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Many Draws Made at Bazaar For Lakeside I.O.E. Saturday

Lakeside Chapter of the I.O.E.'s annual Christmas bazaar was well patronized on Saturday afternoon in the Legion hall. Leaving the lure of the Grey Cup game to their husbands, many ladies bought the attractive wares and enjoyed a delicious tea.

For sale were pretty aprons, many articles of knitting, home baking and candy.

Christmas decorations made the tea tables gay.

There were several draws, which were made by children in the group. Ricky Ironside got the long job of drawing the penny sale winners.

Several Dolls

The beautiful dressed doll with a complete wardrobe went to Mrs. Geo. Paul for her granddaughter, Susan White. The hooked rug was won by Mrs. John Chapman, a large box of candy by Mrs. Irene Hunter, and the Christmas cake by a guest, Mrs. Alan Mercer of London, who was attending with her mother, Mrs. Roy Arnold, pair of socks by Mrs. A. J. Buchanan. Re-

40 Per Cent of Eligible Voters Elect Mayor, Board, Council, Commission

Acton's municipal elections Tuesday saw Mayor W. H. Cook returned to office with five present councilors while political newcomers Les Dudy headed the polls. Two new political newcomers, Gordon McCutcheon and Gordon Beatty, were added to the new hydro commission with former P.U.C. members Ted Tyler and Frank Oakes. The public school board remained unchanged with Tom Watson, Wes Wolfe and Murray Smith returned.

Returning officer Jack McGeachie reported a high turnout on the wet, snowy day with about 40 per cent of the electors casting ballots.

The polls closed at 7:30 p.m. and the first reports from the five polling divisions were received about 8:15 p.m.

When first results for the mayoralty were received they indicated Mr. Cook had a slight lead, which he maintained, winning with a plurality of 43 votes over Alex Johnson.

Duby Early Lead

As results began to come in for the race for council Les Dudy took an early lead and led the polls throughout the evening. With six to be elected for council other members elected were George Barbeau, Jack Greer, Hugh Lowe, Ed Pope and William McLeod. Two newcomers, Art Field and Edward MacDonell, trailed throughout the evening and were defeated.

One of the hottest contests in the entire election was the race for the new hydro commission. As results began to come in they showed '89 P.U.C. Commissioner Frank Oakes took an early lead which he maintained throughout. Bill Wilson, a former reeve, held second spot on the commission in the first re-

