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## Middle Road Farmers Want Crossings on New Highways

County Council to Co-operate with Members of Parliament to Secure Consideration — Equestrian Council Must Keep Open Road Out of Acton — \$50 Granted to Miss Muriel Evans, for Winning Scholarship — County Debentures Sell at 100.037 for \$5,000 Issue.

Halt County Council, which had postponed its meeting from Tuesday, November 24th, on account of the Warden's illness, met on Friday, in the Curt House, Milton, with all members present and the Warden in the chair.

At the morning session minutes were read and adopted and correspondence read by the Clerk. At the afternoon session several deputations walked on the Council.

Mr. F. R. Breckon and Mr. W. B. Alton were spokesmen for a deputation of ratepayers personally interested in the construction of the new Middle Road, and who asked the co-operation of the Council with a view to approaching the Department of Highways relative to boulevard crossings on the new highway. It was understood that according to plans now under consideration by the Department, boulevard crossings would only be possible every mile and a quarter which the ratepayers considered would be a great inconvenience to farmers along the new highway, particularly in seasons when it was customary for neighbors to change work with each other, such as threshing and silo filling. Thus, a man going to work for a farmer immediately opposite would have to travel anywhere from a quarter of a mile to a mile and a quarter on his own side of the road to reach the boulevard crossing and then the same distance on the other side of the road to reach his neighbor's place.

Mr. Breckon was very emphatic in his contention that access to the highway from his own entrance was the right of every resident along the highway.

The Warden agreed with Mr. Breckon and stated that if there was any fighting to be done now was the time to do it ("Hear" heard) from members of the deputation. The discussion took up considerable time but the gist of it was very much along the same lines as given by Mr. Breckon and Mr. Alton. It was finally moved by Mr. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Thorpe, "that the Road Committee of this Council be instructed, in conjunction with Messrs. Hughes Cleaver and T. A. Blakelock, to take up with the Department of Highways the question of securing sufficient openings in the boulevard of the new Toronto-Hamilton Highway to meet the requirements of the adjoining residents and that the co-operation of Peel County be secured if they have the same problem."—Carried.

Mr. Ford Rogers, representing the Halt County Dramatic Festival, was the next to address the Council. He came with a request that Halt County Council, if they see fit to do so, would donate a cup or trophy for competition among the dramatic teams of the County, for the coming season. The Dramatic League felt that in their work they were creating a good, clean project among the young people that was educational as well as being a recreation and they hoped the Council would see fit to show them some encouragement. Council agreed to at least consider the matter and give a decision at their next meeting.

Mr. W. Murray, representing a deputation from Equestrian, requested assistance from the Council in the way of snow fencing along a stretch of road, south of Acton, which had recently reverted to the Township of Equestrian, and from which snow fencing had been removed. They appreciated the new road but did not wish to see this strip left unprotected as it was undeniably one of the worst roads in the County during the winter months. The deputation was advised that as the road in question was now a Township road, the responsibility for snow fencing would now rest with the municipality.

Mr. L. W. Patterson, police constable for Trafalgar, addressed the Council with reference to a reward being given for the apprehension of chicken thieves in accordance with a resolution passed by Council in 1934. With reference to this inquiry, it was moved by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Gilbert, "that due to the fact that most of the fowl in the County are tattooed to-day, we therefore

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### A DOZEN PRIZES

To-morrow at noon is the last day to enter letters in the Annual Prize Santa Claus Letter Contest. Prizes are on view in The Free Press window now. First prize is a nice big doll that some girl will win and some boy will have one of those big nickel plated spinning top that has a 450-foot range. Every letter that is published in The Free Press will be awarded a prize. So hurry up and get your entry in before to-morrow noon.

### LOST BOY FOUND

On Tuesday morning, Douglas Smith, a fourteen-year-old lad, left his home on Young Street, and when he had not returned that evening his father became anxious regarding his whereabouts. Police Departments were notified in nearby cities and on Wednesday noon the newscast of The Globe and Mail broadcast a message for assistance in locating him. Chief McPherson received word shortly after three o'clock yesterday afternoon that he was located in Toronto, and went to the city to have him cared for.

### SINGING IN OTHER TONGUES

A group of thirty happy Mission Band members met in the United Church on Thursday afternoon, November 26th, and after games and a sing-song an interesting program was enjoyed. The worship period, which included a delightful story "Saying and Doing," was conducted by Mrs. MacRae, and the new study book was introduced by Mrs. Emery. Jean Harris sang very sweetly "Can a Little Child Like Me," and Frances Lamb read a touching little story, "Other and Which," an account of a little colored girl's practice of self denial.

