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The Acton Free Press
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1917

BRIEF LOCAL ITEMS

- Tenth month—October.
- Georgetown Fair to-day.
- Rockwood show to-morrow.
- Theatricals to-night.
- Clear out the water courses in readiness for fall rains.
- Summer is over, but lots of good weather may yet be expected.
- Expanding township rate of taxation has been struck at 10 mills.
- Let us all give thanks, truly, the mercies of the year have been many.
- Next meeting of Expanding township council will be held on October 22nd.
- The annual meeting of the Hamilton Association will be held at Milton on Tuesday, 10th inst.
- First draft, men from 20 to 24, unmarried or widowers without children, will be called next week.
- The splendid star on Thursday night broke through tonight's drizzle. Great benefit will result.
- The McLaughlin farm on the sixth line was purchased at the sale on Thursday by William Cutting, Acton.
- Mrs. Abram Stuffer brought the Essex Farms a branch of a Marlborough raspberry bush laden with ripe berries the other day.
- Daily day services in the Sunday Schools last Sunday were well attended. The "Hope of the World" was the general theme.
- A number of business men in town are looking into the feasibility of bringing a car of apples from Nova Scotia to dispose of to citizens at cost.
- Some thoughtless motorists continue to annoy gasoline dealers by neglecting to secure supplies until Sunday. This is not creditable to the motorists.
- The Wilsons' fine and ornamental mills at Ferguson were destroyed by explosion and fire last Friday night. Several employees were seriously injured by the explosion.
- Messrs. Farries & Mullin are purchasing large quantities of turpentine of splendid quality. These cars were shipped last week and they will have as many or more this week.
- The current issue of the Home and Leather Journal has a fine portrait of Capt. Toronto Boardman, and is accompanying articles relative to this important leather manufacturer going overseas with his special draft of forerunners.
- Harold Wiles will convert his ice cream parlor into a tea room for the winter. It will make a comfortable and cozy restaurant where a cup of tea or coffee and light refreshments may be secured during the fall and winter days or evenings.
- The annual concert in connection with Acton Fall Fair was held the second night and was attended by a packed house. All thoroughly enjoyed the high-class program. It was a fitting ending to the last show ever held in the town—Georgetown.
- After all, advertising, in large part, is merely making things familiar to you. Your product and your organization; that is why the abraded advertising man should never overlook an opportunity to create incidental good will as a sort of by-product, in the columns of the home newspaper.

BALLINAFAD

A memorial service will be held in the Methodist Church at three o'clock on Sunday afternoon, in honor of the late Private Clarence Hume, who was recently killed in action in France. He was the son of Mrs. Dentie, of the sixth line.

The rains of the past week have helped the plowing very much.

The fall fair gave the farmers a well-earned holiday occasionally these days.

Quite a number of Erin residents were successful exhibitors at Acton Fair.

SPEYSIDE

Duile Talman, the two-year-old daughter of Mr. S. O. Talman, Speyside, had the misfortune on Saturday to miss a step to fall at the door of the house and fractured her left arm between the wrist and the elbow.

The Sunday School building here, through the initiative of Mr. Henry Rogers, presents a much improved appearance. Acton painters have been exercising skill with the paint brush. It is hoped now that the building is so attractive that the school sessions will be continued through the winter.

Threshing is very general now and returns are highly satisfactory.

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NEWS OF LOCAL IMPORT

Billy Howard's Prize Tour

W. C. Howard continues to cheer up the red-tickets at the Lake Umbagog coverage team. He won first prize at Oakville for pair carriage horses, single carriage-horse, high stepping pair, single high stepper and second for single turnout. He also took first prize at Acton and Brampton.

Peter Gibbons, Tax Collector, Resigns

At the meeting of Expanding Township Council last week, Mr. Peter Gibbons, tax collector for Ward No. 4, presented his resignation. Mr. Gibbons has been the efficient collector for 27 1/2 years. His duties were always performed to the satisfaction of the Council and the ratepayers. His advanced age is the only cause of his resigning his position. Mr. E. Turner has been appointed to the vacancy.

72nd Anniversary—Methodist Church

The anniversary services of the Methodist Church will be held on Sunday, 29th September, at 10 o'clock. At 11 A. M., B. H. Wagon, will be the preacher of the day. He will receive a cordial reception. The introduction of the New Hymn Book of the Methodist Church, which has been in preparation the past seven years, will be a feature of the anniversary services. Mr. E. J. Moore, R. A. Toronto, the secretary of the Hymn Book Committee, will assist in the service.

