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52.8% of Voters Cast Ballots Seven New Candidates Elected

Only 52 per cent of Acton's voters were hit by the election fever Tuesday as 1,132 out of 2,145 eligible voters went to the polls to cast ballots at the municipal election.

Excitement ran high, however, at the town office as candidates and interested spectators waited anxiously with pads and pencils in their hands to take down results as they came into returning officer Jack McGeachie.

Voting began at 10 a.m. in the morning and polls closed at 7 p.m.—half an hour earlier than last year. Shortly after 8 p.m., the first results for the position of reeve arrived from ward two. From the beginning, it was evident Reeve H. Hinton would be returned to office for another term. He polled a total of 604 votes, while his opponent J. Bert Wood polled 409.

In the contest for council, 10 candidates wanted to see who would fill six seats. By the time the first results were in, little doubt remained in anyone's mind the three incumbents would be returned to office. A former mayor and councillor, Dr. F. G. Oakes, making his first bid for elected office in a number of years, polled the highest with a total of 905 votes, to win a seat on council.

Bob Drinkwater, an unsuccessful candidate last year, won a seat on council this year. Newcomer to local politics, William Williams tallied a total of 424 votes to win the sixth seat on council. 1965 councillors—in order voted in—will be Dr. F. G. Oakes, Ray Arhic, Albert Irwin, Bob Drinkwater, Mrs. George Ervett and Hill Williams.

Douglas Manning, present

member of the public school board, was re-elected and newcomer Orville Chapman and Cyril Bishop will hold office for a two-year term.

One new face will be seen at the hydro commission meetings next year. Newcomer Orval Brown and incumbent Ted Tyler Sr. won two vacant seats on the board.

While candidates for other positions awaited returns, Mayor Les Duby, who was returned to office by acclamation, and deputy reeve Roy Goodwin, who was acclaimed to office this year, sat back relaxed at the town office, but kept a close watch on the tally sheet.

In just 10 days from the time candidates accepted the challenge to vie for municipal office, pre-election campaigns kept the political bonfire kindled to

arouse 52 per cent of eligible voters.

Election Campaigns
Shortly after nomination night, one candidate for council distributed book matches as election campaigns began moving in to high gear. Personal letters, cards and pamphlets were either mailed or distributed door-to-door. Posters were placed in

store windows, phones were rung systematically and house to house calls were made by many candidates. Street corners buzzed with election talk as names of candidates were discussed.

Some successful candidates credit their campaigns with winning them a municipal seat, others are wondering where they went wrong, and some are silent.

VOTING BY WARDS

Following is a summary of voting Tuesday by wards listing in each division the number of rejected and unmarked ballots, total number of voters and results with the names of candidates elected to office in capitals.

Ward	Reject	Unmarked	Voters	Eligible	%
Ward 11	12	22	290	507	57.2
Ward 12	14	17	171	379	45
Ward 2	13	10	159	319	50
Ward 3	8	19	305	525	58
Ward 4	11	12	207	415	50
Total	58	80	1,132	2,145	52.8

FOR REEVE

Ward	1	2	3	4	Total
H. H. HINTON	182	76	101	199	668
J. Bert Wood	104	88	47	100	409

FOR COUNCIL

F. G. OAKES	241	117	125	249	171	905
R. ARHIC	206	112	99	207	123	747
A. IRWIN	205	90	111	188	138	732
R. DRINKWATER	152	115	88	158	94	607
D. IRYER	145	67	67	163	91	533
W. WILLIAMS	98	72	62	110	82	424
J. Riemer	111	47	49	118	89	414
I. Reid	93	46	38	71	43	291
J. Shadbolt	38	19	28	90	50	225
A. Talling	48	40	25	32	35	180

FOR SCHOOL BOARD

D. MANNING	222	91	126	212	147	808
O. CHAPMAN	171	90	114	226	122	723
C. BISHOP	111	96	59	124	78	468
I. D'Vries	97	96	52	115	68	428

FOR HYDRO COMMISSION

I. TYLER	182	120	101	185	107	695
O. BROWN	172	72	90	180	132	646
G. HEATH	131	80	84	153	101	549

Mayor Les Duby Gives Comments Following Tuesday's Ballotting

Following the municipal election Tuesday, Mayor Les Duby was interviewed and asked for his opinions regarding the newly elected council. Following are comments by the mayor.

