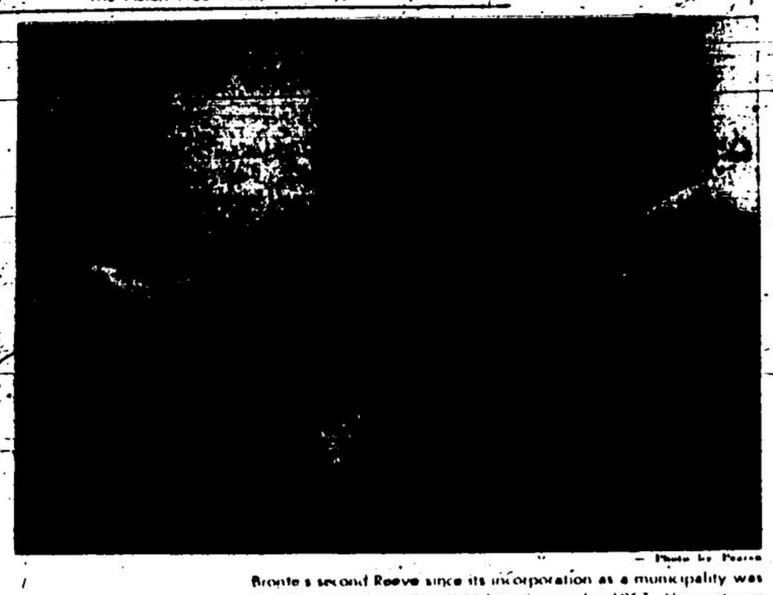

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**Bronte's Reeve Is Halton Warden**

Bronte's second Reeve since its incorporation as a municipality was Tuesday named Warden of Halton County for 1957. Here retiring Warden Reeve Stanley Allen, Georgetown, presents the gavel to Warden-elect Reeve Thomas Millward. W. Deans, centre, watches.

# J. J. Stewart '57 Commission Chairman Review Meter Reading at Inaugural

Meter reading and discussion of previous business occupied most of the inaugural meeting of the Acton Public Utilities Commission Thursday when Commissioner J. J. Stewart was named chairman with R. Everdell as vice chairman.

Members of the Commission present for the inaugural were J. J. Stewart, R. Everdell, E. Hufnagel, W. Kelley and Mayor F. Tyler.

The problem of water meters with excessive readings was reviewed in a discussion of business arising out of the minutes.

At the last meeting, two such readings had been discussed with one reading being disallowed. Commissioner Kelley questioned why the one reading was disallowed and his reading upheld. A resolution approved the writing off of $48.43 because of the poor meter location in the Bower Ave. house. It was reported plans were being made to make easier access to the meter.

Secretary J. McGeachie objected to Commissioner Kelley's suggestion it was the job of the office to see meters were read. He continued, pointing out Mr. Kelley had been notified of the Commission's decision to uphold the reading on his meter and had paid $1 on account.

Questioned by the chairman, Mr. Kelley explained he planned to make these payments monthly until a decision is made to make a refund.

Discussion continued over planned changes in meter reading to eliminate the necessity of "guess readings" when access to the meter is not possible.

Mayor Tyler suggested the meter be read this month, removed and checked. It was suggested if the meter checked alright, the reading be sustained.

Objection was made to this suggestion that since the high reading, the meter had been checked in its initial checking.

Reviewing meter readings on the Kelley home over previous months, the Commission noted "guess readings" had been applied which was explained as due to the inaccessibility of the meter. The situation was finally resolved in approval that the reading be made and the meter removed and checked prior to further discussion.

Commission members agreed to begin review of the agreement proposed by the United Brotherhood of Electrical Workers covering the hydro employees. Following review by the Commission, negotiations postponed at Commission request toward the close of the year, will be continued.

Mayor Tyler asked early council-commission consideration toward the formulation of a street lighting improvement program.

He noted the town had attractive lighting planned or completed in the subdivisions and the program should be continued in other sections of the town.

Lengthy discussion followed. Secretary McGeachie's suggestion that meter reading be started earlier to insure completion of the readings in time for billing by the 10th of the month.

The three superintendents pointed to numerous back calls since access to many houses was not available. Finally discussion resolved no back calls would be made, meter cards would be left and if not returned in three days, the maximum bill based on the previous year would be rendered.

Commissioner Kelley drew attention to the report of the Magistrate, published by the Commission, following a recent dispute over alleged discrimination. He challenged members to recall whether he had ever demanded a $300 raise, as the report suggested.

Discussion roamed over the situation whether it was $300 or $300; whether Mr. Kelley had resigned or was still employed when the salary raise was discussed; why it was put in the paper when the Commission knew it was wrong.