Unclaimed Liquor at Milton

Last Monday, on instruction from Toronto, License Inspector Harvey came to Milton and seized two lots of liquor addressed to W. H. Moore, Milton. The quantity of whiskey came by the Dominion Express and one of rum by the Canadian Express, both ordered from Montreal and shipped from Toronto. Both had been paid for, but express charges had not been paid. The amount of liquor, with other circumstances, seemed suspicious, and what was more suspicious, nobody appeared to claim the shipments. There is no W. H. Moore in or near Milton.

The Case was Brought Before Magistrate

This on Monday, and was adjourned for sittings at the court on the 29th. The Fair Night Concert a Great Success. The Fair Night Concert last Wednesday evening was a fitting climax to the splendid success of Acton Fall Fair. The popular talent announced evidently attracted the attention of the public for they crowded the lawn hall to the doors. In fact, numbers were turned away because of the lack of accommodation. The programme proved to be as fully meritorious as the energetic committee anticipated. Every number was greeted with liberal response and was made by the entertainers. The Ionic Quartette of Hampton, fully maintained the sterling reputation which precedes them. As a quartette they won all with their happy selections, while as soloists every one of them won high encomiums of praise for their skilful renditions. The programme of the quartette was Arthur Hynes, Harry Harrow, William Moore and Arthur Cuthbert. Mrs. Lynde was the accompanist and her interpretation of the various numbers rendered was most effective. Every body expected a good time when they saw the quartette. "The Man who Sings" was sung as one of the entertainers. He has frequently been in Acton and his star is still in the second rank. He put in the humorous part and did it with consummate skill. His principal number was "The Man who Sings" and all were madly appreciative. The financial returns from the concert reached high water mark.

OBITUARY

Mrs. GEORGE MATTHEWS
Death came to Mrs. George Matthews rather suddenly last Wednesday, 20th September, at Georgetown, P. E. I. Mrs. Matthews has been residing with her son, James A. Matthews. She had reached the ripe age of eighty-five years. Mrs. Matthews' maiden name was Sarah Ann Forney. She was a sister of the late Joseph Forney. She passed away peacefully after sixty years ago, since which time Mrs. Matthews had resided with her children. She left Acton twenty-five or thirty years ago. Of her six children the following survive: James at Orangeville, Mrs. (Rev.) Charles A. Good, at Montreal, Georges, of Montreal, Charles, of Orange, N. J. The funeral was held on Friday, 21st September, at Acton, by Pastor J. Matthews, of Devereux, Col., and Mr. J. Chester Matthews, Acton, attended from Acton.

SNOW TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Acton Fall Fair Opened with the Ground Covered with Snow in 1892

"Do you remember the kind of weather we had for the Fair twenty-five years ago?" said Mr. Wallace Leary, Director of the Acton Fair Insurance Company, to the Essex Times on Monday.

"No, I cannot recall it, though I was at the fair that year as usual," said the writer.

"Well, I remember distinctly that the ground was covered with snow," said Mr. Leary.

The Essex Times files were turned up and the following reference gleaned therefrom:

"When the exhibits were all placed in the hall and the judges had completed their work and bestowed the prize tickets on Tuesday afternoon, the officers and directors who also had congratulated themselves upon the splendid finish show. All felt satisfied that with fine weather and good fair would be an unequalled success. But when Wednesday morning dawned the ground was white with snow and the mercury was sitting at zero. The spirits of all interested had a downward tendency. The fact was made of existing circumstances, however, and the result was much better than expected."

The fair that year was held on the 4th and 5th October.

A GREAT HIT

The Family Herald and Weekly Star, of Montreal, recently made a popular hit when they issued their new map of the European fighting area. It is said they are overwhelmed with orders. The maps are not for sale at any price, but are given to all who pay a reader's subscription to that great paper. The price for the year is \$1.25, map included. It is wonderful value, and it is no wonder they are sending thousands of new readers. Renewals will be sent to all who give their names in order to get the map. The map is very complete, and shows, with worth the price asked for both paper and map.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. Mac Huth, of Toronto, was here for the Fair.

Mrs. W. Douglas, of Guelph, spent Fair day in Acton.

Mr. Lawson Wien, of Guelph, was here on Fair day.

Miss Ida Carnahan spent a few days in Niagara on her last week.

Mayor East, of Milton, spent Wednesday at Acton Fall Fair.

Mrs. Tetrasno, headmistress was up from Toronto on Saturday.

Mr. A. B. Foster, of the Star, Oakville, was a guest at the Fair.