A rather unique item on the program was the singing of "Jesus Loves Me," the verses in English and the chorus in Chinese. The children are planning to learn Korean, African, Japanese and Hindi versions of this world favorite. The next meeting of the Band will be on Thursday, December 10th, when Mrs. Caldwell will speak to the group and show them some interesting objects from China. New members will be especially welcome.

### SUFFERED SEVERE HEAD INJURY

Brandon Crewson, of Acton, suffered a severe scalp wound and numerous other cuts when a car he was driving was in collision with one driven by Alex. Pusey, of Guelph. The accident happened about 2:30 on Friday morning, on the highway just west of Crewson's Corners. Pusey suffered a bad cut over his right eye. Both machines were rather badly damaged in the head-on collision. Flying glass was the cause of the most of Brandon's injuries, but he is rather badly shaken up.

## John Marshall's Clerkship Service is Recognized

By Nassagaweya Council at Meeting on Tuesday — Regret at Severing of Long Connection

Accounts passed at the meeting of Nassagaweya Council on Tuesday, were: Wm. Middleton, wreath for mems... \$125.55  
Acres Park Press, printing 8.64  
J. McGregor, sheep injured 3.00  
Roads and Bridges 521.36  
Moved by Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Campbell, whereas Mr. John Marshall, Township Clerk has seen fit to tender his resignation from that position, be it resolved that this Council accept his resignation with the request that he continue in office till the end of the year, and whereas the long and intimate relation held with him in the faithful discharge of his duties in this municipality over a period of fifty-two years, make it eminently befitting that we record our appreciation of him; therefore, be it resolved that the wisdom and ability which he has exercised in the aid of our municipality, by service and counsel, will be held in grateful remembrance and that we request him to accept our most sincere wishes for a long, happy, and well deserved retirement. That a copy of this resolution be placed on the records of this municipality, and a copy be printed in the local papers.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Robertson, that the Clerk be authorized to receive applications for the position of Clerk and Treasurer continued at a salary of Three Hundred Dollars per annum. Applications to be sealed and marked on the outside with the word "Application," and to be in the hands of the Clerk not later than December 14th.—Carried.

## To Observe a 60th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. James MacIntosh Recall Days of 1876 — Have Been Acton Residents for Fifty Years

Three-score years ago December brought no such snowdrifts as we have seen this year. The ground was frozen hard and rang to the beat of horses' hoofs.

On the sixth of December, 1876, (two covered buggies might have been seen rolling over the road from Glen Williams to Georgetown. They stopped in front of the Baptist Parsonage, and two young couples entered the house. There, in the presence of the bride and groom, Miss Sarah Graham, and the best man, Mr. Archie Sloan, Miss Mary Jane Graham, of Erin, became the wife of James MacIntosh, a native of Guelph, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Mr. McGregor. Owing to a recent bereavement in the bride's family, both bride and bridesmaid were black and white. After the ceremony they returned to the home of the bride for the wedding breakfast.

Mr. and Mrs. MacIntosh set up house-keeping in Glen Williams, but soon afterwards removed to Stewarttown, where they resided for some years, and where their two sons, Frank and Roy, were born. They also lived, for brief periods in Milton and Manswood.

Fifty years ago last October the couple came to Acton, where they have lived ever since. Mr. MacIntosh worked for over forty years for Beardmore & Co., being foreman of the beam house for most of that time.

During their long residence here, Mr. and Mrs. MacIntosh have been among the most faithful and willing members of the Baptist Church. Mr. MacIntosh has been its Treasurer for forty-five years.

Among the most remarkable features of a long and happy union is the fact that death has never entered the home. The two sons, Frank, of Acton, and Roy, of Oshawa, with their wives, and the only grandson, Mr. Grant MacIntosh, of Oshawa, are all spared to celebrate this very happy anniversary, and to wish them still more happy days together.

"They clamb the hill together, And many a canty day, They've had it an' another, Now they maun totter doon, But hand in hand they'll go."

Their many friends and acquaintances in Acton will join in hearty congratulations and good wishes to the bride and groom of sixty years ago.

### MISSION BAND TEA

The home of Mrs. George G. Emery, Young Street, was a centre of interest on Friday afternoon last, when nearly seventy ladies called in response to an invitation from the United Church Mission Band to attend a silver tea.

Mrs. E. M. Morrow and Mrs. J. W. Barberie received with the hostess and Mrs. J. Bell, Mrs. F. Swackhamer and Mrs. J. C. Matthews assisted in looking after the guests. Mrs. James Symon invited the ladies to the dining room.

