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News of Acton and the District

School Field Day

The annual Field Day of the High and Public Schools of Acton has been arranged to be held on Wednesday, September 24. The programme of events for this occasion is now being prepared.

Geo. Hall Loses Barn by Fire

Word has been received by friends here that Mr. George Hall, who removed this spring to a farm near Goderich had his barn and the season's crop, implements and some live stock destroyed by fire last Saturday morning. The fire occurred just a breakfast time and the cause is unknown. Mr. Hall had harnessed the horses ready to go to the field and returned to the house for breakfast when he looked out and saw the building in flames.

Highway Link Completed

First County link of the new Wood-bridge-Brampton highway is completed, with the exception of the fill and trim at one culvert. The last piece from the first line into the town is finished, linking Toronto with Brampton by a new road. The road, marked throughout "No. 7 Highway," will run from the first line east through Brampton to the centre road, north on the centre road to No. 10 north, and thence west to Acton and Guelph.

Erin Council Entertained

When the Council and officials of the Township of Erin concluded the August session, an enjoyable social hour was spent at Dwyer's Hotel, Hillsburg. During the evening, Mrs. Dwyer was made recipient of a beautiful pair of opera glasses, mounted with mother-of-pearl, and also a leather hand-bag. Rev. James McKinnon presided, and along with Deputy-Reeve Henry Wheeler, James Milroy, and Road Superintendent Joseph Benham delivered addresses. Other members of the Council also spoke.

A Gold Medalist

At the recent musical contests for bands at the Canadian National Exhibition Mr. James Agler won the gold medal for the best cornet solo in the Brampton Band's best piece. Mr. Agler is a brother of Mrs. Annes Mason, Acton, and a frequent visitor at the home of the Reeve and Mrs. Mason in Acton. He has many times assisted the Acton Citizens' Band in their programmes and favored Acton audiences on various occasions with delightful cornet solos. Friends here are pleased to hear of his success and offer hearty congratulations on his winning this coveted award.

From The Collingwood Bulletin

These are days of great changes. Even that "dude" of weekly newspaperdom, the Acton Free Press, is falling before the demand for something different, if not new. For forty years it has been published in the large size page of eight columns, wide and long. Now it is to go to eight pages with the modern ideas in respect to the width and breadth of its columns. Throughout its many years, first under that veteran of the weekly press, H. P. Moore, and latterly G. A. Dills, the Free Press has fully maintained its reputation as a bright weekly and its place as the great publicity agency of its community. May it go on to greater success.

Sixty Miles An Hour

On Friday night Provincial Constable Lawrence O. Cary was driving into town from Georgetown, when he overtook at the third line by a car driving at a terrific pace. He speeded up to overhaul the speeder, and at the Young Street corner was going at sixty miles an hour. Neither motorist could turn there at the speed they were driving, and both continued on Queen Street and over the tracks of the C. N. Railway. The officer then got his man who proved to be a Kitchener commercial traveller heading home after his week's work at selling shoes. He requested a speedy trial and was taken before Magistrate Moore at his residence. After the plea of guilty, the payment of a substantial fine, and an undoubted endorsement on his driver's license, Mr. Traveller proceeded homeward.

Serious

A little chap in an express wagon doing the morning shopping last Saturday morning. His sister just a little older giving him the pleasure of guiding the wagon and a real ride. They were having a splendid time but it was nearly marred by a second when the sister in pushing the load across the crossing just forgot to look both ways before she started. The motorist was a careful one. His speed was moderate but you could hear the brakes of the car and the skid on the pavement for a couple of blocks. He saved the children by inches from an accident but the children spent some few minutes on the sidewalk patching their breath and contemplating their narrow escape and several on the street threw a sigh of relief that an accident had been averted. It only takes a moment children to be sure the way is clear when crossing the road and every motorist is not as careful as the one in this episode.

BIRTHDAY RECEPTION TO MAJOR GRANT

By the Ladies of Georgetown Presbyterian Church

A social event of an unusual but thoroughly interesting character was consummated in the school room of Knox Church, Georgetown, last Thursday evening. The function was the celebration of the eighty-fifth birthday of Major Lachlan Grant, which happy occasion was inaugurated, and successfully carried out by the ladies of the congregation.

Major Grant removed from Acton to Georgetown sixty-three years ago, and while he has been identified through the years with the various activities of the community, as a loyal citizen should be, his closest relations have been with Knox Church. Here he has been an Elder for upwards of half a century; superintendent of the Sunday School for many years; interested in all the activities and enterprises of the church at home and in the broader field of missionary and other Christian work, he naturally feels that his church has first place in his considerations, and this has been his experience.

