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G. V. BARBEAU

E. MacDONALD

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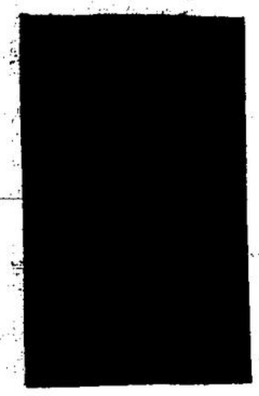

J. HARGRAVE

H. H. HINTON

Where to Vote

Acton voters Tuesday will vote at the following polling stations:

Ward 1, polling subdivision one: Acton United Church, comprising all the part of town east of John Street and south of Mill Street to Queen Street east.

Ward 1, polling subdivision two: Y.M.C.A., voters living east of Young Street and South of Queen Street east.

Ward 2, council chambers: voters living north of Mill Street and east of John Street.

Ward 3, Luxton Memorial Hall: voters living west of John Street and north of Mill Street.

Ward 4, Y.M.C.A.: voters living south of Mill Street and west of John Street.

Hours for voting are from 10 a.m. Tuesday morning until 7.30 in the evening.

Election Results

Complete election results will be available next Tuesday evening from the Acton Free Press office. Latest Acton returns will be given and completed returns from Nassagaweya and Esquesing, where elections are on Monday.

Members of the Fress Press staff will be on hand during the evening. Two telephone lines will be open to give callers the results of the election as they are received.

Callers are asked not to tie up the phone lines unnecessarily as only results to date can be given. This will make it easier to accommodate the many calls expected.

Citizens may keep abreast with election results by calling 853-2010.

18 Candidates Seeking 11 Seats As Voters Go to Polls Tuesday

This year voters will mark their ballots to elect a new mayor, a reeve, six councillors and three public school board members. During the annual nominations Thursday, November 22, the office of deputy-reeve as filled by acclamation by incumbent William Denny and two positions on Acton Hydro Electric Commission by incumbents Gordon Beatty and Ted Tyler Sr.

FOR MAYOR

Contesting the office of mayor are former councillor George V. Barbeau and Edward MacDonald.

GEORGE V. BARBEAU, plant manager at the A. P. Green Fire Brick company, lives with his wife and two children at 298 Arthur St. He has been in Acton 12 years. He has been six years on council, is past president of the Chamber of Commerce, is a member of the Canadian Ceramic Society and Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen. "If elected I will attempt to administer the town's business to the best of my ability," he says.

EDWARD MacDONALD, 39 Mowbray Place, married with one child, is self-employed in "consulting engineering." He is a veteran of World War II member of Acton Chamber of Commerce and Lions Club. He made a previous unsuccessful attempt for council and this is his first attempt for the position of mayor.

Mr. MacDonald said "Being self employed is a necessity for a mayor in order to be able to devote sufficient time to the town. He also believes the firefighters are underpaid and stated. "If elected, I am willing to forego part or all of my honorarium if the town cannot see their way clear to improve the average pay amounting to $134 per year."

He is not in favor of purchase of the old post office and if additional space is necessary, suggests erecting a new municipal office. In either event he urges a public vote on the question. "If I am elected, I promise the people a mayor who will give leadership to all. I ask every eligible person to turn out at the polls and vote for the first time in four years in Acton for mayor."

FOR REEVE

For the office of reeve incumbent Jack Hargrave is vying with former deputy-reeve H. H. Hinton.

JACK HARGRAVE, who has been in town 24 years is Department of Transport agent, was formerly a garage operator, is married with three married children and lives at 234 Arthur St. He has been three years a councillor, one year deputy-reeve and is completing his seventh year as reeve. "If elected I will continue to serve the town of Acton at local and county level to the best of my ability," he says.