The tea table, lovely in its cloth of light lace, was covered with a silver basket of bronze and yellow mums. Yellow tapers, in silver holders, carried out the scheme. Tea was poured during the first hour by Mrs. Amos Mason and Mrs. J. R. Kennedy and during the second hour by Mrs. G. A. Dills and Mrs. H. J. G. Fraser. Also assisting in the tea-room were Mrs. D. A. MacRae, Mrs. W. Ramsden, Mrs. D. Taylor and Mrs. G. Mason. Tea-making and other "behind the scenes" arrangements were superintended by Mrs. James Smith, of Guelph.

During the afternoon instrumental selection by Mrs. Dryden, vocal solos by Miss Ruth Gibson, and a piano duet by Mrs. R. R. Arnold and her daughter, Miss Margaret Arnold, delighted the guests. Miss Gibson's solo, "Bless This House," which she dedicated to the hostess in her new home—was particularly appreciated. No less pleasing were numbers by members of the Mission Band—piano selections by Ethel Franklin; a reading by Lois Dakins; and a vocal solo by Jean Harris. These young girls also assisted during the afternoon by arrangements for this happy occasion.

Arrangements for this happy occasion were most ably planned and carried out by the W. M. S. and the gratifying sum of fifteen dollars and a half was received.

### FRIENDLY CIRCLE HOLD MEETING

As it thirty members of the Young Ladies' Friendly Circle met at the home of their teacher, Miss Bennett, Friday evening. The evening was spent with contests. The winners were: Mrs. Omar Baker, Mrs. Marie Nield, Mrs. Omar Baker, and Mrs. Helen Wilson's group being the winners. Miss Nellie Anderson gave the Circle minutes a talk on her work in Korea, which was very much appreciated. Miss B. Inlet served dainty refreshments and all left feeling an enjoyable and profitable evening had been spent.



MR. AND MRS. JAMES MACINTOSH Who Were Married on December 6th, 1876 — Have Been Residents of Acton Fifty Years

### PROMPT ACTION AVERTS SERIOUS INJURY

On Friday when ex-Warden A. Mason, of Acton was motoring in Guelph, Sarkes Ruzbuzian, a ten-year-old lad, darted from the sidewalk directly into the path of the car. Mr. Mason averted his machine in an effort to avoid striking the boy, but was unable to avoid the accident. The lad was thrown to the pavement, but a back injury and a cut over one eye seemed to be the extent of his injury. Mr. Mason took the boy and his father to the office of a Guelph doctor and reported the accident to the Guelph Police. It is fortunate that no more serious injury resulted.

### KNOX YOUNG PEOPLE'S

The regular weekly meeting of the Knox Y. P. A. was held in the classroom of the church last Tuesday. The scripture was taken by Jean Bennie, and prayer by Donald McPhail. The following program was in the hands of the Missionary Committee, with Jean Bennie and Miss McPhail. Conventual solo by Miss Orr, followed by a reading by Miss W. Stewart. Miss I. Bruce gave an interesting paper on "China," followed by a piano solo by Miss P. McMillan. Mrs. C. Kirkness gave a reading, North Wright closed the meeting with a verse, entitled "What Can I Give?"

## P. T. Hours to be Held at Y Gym

Request is Made for Classes to Commence There in January—Other School Board Matters

At the monthly meeting of Acton School Board on Tuesday evening, Trustees Dr. A. J. Buchanan, W. K. Graham, H. I. G. Fraser and Dr. P. W. Pearen were present and Chairman J. M. McDonald presided.

A memorandum from Principal MacRae pointed out that the Toll Bros would like to address the school pupils on their visit to Acton. The Board was willing and suggested that arrangements be made in co-operation with Miss Bennett.

It was also felt that it was advisable for the school to hold their physical training period in the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium during the winter months. It was suggested that four one-hour periods be used each week, with the periods to start in January. A committee of Trustees Pearen, Graham and Fraser were appointed to make arrangements for the gymnasium, with power to complete the details.

The Secretary reported that the Provincial school grant had been received and was an increase over that of last year.

The joint report of the Finance Committee recommended payment of the following accounts:

Canadian National Railways	\$256.65
freight	52.11
Customs and Excise	2.41
Elliot Bros. supplies	31.15
E. Jones, teaming	1.20
F. McCutcheon, express	12.93
R. M. McDonald	1.25
R. J. Wallace, sand	2.20
J. K. Gardner, repairing clocks	\$359.75

The report was adopted. The Secretary was empowered to pay accounts that may be presented before the close of the year as this was the meeting of the Board this year. A quantity of supplies required for the Public School was received by the Board. The requirements were mostly for books. The Secretary was empowered to make these purchases provided there were sufficient funds available in this year's estimates.

