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New Public School Here Is Not Likely This Year

Call Only One Name For Saturday Winner

Unsavory weather didn't deter a sizeable crowd for last Saturday afternoon's treasure chest draw at the post office corner.

Only one name was called to produce a winner—Mrs. Archie Kenner, Acton. Mrs. Kenner held a five per cent. coupon, thereby won \$12 and was able to identify the merchant of the week for an extra \$55.

Rotary Sees Slides Of British Guiana

Miss Ellen Anderson told of the life in British Guiana and her work there when she was guest speaker at the weekly Rotary club meeting Tuesday. She also showed slides of the country.

Guests at the meeting as well as Miss Anderson were Mrs. Ted Hansen, Miss Isabel Anderson and Mrs. C. Hansen.

Jim Ledger thanked Miss Anderson and she was given a gift.

Family Visits Couple On 50th Anniversary

The home of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Fisher, R.R. 3, Georgetown, was the scene of a happy occasion when they celebrated with their family the 50th anniversary of their marriage.

Those present were William at home; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Fisher, R.R. 5, Milton; Jean, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. James Rae (Irene) of Brantford; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Fisher, R.R. 5, Milton, and their seven grandchildren, Robert, Paul, John and Elizabeth Ann, David and Mary Alice, and Suzanne Rae.

Mr. and Mrs. Fisher were married on January 3, 1906 by Rev. J. R. Watts, then minister of Boston Presbyterian church, Mansewood.

Charged For Illegal Dumping of Garbage

Joe Kim of R.R. 1, Burlington, has been charged with illegally dumping garbage by Ontario Provincial Police—George Moore, it was learned this week.

The incident happened on the sixth line, Nassagaweya, near the Beaver Dam, where a whole truckload of garbage was found at the side of the road.

There have been many instances of garbage being illegally dumped in Halton recently, although most of the incidents occurred in the Georgetown area.

Rural Safe-Driving Contest For Forums

Halton County Federation of Agriculture is endorsing a contest sponsored by the Ontario Federation of Agriculture to encourage farm people to search for ways of reducing the hazards to safety on our rural roads, and to focus attention on Safe Driving Week—Farm forum members have been invited to submit 100-word essays and prizes will be given for the best ideas.

A community action which will reduce the number of accidents in their respective communities.

Halton County award night for this contest will be held in February with the time and place to be announced later. A competent committee is making arrangements for an exceptional program on that night. Rural Safe Driving Week is from February 20 to 25 inclusive.

Winner of Trophy Gives Talk on Queen

Nomination papers were filled out during the business meeting of the Lakeside chapter I.O.D.E. Tuesday evening. Due to alterations at the Legion Hall, the meeting was held in St. Alban's parish hall.

Katharine Kirkness, winner of the Rachelin public speaking trophy, gave her talk on the Queen. Mrs. E. Smith read an article of interest.

Evangelism Is Week of Prayer Theme For Five Evening Services

Evangelism—Finding and Saving the Lost, is the theme of the annual Week of Prayer being held this week in town by the Ministerial Association. Members of all congregations are meeting in the Protestant churches to follow the progressive subject of the series.

In his address on Monday evening in St. Alban's church, Rev. K. Reid presented an introduction to evangelism and told of the spread of the early church. His text was from Timothy 4, 5.

Rev. E. H. Jones, led the service with C. Ranney reading the scripture. The choir of the Anglican church led in the singing.

Since the Christian Reformed congregation has no church of its own as yet, their service was held in Knox church Tuesday evening.

Public School trustees, meeting for the first time this year last week, will avoid building a new school this year. A review of present and anticipated school loads suggests led to this decision.

Last year the Board purchased over eight acres in the eastern section of town to provide for a new public school.

However, new school furniture will be needed to supply additional classrooms as needed and plans were made to provide for this.

J. W. Wolfe was returned to the office of chairman for 1956. Committees were named as follows, first named is chairman: finance, C. W. Bradley, T. E. Watson; property, M. C. Smith, C. R. Heard; supply, W. E. Mattocks. Chairman Wolfe officiated on all committees.

W. Middleton was re-engaged as secretary-treasurer. George Mann and Douglas Price were re-engaged as caretakers and M. Schroeder was re-engaged as trustee. J. Creighton was appointed a member of Acton Free Library Board.

The principal advised that the inspectors were making their annual inspection.

Requisitions for supplies were approved. The property committee was requested to review painting requirements for estimate. A finance statement of \$45.49 was approved for payment.

