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Award Frank McIntosh 33rd Degree in Masons

At the annual session of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, held in Windsor on Tuesday, Acton was honored by having one of its citizens, Frank McIntosh, awarded the 33rd and last degree in masonry, thereby becoming an honorary Inspector General of the Supreme Council. Mr. McIntosh is the first Acton man to receive this honor.

An Acton resident since 1906, Mr. McIntosh joined the Walker Lodge in 1901, serving as worshipful master of the lodge in 1907.

He joined the St. Clair Royal Arch Masons and the Godfrey deBouillon Preceptory, Knights Templar, in a Shriner and member of Ramesses Temple, Toronto.

In 1912, Mr. McIntosh moved to Oshawa, where he was active with the Blue Lodge and a charter member of Couchiching Chapter R.A.M. in 1914.

In 1919, he returned to Acton and has been active in Walker Lodge. He is a member of Royal City Lodge of Perfection, Guelph Chapter of the Rose Croix and Moore Consistory, Hamilton. In 1949-50, Mr. McIntosh was District Secretary of the Wellington District and was honored with a Grand Lodge appointment in 1940. The Acton mason holds the Jubilee medal symbolizing 50 years a mason and the long service medal indicating 50 years a past master.

His brother, Roy McIntosh, a past master of Walker Lodge, received a similar honor in Toronto four years ago.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker and Premier Frost also received their 33rd degree during the Windsor event this week. They were among the 50 Canadians to receive the highest degree in Masonry.

Traps Huge Owl Near Ballinafad

J. A. Willitt, owner of a turkey farm near Ballinafad, last night shot and killed a huge horned owl caught in a trap set for skunks and raccoons.

The owl, with a wing spread of four feet, was caught after several of the turkeys had been killed. Thinking skunks and raccoons were responsible for the death of his birds, Mr. Willitt set a trap.

On hearing the commotion, the owner grabbed his gun and was surprised to see the huge owl caught in the trap.

Before the intruder had been shot and killed it made several lunges at the turkey farm owner.

Public Hearings Ontario Municipal Board

Ontario Municipal Board hearings will be held in the Town Hall, Acton, tomorrow, Friday, commencing at 10:45 a.m.

The first hearing is for the purpose of disposing with a public vote to spend \$119,000 for the paving and installation of storm sewers in the Glenlea subdivision.

Scheduled for 11 a.m. the second hearing is on the application of the town for annexation of 87.45 acres from Eglarwood Township.

Industrial Consultant Addresses Acton Chamber

J. J. Dywan, consultant with the Trade and Industry Branch of the Department of Planning and Development, in addressing the Acton Chamber of Commerce at their first dinner meeting of the season held in St. Alban's Parish Hall on Wednesday evening, reported various ways of encouraging industry to locate in a municipality.

The speaker, introduced by first vice-president E. G. Tyler, Sr., pointed out that the citizens of any community play an important part in encouraging industry to settle there.

Giving various examples of how individuals contribute to the life of a community, he noted that pulling together was the main secret of success.

Close Liaison Mr. Dywan explained his department worked with various municipalities developing new industries.

Thanked for Address Thanked by Jim Ledger and President George Barbeau, Mr. Dywan expressed pleasure in being present to address such a large gathering and offered the assistance of his department to the Chamber.

Over 40 members were present to enjoy a Smorgasbord dinner provided by St. Alban's Ladies' Guild.

New members accepted into the Chamber were Glenn White, Ted Swift, Dave Manes and Bill Dennis.

\$1,000 Damage In Two Car Crash

Police reported a two-car accident resulting in \$1,000 damage to cars driven by Hank Earle, of Acton and Peter Zibens, of Kitchener, at the corner of Young and Mill Streets on Saturday evening, September 6th.

Council Rescinds All Closing By-Laws Acton Stores Can Stay Open 24 Hours

Acton stores may remain open 24 hours a day if they wish following council's action on Monday evening when, at their regular meeting, they rescinded all by-laws pertaining to store closing hours.

