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A Selection of News Items

A Local Play

"The Clay's the Thing" is the title of a three-act comedy that is being presented by Actondale U. F. Y. P. O. in the Town Hall here next Wednesday evening. The cast are all local characters and the event will undoubtedly have all the attraction that attends local plays. The Church Choir will be in attendance and the proceeds are to be devoted to relief and charity purposes.

Thanks!

The telephone at the Customs Office in Acton has been re-instated again this week, and those who find it necessary to transact business at this office are pleased that this necessity has been restored. While it is readily granted that economy must be practiced wherever possible, the convenience of a telephone in the Customs Office could not be termed a luxury, and all will be pleased that the order has been reconsidered.

Fire in Trafalgar Factory

Fire of unknown origin did \$200 damage to the premises of the Trafalgar Rubber Co., a mile east of Trafalgar Village, on the Dundas highway, on Saturday about 10 p. m. The fire was discovered by Joseph Szynski, an employee at the factory. The blaze was first discovered in the roof of the boiler room. The arrival of the Oakville Fire Department, which was notified by T. O. Ted Kyle, of Cooksville, prevented the blaze from spreading to the remainder of the building.

Special Feature at the Gregory Theatre

"Over the Hill" will be the special feature at the Gregory Theatre tomorrow (Friday) night. A cross-section of a family, "Over the Hill," tells a double story of romance and love. It deals with the drama, the comedy, and the pathos of a mother and her growing brood. It depicts the dearest and the victories of a young couple starting life in a hard and hostile world. James Dunn and Sally Eilers, as the young lovers, give the finest performances of their careers in the new film. Mae Marsh has surpassed her work in "The Birth of a Nation" and "Intolerance." Returning to the screen after twelve years of motherhood in real life, she gives one of the finest mother performances in the history of the screen.

Funeral of the Late George Ritchie, Sr.

The funeral of the late George Ritchie, Sr., was held last Thursday afternoon, and was widely attended by friends from Acton and elsewhere, who had held him in high esteem. The service was conducted by Rev. H. L. Binnie, M. A., of Knox Church, Acton. The pallbearers were Messrs. Jas. Dobble, T. A. Morton, R. M. McDonald, W. M. Cooper, H. A. Wray, and W. R. Kenney. Among the floral tributes were a pillow from the family; wreaths from Andrews family, Milton; Mr. and Mrs. T. Ritchie, Durham; Halton Chapter R. A. M. George; Mrs. Sprays from Willie and Eva Ritchie; and Mrs. Ritchie. Friends from a distance who attended the funeral included Mr. T. Ritchie, Mr. C. Ritchie, J. Ritchie, W. Ritchie, M. Ritchie, B. Ritchie, Mrs. C. Howell, Mrs. S. Ritchie, Miss Freddie Ritchie, and Miss C. Ritchie, Mr. and Mrs. Blythe, all of Durham; and Mr. and Mrs. William McLean, of Milton; Miss M. Woodhall, of Toronto; Misses Hazel, Ethel and Isabel Andrews, of Milton; Mrs. Chas. McDowell and Mr. Chester McDowell, of Milton.

The Local Legion Remembers Vimy

Last Saturday evening the local Post of the Empire Service League met to commemorate the fifteenth anniversary of Vimy Ridge. W. D. Talbot had very kindly loaned a wireless set and the boys listened to the Toronto-Bangers play-off for the Stanley Cup. President McDonald then called the twenty-five or thirty present to order and said: "Comrades, fifteen years ago, at 5:30 this morning, we were waiting for the zero hour. It came and we went over the top. There are those who are still over there. Let us rise and with bowed heads remember them for one minute." The coffee cups were filled and the King's health was drunk. A lunch of biscuits and cheese was then partaken of and the evening combined with music and song. With Comrade Salt at the piano, some Comrades sang solos, who we had not heard sing before. George Green with the song, "My Little Red Westie," was particularly good, and we hope he will wear it again some time. Comrades Fred Wright and George Green sang a duet, "The Campus Boys," and Ben Bayliss sang "Sergey Brown" and "Where the Sunsets Turn the Ocean's Blue to Gold." Cribbage was played by some, euchre by others, and the song and music went on. Strange to say we did not hear "The Long, Long Trail," or "Tipperary," but then we left early and no doubt the repertoire was sung many times before the end. We do not know when was the end, but we hear that the coffee pot was not returned to its owner until 4:50 a. m. the next morning—One of the Old Brigade.

