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Halton County Annual Judging Competition at Milton on Saturday

Prizes Awarded to Young Men and Women in This Annual Event—Trips to Chicago and Royal Winter Fair Among Awards—Programme Concluded with Largely Attended Banquet in the Evening—Warden A. Mason Presides.

Saturday, June 6, was a red letter day for the agricultural residents of Halton, it being the occasion of the Annual Judging Competition held in the County, followed by a banquet at Knox Church, Milton. It was expected that the Hon. T. L. Kennedy would be the guest of honor at the banquet, but at the last minute word was received that he was unable to be present, owing to an unexpected engagement with Major W. J. Macpherson, Minister of Agriculture for the Dominion. While disappointment was felt at the absence of the Hon. Mr. Kennedy, an appreciative welcome was accorded his substitute, Mr. M. C. Macpherson, Assistant Director of Agricultural Representatives, Toronto. Mr. Amos Mason, of Acton, Warden for Halton County, officiated at the banquet. The guests were present from almost every part of the County. The County Council was particularly well represented, about twelve members being present.

The judging competitions were the largest ever held in the County, there being 51 boys taking part and 68 girls. Although the weather was not at all favorable, it did not succeed in dampening the keen spirit of competition among the contestants. One feature among the boys was particularly gratifying, and that was the keen and intelligent interest taken by them in the actual judging, the reasons given by the judges and the discussions among them from time to time.

Parade visited were: Trill Farm, Palermo, General Greenley, Herford cattle; Joseph Howard, Palermo, Holstein cattle; Joseph Woodcock, Milton, Hampshire sheep; and the farm of the late Donald Robertson, for Clydesdale horses and Yorkshire swine.

The girls' classes were especially gratifying, both in numbers and quality of competition. Particularly noticeable was the spirit of interest manifested in the coaching classes held previous to the competitions and without doubt the number of competitors would have been greater had the weather been more favorable. Considerable credit is due to Miss Betty Wallace, Toronto, for the very able manner in which she conducted the coaching classes and the girls' competitions. The judges for the girls were Miss Eadie, of the Institutes Branch, Toronto; Miss Grey, Miss Rowe, Mrs. Shoney, and Miss Alma Wise.

For the boys, gentlemen in charge were Messrs. H. J. Rogers, Newmarket; L. Kerr, York County; R. G. Hanbury, Dufferin County; C. Stewart, Wentworth County; and C. Macpherson, Toronto. The results of the girls' competitions were announced by Miss Wallace, assisted by Miss Eadie in the presentation of prizes. Prizes given were silver tea service, silver rose bowls, silver sandwich trays and an additional prize of \$40, given to the highest boy and girl as part payment of their expenses to attend the Boys' and Girls' Conference, to be held in Chicago this fall at the time of the Chicago Live Stock Exhibition, at which there will be representatives in Ontario, and also from other provinces in Canada.

The trip to Chicago was won by Marjorie Harbottle, Mount Nemo. The free trip to the Royal Winter Fair was won by Mabel Shephard, Freeman; Neulagh Inglis, Campbellville; Louise Ruddell, Georgetown; Alice Hume, Milton; and Laura Prudham, Campbellville.

The Inter-Township Trophy, donated by Halton Branches of the Bank of Toronto, and presented by Mr. McNeill, Milton, was won by Nelson, who made up of Misses Harbottle, Shephard and Harris.

Prizes in other departments were: Nutrition—Eva Chisholm, Milton; Mrs. Sullivan, Bronte; Lillian Spence, Campbellville.

House Furnishing—Annetta Huffman, Freeman; Ella Swacock, Milton; Jean Smith, Burlington.

Clothing—Ella Harris, Campbellville; Frances Cudmore, Milton.

Mrs. H. A. Girtwright, who has been largely instrumental in having the Women's Institute for Halton County finance the trip to Chicago, very appropriately presented the award to Miss Harris, and Mr. John Atkins, editor of the Oakville Record, presented his special award to both boy and girl of the highest standing of a cheque for \$10, for which the winner, on return, must write an article for publication on "My Impressions of My Chicago Trip."

