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## NEW LEGION POST FOR ACTON

Organized at Meeting of the Veterans in the Town Hall Last Saturday Afternoon—Good List of Charter Members

The meeting called last Saturday of ex-service men in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, Acton, Ontario, was held at 7:30 p. m. The meeting was held at the Town Hall on Saturday, February 26, at 3 o'clock.

Comrade Padbury has a wealth of experience, having been a member of the Committee of Rehabilitation, Handicapped Section, in finding employment for disabled returned men, and later Secretary of the Advisory Board of the Canadian Legion. In connection with the recent legislation passed by Parliament.

After discussing the need for a Post of the Canadian Legion in Acton, it was decided unanimously to form a Post here. Comrade Padbury advised the meeting to elect men of integrity and stamina, and warned them of their responsibilities to the ex-service men, their widows and orphans, and to the community in general.

The following officers followed: President—W. J. Gould. 1st Vice-President—J. M. McDonald. 2nd Vice-President—H. G. Arnold. Secretary—Treasurer—P. L. Wright. Advisory Committee—Rev. H. L. Benzie, Comrade F. Honey, Comrade W. Eccles, Comrade A. E. Padbury, Comrade W. Britton.

On assuming the chair, President Gould thanked the meeting for the confidence placed in him, and promised to do all in his power to advance the good work of the Canadian Legion in Acton. Several immediate problems and difficulties of the returned men were presented and acted upon at once. Every cent of the Poppy Fund and other contributions from the general public will, in future, be used for the benefit of the ex-service men and their dependents, without any deduction, the expense of administration being borne by the Post.

## Various News Items

### Women's Institute Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Evans on March 5, at 2:30 p. m.

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### Motorist Fined for Splashing Pedestrian

For the third time this spring, a motorist who splashed a pedestrian was convicted of reckless driving in Guelph police court, and for a second time, his license was cancelled in addition to the imposition of the customary penalty.

### An Unprofitable Liquor Party

On Saturday afternoon a liquor party was held in a boarder's room at an hotel in Acton. In the evening the company, or part of them, decided to go to Stratford to see the Acton-Stratford hockey match. It seems they were at Stratford, and at Guelph, and on the way to Stratford, but could not make the rather long highway, and returned to Acton. Three of the party then decided to take a trip to Toronto. They went on the way through Guelph, Acton and Georgetown and reached Norval. Here a tire blew out, and it being 5:30 on Sunday morning, they decided to put up at the Homewood Hotel until breakfast time. About nine o'clock they changed their minds about going to Toronto, and turned back home. When they reached the foot of Norval Hill Provincial Traffic Officer Bond came along on his morning patrol. He observed that the car was the same one he had seen driving about Guelph the night before in a peculiar way and decided to investigate. He found the driver and his two companions had an odor of liquor about them. The driver's permit was requested. The driver stated that he had bought one day before and must have left it at home or lost it. He was then asked to open the rear compartment of the car. Having complied the officer found a four gallon keg of beer resting there. The party protested they knew nothing of the beer being there. The trio were arrested by Officer Bond and brought to Acton and placed in the lock-up. When they came before Magistrate Moore the charges were heard and fines and costs imposed aggregating \$151.70, which friends who had come from Elora paid. There may be a sequel to the Saturday afternoon party, in which the landlady of the hotel may find himself interested. The keg of beer was confiscated.

## Various Interesting Items of News

### Sale of Baking and Home-made Candy

The Merry Sunshine Group of the Women's Institute will hold a tea and sale of home-made baking and candy in the Town Hall on Saturday, February 26, at 3 o'clock.

### Monthly Meeting of Sr. I. O. O. F.

The officers of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the I. O. O. F. will entertain the chapter at the monthly meeting on Wednesday afternoon, March 4, at three o'clock, at the home of Mrs. L. H. Thorey, Lake Avenue.

### New Construction Firm Formed in Oakville

The Vernon Construction Company, incorporated, with a capitalization of \$40,000, is the newest Oakville industry. The firm has been organized in anticipation of increased residential and industrial construction in the town during the coming summer. The directors are Wilson Robinson, Joseph Duff, Even Well, John Davis and John Weatherill.

### Milton Petitioning for Sewers

A petition, now being circulated in Milton, and signed by a number of ratepayers, will be presented to the Town Council at its next regular meeting, requesting that body to again submit the sewerage by-law to the ratepayers as soon as possible, so that they can vote on the question. The by-law was voted on and carried by the ratepayers seven years ago.