Thursday, January 19, was chosen as the date for consideration of teachers' salary schedule.

Following regular procedure, the board designated the first Thursday of each month at 7.30 p.m. at the school to be date, time and place of regular meetings.

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Mild Days Leave Walks Roads Icy

A warmer mass of air moving over this part of the province early in the week is playing hob with motorists and pedestrians in more places than Acton.

Milder temperatures have not only cut the level of last month's snows, but have left patches and pools of water on roads and sidewalks. When the mercury lowers at night, water becomes ice and traveling by foot or by car, becomes dangerous.

The sanding trucks, for the time being, have taken over where the plows left off.

Mrs. Peter Sayers Has 90th Birthday

The neighbors dropped in for a surprise tea when Mrs. Peter Sayers observed her 90th birthday on Saturday. Quite active for her years, Mrs. Sayers now joins the list of Acton's several nonagenarians.

The widow of the late Peter Sayers of Nassagaweya, she has lived most of her life in this district. She was born near Dublin school, just ten years short of a century ago and after her marriage, spent a few years in Canada. Her home here is at the corner of Church and Frederick Sts.

Mrs. Sayers is the stepmother of Mrs. D. Hutcheon and the late Harry and Frank Sayers, and a sister of the late Thomas Gibbons.

Commission Unchanged Oakes Again Public Utilities Chairman

Dr. Frank Oakes was re-named chairman of the Public Utilities Commission last week when the 1956 body, its membership unchanged from last year, met for its inaugural meeting. E. Hufnagel was again named vice-chairman.

Committees on the five-man Commission, now starting its second year of administration over the town's public utilities as an enlarged body, are: finance, Mayor E. Tyler, R. Evordell; property, E. Hufnagel, J. Stewart.

Following attention to routine motions usually passed at the first of the year, the Commission spent some time discussing outstanding accounts. A motion credited the \$40 hydro deficit of S. Fanos, former restaurant manager, to his unpaid consumer account. Members also discussed the outstanding account of a former butcher here, as well as the unpaid and disputed account of an Acton resident.

As a result of this and later talk on unpaid accounts, members endorsed a motion stipulating that when a consumer moves, no services, hydro and water, will be turned on for a new occupant until any bills which may be outstanding are paid up.

It was pointed out that this does not put the new occupant liable, but lays stress on the owner to make sure a vacating tenant leaves no unpaid hydro or water bills.

Town engineer Frank Patesen explained a draft plan for a garage addition at the pumping station. The size of the garage doors became a point of concern to the Commissioners. It was agreed to study the plans further, also to advertise for tenders.

A local electrician, E. VanNorman, appeared to tell the P.U.C. his objections after being asked by a reported fault in a P.U.C. solid water heater. The trouble in this case, he developed, in other cases as well, was in the heat control or type of thermostat.

Members discussed the "bickering" of these thermostats, ultimately agreed to send a letter of complaint to the manufacturer of the tanks.

A letter from the O.M.E.A. regarding a complaint to the A.F.P.C. to municipalities was not preceded by an advance notice, produced information that the H.E.P.C. intends



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Seaboard, Spur Line Trains Interest Club

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During the business meeting, Bob Buck was elected club representative on the Y.M.C.A. special finance committee. It was decided to serve refreshments at the meetings. Owen Masales reported that the group of model railroaders in Hamilton had started taking movies and he was trying to arrange a showing here.

During a short discussion on finances, it was decided to start a fund for the building of a model layout in the Y.M.C.A.

Inspectors L. L. Skuce and Robert Bornhold were at the public school this week and the latter part of last week.

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Ambitious Program Put Before Council For 1956, Yet Hope to Lower Mill Rate

District Scouters Plan Social Night

Tentative plans for a Scouters' social evening in March were made at the regular monthly meeting of the North Halton Scouters' Club held last night in Hillsburgh. The event, the first social that has been planned by the group, will take place at the March meeting and will be in the form of a dinner.

Immediate steps are being taken to obtain a recently compiled 45 minute sound film on the Eighth World Jamboree and it is hoped that this film will provide special entertainment for the occasion.

Possibilities of a Scout Camporee early next summer were discussed among the 17 Scouters but details were left over for the February meeting.

Commissioner Ron Robertson of Hamilton, clarified the procedure by which a committee could be set up in order to secure someone to fill the position of District Commissioner for the North Halton District, which comprises Acton, Erin, Georgetown, Hillsburgh and Milton. No steps have yet been taken.

The program for the evening was in charge of Milton Scouters. Lunch was provided by the Scouters of Hillsburgh.