BOYS' PRIZES
These prizes were equally attractive and as eagerly competed for. The highest boy in each section received a large permanent trophy, with its replica in miniature. All of these trophies were new this year and were presented by the following public-spirited men throughout the County: The late Donald Robertson, Milton, for horses; Duncan Campbell, Moffat, beef cattle; D. H. C. Mason, Georgetown, for dairy cattle; Warden Amos Mason, for sheep; H. Blacklock, M. P. P., Oakville, for swine. These trophies were all presented personally by their donors to the winners.

News of Acton and the District

United Farmers' Clubs Picnic
The United Farmers' Clubs will hold their annual picnic at Edgewood Park, Eden Mills, on Saturday, June 13. Will your lunch baskets and come and enjoy an afternoon's sport. Everybody welcome.

Attended Halton Convention
The Women's Institute Convention for Halton was held last Friday in Georgetown. Members of the Acton branch who attended were: Madames Gamble, Hill, Agnew, Davidson, Gardner, Nobis, Hall, MacIntosh, Donny, J. J. Stewart and Juckie.

To Graduate from University
On Tuesday the results of Toronto University, in the Household Economics department, were announced. Among the successful students was Miss Helen Cox, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Cox, of Acton, who was in Class II, and has completed her course and will graduate this year. The Pass Papers along with other Acton friends in congratulating Miss Cox on her success.

Acton Woodmen Entertain Visitors
On Tuesday evening the Acton Lodge of Woodmen of the World entertained sixty visitors from Toronto and ten from Milton. The degree team from Toronto exemplified the degree very carefully and several new members were initiated into the Order. At the close of the lodge business session a social time was spent and the wives of the members of the Acton Lodge served lunch and dainty refreshments.

Charged with not Turning Over Baseball Money
R. S. Tomlin, of Toronto, appeared before Police Magistrate Moore at Milton on Monday, charged with theft by conversion, and was committed for trial.

Over 1,200 Voters in Acton
The Acton voters' lists for 1931 were completed on Tuesday and posted up in Clerk Yarnner's office on that day. They have been made as complete as possible, but twenty-one days are given for the ratepayers to inspect the list and make sure that their names appear correctly and they are on the list. The list has a total of 1,207 names of voters eligible to vote in Acton.

Funeral of Late Donald Robertson
The funeral of Donald Stewart Robertson, one of Milton's esteemed citizens, who died suddenly in Calgary, Saturday last, while on a business trip to the West, was held in Milton yesterday afternoon. He was one of the largest ever seen in Milton. After a private service at the home, on Martin Street, a public service was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, which was crowded. The service was conducted by Rev. J. N. McPaul, assisted by Rev. Mr. Watson, of Toronto. The honorary pall-bearers were: Dr. D. E. Robertson, J. G. McCannell, M. Moore, H. Northey, of Toronto; W. P. Gamble, Guelph; W. F. Dwyer, Dr. H. A. McCall and W. F. Dick, of Milton. The active pallbearers were: five sons, Stewart, Duncan, Alexander, Donald, Ernest and a nephew, Leonard Robertson, of Chicago. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Milton.

The Allan-Johnston Wedding
At 3:30 on Saturday afternoon, "Bumside Farm" was the scene of a pretty June wedding, when Florence Martha, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Johnston, was united in marriage to Edwin Chester Allan, son of Mrs. Allan and the late John Allan. The Rev. Mr. Poole officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a white chiffon dress. Her veil of white net was caught with a wreath of orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of sweetheart roses and pink carnations. The flower girls, Miss Ruby McPherson, niece of the groom, and Miss Eileen Johnston, sister of the bride, wore pink celanese dresses and carried baskets of pink and white carnations. The wedding march was played by Miss Beatrice Pearen. During the signing of the register, Miss Ruth Gibson sang "Blossoms." A delightful tea was later served to over fifty guests, the room and tables being daintily decorated in pink and white. Afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Allan left on a motor trip along the St. Lawrence. The bride travelled in a brown printed silk dress and weed coat, with hat, shoes and other accessories to match. On their return they will reside on the farm, concession three, Brn.