Labor Rates Set by Esqueuing Council

For Township Work This Year—Clerk's Salary is Set at \$650 for Year—Accounts Passed

The Esqueuing Council met at Stewart's on Monday, pursuant to adjournment. Deputy Reeve W. G. Appelbe, Councillors L. L. Mullin, Wesley Murray, and N. A. Robinson, present. Reeve George Currie in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer was, upon motions, instructed to pay the following accounts:

Bell Telephone account	\$ 4.90
Hydro-Electric Power Commission, Brampton, lights at the Council Chamber, 3 months	5.49
Board of Hydro Commissioners, street lights at Glenwilliams	52.00
Dr. R. Learmont, for blood testing cattle	6.00
A. W. Benton, to goods for charity	7.53
J. H. Smith, 1 cord of wood for charity	3.59
Joseph T. Marchmont, to goods for charity	8.07
I. M. Bennett, to goods for charity	8.09
W. Nesbitt, to goods for charity	11.93
J. G. Farlow, account to date for goods for charity	98.36
Thos. McBride, 3 bags potatoes, for charity	1.20

Moved by Wesley Murray, seconded by W. G. Appelbe, that leave be granted to introduce a by-law to amend By-law No. 763, and that said by-law be now read a first time.—Carried.

Moved by L. L. Mullin, seconded by N. A. Robinson, that by-law to amend By-law No. 763, having been read a first time, be now read a second and third times and passed and that the salary of the Clerk shall be \$600.00 per annum, and that the Corporate Seal be attached thereto.—Carried.

Moved by W. G. Appelbe, seconded by Wesley Murray, that the following rate of wages be paid during 1932: For man, with team, 45¢ per hour; for man, 20¢ per hour; for man with tractor, \$1.80 per hour.—Carried.

Moved by N. A. Robinson, seconded by L. L. Mullin, that the Treasurer pay James McIsaac amount, overpaid on 1931 taxes, \$1.35.—Carried.

Moved by L. L. Mullin, seconded by N. A. Robinson, that the Clerk be instructed to advertise for tenders for crushing, elevating into bin and hauling material per yard per mile, for the year 1932. Material to be crushed 14 inch and 3/4 inch. For further information, apply to Road Superintendent or Reeve. All tenders to be in the hands of the Clerk by April 26, 1932.—Carried.

Moved by L. L. Mullin, seconded by N. A. Robinson, that the Treasurer pay the road sheets as presented by the Road Superintendent, \$109.73.—Carried.

The report of Dr. Paul, M. O. H., with regard to the premises of all those supplying milk in Glenwilliams, was read and discussed.

Moved by N. A. Robinson, seconded by L. L. Mullin, that this Council do now adjourn, to meet on Monday, May 9, at 1:30 p. m.—Carried.

Acton and District

Esqueuing Barn Struck by Lightning

A disastrous fire took place early last Friday morning, when lightning struck the new large bank barn of Haseneker and Asbeck at lot 19, concession B, Esqueuing, near Glenwilliams. When the fire was first noticed, about 3 a. m., the whole structure was a mass of flame and it was impossible to save anything in the building. Eight horses, 30 head of cattle, forty pigs, hens, etc., together with the implements which were all new, 3,000 bushels of barley and other grains from two years' crops were all totally destroyed. Messrs. Haseneker and Asbeck purchased the farm from Dr. McAndrew a couple of years ago and were making good headway when hit by this very heavy loss, which is only partly covered by insurance.

A \$200,000 Swindle

A swindle, believed to involve more than \$200,000, in which residents of three Western Ontario Counties were defrauded, has been unearthed, the police allege, with the arrest yesterday of Francis Byles, 52. Byles is in jail in Goderich on a charge of false pretences, and will appear in court Thursday. The information for his arrest was sworn to by John A. Cramer, of Brussels, who claims he was defrauded of \$1,250. Byles was taken to Goderich from Toronto, where he was in custody. According to official finger print records, which have reached there, he has served terms for fraud in both Toronto and Montreal since December last. The scheme employed in the alleged swindle was a supposed large-scale dairy merger. Byles is said to have secured options on numerous creameries, and to have made substantial payments on them. Last December he vanished from the district. The police report it was latterly discovered large blocks of stock had been sold on the supposedly projected dairy merger.

