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Shopping Hours

Stores were open Monday to begin their extra-hours Christmas schedule for the convenience of shoppers. They'll be open the next two Mondays.

For the next two weeks, beginning Dec. 13, the stores will also be open evenings to shop part time look over the stock of fashions. It's a particular boon to working women, or those who'd like to shop while the children are at school.

All the stores except the food stores will follow the same schedule as announced last week by the retail section of the Chamber of Commerce.

Retrieves Cigarette \$1250 Damage Result

Two parked vehicles and an eastbound car on Mill St. received an estimated total damage of \$1250 Wednesday evening of last week when the driver of a eastbound car claimed he was reaching to retrieve a dropped cigarette.

Driver of the eastbound car, Jack Hatch of Acton, told O.P.P. constable Bruce Kressler he was reaching to pick up a dropped cigarette when the accident occurred in front of Trinity United church.

A parked station wagon owned by James Mathews of Acton was struck by the Hatch car and then a car owned by Fred V. Sampson, R.R. 4, Acton, which was parked ahead of the Mathews car, was also involved.

Constable Kressler charged Mr. Hatch with careless driving and estimated damage to the Hatch car at \$500, the Mathews vehicle at \$500 and the Sampson car at \$250.

51.6% of Voters Cast Ballots Four New Candidates Elected

Only 51.6 per cent of Acton's voters went to the polls Tuesday to cast ballots in the municipal election as 1,128 out of 2,182 eligible voters exercised their franchise.

Excitement ran high at the town office as candidates and spectators armed with papers and pencils chatted constantly waiting anxiously for results to be phoned to returning officer Jack McGeachie.

At the Acton Free Press office, bells started ringing before 7:30 p.m. when the first call came

in asking for election results. Two lines were busy constantly from this time until staff members, by now dwindled to two, gave up at 11:30 p.m. after receiving close to 250 calls. Returns were completed at 10:40 p.m.

Voting began at 10 a.m. and polls closed at 7 p.m. In Ward 1, polling subdivision 2, at the home of Mrs. D. Matheson, 318 Orville Road, anxious voters were still lined up at 7 p.m. By the time the last ballot had been marked and before deputy returning officer

Mrs. Dumarsh was able to unlock the ballot box and begin counting the hands on the clock had moved to 7:30 p.m.

At 7:45 p.m. the first results for the position of reeve were phoned to the town office. From the beginning it was evident that incumbent H. H. Hinton was on his way to another victory. He polled a total of 766 votes while his opponent, first time contender Ted Tyler Jr., polled 337.

In the race for deputy reeve, R. R. Parker making his second bid

for a seat in the municipal government defeated incumbent Roy Goodwin when he polled a total of 662 ballots while Mr. Goodwin polled 434 ballots.

In the contest for council, nine candidates waited to see who would fill six seats. When early results came in, it was impossible to determine whether incumbents would be returned to office or not. As final tabulations were made it was evident that councilors F. G. Oakes, Robert Drinkwater and William W. Williams would return for another term but incumbent Mrs. George Fryer had dropped 37 votes behind to fall short of returning to council.

Dr. Frank Oakes headed the polls for council for the second consecutive year when he polled 887 votes. Making their first bid for council this year were successful candidates, Earl Masales and C. F. Leatherland. A former councillor Hamilton Peal will again take a seat at council meetings in 1936.

While candidates for other positions awaited returns, Mayor Les Duby, who was returned to office by acclamation, and hydro commission Doug Dawkins and Wilfred McEachern who were also acclaimed to office for another two-year term sat back and relaxed as they waited for election results to be compiled.

In just 10 days from the time candidates accepted the challenge to vie for municipal office, pre-election campaigns kept the political bonfire kindled in one of the liveliest campaigns for a number of years. However, just 51.6 per cent of the eligible voters were roused.

Shortly after nomination night, some candidates began to distribute personal letters, knock on doors or phone voters as they sought support in the election. Street corners buzzed with election talk as many wondered about the outcome of the vote.

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

Mayor Duby Gives Comments After Election Results Known

"Once again, the hands of time have made some changes," exclaimed Mayor Les Duby said Tuesday after the election. "1936 will see some new faces around the council chamber work bench and as of January 1, some new branches will be added to the municipal family tree. We should always expect that new personalities on council will kindle a new interest in town affairs."

