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## Councils in Accord on Annexation Compensation to Esqueusing Twp.

A new proposal from Esqueusing township for annexation compensation met with friendly treatment at Council's Monday night session where members learned that a committee composed of councillors from both municipalities, had come up with a figure of \$6,000, plus Acton's assumption of due school debt payments from the annexed area.

The \$6,000 to be paid in three yearly instalments of \$2,000, is a far cry from the approximate \$25,000 first asked by the township after the annexation of 465 Esqueusing acres became effective early this year.

Council considered the most recent proposal "very fair". Members added that the township was assuredly entitled to this much compensation for land lost to the town under the annexation order.

No Action Till 1956

While there is every indication the proposal will be accepted, this council cannot take action to complete the agreement. Under a ruling of the Municipal Act, councils are not allowed to enter into agreements involving large sums of money between nomination time and the end of the retiring year. This same ruling applies to Esqueusing and their position. It is likely the new councils of both municipalities will table the agreement for early action in 1956.

At the outset of Monday night's meeting a delegation from the organizing parks commission, R. H. Parker, Art Padbury and Mrs. George Fryer, appeared before council. Mr. Parker, as spokesman, asked for the town's views on the function of the commission. He said the group was enthusiastic but needed some direction from council regarding its area of action.

It was pointed out that council is presently awaiting information from the Municipal Department regarding Parks Commission by-law, legal aspects of its establishment and its municipal status. Mr. Parker noted the next meeting is scheduled for January. Council considered the desired information should be back by then.

Discus Park Program

Brief discussion on the Commission's proposed program and projects that could be undertaken followed. Mr. Padbury urged Council should take steps now to curb unattended parking. The recurring idea of closing the park to cars also came up.

Councillor C. Lindsay reported he and Deputy Reeve Footitt, with Ratepayers' Association chairman Walter Cook, had met with members of the Association, had recently met other parties concerned in the town's problem of gaining an entryway into the Lakeview subdivision. One councillor identified the problem as the "parking cost" issue.

Councillor Lindsay explained the latest negotiations. They point to a closer state of settlement than there has been for some time. However, negotiations are still not complete as the problem now involves moving a house to another lot.

Progress on Difficulties

Discussion on the matter led into other problems of sewer line extension in this area from Lakeview, and the need for drainage facilities around the school creek at Main St. It was noted better progress was being made in solving these difficulties too.

Council ordered E. Braida paid \$20 for two rolls of fence used by the town. This motion came after considerable talk about the circumstances that led to the town's acquisition of the fence.

Council decided not to proclaim Tuesday, December 27, as Boxing Day.

After the police report was read, members agreed to leave final reading of two by-laws for Lakeview and Glenlea service lines over until the new year. Chief reason was that the present time was considered inauspicious to sell debentures for this approved work.

Misleading Information

Work sheets were reviewed and scattered small jobs about town added to the list. An indigent patient account of \$125.50 was passed for payment.

After briefly viewing the plan of subdivision addition for a property

in Lakeview until recently under lease, Council passed the plan on to the Planning Board. In a discussion of sewer line installation work in this subdivision, members agreed to continue work this winter as long as weather allows.

Somehow talk channelled into speculation on the town's sewer plant capacity, then into misleading information Glenlea residents had been reportedly given, prior to moving here, about the "low" taxes in Acton. Clerk J. McGeachie said his office was being caused a lot of bother as a result of mistaken ideas about Acton's tax level.

A Letter From Schultz

Council received, with no signs of happiness, a letter from George Schultz Construction, contractor on last year's installation of the Warren Grove sewers. Gist of the notice, a bill, was to get council to pay half the \$750 rental due a well point company, plus share of supervision cost. The Schultz firm is committed under agreement to pay the other half.

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## Civic Centre Snubbed

# Vote Draws 51 Per Cent. Poll Again Next Monday

## Large Barn Burns In Glen Williams

A large glow which could be seen in the sky from here last night was a burning barn in Glen Williams.

The large barn, on the farm of Percy Wagstaffe, took fire early in the evening and in a few hours was totally destroyed. Although stuck in the structure, including at least a dozen cattle, was saved, the crop and some implements were lost.

Firemen from Georgetown played water on nearby buildings as sparks and burning embers rose high from the heat generated by the blaze. Cars from miles around this district were attracted to the scene of the fire.

