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Various Items of Local Interest

Women's Institute Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. Fred McCutcheon on Thursday, June 4, at 2.30. Everybody welcome.

Car Forced Into Tree

While motoring home to Milton, A. A. Armstrong and Harry Coulson met with an accident on the Palermo-Milton highway, when their car was forced into a tree to avoid hitting a motor car which suddenly made a left-hand turn. Mr. Armstrong was slightly injured. His friend, Mr. Coulson, had his left leg so badly injured that he was taken to Galt Hospital. He also suffered other painful injuries. The car was badly damaged.

Presbytery Confirms Transfer

The Presbytery of Guelph of the Presbyterian Church, at a special meeting, held on Wednesday, dealt with the call to Rev. Wm. McCracken, of Rockwood and Eden Mills, from Walkerton. After the delegates had been heard, the Presbytery agreed to grant the translation. The Rev. A. L. Bennie, of Acton, was appointed Interim Moderator of Rockwood and Eden Mills, to declare the pulpit vacant on the first Sunday of June.

Introduction of New Hymn Book

The congregational musical evening in the United Church this evening promises to be an occasion of rare interest. The introduction of the new Hymnary, with hymns therefrom by Mr. and Mrs. C. Franklin Legge, noted church soloists, of Toronto, assisted by the church choir, will give an impetus to the new book. The explanatory address of Mr. E. J. Moore, B. A., who has been closely associated with the work of production of the new book will be interesting.

County Council Objects to Increases

As Burlington is the only town in the County whose High School Board has granted increases in teachers' salaries, the Educational Committee of County Council is asking that the Burlington representative, Deputy Reeve Vanscriver, interview the local Board to express the strong disapproval of the Council for salary increase, especially this year when times are bad. While the increases are permitted by the graduated scale, yet the representative is instructed to ask the Board to rescind the resolution recently passed to provide for increases. Other High School staffs in the County were dissatisfied because of Burlington's action.

Transgressions of the Liquor Control Act

In Acton Police Court here yesterday a Polish resident of Beardmore Crescent was fined $100 and costs of $17.00, and a rooner $20.00 and $10.90 costs for violations of the Liquor Control Act. Five of our English-speaking citizens were discovered by Chief McPherson and Provincial Constable Cookman in the premises of these Polish residents drinking. The house was declared by Magistrate Moore a public place with no liquor privileges after the convictions. W. I. Dick Crown Attorney, prosecuted and Av Leroy Dale acted for the accused. R. Kowalski was interpreter.

Eramosa Pioneer Dead

Robert Everdell, a pioneer resident of Eramosa Township, died at the home of his daughter in Alton. Mr. Everdell, who was in his ninetieth year, was a native of the Township, and spent virtually all his life farming in the Hillsburg district. Despite his advanced age, it was only in recent years that he retired, and since then has lived with his daughters in Toronto, Alton and Port Caldwell. He was married at the age of 21, and this year would have marked his sixty-ninth anniversary. As one of the earliest settlers he also had the distinction of casting a vote in the first election held in Erin. Besides his widow, five sons and five daughters survive.

Church Deacons Honor R. D. Warren

The last issue of the Canadian Baptist gave particulars of a gathering in Walmer Road Church, of very special interest, on Friday evening, May 1, when the Deacons and their wives met to do honor to Mr. R. D. Warren, on the occasion of his retirement from the chairmanship of the diaconate. It was eminently fitting that such happy recognition be given to the worth and service of one whose sterling character, Christian spirit and deep devotion have contributed so largely to the life and work of Walmer Road Church. Following a delightful supper, messages were read from Dr. John McNeill and Dr. Frank Sanderson, expressing regret in not being able to be present and paying loving tribute to the character and service of the guest of the evening. In brief addresses Rev. Dr. Bingham, Mr. Merrill and Mr. J. N. Shenstone joined in the general expression of affection and appreciation. Dr. Tracy, in a highly complimentary address, voiced the loving esteem of Mr. Warren's fellow deacons, and concluded good wishes and high esteem for Mrs. Warren. The Canadian Baptist says: "Mr. Warren's reply evidenced something of the secret of a life and character that have meant much, not only to Walmer Road, but to the entire denomination."