SCHOOL PROMOTIONS
Pupils of Acton Continuation School Who Are Promoted as Result of Lower School Examinations

FORM I TO FORM II
M. Arnold, H. Campbell, M. Chalmers, M. Chisholm, D. Clarridge, D. Cox, M. Currie, M. Dennis, I. Plovers, A. Gibbons, D. Guthrie, B. Harrison, D. MacArthur, P. McHenry, V. McMullen, J. Nicol, Howard Norton, H. Skilling, A. Sprawl, E. Swackhumer, G. Switzer, B. Taylor, W. Watson.

FORM II TO FORM III
C. Bauer, M. Cross, L. Hall, T. Hansen, H. Hayward, C. Mackie, G. Molozzi, M. Near, Harry Norton, M. Rossell, I. Wylie.

Third Form promotions are dependent on the results of the D. Departmental Examinations.

Supplementary examinations in Form I—Algebra and French. Form II—French and Latin will be held early in September.

M. C. PARHINGTON,
Principal Continuation School

Ontario Memorial Plant is Sold

To Kilvington Bros., of Toronto, Who Will Add New Equipment and Expand

An important business transaction in Acton was completed on Tuesday when the final details were consummated and the sale of the plant of the Ontario Memorial Company in Acton was made to Kilvington Bros., of Toronto.

For the past two years the plant has been operated by a group of local business men who were interested in keeping industries in an active state in the community. They have found, however, that their own business activities would not allow of the dividing of their attention and the sale of the plant was made.

Mr. H. Kilvington, of Toronto, was engaged at the first of the present year as General Manager of the plant, and retained an option on purchasing at the end of a year. Mr. Kilvington has since expressed a desire to make the purchase and the present sale has been carried out. The former Board of Directors, J. W. Jones, President; J. Leitchman, Jas. McMillan, A. Mason, Secretary-Treasurer, Acton, and Chas. W. Wilcox, Hamilton, resigned from their positions on Tuesday and a new Board was formed, with Mr. H. Kilvington, President, and Miss Jessie Young, Secretary-Treasurer.

The new proprietors will continue to operate under the same name, Ontario Memorial Company. They will remove the machinery of the present plant in Toronto to the Acton factory and intend to add more equipment and extend their operations. The premises in Toronto will be maintained as a show room for the products of the company.

At the present time over twenty skilled mechanics are being employed here and these will be added to as the consolidating and enlarging arrangements are completed. The new sliding and extension of the electric crane over the railway tracks are part of the immediate additions that are to be undertaken.

Messrs. Kilvington are men of wide experience in the cut stone business and under their guidance the Acton plant will undoubtedly expand and continue to be a greater asset in the industrial life of the community. To the local men who have devoted so much time in the forming and carrying on of the present company and keeping up Acton's record of not having a deserted factory in the town, great credit is due. Messrs. Mason has been untiring in his efforts to make this enterprise a success and to him and his associates the community is indebted for the maintaining of this industry and the securing of able successors who are in a position to make the factory a real asset.

The Monthly Meeting of the Women's Institute
The monthly meeting of the Acton Branch of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. J. Wilds on Thursday last. With the President, Mrs. Murray, occupying the chair, the meeting opened with the Maple Leaf, followed by the Lord's Prayer. The roll call was answered by some well-known proverb. The following programme was given: Reading, Mrs. Nelson McLaughlin; solo, Miss Jessie Orr; paper, Mrs. George Gomer, instrumental duet, the Misses Jessie and Mabel McGregor. A bean contest followed, which was won by Mrs. McEachern. The meeting closed with the National Anthem, after which Mrs. Murray and members on the first line served lunch.

The Public School Report for May
The Last Report of the Term Prior to the Final Examinations

Senior Fourth
Eileen Breen, 406; Beatrice Bristow, 394; Phyllis Mackie, 387; Blanche Smith, 377; Helen Lamb, 373; Roderick Ryder, 372. Total 500.

