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All Fairs to Receive Same Grant from the County Council

Account for Milton Transients is Reduced by Half and Municipality Will Now be Assessed Fifty Cents per Head for its Boarders—\$63,827.56 is the Estimated Cost for Construction and Maintenance of County Roads for the Year.

(By Free Press Special Representative)

After an interval of six weeks, the Halton County Council met in the Court House, Milton, on Tuesday, April 28.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and special communications were also read.

Members present were Messrs. Duncan Campbell, J. Blain, Hall, Cleave, Peir, Barber, Appelbe, Currie, Brecken, Robinson, Morden, Hewson, and Harris, with the Warden, Reeve Readhead, in the chair.

Reports of the Standing Committees were read, and considered in Committee of the Whole, with Reeve Blain in the chair.

Mr. John Irving addressed the Council in respect to the bill for Milton transients lodged in the County jail, which provoked a lively discussion. Mr. Irving agreed that the town of Milton would be quite willing to pay a reasonable charge, but the Milton Council were of the opinion that the charge of seventy-five cents was exorbitant.

Mayor Syer corroborated the opinion given by Councillor Irving, and added that in view of the concessions and advantages which the town of Milton allowed the County, the County should, therefore, give some consideration to the town of Milton. Mayor Syer stated that they were often troubled with transients from other districts, and he always did his best to get them to move on before night.

Mr. Robinson: I can quite understand transients being anxious to get to Oakville before night, and I think, Mr. Syer, that at seventy-five cents you are getting off mighty lucky.

Mayor Syer suggested that, if the amount for which the County had billed the town of Milton be cut in half, then they would be willing to pay it.

It was finally moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Morden, that the County accept the offer of the town of Milton to pay fifty per cent. of the cost of the account, as rendered, for the housing of transients for 1931, and that a charge of 50 cents per head per day be made for future transients for every twenty-four hours or portion thereof. Carried.

Mr. Robinson, Chairman of the Education Committee, submitted his report, and recommended that the balance of the various High Schools be paid as follows for the year:

Burlington	\$13,963.35
Oakville	11,362.90
Milton	10,676.38
Georgetown	3,783.47
Guelph	1,387.25
Stratford	513.96
Rockwood	168.75
Brampton	791.86
Waterloo	1,860.66
Cooksville	65.08

\$44,583.38

We also recommend Acton Continuation School be paid \$2,654.34, being the cost of education of County pupils, and the levy on Acton, for High School purposes, less the amount paid to Guelph Collegiate for Acton pupils, 3,783.47.

We recommend that Mabel Farrington, of Acton, be re-appointed to the Georgetown Entrance Board.

The matter of grants to County fairs was again brought up, and, as usual, resulted in a heated discussion. The majority of the Council, led by Mr. Currie, were strongly against Milton being given a larger grant than other fairs, and a motion was finally carried, giving a grant of \$75 to each fair, payment to be made the first of September, on condition that the various fairs continue.

The matter of the Campbellville station was brought up. The station had recently been put in charge of a caretaker, instead of a stationmaster, as a means of cutting expenses for the C. P. R., and was causing considerable inconvenience to the public in that district. The County Clerk was instructed to write to the Railway Board for further particulars.

A grant of \$300 for the year 1932 was allowed the Agricultural Representative. The Good Roads Committee, in their report, said that an inspection had been made of all the County roads on April 19 and 20, and found the roads in very bad shape, owing to the fact that there had been no snow during winter and the frost went down more than usual. The estimates for the year were carefully considered, and a total of \$63,827.56 was thought necessary for the construction and maintenance of the County roads for 1932.

The Committee also recommended that a rate of one mill be raised for County roads.

Mr. Smith, County road engineer, addressed the Council in regard to the estimated expenditure. "Conditions have changed," said Mr. Smith. "What constituted a good road years ago, does not do so to-day. From the day a road is constructed the cost of maintenance becomes necessary if you would have your roads kept in good condition. A certain amount must be paid out from time to time and

A Selection of News Items

Euchre and Dance

The Women's Institute will hold a Euchre and Dance in the Town Hall on April 29, for relief. Euchre sharp at 8.15. Admission 25c.

