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Council Hears Argument by the Liability Insurance Representatives

Session Grew Warm at Stages and Questions Are Asked and Answered and Apologies Made—Council Decides in Favor of Plaxton and Hueston and Secures a Lower Rate—Street By-law is Passed in Regard to Fairview Cemetery.

At the regular meeting of the Council on Tuesday evening Councilmen Thelford and Harrison and Dr. Nelson were present and Reeve Mason presided. The tenth report of the Finance Committee recommended payment of the following accounts:

Acton Public Utilities Commission, street lights	\$144.75
Acton Public Utilities Commission, pump house lighting	1.08
Acton Public Utilities Commission, Town Hall lighting	4.00
Acton Public Utilities Commission, Arena lighting	4.10
Acton Public Utilities Commission, fire pump	10.24
J. W. Barber, supplies	1.00
Acton Press, printing and advertising	5.35
John E. Williamson, wood for Town Hall	26.00
O. W. Masales, milk for charity	6.70
J. B. Mackenzie, supplies	39.65
Acton Press, printing and advertising	27.00
Secretary Banquet Committee, expenses re banquet	50.55
George Cowie, labor	75
Duffin Paving Co., insurance premium	561.60
J. Barr, labor on streets	8.55
Cemetery Board, accounts re labor at Cemetery	616.05

The report was adopted. The representatives in connection with the liability insurance covering Acton were heard. Mr. Hueston addressed the Council first. He explained that they objected to statements made by the Globe Liability Co. to the Council.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Pass Accounts at Meeting—Will Not Give Railway Direct Connection with Water Mains

The regular meeting of the Public Utilities Commission was held last Friday evening with Commissioner King and Reeve Mason present. The Secretary was authorized to pay the following accounts:

Standard Underground Cable Co., wire	\$61.54
Dr. H. A. Cox, truck repairs	40.08
Rose & O'Hearn Ltd., supplies	9.68
Toronto-Guelph Transport and F. Trevelo, express	1.15
Canadian General Electric Co., supplies	10.60
Jas. Symon, supplies	3.85
General Steel Wares Ltd., repairs	2.70
A. L. Wynston Jr., Ltd., supplies	20.23
Mrs. H. L. McDonald, insurance premium	170.93

Waterworks Accounts

Hydro Department, power at spring	\$39.12
Hydro Department, March operations	83.10

The Secretary was instructed to write the Maloney Electric Co., advising them that the payment of their account was being withheld until their salesman, Mr. Trevelo, settled his personal account in Acton.



HALTON MUSICAL FESTIVAL GOLD MEDALISTS
Miss Frances Chisholm, Master William Hall and Master Vernon Agnew, who won the Gold Medal for Solos at the County Musical Festival. Mrs. M. R. Moore, Musical Director of Acton School and Miss Jean Orr, the accompanist for the solists and the prize-winning choruses.

HALTON PRESBYTERY MEETS HERE

Splendid Session at Gathering in the United Church on Tuesday—Delegates to Conference Appointed

The Halton Presbytery of the United Church of Canada met in the United Church, Acton, on Tuesday, May 12, at 10 o'clock.

The morning session was opened by devotional exercises, led by Rev. A. McGowan, B. A., of Bronte. Rev. E. Val Tilton, B. D., of Burlington, Chairman of the Presbytery, presided, while Rev. H. H. Stokes, of Allershot, acted as the Secretary.

The proposition of the Canadian National Railways to do away with their tank and have direct connection with the street water mains was considered. The Secretary was instructed to advise the railway that the Commission do not wish to supply water direct to the railway from their water mains.

Customers accounts in arrears were considered and instructions given for enforcing payment.

The Secretary was instructed to give just as good service. The difference in the rates quoted was accounted for by the system of adjustment, fees and rating. Acton was not receiving a special rate, but the same as all communities of a like size.

From here on the argument was a series of rates and financial standing of the companies and in many instances a repetition of former statements. Explanations of company policies and groups were given until the Councilors said their heads and the representatives were dismissed with the argument closed and all the Council signified that they had all the information necessary to settle the question in their minds and had asked the questions that they deemed necessary to settle the issue in their own minds.

