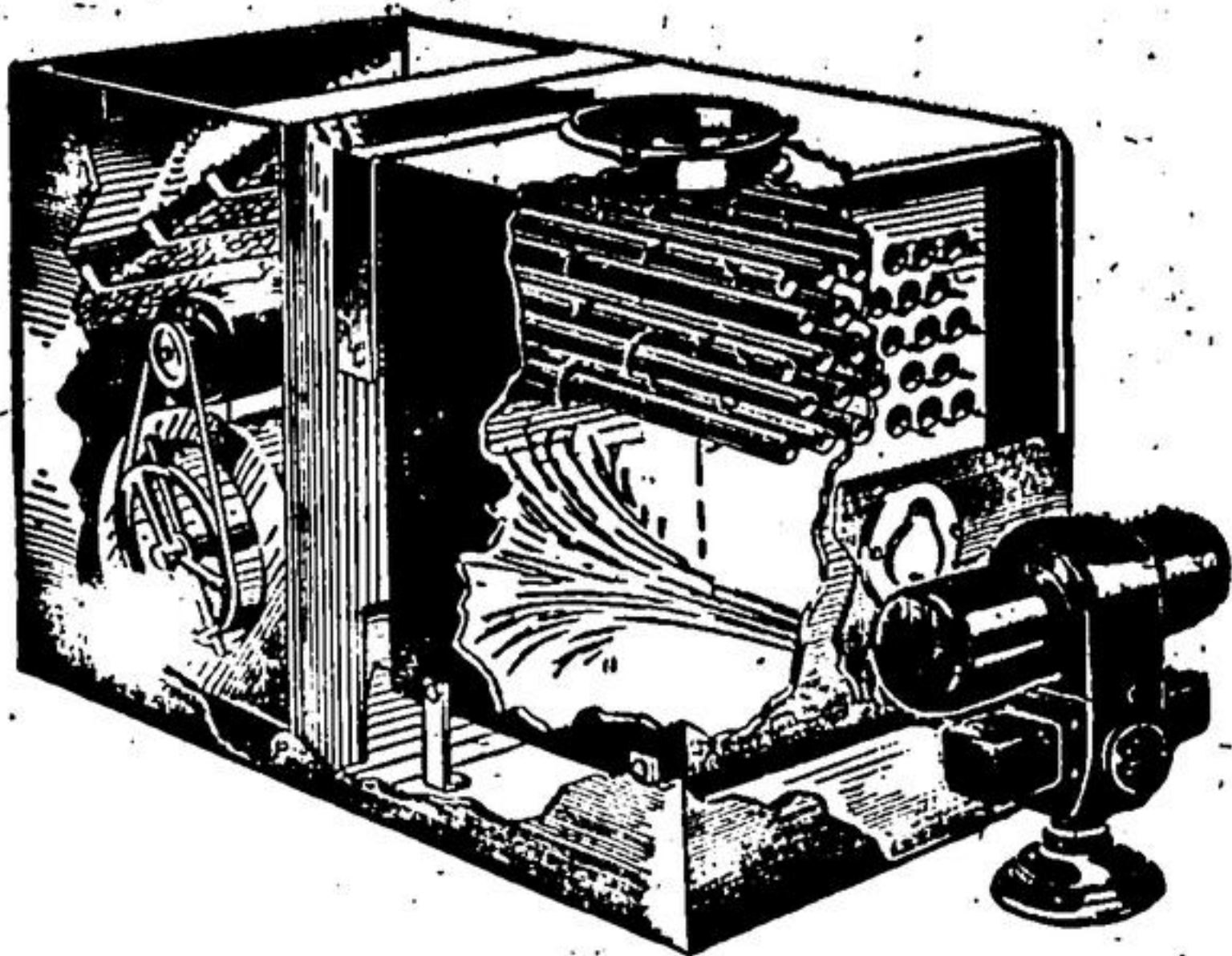


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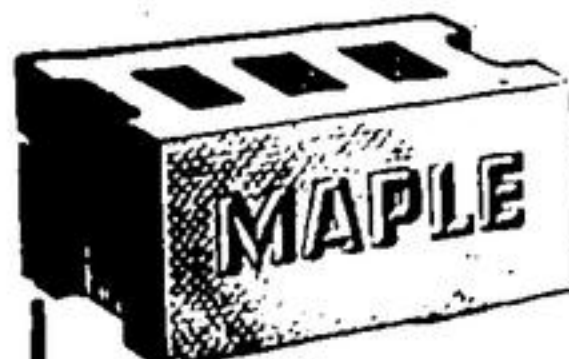
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What Council Did

ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

Requested Central Mortgage & Housing for an immediate review of the application of George Walker for a wartime house, as council felt that an injustice had been done and that he, and any other local men, should be given preference where qualifications are such to entitle them to consideration.