M. Z. Bennett, Principal.
Senior Third
A Class—Norman Braldo, 577; Alice Taylor, 556; Annie Evans, 551; Elma Braldo, 549; Roy Hansen, 507; Hazel McDevold, 505.

B Class—Wilma Hansen, 568; Mary Pappillon, 537; Jack Graham, 535; Norman Scarrow, 495; Agnes Chisholm, 493; Irene Darby, 484. Total 500.

D. Poulter, Teacher.
Junior Third
Annie Holmes, 454; Frances Dills, 411; Bill Nicolak, 410; Uerlen Tholpelt, 398; Margaret Smith, 377; Violet Elliott, 375. Total 550.

M. Orr, Teacher.
Senior Second
Address Weaver, 422; Jack Hollinger, 410; William Weaver, 404; Doris Mann, 402; Eva Turkock, 401; Charlie Taylor, 397. Total 588.

J. Anderson, Teacher.
Junior Second
Rhino Braldo, 421; Helen Simpson, 421; Beatrice Taylor, 417; Nino Braldo, 392; Francis Pappillon, 390; Norman Wright, 390. Total 500.

A. W. MacMillan, Teacher.
First Class
Mae Honey, 220; Joe Sigmond, 205; Tom Watson, 201; Harry Savage, 200; Dorothy King, 198; Walter Sigmond, 190. Total 250.

Jean Orr, Teacher.
Senior Primer
A. Class—Kenneth Hlow, 294; Jean Chapman, 289; Margaret Hodgins, 288; Polly Dorly, 287; Hen Onew, 287; Leonard Lambert, 264. Total 330.

B. Class—Lorna Dunn, 290; Alberta Chew, 286; Doris McMullen, 244; Norman Gidney, 242; Harold Simpson, 238; Mary Marx, 235. Total 310.

M. O. Odert, Teacher.
Primary Room
Senior Class—Doris Weaver, Evelyn Keenier, Beatrice Woods, Melissa Harris.

Intermediate Class—Frances Murdock, Jimmie Gidney, Lorne Masters, Frances Lamb.

M. R. Moore, Teacher.

Various Items of Local Interest

Saddle Horse for Toronto Police Force
Last week Mann Bros., Acton, sold one of their fine saddle horses to the Toronto Police Force. The van from Toronto called on Tuesday to transport the animal to the city. Mann Bros. have supplied several saddle horses to Toronto purchasers during the past few years.

Three Schoolhouses Robbed Near Milton
Some time between Friday night and early Monday morning thieves entered No. 12 schoolhouse, Nelson Township, and Nos. 7 and 8 schoolhouses, Trafalgar Township, and stole money, a clock and other valuables, and threw brooks all over the floor. Provincial Constable Cookman, of Milton, is investigating.

U. F. W. O. Meeting
The monthly meeting of the U. F. W. O. was held at the home of Mrs. Wesley Murray on Tuesday afternoon. This meeting took the form of a quilling bee. With the President, Mrs. Murray, occupying the chair, the meeting opened with the Maple Leaf, followed by the Lord's Prayer. The roll call was answered by some well-known proverb. The following programme was given: Reading, Mrs. Nelson McLaughlin; solo, Miss Jessie Orr; paper, Mrs. George Gomer, instrumental duet, the Misses Jessie and Mabel McGregor. A bean contest followed, which was won by Mrs. McEachern. The meeting closed with the National Anthem, after which Mrs. Murray and members on the first line served lunch.

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Box Car Occupants Captured
Two girls, dressed in men's clothes, and four men, were captured last Thursday afternoon by Chief Constable Kerr and Constables Roger and Barnes, at Oakville, following a two-hour chase by motor car, speedboat and on foot. About two o'clock in the afternoon Chief Kerr received advice from railway authorities that a number of men and two women, dressed as men, were in a box car on the Hamilton-Toronto O. P. R. train. The girls were dressed in men's clothes, and had had hardly pulled to a halt, before the occupants of the box car spotted the police and made a dash for safety. They were about twelve of them, and they scattered in every direction, giving the police a merry chase. Some rushed into Sixteen-Mile Creek, necessitating the use of the speedboat in the pursuit. Those caught and held on charges of vagrancy were: Two teenage girls giving their home address as Hamilton; Joseph Boyd, Niagara Falls; Thomas Bartlett, Haultain; John David; and B. Doyonowski, Hamilton.