"Once again, the ratepayers of Acton have spoken. I personally regret the loss of three councillors who decided not to toss their hats in the ring, plus the loss of incumbent deputy reeve J. Bert Wood in his bid for the reeve-ship.

"Realizing the value of these men's experience, I must at the same time note there is always room for new blood in the field of local politics.

"I would like to thank members of council whose services we will be losing the end of the year and welcome the newcomers who will be taking office for 1965. It will be my hope that some of the projects on which I have worked already have been done or will be allowed to proceed to completion.

"A few points I would like to mention, which, of course, is my own personal point of view, follow:

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A RESOUNDING VOTE OF CONFIDENCE was given the 1964 Nassagaweya Township Council on Monday when 52.83 per cent of the Township electors trudged to the polls and re-elected the complete 1964 council, to serve the 1965 term. This year's council, led by Reeve William Coulter and Deputy Reeve Dr. B. D. Young, has been the object of continued criticism throughout the year, but 820 electors cast ballots on Monday and each member of the 1964 council won a position on the new council.

by a decisive margin. In the most interesting election in Nassagaweya history, 12 ratepayers vied for the five seats on council and nearly 100 ratepayers showed their interest in the election, by gathering at Brookville Hall on Monday evening to see the results posted. Shown here in a jubilant mood are councillors Ross Gordon and Alan Parsons, Reeve William Coulter, Deputy Reeve Dr. B. D. Young and councillor William Mahon.

W. Coulter Reeve, B. Young Deputy Nassagaweya Returns '64 Council

The much beleaguered 1964 Nassagaweya Council received one of the greatest votes of confidence possible on Monday when electors selected the complete council to run Township affairs for 1965. Reeve William Coulter, Deputy Reeve Dr. B. D. Young and councillors Alan Parsons, Ross Gordon and William Mahon were all re-elected to office by substantial pluralities.

Reeve Coulter and his complete 1964 council have received criticism from a number of township ratepayers led by the Nassagaweya Women's Centennial Committee, and each position on the 1965 council was keenly contested. Township clerk J. C. McIntyre reports that 820 or 52.83

per cent of the eligible electors went to the five Township polls on Monday.

Returns Reeve
Reeve Coulter was swept back into office for the 1965 term with 532 votes, compared to 258 votes for his opponent W. A. N. Hoey. Deputy Reeve Dr. Young drew 442 votes to defeat former Reeve Jack Robertson, for the seat on County Council.

In the battle for council posts, Alan Parsons who is just completing his first term in office, led the council polls with 418 votes, two more than veteran councillor Ross Gordon of the 1964 council, who polled 416 votes. William Mahon, also a member of the 1964 council, received 408

votes, 133 votes more than aspiring councillor Mrs. Elva Newton who had been the most outspoken critic of council. Gordon Agnew, also an active critic of council, gained 268 votes followed by Floyd Hammond with 133. John E. Simpson with 124 and W. A. Johnson with 107.

Nearly 100 interested township ratepayers crowded Brookville Hall, waiting for results on election night. First returns posted at 7:30 showed Reeve Coulter and Deputy Reeve Young with slight majorities while Ross Gordon led the council candidates with 31 votes closely followed by Mrs. Newton with 27, Mr. Mahon with 20, Mr. Parsons with 15,

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Vote Joe Gibbons Georgetown Mayor

Georgetown voted on a Saturday for the first time this year with 46.39 per cent of the eligible voters casting ballots, compared to last year's 39.5 per cent. There were two questions on the ballot: a \$500 yearly grant to the Georgetown Girls' Pipe Band was approved by 1063 votes to 629. Subsidizing a new bus franchise was defeated 1323 to 62.

Mayor—Joseph Gibbons re-elected 1153. Malcolm Freeman 825, Ern Hyde 739.