Nevertheless, Major Grant has taken time to perform those duties of good citizenship which claim the attention of all loyal residents of a community. His work at various times active in municipal matters both in connection with the Knox Council and the County Council; was a member of the Board of Education, has high standing in the Masonic order, and has ever observed the principles and amenities of the upright citizen. His military activities date back to 1860, when he was enlisted a member of Company No. 6 of the Tenth Regiment, at Acton. He rose from the ranks to be Major and was, for a time, Quartermaster for his battalion.

Very human indeed has been his life-long career. Kind and considerate to all; helpful and sympathetic in his relations to those who have from time to time suffered the loss of friends or fortune, it is no wonder he is popular and beloved in church and town.

The birthday celebration was a happy affair indeed. The ladies had decorated the schoolroom very artistically, and especially the central table from which refreshments were served. Mrs. Somerville and Mrs. Devereaux, two of the oldest members, poured tea and an attentive group of ladies served refreshments. A splendid birthday cake, bearing 85 lighted candles, was presented to Major Grant, and all present received a portion of the delectable confection. Before cutting the cake the Major blew out the 85 candles, all of which were extinguished in the Major's third effort. After all had been served Rev. M. MacDonald, of Norval, took the chair. A basket of books, which had arrived from Bonnie Scotland the day before, was presented to Major Grant on behalf of his friend, Mr. S. Kirk.

After a happy introductory address by the chairman, brief speeches were made by Magistrate H. P. Moore, of Acton, telling of the Major's early days spent in that town, of the kindly feelings still held here for Major Grant; by Mr. L. E. Greenwood, of Norval, the W. M. of Credit Lodge, A. P. & A. M., in which the fraternal relationships and attainments of R. V. W. Bro. Grant were emphasized; by Rev. Mr. Frick, of the Baptist Church, hearing greetings from the members of that communion and a complimentary resolution to Major Grant; by J. M. Moore, Esq., editor of the "Herald," recalling the worth of the guest of the evening; as an all around good citizen, and from Rev. Mr. Tunley, expressive of the estimate of the religious population of Georgetown of the value of a man of Major Grant's type to the community. A communication was also received from Rev. Mr. Wase, of St. George's Anglican Church, expressing his regret at being unable to attend, and conveying greetings from himself and his congregation, with best wishes to the Major for continued health and happiness. Congratulatory speeches were also made by Rev. Mr. MacKinnon, of Norval, and Reeve Donald McIntyre, of Georgetown.

During the evening the Georgetown Band visited the gathering and played several numbers with skillful harmony and precision. A number of vocal and instrumental selections were contributed by talented members of the company.

The function, while held in the church, and provided by the ladies of the church, was essentially a tribute of town and community to a man esteemed and beloved, and was participated in by friends of all church communions and social affiliations. It was an event growing spontaneously out of the good will of an appreciative community. The venerable Major was the recipient of many personal felicitations during the evening.

Guelph Tender Needs City \$5,000 for School Music

Insurance that Edward Johnson, tender of the Metropolitan Opera Company, was distinguished native son of Guelph, intends to contribute the foundation for the Guelph schools, was given with the receipt by the Board of Education of a cheque for \$5,000 from the noted singer for the work to be carried on during the present school term. This is the third year Mr. Johnson has made such a contribution towards the scheme to give every child in the city a musical education.



THE ENTRANCE TO ACTON PARK AND FAIR GROUNDS

Next Tuesday and Wednesday, September 16 and 17, are the days set for Acton Fall Fair. And this year the Directors have arranged an event which will make the Fair of 1930 outstanding. For the past two or three years improvements have been carried on at the Park which have rather upset the usual order. This year they have been completed and the grounds and buildings present a completed form. The entrance has been finished and in use for the past few years. The Arena, which was under erection last year, is complete and in readiness to house the hall exhibits and stage the big performance on Tuesday evening, and, if unsuitable weather prevails on Wednesday a programme will be given the spectators here also. The hall exhibits will be shown in the curling rink. The former hall will be utilized as a stock shed and the cattle and horses will be housed there.