## Six Injured in Motor Crash Near Rockwood

Occupants of Both Cars Required Hospital Treatment After Head-on Collision

When two automobiles collided on the Guelph-Toronto highway, just west of Rockwood, Thursday night, six persons were injured. All of them were taken to Guelph hospitals.

Four of them, more seriously injured were admitted to St. Joseph's Hospital. They are: Mrs. Isabel Kaitling, aged 78, 547 Windermere Avenue, Toronto, suffering from severe head lacerations, Mrs. William L. Wetzel, Mrs. Kaitling's daughter, fractured hand and wrist, William Wetzel, Waterloo, undetermined injuries, August Frank, 30 Roy Street Kitchener, fractured shoulder.

In the Guelph General Hospital are the two occupants of the other car, J. R. Wilson, 7 Glen Road, Toronto, and Robt. E. Trout, Toronto, both of whom were cut and bruised.

Although she is 78 years of age, Mrs. Kaitling is progressing favorably. All suffering severely from shock. Trout and Wilson, in one car, were travelling east, and the other car, driven by Wetzel, proceeding west. Just outside the village, the two automobiles, both very heavy machines, collided with considerable force. Neither car was overturned, but both were badly wrecked by the severe impact, which threw all six occupants from their seats.

Traffic Officer H. W. Howell, of Guelph, is investigating the crash.

### WARTON EDITOR DIES IN 59th YEAR

Edward Alexander Duncan, editor and publisher of the Canadian Echo, and former mayor of Cobourg, died on Friday. He was 59. Born in Milton in 1878. Mr. Duncan moved to Cobourg when a boy. He was thirty years in the hour and fed business there and served several years on the council. He was Mayor for two years. Later he spent five years in business in Toronto.

After leaving Toronto, he purchased The Canadian Echo. In 1914 he married Miss Mabel Morrow. He was a prominent Liberal and a Presbyterian, serving as Sunday School superintendent for several years. Besides his wife he is survived by one son, Edward, and two daughters, Betty and Barbara, and two sisters, Miss Janet Duncan, Warton, and Mrs. B. E. Turner, Hamilton.

### ANOTHER FOR THE NORTH

At the meeting last Thursday of Acton Y.M.C.A. Board, Mr. Jack Reid tendered his resignation from the Board. He left the following day for South Porcupine, where he has secured a position. Jack was a splendid type of young man and keenly interested in the Y and all young people's work and not only the Y but many friends regret his removal, but wish him unbounded success in the new field.

Mr. Albert Mills was elected to the Board for the unexpired part of his term. The membership drive was the chief item of business and an adult membership of 100 is aimed for. President R. H. Elliott was in charge of the meeting.

### A WINTER MOTOR ACCIDENT

Suffering from a possible fractured skull and concussion, Miss Becky Kleinschmitt is in Palmerston Hospital as the result of an accident. X-rays are being taken to determine the extent of her injuries. Miss Kleinschmitt was a passenger in a car which, by her employer, Charles McWhinney, Wallace Township, when it was struck by an automobile driven by J. A. Harris, of Campbellville. It was raining and visibility was poor and the road slippery. Harris' car was badly damaged, but only Miss Kleinschmitt was injured.

## No Election in Acton All Offices by Acclamation

F. McCutcheon New Reeve for 1937 — Councillors are A. Mason, J. E. McMillan, Thos. Gibbons and E. Jones — F. S. Blow New School Board Member and R. J. Kerr Returns to the Public Utilities Commission — Nomination Meeting Had Very Small Attendance.

Acton will have no municipal elections for 1937. When the time for filing qualification papers had elapsed on Saturday evening, all the offices were filled, with just sufficient members. The following are those who will fill the positions in 1937:

Reeve—F. McCutcheon.  
Council—A. Mason, J. E. McMillan, Thos. Gibbons and E. Jones.  
Public Utilities Commission — R. J. Kerr.  
School Board—W. K. Graham, H. I. G. Fraser, P. S. Blow.

