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Santa Arrives by Helicopter

Santa Claus dropped from the skies for the second year in a row as close to 1,000 children and parents were on hand to see St. Nick's pilot set his helicopter down at the park on Wednesday afternoon for a pre-Christmas visit here.

Jim Ledger, host to the children, made all arrangements at the park, and as promised, had Santa arrive at the park after school was out.

As the great whirlybird hovered over the ground at the park, police, Boy Scouts and town workers, straining to hold the huge crowd back from the rotor propeller.

Finally, as Santa opened his door to greet the throng, children broke ranks and both pilot and Santa had to run from the whirling prop to a safe distance.

After greeting the children at the park, Santa entered a convertible

car and led by the police cruiser with its flasher, the way was cleared for the motorcade to drive to the High School where many more children were awaiting his arrival.

As Santa Claus was shaking hands and answering questions, the staff of Ledger's IGA store were distributing peanuts, balloons, popcorn and candy canes to over 900 children.

Reeve Joseph Oakes Returned to Office

Voting was heavy in the Erasmous Township elections on Monday. Reeve Joseph L. Oakes was returned to office as Deputy-Reeve Ernest Berham.

Councillor L. Marsden was also re-elected with two new members, D. Forsythe and W. Rutherford. For the school board, Cliff McDougall was defeated and Hindley and W. Jackson were new members with W. Oakes being returned to office.

A large crowd waited in the chilly December air, outside the Rockwood Town Hall to hear the results of the election. Counting the votes took considerably longer than usual because of the plebiscite on the school question regarding centralization of schools in the township. The vote on the issue showed a majority in favour of retaining the old schools. Six hundred and two were against the centralization plan and three hundred and seventy-eight were for it. After Clerk Stewart Royce announced the results, speeches were made by all the candidates. It was an exciting day with over 60 per cent of the ratepayers voting.

W. H. Cook to Head Acton '58 Council 62% Vote During Monday Election



W. H. COOK
Elected Mayor



W. H. WILSON
Elected Reeve



J. M. GREER
Elected Deputy-Reeve

Acton voters Monday named Walter Cook Mayor for 1958 when final election returns were received at 2:10 a.m. on Tuesday morning. School Board and Public Utilities officials were returned, and two present councillors were re-elected with B. D. Rachlin, J. T. Hurst, E. Footitt and W. J. McLeod being added. W. Wilson stepped up to Reeve and J. Greer was added as Deputy-Reeve.

Mr. Cook was elected Mayor with 607 votes against E. G. Tyler's 342. Mr. Cook steps into the position after two years' experience as a councillor.

Leading the delegation to county council in 1958 will be Reeve W. H. Wilson who has had two years' experience on council. Mr. Wilson was voted to office with 921 votes.

Jack Greer, well known in Acton sports circles and a former councillor, received 630 votes to be elected Deputy-Reeve.

Sitting on council for 1958 will be J. H. Goy, B. D. Rachlin, G. V. Barbeau, J. T. Hurst, E. Footitt and W. J. McLeod.

Returned to office for two year terms on the school board were T. E. Watson, M. C. Smith and J. W. Wolfe.

Representing the Acton ratepayers on the Public Utilities Commission for two year terms will be Dr. F. G. Oakes and R. Everdell.

The following is a summary of the candidates' total votes received in each ward:

FOR MAYOR		
Ward	Cook	Tyler
1	308	307
2	80	98
3	184	131
4	116	108
	607	542

FOR REEVE		
Ward	Wilson	Hargrave
1	404	107
2	123	63
3	234	70
4	181	80
	921	290

FOR DEPUTY-REEVE		
Ward	Greer	Boardman
1	208	342
2	104	80
3	143	168
4	117	107
	630	690

FOR COUNCIL (First Six Elected)		
Ward	Goy	Rachlin
1	335	342
2	151	100
3	208	200
4	162	160
	874	811

FOR COUNCIL (First Six Elected)		
Ward	Barbeau	Hurst
1	292	292
2	128	120
3	176	153
4	142	136
	738	701

FOR COUNCIL (First Six Elected)		
Ward	Footitt	McLeod
1	280	203
2	107	78
3	138	130
4	119	108
	644	517

FOR COUNCIL (First Six Elected)		
Ward	Watts	Evans
1	218	186
2	78	50
3	142	140
4	66	83
	504	479

FOR COUNCIL (First Six Elected)		
Ward	Low	Breck
1	186	163
2	52	52
3	139	113
4	58	64
	435	372