This action followed a heated debate during which councillor H. D. Rachtin asked members to excuse him from voting on the subject.

Mr. Rachtin told members he did not intend to vote on the question and wished this recorded in the minutes.

In giving his reasons for being excused, Mr. Rachtin informed council he wished time to study the by-law.

Informing by councillor J. Goy, the only portion of the by-law still valid was the clause whereby council shall control store closing hours from 6 p.m. to 5 a.m. the following morning.

Councillor Rachtin told Mr. Goy he was partly correct but he wished to study the by-law.

Reeve W. Wilson reminded councillor Rachtin he had done nothing about studying the by-law since it had been ruled invalid some weeks ago.

Deputy Reeve J. Greer asked, "What right have you to sit on council and refuse to vote? You should have an unbiased opinion."

The Deputy Reeve informed Mr. Rachtin there had been several council meetings he could have refrained from voting on, but had not.

Clerk J. McGeachie noted council had to grant councillor Rachtin the power to abstain from voting.

Once again Reeve Wilson reminded the councillor he had done nothing about reviewing the situation since it had been thrown out by the Magistrate.

On a vote to exclude councillor Rachtin from voting the vote was lost and Mayor Cook reminded council, "Councillor Rachtin votes."

When the vote was called, rescinding the closing by-law, Mr. Greer and Mr. Harbeau voted in the negative. Councillor Rachtin's abstention was declared an affirmative vote and the motion was carried.

Petition Legal

Aldo Braida, I.A., legal representative for Acton Citizens' Band, informed council the petition presented by the band in 1955 for a vote on the band tax levy and signed by 20 per cent of the rate-payers of the town, was in his estimation, legal and binding.

The bank solicitor requested council to put the question of a half mill grant, according to the petition, before the voters at the coming municipal election.

Councillor Goy suggested council hold a meeting with the two Acton bands in order to arrive at a solution to the problem.

Motion for Plebiscite

A motion sponsored by councillor E. Foutitt and seconded by Deputy Reeve Greer called for acceptance of the petition presented by the band and that a plebiscite be held of the voters at the coming election.

Upon a suggestion that the motion be removed by the mover and seconded until such time as a committee reviewed the situation, Mr. Greer required of council intended including the other band.

Mr. Goy suggested to Mr. Braida that if council started off every band beginning in Acton with a half mill grant, it would be costly to the town.

A motion calling for the removal of the motion for further discussion at committee level was approved, with Deputy Reeve Greer and councillor Foutitt opposing the action.

Newse and Water Report

Councillor J. Goy, chairman of the sewer and water committee, gave an extensive report of information submitted by the town auditor in respect to the production and consumption of water in the municipality.

The chairman also reported that recent discussions with Beardmore Co. and Canada Packers officials had not finalized anything to date but further negotiations were scheduled.

Councillor Goy informed members there were two issues being discussed, one being the building of the proposed industrial sewage disposal plant and the second the selling rate of water purchased by the companies from the town.

He indicated the plant construction had been agreed upon, but to date no agreement could be reached on the water cost.

During the report, Mr. Goy told council the companies involved were willing to pay the entire cost of building the proposed sewage plant but would not sign an agreement until the water costs were included in the contract.

Sell Debentures

\$30,000 worth of town debentures for paving and installing storm sewers in Glenlea subdivision were approved for sale to the brokerage firm of Mills and Spence, Dawson and Hannaford and the Bank of Montreal, at the rate of \$98.5 for each \$100 at the rate of 5 1/2 per cent interest.

This action followed a submission of tenders for the purchase of the debentures, and the recommendation of the road committee.

After a discussion as to whether the tenders should be opened during the open council meeting, it was decided to recess for a 15 minute period to allow the road committee to bring in a recommendation. The road committee retired to a back room for the opening of tenders, returning with their recommendation. Other tender prices were not revealed.

Present from the firm of Ball, Gouinlock and Co. Ltd. was A. J. Dunn, whose firm had submitted a bid on the debentures a few weeks ago.

Review Cause During the committee reports, councillor W. McLeod, chairman of the building committee, informed council an account for \$75 was included in his report. The account had been held over from a previous meeting for further study.