Reeve: acclamation, John Elliott.
Deputy-reeve: Wm. F. Hunter re-elected 1646. Jim Emparson 1016.
Ward 1 council (2 to be elected): Robert Francis 461, Don Powers 308 (both re-elected), Wheldon Emmerson 285, Fred Harrison 284, Rex Coek 237.
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Adopt Safety Patrol At Robt. Little School

A safety patrol has been adopted at the Robert Little public school and patrolmen are located at eight crossings throughout the downtown area to assist pupils in crossing the busy streets.

Initial adoption of the system was made at the M. Z. Bennett school and the plan worked out so well the Robert Little school patrol made also investigated.

Belts, Badges
Pupils take turns on patrol and are decked out in white safety patrol belts and badges. They make certain the path is clear before allowing pupils to cross roads.

Constable Ron Rupert, formerly of the O.P.P. Detachment and now with the London Detachment, was instrumental in forming the safety patrol.

School Board trustees are hopeful another constable will assist in the program in order to have police supervision at all times.

Safety patrol captain is Leonard Van Der Polder, lieutenant's Roy Wong and Brian Sampson.

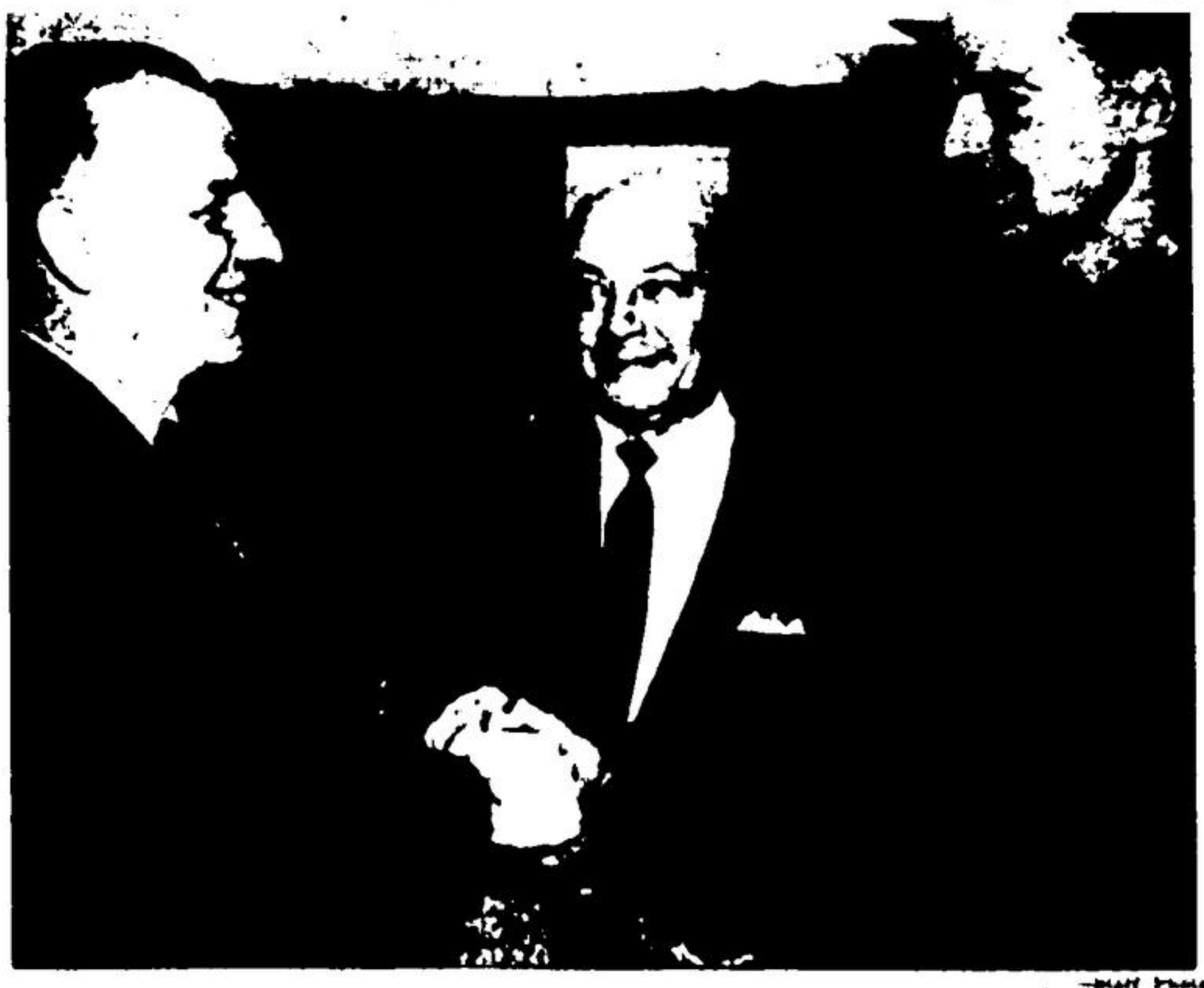
Boys who alternate at specific posts are M. Marcoux, I. McAtee, H. Barrens, S. Garrett, R. Waller, J. Petric, E. Hismk, P. Marzo, C. Stewart, H. O'Rourke, B. Spohar, B. Sagaskie, T. Engel, D. Hewitt, G. Lashy, S. Watson, John Beatty, W. DeForest, E. Lockerie, C. Doornbos, K. Marshall, D. Flatt, P. Milne, R. McEachern, K. Gray, M. Howe, A. Duiker, B. Fabian, G. Price, B. Nicolak, R. Lovell and D. Ford.

