

Mayor's Address

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public informed of what you are doing and why you are doing it. On rare occasions it may be necessary to hold private discussions on delicate matters. It is true that council sometimes must make decisions which are temporarily unpopular, but it is better to let the public know the reasons for them. You may be misquoted or the wrong interpretation may be placed on your remarks. But far better to run this risk than have left the impression that you have something to hide.

In public life, it is not good enough to be technically honest. We also must refrain from doing those things which could, in any way, appear to be dishonest or even questionable.

It is generally conceded that municipal government is the one closest to the people. If such is the case, (and it is), there is a special need to make it work efficiently. What is more — if a thorough examination shows that change is needed — even drastic change — council members should take the lead in promoting it. I would, in this regard, point out that satisfying the ratepayers' complaints or requests by repairing a street here or installing a storm sewer there, as requested, (important as these things are), does not mean that we are fully discharging our responsibilities. It is not good enough for us, as members of council, to watch which way the crowd is going, then show our way to the front and shout "Follow Me." Good government looks ahead. It will study and plan for the future as well as the present, so that all citizens, both those here now, and those to come after, will have the best possible service and enjoyment at the lowest possible cost.

Hours of Study

It inevitably requires endless hours of study and discussion. Rarely does it win public acclaim at the time. But it is exceeding in importance. As an example — the amount of municipal taxes which will be levied in any municipality this year, will be based as much on what council did or did not do last year, or five years ago, or ten years ago, as it is on the policy of this year's council.

The municipal conditions under which our citizens now live are due primarily to the councils which existed long before the people felt the effect of their actions or inactions.

We should so conduct ourselves and transact our business, that the people, not only this year, but five years and twenty years from now will say: "They served us well."

OBITUARY

Mrs. J. G. Harris Had Nursing Home

Mrs. Georgina Sutherland Harris, a widely-known Actonian who devoted many years to the care of elderly persons and invalids, died at her home, R.R. 4, Acton, on Sunday, December 27. She had been in failing health for several months.

Rev. D. H. West conducted the funeral service at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 30 in St. Alban's Anglican Church from Rumbury, Shoemaker, Funeral Home. Burial took place in Fairview cemetery.

pallbearers were Len Lovell, Ben Rachlin, Henry Wedge, James Higgins, Don Franklin and George Service. Flowerbearers were George Harris, Don Harris, Bill Holmes and Tom Oakley, grandsons and nephews.

A resident here for the past 38 years, Mrs. Harris was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, daughter of Albert Arthur Oakley and Anne Melissa Watson. She and her husband, John Garfield Harris, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary four years ago. They were married in Little Trinity Church, Toronto. Her main interests besides her home and family was geriatric nursing.

Mrs. Harris leaves her husband, sons, Harold, (Thomas) and John, all of Acton; one daughter, Mrs. George Bernes (Melissa) R.R. 4, Acton; three brothers, Albert Oakley of Love, Saskatchewan; Harry Oakley, Guelph; George Oakley, Burlington; four sisters, Mrs. Pearl Holmes, Acton; Mrs. Melva Blackwell, Yucata, California; Mrs. Gladys Topping and Mrs. Agnes Robson, both of Toronto, and 18 grandchildren. Two sons, Albert and Sydney, predeceased her.

Her daughter, Mrs. M. Bernes, will carry on the nursing home formerly directed by her mother.

Only 5 Per Cent. Licenses Sold

To date only about 5 per cent of anticipated sales have been made for 1965 license plates, according to local issuer Jack Hargrave.

Deadline for using the 1964 plates is Sunday, February 28, but the office will not be open Sunday. Local and area residents are advised to procure their licenses by Saturday or not drive after midnight Sunday.

The Italian-Canadian Club of Guelph has been constituted a corporation without share capital, under letters patent, and Aldo Braida of Acton is named as one of the principals.

Routine Payments, Membership Queries at Council Meeting

At the inaugural council meeting Monday, council:

- Authorized membership in the Municipal Clerks' and Assessors' Association at an annual fee of \$10, as well as in the Municipal Finance Officers' Association at \$10.

- Authorized the payment of the requisitions of the public school board, payments on debentures, principal and interest, including the O.W.R.C. contract, withheld payment on requisitions by the high school board until the administration committee investigates the time of payment of these requisitions. High school board may borrow from the bank to cover their current spending. The feeling of the council was that Acton should not be required to borrow money to pay high school requisitions when townships were withholding their payments until their revenues allowed them to meet their commitments without borrowing money. The subject will be investigated by No. 2 committee; report later.

- J. McGeechie was appointed clerk-administrator for 1965.

- Mayor Duby outlined the authority of the clerk-administrator for the benefit of councillor Oakes. The clerk attends all meetings and committee meetings, prepares minutes and acts as liaison officer between the council and the administrative and works staffs. The mayor said it is not desirable for committee chairmen to talk on the street with workmen. All instructions must go from the committee through the clerk-administrator to the work staff. In reply to the question of whether committee chairmen could go to the municipal office through the day for information, the mayor pointed out the office staff was prepared to assist the chairmen, but asked that the requests be reasonable in the light of the amount of work carried on in the town office.

