

ELECTION RESULTS

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

FOR MAYOR						
W. H. COOK Acclamation						
FOR REEVE						
Ward	1-1	1-2	2	3	4	Total
GOY J. H.	124	109	129	120	120	502
Wilson W. S.	69	32	19	34	26	160
FOR DEPUTY REEVE						
J. M. GREER Acclamation						
FOR COUNCIL						
Ward	1-1	1-2	2	3	4	Total
HURST J. T.	111	77	95	144	114	441
RACHLIN B. D.	111	63	52	146	114	426
PEAL W. H.	111	61	59	125	97	353
MILLARD W. J.	111	47	77	129	96	359
WATTS J.	111	47	77	127	87	349
LOWE H.	92	63	64	92	64	315
POPE J.	52	51	52	53	54	262
FOR SCHOOL BOARD						
About Three Electors for a Two-Year Term						
Ward	1-1	1-2	2	3	4	Total
BRADLEY C. W.	102	52	104	122	114	494
MARKS F. I.	112	51	91	115	112	481
BOYD M.	114	22	54	62	62	214
MORSE D.	108	32	76	62	62	238
SMITH I.	20	21	12	41	24	100
FOR P.U.C.						
J. J. STEWART and J. G. TYLER Acclamation						
P.U.C. BY-LAW						
Ward	1-1	1-2	2	3	4	Total
YES	112	71	81	96	96	456
No	91	21	31	49	22	214
BAND BY-LAW						
Ward	1-1	1-2	2	3	4	Total
YES	112	71	81	114	62	440
No	41	24	11	32	15	123

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Telephones Jangle

Candidates Watch Computers

Two direct telephone lines to the Free Press jangled almost steadily for two hours Monday night as the candidates watched their computers for the latest election results.

Acton had up-to-the-minute news of returns for the first time for the year and the success of its various political parties in the past year on election day.

John Guy, the acting mayor, who was posted up in the tightly lit front office of the Free Press as the counting process got under way, dropped in to talk over trends. Candidates for seats were among those watching as Aldo Brande relayed final totals from the various polling stations to Henry Devereaux, who chaired them up on the stairs.

At the two telephones were Mrs. Devereaux and Mr. Devereaux, who remained seated in the lobby to watch the results.

An extra operator was busy at the Bell Telephone office connecting the cables with the Free Press.

At 11:30 as the lights went out for the night, the results were available.

The service was an innovation this year. The idea originated with the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Brande and Jack Hines, another Chamber member, were among those assisting.

A candidate for school board, James Manning, watched the figures which played from third for the three seats suddenly drop when the last polling subdivision was listed from 7:15. Votes were counted from a victory where Manning had polled ahead to take the seat.

John Guy and Bill Wilson shook hands as Mr. Wilson conceded the post of reeve. They explained there was no antagonism in the fact they were running against each other.

Conceding but a good representation, Mr. Guy said Mr. Wilson had been on council three years.

211 Ballots Spoiled

Returning Officer for the Municipal election, J. H. Heston, reported 211 spoiled ballots at the Monday election in Acton.

In classifying the spoiled ballots, the returning officer noted that some ballots were not marked properly and others were not marked at all.

Driver Claims Forced to Ditch Clips Mail Boxes

Damage was estimated at \$250 after a car driven by Louis Victor Hiltz of Rockwood was allegedly forced into the ditch on Highway 11 half a mile west of Acton Saturday.

District OPP said the car, owned by Rockwood Motor Sales, was forced off the road by another car making a left turn. The Hiltz car went into the ditch and knocked down two mailboxes. The other car did not stop.

Constable Roy Hazlett investigated.

Chamber Stages Dinner, Dance

The first ladies' night of the Chamber of Commerce Saturday night presented 41 with the difficulty of driving through a near-traffic jam to Hilltop Lodge, Acton.

On the return trip there were several minor accidents, including a pair of frozen cars.

Between trips, however, the event proved most successful.

Delicious turkey dinner was served. George Barbeau, president of the Chamber of Commerce, welcomed the ladies and Jim Ledger, props of a host to them. Mrs. Barbeau presided.

Dancing was enjoyed by the majority of an eight-man orchestra composed of local players. There were spot dances and a special hot soup contest, which was won by Paul Watson.

A howling wind and drifted snow greeted groups leaving Hilltop Lodge. Several cars were in difficulty and when Chamber secretary J. Bert Wood was helping president George Barbeau start his car, he had his eyes frozen. Much to his relief, he is still wearing ear-muffs.

Pipe Band Visits Gall Burns Club

Although blowing snow and slippery roads caused some trouble, the members of the Junior Pipe Band thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the Gall Burns club Saturday night on Saturday.

The local band played on the program. First Wight had trouble with his car starting before he got home.

Pipe Major Phil Cudback ran into the back of a stalled vehicle and discovered the damage was not discovered the day of the other car was Mr. Scudder, a pipe band teacher. Mr. Cudback praised Mr. Scudder for his work for a long time.

Fund Unfinished

Although the Springhill Disaster fund closed officially on December 1, not all the returns were in on Monday and so no definite total has been announced yet. Final amount is expected next week.

36.7 Per Cent of Eligible Voters Elects Reeve, Council, School Board



CONCEDING THE ELECTION to his successor, incumbent Reeve W. S. Wilson, as he congratulates J. H. Goy, who polled 593 votes to Mr. Wilson's 160. The couple are pictured in the tabulating room set up election night in the Acton Free Press Office. Mr. Goy is pictured on the right receiving the best wishes of the press on Reeve, while in the background the tabulating board reveals the final vote. Mr. Wilson is congratulating his best wishes and there were no hard feelings between the two and Mr. Goy remarked "Council is losing an experienced man." Only 36.7 per cent of eligible voters cast their ballot on Monday's election.