FOR COUNCIL (First Six Elected)		
Ward	Foster	
1	160	
2	24	
3	80	
4	57	
	340	

FOR SCHOOL BOARD (First three elected for a two year term)		
Ward	Watson	Smith
1	304	303
2	162	131
3	240	183
4	181	143
	977	760

FOR SCHOOL BOARD (First three elected for a two year term)		
Ward	Watts	Smith
1	321	150
2	124	38
3	168	98
4	157	45
	770	340

FOR SCHOOL BOARD (First three elected for a two year term)		
Ward	Needham	
1	170	
2	46	
3	110	
4	52	
	378	

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Hear Agreement to Engage Engineer Council Discusses Sewage Treatment

Introduction of a by-law and agreement to engage R. V. Anderson and Associates for engineering on the new industrial sewage plant, met with a flurry of objections and questions when submitted to the Acton Council on Tuesday evening.

Councillor F. Watts asked if the council was going ahead with the scheme to build the sewage disposal plant when nothing had been signed by the companies involved. Mr. Watts pointed out it was his understanding nothing would be done until the companies had given agreement to the by-law to be drawn up. If the agreement is given, I am willing to change my whole attitude toward this matter, stated the councillor.

Mr. Lowe asked if the companies were agreeable to signing an agreement before there were any costs involved. Mayor Tyler suggested he was sure they would.

Councillor W. Cook urged that the motion be held for a future meeting in view of the discussions on the agreement with the engineering consultants.

It was further suggested the clerk insert the proposed suggestions in the agreement and return it at the next meeting.

Clerk J. McGeechie read a reply from the Department of Municipal Affairs on the legality of procedure in passing contrary motions at a recent meeting.

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Mr. Goy informed council that the head of the department had spent approximately an hour and a half with him going over the various stipulations.

The reply concluded by saying that as the department had no copy of the Acton procedural by-law and the workers were only ordinary laymen they were unable to give legal advice. It was suggested that the town engage the services of their solicitor in seeking legal advice.

Mr. McGeechie read the resulting reply from C. F. Leatherland which stated in his opinion there did not appear to be any contradiction.

Councillor Lowe raised objection to accepting both reports as no procedural by-law has been studied by the parties concerned.

Mr. Lowe demanded a recorded vote be taken on accepting the recommendation of the solicitor.

All but H. Lowe favored accepting C. F. Leatherland's reply as to the validity of the motion passed October 19.

A new procedural by-law being revised by a committee from council came up for discussion when presented on Tuesday evening. The by-law, compiled from three other by-laws from Dundas, Acton 1922 edition and the city of Waterloo, was read and reviewed with suggestions being tabled by other councillors.

A letter from R. V. Anderson and Associates on behalf of Raynor Construction Limited, contractors for the street paving in Acton, recommended that the balance of the holdback be paid the construction company.

The letter pointed out that all jobs had been completed to their satisfaction with the exception of the Knox Avenue strip. It was suggested that the town withhold \$267.12 to cover repaving this section.

It was resolved not to accept R. V. Anderson's report on this item.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Churchill Rd water acct	\$16,515.38
Building	7.50
Fire and police	1,481.84
Administration	2,045.50
Administration, finance	183.28
Welfare	37.70

was from H. Hinton, for an addition to his store at the rear of the new Bank of Montreal.

Council agreed to issue permits to D. Rogers and H. Hinton, providing Mr. Hinton's plans were approved by the building inspector.

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Mary Kaye Gibbons Wins Second in Milton

Mary Kaye Gibbons, 12 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. Gibbons, Acton, brought further honors to Acton last week when she placed second in Milton County finals in Public Speaking, at Milton.

Mary Kaye spoke on Florence Nightingale and in an impromptu speech entitled "Friendships" contestants were given 10 minutes to prepare their speech.

In placing second, the Acton girl received a book, presented by the Milton Teachers' Association entitled "White and Gold".

Mrs. G. Somerville, on behalf of the Milton County Women's Institute, presented the cup to the winner.

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Police Surround Acton In Manhunt on Monday

Police cruisers converged on the Acton area and road blocks, were set up throughout the district following a two-car crash at the corner of Main and Guelph St. Monday evening.

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Badminton Club Hosts to Guelph

Acton adult Y.M.C.A. Badminton team played host to the Guelph Badminton Club on Saturday, November 30, at the Y in Acton.