"I want to personally thank the two members of council who declined nomination this year, for the wonderful support they have accorded me in the past, and for the fine service they

have given to the ratepayers of Acton. Their effective and active attitude with regard to town business made it possible for many projects to be accomplished.

"Regardless of the obvious low percentage who treasure their right to vote, the ratepayers of Acton have, through the democratic process, assumed their responsibility in electing us (wise or unwisely) to the 1936 council for the purpose of conducting the corporation's business. It is now our responsibility to exercise the leadership entrusted to us.

One of the greatest weaknesses in leadership today is the 'nose' counting method of government.

"We cannot echo ALL the voices we hear in the background. If it was this simple, a date procession machine would give you a more satisfying council. "Members of council must always assemble all of the facts and give the time necessary to study them, which the average citizen is not prepared to do. If we do our homework well and have the courage of our convictions, we can, with guidance from our administrator, come up with the best possible answers to our problems."

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	Rejected	Unmarked	Voters	Eligible	%
Ward 1-1	14	18	294	544	54
Ward 1-2	6	13	177	382	46.3
Ward 2	5	3	154	306	50.3
Ward 3	8	12	294	522	56.3
Ward 4	17	11	209	428	48.8
Total	50	57	1,128	2,182	51.6

FOR REEVE	FOR DEPUTY-REEVE	FOR COUNCIL	FOR SCHOOL BOARD
H. H. HINTON	R. R. PARKER	F. G. OAKES	W. BENSON
E. TYLER JR.	R. GOODWIN	H. PEAL	M. SMITH
		C. F. LEATHERLAND	V. BRISTOW
		E. MASALES	D. LAWLOR
		R. DRINKWATER	
		W. WILLIAMS	
		D. FRYER	
		W. WILSON	
		N. MILLER	

Chairman Engel said he suspected that other schools held exams early more for the benefit of the staff than the students. Mr. Hansen said he had always worried in the past about the drop-off in attendance when exams were early.

Letter of Thanks (Board members) were pleased to receive a letter of appreciation from Steven Coles who received a board proficiency scholarship at commencement exercises.

They were also happy to learn the large letters naming the school which were removed from the outside wall during the construction of the new addition, would be replaced on the outside wall of the auditorium.

Approval was given Acton Citizens' Band for use of the school auditorium Sunday, December 15, for its annual Christmas concert providing desks which will be in use for students writing exams in the auditorium are replaced after the concert. Approval was also given the recreation committee to use the gym.

Annual Dinner Verbal Bouquets, Cheques Fete Beardmore Volunteer Firefighters

Beardmore Fire Department members not only received verbal bouquets Friday night during their annual banquet at the Legion but company officials handed out their yearly allotment cheques for services rendered.

The annual occasion which is highlighted by a dinner and dance was attended by Brigade members and wives as well as a host of special guests who were on hand to praise the firefighters.

Prize Co-Operation Company fire chief and deputy chief of the municipal Department Bern Van Fleet was chairman for the banquet and praised the cooperation between both municipal and company fire departments both at industrial and local fires. He also commended every employee at Beardmore and Co. Ltd. for their keen interest in fire prevention.

"The biggest piece of equipment today in coping with fires is Fire Prevention," he emphasized.

"Nightmare" Corrected Company president W. J. Beatty expressed thanks on behalf of officials to all company brigade members for their splendid work in the past. He noted the trouble some dust collector had been rectified and as a result this area had been free of fires during the past year.

"This area has been a nightmare to both the company and workers. A year ago we stated we had hopes and plans to overcome this problem and to date this has been accomplished. It has always been the policy of both workers and officials never to turn our backs on fire hazards and the loyalty of our fire department had hopes and plans to overcome these," stressed the company president.

Deviating from the subject of fire fighting, Mr. Beatty noted that business at the tannery was a little on the slow side at present but several new lines were being added in order to create new markets and continue employment. He said the company was now approaching the United States market for sales as the United Kingdom market had decreased.

In conclusion, Mr. Beatty stated the company could only prosper with the cooperation of the workers and he hoped that new additional lines, added at the plant would enable continued success.