## Box Tally on Monday Elections

COUNCIL	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	Total
Six Elected					
Barbeau	201	96	82	87	466
Footitt	183	92	99	92	466
Cook	205	72	82	80	439
Lindsay	163	87	88	87	425
Brown	148	86	82	95	411
Brunel	157	105	72	73	407
Langford	154	91	78	75	398
Irwin	136	87	74	75	372
Goodwin	120	51	63	61	295
Ives	139	43	43	38	263
P.U.C.					
Two Elected					
Everdell	185	121	97	108	511
Hufnagel	151	104	98	101	454
Taylor	140	32	42	43	257
Irvine	120	38	33	38	229
PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD					
Three Elected					
Watson	251	134	131	127	643
Wolfe	212	116	121	117	566
Smith	209	112	106	104	531
Etheridge	149	49	39	50	287
BAND BY-LAW					
YES	179	102	84	88	453
NO	102	32	24	24	182
CIVIC CENTRE					
YES	13	6	7	4	30
NO	265	126	101	103	595

## Voters Pass Band By-Law, Put New Men on Council

Acton's electors—about 51 per cent of whom marked up to five ballots Monday in Council, P.U.C. and school board elections and on two civic questions—aren't through yet. Next Monday they go to the polls again to decide on one of two candidates for the unoccupied deputy-reeve's chair.

Ray Thompson and William Wilson the only two to qualify from five names nominated last Friday night for the deputy reeveship, will seek a decision from the voters in the town's second voting day within a week.

Others nominated at the short, speechless nomination meeting last Friday night were C. F. Leatherland, Estier Taylor and Lorne Wick.

Monday, what was prematurely predicted for the biggest voting percentage yet, levelled off to 50.9, or 874 ballots cast, by the time the final counting was completed about midnight.

Following Predictions

As was generally predicted, voting on the civic centre question ran to the negative; the ratepayers turned it down, 595 to 30. On the other hand, local prophets figured the band by-law question would easily pass. And it did, by 453 yeas to 182 nays.

George Barbeau and Ed Footitt led the 10-man contest for the six council seats, each polling a total of 466 votes. Second came Acton Ratepayers' Association chairman Walter Cook with a 439 total, while close behind was C. Lindsay with 425. The two remaining seats went to R. N. Brown 411 and S. Brunel 407.

Defeated council candidates are R. Langford 398, A. Irwin 372, Roy Goodwin 295 and A. Ives 263.

Two sitting members of the Public Utilities Commission retained their seats in a contest with two other candidates for the P.U.C. Ray Everdell led with 511 votes, followed by E. Hufnagel with 454, R. Taylor and J. Irvine were defeated.

Of four candidates for three public school board trusteeships, five members again defeated opposition to retain office. T. Watson, W. Wolfe and M. Smith were re-elected over D. Etheridge by wide margins.

Vote percentages in the separate wards were: Ward One, 55.1 per cent; Ward Two, 54.3 per cent; Ward Three, 45.7 per cent; Ward Four, 45.5 per cent.

## Teachers Shortage, Recent Survey, Salaries Discussed by P.S. Board

A shortage of teachers, a new salary schedule and a survey of pre-school children in town were among the items on the agenda when the public school board met on Tuesday evening. Chairman Wolfe presided over the regular meeting with trustees Heard, Watson, Bradley and Smith present.

The principal, G. W. McKenzie, reported having no good results from advertisements for teachers. Mrs. Vivian Smith has volunteered to teach grade five from January until June. The vacancy is caused by the resignation of Mrs. Wilkinson.

The board approved advertising again, with Mr. Bradley and Mr. Watson appointed to handle the results.

The property committee was authorized to arrange the required tables for the auditorium, easels for the kindergarten—primary and a bulletin board for the principal's office.

The salary schedule was again under survey by the board.

A survey made of resident pre-school children showed the numbers already in town that would be coming into kindergarten in the next five years. In 1956 there will be 88 children; in 1957 61, in 1958 73, in 1959 62 and in 1960 66. Present enrolment of the school is 664, with more families moving into town regularly.

Letters of appreciation were read from the Teachers' Institute for the use of the school for their convention and from the Acton Ratepayers' Association for their meeting. A review indicated the auditorium was used without cost by these groups, by the night school, the Five Counties Association and the high school for two dances, at home and two commences during the year. Also \$100 was received from non-school groups for rentals.