U. F. O. Meeting

The U. F. O. will hold their regular meeting in the Parish Hall on Friday evening, May 6, in the form of a progressive euchre party. All members are urged to be present. U. F. O. and U. F. W. O. cordially invited.

Fire in Eden Mills Store

Fire of unknown origin caused damage to the extent of \$200 or \$300 in the store of N. S. Marshall, at Eden Mills, on Tuesday afternoon. Neighbors helped to beat out the flames, which started in boxes of glassware. The interior of the store was not damaged to any extent, but the stock suffered considerably.

Musical Recital

Last evening the parents of the scholars who are participating in the County Musical Festival event next week, had the pleasure of hearing the children give a recital of the numbers which they will sing and play in Milton on Friday, next week. The programme lasted about two hours and was presented in the Town Hall auditorium. It provided a delightful evening for those privileged to be present.

A Social Evening

The Acton branch, Canadian Legion, entertained the Lorne Rifles (Scottish) at a euchre and dance at their club rooms last Friday evening, the eve of St. George's Day. At euchre the lady's prize was won by Mrs. Charles Gribbon, of Toronto; the gent's prize going to Mr. John Locker, of Rockwood. A dainty luncheon was served and dancing was enjoyed until the wee sma' hours. Music for dancing was supplied by the Melody Serenaders.

Claims to Eliminate Deadly Fumes

Jacques Gosselin, of the Quebec Provincial Department of Labor, believes that he has discovered a process of eliminating carbon monoxide, produced by gasoline motors. About five years ago, Mr. Gosselin was near death, a victim of the deadly fumes, and ever since that time he has been working on his invention. The inventor claims that his device, an electrical apparatus which can be placed on any gasoline motor, has worked efficiently on several occasions when he locked himself in his garage with the motor of his car running. He emerged from the experiment each time without the slightest trace of sickness.

Band Holds Social Evening

The members of Acton Citizens' Band were entertained last evening at a social function at the home of the President, George Bishop. A splendid evening of cards was enjoyed in which the "bass" section of the band trimmed the "lead." Following this lunch was served and an hour spent in discussion of the band's plans for this season. The securing of new band quarters at the Arena delighted every member of the organization, and in this new practise room it is felt the band can make real progress. Arrangements are under way to hold a rehearsal in the curling room at the arena until the new room is made ready and the first rehearsal will be held on Monday night. The thanks of the band for the splendid time provided was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Bishop and George by Bandmaster A. Mason, and the band seconded the motion by the singing of "They Are Jolly Good Fellows."

An Unusual Operation

Many friends here are anxiously watching the condition of Mrs. Hubert Mann, who underwent an unusual operation in the Groves Memorial Hospital in Fergus. Mrs. Mann is a daughter of Mr. Thos. Burt, Lake Avenue, Acton, and spent her girlhood and young womanhood days in Acton, prior to the removal of Mr. and Mrs. Mann to Fergus. Latest available reports from the hospital indicate a gradual improvement in Mrs. Mann's condition. On Monday morning of last week, Mrs. Mann, who is the mother of a week-old baby son, suffered a stroke which caused complete paralysis of one side of the body. Her condition becoming critical, Dr. A. W. Groves, Fergus surgeon, decided to attempt an operation, which so far as can be learned is the first of its kind. With the permission of her family, he sought to remove the cause of the stroke—a blood clot deep down in the brain—by trephining the skull. The method is sometimes used to draw off blood following a fracture of the skull, but in this case the doctor had to work through the brain in order to reach the seat of the trouble. By careful measurement he calculated the position of the clot, bored a hole in the skull and working through a tube, guided a needle between the brain cells, and tried to puncture the blood clot. The results following the operation are being watched carefully by all the medical profession. Friends here will hope to see Mrs. Mann restored to health again.