General manager Norman Braddie commended the company fire department members and said he was quite pleased with their record over the past years.

Committee Chairman Deputy-Reeve Roy Goodwin, representing the town on behalf of the mayor, said that as chairman of the Acton fire and police committee he was quite pleased to see the fine cooperation with both fire departments. "If we can carry on with this excellent arrangement, I can see no reason why Acton needs any more but a volunteer department," he emphasized.

Acton fire chief Mick Holmes congratulated the Beardmore Brigade for assisting the town fire department. During summer holidays the Beardmore men are only too willing to cooperate as well as throughout the entire year.

Safety Vital Speaking on behalf of safety prevention officer Al Lauder, Ernie Coker commended the company brigade on its excellent record and stated that Fire and Safety cannot be separated. He noted that injuries throughout the plant this year had been reduced by more than half and said



OLDEST VOTER who cast his ballots Tuesday was Charles Kelly Browne. He will be 96 next birthday and made a date with deputy returning officer Mrs. J. T. Hurst to see her at the polls next year. Mr. Browne and his wife Doris operate a confectionery store on Main St.

Geography Jamboree Planned In Robert Little Auditorium

A jamboree for geography teachers throughout Halton County has been scheduled for the Robert Little public school auditorium December 16. A special speaker will be present to acquaint all public and high school teachers with the latest developments in teaching geography.

Principal G. W. McKenzie of the Robert Little school reported to the public school board at their meeting last Thursday the Acton schools would host the special meeting and that any geography teachers throughout the county would be welcome to attend.

Send Statistics Board members also learned newly-formed County Consultative Committee of which Jack Creighton is the Acton representative required statistics on educational facilities in Acton. Inspector W. E. McNeil's secretary treasurer of the committee, Trustee Vic Bristow was instructed to compile necessary information.

Approval was given to Acton H. Evers to use the M. Z. Bennett school grounds for instruction purposes. Approval was also given

Board members learned with regret the Workmen's Compensation Board had refused payment to caretaker Albert Robinson who suffered a broken leg over a year ago.

The inaugural meeting date was set for January 4 at the Robert Little school. Chairman Bill Benson thanked all board members for their splendid cooperation during the year before the meeting adjourned.

Special Meeting A special meeting of county council was called yesterday afternoon (Wednesday) to discuss the next step in the lengthy series of regional and discussions. Full details next week.

Seek Invitational Bids For New Hydro Building

Acton Hydro Commission closed out the tender call for the proposed building on Alice Street and will seek invitation bids in the hope of continuing with the project at an approximate cost of \$65,000.

At a special meeting Thursday evening of last week, three tenders, two of which were revised for the second time, were viewed and were considered impractical in the original plans for the proposed building were completed, an estimated cost of \$57,000 was given by architect Donald Skinner. The first set of tenders ranged from \$100,000 to \$125,000 and the architect was asked to review plans in hopes of reducing costs. Mr. Skinner revised plans, deleting an estimated \$20,000 in cost based on the low-cost tender and expected an additional \$15,000 saving under a Winter Works program.

Working with revised plans and estimating the building at around \$45,000, commissioners called tenders for the second time. When these tenders were opened, the commission learned prices

had only been slightly reduced and ranged from \$93,933 to \$105,415 including extras such as paving, graveling and sodding.

At this time, the architect was instructed to contact the three low bidders to see if there was any possibility of a further cut-back in costs. At the special meeting Thursday of last week, suggestions from these contractors were still felt to be excessive in cost. It was agreed to close out the present tender issue and seek invitation bids on the building.

Following are the three bids opened at the special meeting, noting the second bid as compared with the final suggestions: McNally Construction, Georgetown, basic \$91,300, credits \$7,000, giving a final bid of \$84,300. Whitney Construction, Brampton, basic \$90,302, credits \$7,210, with a final bid of \$83,092; Doral Construction, Brampton, basic \$90,515, less credits \$5,172.52, making a final bid of \$85,342.48.

Another special meeting "has been called for Friday evening to deal with any invitation bids that may be received."

