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Name V. Bristow Chairman For Public School Board

Acton Public School Board elected Vic Bristow as chairman and Orval Chapman as vice-chairman at its inaugural meeting Tuesday evening. Little business was conducted during the regular session and after adjournment, the newly elected chairman notified members they would reconvene to complete business.

After taking over the traditional gavel, the chairman remarked, "You have put me in a very responsible position and I hope I can fill the shoes of my predecessors. I will do my best to be a good chairman and appreciate your confidence in me. I would like to see us uphold the respect of the people in town and would like to see us fulfill our office with a little more dignity than in the past."

Committees Selected
During the regular meeting, the following committees were appointed for the year: finance, Doug Manning and Cyril Bishop; property, Murray Smith and Orval Chapman; management, William Benson with the entire board. The first person named will act as chairman of the committee.

It was agreed to continue to rent one room at the stone school to Esqueting Township School Board at the rate of \$100 per month during the months of January to June. It was also agreed to rent the ice at the arena for physical education classes during the winter months for one day per week.

Board members learned by letter from the Department of Edu-

cation that special educational TV programs regarding the new mathematics course would be channelled to schools beginning this month. The Robert Little school already has a TV for this purpose.

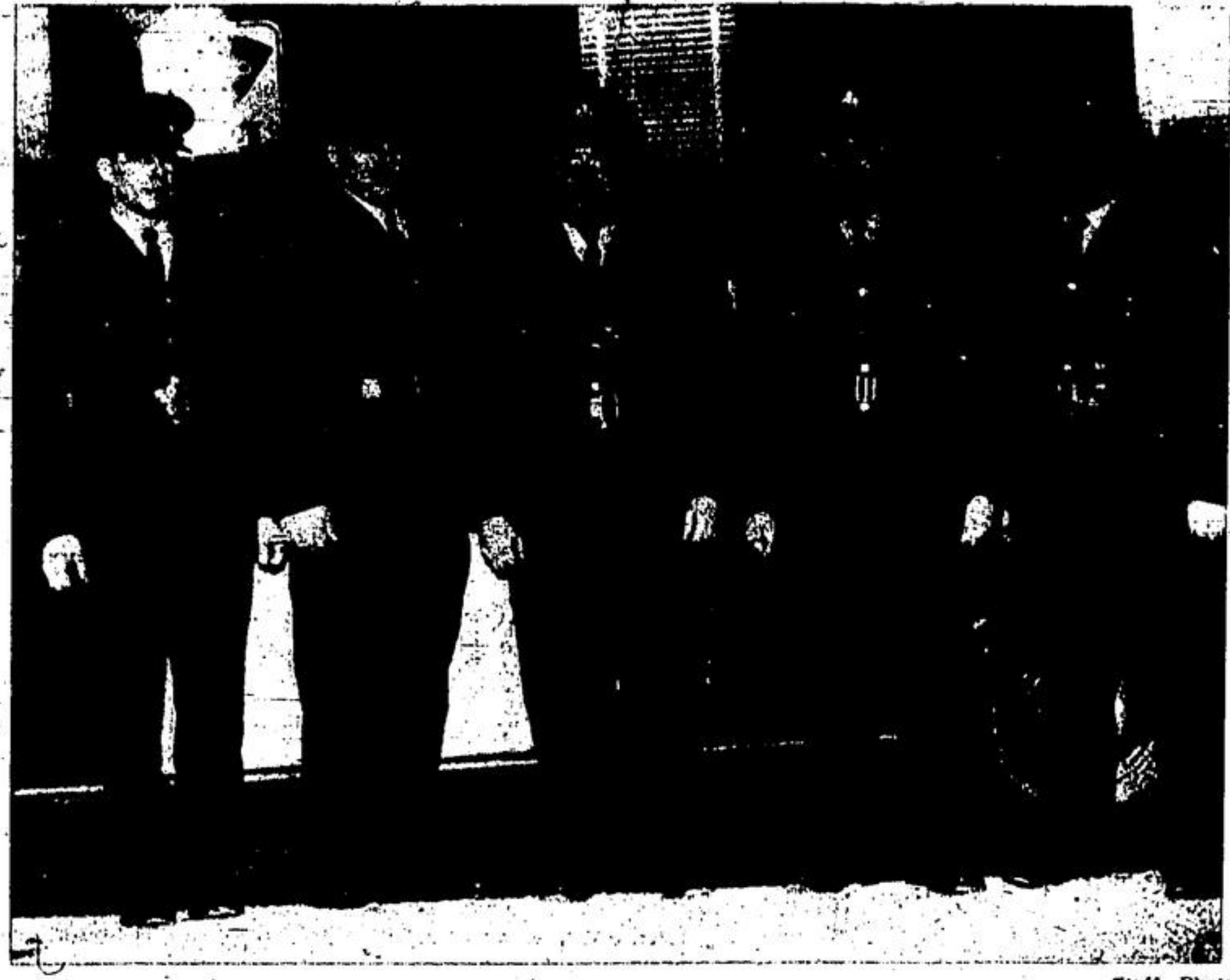
Public Speaking
Approval was given to hold the Hinton public speaking finals at the Robert Little school auditorium on March 18. Principal Elmer Smith of the M. Z. Bennett school is co-ordinator for the contest this year. It was noted this is the first year the finals have been held in Acton.