The grandstand and booth have been removed to the northwest side of the Park and this gives a large and improved appearance to the whole ground. And the entire Park is now kept trimmed by the new power mower. To the visitors who have not been in touch with Acton the past year or so the improvements will be marked. We doubt if any fair in Ontario, in a community of Acton's size, has as favorable facilities. There is no need for us to enlarge on the Fair Programme as it is well known through advertisements and posters throughout the country. And the programme of the entire events are being distributed this week. We have only one bit of advice—Come for both days of Acton Fair. The Tuesday evening and Wednesday afternoon performances we know will surprise and delight you. And remember—Acton will be on Standard Time for the Fair and the programme on Wednesday afternoon must start at 12:30 sharp, in order to get all the events over before dark. Come early.

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR TO OPEN FAIR

Just as we are going to press word has been received that His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario will endeavor to be present at Acton Fall Fair on Wednesday afternoon and open the Fair at 1:45 p. m.



THE ARENA IN ACTON PARK—ACCOMMODATION FOR 1,000 PEOPLE

NORMAN BROWN CAPTURES ROBBERS

Who Were Burglaring Store at Highgate Last Week—Two are Caught—Third Escapes in Stolen Car

Two of three robbers who were burglarizing a store in Highgate on Wednesday last week were captured by Mr. Norman Brown, who formerly resided in Acton.

Mr. Brown who operates a bakery and bakes about 2:30 every morning went to his shop as usual last Wednesday and found that the hydro power was off. On his way home to telephone the hydro station at Highgate he noticed lights in the Crosby hardware store and investigated. There was a motor car in front of the place and three men inside. Hurrying home he secured his revolver and then summoned his hired man who was at the shop. He returned to the Crosby store just as the trio ran out and the hydro lights came on. Without hesitating Brown gave chase and captured one of the men after a run through streets and back yards. He turned him over to his hired man and started out after the other two. One of them succeeded in eluding capture until he came to a high fence. By the time Brown returned to the store with the second man, several other citizens were there.

In meantime the third member of the gang had managed to get away with the car. However, this fellow did not want to desert his companions who were being held captives in the store without some effort to aid them, and drove past the store four or five times. After turning over the second captive to the care of others, Brown replenished his ammunition supply from the stock in the store and started out after the third man. He fired several times as the fellow drove along the street, but the shots had no effect. Brown is confident that the car when found will show evidence of the slute.

On one occasion the fellow in the car tossed two large butcher knives, taken from the store, into the street. The knives were found by the police.

THE EVENING MEAL DIGESTER

Judge—"Prisoner at the bar, do you hear what Mrs. Jones says—that you stole her pig?"

Sambo—"Ye lo'rin', Ye' Honor!"

Judge—"What did you do with it?"

Sambo—"Ah killed it."

Judge—"And then?"

Sambo—"Ah, ate it."

Judge—"And doesn't your conscience trouble you?—When you come to the last judgment and find yourself face to face with Mrs. Jones and her pig what are you going to say?"

Sambo—"Why, Judge, does yo' think de pig will be there too?"

Judge—"Certainly."

Sambo—"Den Ah would say: 'Mrs. Jones, here am yo' pig.'"

from the store, into the doorway, presumably in the hope that his companions would be able to get hold of them in order to aid in a flight for freedom.

Provincial Officer Peters was notified of the robbery about three o'clock and hurried to Highgate accompanied by another Provincial Officer. When they arrived Pierce and Brambridge were being held in the store covered by several guns in the hands of Highgate citizens.

Officer Peters states that the store had been well ransacked before the men were distributed. Merchandise such as pens, pocket knives, etc., were strewn about the floor.

"The men had taken flashlights and attached them to the ledge back of the show cases, with gunnery paper used for wrapping parcels, in such manner that the light was thrown into the cases," said Mr. Peters. "In this way the lights were not noticeable from outside and there was sufficient for them to carry out their work."

According to Mr. Peters, a quantity of merchandise was found in the pockets of the men under arrest. They admitted stealing the car in which the third man made his escape, in Strathroy.

ACCOUNTS CHECKED UP

And Officers Required to Enforce the Rules of Collection for Public Utilities Services

At the session of the Public Utilities Commission on Tuesday evening, Reeve Mason and Chairman Kerr were present. The Secretary was instructed by motion to pay the following accounts:

Hydro Accounts	
H. A. Cooke, supplies	\$ 2.50
Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, supplies	6.15
Moffatt Ltd., supplies	3.81
Benson-Wilcox Electric Co., supplies	26.10
Eugene P. Phillips Electrical Works, cables	362.35
National Electric Heating Co., supplies	4.64
A. L. Wynston, Jr., Ltd., supplies	4.00
R. Dunbar, labor	7.00
Northern Electric Co., supplies	12.33
Waterworks Account	\$432.82
Hydro Department, power at the spring	\$36.43
Hydro Department, August operations	54.05
Total	\$604.48

A letter from the Ontario Commission gave details regarding metre installation at the plant of Beardmore Leathers Ltd. at the foot of John Street.