High School Board Chairman Rev. Engel Gives Resignation

Rev. Dwight Engel, 1965 chairman of the Acton District High School Board, resigned the post five years he has been a board member briefly and thanked present members for their splendid co-operation, before announcing he would not return as a trustee next year, during the last official meeting for 1935 Monday night.

In summing up his experience on the board, the chairman stated, "I have seen the board born for the second time during my term and it has had a great number of birth pangs finding its way since the dissolution of the former North Halton High School Board." He said he looked forward to seeing a good period of development at the Acton school and anticipated that within the next 10 years Acton would have a fine, much larger institution.

Mr. Engel noted the board had dealt with a great many major problems in the past, which had been overcome through trust and confidence of each individual member. He wished both board members and school staff every success in the future.

Mr. Engel is one of two council-appointed representatives.

Express Appreciation Principal E. A. Hansen expressed his appreciation to the board and secretary for the co-operation

extended him and his staff during the year and said he had enjoyed working with both very much.

Board members Chester Anderson, Tom Watson, Kepstin McPhail and Duncan Moffat each expressed their regrets at Mr. Engel's decision and said they had enjoyed his service during the past year.

Board members are reaching final stages in completing details of the recently adopted driver training course at the school. At the meeting, trustee Anderson was instructed to finalize arrangements for proper storage of the driver training car and chairman Engel agreed to sign an agreement between the board and F. Toth Motors (owner of the vehicle).

Settlement was made regarding payment to the driver-training instructor, teacher Clarence Rogvaldson, as well as the minimum and maximum number of students who would comprise a class.

Students wishing to take the course each pay \$10 and take a required number of sessions of classroom instruction as well as certain driving hours in the car. According to board policy established Monday, each course should have a minimum of 10 students and maximum of 15 students.

It was agreed to pay the instructor at the rate of \$150 for classroom instruction and \$18 per hour for driver training. It is considered that two courses per year are possible.

Of the classroom instruction cost, the Department of Education pays a grant of 71 per cent, and of the driver-training costs the Department of Transport pays 90 per cent grant. The school board is responsible for payment of the car license, insurance, storage and maintenance of the car. Members agreed the driver-training course can be accomplished at little additional cost to taxpayers.

Secretary's Salary It was agreed to pay secretary William Middleton an additional \$300 salary this year, retroactive to January 1, 1935. This brings the secretary's salary up to \$2,300. Trustee Chester Anderson registered the only dissenting vote.

Mr. Anderson inquired why Christmas examinations at the Acton school were later than other schools in surrounding areas. Principal E. A. Hansen said if exams were early, the staff was unable to cover sufficient work to make the exams worthwhile, also it held early there was a lack of student interest after and attendance decreased.

Joe Jancar Buys Baxter's Store

Joe Jancar, president of Hamilton Shoe Company which is located in the former Wool Comb building, has purchased the former Baxter Drug Store. The real estate deal was transacted by North Halton Real Estate Company.

It has been reported Mr. Jancar intends to open a retail shoe business as well as a shoe repair shop in the building.

Men Hospitalized Following Accident

Two Acton men were hospitalized early Wednesday afternoon with injuries received in a two-car crash at the intersection of Mill and Elgin Streets. In-hospital are Robert Sly and Steven Trevail.

Mr. Sly was driver of a car proceeding south on Elgin Street across Mill and Frank Marisak was driver of an eastbound vehicle on Mill Street. Mr. Trevail was a passenger in the Marisak car as well as Don Franklin.

On Church Landed The Sly car was completely turned around and ended up on the Baptist church lawn, a complete wreck. The Marisak car blew a front tire and was badly smashed in the front end. Constable Nick Farrion investigated and was assisted by Corporal Ray Mason and Constable Bruce McArthur. Dr. Craig Hutchinson and Dr. Brian Moore attended the injured men before they were taken to hospital.



TWO MEN WERE INJURED and sent by ambulance to Guelph General Hospital as a result of this crash Wednesday at noon. Robert Sly, driver of the car sitting on the Baptist church lawn, and a passenger in the car on the highway Steven Trevail were both hospitalized. The Sly car was travelling south on Elgin Street across the Mill St. intersection and the second car travelling east on Mill St. was driven by Frank Marisak. He received a cut over his eye and another passenger in the Marisak car, Don Franklin, complained of a sore arm.