The secretary reported receipt of \$49 non-resident fees. An orthopedic transportation unit was arranged to transport a pupil and from school, for which a departmental grant will be forthcoming.

The financial statement of \$1,126.11 was presented and approved and payment authorized.

## Demonstration Given in Aid of Halton Retarded

Mrs. Eileen Buckner (L.R.A.M., London, England), gave a most interesting and instructive lecture-demonstration in the St. Alban's Parish Hall on Friday, December 2. She was assisted by Mrs. Roberta Moran at the piano and by a group of Acton children.

By singing action songs, by walking, running, skipping, etc., the children learn to distinguish the time from the written notes, and by acting out the symbols, easily step out rhythmic patterns. With the use of a sound or singing ladder chart, the children learn the development of the tone sense through pitch games.

Listening to music and expressing what it means to them in dancing or rhythmic movement, a most effective means of laying musical foundations on a sound basis. Seeing the fun the young folk were having, it soon became apparent how much children learn by constructive play.

The following took part: Gail Barbeau, Peter Barratt, Gwen Bean, Helen and Bernie Benton, Robbie Buckner, Shirley and Suzanne Cohen, Linda and Dougie Cook, John Davidson, Sandra and Heather Fields, Jill and John Hurst, Andrew Knox, Ruth Ann Leatherland, Eddie Long, John McGeachie, Barbara Morris, Janice Wagner and Sally Wilson.

Mrs. Buckner thanked the children who had done their parts so well and all those who had helped to make the evening a success. The proceeds, \$30.00, were handed to the group who had come from Milton, representing the Retarded Children's Association.

Main Street merchants are planning now which nights they will remain open for everyone to finish his Christmas shopping.

## Hydro Revenue Up, Audit Shows Profit Of \$14,571

Audit of the P.U.C.'s hydro finances for the first nine months of 1955 shows a profit on paper of \$14,571.58, Secretary J. McGeachie told Commissioners at a regular meeting last week.

It was pointed out, however, that some \$27,000 in capital expenditures has been made from the operating treasury. This money will be replaced upon receipt of the \$35,000 hydro debenture funds, authorized earlier this year.

The secretary added that hydro revenue has been steadily increasing this year.

It was reported from a special meeting that James Glazier has been hired, as of November 28, as a lineman to replace Kerwin McPhail, who recently resigned. Salary was set at \$3,200.

Also from the special meeting, the commission authorized purchase of a calculator for office use. Cost is \$700 to be paid on a 90-day basis.

Free Power Illegal

Secretary McGeachie read a circular letter from the Hamilton office of the H.E.P.C. reminding local commissions that power and costs for seasonal decorations and lighting projects, sponsored by civic groups, could not be supplied free under legislation which exists. The form letter was noted and filed.

Hydro superintendent D. Mason reported various jobs of pole installation and replacement, in which the same trouble which arose with service lines at the laneway. He started a brief discussion about switching on the

## In New Year's Day Hamilton Road Race

Acton will be represented this year at the annual New Year's Day road races in Hamilton. Bruce Andrews and Bob Allonby will be carrying the colors of the Acton Y.M.C.A. Track Club in the junior three mile run, and Wilson Allonby and Ed McHugh will be entering in the 10 mile senior event.

Both these races start and finish at the Hamilton Y.M.C.A. the senior event starting at three o'clock and the junior event starting 40 minutes later. These boys could certainly use some hometown support along the course!

## Large Court New For Team

Which way did they go?

That was the question in the minds of the Acton Y.M.C.A. Seniors last Saturday when for the first time they moved out onto a full sized basketball court to meet the Kitchener Seniors on Kitchener's home floor. For the first quarter, it did not seem that the larger floor would bother the Acton boys, as they outscored Kitchener 6-2, but soon the larger playing area, plus the loss of three players due to illness, started to tell and by half time the score was Kitchener 13, Acton 6. In the last half, Kitchener picked up 25 points while holding the Acton boys to two points, as they outscored Kitchener 38, Acton 11. The Acton team was made up of Brian Gervais, Barry Stewart, Frank Cooper, Don Brown, Wayne Currie, Frank Marisak and John Lee.