An enjoyable evening was spent playing friendly matches with a social time at the close of the games.

The Junior Badminton Club, played host to the Guelph Juniors the same evening with the Acton boys packing up a victory.

Ron McKnight Passes Swim Test

On Tuesday Ronnie McKnight received his first beginners certificate at the Guelph pool Ronnie in completing his test had to swim 25 feet in deep water starting with a push from the side of the pool.

Ronnie is attending the swimming classes for handicapped children.

The Y swimming class ventured to the Guelph Pool last Friday with Mrs. Haggitt receiving his first and second swimming star and Andrew Knox received his second star certificate.

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Notified Flames

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Firemen confined their efforts to protecting the nearby lumber processing plant, but the fire got inside and part of the structure broke into flames as they poured water on it.

The second Milton truck was called, to assist in pumping water and to stand by in case sparks from the fire spread to other parts of the buildings or to the piles of lumber being stored outside.

About nine o'clock most of the firemen were drenched from the hoses and nearly frozen in the near zero temperatures, and fire chief A. E. Clement called out the rest of the brigade, except a few stationed at the fire hall to assist the Acton brigade in case of a second alarm in town.

How Pump Trouble

Later in the evening, one hose line broke and the pumper lost its prime. When the hose was again placed in action, firemen spent 20 minutes trying in vain to get the pump working, before it was found a connection on the suction side of the pump had come loose. In a few minutes, the stream of water was again being played on the blazing buildings.

Firemen returned home at one o'clock in the morning, and it was an hour later when all the hose was laid out to dry and the truck serviced ready to go again.

Co-owner Lloyd Crawford said damage amounted to roughly \$75,000. Destroyed were the saw mill and a steam engine, and about six pieces of machinery used in the mill. As well, part of the plywood building was gutted and some materials stored outside were burnt. Only water damage touched the office.

Proclaim Champion For Table Tennis

Don Price, was acclaimed table tennis champion at the Y.M.C.A. on Saturday, November 30, when he defeated G. Harris in the finals.

In the semi-finals, D. Price defeated F. Dawkins 21-8 and 21-10 and G. Harris defeated B. McCristall 21-11 and 26-24.

In the finals D. Price scored 21-30 and 21-17 over G. Harris.

Police Issue Warning To all Car Owners

Corporal R. Mason this week issued a warning to car owners, against overnight parking on the streets.

Local O.P.P. stress enforcement of a by-law prohibiting overnight parking on all streets between the hours of 3 a.m. and 7 a.m.

Regular routine checks will be made starting immediately, stated the local officer.



SANTA CLAUS IS SEEN WAVING from his helicopter as he arrived in Acton on Wednesday afternoon to greet the hundreds of children in Acton. Santa landed at the park and then followed by an admiring group of children drove to the High School where all the boys and girls were given a chance to greet him. Ledger's I.G.A. distributed candies and novelties.

Acton Fire Department Assists Milton As \$75,000 Fire Rages in Campbellville

Milton firemen battled a \$75,000 two-alarm fire at Crawford's Lumber and Coal Co. in Campbellville for six hours Tuesday night before the fierce flames were brought under control. Cause of the 6:30 p.m. fire is still a mystery, and firemen and insurance investigators are continuing investigation.

About 1,000 spectators from as far away as Acton were attracted to the blaze which cast a fiery hue into the sky, and some wanted mill employees and neighbors in removing most of the building materials from the blazing building.

Acton's fire truck and about six firemen were called to stand by at Milton when both Milton trucks were sent to the village to pump thousands of gallons of water from a nearby pond onto the buildings.

This left Acton without a truck, and the Georgetown brigade, under the Halton County Mutual Aid system, sent a truck and men to stand by at Acton.

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To Carry On Business

Mr. Crawford said plans for rebuilding the saw mill were not yet agreed upon but assured that the builders' supply and coal business will be carried on.

Part of the damage was covered by insurance, he said, but full loss would not be realized. He explained some of the building materials had been damaged in moving them outside, but the loss there would be little. Employees Wednesday moved the materials, which had been left outside overnight, back into what remained of the buildings.

The mill was originally built as a

brick plant, and was closed down before the turn of the century. It was made into a sawmill around 1900. There are now 15 employees.

A touch of Christmas was added to the Municipal election on Monday, when town workmen erected the community tree at the Post Office.

The tree, almost 25 feet in height, was donated by Mansell Nellis and erected and decorated by town employees.

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