### Tender Farewell Banquet to Norval Couple

Mr. and Mrs. Henry May, who are leaving the Norval district after a residence of many years, were tendered a farewell Tuesday night by 150 of their friends and neighbors. Magistrate L. J. Carr occupied the chair and read a complimentary address, after which Jim Hyatt and George Brown presented Mr. and Mrs. May with a table lamp and a chair. The evening was spent in cards and dancing. Mr. and Mrs. John Nickle, timehouse, providing the music, and Messrs. Campbell and Leslie calling off.

### Don't Like Jail Cells—Too Confined

After attending the hockey match at Milton on Monday night, Cyril Middlebrook, a husky young farmer from Esquimaux, was arrested by Provincial Officer Carr and Chief McPherson, on a charge of being intoxicated. He was taken to the county jail, placed in one of the corridors, and when Turnkey Mayes ordered him into a cell he refused to go. Officer Carr was called and essayed to put him in. An argument followed, and the pair eluded, and in the melee went to the floor, with the officer underneath. The prisoner was not put in the cells, but remained in the corridor all night. The officer had his thumb badly sprained, showed marks on his throat where he had been choked, and sustained bruises on his head and body. The prisoner came before Police Magistrate Moore on Tuesday, was fined \$25.00 and costs for being in an intoxicated condition. On the charge of assaulting a police officer engaged in the execution of his duty, judgment was reserved. Crown Attorney Dick prosecuted, and Barrister George E. Elliott was counsel for the defence.

## Acton Defeated by Stratford and Win from them in Second Game 2-1

### Loss Round, However, by a Score of 4-3—Locals Turn in Two of the Finest Games of the Season to Maintain Their Position in the O. H. A. Championship Race—Over 1,700 Witness the Greatest Game of the Year on Monday Night—Acton Wishes Stratford Success in Their Climb.

The O. H. A. race for Intermediate Hockey honors ended, as far as Acton is concerned, on Monday night. It has been a real race, with every fan backing the team to the limit. And it was a team worth backing. In all their encounters the boys have acquitted themselves well and Manager Garden is no prouder of the outfit than every fan in Acton and the district.

The group honors were won conclusively and with a flourish that gave the followers all the thrill they desired. The games between other group leaders, with Cabotville, Elora and Stratford, have proven that Acton had worthy contenders in the race for the championship. The final games with Stratford were perhaps the greatest tests that the boys have been put to in the whole season. Stratford has quite apparently had the benefit of considerable coaching. Their team play shows the results of this advantage. But in the spirit of "bound to win" and perseverance, Acton rose to its greatest heights in these final games. All season long we have refrained from naming outstanding stars on the local sextette. Now, at the close of the O. H. A. season, we are glad we did follow this rule. Other writers have been able to select what to them were the outstanding players in that particular game. In most cases our judgment was about the same as the game, but we have followed the team all season. We have also noted that all the boys have been singled out for special mention at some time by these writers in other communities as being stars on the Acton team. Holloway, Gibbons and Greer, Salmon, Walters and Joe Kentner have all, at various times, been specially mentioned for their work. We just go back to our original summoning up of the team, and place credit on all shoulders. The alternates have possibly not received as much mention, as they did not appear in as many games. There isn't a local fan, however, who will not recall some outstanding work of all of these, Woods, Arbie, C. Kentner, Fred Kentner, Huffman, Parlow, Nell Gibbons and Dawkins. Yes, it's been a great struggle, getting harder as it went higher.

The final match "left nothing to be desired" by the "most ardent supporters." The boys gave of their very best to win. They were beaten by one goal on the round by a fast team from Stratford—a city of 20,000. A team that won over Walkerton by a score of 3-1 on the round, and last year Walkerton was in the finals, and thought this year they had a superior team over that of 1930. The best wishes of Acton go with Stratford in their future encounter. Without a doubt Acton did its best to beat them in hockey. We offer no alibi, because none are necessary. It was an elimination to be proud of.

In Round Three of the Intermediate play-offs, Acton was matched against the Stratford Indians, who had defeated Walkerton by 3-1. Walkerton last year were in the O. H. A. finals against Paris. Over two hundred Acton fans went to Stratford for the first game, on Saturday night, and it took four chartered Arrow buses to accommodate a part of the crowd. The Acton boys were defeated by 3-1 in this encounter, but by no means outclassed. Many Stratford fans assured us it was the best Intermediate game of the year.

