

# Order 'No Vote' on Maria Street Bridge Debenture

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level of services as in other nearby localities.

Chairman Kennedy asked if this comment was all the speaker's own opinion. Mr. Rachlin replied affirmatively, adding he did not represent any group.

Councillor Lucas put several questions to Mr. Rachlin. At one point Mr. Rachlin referred to editorial comment in the local press where the bridge was called a "political football." He said in his 25 years here he had never known the bridge to be a "political football."

Not interested in Paper

The editorial got some more attention before the chairman ruled that the board wasn't too interested in what the paper said.

"What would happen, Mr. Rachlin, if the voters turned down the question of the town building a new bridge?" Councillor Lucas asked.

Mr. Rachlin replied that he felt Beardmore's might reconsider their position.

The questioning continued in this vein. Further reference was made to Beardmore's past connection with the bridge, also to the Free Press editorial which was grudgingly accepted by the board as an exhibit.

W. Cook rose to speak. His objections were the main excerpts from town and Esqueusing township records which, he intended to show, rests responsibility for replacement of the bridge on the Beardmore Co. He stated in his investigations he found the town council minutes from 1908 to 1918 were missing. He said he had found in the Free Press records of 1910, a council report dealing with the obligation of Beardmore's to build the bridge.

Responsibility Remains

He summarized that in his opinion that responsibility toward the bridge remained until there was documented proof of its removal.

Councillor Lucas asked Mr. Cook how the Esqueusing minutes with reference to the Queen Street crossing (at that time, in the township) had anything to do with the bridge which was always in the town limits.

He continued his questioning to place Esqueusing's responsibility on the bridge responsibility. He also asked what Mr. Cook found in the clerk's records.

Finally, Mr. Cook agreed the new bridge was a necessity, but added that in his view it should be built by the parties who are definitely responsible.

R. N. Brown spoke briefly. Mr. Brown maintained the subject of the bridge had never been brought up in council this year. He went on to recall the excavations for the cut when the bridge was built, also how Queen Street was surveyed. Councillor Lucas asked if Mr. Brown had ever made a motion in council to resolve last year's action by council. Mr. Brown said he had not.

Mr. Brown sat down without indicating favor or disfavor toward the town erecting a new bridge.

Dedicated to Town

D. W. M. Cooper, solicitor for the Beardmore Co., called company general manager W. J. Beatty to testify. Mr. Beatty verified a copy of a 1910 council resolution which, after erection of the company, dedicated the bridge to the town. A surveyor's letter dated 1918 establishing location of the bridge was also read.

Mr. Beatty testified Beardmore's had, in the past, repaired the bridge under protest at different times. He added, however, that the company had never felt obligated to maintain it as a public thoroughfare.

"It was just one more thing the company did that it didn't have to do," he commented.

Concluding, Mr. Cooper read an old letter to the town from Beardmore's which repudiated any company obligation to maintain the bridge as a public thoroughfare.

A Word of Time

Councillor Lucas again called Clerk McGeachie, who after producing a bulky file on the Maria Street bridge, answered that to his knowledge the "missing minutes" extended from August 1, 1910 to October 1921.

Chairman Kennedy interrupted. He said there was too much time being spent on the question of the bridge's ownership and that perhaps a lot of this time was being wasted.

Following the board's reproach, Councillor Lucas began to summarize.

He elaborated on the good faith of 1955's town council in taking steps to build a new bridge as a public responsibility. It was shown as a public responsibility under the circumstances of evidence brought out here, he said.

The town, he continued, feels committed to serve these people who have petitioned for a new bridge. And, he added, the need is desperate as the present dangerous condition of the bridge shows.

The amount involved, the Councillor argued, is only \$15,000. He wondered how the public's decision could improve on the faith of its elected representatives.

"Must the town possibly get into litigation over this matter with Beardmore's," he asked and went on to observe that he was sure no one wanted that to happen.

"It has been shown there is no contract for Beardmore's to maintain the bridge," the solicitor asserted.

"We have had only two objectors appear at this hearing and both of them have council connections. It could possibly be their objections are prompted by some political thought," the solicitor said.

Councillor Lucas concluded his case with another view to the length of time the town has considered replacing the bridge, also to Department of Highways approval on its construction.

## Friendly Circle Has Husbands as Guests

The Friendly Circle of the United Church entertained their husbands last week in the Sunday school room. The president, Mrs. Verna Bean, opened meeting with a hymn. A short business session followed.

Mrs. Annetta Van Fleet's and Mrs. Irene Masters' group had charge for the rest of the evening. Scripture was read by Mrs. Joyce Schroeder.

Mrs. Edith Jennings gave a devotional reading. When We Were Young, by Padre W. A. Young, Mrs. Irene Douglas closed the meeting with prayer. A social hour of games followed, conducted by Mrs. E. McKeown.

R. F. Bean, Mrs. Irma Nessel, Mrs. Shirley Armstrong, E. Lidkea and C. Rogvaldson took part in a "What's My Line" program. A spelling bee, led by Mrs. Edith Jennings, featured the ladies against the men. C. Rogvaldson was the winner.

Rev. Adams closed with a prayer. A buffet supper brought the evening social to a close.

## Church Groups Hold Meetings Past Week

The World's Day of Prayer service was observed jointly by the local churches. Mrs. H. McPherson of the United Church and Mrs. W. Lowrie of the Presbyterian church were leaders. Prayers were offered by Mrs. H. Gilbertson and Mrs. Cowell. The address was given by Mrs. J. Gilbertson. Mrs. Ken Hewitt sang a solo accompanied by Mrs. Wallace Lasby, who also was pianist for the service.