No Appeals for Court of Revision

Assessment Roll is Confirmed—Special Meeting Called to Strike Rate — Two Flags Presented

The fortnightly session of the Council on Tuesday evening had Councillors Hansen and Harrison present and Reeve Mason presiding.

The cigarette license fee of Mrs. Oakley was adjusted in view of the fact that Mrs. Oakley only desired a license for six months and had sold none since November. The explanation given the Council was quite satisfactory and a new license was granted from May 27 for three months.

Manager E. Ryder, of the Baseball Club requested that a new backstop be erected at the Park on the ball diamond. Council decided to comply with the request, as it was felt necessary.

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

G. H. Lantz, labor at Park	$17.50
G. Ritchie, labor on streets and walks	14.70
Mrs. H. L. McDonald, insurance premium	17.00
D. A. Henderson, Park	4.00
Bell Telephone Co., services	11.25
J. Barr, cutting grass at Park	6.30
	$70.75

The report was adopted.

Council then met as a Court of Revision and there was not a single complaint registered against the Roll.

Moved by C. H. Harrison, seconded by C. Hansen, that the Assessment Roll for the year 1931, as prepared by the Assessor and presented by the Clerk, be hereby confirmed by the Court of Revision, there being no complaints against the same.—Carried.

Council agreed to meet in special session on Wednesday, June 3, to go over the estimates and strike the rate for the year.

A letter from the Public Utilities Commission requested that the Council pass a resolution making a salary of $50 per annum to the Commissioners effective from January 1 of this year. The Council felt this matter should be dealt with when all the Councillors were present and the question was left over until another meeting.

A letter from the Secretary-Treasurer of the Curling Club enclosed a cheque for $108, being eighty per cent. of the receipts of the Club for the year 1930-31. The Clerk was instructed to acknowledge receipt of this amount.

A letter from the Lakeside Chapter of the I. O. D. E. gave the Council the intimation that a new flag for the Park entrance had been handed to Chief McPherson. The Clerk was asked to write the Society, thanking them for their gift and the fine community spirit shown.

The Clerk was also instructed to write the Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the I. O. D. E., expressing their appreciation of the gift of a fine new flag for the Town Hall.

The Council checked over a list of taxes and several accounts and some of which were deemed uncollectable were written off.

The Girl Guides were given use of the Town Hall for their concert on Friday evening in aid of the camp fund.

Chief McPherson and Chairman Hansen, of the Streets and Walks, were empowered to order the gravel that was necessary for repairs on the roadways.

BOWLING AND TENNIS SEASON

Was Officially Opened In Acton Last Evening—Citizens' Band Was In Attendance—Tournaments to be Arranged

If the official opening of the Tennis and Bowling grounds for this year is any prophecy of the favor that these two games are to enjoy in Acton the enthusiasts of the games are going to have a splendid season. The bowling greens and the tennis courts were crowded with the players who greatly enjoyed the evening at the games.

Acton Citizens' Band paraded from the Band Hall and under Bandmaster Mason gave a splendid programme at the Club grounds during the evening. The streets adjoining the grounds were lined with cars and spectators and about the grounds many visitors enjoyed the privilege of strolling about and watching the games.

At the conclusion of the games the ladies provided a delicious lunch of sandwiches and steaming coffee and the event proved a splendid social time for all interested in the fine recreation centre to get acquainted and make plans for the season. A mixed tournament is arranged to be held on Monday evening and announcement of this event was made last evening by Rev. Mr. Bennie.

Throughout the season various tournaments will be arranged and games between neighboring centres played. The tennis courts and bowling greens were never in better condition for playing and under Manager Fred Helm will be kept that way all season. Membership tickets may be secured from Mr. F. Salt. The scale of fees for the season is gentlemen playing $3.00 and associate $2.00; ladies playing $2.50 and associate $1.00 and junior tennis players $1.00.

SIR HARRY BRITTAIN, K. B. E., C. M. G., LL. D.