Mr. J. A. Smith, of Greenboro, visited Acton on his way to the Fair.

Miss Lillian Frank, of Arriston, I. visiting Acton friends this week.

Miss Bessie Cook, of Guelph, spent show day at the home of Mr. G. H. Brown.

Mr. H. E. Baitman, of Fort William, spent his week-end with Acton friends.

Mr. W. T. Walker, of Guelph, spent a couple of days last week with friends at Mitchell.

Mr. C. T. Brown, of Toronto, spent a few days last week at the parental home.

Mrs. Rayson, and Mrs. Noland, of Brampton, visited friends here last week.

Mr. Peter McNabb has been spending a couple of weeks with friends in Mitchell.

Mr. Hugh Cameron, of Harris, spent a couple of days last week with Acton relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald McGregor and children, of Guelph, were here for the Fair last week.

Messrs. Earle and Albert Brown, of the Bell Telephone Co., spent Fair day with their parents.

Miss Muriel Striven, of Milton, was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Brown, last week.

Mrs. Archie McNabb has returned from Hamilton where she visited her daughter for several weeks.

Master Louis Martin spent a few days last week on his uncle's farm, Mr. D. Hon, person's, Cheltenham.

Mr. Frank Hayill, of the Dominion Bank, Montreal, is spending a week's holidays at his father's home here.

Mr. Harold Swanton, of Toronto, has returned home after spending a week or so at the home of Mr. T. P. Martin.

Mr. J. Shields, Police Magistrate, and W. A. Peib, Collector of Customs, of Oakville, visited Acton on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Fawcett, Misses Jean and Mary Hume, Mr. Chas. Hynes, and Miss Nellie Hynes, of Toronto, were guests of Rev. Hynd during the Fair.

Mr. F. J. Jones, who has been teller at the Merchants Bank for the past six months, has been transferred to the Bank of Montreal, where he will occupy the cage.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Matthews, of Denvers, Col., were guests of Postmaster Matthews for several days during the week. They had been at Washington and Atlantic City, and are now en route home.

Among the visitors to the Fair last week were the following: Mrs. Robert Craig, Mrs. W. T. Stone, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Rivett, Mr. and Mrs. Harris and daughter, Mr. John M. Warren, Messrs. Henry and William Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Will Snyder, Mrs. Gordon Hayward, Miss Barbara Warren, Mrs. S. G. Gannon, Mr. C. G. Macdonald, Toronto; Messrs. R. E. Nelson, John H. Hamilton, C. Goodfellow, Mrs. Harry Jones, Mr. W. Coon, Mr. John Kincaid, Mr. and Mrs. George Wallace and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Walker, and baby, Guelph; Mr. Grant, Mr. and Mrs. Tina J. Speight, Neave Hartwell, Mrs. H. P. Lawson, Mr. John B. MacKenzie, Georgetown; Rev. Mr. Ferguson, Col. and Mrs. Noble, Mrs. (Dr.) Gallop, Mr. John McPherson, Norval; Mr. and Mrs. Mac Smith, Burlington; Messrs. W. D. Gray, W. W. Barmer, A. S. Foster, W. S. Davis, Oakville; Rev. and Mrs. C. D. Draper, Mr. and Mrs. Hartley, Mr. and Mrs. George Andrews, Mrs. J. W. How, Miss Clarice Hemstreet, Milton; Mr. Adam Stewart, Mr. Charles E. Hanson, and Miss Eleanor, Kitchener; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Gordon, Hillsdale.

MILITARY NOTES

Lieut. Col. Strick, of Rockwood, has sent in his resignation as a member of the Military Tribunal for that village, and will take charge once more of the recruiting at the Acton depot.

Mrs. Richard Spencer, of the Royal Flying Corps, who resided with Mr. R. N. Brown several years ago, was here on leave during the week.

Salvo of Choice Cattle

A fine bunch of young cattle, fresh cows and springers will be sold by Hon. Tuck, Auctioneer, at Hotel McLaughlin, Georgetown, on Saturday, 6th inst., at 2 p. m. Don't miss this opportunity to secure some good stock.

THE CANADIAN MARINER for October

contains an article that is of peculiar interest to Canadians just now, as it reviews the working out of conscriptive measures in England. It is entitled "Fighting the Men" and is by Lacey Amy, a Canadian writer who has been for two years in England studying war conditions there. One comes to the conclusion that if what Mr. Amy says is true regarding the conscription in England, it will not be experienced in Canada. Mr. Amy says that over three men are exempted on any one of many trivial excuses, and that, for example, a commission will exempt every school in England to come along, if the man should go to the war the odds might never be paid.