The preliminary remarks might be centered on Stratford's fine arena, with a capacity of 5,000, and splendid artificial ice surface. A cadet band, of fifty or sixty pieces supplied the music, and it is a splendid organization of boys who play well. But to get to the main bout, with the preliminaries over, Acton carried the play to the Stratford area and drew the first shots on Clingras, and Stratford seemed content with the long range artillery. Stratford, with Townsley at centre, are a pretty smooth working outfit. They just didn't attempt to meet the Acton defence but preferred to detour. Play in that first period was fast for both teams. The first score came from Mel of Stratford. Stratford was playing a man short at the time, and the shot was a hot drive from about the blue line. Holloway had stopped others just as hard, but this one got past him Mann and Walton, of Stratford, and C. Kentner, for Acton, drew the penalties. The score was 1-0 for Stratford, at the close.

The second period didn't belong to Stratford by any means. Time and again the Acton red sweater went through, only to be met or bent back by Clingras. Then there was that tenuous shot from about the blue line. Holloway had stopped others just as hard, but this one got past him Mann and Walton, of Stratford, and C. Kentner, for Acton, drew the penalties. The score was 1-0 for Stratford, at the close.

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## News of Acton and the District

### Women's World's Day of Prayer

The women from the various churches of town assembled, in the Baptist Church on Friday afternoon for the observance of the National Women's Day of Prayer. The meeting was in charge of Mrs. (Rev.) W. H. Hamilton. The topic of the day was: "Ye shall be My witnesses." A number of ladies from the various congregations took part in the service.

### Splashing Pedestrians and Cars

There is a certain class of motor drivers who apparently take a delight in splashing the rain on the roadway, in driving rapidly through the pools and splashing pedestrians on the sidewalks or other cars. This drunk is a distinct violation of the provisions of the Highway Traffic Act, and the perpetrators of the nuisance are liable to substantial penalties for their "sport."

### The Peter A. Smith Trophy Game To-Morrow Night

The next interesting hockey fixture locally will be the Junior game between Acton and Georgetown, for the Peter A. Smith trophy. This trophy was won by Georgetown last year in two straight games. The first game of this series is scheduled for Acton Arena on Friday (to-morrow) evening. The Acton boys are determined to bring the trophy back to Acton, and without a doubt the Georgetown lads have the determination to hold it in Georgetown. It will be a real struggle, and these lads will be Intermediate players of the future. The usual lower admission prices for junior games prevails on this series.

### Celebrated Eighty-Eighth Birthday

Mr. W. R. Hawes, of Georgetown, celebrated his eighty-eighth birthday last week. Mr. Hawes was for sixteen years a resident of Acton, and laid out the lawns and gardens at Moorecroft and acted for the district during his residence here. Born in Thornham, Norfolk, England, Mr. Hawes came to Canada as a young man. He settled at Hull for some years, going to Georgetown in 1883, and remaining in the town until 1902. Now his son, Alexander H. Hawes, is carrying on the business, assisted by his young son, W. R. Hawes' wife, a native of Hull, England, was taken from him 15 years ago, by the death of his daughter, Mrs. Wm. Gamble, and his son, Alexander H. many compensations for that loss. His other children are: Mrs. H. Pryer, Acton; John Stuymer, George, Keeler, Sask. There are 18 grand- and two great-grandchildren. During his long residence in Canada, Mr. Hawes has been a staunch supporter of the Conservative party.

### The United Farmers' Club Held Meeting

The two clubs of the United Farmers held a joint meeting for February in the Parish Hall on Friday evening of last week. They also invited the U. F. Y. P. O. to attend and the three clubs spent an enjoyable evening together. The following programme was given: "The Maple Leaf"; instrumental by Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McCutcheon; report of the Women's Convention of the United Farmers by Mrs. George Elliott; recitation by "wee" Jackie Stewart, one of the little tots; mouth-organ selection by Wilmer Davidson, another junior; reading, Mrs. J. J. Stewart; Mr. Bert Davidson also gave a report of the Farmers' Convention. Both these reports were splendid and gave the gathering a great many points on which the farmers of Canada should be benefited. Plans for a picnic were discussed. All these numbers were greatly appreciated by those present. The meeting closed with "God Save the King," after which the ladies served lunch.