When the matter was taken up by the Council, the majority favored cancellation of the policy with the Globe Indemnity Company. Strong objection was taken to the methods of the representative of that company in trying to secure their assent to placing the risk with the company. It was, however, felt that the business should be placed with a Canadian company, and upon resolution, the Clerk was instructed to inform the Plaxton, Hueston Company that the policy with the Canadian General Insurance Company would be accepted, with premium of \$100 per year.

The Clerk was instructed to advise the Globe Company that their policy at \$144 would not be renewed.

The by-law regarding the opening of the streets in connection with the Fairview Cemetery property was given the required number of readings and passed by the Council.

The Clerk was instructed to make the necessary arrangements for the closing of these streets in connection with the Cemetery property.

The matter of the grant of a renewal was referred to the arrears are paid up. The purchase of calcium chloride for the year was to be made through the county, with a quantity order, and delivered in Acton.

Permit was granted the Salvation Army to hold a tag day in Acton.

A letter from the Public Utilities Commission asked the Council's opinion on the enforcement of the collection of water rates.

Chief McPherson was instructed to secure the material for filling in the expansion joints on the pavements, and have the work done.

Various Items of Local Interest

Frank Kennedy Honored

At a meeting of Credit district of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, comprising Acton, Georgetown, Brampton and Milton Oddfellows, held at Port Credit last Friday night, E. Frank Kennedy, Acton, was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for 1931-32. He will select his executive from Acton lodge.

Won Lucky Rugs

In the Congregational lucky number games carried out by the local furniture stores last week, two rugs were given away. George Poitit came closest to the lucky number and won the rug from C. B. Swackhamer's store. Miss Irene Ploger was closest in the guess on the rug at Johnstone & Rumley's and won the prize. Both contests closed Saturday afternoon and the winners got their prizes.

Georgetown Creamery Damaged by Fire

Fire which broke out at 3:30 o'clock last Saturday morning in the premises of the Georgetown Creamery, caused \$20,000 damage before firemen, under Chief W. M. Long extinguished the blaze. Morden Brown, night baker, saw flames in the storehouse of the creamery and sounded the town siren. In less than half an hour, firemen had the flames under control. The cause is unknown. For a time it was feared that the fire would spread to Spaight's garage, less than 12 feet from the burning building. Through the skillful work of the fire brigade, however, the fire was confined to the creamery. A number of motor cars and quantities of oil were near the portion of the creamery that was gutted. Morris Saxe is the owner of the creamery building.

Native of Esquevas Dies at Georgetown

The death occurred at Georgetown on Sunday of Mrs. David L. Summerville, formerly Miss Elizabeth Mary Cavanagh, a daughter of the late George Cavanagh. Mrs. Summerville had been ill only since Saturday. Born in Esquevas Township, near Georgetown, Mrs. Summerville had been a resident of Georgetown for the past 35 years. Mr. Summerville, two daughters, Miss Davina, of Toronto, New York, and Mrs. (Dr.) Howard Whitaker, Edmonton, Alta., and a son, James Grant Summerville, Winnipeg, Manitoba, survive. Two grandchildren also survive. Another son, Cavanagh L. "Paddy" Summerville, was killed overseas. Mrs. Summerville was a member of the Presbyterian Church, taking an active part in work of the various church societies. The funeral took place this afternoon at Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown.

Summer Meeting of Women's Institute

The annual Summer Meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Parish Hall, Acton, on Wednesday afternoon. The President, Mrs. Gumble, occupied the chair. The meeting opened with the Institute Ode. Mrs. Gumble then gave an address of welcome to the visiting ladies of the town and also to the sister branch of Limehouse, who joined with Acton for the meeting. The programme was as follows: Instrumental, Mrs. Gowdy, Limehouse; reading, Mrs. J. Stewart. The speaker for the day was Mrs. Gumble of the O. A. C. Guelph. She spoke on "The Women's Institute as a Factor in the Life of the Community," and this address was of great benefit to all the ladies present. Sketch, Misses Laura Hall and Bessie Rawlings; solo, Mrs. Norton, of Limehouse; reading, which was very humorous, Mrs. Caldwell, of Limehouse; sketch, Miss Hawthorne and Mrs. Evans and a number of children. These numbers were very much enjoyed by all. The meeting closed with the National Anthem, after which a dainty lunch was served and a social time spent.