Acton's Distinguished Guest of the Week

Sir Harry Brittain, First Member of Parliament for Acton, England, Honors Our Town with a Visit

Sir Harry Brittain, K. C. B., C. M. G., LL. D., of London, England, who was honored with election as the first member to represent the newly-formed borough of Acton, in Middlesex County, in the British House of Commons, in 1918, and for eleven years continued in that position, made a delightful visit to Acton this week. For years Sir Harry has entertained very kindly feelings for this Canadian Acton of ours—the prototype of its more venerable and important British town—and he has taken pains to cultivate the acquaintance and fellowship of our citizens.

Sir Harry arrived in Acton on Monday morning from Detroit, and for two days was the guest of Judge and Mrs. H. P. Moore at Moorecroft. He avowed very freely that his primary object in visiting Canada on this occasion was to visit his friends, Judge and Mrs. Moore, and to get acquainted with Acton, the Canadian town in which he was greatly interested. After walks and drives through our streets and tree-lined avenues, visiting the Park and Arena, viewing the bowling green and tennis courts, our homes and gardens, our public buildings and churches, our manufacturing concerns and High and Public Schools, Sir Harry said, with manifest satisfaction: "Now I know your Canadian Acton and admire it very much. Your tidy streets, well-kept lawns, and pretty homes, your trees and flowers everywhere, your busy factories and your general air of prosperity are charming to me. Your water is delightful and your blossom-laden air spells good health for all. I shall never forget this visit to your Acton, of whose history I have been long acquainted, and with some of whose citizens I have for years had a warm fellowship."

Interrogated by his host as to whether he would enjoy a visit to the Ontario Agricultural College and Farm, and to the Ontario Reformatory at Guelph, Sir Harry promptly replied: "No, sir. I came to visit Acton and my friends here, and much prefer getting well acquainted with your institutions and environments here to any visit made for seeing the cattle, and hogs and butter and cheese at Guelph, or visiting the prison you refer to."

Sir Harry was greatly interested in our manufactories, several of which he visited and inspected critically the various processes required for the production of the finished goods for which Acton has become famous.

He also visited the schools, and after an introduction to Miss Bennett, the Principal of the Public School, asked permission to address the scholars. A delightful address followed and the pupils fell at once in love with the British Knight who manifested so keen an interest in them and their studies and their future.

One of the places of interest visited by Sir Harry was the Town Hall. He was quick to observe the old English oak shield, bearing the official crest of Acton, England, which he had presented, through Judge Moore, to Acton Municipal Council some five years ago, which adorns the front wall of the auditorium. This was executed by a leading artist in London, and has always been admired and appreciated.

On Monday evening an informal reception was tendered Sir Harry at Moorecroft, where representatives of our municipal and county institutions were invited to meet and spend the evening with Acton's distinguished visitor. A delightful evening was spent. Sir Harry expressed his great pleasure at having the opportunity of meeting the people of Acton and of the county who were present, gave interesting information of the English Acton, and its activities and characteristics and declared himself to be charmed with what he had seen of the Canadian Acton and its people. Brief addresses followed from the Warden, Reeve Mason, Mrs. Havill, Chairman of the Board of Education, Councillor Harrison, Judge Munro and County Crown Attorney Dick and the host of the evening.

Sir Harry expressed the regret that Lady Brittain was unable to accompany him to Acton, as they both desired, but her responsibility as leader of the great musical festival, held in Albert Hall, London, on May 15, rendered this pleasure impossible.

On Tuesday evening a Government limousine arrived at Moorecroft to convey Sir Harry to a dinner in his honor at Government House. He was the guest of the Albany Club during the few hours he could remain in Toronto before proceeding to New York.

Sir Harry came to America on the first of May to attend the International Chamber of Commerce Convention at Washington, as representative of the London Chamber of Commerce. At its conclusion he spent a week in New York. Most of his time there was occupied in investigating the newest creations in aeroplanes. He is a great student of aeronautical machinery, and is, in fact, interested in the manufacture of air machine engines through his connection with the Napier & Son's works at Acton. He flew from Washington to New York, and from New York to Detroit, and would have come to Acton by similar conveyance, had there been an air line this way with a landing station at Acton. At Detroit Sir Harry made many trips in the newly-invented autogiro, a flying machine which rises almost vertically and descends straight down to any desired objective.