- Councillor Drinkwater said he had been told by no less than eight people who had been inside the Y.M.C.A. building on election night that they had not been allowed to vote after the close of the polls. The mayor pointed out an attempt had been made to relocate polling booths, however no new locations were forthcoming. Mr. Drinkwater felt other polling places could be available, Reeve Hinton said, "It's something that can be considered for next year." The clerk pointed out municipal elections are entirely different from federal

and provincial elections; sometimes there are four or five ballots with upward of 20 people to vote for. Some older people take 10 to 15 minutes to mark their ballot.

- Councillor Fryer asked if there would be merit in having an engineering study made on the condition of the community centre building in view of the number of young people using the facility. The mayor recalled that expensive engineering studies had been conducted before the recent renovations.

- Deputy-Reeve Goodwin asked why no permit was issued to Evangel Baptist Church for the construction of a building on a 100 foot lot fronting on the east side of Churchville Rd. S. Councillor Irwin recalled letters had been written twice before to the church's solicitor outlining council's position. It would be uneconomical to serve the lot, due to the level of the trunk sewer line. The question was referred to No. 2 committee in the light of a cost-sharing suggestion.

Rotary History

Vice-president Mac Sprawl spoke on the history of the Rotary Club of Acton at last Tuesday's meeting.

He traced the history of the club from the charter year 1948 up to the present year, telling about some of the program projects, membership, etc. The speaker pointed out some humorous events that took place at a few dinner meetings during the past 10 years he has been in the club.

Parked Cars Hamper Snow Removal Truck

Cars parked on streets hampered town workmen Saturday when they set out with two trucks to plow out town streets.

Mayor Les Duby took his first ride in the newly acquired town truck and acted as copilot for the driver. Actually, the mayor took this opportunity to find out what conditions town workmen operate under.

Royal Boothby, formerly program director of the Senior Citizens' Club in Kitchener, has returned to Acton to assist in the beginnings of the Golden Age Club last year.

Most people who recover from a first heart attack return to their old jobs.

Approach Final Formalities

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misses and vague proposals. We must have available land in shape in which he is going to get it. Two mills sounds like a lot of money. We should be promoting the project and should be trying to find out how best to overcome our problems. The acquisition of one industry can soon overcome this mill increase."

"We may lose some of the smaller industries we have which need room for expansions if we do not have property available," said Mayor Duby.

Deputy-Reeve Roy Goodwin expressed his personal opposition to the project and suggested an alternative to the present purchase of the property would have been the option of property on the west side of Main St. as submitted previously in an offer to council.

The clerk reported the proposal was filed with the Department of Municipal Affairs, in a verbal report, the department advised it "would not allow the town to sign such a stupid document."

The deputy reeve said he felt the project had reached the point of no return. "I don't think we would be doing our job as councillors if we try to undo last year's council's work. I want it understood that last year I would have been voting with the reeve. I was personally and publicly against it in 1964, but as a 1965 deputy reeve, I will support it and promote it."

We Stock and Order

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"Once we are committed to this project, I will go all out to make it successful," agreed Reeve Hinton.

The offer to purchase expired December 3, 1964; however, an extension, has been granted to January 28, 1965. The by-law authorizes issuing of debentures for \$50,000 for 10 years at the rate of 5% per cent. Interest payments over the term will amount to \$17,000. Annual payment over the 10 years will average approximately \$6,700 per year.

There were many house parties New Year's Eve, with the largest crowd at the Legion dance. Lights burned late to welcome the new year.

Deer Damage

An Acton man's car suffered \$3 damage when it was in collision with a deer on a district road at supper time last Thursday. Milton O.P.P. said the car was driven by David William Peal, 50 Churchville Rd., Acton, and the accident happened on 22 Sideroad at the Sixth Line, Exeter. The deer escaped, apparently unhurt.

Picture-Taking Tips

Pictures made late in the day have a special mood all their own. Backlighting emphasizes the color or translucent objects like leaves and flowers and everything takes on a warm, ruddy cast.

In Bouquet

An Acton team was one of 40 entered in the Lorne Smith Sun- trophy bouquet at Mount Forest on Monday. Curling with skip Bill Toth were Joe Patrick, Bob Armstrong and George Sargent. They won one game of three and thoroughly enjoyed the day-long event. A team from R.C. A.F. Centralia captured the annual trophy.

Won't you make a New Year's resolution to let the Free Press know about anything unusual or interesting for publication? We can't possibly assemble all a week's news without the assistance and phone calls we get each day.

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Trees Burned Up In Night Blaze

Discarded Christmas trees sized and cracked Wednesday night as hundreds of spectators huddled near the fire to keep warm during the Acton Chamber of Commerce Twelfth Night Fire.

The annual event, which has become a popular after-Christmas project for the C. of C., was held in the vacant field near the entrance to the town dump and the blaze was touched off by Mayor Les Duby, Chamber president Paul Nielson and E. G. Tyler Sr.

Highlight of the night, especially for the kiddies, was the coffee and donuts served by C. of C. members.

Over 400 donuts disappeared in a twinkling. Trees burned fast and were dry as tinder to begin with.

One of the largest crowds to date was on hand to watch children enjoyed the blaze and many tossed snowballs at friends as the fire was at its brightest.

This year's tree burning was considered the best ever in spite of raining out of donuts early and many anxiously waiting.

Acton firefighters were on hand with a pumper to keep the sparks from spreading and doused smouldering embers long after the last person had left the site.

Town workmen co-operated in the annual blaze by making a special Christmas tree pickup Wednesday and piling the trees in the vacant lot. Some visitors

to the site even dragged along their own trees which they had forgotten to place out for pickup.

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