Tom Watson Leads

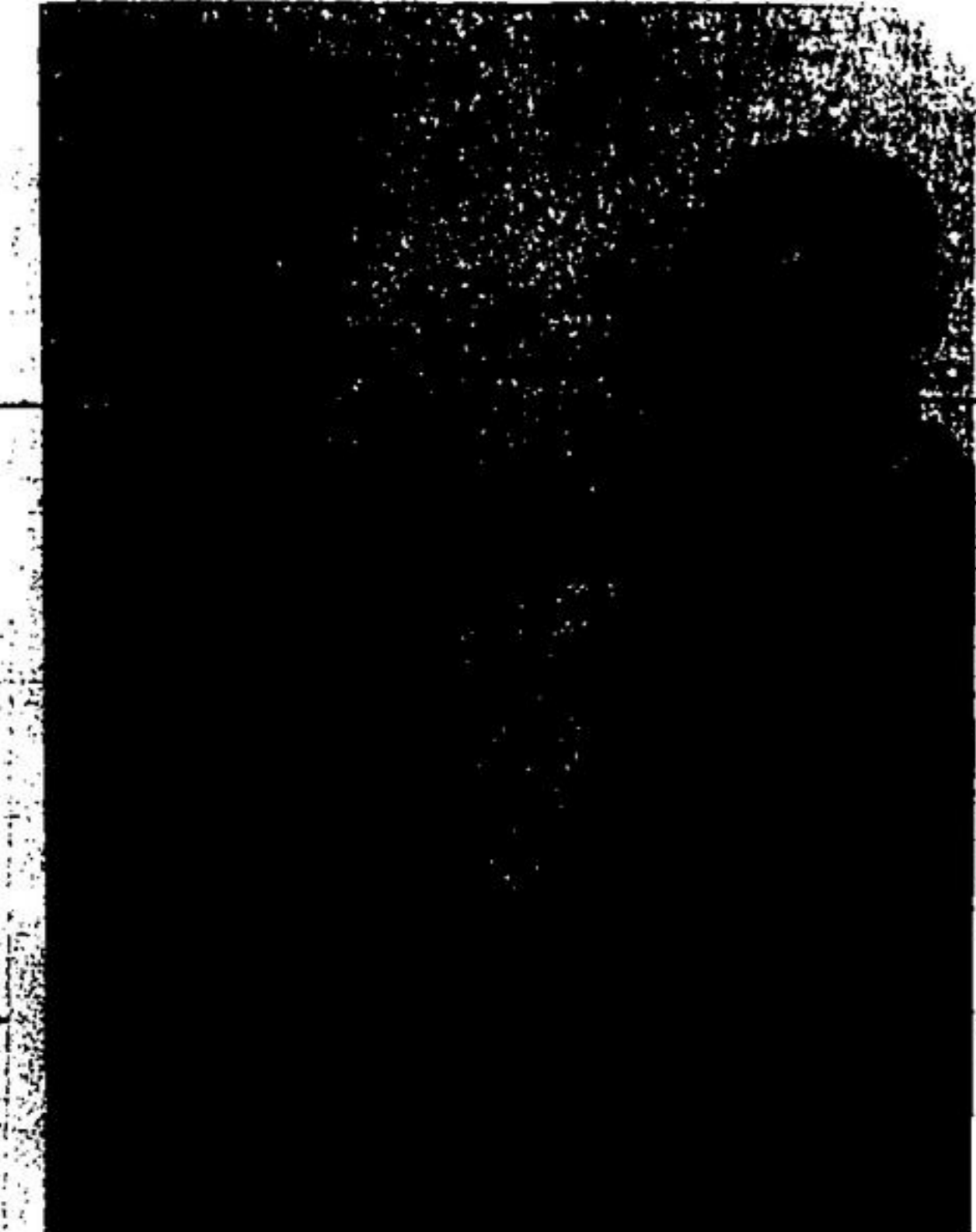
Returned for another two year term on school board are Tom Watson, Murray Smith and Wes Wolfe. Results coming from the various polls showed Mr. Watson with an ever increasing lead over his other colleagues.

Until last minute results were received it appeared that Wes Wolfe would relinquish his position on the board but words two and three boosted his standing to fourth spot. Two newcomers vying for a position on the board were Mr. Braida and Brendan Aherne who trailed the field.

Other two offices will be held by John H. Guy as reeve by acclamation and John Hargrave as deputy reeve by acclamation.

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CONGRATULATIONS were in order for mayor W. H. Cook by his opponent Alex Johnson following the municipal elections on Tuesday. Mr. Johnson on the left wishes the mayor the best following his victory election night. Mr. Cook polled 439 votes to Mr. Johnson's 396.

Schneider, Kelso, Dryber Named Village Trustees

Voting in the seven polling divisions in Eramosa township was light on Monday when candidates for the school board and village trustee board for Rockwood were elected.

Those counting the votes began to feel the excitement when the results were known for six and seven polling divisions that included Rockwood. The picture changed rapidly when the other divisions were heard from.

Dr. R. J. Hilton led in the six and seven polls with 232 votes. Dr. Hilton is a professor of horticulture, O.V.C. and a resident of Rockwood.

William Jackson followed with 125 votes. Warren Parkinson, member of an old Eramosa family, received only 102 votes but led at the finish with the most votes of all five candidates, 350.

William Jackson ended with 326 and Dr. Hilton 334. Earl McKenzie from S. S. No. 6 got 306 votes and J. Nesbitt in the Eden Mills area, 219.

McKenzie and Nesbitt were not known to the voters in the part of the township other than where they live. Only one newcomer, Dr.

Treat Two Drivers At Accident Scene

Drivers of two cars received treatment for minor lacerations and their vehicles suffered a total of approximately \$750 damage in an accident at the corner of Church and Willow Streets on Wednesday, December 3.