Commissioner Everdell concluded that if Mr. Kelley objected to the contents of the report, he should object to the Magistrate who wrote it. Mr. Kelley noted he would like a complete report of the cost of the hearings, including travel expenses and legal costs. Members pointed out all accounts were regularly published.

Hydro superintendent Mason reported his department was trimming trees and asked if further help was planned for that department that would allow week-ends off. The engaging of additional help was delayed pending completion of progress on negotiations with the Union.

Waterworks superintendent Lambert reported he was repairing meters and assured members a reported leak on Church St. would be looked after.

The difficulty of obtaining a compressor was pointed out and the secretary was instructed to obtain prices.

Sewer superintendent Duby suggested there was little cause for concern at the variance in water pumped and that treated in the disposal plant. He gave several possible causes for this.

He reported repairs to a valve in the system would be made shortly.

Arrangemnts were suggested to allow the waterworks and sewer superintendents alternate week-ends off.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

**Waterworks Accounts**

| | |
|---|---|
| Bell Telephone | $8.40 |
| Can. Brass Co. | 7.00 |
| Thompson Motors Acton | 53.36 |
| Harlock, Schultz | 8.25 |
| Acton PUC Hydro, Oct., Nov. operations | 4412.83 |
| | $4,490.63 |

**Sewer Accounts**

| | |
|---|---|
| Bell Telephone | 10.15 |
| R. Thompson Fuels | 129.40 |
| Lawrence Motors | 15.77 |
| Whitham's Garage | 5.00 |
| Grant's Motors | 133.09 |
| Can. Inst. Sewage & San. | 12.00 |
| Symon Hdwe. | 39.24 |
| | $336.45 |

**Hydro Accounts**

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|---|---|
| Petty cash exp. items | 22.21 |
| Bell Telephone | 33.04 |
| F. Terry, postage | 24.75 |
| H. Palmer, office cleaning | 25.00 |
| Wipers & Waste Prod. | 14.00 |
| Ont. Mun. Electric Assoc. | 50.00 |
| Assoc. Mun. Elec. Util. | 65.00 |
| A.M.E.U. fees | 5.00 |
| Acton Free Press, adv. | 4.48 |
| Toth Motors | 14.40 |
| J. B. Mackenzie & Son | 105.85 |
| Acker, Moyer & Vorvis, legal advice | 10.00 |
| Grand and Toy | 32.50 |
| Moloney Elec. Co., trans. | 342.00 |
| Whitham's Garage | 8.25 |
| Grant's Motors | 8.05 |
| Thompson Motors Acton | 27.65 |
| Underwood Ltd., ribbons | 12.00 |
| Acton Woodcrafts | 23.75 |
| Panther Co. | 27.90 |
| R. G. Barlow Co. | 18.90 |
| H.E.P.C. of Ontario | 130.58 |
| Federal Wire and Cable | 260.41 |
| Hughes, Agar, Amys, Steen & Bassel, legal advice | 100.00 |
| | $1362.72 |

## Accept Resignation From Malvin Grant

A number of motions dealing with by-laws were carried at the inaugural meeting of Eramosa Council in Rockwood.

Among the motions carried was the power to appoint officials and fix their remuneration, to authorize the reeve and treasurer to borrow from the Royal Bank a sum not exceeding $40,000; and that the by-law asking for requisitions of Police villages and School Boards be presented to Council on or before March 1, 1957.

The resignation of Malvin Grant as representative on the Fergus District High School Board was accepted with regret. Mr. Grant said that owing to ill health, he was unable to continue in the position.

Two new members to the Council were welcomed by the Reeve at the meeting. There was a full slate of members present.

The Reeve was authorized to apply to Department of Highways for balance of the subsidy for 1956 road expenditure.

Fire insurance with Eramosa Mutual Fire Insurance Co. was renewed on township garage as follows: building $4,000, contents, $1,000.

Burglary insurance was renewed with the John Henderson agency.

Council gave approval to the Fergus District High School Board to increase the proposed building additional expenditure to $200,000.

Council decided it was prepared to pay $1.00 per hour for part time labor for work done in the Township.

Deputy Reeve E. H. Benham was appointed representative on the Grand Valley Conservation Authority for 1957.

## Miss Denise Coles Honored at Showers

The home of Mrs. Colin MacColl was the setting for a trousseau tea when friends and relatives called on a bride-elect, Miss Denise Coles. Tea was poured by the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Wilfred Coles and her aunt, Mrs. George Gibbons.

Guests were received by the bride and her mother, Mrs. Ernest Coles of Brampton. Miss Pat Coles, the maid of honor, Miss Cay Laughlin, her bridesmaid. Mrs. Hartley Coles and Miss Elaine Hufnagel assisted in displaying the trousseau and gifts. Lunch was served by Miss Judy Papillon, Mrs. Mary MacColl and Mrs. Theo Papillon.