—C—ming! Just what you have been waiting for! A J. I. O. D. E. Euchre and Dance, on April 26. Held in the Parish Hall.

Acton to Secure \$20,000 Bequest from the Estate of J. A. Murray

Will be Invested on Suitable Securities for the Present Time—Band Requests Assistance in Securing Quarters—Auditors' Report Ready for Ratepayers—Daylight Saving Informally Discussed by Council—Special Meeting for Tax Arrears.

At the meeting of the Acton Council on Monday night, Councillors Cowie, Jones, Nicol and McArthur were present and Reeve George Barber presided.

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

Ritchie & Agar, coal for pump house	\$30.45
Bickle's Fire Engine Co., supplies	15.80
F. McCutcheon, cartage	1.60
John Mellon, charity for transients	3.00
ACTON FREE PRESS, printing Auditor's Reports, etc.	86.13
Hugh McCutcheon, wood for the Town Hall	4.00
Mrs. H. L. McDonald, premium, Treasurer's Bond	12.00
W. D. Talbot, rack	1.40
Acton Public Utilities Commission, services	203.12
Jas. B. Adamson, services	2.00
R. M. McDonald, refund for relief	1.00

Total \$360.37

The report was adopted.

A letter from the Department of Militia pointed out that according to the agreement the Corporation must erect all partitions and equipment, and they therefore felt they were not responsible for the repairs to the roof. Dr. Buchanan was present to explain the situation, and pointed out that the leak in the roof was not where the partition was erected. Other repairs were needed to the chimney for these quarters. The Reeve and Councillor Nicol were appointed a committee to make the repairs as soon as possible.

A letter from the Royal Trust Company stated that they were in a position to pay the full legacy to the Corporation of \$20,000 from the estate of the late J. A. Murray. The Clerk had written, asking the Trust Company the terms under which they would handle the amount for the Corporation. The Trust Company enclosed the agreements necessary to be signed before the moneys were paid over to the Corporation. The agreement would be operative from May 2. The Council objected to the payment of the interest in advance to Mrs. Murray, as specified in the agreement.

The Junior I. O. D. E. requested free use of the Town Hall for an event calculated to raise funds for charity. Councillor Nicol pointed out that this organization had done a good deal for the community and the improvement of the hall and he favored granting the request. The Reeve and Mr. Jones believed that other organizations had paid for the hall. No other organization, it developed, had paid when the proceeds were for charity. It was felt that all those requesting the hall should come before the Council personally.

Moved by J. Nicol, seconded by G. Cowie, that the Junior I. O. D. E. be given the use of the Town Hall for their concert and dance, free of charge, provided that proceeds thereof be devoted to charitable purposes.—Carried.

A delegation from the Acton Citizens' Band interviewed the Council regarding the securing of quarters for the band. They suggested that a room be fitted up at the Arena for this purpose, over the ticket office. The insurance and other features were objected to by the Council. It was finally agreed that the Band get an estimate and the Council clear up their angles, if possible, and the committee meet the Council at the next meeting, to go into details and see what arrangements could be made.

An Unusual Position

With more money in the municipal treasury than it can spend, Dundas is in a unique position and, unlike most Councils, the representatives of the town are worrying about finding ways and means of disposing of the cash. Recently, A. L. Shaver, M. P. P. of North Westport, made a second appeal to the provincial authorities for funds, and yesterday was advised that an additional grant of \$10,000 had been approved. It was stipulated, however, that the moneys must be spent before May 1. Numerous improvements have been suggested, and officials are busy trying to get some of the schemes under way that the unemployed might benefit. When the end of the month is reached the town will not be permitted to draw upon the unexpended balance.

—Be sure and be there—Euchre and Dance, held by the J. I. O. D. E., in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, April 26.

SALVATION ARMY SELF-DENIAL EFFORT

We again are calling on your assistance for to help our missionary work, social work and the upkeep of homes for the poor and needy.