Born in 1873, he was graduated with the degree of B. A. from Oxford in 1896, with honors in law, and was called to the Inner Temple in 1897, though he never took up active work as a barrister. In 1898 he received the degree of Master of Arts from Oxford. 1902 he became a member of the staff of the Evening Standard, and in the same year, pursuing his dominant ambition, he founded the Pilgrims' Club, gided in this by Lord Roberts, in London, and several Americans on this side.

There are two branches of the club, one in London, the other in New York, with membership limited to 750. To be counted in either branch is considered a great honor and privilege, for the club seeks for membership men of distinctively international mind who are anxious to contribute to deeper friendliness between the cousins across the sea.

Sent to the United States in 1915 by the British Government, on a good will mission, Sir Harry went as far west as Detroit, and since that time has been keen to revisit the city, particularly as here he found some of the warmest sup-

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Acton Wins at Baseball Again

Defeat Oakville by Score of 6-4—Acton and Milton Head the League With Two Games Played—Meet on Saturday

Acton captured their second game in the County League on Saturday when they came through with a 6-4 score and should have won by a bigger margin but for the ninth inning rally of the boys from the south end of the county when they brought in two runs in that frame. The game was a good exhibition of ball and both teams playing close. The sensational play of the game was the running catch of Post, the right fielder for Oakville. Although he went to his knees to catch the ball, and rolled over, he had the ball in his hand when he came up. A cool west wind kept a bigger crowd from attending but as the season advances undoubtedly the fans will be out in full force.

Acton led in the scoring right from the first innings, getting their first run, while in the fifth three more were added to the score. Oakville did not break into the scoring until the fourth innings was reached. The Acton boys were superior at the bat and took Brown's offerings for a ride quite frequently. Barker, for Acton, held Oakville down until the ninth innings, when Chalmers went in and finished the game.

The following is the box score:

OAKVILLE

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Fletcher, cf	3	0	1	3	0	0
Wilson, lf	5	1	1	3	0	0
Jinks, ss	5	0	0	0	4	1
Lyon, c	4	1	0	4	0	0
Thomas, 3b	4	1	1	1	0	0
Coxe, 2b	4	1	2	0	1	0
Horsin, 1b	4	0	0	8	0	0
Brown, p	4	0	0	4	4	0
Post, rf	3	0	0	2	0	0
Williamson	1	0	0	0	0	0
	37	4	5	24	9	1

ACTON

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Walters, 3b	5	1	3	0	2	0
Holloway, 1b	4	0	1	12	0	0
Terry, ss	2	2	1	2	3	1
Waterhouse, cf	4	0	1	0	0	0
Anderson, c	4	0	0	0	4	0
Tyler, rf	4	1	1	0	0	0
Lelshman, 2b	4	1	1	0	1	0
Cripps, lf	4	1	1	1	0	0
Barker, p	4	0	1	3	2	0
Chalmers, p	0	0	0	0	1	0
	35	10	6	27	13	1

Summary—2 base hits, Thomas, Walters, Tyler, Barker, Holloway; 3 base hits, Waterhouse; struck out, by Barker in 8 1-3 innings, 8; by Brown, 4; hits off Barker in 8 1-3 innings, 3; off Chalmers in 2-3 inning, 2; off Brown, 10; walks, by Barker, 1; by Chalmers, 1; by Brown, 2, left on bases, Acton 6, Oakville 4.

Elsewhere in the League on Saturday, Kilbride was defeated by Georgetown by a 9-7 score, and Milton ran wild at Bronte, and ran up a score of 21-1 against that town. On the holiday Milton played their postponed game against Oakville and won by an 18-0 score; and Georgetown and Bronte did not play and are, therefore, one game behind in the schedule.

The following is the League standing at present:

Team	W.	L.	P.C.
Acton	2	0	1.000
Milton	2	0	1.000
Georgetown	1	0	1.000
Bronte	0	1	.000
Kilbride	0	2	.000
Oakville	0	2	.000

The games next Saturday are: Acton at Milton; Georgetown at Oakville; and Bronte at Kilbride; and after that date there is bound to be a change in the League leadership, and Manager Ryder says it's not Acton's turn to change seats.

SPORT SQUIBS

Various Notes on Sports Popular in Acton and the District of Interest to the Fans

Acton goes to Milton for their game with the County Town, and the boys are out to win from last year's champions.

