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Proud 25 Year Members Receive Gold Pin Awards

Proud veterans who have been a continuous member of the Legion for 25 years, were honored at the Legion anniversary dinner, at the Legion auditorium, last Saturday evening. Three new members, seated in front, were welcomed to the 25 year club by first and former members standing at rear. Front row, left to right, Robert Turner, Wilfred Coles, Alex McDonald, back row, Ben Bayliss Sr., Dr. A. J. Buchanan and F. L. Wright.

Guelph V.L.A. Supervisor Speaks At Legion's 26th Anniversary

Acton Branch 197 of the Canadian Legion held their 26th Anniversary dinner at the Legion Auditorium on Saturday evening.

Martin Bauer, regional supervisor of the V.L.A. Guelph, spoke briefly and explained the duties of the officers of V.L.A. in association with veterans who have been introduced by Max Storey.

First of all he said it is to be understood they are servants of the public, with their chief interest in helping to establish veterans as home owners and farmers.

Mr. Bauer related there were approximately 250,000 veterans in western Ontario who have received assistance from V.L.A. with a

further 200,000 still eligible. Out of 75,000 approved for financial assistance, 1,542 veterans are free to take their title, he said.

Proper investigation and guidance on the part of the settlement officer eliminates failures at a later date, he said. Before a refusal is handed out, time qualified applicants, including a member from the Legion, conduct a thorough investigation thus cutting the failure to less than two per cent, he noted.

An amendment to the Veterans Land Act in 1956 allows a veteran to qualify 15 years after 1945 on date of discharge for benefits.

O.P.P. Changes For District

Constable Ray Andrews, former of the Milton O.P.P. detachment, this week joined Const. Harold Youmans on the Halton county O.P.P. force which polices the area surrounding Acton. He is replacing Const. George Moore who has been in this district for a year and a half.

The detachment's telephone number is TR 8-4412 in Milton. The constables home telephone numbers are Const. Youmans, TR 8-2411, Const. Andrews, TR 8-2944.

Chimney Fire

Four men responded to a chimney fire this morning at 11 a.m. at the home of Herbert Collett, R.R. 2 on No. 7 highway east of Acton.

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Frank Fowke, delivered trophy for 1956, Mel Jordan, Ed Langdon, George Hall and Henry Crippen for 1956 smoker championship. George Hall, 1956 dart champion, Hector Lambert, Ted Elliott, Tom Bennett and Frank Winters, 1957 euchre champions. Hughie Smith, Ted Elliott, Frank Holmes and Duke Lindsay, 1957 snooker champions.

A delicious turkey dinner was served by the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary.

Miss Carolyn Oakes Honored at Showers

Mrs. R. B. Freure of Guelph entertained recently at a cup and saucer shower in honor of the forthcoming marriage of her niece, Miss Carolyn Oakes of Acton.

After the bride-to-be opened her multitude of lovely gifts and thanked her friends with a few fitting words the remainder of the evening was enjoyed with games after which a very delightful buffet supper was served.

On Monday evening, March 25, a miscellaneous shower was held for Miss Oakes at the home of the groom's mother, Mrs. M. Gregoire of Hamilton. After opening the numerous gifts from a host of friends, the bride-to-be replied in a very capable manner.

The evening included the playing of games and contests and was concluded with the serving of a dainty lunch by the hostess.

The Bell Telephone Company are moving underground cable behind the town hall. This is to allow for the erection of the fire hall.

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\$73,000, Burlington, Oakville and Georgetown each at \$55,000, Milton at \$40,000, Nassagaweya at \$35,000, Acton at \$25,000, and Bronte at \$15,000.

The total of \$928,000 is divided as \$3,000 for construction and \$80,000 for maintenance.



Champs in Their Field Winners Display Awards

For Release April 2

Set 1957 Mill Rates at 60.2, 64 Initiate New Two Rate System

Woman Gets Serious Burns Grease Ignites

Mrs. Harry Chamberlain, Willow St., Acton, was rushed to St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, yesterday (Wednesday) with serious burns to arms, legs, and chest.

It is reported that Mrs. Chamberlain was cooking in her kitchen when grease ignited and set her clothes on fire.

Ed Logan, a roomer in the house, threw water on her and beat at her clothing, receiving burns to his own hands.

School Board Hires Teachers

William Middleton, secretary of the Acton Public School Board, has announced the names of the new teachers engaged for next fall.

Betty Mae Feabury, who as a student teacher taught at the school here for one week has been engaged. Other teachers are: Orla Carson, presently teaching at New Carl Douglas, principal of Normal public school, Keith Black student teacher, graduate, Alex Suley of Toronto and William Orla presently teaching at Miltonville.

Present Money

Acton Public School made a donation of \$182.20 to the Red Cross Society during the recent campaign.

This is an annual project. The children bring the bank through book sales, gathering of pop bottles, egg, buttons and personal spending money.

Stolen Property Found in City

It was reported by Principal McKee of Acton Public School this week that the tape recorder taken from the public school in a recent break-in has been recovered from a pawn shop in Toronto. The article is being held by police. Good hope is raised that more stolen articles may be recovered.