In one of our institutions a man entered and on entering into a conversation we found this man was a leading man in one of the large cities of Canada. We gave him the help needed and paid his fare home. This is one of many cases the Salvation Army helps. We are relying on your generosity. Our collectors will be around in a few days.

to deal specifically with the arrears of the tax roll.

The Clerk was instructed to have the usual Tax and Public Health notices inserted in The Free Press.

The matter of daylight saving was informally discussed by the Council, but no action was taken at this meeting.

The Clerk pointed out the change in the Municipal Act, allowing villages the same powers as towns and cities in the governing of hawkers and peddlers. The Clerk was instructed to prepare a by-law dealing with this question and submit it for approval at a later meeting.

Printed copies of the Auditors' Report were made available to the Councillors at this meeting, and are now ready for ratepayers.

Burglary at the Public School Bldg.

Basement Was Entered and Tools Used by the Janitor Were Stolen—Chief McPherson Investigating

At the monthly session of the School Board on Tuesday evening, with Trustees M. B. M. Wilson, Dr. A. J. Buchanan, Rev. P. A. Sawyer and J. P. Scarrow were present and Chairman J. M. McDonald presiding.

Mrs. M. R. Moore was present to discuss with the Board details concerning the Musical Festival in Milton. The transportation of the scholars to this event and the arrangements for teachers to supervise pupils were dealt with and settled upon. There will be over a hundred pupils from Acton Schools taking part in this event. Trustees Dr. Buchanan, Rev. P. A. Sawyer, Mr. Scarrow and J. M. McDonald were appointed a committee to arrange the transportation.

The caretaker had reported to the Secretary a list of articles that had been stolen from the basement of the school. The stolen articles were all janitor's tools. The matter was reported to the Chief of Police and was being investigated by him. Entrance to the building had been secured by breaking a window in the basement.

Rev. Mr. Sawyer reported as the Board's representative on the Free Library Board and gave details of the meeting, which concerned the School Board.

The Finance Committee, in their fourth report, recommended payment of the following accounts:

C. N. Railway, freight on coal	\$186.80
Ritchie & Agar, fuel	18.00
Acton Public Utilities Commission, light and water	16.16
G. H. Ritchie, teaming	28.00

Total \$248.96

The report was adopted.

The Chairman reported regarding delinquent pupils, whose cases had come to the attention of the Board. By resolution the Board sanctioned the action that the Chairman had seen fit to make in the cases.

Moved by J. P. Scarrow, seconded by Mrs. B. M. Wilson, that the regular pay of the supply teachers at the Public School be and is hereby \$4.50 per day, superannuation deducted.—Carried.

The care of the trees set out for re-planting at the school was asked to be called to the attention of the janitor and ascertain how many would need re-planting.

The resignation of Trustee James Hudson, who had removed to Kitchener, was received and read by the Secretary. The Board instructed that the Secretary write Mr. Hudson a letter of appreciation of his services on the Board. The letter was ordered to be filed.

Various News Items

Women's Institute Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Acton Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Gamble, on Thursday, April 7. The President occupying the chair, the meeting opened with singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," followed by the Lord's Prayer. The roll call was answered with "A Gem from a Scotch Poet." The Institute, who are always helping, decided to hold a euchre and dance in the Town Hall for relief purposes. Mrs. Wapshaw, of Kincardine, spoke a few words to the ladies. A paper, "The Village Gospel," was given by Mrs. Lantz. The contest was won by Mrs. Lantz and Mrs. Davidson, the consolation prize going to Mrs. Alex. Bell. The meeting closed with the Mizpah Benediction, after which the ladies enjoyed a social time.

Lowville Store Destroyed

About 10:30 Sunday fire of unknown origin, but believed to have been caused by an electric motor which operated the refrigerator in the cellar, destroyed the general store and attached residence of N. Koella, at Lowville, Nelson Township. About \$300 worth of stock, from the store, and a few pieces of furniture from the house, were saved. The Milton Fire Brigade answered a telephone call for help, but when the firemen arrived the flames were beyond control. Mr. and Mrs. Koella were attending service in the church nearby when the fire broke out. Service was at once dismissed, and the members of the congregation helped to fight the flames. A large sum of money, the proceeds of Saturday's business, which was in one of the drawers of the dresser in their bedroom, went up in smoke. Total loss is estimated at \$25,000, with insurance of \$10,000. On May 29 last Mr. Koella's barn was destroyed by fire, and a few days ago his truck and a load of eggs were destroyed in an accident.