Members of the staff of Acton public school held a shower for Miss Coles at Miss Laughlin's home in Guelph. Friends gathered at the home of Mrs. MacColl for a miscellaneous shower. A cup and saucer shower was held with Mrs. Nora Papillon as hostess.

The bride to be's piano pupils presented her with a blanket at the home of Mrs. Lorne Wieck. Her grade one pupils presented her with a lamp and china cream and sugar set. The staff as a whole made the presentation of a carafe.

CAMPBELLVILLE

## Committees Convene Three Recent Euchres

At the St. John's Anglican progressive euchre party, prizes were awarded to Mrs. Mary Dunham of Milton, Mrs. John Wilson, Colin Beatty, Wallace King, and James Delorest. The committee in charge was Mrs. Amos Mathes and Mrs. John Blackhock.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Small, Mr. and Mrs. William Picket, and Mr. and Mrs. Campbell Agnew were in charge of a progressive euchre party at S.S. No. 1 school when prizes were awarded to Mrs. Stuart Cramp, Mrs. Gordon McPhail, Walter Ferrier and Donald Ferrier.

Mrs. Tom Mitchell, Mrs. Donald Ferrier, and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McPhail convened a progressive euchre part held in S.S. No. 1 school and prizes were awarded to Catherine Currie, Jean Mitchell, Walter Ferrier, Donald Small and Gordon McPhail.

## Acton Team Defeated In Badminton Game

At a badminton game played in Brampton last week, Acton was defeated six games to two.

The Acton players who played in the Acton-Brampton game were Mrs. Jack Carpenter, Mrs. Lily Nolan, Miss Ann Daintith, Mrs. Bob Brayshaw, George Williams, Garnet Myles, Jack Carpenter, Sid Eisen and Doug Daintith.

LEGION NEWS

At the regular meeting on January 13, the following officers were installed for 1957 by Comrade George Musselle:

President, Vic Patrick; first vice-president, H. Peel; second vice-president, George Richardson; Sgt.-at-arms, H. Woods; secretary, G. McCutcheon; padre, Rev. Evan Jones; poppy fund, A. Irwin; canteen, G. Beatty; zone, Max Stores; building, H. Woods; sports, C. Lindsay; minor sports, G. James; entertainment, J. Higgins; sick committee, C. Shultis; membership, R. Angell; public relations, H. Cook.

Also in attendance was Zone Br. Commander, L. Clark and Secretary M. Timbers.

On Friday, January 18, at 9 p.m. there will be a special meeting to install new members. Anyone wishing to apply for membership in this great organization should contact Bob Angell or secure application forms from the steward. James Higgins promises fine entertainment and lunch will be served.

It is really nice to report that Jack Drysdale is feeling much better and is able to be out again.

After attending the New Year's Eve dance, it is the writer's opinion that the members of the Acton Legion have the most beautiful wives in the community, but we do not see them often enough. So, Comrades, don't be squares—bring these lovely dolls out to the regular Saturday night dances and instead of them sitting at home "singing the blues", they will be whispering "love me tender" as you glide across the spacious floor to the delightful music of the Debonnaires.

Make this Saturday and every Saturday your "fun" night at the Legion dance.

OSPRINGE

## Institute Sponsors Card Party in School

The Women's Institute sponsored a card party at the school on Friday evening with a fair attendance. The travelling prize was won by Mrs. Moss. McEwan High scorers were Mrs. W. Awrey, Mrs. D. G. Robertson and Elgin Awrey. Sandwiches, cake and coffee were served by the committee, Mrs. K. Stubbington and Mrs. W. Awrey.

Sunday visitors with Mrs. M. Jackson included Mr. and Mrs. Bert Craig, Georgetown, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Millson, Miss Alfreda Winter, Oustic, Mr. Harry Angus, Toronto.

Week-end visitors with Mr. and Mrs. R. Ellis and family included Misses Helen Izatt, Shirley Armstrong and Messrs. Jack Izatt and Norm Flemington, all of Clarkson.

Mrs. Bert Grieve of Guelph spent a couple of days with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Norman McKenzie and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frits De Haan and family of Burlington spent the week-end with her mother and family, Mrs. M. De Vries.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Griffin and family visited with relatives in Hamilton during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Alec Stewart of Toronto were Sunday visitors with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Stewart.

Miss Isabel Ford, Guelph, was a week-end visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. George Grundy and family attended the funeral of their grandson, Wayne, at Guelph on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Aitken and family and Rev. Foreman motored to Petrolia on Sunday and visited with Rev. and Mrs. Hugh Moorehouse and daughter. Rev. Foreman remained in Petrolia for an extended visit.

—Minor hockey teams are playing in the arena Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Parents or friends are welcome to any of the matches.