### The Wilson-Tubman Wedding on Saturday

A quiet but pretty Valentine wedding was solemnized in St. Alban's Anglican Church on Saturday, February 14, when Annie Evelyn, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Tubman, of Acton, was united in marriage to Robert Fletcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Wilson, of Guelph. The bride looked charming in a lavender gown of yellow chiffon, with hat, gloves and shoes of black, and carried a bouquet of sunburst roses. She was given in marriage by her father, and was attended by Miss Irene Wheeler who was becomingly robed in green chiffon, with black hat, gloves and shoes, and carried a bouquet of American Beauty roses. The groom was attended by Mr. James Berry, of Guelph. The wedding march was played by Miss Viola Waller. Owing to the illness of the groom's mother, only the immediate friends attended the wedding. After the wedding a lovely lunch was served at the home of the bride, after which the happy couple motored to Toronto and took the train to points north. The bride travelled in an ensemble dress of black and yellow silk and wore a black coat, trimmed with silver tucker and black velvet hat. The groom's suit to be formal and handsome and to be adorned with a handsome silver watch, and to be returned Mr. and Mrs. Wilson will reside in Guelph.

## LEVEL CROSSING ACCIDENT

### Harold Bailey, of Georgetown, Narrowly Escapes Injury on Main Street Crossing Yesterday

When a car, driven by Harold Bailey, of Georgetown, was struck by the 2:20 p. m. train on the Main Street crossing of the C. N. R. in Acton yesterday afternoon, the driver miraculously escaped injury, but the rear end of the car was badly wrecked. Mr. Bailey, who is the representative of the Atwell Company, was going west over the C. N. R. crossing on Main Street. The 2:20 p. m. train from the east was crossing the siding, and Mr. Bailey's attention was centred on this train and he did not notice the approach of the passenger train from the west, which crosses the one from the east here. He was on the crossing before he noticed the approaching train, a few yards from him. The front end of the car got off the crossing about the rear end was almost demolished, and the products strewn about and mixed up. Mr. Bailey escaped with scarcely a scratch. The train was brought to a stop within a short distance, and the damage investigated. Mr. Bailey assumed all responsibility for the accident.

## APPECIATES "THE OLD MAN"

The following note reached this office this week: "Before going to bed Friday night I took up *The Free Press* to read the column contributed by 'The Old Man of the Big Clock Tower,' and was much disappointed that this will not be a regular weekly feature in future. 'When I think back over the number of years that feature has been running, and the high point of interest which has always been maintained, I am not surprised the writer should feel inclined to slow down somewhat. I should appreciate it if you would convey to him my sincere thanks for the pleasure I have obtained from the reading of this column during the years, and the interesting information obtained at the same time. In my files I have many clippings from these columns.' Yours sincerely, C. A. G. Matthews, Toronto, February 22, 1931.

## General Interest News

### Local Play the Week After Easter

The "Knox Presbyterian Players," under the auspices of the Knox Young People's Guild, are presenting a play, "Picking It for Father," in the Town Hall, the week after Easter, that is the week of the 12th. This is a splendid farce comedy, full of amusing situations. Be sure to take it in.

### Brampton Child Has Narrow Escape

Six-year-old Billy Gigham, of Brampton, had a narrow escape from death Tuesday afternoon while crossing the street at the north end of that town. The child failed to look up and walked directly in front of a car driven by Norman McLeod, of North Chinguacousy, who was picking up the child, and when he picked the little lad up found that his only injury was a slight bruise on the left foot.

### Fire at Cheltenham

Fire completely destroyed the frame residence belonging to Mrs. Lyons, Cheltenham, and occupied by Robert Howleson, night watchman at the Sand and Cement Brick Company's works at Cheltenham, Monday night. Mrs. Howleson and her two small boys were at home at the time. The fire is believed to have been caused by an overheated stove pipe and gained considerable headway in the upper storey of the house before it was discovered. Mrs. Howleson dashed for help, but the fire had secured a good foothold before the neighbors could get to her assistance. The contents of the house, consisting almost entirely of new furniture, were almost completely destroyed. Learning of the predicament of the family, the following morning, H. P. Chishamore, Toronto, proprietor of a furnished section of the hotel, now vacant, without rent. The loss on the house is \$1,000, covered by insurance, and \$400 on the furniture, uninsured.

### New Presbyterian Minister at Georgetown

Attended by a large congregation, which included representatives of all denominations in the district, the induction of Rev. Dr. A. H. Howard, in the Georgetown Presbyterian Church, was held Tuesday night. Among the pastors of various churches present were: Rev. W. H. Rimsley, Rev. A. H. Prith, Rev. F. H. Wase, Rev. N. D. McKinnon, of Norval, Rev. Mr. Kaye, of Buxton, and Rev. H. I. Benzie, of Acton. Rev. Mr. McPhail, interim moderator, read the address to the minister, followed by Rev. Mr. McLean, of Knox Church, Toronto, who preached. Addresses of welcome were made by Rev. Mr. Hiltz, retiring Moderator of Toronto Presbytery, and Rev. W. T. McCree, incoming Moderator. Following the service a reception was held in the church parlors, with Rev. Mr. McPhail and Rev. Mr. Hiltz as speakers. Major E. Grant introduced the minister. A cheque was presented to Rev. Mr. McPhail in appreciation of his services while the church was without a pastor. The church choir sang two anthems.