A car driven by Mrs. O. Locker, R.R. No. 2, Rockwood, proceeding east on Church street struck an approaching vehicle driven by Barry Kirkness of Acton, proceeding west on Church.

Constable Bob Moore of the local O.P.P. Detachment investigated and reported the Locker vehicle was attempting to make a left turn onto Willow Street at the time of the accident.

Both drivers were treated for lacerations at the scene and later again at the office of Dr. W. G. Kenney.



ACTON'S FIRST MAYOR Amos Mason is pictured above as he cast his ballot during the municipal election on Tuesday. Mr. Mason voting in ward three was the ninth person to cast his ballot at Luxton Memorial Hall. Mrs. P. Watson was the first person to mark her X in this ward. Shown above with the voter is Deputy Returning officer Mrs. W. Dumarch. On the right and Mrs. G. Fryer in the centre.

VOTING BY WARDS

Following the voting on Tuesday, the returning officer J. McGeachie noted there had been 98 spoiled or unmarked ballots during the day.

The following is a summary of the voting by wards listing each division, good, rejected and unmarked ballots, total number of voters casting a vote, eligible voters in each ward and the percentage turning out in each poll.

Office	Good	Rejects	Unmkd.	Voters	Eligible	%
Ward 1-1:						
Mayor	249	4	4	257	542	47.2
Council	251	4	2	257	542	
Hydro	248	6	1	255	539	
School Bd.	248	6	1	255	539	
Ward 1-2:						
Mayor	113	1	1	114	368	31
Council	114	1	1	116	371	
Hydro	110	4	1	115	368	
School Bd.	110	4	1	115	368	
Ward 2:						
Mayor	133	1	6	140	345	40.6
Council	134	6	1	141	348	
Hydro	137	2	1	140	345	
School Bd.	135	5	1	141	348	
Ward 3:						
Mayor	212	2	2	216	488	44.4
Council	221	3	2	226	493	
Hydro	214	7	1	222	488	
School Bd.	217	3	1	221	486	
Ward 4:						
Mayor	139	1	4	144	397	34
Council	134	1	1	136	381	
Hydro	135	1	1	137	384	
School Bd.	131	3	1	135	374	

G. Currie, C. Sinclair Seek Reeve's Job Esquosing Votes Monday on Trustees

Esquosing township voters will trek to the polls next Monday, December 7 for their first municipal vote in three years. A real battle is shaping up for the post of Reeve of the township, with 30 year council veteran George Currie, incumbent Reeve, challenged by present Deputy-Reeve Campbell Sinclair.

Wilfrid Bird received an acclamation to the post of Deputy-Reeve at the nomination meeting Monday night in the township hall at Stewarstown. Just over 100 were present.

Walter Lanham, George Leslie and Wilfrid Leslie were acclaimed to council when Leonard Marchmont and J. B. Mosby declined to accept nomination.

Five for Trustee

A vote will be held to pick three school trustees, however, present members R. J. Cunningham, Stanley J. Brown and Clarence Coles are challenged by newcomers Mac Spry and Thomas J. Hill. Their seats are good for two years.

K. C. Lindsay chaired the meeting of speeches and reports following the hour of nominations. He read the balance sheet for the period ending October 31, 1959, showing a surplus on the books of \$1270.18. A deficit of \$43.12 had been anticipated on the year's operation, and a surplus of \$8,313 from 1958 had been used to give the present favorable balance.

Reduce Levy

The township clerk also read the auditor's report in which it was suggested that stricter methods of collecting unpaid taxes be adopted, the treasurer and board treasurer should be bonded and a sum of \$3,500 from the energy reserve should be used for schools to reduce the levy one mill.

Mr. Lindsay praised the 1958 council as an exceedingly good council, every one of them, and noted the members total about 70 years' experience.

Cut in Subsidy

Reeve Currie pointed to great advancement in the roads with the completion of Highway 401 through the township and the finishing of several roads by the County. However, he said next year there would be a cut in the government subsidy on roads which would hinder township expenditures.

Only Nine To Enjoy First White Christmas

Although nine years of age, Nancy Norton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Norton, will this year enjoy her first real Christmas with snow and all the trimmings.