W. C. T. U. PRIZE WINNERS

For Oratory, Compositions, Poems, Impressing the Evils of Alcohol

Like numerous similar branches of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Acton W. C. T. U. is doing important and impressive temperance work year after year in the competitions arranged in the Public and High Schools. Essays, illustrating the evils of the use of intoxicating beverages, and cigarettes are prepared by the scholars, read in school and in public gatherings, and these call for very definite attention to the harmful influence of alcohol and narcotics.

Carefully executed posters also point out these evils very impressively, and at the same time call forth the artistic genius and imaginative powers of all who engage in the competitions provided.

The annual public contest of Acton Schools, held last Friday evening in Knox School Room, attracted a large gathering, and there were numerous clever contestants. Mrs. James Symon, the President of Acton W. C. T. U., occupied a place on the platform, and the diversified programme was skillfully supervised by Miss Bennett, the Principal of the Public School.

The proceedings opened with prayer by Rev. C. L. Poole, B. D., and a chorus by the Junior Choir of the Public School. Miss Isabel Switzer, of the Middle School, won first prize in oratory with her essay: "Alcohol a Poison."

"Five little girls sang a chorus, which was" cordially received.

In the contest in the Lower School, Miss Pearl McHenry won first with her essay, "The Race for Life," in which the cigarette was condemned as a detrimental influence.

Rev. Mr. Bennie gave a pathetic sketch, showing the fate of a boatload of careless young folk on Niagara River above the falls, who, through their careless, reckless conduct went to a bad fate over the falls. A pointed lesson respecting the use of intoxicants was impressed.

A piano duet by Miss Gray and Miss Jenn Orr was much enjoyed.

Miss Wilma Stewart won first prize with her essay: "It Pays in Many Ways to be a Sober Workman."

Ross Swackhamer demonstrated the value of anti-alcohol and anti-cigarette posters.

Miss Grace Lanix won the first place in the oratorical contest in her class and was awarded the silver medal.

The judges, Mrs. Harry Malinprize, Mrs. A. T. Brown, and Miss Partridge gave their report, and the list of prizes for the year were announced as follows:

High School
Essays, Middle School, Isabel Switzer; Lower School, Pearl McHenry; Poets, Barbara Guthrie.

Public School
Sr. IV.—Essays, Wilma Stewart, Elwood Johnston; Poets, Phyllis Macette, Henry Levers.

Jr. IV.—Poets, Myrtle Aldred.

Sr. III.—Health Book, Ross Swackhamer, Dora Denny; Poets, Audrey Chalmers, Jack Graham.

Jr. III.—Health Book, Alvena Gibson, Ada Elliott; Poets, Violet Elliott, Ada Elliott, Jean Bennie.

Oratorical Contest—Grace Lanix.
Rev. Mr. Bennie presented the prizes to the various successful candidates.

The generosity of the W. C. T. U. in providing such wide competition in the efforts to impress the pupils with the great evils of the use of intoxicating liquors and cigarettes is much appreciated. It is a practical and generous acceptance of the challenge to moral reformers made by Hon. Mr. Ferguson when he supplanted the Ontario Temperance Act with the Liquor Control Act.

New Equipment Added

Miss Jessie Russell, who has operated The Beauty Parlor for the past four years, last week added a new Sundre standard electric hair dryer to her already ready equipment. This is one of the latest types of machines and will facilitate her work very much.