THE EVENING MEAL DIGESTER

"I suppose," queries the flinty city boarder, "that you hatch all these chickens yourself."

"None," retorted Farmer Penfold, "we keep hens to look after them details."

Various Items of Local Interest

Splendid Social Evening

The dance last evening under the auspices of Actondale U. F. Y. P. O. was one of the most largely attended that has been held in the Town Hall, in Acton this year. The Triple-O Orchestra, of Toronto, supplied the music. A splendid social evening was enjoyed by the young people and it was described by many who attended as one of the most friendly gatherings.

Three Cars in Motor Mishap

On Sunday evening, three cars figured in a motor mix-up on the highway, about three or four miles west of Acton. Two of the cars collided and were put to the ditch. The third car figured in the accident when it was unable to stop on coming on to the other two cars on the highway. None of the occupants were seriously injured but the auto was pretty badly damaged. Chief McPherson, of Acton, investigated.

Storms Wash Shore Away

The lakeshore, south of canal in Burlington Beach, which was reclaimed a couple of years ago at a considerable cost by the Dominion Government, has practically been washed away during recent storms. Residents claimed that had a breakwater been erected to protect the shore, as advocated, the bathing beach at that point would have been ruined. As it is, the beach here attracts a large number of outside bathers during the summer months.

Daylight Saving Dates Elsewhere

With the municipalities in Eastern Canada, which have definitely announced their daylight-saving dates for 1932, the most popular period is from May 1 to September 25. Cities and towns already decided to run their clocks an hour ahead of Standard Time between these dates include Halifax, N. S., Quebec, Chicoutimi, Three Rivers, Sherbrooke and Montreal, Que., and Ottawa, Toronto and Port Colborne, Ontario. Other dates announced for daylight saving in Ontario are as follows: Peterborough, June 11 to September 5; St. Catharines, May 14 to September 24; Welland, April 24 to September 5; Niagara Falls, June 5 to September 11; and Sudbury, May 15 to September 11. Several other municipalities will go on daylight saving but have not yet set the dates. New York City dates for daylight saving this year are April 24 to September 25.

Children's Aid Society

A large number of complaints have been received during the winter months, with forty-seven investigations, many due to the lack of employment of the wage earner. It is impossible to take action under the Children's Protection Act in the majority of these cases, as the object of the Society is to keep families together in their own homes. Assistance is given when possible to improve home conditions. Four children have been committed to the care of the Society, two permanent and two temporary. Four wards placed in foster homes. Twenty-three children under the care of the Society in the Shelter at present time. There are a number of fine boys in the Shelter, ranging in age from five to ten years, we need your assistance in procuring homes, where they will have the care and affection which is their just due.—C. F. Thompson, Inspector Peel and Halton Counties, Milton, Ontario.

Mock Trial at the United Church

The meeting of the Young People's Society on Monday evening was in the form of a trial, when the United Church was tried for not fulfilling her missionary duties. The meeting was in charge of the Missionary Committee, and much credit is given to this committee for the splendid programme. The court, room setting of the platform and the costumes worn by those participating added much to the interest of the programme. The prosecuting and defending attorneys and clerk of the court entered first; the judge then took his place and the court was called to order. The prisoner was brought in by the constable, and the charge stated. The prosecuting attorney called five witnesses and they were cross examined by both attorneys as was also the prisoner. Many interesting facts regarding the missionary fields and the work of the church were given. The attorneys addressed the court, giving their reasons clearly in each instance, as to what they felt should be the fate of the prisoner. The judge, in his address, spoke of the evidence and summed up the case to the effect that the prisoner, the United Church of Canada, is on suspended sentence. Those taking part in the trial were: Judge, Mr. E. H. Vincent; defending attorney, Mr. J. J. Stewart; Crown Attorney, Mr. Arthur McKeown; Clerk of the Court, Mr. Will Johnston; Prisoner, Mr. Norman Gibson; Constable, Mr. J. C. Matthews; witnesses, Miss Christian, Miss Ruth Gibson; New Canadian, Miss Sabra Nelson; Japan, Miss Kitty Savage; China, Miss Velma Murray; India, Mrs. Bert Mowat.