Council Investigates Signals, Underpass Withholds Decision on C.N.R. Crossing

Council withheld final decision regarding an underpass or widge-way system at the C.N.R. Main Street crossing following submission of a letter from the Board of Transport Commissioners on Tuesday evening.

The board recommended a widge-way system with a widge-way on the east side of the crossing and a widge-way on the west side of the crossing.

The board stated in their letter that an underpass would cost \$100,000 to \$120,000 and a widge-way system in the neighborhood of \$30,000 to \$40,000.

It was pointed out that costs would be apportioned between the Board, Town and C.N.R. with the town's portion amounting to 12 per cent of the cost.

Council discussed the possibilities of the county council assuming a share of the cost as it was on a county connecting link.

After a suggestion to refer the matter to county council, Councillor J. Guy remarked: "The people in town should be given some protection at this crossing. I think we should apply for a blank sheet at the crossing immediately."

Council agreed to obtain information on the two systems and to consult with the Board of Transport Commissioners before making a final decision on the matter.

Let It Go At That

Deputy Reeve J. Guy proposed to give the board to the people and let it go at that. It was agreed they will wait the town board's decision.

36.7 Per Cent

With a total of 2019 eligible voters listed on the voters list in Acton only 732 exercised their franchise at the Municipal elections on Monday.

In spite of the low vote percentage final returns were not completed until 11:40 p.m.

Vote Returns John Milne As Reeve in Nassagaweya

Reeve John A. Milne of Nassagaweya was returned to office Monday by a 100 per cent vote in the 186-voting town which is west of the polls.

Mr. Milne's opponent, Art Padbury, received 258 votes. His opponent, Arthur A. Palfrey, also came in, polled 16 votes.

Others Are Filled

All other town offices are filled by Deputy Reeve, three council seats and two school board seats, had been filled by acclamation at the recent town election meeting.

Voting at the polling stations was as follows:

John Milne	100	100	100	100	100	600
Art Padbury	17	16	16	16	16	71

Also where in the county Equipping district have a vote this year as all officers were filled by acclamation. Trafalgar township is on the two-year system and voters went to the polls until next December.

Christmas store hours are announced in an advertisement this week to assist busy Christmas shoppers.

Rockwood Park Purchased By Conservation Authority

The purchase of the Harris property in Rockwood was announced by the Grand Valley Conservation Authority who will develop the 156 acres within the next two or three years into a park area.

The announcement was made at a meeting of the executive of the Grand Valley Conservation Authority in Rockwood Town Hall by H. G. Mack, Price paid for the land was \$67,500.

"Your committee has been working diligently towards the acquisition of this land for the past three years," Mr. Mack explained to the gathering.

The Harris family has gathered it together and has kept it from being exploited, purchased and sold. Mr. Mack particularly has shown a high degree of public responsibility in agreeing to accept a price substantially less than he could have obtained by mere real exploitation," said Mr. Mack.

Progressive Plan

It is not proposed to develop the park area in Rockwood until the deferred payments on the Harris property have been liquidated or nearly so. This will take about three years and plans in the meantime will be formulated and an overall plan evolved that can be carried out progressively as funds are made available.

Mr. Mack reminded his listeners that the Grand Authority is one of the oldest in the province and was established in 1946. It is the largest authority in the area and the second largest in population, exceeded only by Metropolitan Toronto.

"We like to think," said Mr. Mack, "that it is the most advanced in terms of accomplishment and our record would perhaps best this out in spite of this the pet would be one of the lowest."

The acquiring of the Harris property means out the chain of parks throughout the watershed, and will probably be the last major undertaking of its type. Mr. Mack said the success from a financial standpoint seemed assured.

Approval Given

Approval had been previously given by the Minister of Develop-

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SHOPPING DAYS

UNTIL

CHRISTMAS

Christmas Spirit Hits Town

With Christmas only 21 days away, merchants, Chamber of Commerce, town employees and many others are beginning to get the Christmas spirit as windows, street lighting and decorations are being erected this week.

Some merchants have completed window decorations and have employees are busy engaged in strapping colored lights on the main thoroughfare. Some homeowners are beginning to adorn Christmas trees in anticipation of a merry Christmas.

Merchants are displaying their wares as suggestions for gifts and already children are awaking the arrival of jolly Old St. Nick as they write their requests to the North Pole for his consideration.

The Acton Chamber of Commerce have finished their additional street lighting system and are awaiting the hydro department workmen for their erection.

Plans for the monthly Santa Claus parade have been completed and Chamber members are awaiting the day that Santa arrives in all his glory in Acton, December 20.



CHOSEN FROM A CLAY OF SEVEN the above men were elected to the position of council for 1959 at Monday's election. Pictured above in the order they led the polls are: J. T. Hurst, B. D. Rachlin, W. H. Peal, W. J. McLeod, F. E. Watts and H. Lowe. The one candidate defeated was E. Pope. The newly elected council will be joined at the council chambers the first of the year by mayor W. H. Cook, Reeve J. H. Goy, whose picture appears elsewhere on this page and Deputy Reeve J. M. Greer. The mayor and deputy-reeve were appointed to office for their second term by acclamation. Electors on Monday also decided to discontinue

the present Public Utilities Commission after 1959 for formation of a Hydro Commission and also to grant a half mill to be divided between Acton Citizens' Band and Acton Junior Pipe Band.

Returned as Reeve of Nassagaweya township in Monday's election by a small vote. He received 258 votes, opponent Art Padbury got 78.