COMBINED MEETING IN KNOX CHURCH

Of the Presbytery of Guelph, and the Spring Meeting of the Women's Missionary Society—Splendid Session—Over 200 Attend

The Spring meeting of the Presbytery of Guelph of the Presbyterian Church in Canada was held in Knox Church, Acton, in conjunction, as the custom often is, with the spring meeting of the Women's Missionary Society Presbytery of Guelph. A good attendance of the members were present—in number about 45—and a large docket of business was gotten through in the two seditments. The Rev. C. Graham Jones, B. A., B. D., is Moderator, and Rev. E. A. Thomson, D. D., of Elora, is Clerk.

The two most important matters of business, in addition to the usual routine spring business, was the acceptance, with extreme regret on behalf of both the congregation and the Presbytery of the resignation of the Rev. Frederick E. Williams, M. A., B. D., of Hespeler. The other matter of great interest to the congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery was the arrangements for the taking over from the donor—Mr. L. P. Livingston, of Baden—of the splendidly equipped summer camp grounds and buildings situated near Baden. Mr. Livingston has given this to the Presbytery for the use of Young People's Guilds and Sunday Schools and summer camps. The Presbytery of Guelph have made arrangements for a dedication ceremony and a formal handing over of the official papers, to take place on the first of June.

A fraternal delegation from the Halton Presbytery of the United Church of Canada was received at the afternoon seditment of the Presbytery and a resolution of recognition was ordered forwarded by the Clerk of the Presbytery for their next meeting of Presbytery. The members of the Presbytery voiced their praise of their reception by the Knox Church, Acton, congregation, and went on record that the noon day meal that day was the best ever. Six Commissioners were appointed to the General Assembly, which meets this year in Knox Church, Toronto.

The meeting of the Guelph Presbytery of the Women's Missionary Society had representatives from nineteen branches. The district covered by this Presbytery includes Kitchener, Breslau, Waterloo, Galt, Guelph, Rockwood, Campbellville, Eden Mills and other centres in that district. Miss McCrae, of Galt, presided over the gathering.

In words of warm welcome Mrs. W. M. Cooper, President of the Acton Society, greeted the delegates to Knox Church and assured them that the local organization wished them a pleasant and profitable visit at this meeting.

The morning session was taken up with a report of the January meeting, given by the Secretary, Mrs. Sutton. But perhaps the outstanding feature was the splendid address prepared by the Provincial Treasurer, Mrs. Thorborn, of Ottawa, and presented by the President. It was crowded with thought and instilled confidence and energy in the great work that the Women's Missionary Society has undertaken and pushing forward toward accomplishment.

At noon the Acton Women's Missionary Society provided a bounteous dinner for the visitors. Over two-hundred were served at the tables and the ladies of the congregation ably sustained their reputation for excellence in the culinary art.

The afternoon session was featured by a splendid address by Rev. Mr. McKay, of Formosa, a returned missionary. Mr. McKay is a son of the Rev. Dr. McKay, of Formosa, the well-known "black-bearded barbarian," one of the pioneer missionaries of the church in this land, over thirty years ago. First hand information on the need and work being accomplished in the foreign field was given by Mr. McKay and his address proved an inspiration to renewed effort. A vocal duet by Mrs. C. Leshman and Miss Elizabeth Orr was an appreciated musical contribution.

Reports on different phases of the work of the Missionary Societies, both financial and moral, occupied the remainder of the meeting and made an interesting and helpful session, inspiring the representatives of the various branches to renewed effort in the work that was their charge.

An afternoon lunch was served by the ladies before the delegates departed for their homes. The visitors were lavish in their praise of the hospitality of the Acton Society. In very complimentary notes of thanks they expressed their appreciation of the welcome and effort that had been extended in their behalf that had been such an important adjunct in making the session pleasant and profitable.

THE EVENING MEAL DIGESTER

A old-timer says that a fairly good quality of "bootleg liquor" can be made by using the following ingredients: 1 pint sherry, 1 wildcat, 2 galling gum, 3 lb. skunk, 3 lbs. cayenne pepper, 3 lbs. salt, 1 pint sulphuric acid, 4 rattlesnakes, 1 scrap, 6 oz. gm-powder, 1 lb. rusty nails, and 1/2 gallon marsh water. Stir well and set in shade to cool.