This was the last scheduled game until after the holiday season and practice will end this week for exams. Coach Buchanan has decided to have the team back at practice as soon as exams are over to get in shape for the first game next year.

## Judge Grants Papers To 66 New Canadians

The following were among 66 New Canadians in Halton county who received their naturalization papers in court in Milton recently:

Durk Boorsma, R.R. 1, Moffat, Markie Boorsma, R.R. 1, Moffat, Sylvia Dye, 338 Peel St., Acton; Mychajlo Dye, 338 Peel St., Acton; Jammetke Koetsier, R.R. 4, Acton, and Jacob Koetsier, R.R. 4, Acton.

Altogether 66 from Halton received their papers.

## Annual Warden's Dinner Guests Hear of Planning Region Scheme

County officials and many in public life of Halton County were guests last Thursday evening of Warden Robert H. Shannon at the annual Warden's Dinner held at the Grant Inn in Burlington.

An excellent turkey dinner was served and a program enjoyed that was highlighted by an address by Hon. William K. Warrender, Q.C., first chairman of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission and former head of the Department of Planning and Development.

Mr. Warrender's address dealt with a subject which is uppermost in Halton County planning. He asked if this county as a whole is prepared to meet the challenge of the St. Lawrence development. He told of the need for planning in a large regional scheme emphasizing that the whole section from Oshawa to Niagara Falls was included in what is now known as the Golden Horseshoe Area.

He outlined what industrialists seek in locating industries and that all the factors are carefully weighed in selecting a location.

His address was timely and informative and appreciated by this group of Haltonians who are meeting these problems every day.

Chairman for the evening's program was Mr. N. R. Craig, Mayor.

## Purple, Gold Outfits For Acton Juniors

Acton Junior-Farmers skated on to the ice at Milton arena Monday evening wearing their new sweaters and stockings. In purple and gold, the outfits have 10-inch provincial crests with "Acton" prominent on them, and the names of Acton merchants on the back.



MINOR BASEBALL CHAMPS were feted in winning style last week at the Legion Hall where trophies, crests, dinner and entertainment were absorbed by the Acton boys who played ball this summer under the guidance of the Legion and Minor Sports Association. Above is the winning team, back of Don Emmerson who won the R. F. Bean trophy for sportsmanship. Members of the championship Muckers are, front, left to right, Dale Woodbury, Wayne Marshall, Bruce Timpon, Fete Lawson, Wayne Ridley, Wayne Wilson, Terry Waterhouse. Back row, Herb Cook, coach, Bob Marshall, Fred Graham, Jim Lindsay, Gary Walker, Bob Cox, Bill Waterhouse, manager. Absent were Raymond Pasma, Ed. Melody, Don Lindsay, Bill Shannon.

## First Meeting Held Of New Camera Club

The Camera Club of Acton had its opening meeting on Thursday, December 1 at the Y.M.C.A. There were several enthused members present.

The Kodak Co. have offered a complete course with the required lectures. At the next meeting in January, a film on the Introduction of Picture Making, will be shown. It was suggested by Herman Eckert to have some form of practical interest at the coming meeting, and he offered his 35 mm. camera for use. Each present can take a picture that night at the next meeting, all these pictures can be observed, criticized and the best picked out.

Everyone was asked to encourage anyone interested in camera work to come to this most important organizational meeting.

Rev. Armstrong moved the meeting be adjourned and the motion was seconded by Lorne Garner.

## Police Follow Leads Chased Burglars Drop Safe Unopened

Police in Hamilton are investigating strong leads in efforts to arrest intruders who burglarized an Acton car was ditched.

The robbery attempt at the mail store Wednesday morning, made away with the safe they abandoned their car and the unopened safe south of Milton as local and district officers gave chase.

OPP Cpl. R. Mason said yesterday the car has been identified although Hamilton police received a report it had been stolen. Coupled with this information, given to police by a safe to the car parked in front and Milton truck driver who picked up

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Police here called to Milton. District OPP officers chased after the car as it sped through that town and on south on No. 25 Highway. Radioing ahead, police had a roadblock set up at Palermo. The speeding get-away car turned off west at the Base Line, however, then was abandoned and its occupants scattered through the wooded areas on the Base Line. Police pursuing the car found it stalled by the side of the road, empty except for the unopened safe.