Nominations on Friday evening, however, seemed to indicate plenty of competition for the Reeve and the Public Utilities Commission. When Clerk Parmer declared nominations closed, the following had been nominated:

For Reeve  
W. A. Lacey—Nominated by J. H. Denny and J. McClure.  
Jas. E. McMillan—Nominated by Thos. Watson and C. H. Elliott.  
Robt. J. Kerr—Nominated by George Cowie and A. E. Ritchie.  
F. McCutcheon—Nominated by A. E. Ritchie and G. A. Dills.  
A. Mason—Nominated by Wm. Arnold and A. E. Ritchie.  
G. A. Dills—Nominated by C. M. Hansen and A. E. Ritchie.

For Councillors  
Evan Jones—Nominated by J. McClure and J. H. Denny.  
J. E. McMillan—Nominated by J. W. Jones and A. T. Brown.  
Thos. Gibbons—Nominated by Wm. Arnold and A. Mason.  
Dr. E. J. Nelson—Nominated by T. J. O'Neill and A. E. Ritchie.  
Amos Mason—Nominated by A. Kinnamin and George Cowie.

For Public Utilities Commissioner  
R. J. Kerr—Nominated by Alex. Kinnamin and N. P. Moore.  
B. G. Arnold—Nominated by A. Mason and G. A. Dills.  
Fred Crewson—Nominated by E. Beswick and J. E. McMillan.  
D. N. McTavish—Nominated by A. E. Ritchie and C. M. Hansen.

For School Trustees  
W. J. Atkins—Nominated by E. Beswick and J. H. Reed.  
H. I. G. Fraser—Nominated by A. E. Ritchie and George Cowie.  
W. K. Graham—Nominated by C. M. Hansen and James H. Reed.  
P. S. Blow—Nominated by Alex. Kinnamin and J. Dobbie.  
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### NOT A RECORD

You can mark it in your diary that the first skating on Acton Arena for the 1936-37 season was on Monday, November 30th. This seems early but it's not a record. In 1933 skating was available there on November 23rd, one week earlier.

You'll perhaps recall that in that season—just three years ago—skating came on November 11th, and continued right through until spring. It's early this year, but not a record.

### BAND ELECTS OFFICERS

The annual meeting of Acton Citizens' Band on Monday evening was well attended. While the auditors' report showed the finances of the band at a low ebb, a year of splendid activity had been had. Officers were elected as follows:

Hon. President—A. Mason.  
President—R. Spellvogel.  
First Vice-President—J. Alger.  
Second Vice-President—R. Agnew.  
Secretary-Treasurer—M. Gibson.  
Librarian—G. Simpson.  
Assistant Librarian—G. Simpson.  
Caretaker and Property Custodian—O. R. Agnew.

### BODY CHECK AND JOLT

On Monday noon the car Reeve O. H. Harrison was driving collided with the rear of a car driven by S. Snow, with rather disastrous effects in the Reeve's car. The accident happened on Mill Street at Frederick when Mr. Snow stopped his car to allow a passenger to alight and Reeve Harrison, after applying the brakes skidded on the pavement and struck the rear end of the car. Beyond a real jolt none of the passengers were injured, but Jack Kentner a passenger, says it was a pretty stiff body check and Reeve Harrison counts it as one of his hardest jolts in Acton. The car damage, a crumpled fender and broken bumper on the Reeve's car.

### DUNCAN CAMPBELL WINS AT CHICAGO

Entries from the stables of Duncan Campbell and Son, Moffat, won honors for Canadian cattle, at the big fair in Chicago, now in progress. The Moffat stables placed fourth in a senior bull calf section, that saw forty entries on display. It was the only Canadian animal in the section that was in the prize list. Campbell entries were fourth in a senior yearling heifer section; tenth in Junior yearling heifers, and third and tenth in junior heifer calves. These were the only Canadian heifers in the money in their respective classes.

### Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Conventions or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, to cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 25c.

Amateur Night, Oaspring Church, December 9th. Good prizes.

Lakeside Chapter J.O.D.E. Tea and Sale of Baking in Council Chamber, Saturday, December 12th.

A meeting of Acton Curling Club will be held in the Council Chamber to-night (Thursday) at eight o'clock. If you want curling this year come.

St. Alban's W. A. will hold their annual Hazaar and Baking Sale on December 5th, at 3:00 o'clock in the Parish Hall. Afternoon tea will be served. Everyone welcome.

Lorne Farmers' Hockey Club will hold a Euchre and Dance at Lorne School on Friday, December 4th. Prizes. Good music. Refreshments. Everybody welcome. Admission 25c.

"Sketching Round the World," an amazing story of travel and youthful adventure, 30,000 miles in 1751! Hear Ted Brothers in the fascinating story at the United Church on December 10th. Arr. will be eleven seats in the council chamber. (Concluded on Page Eight)