News of Acton and the District

Alterations Under Way

Alterations in the two stores of B. D. Raehlin & Co. have commenced this week and the changes are well under way. Business is being carried on in the usual way, despite the extensive alterations that are necessary to make these stores suitable for the new and larger stock that will be carried.

Dogs Must Now Be Tied Up

To-day, Thursday, May 14, is the last day in which dogs may legally run at large, until September 14. By-law No. 602 says: "Every person who permits his dog to run at large in the municipality of Acton, between the 15th day of May and the 15th day of September, in any year, shall be liable to a fine of \$10.00." Keep your dogs tied up for these four months, and you will have no fear of the law. Our citizens, with very few exceptions, have loyally observed this law since its enactment in 1928.

A Thoughtless Motorist's Visitor

On Sunday afternoon some thoughtless motorists visited Fairview Cemetery. They drove over the newly-made ground where the new grass seed is planted and broke down one of the terraces with the wheel of their car. The thoughtless act has ruined a lot of splendid work that will have to be done over again. If motorists on their visits to Fairview cannot manage to keep their cars on the driveways provided, it will be necessary for the Commission to prohibit the entrance of vehicles on the grounds and make all visitors park their cars on Fairview Avenue.

When Two Churches Hold Gatherings the Same Day

The two gatherings in the local churches on Tuesday proved confusing to at least two of the visiting delegates. They were due to attend in the United Church and, however, found their way to the gathering at Knox Church. After a half hour in the meeting and a failure to recognize any of their brethren of the same faith, they spotted the Presbyterian minister from their community and realized their error. They left quietly and found the other church gathering in session and were only a "half hour" late. They regarded the matter as quite a joke on themselves.

New Branch Manager

The Bank of Montreal announces the appointment of James B. Davidson as Manager of its local branch, to succeed L. B. Shorey, who has been transferred to Bobcaygeon, to take over the management of the bank's branch at that point. Prior to his present appointment, Mr. Davidson was "for a year" attached to the Assistant General Manager's Department of the Bank at Winnipeg, to which post he came from High River, Alta., where he had been manager since 1928. He began his banking career at Owen Sound in 1902 with the Merchants Bank of Canada, which is now merged with the Bank of Montreal. He received his early experience in branches in Ontario before going West to become manager of the Trochu, Alta., branch. He was later transferred to Humboldt, Sask., in the same capacity, and then for a number of years he was attached to the Superintendent's Department at Calgary. In 1923 he was appointed manager of the Ponoka, Alta., branch, four years later being transferred to High River. Mr. Davidson has always taken a keen interest in agriculture and in the live stock industry especially. His chief recreation is in golf, hunting and fishing.

The Annual Meeting of the Women's Institute

The Acton Women's Institute held their annual meeting last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. Dobbie, Sr. The meeting opened with the President, Mrs. Lanix, at the chair. The report of the April meeting was read and also the report for the year. The Institute has had a wonderful year and one of which the members are all proud. Some of the things accomplished by the Institute the last year were: Flowers sent to all members and families when sick or at time of death; wreath of flowers for Armistice Day; shield for the Musical Festival; four baskets at Christmas to the needy; also \$10.00 for the McIntyre family, who went back to Nova Scotia. The object for the year has been to erect new cemetery gates, but owing to the cemetery being altered, the work has been delayed. Donations from other societies were received for this purpose. The receipts for the year amounted to \$372.75; expenditures were \$163.70; leaving a balance of \$210.05. In February it was decided to divide the Institute into three groups. These groups, at the end of April handed over to the Institute \$129.55, which is to be used for the cemetery gates. The following are the officers elected for 1931-32:

President—Mrs. E. J. Gumble.
First Vice-President—Mrs. T. Lappin.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. W. Hall.
Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. R. L. Davidson.
Directors—Mesdames Follet, Bell, H. McCutcheon and Wilson.
District Director—Mrs. R. L. Davidson.