The tape recorder is valued at \$224.00.

Daughters of Knox See Film on Formosa

Hostess for the monthly meeting of the Daughters of Knox was Mrs. John Colver. Mrs. Bern Van Pelt presided for the business and final plans were made for the Daffodil Tea.

The worship and study period was taken by Mrs. Doug Davidson and her group, with Mrs. Jim McKnight reading the scripture and Mrs. Davidson reading the prayer. Mrs. Ted Hansen read the offertory prayer.

A film on Formosa was enjoyed. Members divided into three groups for discussion with Mrs. C. King, Mrs. L. J. Masales and Mrs. Mel Jordan as leaders. Mrs. Davidson led a general discussion.

The Muzh-Benishon film was presented and lunch was served.

Recommend Installation of First Pump At Site of New Town Water Source

Installation of a 200 gallon pump at the recently developed water supply site was recommended by J. Kirk representative of the International Water Supply Co. when he reported to Acton Council on the new supply. A Department of Health report indicated the new well on Churchhill road north of No. 7 highway would produce water about half as hard as the present supply. The water test also showed it satisfactory for municipal use.

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The 1957 municipal budget was taken out of wraps Tuesday evening when Acton Council gave the required readings to the tax-setting by-law.

Acton taxpayers will pay this year on a general rate of 64 mills for industrial and commercial property and 60.2 for farm and residential property. The two rates are required this year following provincial legislation stipulating the percentage tax on farm and residential property.

Municipal expenditures estimated at \$140,000, reduced by receipts estimated at \$99,500, will be met on an assessment of \$130,500.11.

Taxes of \$127,000.00 will be collected on the residential assessment with \$3,500.00 to be collected on industrial and commercial property. The total of \$130,500.11 for the operation of public and high schools. Of this \$129 mills go to public schools.

The general rate accounts for 60.2 mills, with a 4.0 mill rate for the roads. According to a breakdown of the rate, roads will claim 3.8 mills, police 2.5 mills, the 1956 deficit 3.8 mills, equipment 3.40 mills, county rate 3.2 mills, garbage 2 mills, fire 1.6 mills, welfare 1.6 mills, public buildings 1.3, library 7 mills, land 5 mills, parks board 5 mills and sidewalks 3 mills.

The mill rate and budget were reviewed at a special meeting of council March 26. It was approved at that meeting for publication April 2. The resolutions followed a review in detail of each item with a change resulting in \$100 being transferred from the equipment maintenance to the parks board.

At that special meeting called on the 1957 budget a resolution was also approved that the council open negotiations with the Township of North Halton concerning the year-end preparation offered to the town clerk concerning charges for ambulance service in case of an emergency. Mr. McLean suggested that as a taxpayer he felt his wife was entitled to this service.

Council informed Mr. McLean that as the service is presently on a three month trial basis, investigation could have to be made before concrete plans and charges could be arranged.

Councilor Wilshy stated that it was understood all emergencies would be handled on the basis of a motion made at a previous meeting. A motion was passed to have the Welfare Committee meet before April 30 to establish a safe structure for the town ambulance for presentation to council.

Council of revision wrote off assessments totaling \$1,525.

The clerk was authorized to notify the lending house that council was willing to forego payment of interest on the sale of \$60,000 paying issue bonds.

Tenders to supply a 500 gallon tank at the expense of the supplier and the cost per gallon of gasoline and oil were to be obtained.

The clerk was also instructed to approach all retail gas outlets in the municipality, to enquire about the possibility of a discount for gasoline to be used in the town vehicles.

Police reported fines totalling \$185 were collected this month.

It was agreed to go on daylight saving time Sunday, April 28th until Sunday October 27th.

Council authorized payment to John Gaffney Co. of its final hold-back on construction of the Maria St. bridge.

Council agreed to take over duties of the Cemetery Board with the Welfare Board to handle these duties.

Councilor Cook asked about the possibility of erecting street name signs in the town.

Councilor Hargrave said he felt it was an unnecessary luxury and very expensive proposition.

Councilor Cook reported roads in the Glenora subdivision to be in poor condition. It was pointed out that it takes time to put the roads in better condition and with fair weather, better proper attention could be given.

Council agreed to acknowledge an invitation of Ontario Engineers Limited for a geological tour of their plant.

A tender from Holman Construction Company was accepted for gravel at a cost of 84¢ per yard delivered in town or 52¢ at the pit.

Council authorized payment for indigent patients' accounts of \$327. Council adjourned at 12:45.

The following accounts were authorized to be paid:

Wilson and Co. (Gas Co. Ltd.)	\$ 844
Municipal World Ltd.	472
Raynor Construction Ltd.	11,967.36
progress cert. No. 3	18.55
Remaining are two sisters, Zina J. Newton, re meeting	6.40
A. Brown merchandise	7.50
Hansell Nellis, account	121.50
H. H. Nellis, mdr.	151.00
Halton Registry Office, re List of deeds	1.85
Grant's Motors	203.16
Thompson Motors Ltd.	102.47
O.P.P., re salaries	1,140.06
Halton County, re indigent patients, re paid by town	384.75
Acton Motors	3.12
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