Submitted by the architectural firm of Deacon, Aeneas and Murray, the account, it was reported, covered plans for the proposed renovation of the arena in Acton in

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RECEIVING THE TROPHY for winning the Acton Open Golf Tournament is the new champion, Mick Holmes, left as Mike Cox, committee chairman presents the winning award. Mick shot a neat 82 for 18 holes playing each nine in 41. Played at the Orangeville Golf Club last Saturday, the tournament is a yearly affair and 37 golfers attended this year. Transportation to the course was provided by Tyler Transport, who supplied a school bus.

Rotary District Governor in Acton Addresses Local Club Members

"Let us not just think about what can be done, let us constantly work to translate Rotary's principles into action," stressed E. L. Ruggles, District Governor, when he addressed the Acton Rotary Club on Tuesday evening.

Mr. Ruggles, a chemical engineer living in Cobourg, was this year appointed District Governor of District 707.

In reviewing the history of the Rotary Club, Mr. Ruggles stressed that the 33 years of operation had been a productive period, making the world a better place in which to live.

Explains Development Explaining the development of the organization from the beginning, the speaker used several illustrations, noting the importance of properly acquainting a new member with the organization before he is asked to take part.

"If given a chance to respect Rotary's principles and its constitution and by-laws, he will become a good Rotarian," Mr. Ruggles explained.

The speaker emphasized the importance of being constantly alert to new opportunities of service as they develop in a community, but warned against taking on a project that burdens the community club so that their scope is limited to local service.

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Following the conclusion of the meeting, an informal discussion regarding future plans and activities took place.

Weekend Theft

North Halton District Provincial Police report the theft of three tires and a radio from a car owned by Fred Hepburn, R.R. 1, Acton, sometime over last weekend.

The car was reported to be parked at the rear of the house at the time of the theft.

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A VISIT FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR to the Acton Rotary Club on Tuesday evening prompted a check on records by the Governor and Acton Rotary president, E. A. Hansen. Seriously checking the records in front are, left to right: Ken Hulford, secretary and Walter Woodburn, treasurer as club president, E. A. Hansen and District Governor E. L. Ruggles, peer over their shoulders. All in fun the picture was posed for the occasion.



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P.U.C. Receives Quotations To Convert Heating System

Prices submitted to the Acton Public Utilities Commission for converting the present steam heating furnace in the hydro shop on Alice Street to oil were discussed and the property committee instructed to investigate the amount of repairs necessary to the present boiler, when the commission held their regular meeting on Thursday, September 4.

Submitted were prices and specifications for the change-over from Mike Cox and Son and Shortell Sheet Metal, both of Acton, and Root Hardware, Rockwood.

No action was to be taken until a full report had been submitted to the commission by the property committee.

Approve Repairs

Prices submitted by the Credit Valley Paving Company for repairs to sections of pavement in town were approved to the amount of \$300.

Included were sections of pavement on Victoria Avenue, Queen and Victoria Streets, Main Street South, Wilbur Street, Guelph Street, Fellow Street and Bower Avenue.

Repairs were necessary in these sections due to recent repairs caused by hydro and water installations.

Hydro Services

Hydro superintendent D. Mason reported his department had completed the installation of transformer services into Glenlea subdivision and were waiting the go-ahead signal from Thomas and Thomas Construction Company for the installation of hydro services to the new homes being built there.

The superintendent was instructed to notify the contractors that the commission was anxious to have the hydro services completed and the department would be ready to begin work within two weeks.

New Service Charge

A resolution raising service calls to \$3.00 per call received unanimous approval from members following queries from the superintendent regarding the present \$1.50 charge.



THE FIRST HAND SAW off the production line at the Disston saw Plant recently opened in Acton, is examined by Len Durning, plant manager and George Corban, sales manager. Held up by the setting up of machinery to the proper tolerances, production is now expected to begin rolling in the manner in which it did when the company were situated in Toronto. A division of H. K. Porter Limited, the plant manufactures saws and refractories.