Patrols are at the corner of the school lane and Highway No. 7, St. Alban's Drive and Highway 7, St. Alban's Drive and Willow St., Mill and Main corner, River and Willow corner, at the post office, Willow and Mill corner, John and Mill corner-eight locations. Students not using the proper streets will be reported to their grade teachers. Students from Lakeview must walk on the outer side of the road.

The adult crossing guards will be on duty as usual. The safety patrol of school boys is in addition to them.

Morning patrols will be served hot chocolate, and may be a few minutes late for school without being marked late.

Mail Pick-Up During the Christmas rush there will be two daily pickups from town letter boxes on the streets. Beginning December 14 until December 23, pickups will be made at 1 p.m. and again at 5:30 p.m.



REEVE H. H. HINTON received congratulations from Mayor Les Duby and clerk-administrator Jack McGeachie following his return to office Tuesday during the civic election. (Left to right) are the mayor, clerk and reeve. Mr. Hinton contested the office which he has held for two years against deputy reeve J. Bert Wood.

Hold Purse Strings

High school board trustees engaged in a knuckle-wrapping session Monday night during the last regular meeting of the year as finance chairman Chester Anderson and property chairman Kerwin McPhail queried the purchase of two arc welders and debated payment of accounts for shop supplies and paving.

Mr. Anderson, whose duty it is to peruse accounts and present them for payment, withheld his approval of an account totalling \$115.18 for paving of a section of the new addition and one totalling \$1,158.18 for shop supplies.

Who Authorized?
In reference to the paving account, the finance chairman said he couldn't recall any authorization being given by the board for the paving job charged to the board. Property chairman McPhail told the board he hadn't authorized the job and a poll of other members present failed to dissolve the mystery. Acting chairman Dwight Engel and trustee Duncan Moffat both stated they were unaware of any authorization being granted.

Principal E. A. Hansen said he couldn't recall who authorized the contract to do the paving but a good job had been done. Payment of this account was withheld pending investigation by the property chairman.

Shop Supplies
The finance chairman tightened his hold on the purse strings as he queried accounts totalling \$1,158.18 for shop supplies. He said the total budget for the year

for shop supplies amounted to \$1,750 and wondered why the supplies had been purchased before the board approval had been given. "It is my understanding that large orders are to be cleared before any money is expended," he stated.

Mr. Engel explained that chairman Jack Reid and himself had discussed the shop equipment with a staff member and learned everything was in deplorable condition and it would take about \$1,700 to equip the shop properly. "We told the teacher the shop must operate properly," stated the vice chairman.