Ladies Church Meetings

The February meetings of the Ladies Aid and W.M.S. of the Presbyterian church were held on Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Jim Wilson. Owing to so much sickness in the community, the attendance was small. Mrs. H. Gilbertson was in charge of a short business meeting of the Ladies Aid.

The W.M.S. was in charge of Mrs. W. Lowrie. Scripture was read consecutively and Mrs. James Gilbertson led in prayer. Mrs. H. Mainprize of Acton was present and gave a full outline of the new plan of stewardship in the Presbyterian.

Mrs. G. MacDougall gave a reading and the meeting closed with a hymn and prayer by the president. A social half hour was spent with Mrs. J. D. Lowrie as assistant hostess.

## Palermo Has Fast Final Period, Win Over Norval 8-4

Palermo, in a free swinging third period which saw most scoring and plenty of penalties, swamped Norval's chances of a win in the first game of the Halton Junior Farmer hockey finals this week with an 8-4 victory.

Only one goal was scored in the first period, for Norval, and Norval still led 3-1 at the end of the second frame. Palermo lowered the boom with seven goals in the last period.

Norval: F. Brigden, D. Smith, P. Pomeroy, E. Wilson, G. Ferguson, F. Barnes, C. McDonald, H. Wilson, K. Hearn, Jamie Cunningham, R. Cunningham, Ken Richardson, B. Wilson.

Palermo: J. Delmen, B. Broughton, B. Price, G. Richardson, D. Marshall, Bob Marshall, P. Flippance, G. Greer, G. Pelletterio, B. Cudmore.

First Period  
N: K. Richardson (J. Cunningham, R. Cunningham).  
Pens: P. G. Richardson.

Second Period  
P: B. Price (Cudmore, G. Pelletterio).  
N: E. Wilson (Pomeroy).  
N: K. Richardson (D. Smith).  
Pens: P. Greer, L. Vivian, K. Vivian, D. Vivian, N. K. Richardson, J. Cunningham.

Third Period  
P: B. Cudmore (G. Pelletterio).  
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## Visitors in Community

Mr. and Mrs. George Wright of Chesley and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wright of Guelph visited on Sunday with Mrs. John McAlpine and Florence.

The many friends of Mrs. James Blacklock will be sorry to learn she is confined to hospital. All hope for her a speedy recovery; also, Master Dan Stevenson, who underwent an operation for appendicitis on Sunday.

We are pleased to report Mrs. W. Mine is able to be around again after a bout with the flu.

The flu is very prevalent in this district at present.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed in the Presbyterian church on Sunday. Preparatory services will be on Thursday evening. Rev. R. H. Armstrong of Acton will be in charge of both services.

## School Association Sponsors Euchre Sat.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lefrank on the safe arrival of a wee daughter, Ada Fenny, on Saturday evening.

The Gibraltar School Association sponsored a euchre in S.S. 9 school on Saturday evening. First prizes went to Fred Brooks and S. Law, seconds to Cyril Clarke and Mrs. E. Findlay and consolations to A. C. and Mrs. Patterson, Gloria Latim, C. and Mrs. Patterson. The committee served lunch afterwards.

The Karn's visited the Alvin Karn's at London on Sunday.

Mrs. Robert Patterson spent Sunday with the A. C. Patterson's.

Mr. and Mrs. Veitch, formerly of Glasgow, Scotland, now of Georgetown, visited the Briggs on Sunday.

The W. A. sponsored a Valentine tea at the new home of Mrs. J. Creighton last Thursday. Admission was a novel idea—one cent per inch of waistline.

People buy the Free Press to read and read the Free Press to buy.

## District Police Called After Area Accidents

Provincial police constable George Moore was called Sunday afternoon to investigate a minor accident at No. 22 sideroad and the first line of Esqueusing township, where cars driven by Alcide Villmaire, R.R. 2, Acton and Robert Rowan, Milton, collided at the intersection. Damage to the Rowan vehicle was estimated at \$125.

A car driven by Elvin Rocher, Brampton, was caused \$200 damage when it went into the ditch and crashed through four guard rails on Saturday at McCullough's corners near Georgetown.

The occupants in a car driven by Matt Ropas, Toronto, suffered no injuries but the car was damaged to the extent of \$500 when it slid on the icy roads and rolled over on the second line of Esqueusing township about two miles north of Acton.

Constable Moore investigated all three accidents.

## Mass In St. Joseph's For Martin Kelly

Requiem Mass was sung today in St. Joseph's Church for the late Martin Kelly, Acton, who died Tuesday at the home of his son, Henry.

The deceased was born Nov. 1, 1873, at Blyth, Ontario. He was married there in 1904 and has lived for 48 years at his last home. He was a farmer most of his life.

Surviving is the deceased's wife, the former Gertrude King, and seven children, Henry, Acton, Mrs. P. McCristall (Catherine), Acton, Patrick, Oshawa, Mrs. J. Blackwell (Elizabeth), Kitchener, Mrs. L. Forstall, (Rachel), Mrs. J. Houck (Beatrice), Mrs. F. Mollison (Anne), all of Guelph. Also surviving is one brother, Thomas, and two sisters, Mrs. Thomas Storey and Miss Catherine Kelly, all of Acton.

Burial was in Dublin cemetery.

## Rockwood Man Dies In Guelph Hospital

A lifetime resident of Rockwood district, Henry Maude died at Guelph General Hospital Monday after an illness of 10 days.

Born in Eramosa township April 6, 1873, he was a son of the late William Maude and Anne McEnery. He married the former Hazel Irene Clarke in Acton on July 12, 1917.

Surviving besides his wife are three sons and one daughter, Mrs. George Mitchell (Myrtle), Rockwood, Thomas, Acton, William, Rockwood and Elmer, Winterbourne. One sister, Mary Jane Birge, Toronto, also survives.

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