H. H. HINTON, merchant, has lived in Acton since 1924. He and Mrs. Hinton have two boys and one girl and live at 24 Park Ave. He's a Legion member, was on planning board, was deputy-reeve one year and a member of county council the same year. This year he is president of the Acton Chamber of Commerce. He says "I feel I can make a contribution to the town in which I have lived most of my life. If successful I will concentrate on serving the people and the town to the best of my ability."

FOR COUNCIL

Nine men are running for six council seats. Leslie Duby, Bob Drinkwalter, Arthur Field, Albert Irwin, George Alex Johnson, Eric Johnston, Hugh Lowe, Hamilton Peal and J. Bert Wood.

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Cast of 50 Black Faced Minstrels Play to Near-Packed Auditorium

Opening night of the popular Lions' Minstrel Show nearly filled the Robert Little auditorium last evening and sell-outs are predicted for tonight and tomorrow, judging by advance ticket sales.

The second annual black-face production features the same melodious four-part harmony of the chorus, hilarious comedy skits, the traditional end men and Mr. Interlocutor, plus a new polish and savoir faire of a competent group of men now accustomed to showmanship and audience-pleasing.

The effortless ease of the fine singing, the jokes and skits belie hours of practice and planning.

The production for the second time was written and directed by Mrs. Ruth Musselle while her father-in-law, well-known singer George Musselle Sr., was in charge of musical direction. Accompanist was foot tapping, pipe smoking David Benham, a "natural" at the piano who enjoys playing as much as the chorus does singing.

Experience Shows

The traditional six end men include five whose training from last year's show left them confident and funnier than ever. John McHugh, Walter Dubois, Rae West, Ed Owen and Frank Spielvogel. Ray Arbic moved up this year from black-face to white and the fancy white coat of Mister Interlocutor. Jack Doherty sat in the middle chair last year. New end man is Barry Inscoe.

They had splangled new vests made by Mrs. Alex Johnson and Mrs. Allan Lauder) with their gaudy red white and blue outfits. They had their jokes word perfect and delighted the audience with sly references to the post office corner, the Legion, the Free Press, Hintons and certain main street stores. Their obvious pleasure in their own parts was infectious.

Unsouthern Tunes

Weeks of intense training behind the flawless four-part harmony of the chorus and their numbers were thoroughly enjoyed. Their black-faced minstrels are less localized than last year and added to their repertoire of Dixie melodies such unsouthern tunes as She May Have Seen Better Days, Old McDonald Had a Farm (changed to Jim Ledger had a farm), It's a Long, Long Way to Tipperary and many other favorites.

They began the show with Hello My Baby, swinging into then theme, Our Boys Will Shine Tonight, and they ended the show with Smile and Till We Meet Again. Then came a soaring arrangement, partially unaccompanied, of The Queen, the dramatic drum roll sounded by Jim Peal.

Behind the Disguise

The chorus fills the platform in their Curly black wigs, black face makeup and white gloves make Acton's best singers hard to distinguish, but they're Vic Bristow, Grenville Masales, Nino Branda, Dave Hunter, John Greer

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Approve Preparation Closing By-Law Mayor, Two Councillors Opposed

Preparation of a Municipal by-law to govern the closing hours of retail businesses in Acton was authorized at Tuesday's council meeting. Under a vote which was passed by a majority of council, in a rare voting split by council members, the by-law will be prepared and presented to council for passing. Voting in favor of the motion were Reeve Hargrave, Deputy Reeve Denny and Councillors Wood, Barbeau and Toth. Opposed were Mayor Gow and Councillors Duby and Peal.

Petitions signed by the majority of businessmen, divided into seven classifications, had been presented to council a week ago. At this week's meeting, a delegation of 15 merchants was present to discuss with council in committee of the whole, any points on which council might need clarification.

Spokesman for the merchants in support of the petition was Paul Nielsen. Lone dissenter was Vito Cipolla, a new barber in the Acton Shopping Centre.