Nancy, born in South America, has never known what snow at Christmas time means and this year her parents brought her back to their hometown of Acton to spend her Christmas holidays.

The Nortons, former Acton residents, and Nancy, arrived home a few weeks ago from Iran travelling via eight different airlines and stopping off at various spots on the way.

S.A. in 1942

Mr. Norton, son of Bill Norton at Silvercreek, started his career in the oil business back in 1942 when he was first employed by Tropical Oil in South America. From there he travelled to Iran where he is

Acton Area Man Escapes Injuries

Gerald Barnard of R.R. 4, Acton, escaped uninjured in a car accident on Highway 7 just east of Crewson's Corners Saturday evening.

His car skidded into the ditch when, as he told police, he reached up to wipe off the windshield while driving west along the highway. It rolled over onto its side, causing \$200 damage.

Liberals Name P. Papillon President York M.L.A. Promises "Real Opposition"

A crowd of less than 50 attended the annual meeting of the Halton County Liberal Association in Milton Town Hall on Friday evening to name Peter Papillon, Acton, as president following the retirement of Lester Whiting.

Terry Campbell, Oakville, was named first vice-president, Morris Manderson, Georgetown, second vice-president, Mrs. Dorothy Mullin, Burlington, secretary and David Ward, Barrie, treasurer.

"Little Short"

Provincial candidate in the last election Owen Mullin expressed his thanks to the outgoing executive. He summed up that "we worked hard, tired hard and were just a little short."

He introduced Vernon Singer, M.L.A. York Centre who complimented the meeting on the wonderful showing in Halton in the last election. Mr. Singer suggested that "in the new liberal group at Queen's Park you're going to see a real opposition."

Many Questions

Mr. Singer wondered how Education Minister Dunlop, a man over 80, could be interested in the development of an educational system. He wondered why a provincial official would write a letter recommending a privately held fluoride dispenser and why a Hydro Electric Commission official would write a letter to building contractors outlining the qualities of a specific type of insulating material.

The speaker also reviewed the problems of Belleville and wondered, when copies of the auditor's report of every municipality must be filed with the Department of Municipal Affairs, how it was they did not notice the city auditor's comments outlining alleged actions. He pointed out the Minister claimed the Department could not be ex-

What can they do? he questioned.

Retarded Education

"We are the only province in Canada with a Department of Planning and Development apart from the Department of Municipal Affairs. It has created two ministers, two sets of staff and complicated regulations."

He charged that the government depends on the initiative of parents to take care of education of retarded children. "It is fortunate there are good people who take this responsibility. Surely the province must take this problem of educating the retarded as well as the normal children."

The speaker was thanked by K. Y. Dick who observed the Municipal Act was badly in need of revision.

Civic Prohibitive

W. I. Hainsbre also addressed the meeting briefly and recommended consideration of the provincial government taking over the entire cost of education. "Cubs are becoming prohibitive," he said and there is no reason why every child should not have an opportunity for equal education no matter what part of the province they live in.

Mr. Hainsbre was later named honorary president of the Association.