## Entered Into Rest

### WILLIAM MCKAY, Aberfoyle

The funeral of the late William McKay was held from Duff's Church to Crown Cemetery. Services were conducted by Rev. P. Matheson, assisted by Rev. Mr. Yeoman. The funeral was very largely attended. The late Mr. McKay was born on the third concession of Puelich, in the year 1851, and although he retired from farming ten years ago, he still continued to live on the farm until last September, when he moved to the village of Aberfoyle. Deceased passed away very suddenly, from a heart attack, and his passing came as a shock to his many friends. He was an obliging neighbor and always willing to help anyone in trouble. He was a devoted husband and father, and was a member of Duff's Church. Surviving are his widow, two sons and four daughters, Alex and John, in Vancouver; Ross, in Saskatchewan; Will, in Aberfoyle; and Calvin, on the home-stead; Mrs. Jack and Mrs. Henry McCauley, at McAuley, Man.; Mrs. Kathie Hamilton, at Puelich; and Mrs. Kerth Henderson, Guelph Township. The pallbearers were Donald McCaig, Hugh Ross, Alex. Smith, Hector McCaig, David Malby and William Laing.

## DAVID JAMES HILL, Hamilton, Man.

The Hamilton Echo contains the following obituary of the late David James Hill, who died there on February 1, Mr. Hill was a native of Rockwood. "Mr. David James Hill, for several years a resident of Hamilton, and one of the real old-timers of the Blaris district, died at his home here on Sunday, February 1, following an illness which lasted about two months, although Mr. Hill was only confined to his bed from the last day of December. Death was attributed to paralysis. The late Mr. Hill was a native of Rockwood, Ontario, and came west in the year 1882, and took up a homestead in the Blaris district, and his wife and family came out west to join him one year later. The late Mr. Hill is the eldest of a family of twelve: seven girls and five boys, nine of whom are still living. On January 18 of this year, Mr. Hill reached his 80th birthday, and had been spared to live until the summer he and his good wife would have celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their marriage. During the time of residence in the Blaris district, Mr. and Mrs. Hill and family were held in the greatest respect and did much to build up the community in which they resided and their usefulness radiated throughout the district at large. Mr. Hill was also a member of the rural Council for a number of years and attended to these duties in a manner that gave the greatest satisfaction. The many friends of the deceased gentleman will learn with a measure of sincere regret that he has passed on. Mr. Hill is survived by his widow and four daughters, Mr. W. Reid and Mrs. C. P. Brown, of Oakton, Man.; Mrs. W. H. Bell, of Thornhill, Sask.; and Mrs. H. Clendenning, of North Haldimand, Ont.; and four sons, Herman, Archie and Fred, of Miltona district, and Walter, of Grimsby, Sask., to whom the sympathies of all are extended in the time of their sad bereavement."

## THE SCHOOL BOARD

### Discuss Advisability of Starting Music Classes in the School—Decide to Wait Until September Next

At the monthly meeting of the School Board on Friday evening, Trustees McDonald, Sawyer and Norton were present, and Mrs. Havel, Chairman, presided. The second report of the Finance Committee recommended payment of the following accounts: W. E. Blair, repairs ..... \$16.08 Mrs. H. Bell, apples ..... 5.80 Acton Public Utilities Commission, light account ..... 5.36 The report was adopted. Mrs. M. R. Moore was present to discuss with the Board the advisability of conducting classes in piano instruction at the schools. It was decided to leave the matter over until the beginning of the term year, next September. Conditions at that time, it was considered, would be more advantageous to commencing this work. The Secretary was asked to arrange a joint meeting of the Board and the Council and the Board of Health, to discuss the merits and disadvantages of the proposed County Medical Unit. The Secretary reported that the supply of coal for the school was on hand and would be delivered in plenty of time.

## THE EVENING MEAL DIGESTER

Two elderly ladies were sitting listening to a band concert in Hyde Park, London. A dispute arose between them regarding the selection being played. One said: "I think they're playing 'William Tell.'" "No," contradicted the other, "I think it's 'Foot and Peasant.'" Whereupon one of the ladies wandered over to what she thought was the programme board, and returned with a smile, saying, "No, my dear, we're both wrong! It's a refrain from 'Spitting'."