Petition Presented

A petition was read and requested the enactment of a by-law embracing the present store closing hours now in effect under a "Gentlemen's Agreement". Basically the by-law would have stores closed all day Monday, open Tuesday Wednesday Thursday and Saturday until 6 p.m. and open Friday until 9 p.m. Included in the by-law are exceptions for weeks in which there are statutory holidays and for the two week period before Christmas.

Businesses represented at the meeting were: Paul Nielsen Men's Wear, Edna Mae Ladies Wear, A-B Supermarket, Newtons 5c to $1, Holloway Barber Shop, Symon Hardware, Ledgers I.G.A., Vito's Barber Shop, Benson Shoes, Gordon's Hardware, Esquire Men's Shop and Hummingbird's Barber Shop.

Solicitor Aldo Branda was present to discuss with council his visit to the Public Trustee regarding the town's position in the Y.M.C.A. Various suggestions were made in exploring solutions to the present and future status of the building.

The Public Trustee had suggested that if a satisfactory conclusion cannot be reached for all parties concerned, it would be wise to go to the courts for clarification of the terms of the will and the building's future. The solicitor was instructed to visit the Public Trustee again before a meeting is requested with the Y.M.C.A. Board of Directors.

Appointments were made to the new Recreation Commission. Appointed were Mrs. Bert Keates, Mrs. Helen Otterbein, Doug Widdis, Len Lovell, Claude Cook, Mayor John Gow and Councillor George Barbeau.

The mayor recommended that early in 1963 council amend the by-law to increase the size of the board from seven members to 12. He reported the board would be dividing into smaller sub-committees to plan a year-round program.

Police protection will cost $5,500 more in 1963 than was anticipated. Notice was received from the O.P.P. that an additional constable will be required next year. This will bring the Acton detachment to five uniformed and four constables.

Total cost in 1963 will be $40,725. Last year an extra constable was here during the holiday period for four months. This part time help will not be necessary this year with the additional constable. Police will be here five and a half days week while it was previously reduced to five days during the year.

Holstein Cow Dies Vet Fears Rabies

A Holstein cow believed suffering from rabies died at the farm of Hank Dunker on the third line of Esquesing on Monday.

Dr. F. G. Oakes reported the diagnosis of rabies was being checked and had not yet definitely been confirmed. A section of brain from the animal has been forwarded to the Dominion Laboratory at Hull and a report is expected back shortly. "I've never been more certain of a rabies diagnosis," Dr. Oakes explained noting the cow had been ill for several days and had died on Monday night.

If the rabies diagnosis is confirmed it would be the first area case of rabies this year involving a farm animal.

Mistook C.N.R. Train For Approaching Car

Two Peterborough men, 22-year-old Richard Allan Godfrey and 22-year-old George Beaumont escaped injury Monday evening when the 1954 Ford in which they were riding veered out of control, travelled for 250 feet off the highway, crashing through a snow fence, striking a telephone pole and spinning onto the lawn at the home of Phil LaSueur, Main Street, North.

The driver, Richard Godfrey told police he was approaching the corner of No. 7 Highway and Main Street North when seeing the light of a westbound train he believed it was coming toward him on the road, and swerving to miss it, lost control of the car.

Both men were on their way home to Peterborough from a visit in Guelph at the time of the accident around 7 p.m. Constable Ron Rupert investigated. The driver was charged with careless driving and the owner and passenger with failing to change the ownership. Damage was estimated at $400 to the car.

"Dr." Sandy Wins Degree

And now it's "Dr. Sandy Best."

Friday evening at the annual University of Toronto conferring of degrees ceremony Haltons candidate in the next Federal election, Sandy Best of Georgetown received his Doctor of Philosophy degree.

Sandy's official moniker is now Charles Alexander Sandy Best BA MA PhD ex MP.

New Secretary

Esquesing school board called a special meeting Thursday of last week and appointed Miss R. F. Evans as secretary-treasurer.

Miss Evans has taken over her new duties following the sudden death of Ernie Barkin who was killed in an automobile accident.