CHURCHILL

## Awards Made at Fair Banquet G. E. Elliott Traces Farm History

Wednesday night of last week, the W.A. of Churchill church catered to a banquet for the Acton Fair Board. About 80 board members were present. The ladies' table was decorated with candles and flowers. The president, Mr. Smith Griffin, introduced the guests at the head table.

After the dinner, the assembly repaired to the body of the church where an interesting evening's program was held. Mr. S. Hall, M.P.P. of Halton county, and Mr. Harold Griffin, reeve of Esquesing township, each gave a short address. Mr. Alan Neelon, minister of the church, gave a delightful solo.

The Agricultural Service Diploma for outstanding service to agriculture was presented to Mr. Arthur Swackhamer.

The F. Braida and Son trophy was presented to Mr. James Aitken for being the highest in the Acton 4-H Grain club.

Alan Bowen was the winner of the Kingsway Kiwanis Special for outstanding work at the course at the O.A.C.

Beth McEnery, the Pumpkin Queen, was also present.

Mr. Whitelock, Agricultural Representative for Halton, introduced the guest speaker, Mr. G. E. Elliott, Q.C.

His address, Barnacles of Tradition, was very interesting. He took the group back to the beginning of agriculture and brought it up to the present day. He referred to our leaders as a captain commanding a ship till his work was done and then handing it over to future generations to carry on in a better and newer way.

Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. F. Worsley and family of Kitchener visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Freeman.

Congratulations to Miss Bertha Watson, Halton representative, who was one of the finalists in the public speaking championships of Junior Farmers in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Swackhamer attended a family dinner at Hawthorne Lodge at Milton last Sunday. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Swackhamer and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Swackhamer and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Dirk Van Goozen, John and Mary, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Swackhamer, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Swackhamer, Jim Ross and Dianne.

Last week, many from this area attended the funeral of Mrs. William Griffin at Erin. She was in her 102nd year. Her husband predeceased her in 1925.

Next Sunday the congregation of Churchill church is looking forward to a visit from Rev. Daniel Patten of Indore, India. Rev. Patten is the principal of the Theological school in Indore and is now taking special work at Emmanuel College, Toronto.

The annual meeting of Churchill church was held at the church on Monday night. Mr. Alan Neelon, the minister, was the chairman. The committees presented their reports which were voted on and accepted. The year past was decided to be a very successful one. The old slate of officers was returned to office.

SILVER-WOOD

## County Health Nurse Describes Unit Task

In spite of very cold weather, the January meeting of Silver Wood Institute held at the home of Mrs. Marchington, was very well attended. The vice president, Mrs. W. H. Norton took the chair and the program was arranged by Mrs. D. Williamson, Health convener. Roll call was a recent discovery in medicine and current events were given by Mrs. R. Corbett.

The county health nurse, Mrs. Jamieson, spoke on the County Health Unit, telling the ladies that it was organized in 1933 to aid in community health problems and to assist the doctors in prevention work during epidemics. Dr. Hall of Milton heads the unit, which now consists of a dental hygienist, 12 full time nurses, two part time nurses and supervisor, a public health veterinarian, six sanitary inspectors and chief, and a clerical staff of eight. Dr. Brilling of Oakville also conducts a mental health clinic for problem children.

Canada stands 11th in the number of maternal deaths, a fact in which we can show no pride. Extra emphasis is to be placed on prenatal clinics and on pre-school children. The school age group is at present the healthiest of any age group in the country.

Plans were made for a euchre to be held at the Stone school on Friday, January 18 and a letter was read from the new provincial president, F.W.I.O., Mrs. James Haggerty of Napanee.

A social half hour followed the singing of the National Anthem with Mrs. R. Corbett and Mrs. Bert Corbett as lunch conveners.

We are pleased to report that Mr. Ern Batkin is progressing favorably in a Toronto hospital following a severe illness.

## Fun Fair Discussed At Rotary Meeting

At the Rotary club meeting held in the Dominion Hotel, Tuesday, it was planned to send four members to Milton on the occasion of Milton Rotary club's 10th anniversary next Tuesday. A Fun Fair to be held in the spring was discussed.

LIMEHOUSE

## Text Word "Open" Used in Scripture

Benno Spitzes is recuperating following a tonsillectomy in St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rice are visiting her brother and family at Sudbury.

The W.M.S. met at the home of Miss Ivens on Thursday evening with vice-president, Mrs. Roughley, in the chair, in the absence of president, Mrs. Mitchell.

The text word "open" was used in a verse of Scripture. Scripture was read by Mrs. A. C. Patterson and Mrs. A. Norton led in prayer.

Miss Ivens reviewed missionary extracts from "Our Heritage and Our Faith" by Dr. John McNabb. Mrs. A. Norton sang "God is Love" during the program. All enjoyed a social hour afterwards.

The W.I. met at the home of Mrs. Ed Brown on Thursday afternoon.

There are just four more classes in the night school series.


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