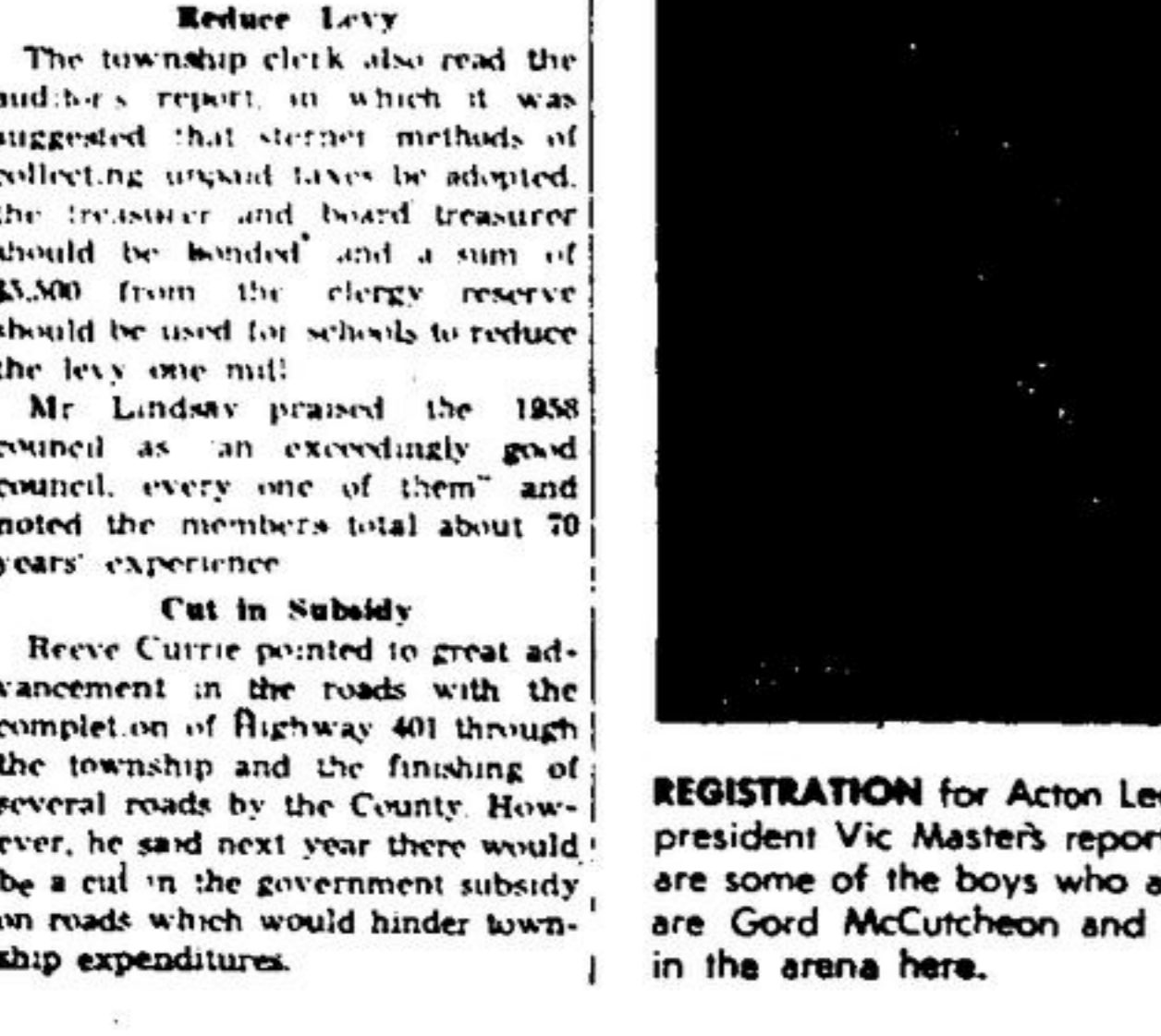
Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the meeting.



ELECTION RESULTS

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

	W-1	W-2	W-3	W-4	T-1	T-2
FOR MAYOR						
W. H. COOK	439	371	345	488	397	428
A. J. JOHNSON	396	310	368	444	381	350
FOR REEVE						
FOR DEPUTY REEVE						
FOR COUNCIL						
FOR HYDRO COMMISSION						
FOR SCHOOL BOARD						



REGISTRATION for Acton Legion Minor Sports hockey is continuing again this Saturday and president Vic Master's reported this would be the final date for registering. Pictured above are some of the boys who attended the first Saturday. Shown with the boys taking down names are Gord McCutcheon and Ivan Kilby. Hockey will start in Acton as soon as the ice is ready in the arena here.

Council Rep Hosts Executive of Band

Ben Raichlin, council representative on the Acton's Citizens Band executive committee, hosted the executive committee of the band on Sunday.

After a pleasant visit at his home with Mr. and Mrs. Raichlin and their daughter Elaine, a Township school teacher, the group went to the Nashery Penthouse for a delicious dinner.

His guests were past president Bing Ramdani, president Lorne Wick, vice-president Charlie Mason, secretary John McHugh, treasurer Charlie Kingsmill, bandmaster Alf Perotti, assistant bandmaster Rudolph Spielvogel, committee members Ed Footitt and Hugh O'Rourke.