Heavy Coverage

On account of the intensive election coverage in town and rural district this week, it has been impossible to accommodate all news items submitted. Articles omitted this week will be included next week.

Esquesing Reeve and Deputy are Acclaimed During Nomination

Esquesing township voters will go to the polls Monday and mark ballots for three councillors and three school board trustees. Monday evening during nominations, Reeve George Leslie and Deputy-Reeve Wilfrid Leslie were returned to office by acclamation.

Before reports were heard during the public meeting, the large crowd stood in silence for one minute in memory of three well known township officials who died recently, former reeve and county warden Wilfrid Bird, road superintendent W. E. Townsend and school board secretary Ernie Barkin.

Proposed Candidates

Candidates running for council include George Currie, Robert Lawson, Walter Linham, all former members, and a newcomer, Mervin Barber. Running for two positions on school board are present members Mrs. Shirley Armstrong and Stanley Brown and newcomer in the race Harry Herensberger.

All candidates, with the exception of the two newcomers, acknowledged their intention to run for office. Mr. Barber and Mr. Herensberger qualified the following day.

Surplus in Budget

Following nominations, Erik K. C. Lindsay was appointed chairman for the evening. During the auditor's report, it was reported a surplus amounting to $9,783.80 for the year.

Reeve Leslie welcomed the large turnout of taxpayers, expressed his sympathy in the loss of the three devoted township officials who died recently. The reeve said. In spite of the sudden deaths, both county and Esquesing councils had to carry on" and he had moved up to the position of reeve and the vacancy in council was filled by Robert Lawson.

Keep Pace with Expansion

The reeve noted growth in the county during the past 10 years since he was first reeve and stated it was hard to keep pace with the expansion. He cautioned county council to pause and think before any further major expenditure is undertaken. He outlined the building project for the county administration building and said it was urgently needed as there had been a great shortage of office space previously.

Assessment in Esquesing township had increased but the mill rate had been lowered this year. "I hope we can keep it that way," he emphasized.

Deputy Reeve Wilfrid Leslie outlined the improvements to roads in the township and reported briefly on the new county building. Councillor Walter Linham reported on the new fire area agreement with Erin, Acton and Georgetown. He cautioned taxpayers to be extra careful with fire in the spring as the biggest per cent of calls had been caused by grass fires. Fire calls cost the township $100 each plus a $3,400 annual standby.

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Opening Ceremonies At Limehouse School

Limehouse public school, picturesquely located on a bluff in the village, will be officially opened tomorrow evening (Friday) by R. R. Bornhold B.A., M.Ed., assistant superintendent of elementary education of the Department of Education and a former inspector in this district. Guest speaker will be assistant superintendent of elementary education R. F. Field.

Board members of School area No. 1 Esquesing township, Robert Cunningham, Mrs. Shirley Armstrong, Stanley Brown, Mrs. Sprowl and William Lawson will be taking part. George Leslie will bring greetings as reeve of Esquesing.

The staff will be introduced and the school choir will sing.

Refreshments will be served by the Women's Institutes of Backburn Limehouse and Balinafad.

Win Acclamations in Esquesing

GEORGE LESLIE
Reeve

WILFRID LESLIE
Deputy-Reeve

Nassagaweya Acclaims Reeve, Deputy

JOHN ROBERTSON
Acclaimed Reeve

WILLIAM COULTER
Acclaimed Deputy-Reeve

—Staff Photo

CRACKING THE WHIP Mr. Interlocutor (Ray Arbic) issues final instructions to the happy end men during the opening night performance of the Acton Lions Club Minstrel Show on Wednesday. By way of introduction the end men from the left are Sambo (John McHugh), Snowball (Walter Dubois), Bones (Rae West), Rastus (Barry Inscoe), Tambo (Frank Spielvogel) and Amos (Ed Owen). Sell out crowds for the show on the remaining two night presentation are anticipated.