

### Our Readers Write

Acton, Ont., Jan. 7, 1963.

**Chairman of Interest:**  
In reading the article in your issue of January 7, 1963, I was surprised to find that the Chairman of Interest, Protest, Loggish and Council, I seem to be myself rather confused.

As I don't have the facts, I don't really feel that I am in any position to determine at this time if there is any basis for such a charge. However, I would like to comment on the telephone poll taken involving the 1962 Council. I find the majority of the replies quite meaningless, some amusing and most very evasive.

Mayor Goy states he personally had the problem cleared with Queen's Park, so I take for granted there must have been some doubt in his mind of the legality of one of the councillors last year.

However, this doesn't seem to be something that last year's Council members should be questioned on, but rather a matter for the 1963 Council.

Councillor Doby states he is not personally interested in such a charge. I would think that this councillor should be reminded that any issue concerning the administration or welfare of the town of Acton should be in the interest of the people he represents.

Mayor-elect Barbeau, it would seem by the statement made by the mayor that ratepayers of Acton do not have the right to question any of council's actions without first going through court for proper clarification. I would think that the mayor would be the first one to want to have a charge of this nature investigated immediately and clear the matter up as soon as possible.

Councillor Johnson states that commissions enjoyed by selling insurance to the town of Acton are shared by recognized agents, but fails to elaborate on which agents enjoy this or how the said commissions are shared. This, I think, should be done.

Councillor Wood states if any councillor sells his product directly to council, there is a basis of conflict of interest. It would seem to me if any councillor receives directly or indirectly commissions for a product or any other service rendered, then there most certainly could be a conflict of interest arise.

However, as I have stated, I am not acquainted with all the facts pertaining to this charge but I feel in the best interests of the people of Acton, a statement should be published stating which agents hold the insurance commissions are shared, and a municipal inquiry board consulted on this matter and full report be given on their findings.

Bob Drinkwater,  
160 Churchill Road.

Dear Editor:

The protest against Mr. Wood's being named as conflict of interest is based on my interpretation of the Municipal Act, Under Sec. 35-1-O, covering disqualification: which reads as follows:

"A person having himself or by or with/through another an interest in any contract with the corporation or the municipality."

Therefore it is felt that representation and selling of insurance to the town and being a councillor at the same time comes under this meaning.

The municipal board has not given a ruling on this. An opinion perhaps, but then they state me that is why I stand in protest.

Disclaiming this protest means that the court will have to decide what is right.

I wish the 1963 Council much success. However we must not forget that a closed mind and self-blinded eyes can always be a pitfall.

E. MacDONALD.

**Thieves Get Cash In School Breakin'**  
Gaining entry to the M. Z. Bennett school by smashing an outside classroom window, on the east side, thieves Saturday night left a trail of broken glass in the hallway as they went from room to room breaking plate glass windows in classroom doors in the hallway. Nine door windows were smashed during the destructive rampage. The door jam to the teachers' room was jimmied as the door was sprung open and the room ransacked.

On the same side of the street, the Acton District High School was entered by breaking a window and the principal's office and front office looted. A total of \$8 in petty cash was taken.

An alert M. Z. Bennett school pupil, Jimmie McKeown, who lives on Churchill Road, North was taking a shortcut home Sunday morning when he saw the broken window and phoned the caretaker Colin MacColl, who called Corporal Ray Mason of the O.P.P. immediately.

Principal E. A. Hansen of the high school noticed the break-in there around noon Sunday. He notified Corporal Mason who saw the officer at the M. Z. Bennett school.

Chief Librarian Mrs. R. P. Watson reported this week the library had been broken into and a small sum of money taken. Police constable Bruce McArthur is investigating.

### J. B. Wood's Statement

The following is the text of the statement presented by Councilor J. B. Wood at the Inaugural meeting of Acton Council on January 7. The statement was read by Councilor Wood following the reading of the letter of protest signed by E. MacDonald.

The letter you have just heard read from Mr. MacDonald protesting my holding office on council for 1963 and in my opinion is an issue between Mr. MacDonald and myself. In this light I would like to inform the Council as a whole and the people of Acton who voted for me the situation as it now stands.

In 1961, prior to running for council Mayor Goy cleared with the Department of Municipal Affairs the details which are as follows:

(1) Billings were to be direct from Company to the Town.  
(2) Cheques were to be made payable to the Company direct.  
(3) When a question regarding insurance came up at council a declaration of interest was to be made and refrain from discussing or voting on the question.

All of these conditions have been complied with.

During 1962 amendments were made to the municipal act which changed some of the regulations considerably. Section 35-3A states that disqualification does not apply to a contract between a municipality and a corporation of which a member of council is a shareholder, director, manager, secretary, treasurer or agent, entered into before April 18th, 1962.

The present contracts with Western Assurance Company were entered into on July 15th, 1960 and are still in force.

Section 198A (7) requires that a member of council or a local board who has any pecuniary interest in any contract or proposed contract with the municipality, or local board to disclose his interest and refrain from voting or discussing any questions regarding the contracts.

