School were given to the property committee to prepare estimates.

Secretary W. Middleton reported October non-resident fees of \$181 received, plus \$35 in September non-resident fees from the Dublin area board.

A regular financial statement of bills owing, amounting to \$787, was approved for payment.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the last regular session for the year, members passed a resolution designating Thursday, January 6, 1955, for the first meeting in the new year.

Eramosa Results

Deputy-reeve—Fred L. Cox 440, D. H. Storey 425.
Council (3 elected)—Joseph Oakes 621, Charles McNabb 461, Franklin Armstrong 453, Frank Oatlander 418.
School board (2 elected)—Duncan McPhedran 525, Alex Kingsbury 456, Hugh Brown 197, Thomas Gelatly 175.

Chamber Membership Projects Ideas for Future Plans, Activities

receptacles in the downtown area streets, correcting damaging ideas and attitudes about the town held by the public, possibility of supporting a long-term program that would provide Acton with permanent type roads.

Other suggestions dealt with bicycle licensing, increased or controlled parking in the downtown area, promotion of more local sports as a booster for the town, preparation of a small handbook on civic information and booster pamphlets.

At the close of the meeting the chamber agreed to sponsor the erection of a huge Christmas tree on Mill St. Ted Tyler Jr. agreed to head a volunteer group that would bring the tree in and assist in the erection.

Earlier in the meeting, following the reading of the minutes and the latest financial summary by secretary-treasurer R. F. Bean, two new members were voted on and approved by the membership.