TB Tests
It was also learned the TB "patch tests" would be given at the schools January 27 during the morning. Principal G. W. McKenzie reported he was looking forward to the ice carnival at the arena again this year.

Regular meeting dates were scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Meetings will alternate between the two public schools.

Re-Convened Session
It was learned by the Free Press Wednesday morning from the chairman that during the reconvened session the previous night, the board re-hired caretakers Colin MacColl, James Bradshaw and George Barnes. Mary MacColl was rehired as casual labor to assist caretakers. Also engaged for another year were crossing guards C. Leishman, Jack Bruce and William Chisholm. Attendance officer C. Leishman was also re-hired.

It was also agreed to include the board employees on the town's accident policy plan.



ACTON'S POLICE FORCE was increased at 12:01 a.m. January 1 when Constable Peter Campbell joined the force on a permanent basis. The six-man force has a total of 63 years with the O.P.P. Left to right are Constable Bruce McArthur, Constable Bruce Kressler, Corporal Ray Mason, Constable Mervin Harness and Constable Nick Farion.

Support for Reeve Hinton As Warden Given by Council

Passing of the statutory by-laws and resolutions occupied the attention of the 1966 council at their inaugural meeting on Tuesday. Appointments of committees and representation to various municipal boards and commissions were made.

The year's work was started with the declaration of office by the newly-elected members and inaugural prayers offered by Rev. Dwight Engel, representing the Acton Ministerial Association. Mr. Engel read from Acts 6 to point out the first trouble the church had was involved in politics and economics. He compared the council to the apostles who realized they could not do all the work and passed the trust on to others to carry out. He suggested councillors must trust one another, must accept their responsibility and must do the jobs assigned to them.

The wished members a happy, good year and a prosperous one for Acton.

On Agenda

- Decided to hold regular meetings second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.
- To hold No. 1 committee meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
- To hold No. 2 committee meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

Signing By-Law
A by-law authorized the clerk and mayor to sign quit claim deeds on property in Lakeshore subdivision for Long Term Investments. Reeve Hinton opposed passing the by-law. C. F. Leather-

land declared a conflict of interest and council relieved him of discussing and voting on the subject. Reeve Hinton opposed the passing of the by-law feeling it should go to the newly-appointed No. 1 committee for further study and a recommendation.

A resolution passed expressed support and best wishes on receive (Continued on Page Three)

Town's Fifth Doctor Returns From Algeria

Three doctors who studied and interned together will be practicing together here in Acton after the first of February. When the new medical centre is completed, on Mill St. W., Dr. Brian Moore and Dr. Craig Hutchison will be joined by classmate Dr. David van der Bent.

Dr. van der Bent is just back in Canada after spending over two years in Algeria. Dr. Moore, whose home was in Campbellville, came to Acton first; he was extremely busy and was soon joined by Dr. Hutchison. Now a third doctor joins his friends, and all will have offices in the new building back of their present quarters at the Mill-Main corner.

Change of Climate
A native of Richmond Hill, Dr. van der Bent graduated from the University of Toronto in 1961 (with Dr. Moore and Dr. Hutchison), and all three interned at the East General Hospital. Dr. van der Bent spent one year residency in orthopaedics and general surgery at the East General.