This again has been done by myself. To further clarify the issue I went to Toronto to the Department of Municipal Affairs, discussed the whole matter with them, and received the following information:

It was their opinion that as long as the regulations were complied with as stated they could see no reason why I could not serve on council.

### Registration of Protest

Text of the letter sent to council by Edward MacDonald and read by clerk Jack McGeachie during the inaugural meeting of council Monday evening follows:

39 Mowbray Place,  
Acton, Ontario,  
December 24th, 1962.  
Town Clerk, Mr. J. McGeachie,  
Town Administration,  
Municipal Office,  
40 Mill E.,  
Acton.  
Gentlemen:

Please consider this a registration of protest against acceptance of Mr. J. B. Wood to the Acton Council for 1963.

This protest is made under the Municipal Act regarding conflict of interest which is indicated under sec. 35-1-O of Municipal Act and allied sections.

The writer feels Mr. Wood could not represent both the insurance company the Town does business with and the Town itself without conflict.

I make this protest as a home owner and taxpayer, and resident of the said Town of Acton, residing at the letter head address.

Yours truly,  
E. MacDonald.

### Seek Home and School Charter Funds Frozen in Bank Account

The executive of the M. Z. Bennett Home and School Association met on Thursday evening at the home of the vice-president, Mrs. George Hargrave.

Mrs. Hargrave read the letter of resignation tendered by Cyril Shone and dated December 4. The office of president now stands vacant. The position of Mrs. Hargrave will come under reference at the next meeting.

The minutes of the November meeting were read by Mrs. W. Jeffery and accepted.

**Program Drafted**  
Program convenor Claire Lynch was called upon and she stated that a program covering the next three months was already drafted. Suggestions were called for and a general discussion followed.

An existing problem is the shortage of drinking utensils for

### Tours, Tosses

When Dr. Harry Harley M.P. was in town Tuesday he was taken on tour by Liberal Association president Roy Goodwin. At Mason Knitting Company he was taken through by George Mason and at the A. P. Firebrick plant the new mayor, George Barbeau, was host. He greeted the Tuesday afternoon lady curlers and even tossed a few stones with them. (It was his first try and he did pretty well). He dropped in at the Free Press and was guest speaker at Rotary later.

There was a rash of car thefts in Georgetown last weekend.

### No Influx Yet

Don't know just what Acton should do about it, but we're now on the outskirts of the Midwestern Tourist Region. There's a smart new sign announcing the fact that has just been installed on No. 7 highway at the western edge of town by the Department of Highways.

There doesn't seem to have been any more tourists around than usual... but let's give it time.

### Romance

During 1962, only 11 marriage licenses were issued at the town office. Last year there were 16. This does not necessarily mean all the people were married in town.

Once the Christmas tree is out of the house it seems possible to "rehab" again. Perhaps it was the symbol of the feverish pace of the holiday season.

**H. S. Holden**  
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### 12 Tables of Euchre At Party in School

There were 12 tables of euchre in Bannockburn School on Saturday evening, December 29. First prize for men went to Clare Wilson, second to Wes Storey and the ladies first, Mrs. G. Burt, and second, Mrs. M. Stark.

### Turk's Head For Rangers

Royal blue Turk's heads to hold their "black" neckerchiefs were made Monday evening by the Rangers at their meeting in the scout hall. Leader Mrs. Ted Franklin instructed them in weaving the Turk's heads, and then the girls worked on their enrolment.

They will soon be visiting the Sea Cadets in Guelph to learn their ceremonial. They also have an invitation to join other Ranger and Rover groups tobogganing in the Caledon Hills, January 27.

The welcome mat is still out for more members.

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### THIS SUNDAY'S Church Calendar

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA**  
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Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D. Minister.  
Mr. E. A. Hansen, B.A. Organist and Choir Master

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13th, 1963  
9:45 a.m. - Church School.  
10:00 a.m. - Minister's Teen-age Bible Class.  
11:00 a.m. - Public Worship and Baptisms. Sermon theme: "From the Bakony to the Witness Stand."  
7:00 p.m. - Youth Fellowship. Worship, discussion and recreation.  
Everyone Most Welcome

**TRINITY CHURCH**  
(The United Church of Canada)  
Acton, Ontario.  
Minister: The Rev. Dwight J. Engel, B.A., B.D.  
Organist: Mr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13th, 1963  
9:30 and 11:00 - Divine Services.  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
9:30 a.m. - Seniors, grades 5 and up.  
9:30 a.m. - Teen-age Biblical instruction, grade 9 and up.  
11:00 a.m. - Juniors, pre-school to grade 4.  
All Welcome

**ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Convention of Ontario & Quebec  
Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gammon  
144 Tides Ave. Phone 853-1615

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13th, 1963  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School and Adult Bible Class.  
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship. "The Kindness of God."  
7:00 p.m. - Laymen Incorporated.  
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. - Prayer Meeting

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