From the Walkerton Herald we learn that "Hozo" Kells has been imported to Oakville for next year's hockey team. The question arises, when is an import not an import? We presume the answer is when he is already imported, or was during the games in which Acton played against Oakville last year. Bill Hancock, of Walkerton, we learn from the same source, will coach the Oakville team this year. Now we know why the Oakville fans were not so well acquainted with their goalie in the first game last year.

The Burlington Gazette used a column and a half last week to tell the Halton County League representatives that with the exception of Georgetown's pair, they were "poor sports." It reminds one of the story of the old lady who watched her John march by with the troops and remarked, with excitement: "Look! All the regiment is out of step except my son, John!"

News of Acton and the District

Sr. I. O. D. E. Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the I. O. D. E. will be held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Hall, Brock Avenue, on Tuesday evening, June 2, at eight o'clock.

Sale Realized Nearly All Cash

Speaking of a lack of cash in business these days, the shortage is apparently not in every part of Ontario. At a credit auction sale held near Emmottville, in Nichol Township, on Tuesday, over three-quarters of the proceeds were paid in cash on the day of the sale, and young cattle and calves brought good prices.

Find the Three To-day

The citizens of Oakville on Tuesday, by a vote of 224 to 3, sustained a by-law to grant a fixed assessment for a period of ten years to the town's newest industry, the Heaters of Canada Limited. Work has already started on the new plant, and will now be rushed to completion.

Burlington Post Office Damaged by Fire

Considerable damage was done to the Post Office at Burlington Monday afternoon when a fire was started by a burning match which was dropped into the mail box by two small boys. The full extent of the damage will not be estimated until it is found how much mail was damaged. About 50 boxes were destroyed near the front of the building, and one window was entirely burned out.

Twin Goslings

From Nassagaweya comes the story of a freak of nature and the hatching of six goslings from five eggs. There were five goose eggs set under a hen, and one of the eggs hatched twin goslings, which were dead when hatched. The egg containing the twins was pipped, the same as the other eggs, but, the thunderstorm a day or so before they were hatched is given as the reason for the twin goslings being dead.

Brampton Council Dispenses with Indemnities

Brampton Town Council voted unanimously to dispense with the indemnities of $5 a member per meeting, which was passed early in January. Payment of the fees to the Council members earlier in the year, for the first time in history of the town, created a storm of protest and the Council decided that the elimination of this sum from the budget would help in keeping the tax rate down.

The Queen's Birthday

Victoria Day was loyally observed by Actonians on Monday. Although the morning dawned dull and cloudy and a nice shower gave everything a good soaking, before noon the sun was shining brightly and the afternoon provided beautiful weather fit for a queen's birthday, and a full enjoyment of being out-of-doors. Citizens spent the day quietly, many of them taking the opportunity to do repairing and improving about the homes and at other homes visitors and friends were entertained. Fishing was popular with many—in fact so popular that no large catches were reported.

The County Liberal Rally

The Liberal Rally at Milton on Thursday evening of last week attracted a crowd that packed the Princess Theatre and had an overflow meeting of between two and three hundred in the Town Hall. Quite a number from Acton and the district were in attendance. The speakers of the evening were Provincial Leader Mitchell Hepburn, M. P., and Dr. Donnelly, M. P. These speakers were introduced by Thos. L. Blakelock, M. P. P. for Halton, and Hon. Nelson Parliament. The Chairman for the evening was Mr. Paul Fisher, President of the Halton Liberal Association. During the evening Mr. Galloway, of Milton, contributed a couple of solos.

Two New Flags Presented

Proudly and in beauty the two new flags presented to the town during the week floated from their respective masthheads on Empire Day and the Queen's Birthday. They presented a decidedly attractive appearance. They were presented on the eve of Empire Day—both of them to the town—one by the Duke of Devonshire I. O. D. E., to float over the Town Hall; the other by the Lakeside Chapter, I. O. D. E., as their contribution for the loyal decoration of the Band Pavilion at Acton's beautiful park, whose shores are washed on three sides by the limpid waters of Fairy Lake. A new spirit of loyalty is being impressively taught these days by the intelligent reverence for the flag in the activities of the Daughters of the Empire, the Girl Guides, the Boy Scouts, the Tuxis Boys, the Trail Rangers and the Canadian Girls in Training. In all of these the dear old flag of our country is given an important place in their programmes.