Then he began to practice far afield. He worked for a while at Froisher Bay, one of five doctor offices in the town. He had nurses from various European countries and one from Canada, Mrs. Betty Peters from Vancouver. The weather where he lived wasn't always hot. Due to the height of the villages in the mountains, there was frost here in the winter time. Reversing suddenly back to Canada's cold wasn't a problem.

Many Sponsors
The committee which sent 320 people to Algeria to assist began its work after the cessation of hostilities in Algeria in 1962 and is based in Geneva. Funds come from 17 world service and church organizations from many countries including Canada and the United States. Clothing and medical supplies are sent regularly on the ship. Assistance includes medical care, educational programs, trades training and household science training, restoration and the setting up of an experimental farm for demonstration purposes.

The town's fifth practicing doctor is single and is a member of the Brethren in Christ Church.

63 Years in Service

Add Extra Police Constable To Increase Local Detachment

Acton's O.P.P. detachment was increased the first of the year to a six-man force with the arrival of Constable Peter Campbell on New Year's Eve.

The new constable, who hails from Chatham, has been with the O.P.P. for the past three and a half years. He first began as a civilian dispatcher later donning the uniform and going into patrol service. He was first stationed at Chatham, then Burlington before coming to town.

Acton is no strange place to the young single officer. He was stationed here in the summer months relieving during the regular holiday period.

With the expansion of the local force, Corporal Ray Mason hopes to be in a better position to keep the town fully policed at all times. At times in the past, officers both off and on duty were compelled to make court appearances which left only one man on duty for extended periods.

The history of the O.P.P. Detachment in Acton dates back to 1949, when it first began here. The following year, Corporal Mason came to town and has been here since. He is completing his 28th year with the force.

Constable Mervin Harness has been on the force 12 years and has spent most of this time in Acton. Constable Bruce Kressler, who came to Acton seven years ago, has been a member of the force

10 years. Constable Bruce McArthur with four and a half years' service came to town three years ago and Constable Nick Farion, completing his first year in town, has five years' service with the O.P.P.

When the O.P.P. first began, there were three constables with a cruiser at a cost to the town of \$7,700. Today with a six-man force, the cost is \$33,000.

Corporal Mason noted this week he had seen a few changes in personnel since first coming to town. When he first came here the force

consisted of only three men working six days per week. Due to the fact officers are not paid for overtime, it is necessary to compensate for overtime with time off work.

In speaking highly of his force, the corporal noted every man has attended the police college at Aylmer and obtained their certificates. They also attend special in-service training and lectures at Burlington headquarters throughout the winter months on their own time. They have completed a St. John Ambulance first aid course and every five years take a refresher course in first aid.

One important feature of being an O.P.P. officer is to know firearms and each officer takes extensive training in firearms complete with marksmanship shooting. Training also includes the know-how of machine guns and all firearms.

Although many people don't realize it, the fact remains, any police officer is never off duty. He must carry his badge and identification at all times and can make arrests although in civilian clothes.

Police communication has improved so rapidly during recent years with the Telex system, the O.P.P. are constantly in touch with other forces throughout Canada, the F.B.I. in the United States and even Scotland Yard in England.



PETER CAMPBELL

Council's Committees, Appointments Approved

Committees were named and appointments approved at council's inaugural meeting Tuesday.

Committee No. 1—The Administrative Committee of Council: Administration, H. H. Hinton, chairman; finance and education, Dr. F. G. Oakes; Assessment and Development, Mr. C. F. Leatherland, O.C.; Welfare and Property, E. Masales.

Committee No. 2—The Works Committee of Council: Road and Maintenance, H. Peal, Chairman; Lights and Sanitation, R. Drinkwater; Sewer and Water, R. R. Parker; Fire and Police, W. Williams.

The Budget Committee for 1966 will be: Dr. F. G. Oakes, H. H. Hinton, E. Masales, R. R. Parker, L. A. Duby.

Centre of Revision: L. A. Duby, C. F. Leatherland, F. G. Oakes, R. Drinkwater, E. Masales.

Band Representative: Dr. F. G. Oakes.

Library Board, L. A. Duby; sub., R. R. Parker.