Acton Girls Graduate from St. Joseph's, Guelph
Sixteen nurses received their diplomas at the annual graduation exercises of St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, held in the Collegiate Vocational Institute auditorium, last Friday night. A gathering of several hundred attended the ceremonies, which were featured by an address by Rev. Father Monaghan, S. J., Rector of St. Stanislaus Jesuit Novitiate. The diplomas were presented to the graduates by Dr. H. O. Howitt, while Dr. W. V. Harcourt presented the class plus. Members of the graduating class were: Sister Mary St. Paul, Sister Mary Clothilde, Irene M. St. Marie, Clifford; Margaret Aitchison, Elora; Eileen Harrett, Alma; Greta Mary Waether, Walkerton; Myrtle M. Gainer, Arthur; Margaret E. Hoyle, Gananogou; Marguerite Goodill, Alma; Muriel G. McComb, Acton; Pearl A. Norris, Drayton; Lois A. Malone, Toronto; and Thelma M. Hannpond, Margaret T. Dugan, and Anna M. Savage, of Guelph. Among those from Acton who attended the graduation exercises were: Miss M. Z. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. R. Anderson, Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Nelson, Mrs. A. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. McPherson and Miss Dorothy McPherson, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Dills, Mr. J. H. McComb and Misses Lorna, Kathleen and Audrey McComb and Miss Merki, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Matthews and Miss Helen Ostrander, Mr. Wm. Harrop, Mrs. W. J. Patterson, Miss Fern Brown and Miss Anne MacDonnell, Waterloo.

A Tax Rate of 49 Mills Adopted by By-law for Year

Several Members of Council Express Willingness to Forego Remuneration for Year—In View of Circumstances Utilities Commission Motion for Salaries Not Passed by Council.

At the regular session of the Council on Tuesday evening Councillors Harrison, Theford and Hansen were present and Lucie Mason presided.

The twelfth report of the Finance Committee recommended that the following accounts be paid:

Acton Public Utilities Commission, street lighting	\$144.75
Acton Public Utilities Commission, Town Hall	2.60
Acton Public Utilities Commission, fire pump	.83
Acton Public Utilities Commission, Arena	4.92
Acton Public Utilities Commission, pump house	19.24
DeForest Bros., work at Arena	2.00
Toronto-Guelph Express Co., cartage	7.36
F. McCutcheon, cartage	13.80
Highway Garage, supplies	14.92
Toronto Asphalt Co., supplies	42.00
N. F. Moore, repairs, Town Hall and Park	1.60
Mrs. H. I. McDonald, insurance premium, Arena	268.20
Edwards & Co., re charity	3.84
W. J. Patterson, supplies	1.20
Acton Pass Papers, printing	125.30
Acton Pass Papers, advertising etc.	39.80
Robert Anderson, cutting grass	2.40
John Barr, work on Park and streets	4.80
Advance to Cemetery Board	1,308.10
	\$2,065.25

The by-law striking the rate for the year was given the required number of readings and passed by the Council. The details of interest were the following rates for various purposes: 7 mills for street lighting; 50 mills for Fire Library; 8 mills for waterworks; 3.50 mills for all other purposes, making a total of 49 mills.

The by-law makes the taxes payable on September 15 for the first instalment, and November 15 for the second instalment, with the usual fourteen days grace before the penalty is added.

An account from St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, for an indigent patient, was ordered to be forwarded to the County Council for adjustment.

The matter of drainage from the new premises of the creamery was left for investigation by Councillor Hansen and Chief McPherson.

The matter of erecting a backdrop for the baseball diamond was left to be dealt with by the Chairman of the Park, Dr. Nelson.