—A splendid local entertainment for a local purpose is the Girl Guides' concert, in the Town Hall to-morrow evening.

All Public School Staff Are Re-Engaged

Teachers Express Willingness to Co-operate Under Present Conditions—Two Vacancies on High School Staff

At a special meeting of the School Board last evening Trustees Mrs. B. M. Wilson, J. M. McDonald, Jas. Hudson, Wm. Norton and Rev. P. A. Sawyer were present and Mrs. Havill presided.

Miss Anderson addressed the Board as a member of the delegation of teachers. Miss Anderson expressed the feeling that an explanation was due, other than the Secretary's brief letter, and the reduction was rather discouraging. Miss Orr also felt that an explanation would be creative of better harmony between the Board and teachers. Miss McMillan also addressed the Board and felt that five of the teachers having this reduction were due an explanation. She explained that after years of experience she felt better qualified and yet was asked to accept a lower salary.

Mrs. Havill, as head of the Board, explained that the reduction was not due to any dissatisfaction with any of the teachers, but owing to decreased earning power of the ratepayers who were paying the salaries and a reduction in grants. The five Teachers were chosen because they bore no responsibility in maintaining homes in the community. She pointed out the reduction was not in keeping with other decreases that other citizens had been obliged to accept. The teachers pointed out the circumstances under which they were living and had felt no reduction in the cost to them of living conditions.

Mr. Hudson explained that as he understood the question that no dissatisfaction was felt but the reduction was simply owing to decreased revenues. He hoped the teachers would take the reduction in good part.

Miss McMillan explained that the teachers had noticed no reduction in living expenses. The teachers were called upon and willing to bear their burden of maintaining philanthropic work in organizations in the community and were expected to maintain their full share.

Mr. J. M. McDonald was proud of the teachers' record. Expenses were to be met and the funds were not available to meet these. There was no intention of hurting anyone's feelings and he hoped the teachers would look at it in the same light as the Board had been forced to view it. It was an unpleasant duty to make a decrease and he hoped the teachers would view the matter in the light of present circumstances. He would personally make the statement that if the grant came up he would do all in his power to see that teachers were re-imbursed. He was proud of the staff and the work they had accomplished.

Rev. Mr. Sawyer was in accord with the sentiments expressed and pointed out the reluctance with which the Board had found this decrease necessary. He hoped the teachers would see the matter as the Board had been forced to view it.

The teachers all thanked the Board for their kind explanation and were quite satisfied. They expressed their willingness to continue to carry on their work and were willing to co-operate in every way to make the school a success.

A resolution of thanks to the teachers for the spirit in which they had accepted the reduction and the spirit of helpfulness shown in carrying on the school work in the face of present circumstances was unanimously passed by the Board.

The teachers expressed their complete satisfaction of the explanation and their appreciation of the interview accorded them by the Board and assured them that the reduction in salary was compensated for by the knowledge that the services of the past had been found satisfactory and the subject of praise.

A letter from Miss Farrington, Principal of the High School, accepted re-engagement at the present salary. A letter from Miss Nephew stated that she would be unable to accept since she was leaving the teaching profession. She wished the school every success in the future.

Letters from Miss M. Z. Bennett, Mrs. M. R. Moore, Miss D. Folster and Miss Barbour all accepted re-engagement at the salaries stipulated. The staff of the Public School for the year, therefore, remains intact the same as last year.

The Secretary was instructed to advertise for teachers for the vacancies on the Continuation School staff after consulting with Miss Farrington, Principal, as to the division of subjects.

The report of the annual meeting of the Festival Association was left over until a future meeting and points of the convention discussed informally.

THE EVENING MEAL DIGESTER

He had proposed. She tossed her head haughtily.

"You," came the scornful reply, "you want to marry me?"

"Yes," murmured the lover.

"But, my dear boy," she went on, "you've only known me three days."

"Oh, much longer than that, really," he said, "I've been two years in the bank where your father has his account."