(Moved by Hill and Davidson.)
 The motion came after a letter had been read from Mr. Walker's mother, Mrs. Sam Walker, who had also brought the matter up at nomination meeting. She said that to date her son had been unable to get any satisfaction in his application over men who had come to town since. Deputy Reeve Goodlet said that originally when the houses were first allocated, council had had a committee which worked in conjunction with the housing administrator and that matters had been settled satisfactorily. Council had been unaware of this situation and it was his suggestion that a letter be sent to the administrator in Guelph along with a copy of Mrs. Walker's letter, recommending that Georgetown boys be given preference over newcomers.

Turned a request by John Corcoran for permission to move a display sign erected for his restaurant to a new location, over to the building inspector. Council said that they had no power to deal with such requests, this coming under the inspector's jurisdiction.

A letter from the water chairman of Walkerton council drew chuckles from council members. He sent his sympathy to council during the time of water shortage, having been through a similar situation, and knowing what criticism members must face at such a time.

Discussed the idea of having a by-law prepared which would allow council to pay expenses of memorial services. The town solicitor will prepare such a by-law for presentation at the next meeting at which time council will decide what amount to fix for this. This will overcome a subject which comes up from year to year about the paying of bands for their services on memorial day. Without such a by-law it is illegal for council to pay expenses for bands and council members felt that it was unfair to expect the legion or any other organization to pay such expenses for a community service.

Asked Engineer Roberts for an opinion on the claim by the Canadian National Railways that although they have a six-inch water main for emergency use on their property, they normally only use a four-inch service and should pay only for this.

Wrote off a 1948 business tax assessment of \$9.28 on Norman Hill's former store when he explained that he had moved prior to that and paid full tax on his new location.

(Moved by Herbert and Davidson.)
 Deputy Reeve Goodlet suggested that next year's council might consider passing a by-law which would provide that revenue from fines under the Highway Traffic Act be kept locally. Georgetown had been accused, in the Toronto papers, he said of seeking revenue by speeding fines while at the present time all such revenue goes to the province and not the municipality.

The matter of putting new steps in the Old Town Hall at an estimated cost of \$200 was left over for next year's council.

Will proceed with sewerage connections to Fred Harrison's property on the highway as debenture money will soon be available to pay for this.

(Moved by Lyons and McNally.)
 When it was learned that approval is being given for the issue of debentures to cover final sewerage work, asked that a by-law be prepared authorizing the borrowing of up to \$20,000 from the bank against the debentures to be issued.

(Moved by Davidson and Goodlet.)
 Expressed the deep appreciation of council to all industries for their efforts in expediting the operation of the new water system at the time of emergency and instructed the clerk to write a letter to each who had helped.

(Moved by Herbert and Davidson.)
 Gave permission to the town foreman to employ an extra man for the next four weeks in order that installation of all water meters can be made before the end of the year.

guarantee that this work could be done by the present staff as the new water system was causing broken lines due to the increased pressure, and the sewerage extension to the Harrison property would have to be done before the frost was in the ground. With an extra man he felt this could be done.

Were told by road chairman McNally that the grader being used by the town was rented from Georgetown Motors at a charge of \$4 an hour and that the amount in rental could be applied on the purchase price if council wanted to buy it. Council decided to continue rental and let next year's council decide on whether it should be purchased.

Defeated a motion that cost of installation of suitable manhole for infiltration of water into properties where this could not be done inside, be paid by the property owners.

(Moved by Davidson and Goodlet.) Davidson, Goodlet and Hill voted for the motion and all others against.

The motion followed a discussion after a list of properties which would require this service was submitted by the town foreman. It was pointed out that engineer Roberts had not included this expense in his estimate of the cost of the new water system. Cr. Herbert felt that as council had brought in the new system they could not expect private individuals to pay for installation of the meters. Mr. Goodlet said that an outside contractor is a luxury and the owner should expect to pay extra for it. Cr. McNally pointed out that most of the owners listed were out-of-town residents and will be paying double for their water as it is Cr. Davidson said this argument didn't hold because these owners were still getting cheaper service than they had to find their own source of supply and dig a well.

Cr. McNally suggested that as hydro will be changed from 25 to 60 cycles in the future it would be wise to investigate the possibility of purchasing a temporary motor in use at the new water plant and cancel the order for the new one. Rental of the present motor is \$100 a month. Engineer Roberts will be asked for his opinion.

Asked the hydro to instal the usual fence around the new water-works building.

Will have a tree removed at the corner of Edith and Factory Sts. The tree is a danger to pedestrians and if it fell would damage hydro lines.

(Moved by McCumber and Lyons)

Asking for a report from the building inspector at the next meeting about a house on the highway for which temporary permission had been given for erection earlier in the year. The owner had said that he would have a new house underway in a specified time and council said that nothing had been done to date.

Will follow a two-month billing system for the new water plan, similar to that which the hydro uses.

(Moved by Davidson and Goodlet)

Will proclaim Tuesday, December 27th as boxing day if a signed petition is received from the merchants at the next meeting.

STEWARTTOWN

Mrs. E. Hodge and Mrs. C. Blundell gave a report of the AYPA rally at Norval at the December 2nd meeting of Stewarttown AYPA at the schoolhouse. President Bob Harris was in charge and Tom Clapham gave the Bible reading. Several games were played under the direction of Mrs. C. A. Grant and Jeannine Humphreys.

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