Mr. Ives' Property, of Acton, has

been purchased a 100 acre farm in Expanding township belonging to the McKenna Estate. Sale was made by J. A. Willoughby, Georgetown.

A WORD FOR MOTHERS

It is wrong for mothers to neglect their babies and pains and suffer in silence—this leads to chronic sickness and often shortens life.

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NASSAGAWEYA

The following is the report of School No. 9, for the past month:

Jan. 17—B. Nightingale, B. Kingsbury, Q. McLaughlin, G. Shirie.

Sin. III—Alec McGregor, Ada Nellie, B. Ware, E. Wilson.

Sin. II—R. Kingsbury, H. Wilson, C. McLaughlin, M. Darby, Y. Shirie.

Jan. 18—H. Miller, C. Miller.

Jan. 19—G. Nightingale, T. McLaughlin, D. Nellis.

Sin. Pa.—E. Wilson, L. Shirie.

Jan. Pa.—Stewart Richardson.

CLASS B.—J. Miller, L. Kelly, G. Nellie, C. H. A. East, M. Stewart.

Average attendance 21.

L. R. NELSON, Teachers

LIMEHOUSE

Mr. T. P. Ives' sister, Mrs. Robert Moore, died suddenly at Stratford on Tuesday, 1st inst. Mr. and Mrs. Ives attended the funeral on Saturday. Mrs. Moore was a good woman and greatly beloved. He was an occasional visitor at "Limehouse."

The fall fairs, thrashings and burn cutting have been occupying the attention of the farmers these days.

The sidewalk crop has been very prolific this year, and the fruitful clumps in this vicinity have attracted numerous outside pickers who are fond of the fruit. It is stated that a pair of Acton men got away with two baskets full of this costly fruit at a neighboring farm on Saturday afternoon.

CREWSON'S CORNERS

A number from here will attend Rockwood Fair on Friday.

Mr. J. Burnside was successful in winning first prize on a grade milk cow at Acton Fair.

Itally Day was observed in the Sunday School here on Sunday when a very interesting service was presented by the scholars, the superintendent and the pastor.

The Ladies Aid met at Mrs. W. A. Murray's last Thursday.

Rev. and Mrs. Alex. J. Espinoza, visited friends here on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alger Gripp, Acton, spent Sunday with friends here.

Mr. R. W. Warburton purchased the Lullie Aid quilt, the money to be given to the Acton Red Cross Society.

Mrs. Vanburgh entertained her Sunday School class of boys at her home on Saturday.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

To the Teachers of Hamilton County: The Directors of the Hamilton Agricultural Society desire this year to hold a Greater Procession of School Children on the second day of the month of October. It is intended that the pupils shall assemble at the Town Hall, from which point the march will be made to the Show grounds. A cordial invitation is hereby extended to the teachers and pupils of every school in the county to come along, and help to make the Procession and the Fair a success.

J. H. PEACOCK, Secretary.
E. A. McCORMACK, President.

FISH FISH

SPECIAL FOR FRIDAY
Fresh Haddock, headless and dressed 15
Fresh Caught Lake Herring dressed 12 1/2
Fresh Cod Steak 17
Fresh Mackerel 18
Fresh Trout Steak 22
Fresh Caught Lake Trout Steak 22
Ginger Haddock 15
Pillets 20
Halibut (a pair) 35
Kippers 10

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Military Service Act, 1917

Explanatory Announcement by the Minister of Justice

THE MILITARY SERVICE ACT has received the assent of the Governor-General and is now part of the law of the land. It will be enforced accordingly, and the patriotism and good sense of the people can be relied upon to support it. Resistance to its enforcement, however, by force or act must and will be repressed, as resistance to any other law in force must be.

Reinforcements under the Military Service Act immediately required

It is the intention of the Government immediately to exercise the power which the Act confers and to call out men for military service in order to provide reinforcements for the Canadian forces. This is necessary since the military authorities report that the reserves available or in sight for reinforcement will shortly be exhausted unless this step be taken.

First call limited to men between 20 and 34 who were unmarried or widowers without children on July 6, 1917

The present call will be limited to men not in the schedule of exemptions who were unmarried or widowers without children on July 6, 1917, or at least twenty years of age, and were born on or since January 1st, 1883. Of this class all those will be entitled to conditional exemption whose services in their present occupations, agricultural, industrial or other, are essential to the national interest, and whose business or domestic responsibilities are such that serious hardship would ensue if their services be required. Conscientious scruples based upon a prohibition of combatant service by the articles of faith of the religious denomination to which men belong will also be respected. The men first required to serve will consequently be those who can be called upon with the least disturbance of the economic and social life of the country.