Hydro Commission, L. A. Duby; substitute, F. G. Oakes.

Planning Board, R. Drinkwater, E. L. Duby. Also appointed were Ed Foutte for three years, William Pendleton for three years, William Wilson for two years and Neil Miller for one year.

Parks Board, E. Masales, W. Williams.

Recreation Commission, C. F. Leatherland, H. Peal.

Bubble Gum Mystery Baffles Local Police

Acton O.P.P. detachment have a real mystery to chew out this week. They recovered two dual bubble gum machines, which had been smashed, along the C.N.R. right-of-way east of the Ajax crossing Tuesday morning.

C.N.R. sectionmen who patrol the district regularly spotted the smashed machines and notified Constable Nick Farion of the Acton O.P.P. detachment who recovered the broken machines.

It is not believed they belong to any local merchants, but they may have been hauled there from out-of-town. Police are continuing their investigation.

New Year Baby

New Year's baby at Georgetown and District Hospital this year was an infant Actonion—Donna Louise, the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wood, Young St. The baby was the only child born in Georgetown hospital on New Year's Day. She signed in at 5:03 p.m.



AT THE DOORWAY of the unfinished new medical centre on Mill W. are Dr. David van der Bent, who will begin practice here as soon as the building is completed, and Dr. Craig Hutchison. Dr. van der Bent has spent the past two years in Algeria.

Veteran School Board Trustee Tom Watson Chairman of H. S. B.

A veteran school board trustee, Tom Watson, was named chairman to head the Acton district high school board during 1966 at the inaugural meeting Monday evening. Mr. Watson has had 14 years with the public school board and is beginning his second term on the A.D.H.S.B.

Vice-chairman elected at the meeting is Chester Anderson, who also handles the chore of finance chairman.

Other appointments made include the following committees, with the first person named acting as chairman: Finance, C. Anderson and Duncan Moffat; property, Kevin McPhail and new comer appointed by council, Ray Arbie; transportation, D. Moffat and K. McPhail; and teacher management, Ray Arbie.

Oath of Office
Trustee McPhail, an employee with Ontario Hydro, was unable to attend the inaugural meeting due to last-minute work, but other members were on hand to take their oath of office and hear the inaugural prayer offered by secretary William Middleton. Also attending were principal E. A. Hansen and assistant principal Joe Bray.

Secretaries, Caretakers
Re-hired as office secretaries were Mrs. A. Lauder on a 10-month basis and Miss Ruth Clow on a 12-month basis. Also engaged were caretakers Rudolph

Spiegelvogel, Ken McKinnon and Norman Robertson. Attendance officer C. Leishman was also re-hired.

Approval was given to appoint E. G. Curtis as assistant science department head following a recommendation by inspector F. W. Vickers.

Approval was also given to the M. Z. Bennett Home and School Association for use of the high school auditorium January 12 to hold a program for parents on the new mathematics course. It was also agreed to allow the Legion Choralists use of the auditorium January 9 for a public program.

Board members learned that

Cancel Buses
Transportation chairman Moffat reported he had authorized school buses not to make the strip Dec. 13 due to the bad ice storm and also that Monday, January 3, one of the three buses had turned back on the Esqueting route due to icy road conditions.

Board members were thanked by caretakers for the turkey each received as a Christmas gift this year.

They learned that grants received for the year amounted to \$158,589.80.

Signing and borrowing power was given to the chairman, vice-chairman and secretary and meeting dates were set for the first Monday of each month.

New Shoe Store Postpones Plans

Plans to open a retail shoe repair and sales outlet in the former Baxter Drug store have been postponed temporarily by owner Joe Janzar.

In a telephone conversation this week with the Free Press, Mr. Janzar stated there was too much renovation necessary to move into the building in its present state. Unless he changes his mind, it will be about four months before he begins any alterations, he noted.



ACTON'S AFFAIRS FOR 1966 will be directed by members of official gavel, Ham Peal; new Deputy Reeve R. R. Parker, Bill town council who met for their inaugural meeting Tuesday; Williams, clerk-administrator Jack McGeachie and newcomer left to right Dr. Frank Oakes, newcomer Earl Masales, Reeve Charles Leatherland. Council meets in regular session twice each month with many additional committee meetings as well.