Messrs. H. J. Kerr and L. G. King, Public Utilities Commissioners, were present to explain the request of the Commission regarding the remuneration. The matter of salary had been brought up a couple of years ago, and then not considered again until this year, when J. Harrison had inaugurated such a plan. He pointed out the efficiency with which the Commission was functioning and the amount of work that involved and collection of moneys in their care. The remuneration would be met from Hydro funds and not from the tax rate.

Mr. King also outlined the matter, as he understood it, and explained details in connection with Hydro policies. They were not begging for the \$50 amount and were willing to abide by the decision of the Council. He felt that the amount would make no difference to the taxpayers or the Hydro consumers.

The Reeve suggested that a frank discussion of the matter be held and all the points were brought out and informally dealt with.

A special meeting of the Cemetery Board and the Council was arranged for Thursday night of next week.

Moved by C. Harrison, seconded by C. Hansen, that while it is recognized that the members of the Public Utilities Commission are rendering very valuable service, and undoubtedly merit payment, in view of the present economical depression, the salaries of the time of year, and the fact that certain members of the Council have declared themselves to be willing to forego their own salaries, the Council cannot see their way clear to passing a resolution approving the payment of a salary of \$50.00 a year to the members of the said Commission. It is, however, the view of the Council that the whole matter of salaries should be further considered at a later date.—Carried.

A letter from the Acton Citizens' Band, regarding the annual grant was laid over until the next meeting to be read and dealt with then.

A letter from the Girl Guides expressed the thanks of this organization for the use of the Town Hall for their concert.

THE EVENING MEAL DIGESTIVE

"Dad, did you go to Sunday School when you were a boy?"
"Yes, my son, I always went to Sunday School."

"Well, Dad, I think I'll quit going; it isn't doing me any good either."

June 11, 1931

Mr. R. M. MacDonnell, Acton, Ont.

This is a young, experienced man teacher broadcasting in hopes some School Board will pick up the broadcast and consider it. I feel fit to teach mathematics, science and the boys' physical training. So turn your dials and listen to what I may say. It may not be worth your time but then again it may.

I hold a first class certificate, a special one in physical culture and have enrolled to take a special course at Toronto this summer. Surely these qualifications, along with my experience, make the "tree of standing" lean in my favor, do they not?

I can do present teaching science, mathematics, English and the language with a marked degree of success. Ask Mr. MacDonnell. If my success in teaching not only in Public School but in Continuation work, has been real or not. However, it has been my aim to teach a Continuation School ever since I was graduated at Normal School. My real home is at Acton, Ontario. I may say with sincerity that I like the work and am a hard worker. At least they have said that about me here.

is only a small place in Northern Ontario, miles from my home.

Finally, I may state that a salary of twelve or thirteen hundred dollars will be quite satisfactory and that I belong to the Church, say motto is, and always will be, "Your best at all times," and is there anybody that can beat that? Well, what do you say about hiring me, Mr. MacDonnell, for the coming year and let me show you my ability. I am sure you will not be making a mistake.

Yours for ever,

Out of the pile of letters half a dozen or so were finally chosen as being the best fitted for the position and the Secretary was instructed to get in communication with these immediately in order of choice, offering their engagement on the Acton staff.

Canada's Census Under Way
From Cape Breton to Vancouver Island, and from Lake Erie as far north as north goes, Canadians are being counted. The seventh decennial census of the Dominion of Canada is being taken. Enumerators will cover an area greater than that of the United States, including Alaska. Speculation as to the number of people in Canada at the present time is, as yet, mere speculation. The first Dominion census, taken in 1871, showed a population of 3,689,257. Ten years later the population was 4,324,810. By 1891 it had increased to 4,933,239, and by 1901 it numbered 5,371,315. The census of 1911 showed a jump to 7,308,643, and that of 1921 totalled 8,788,483. The taking of a Canadian census has a romantic as well as a practical interest for the rest of the world, because it was Canada which initiated the modern census idea and took the first modern census. That was in 1640, under the French regime, and the total inhabitants at that time numbered 375.