Eramosa Council in Regular Session

Passes Appropriation for Road Expenditures—Improvements at Memorial Plot—Claims for Damages

The regular meeting of the Eramosa Township Council was held on Monday, April 11, in the Town Hall, Rockwood. Councillors Albert Lush, J. A. Stewart, Sims McLean and D. H. Storey were present.

In the absence of Reeve Adam Wood, the high sickness, and on motion of Messrs. Lush and Storey, Sims McLean was elected Chairman.

On motion of Messrs. Lush and Stewart, the wages for Township work were fixed as follows: Man and team, 40 cents per hour; laborers, 17 1/2 cents per hour.

A by-law was introduced by Messrs. Stewart and Lush, appropriating moneys for road purposes, as follows:

Construction	\$ 2,500.00
Bridges	1,500.00
Supervision	600.00
Maintenance	10,400.00

Total \$15,000.00

The by-law received the customary readings, was passed, and numbered six. Two claims were received for damage to cars while travelling on the second line, near Eden Mills. No action was taken.

The owners of the Eden Mills hall applied for tax relief, and were advised that no action could be taken, except at Court of Revision.

Several cases of relief were dealt with, some were deferred for investigation.

The painting of guns, seats and flag pole at the Memorial Plot was authorized, under the supervision of Mr. Wm. Harris.

The question of using crushed gravel for the 1932 season was discussed and action deferred until a fuller survey of the situation could be made.

Accounts amounting to \$593.66 were passed for payment.

Council adjourned, to meet in the Town Hall, Rockwood, on Monday, May 9, at 1:00 p. m.

FARMERS' MASS MEETING

Held in Town Hall in Acton Was Largely Attended—Interesting Lecture and Debate Are Features

A largely attended mass meeting of the farmers of this district was held in the Town Hall at Acton on Monday afternoon. There were about 250 present, and a splendid meeting in discussion of farm problems was held.—Mr. A. G. M. Bruyns was the Chairman of this gathering.

The purpose of the meeting was to deal with the question of securing lower rural telephone rates and deciding whether or not farmers should organize more extensively, and if so, how.

The Chairman opened the meeting, and then called on Mr. C. O. Plank, Secretary of the Telephone Committee, to give the history of the movement and inform the meeting of the progress made so far. Mr. Plank reported clearly and efficiently the work done, stating that the committee had three visits from officials of the Bell Telephone Co. from Toronto, Kitchener and Guelph.

Mr. Bruyns gave an address on "The Road to Prosperity Leads Through the Farm." Mr. Bruyns, in his usual comprehensive and clear way, showed a thorough knowledge of the existing economic conditions in Canada, and other countries of the world. He reminded his audience that almost every class of people in the world were organized thoroughly, except agriculturalists, and in some cases paid high membership fees, and also an entry fee. Even boot-blacks paid a membership fee of five dollars.

"Agriculture versus the rest of the world," Mr. Bruyns stated. "Organization is absolutely essential for the salvation of the farmer and thus bring about prosperity for the classes who are suffering great depression today."

An interesting feature of the meeting were addresses in the form of a debate, "Does the U. F. O. Fill the Bill," given by Mr. D. A. Russell, Acton, attacking the U. F. O., and Mr. H. Hannan, Toronto, Educational Secretary of the U. F. O., on the defence. These addresses were good and at times quite delighted the audience, judging from the applause given.

Mr. J. J. Morrison, Toronto, General Secretary of the U. F. O., also gave a short address.

The Chairman put the question, Will we organize? The answer came decidedly, Yes. The second question was, Within or without the U. F. O.? The answer came almost unanimously within the U. F. O. The plan of procedure now is for all farmers to join the local U. F. O. Clubs and where none exist, to form new clubs and reform and build up the U. F. O. into an efficient agricultural organization.

It was decided to hold the telephone question over till the organization is up to full strength and thus co-operate with the rural subscribers over the whole Province.