Civil Tribunals to deal with exemptions

Questions of exemption will be determined, not by the military authorities or by the Government, but by civil tribunals composed of representative men who are familiar with local conditions in the communities in which they serve, and who will generally have personal knowledge of the economic and family reasons which those whose cases come before them have had for not volunteering their services and who will be able sympathetically to estimate the weight and importance of such reasons. Provincial Appellate Tribunals constituted from the existing Judiciary of the respective provinces will be provided to correct mistakes made by Local Tribunals, and a Central Appeal Tribunal for the whole of Canada, selected from among the present Judges of the Supreme Court of Canada, will be constituted in order that identical principles may be applied throughout the country. In this way every man may rest assured of the fair and full consideration of his circumstances and the national requirements both civil and military.

Proclamation will announce the day

A proclamation will issue calling out the bachelors and widowers referred to above during a day on or before which every man must report for service to the military authorities unless he has before that day made an application for exemption.

How to apply for exemption

Applications for exemption may be made by written notice on forms which will be available at every post office, and will be transmitted free of postage. They will not, however, be required to be made in this way, but may be presented by the applicants in person to the exemption tribunals. The cases of those who have given written notice in advance will take precedence, and appearance in person will therefore be likely to involve considerably more inconvenience and delay to the men concerned, so that it is recommended that advantage be generally taken of the facilities for written application.

Exemption Tribunals in all parts of Canada

The local exemption tribunals will be constituted with the least delay possible, consistent with the selection of representative individuals to compose them, and the instruction of the members in their duties. There will be no more than one thousand of such tribunals throughout Canada, each consisting of two members, one of whom will be nominated by a Joint Committee of Parliament, and the other by one of the Judges of the existing Courts. Every effort will be made by the wide distribution of tribunals, and by provision where necessary for their sitting in more than one place, to minimize the inconvenience to which men will be put in obtaining the disposition of their cases.

A Registrar will be appointed in each Province, who will be named in the proclamation and to whom enquiries may be addressed. Each Provincial Registrar will transmit to the appropriate tribunal the applications for exemption which have been submitted in advance of the sitting, and men who have sent these in will not be required to attend the tribunals until notified to do so. Other applicants should attend personally on the tribunal without notice.

How to report for service

Men who do not desire to claim exemption will report to the military authorities for service either by mail or in person at any time after the issue of the proclamation. Forms of report by mail will be found in all post offices, and, like applications for exemption, will be transmitted free of postage.

Early report advantageous

No man who reports for service will, although he may be medically examined and passed as fit, be required to go into camp or join a battalion until after a day fixed by the proclamation sufficiently late to permit of the disposition by the local tribunals of those, if not all, of the applications for exemption which may come before them. Thus no advantage will be gained by delaying or procrastinating in reporting for service on the part of those who do not intend to apply for exemption.

Facilities for immediate medical examination

Immediately upon the issue of the proclamation, medical boards will sit at every mobilization centre for the examination of men who report for service or who, subject to their right within the time limited to apply for exemption, desire to have their physical fitness determined in order to allow any delay as to their physical condition, or to know definitely and in advance whether there is a possibility of their services being required. Certificates of physical unfitness issued by these Medical Boards will be accepted without any further investigation by exemption tribunals when they sit. Men found physically fit who have not reported for service, may nevertheless apply for exemption on any of the prescribed grounds, including even their physical condition if disatisfied with the Medical Board's conclusion.

Notice to join the colors

As reinforcements are required, notice to report to the nearest mobilization centre will be given from time to time to the men found liable and passed as fit for service. Disobedience of such notice will render the offender liable to punishment, but punishment for failure to report for military service will not be imposed until the day fixed by the proclamation, and will remain liable for the performance of their military duties notwithstanding any civil punishment which may be imposed and will be liable to military punishment in cases in which civil proceedings are not taken.

Watch for the Proclamation

Notice of the appointed day for the making of a claim for exemption or for report for military service will be published as widely as possible, but, as no personal notice can be given until the individuals called out have so reported themselves or claimed exemption, men possibly concerned are warned to inform themselves with regard to the day fixed, since neglect may involve the loss by them of important privileges and rights.

CHAS. J. DOHERTY,
Minister of Justice.

Ottawa, September 12, 1917.