The Secretary was instructed to draft an advertisement for Tax Payers Press calling the attention of patrons for Hydro and water to the rules regarding the collection of accounts and the Superintendent was instructed to rigidly enforce these rules as outlined.

A letter from the Ontario Commission outlined plans for the connection with Beardmore Leathers Ltd., and the Secretary was instructed to inform the company of this letter and advise the officials of this plan.

The Superintendent was instructed to dispose of the scrap copper on hand, as he saw fit.

Tragic Fatal Shooting Accident

J. Campbell Clark was Fatally Shot While Hunting on Shores of Fairy Lake

The whole community was stunned by the news on Monday evening that Mr. J. Campbell Clark had been the victim of a shooting accident that evening. Mr. Clark who was manager of the Bank of Montreal at Strathroy had been in poor health for several months and following special treatment by skilled physicians in Toronto was recuperating at the home of his mother, Mrs. W. J. Gould on Lower Avenue. He and Mrs. Clark and their little daughter Donna had spent the summer months here at the parental home where he could be close to his physician.

He was able to be about and in order to put in the time occasionally went shooting on short trips about Fairy Lake. On Monday he borrowed the gun of his friend Mr. James Smith who was unable to accompany him that afternoon and went on a little hunt for small game on the farm of Mr. John Brown and Mr. G. A. Smith. When he did not return in the late afternoon as was his custom a search for him was made. Mr. Gould found his body at the line fence between the Brown and Smith properties.

The fence is an old one partly wire and partly rail construction and Mr. Clark had apparently come over the fence and was pulling the gun through after him when the trigger caught in the wire and the gun discharged; the full charge entering the body just above the stomach. When the accident occurred he will never be definitely known, but it was apparently shortly after he had gone on the fatal trip.

Coroner Dr. J. A. McNeil was called and Dr. Nelson who both examined the body. The Coroner decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

The wife and his family the little two-year-old daughter who is scarcely old enough to realize her great loss, have indeed been sadly and tragically bereft. J. Campbell Clark was a young man of promise, just nicely launched on his career. He was born in Acton, a son of the late Gillman Clark and Mrs. W. J. Gould. He grew to manhood here and was a general favorite with all. He played baseball with the local nine and was a lover of clean sports.

He entered the Merchants Bank here and held positions at Wallaceburg, Meaford, Elgin and was several years ago promoted to be Manager at Chatsworth and two years ago was promoted to the management at Strathroy, of the Bank of Montreal. Sixteen years ago he married Miss Nellie Rodgers of Wallaceburg, who with their little daughter Donna are left to mourn the loss of this loving husband and kind father, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Gould, and the latter, Mrs. Ruby Clark, Toronto, and brother, Mr. Lloyd Clark, of Glenmillier, Alberta.

Mr. Clark was a member of the Presbyterian Church; of the Idem Club, at Strathroy; and Havelock Lodge A. F. & A. M. No. 238 Watford. The funeral yesterday afternoon was conducted by Rev. H. L. Bennie, assisted by Rev. C. L. Poole. Interment was made in Fairview cemetery, Acton. The pallbearers were: Reeve A. Mason and Messrs. R. C. McDonald, J. M. McDonald, W. K. Graham, W. M. Cooper and N. H. Gorden. The flower bearers were Mr. F. A. McLean, Chesley; Mr. L. B. Shorey, Acton; Mr. Smythe and Mr. Pankham, of Strathroy and Messrs. Arthur Henderson and Mac Stewart, of Toronto.

ONTARIO-MAGISTRATES' CONVENTION

In Session at Brantford, With An Attractive Programme

The annual convention of the Magistrates' Association of Ontario was held at Brantford, with a session of the Executive.

The programme is a comprehensive one, and should be of interest to the members.

Among the speakers engaged are: His Worship Mayor Heckett, of Brantford; J. P. Bickell, Esq., Registrar of Permits, of the Highway Traffic Department; Henry A. Burbridge, K. C., Hamilton; S. B. Arnold, Magistrate, Chatham; Col. The Hon. W. H. Price, K. C., Attorney General; A. P. Ward, B. A., Magistrate, Downmanville; The Hon. Mr. Justice Hodgins of the Supreme Court of Ontario; His Honor Judge Hardy, of Brantford; Col. G. B. Woodrow, B. A., B. L., Barrie; The Hon. Hugh Guthrie, Minister of Justice, Ottawa; His Hon. Judge Emerson, Coatsworth, Toronto.