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Numerous Deer Killed By Cars

Since the deer season in Halton was closed, at least four deer have been killed on the highways by cars, police said this week.

A car driven by Lloyd Wilson of R.R. 3, Milton, struck and killed a deer on No. 25 highway near Speake Friday of last week. Mr. Wilson told police that three deer ran across the road, and although he succeeded in missing two, the other deer got in the way of his vehicle.

A smashed headlight and a dent in fender resulted from a similar incident last week when Tracy Barrow hit a deer on No. 7 highway near Acton. The deer carcasses in both cases were removed to Milton, where they provided excellent meals for the prisoners in the jail.

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New Mutual Aid Officers Named

The fire chiefs of eight Halton municipalities cast ballots in the Oakville fire hall on Sunday afternoon, when the Halton County Mutual Aid organization rallied for the first meeting of 1956.

Present were the chiefs of the Georgetown, Acton, Milton, Nelson, Burlington, Burlington Beach, Oakville, and Trafalgar brigades numbers one and two.

Bill Hyde, of Georgetown, was president of the association in 1955, and is succeeded this year by Chief George Wright of Trafalgar brigade No. 2. The Area Co-ordinator, Chief Fred Shaw of Oakville, is appointed by the Fire Marshall's office. A. E. (Babe) Clement, Chief of the Milton Brigade, was elected to the position of Deputy Co-ordinator.

The vice-president elected at the meeting was Rex Mills of Nelson and Alve Phillips of Trafalgar No. 2 was elected secretary-treasurer.

On the 1956 Educational Committee are Ross Harris of Burlington, George Kemp of Oakville, and Reg Law of Burlington.

The membership committee is made up of Chief Bruce of Bronte, Assistant Chief D'Arcy of Nelson, and Jim Wamsley of Burlington.

1956 auditors will be Jack Kerr of Georgetown and A. Elliott of Bronte.

Following the elections the yearly reports were given by the president, secretary, treasurer and auditor, and a general discussion was held on the movements of the Mutual Aid.

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A small group of citizens sat in on the earlier hours of the new council's maiden meeting. A Town Council meeting at something could be held at the time clock and during the day at the arena. This was handed over to the buildings committee. L. Week wished the 1956 council luck in the year's work.

Both these speakers were members of the 1955 council.

G. A. Dills said he attended regularly as an interested citizen. However, he had with him reprinted copies of the 1952 municipal by-law drawn up 10 years after a village council was first formed. He noted this old by-law had never been amended.

After passing copies out to members, he suggested council might wish to look over the rules and regulations of procedure and perhaps make amendments if it sees fit.

Route Routine Motions

A sheaf of routine motions rustled around the table. These included resolutions to:

Authorize printing of 100 committee cards.

Set regular meetings in '56 for the

The Brankiewicz Case (Continued)

Two by-laws, one authorizing the borrowing of \$100,000 for municipal expenditures until taxes are collected and another allowing the P.U.C. to borrow on behalf of its \$3,000,000 debenture, were given necessary readings. The last by-law is to provide a temporary advance to meet the cost of capital work done and being done by the P.U.C. until this approved debenture is sold.

Deputy-reeve W. Wilson questioned if the town was enjoying the low interest rates under its present method of sale. It has been the practice not to advertise, but to advise some 24 bonding companies of each issue or block of issues available here.

No Argument Given

The deputy-reeve suggested, with councillor R. N. Brown concurring, that in future the town's debentures be advertised to the public. This motion carried without argument.

However, during the discussion, councillor C. Lindsay cautioned against selling debentures at the first of the year, when the town's tax coffers are empty, then having to borrow from the bank each year to retire the payment. Clerk J. McGeechie also warned against this.

The Brankiewicz case, 1955 council's constant confounder, made its 1956 debut, still as confusing as ever.

For a while, with council, the Ratepayers' Association, the Lakeview contractors and several private parties negotiating repeatedly to reach settlement, solution seemed near. However, this week a new setback developed. It was learned a house, planned to be moved in order to smooth the contentious bend in the proposed course by the Brankiewicz property, cannot be moved.

Council, however, grasped at the hope that the house might yet be moved if another opinion, from a professional mover, were sought.

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Tax Balances and Maria St. Bridge

Members entered a lengthy discussion about tax balances from householders in Warren Grove and Glenlea. In these two subdivisions, home owners make monthly payments to mortgagees. These payments include a proportion of tax assessment which is returned by the mortgagees to the town for each property.