Mr. Engel said he was horrified to learn the equipment had deteriorated to such an extent.

Arc Welders
Trustee McPhail wondered about the purchase of two arc welders for the shop and who had given authorization for their purchase. "We talked and discussed these welders and agreed to wait and see if our electrical system would stand the installation of the welders. I know now the present connected load will not handle more and I am prepared to say we will have a budget for a new electrical system in the school," stressed the property chairman.

Mr. McPhail noted the welders had cost \$50 apiece and wondered if there had been any attempt to purchase them locally. Both he and Mr. Anderson wanted to know who had authorized the purchase of the welders.

Acting chairman Engel said he

Paving, Welders, Shop Accounts Perused by H.S. Board Members

Mr. Reid had given authorization, but the equipment had not been installed as yet and could possibly be returned if necessary. The finance chairman pointed out the chairman and vice chairman were both out of line for ordering the welders in view of the board's decision and said the equipment could be returned but at a possible loss to the board.

Mr. McPhail said it had never been stated the equipment would not be purchased but authorization was to be withheld until a report from the electrical engineer had been received regarding the present capacity of the electrical system. "This is not the right way to do business," he stated.

Both the finance chairman and property chairman agreed the method used by the chairman and vice chairman was not the proper way for the board to operate.

In response Mr. Engel said he failed to see where any board policy had been ruptured as the welders had not been installed and the only problem appeared to be lack of electrical service to operate the welders.

Mr. McPhail employed as a hv. ac. line man was authorized to investigate the electrical service with the engineer and finalize the welder problem.

Still grasping purse strings, finance chairman Anderson asked if there had been any attempt to purchase them locally. Both he and Mr. Anderson wanted to know who had authorized the purchase of the welders.

Other accounts approved for payment totalled \$22,194.33.

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High School Board

Seeks Parents' Viewpoint On Girls' School Dress

Parents and students at Acton District high school will have a chance to pass their opinion before a final decision is made to adopt a uniform type of wearing apparel for girls.

Monday night trustees agreed to pass all information regarding price and material for girls' clothing on to the student council who in turn can conduct a survey with parents for opinions.

Pay Tuition
Board members by resolution agreed to pay tuition of pupils unable to obtain a specific course at Acton high school provided they enroll at another school in the area. This complies with the Department of Education Act.

Permission was granted to Knox Church Young People's Society for use of the auditorium December 22. Approval was also given to the Acton III Flyers club to hold Sunday meetings in the school the same as last year.

Report Given
Management chairman Dwight Engel wondered how council got the impression the board did not wish to give a report at the ratepayers' meeting and stated this was not true. He said chairman

Jack Reid was of the opinion that he as a public school board representative should report directly to the public school board and not to council. Mr. Engel also said that he and Chester Anderson were council appointees and their report should go to council. A report was given at the ratepayers' meeting by Mr. Engel.

Trustee Duncan Moffat stated it was an act of courtesy to ratepayers for board reports to be given.

Trustee Kerwin McPhail was instructed to investigate an adequate heating system for the school greenhouse and obtain two tender prices before approving installation. Principal E. A. Hansen reported the present heating system is obsolete and during the past two winters plants and foliage had been destroyed by the cold.

Transportation chairman Duncan Moffat reported one bus route had been shortened by five miles at a saving to the board of \$2 per day.

At the conclusion of the meeting Mr. Moffat commended the board for conducting extra bus-

Shortest Meeting Of Planning Board

Acton Planning Board Thursday night of last week took another look at the proposed revised zoning by-law and official map and agreed to contact planning consultants before any further action was taken.

The revised by-law, which has been almost two years in its preparation by board members and consultants, will amend sections of the present by-law. Consultants will be asked to clarify certain technical points before the board proceeds further.

In the absence of chairman Aldo Braida, reeve H. H. Hinton conducted the meeting with members Wes Masales, Bob Drinkwater, Dave Mannes, Bill Knight and secretary Jack McGeachie present.

It was the briefest meeting the board has held this year.