Our town is honored inasmuch as the presiding officer of the convention is Magistrate H. P. Moore, who is the President of the Association this year.

The city of Brantford has made generous provision for the entertainment of the members and their ladies.

This afternoon the ladies will be given a motor trip in and about the city.

This evening the city will tender a banquet to the members of the association and their ladies.

To-morrow afternoon the ladies, Magistrates and visitors are invited by the city to spend the afternoon at golf afternoon tea and social intercourse at the Regold Club House and grounds.

Various Interesting Items of News

School Enrolment

In the Public School there are three hundred scholars enrolled in the various classes. The enrolment in the High School is higher than it has been the past few years. There are eighty-eight pupils enrolled in the forms of this school this year.

Local Horse at C. N. E.

In the trotting races at the Canadian National Exhibition last week Mr. D. H. Hudson's horse, Baron Grattan, made a good showing in the 2:20 class in all except the first heat. In the four heats this horse ran in second place next to Lenora Clinch who lowered the track record. In the first heat Baron Grattan did not get away well and came in sixth. This therefore put the local horse out of the place it won in other heats.

County Prize Winners

Prize winners in the annual provincial essay and poster contests sponsored by the W. C. T. U., have been announced. Hutton winners in the contest are as follows: Public and separate school, Grade VII, Joy Galloway, Milton, Work-book; Grade VI, Dora Barber, Burlington. High School—Dorothy Coriell, Burlington. Public School, Grade VIII, Clarence Peacock, B. S. No. 7, Trafalgar. Grade VI, Mary Waterhouse, Acton—Milton Reformer.

Returning to Scotland

Rev. Dr. P. D. and Mrs. Thomson of Glasgow, who have been spending the summer in Toronto, left last week for Montreal and called on the B. H. Duchess of York for the old land. Rev. Dr. Thomson has been preaching to the congregations of Bloor St. and Trinity United Churches during the summer and has inspired the congregations with his thrilling evangelical appeals. During his visit in Canada Dr. and Mrs. Thomson visited relatives at Acton, the Messrs. Mann and enjoyed a pleasant outing.

ESQUEJING COUNCIL

Met in Regular Session on Monday and Passed Accounts for Payment

Esquejing Township Council met on Monday and Reeve Geo. Cleave presided. The Treasurer was upon motion instructed to pay the following accounts: A. J. Evans, sheep killed by dogs \$ 21.00 H. C. Lindsay, Valuator 4.00 D. P. McHenry, sheep killed by dogs 10.00 Mountain Sanatorium, re Edith Pryde 40.50 J. Sanford, re Board of Health 8.55 I. M. Bennett, supplies 2.20 Robert Aldrie, hauling water to Speyside fire 25.00 Wellington Cardiner, labor at fire 10.00 John McDonald, labor at fire 4.50 Bell Telephone services 4.45 J. M. Moore, printing and advertising 240.64 Guelph General Hospital, re Mrs. A. Ledwidge 338.00 Guelph General Hospital, re Jos. Tirling 278.25 It was moved by Appelle, seconded by Wilson that the Treasurer pay the road shoes as presented by Road Superintendent, \$4,834.44.—Carried.

Council adjourned to meet on October 13, at 1:30 p. m.

OLD CEMETERY VIEWED

And Steps Taken to be Taken to Put in Presentable Condition—Trustees Likely to be Appointed

An informal meeting of the Council was held on Monday evening when Reeve Mason was appointed the Council's representative to look after the interests of the Corporation as a beneficiary of the will of the late A. J. Murray. Other beneficiaries of this will at the meeting passed a resolution engaging a firm of lawyers in Toronto to uphold their interest in the estate as set out by the terms of the will.

A subsequent delegation met with the Council regarding the condition of the old cemetery adjoining the Park. The Corporation officers had under the direction of the Parks Committee removed the old fence at the rear of the rink and levelled and scraped a section of the cemetery and cleared away the debris that had been left after building the Arena. Objection was taken by members of the delegation to this work, as it was considered this ground should not be disturbed. There was considerable discussion which at times became heated and the deplorable condition of this sacred spot has apparently been seen by many of the interested citizens lately.

The Council had planned to replace the fence and this will be done at once. It was also arranged that a meeting of those who have relatives interred there would be held in the near future and trustees appointed with power to negotiate the transfer of the property to the Corporation so that it may be properly put in presentable condition.

The Women's Institute will serve dinner at their booth in the Fair Grounds on Fair Day.