Big Bill at Christmas

Councillor Lindsay brought up complaints from Warren Grove that too large a balance is falling due at the end of the year, near Christmas, due to the mortgagees not being able to meet the year's rate. Councillor Cooke offered a similar complaint about the system in Glenlea.

After discussing the situation at length, members agreed they could offer little help since the system of collection is out of the town's hands. Reeve Hargrave suggested the home owners figure out what their total taxes lay early in the year, then lay aside a monthly amount over the regular payment to get over a big year-end balance assessment.

Members endorsed a motion which withholds payment of an account to S. DeRosa and Sons after

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A small group of citizens sat in on the earlier hours of the new council's maiden meeting. A Town Council meeting at something could be held at the time clock and during the day at the arena. This was handed over to the buildings committee. L. Week wished the 1956 council luck in the year's work.

Both these speakers were members of the 1955 council.

G. A. Dills said he attended regularly as an interested citizen. However, he had with him reprinted copies of the 1952 municipal by-law drawn up 10 years after a village council was first formed. He noted this old by-law had never been amended.

After passing copies out to members, he suggested council might wish to look over the rules and regulations of procedure and perhaps make amendments if it sees fit.

Route Routine Motions

A sheaf of routine motions rustled around the table. These included resolutions to:

Authorize printing of 100 committee cards.

Set regular meetings in '56 for the

The Brankiewicz Case (Continued)

Two by-laws, one authorizing the borrowing of \$100,000 for municipal expenditures until taxes are collected and another allowing the P.U.C. to borrow on behalf of its \$3,000,000 debenture, were given necessary readings. The last by-law is to provide a temporary advance to meet the cost of capital work done and being done by the P.U.C. until this approved debenture is sold.

Deputy-reeve W. Wilson questioned if the town was enjoying the low interest rates under its present method of sale. It has been the practice not to advertise, but to advise some 24 bonding companies of each issue or block of issues available here.

No Argument Given

The deputy-reeve suggested, with councillor R. N. Brown concurring, that in future the town's debentures be advertised to the public. This motion carried without argument.

However, during the discussion, councillor C. Lindsay cautioned against selling debentures at the first of the year, when the town's tax coffers are empty, then having to borrow from the bank each year to retire the payment. Clerk J. McGeechie also warned against this.

The Brankiewicz case, 1955 council's constant confounder, made its 1956 debut, still as confusing as ever.

For a while, with council, the Ratepayers' Association, the Lakeview contractors and several private parties negotiating repeatedly to reach settlement, solution seemed near. However, this week a new setback developed. It was learned a house, planned to be moved in order to smooth the contentious bend in the proposed course by the Brankiewicz property, cannot be moved.

Council, however, grasped at the hope that the house might yet be moved if another opinion, from a professional mover, were sought.

The Brankiewicz case continues.

Tax Balances and Maria St. Bridge

Members entered a lengthy discussion about tax balances from householders in Warren Grove and Glenlea. In these two subdivisions, home owners make monthly payments to mortgagees. These payments include a proportion of tax assessment which is returned by the mortgagees to the town for each property.

Big Bill at Christmas

Councillor Lindsay brought up complaints from Warren Grove that too large a balance is falling due at the end of the year, near Christmas, due to the mortgagees not being able to meet the year's rate. Councillor Cooke offered a similar complaint about the system in Glenlea.

After discussing the situation at length, members agreed they could offer little help since the system of collection is out of the town's hands. Reeve Hargrave suggested the home owners figure out what their total taxes lay early in the year, then lay aside a monthly amount over the regular payment to get over a big year-end balance assessment.

Members endorsed a motion which withholds payment of an account to S. DeRosa and Sons after

10-Week Course In Civil Defense Seeking Recruits

The school of instruction for a 10 week course in civil defense is open at the Milton Armouries. Authorities are looking for recruits from all over Halton County for the Civil Defense and Disaster Auxiliary Police Force, which will be a uniformed unit.

Instructors for the course will include W. Gilling, staff superintendent of the provincial Civil Defense Air Police; F. B. Cressay, senior staff inspector of the O.P.F.; Lloyd D. Dingle, Q.C. Crown Attorney for Halton; Inspector E. Hoath of the Ontario Provincial Police College; Sgt. L. E. Throop, Ontario Provincial Police; and W. F. A. Preston, staff superintendent of the Provincial Civil Defense.

The unit is designed to be of use not only for civil defence but in cases of natural disasters. The men will be fully trained, and it is hoped to recruit a full company of