A Visit to the East By Newspapermen

When the Ontario-Quebec Division of the Weekly Newspaper Association Met in Montreal

Last week upwards of an hundred weekly newspaper publishers gathered at the Mount Royal Hotel in Montreal, in convention. Among them was the editor of THE FREE PRESS. Many people inquire why do you go to conventions, and imagine it is for the good time to be had. Of course every gathering has its social features and good companionship. But there are not the outstanding features an allurement to conduct a convention. To be equipped to conduct a newspaper requires more than the purchase and operation of machinery. It is at the conventions that newspaper men learn of the development of other places and keep in touch with new ideas that are constantly being forwarded. Possibly a brief synopsis of this equipment session would be of interest to our readers.

Two very interesting periods consisted of a discussion of problems that confront the publishers of weekly newspapers. They were sort of round table conferences, in which the gathering exchanged their ideas concerning their problems. Mr. Hugh Templin, of Perrygo, gave his impressions of what the newspaper of 1932 would be like, and a member from Quebec, Mr. C. E. LaBranche, told of organization work in that Province.

At noon the gathering were guests of the Sun Life Insurance Co. and President T. B. Macaulay, at luncheon in their fine new building. A brief tour of inspection was also made of this splendid head office, and in his remarks Mr. Macaulay gave a synopsis of the appointments of the building and the magnitude of the company housed with its headquarters here.

A feature of the afternoon meeting was the presentation of an oil painting by William C. Riddell, retired Publicity Director of the C. N. R., at Toronto. The presentation was made by Malcolm MacBeth, of the Milverton Sun, and President of the Ontario Education Association. Mr. MacBeth paid glowing tribute to the work done in Ontario and Quebec by Mr. Riddell, and to his splendid co-operation at all times with the newspapers.

Hon. Athanase David, Provincial Secretary, made a brief appearance shortly after the opening of the afternoon meeting. The Minister paid a glowing tribute to the work being carried on by the weekly newspapers and stated that the importance could not be minimized. The men engaged in the weekly newspaper business were all experts, he averred, and were to be congratulated on the high standards they had set themselves and which they were rigorously following out despite the present hard times.

During the afternoon an illustrated lecture and moving picture exhibit of Beauharnois development was given by Mr. Rell Thompson. This great development was viewed in a new light when explained by this man who has made an exhaustive study of the project and was able to present a very vivid understanding of the Beauharnois which at present is so much in the public mind.

The election of officers, which brought the afternoon session to a close, resulted as follows: Honorary Past Presidents, D. Williams, of the Collingwood Bulletin; George Legge, of the Granby Leader-Mail; A. W. Marsh, of the Amherstburg Echo; President, C. E. LaBranche, of the St. Maurice Valley Chronicle, Three Rivers; Vice-President, C. V. Charters, of the Conservator, of Brantford; Secretary-Treasurer, Adam Sellar, of the Huntingdon Gleaner; and Directors, Percy Lancaster, M. P., of the Hawke's Standard; W. C. Walls, of the Barrie Examiner; E. Rioux, of "La Parole," of Drummondville; H. E. Rice, of the Huntsville Forester; George Lake, of the Porcupine Advance; Timmins; Bruce Pearce, of the Simcoe Reformer.

At six thirty the annual banquet was served when the chef of the Mount Royal presented a delightful array of appetizing food. This was the chief social event, and here the newspaper men mingled and renewed acquaintanceships. Quebec and Ontario mingled and broadened out from the exchange.

Mr. O'Leary, who journalistic activities in and around the Parliament buildings in Ottawa, date back to 1911 gave an informal talk on the subject, "A few memories of 20 years in the Parliamentary Press Gallery." He signalled the fact in 1911, when he first went to the Press Gallery, Parliament, took itself less seriously than it does to-day. He would not assert that the bar was not high, but which in those days did a thriving business had anything to do with this, but one thing of which he was certain, was that it had the effect of spurring on the members to more eloquent if more virulent oratorical outbursts.

He related anecdotes and told of his contacts with many men who have created enviable niches for themselves in the history of Canadian politics, among them, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Hon. Robert Borden, Sir Sam Hughes, Henri Bourassa, Hon. William Pugsley Hon. Charles

Various Items of Local Interest

Annual Meeting Women's Institute

The annual meeting of the Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. G. H. Lantz on Thursday, May 5, at 2.30 p. m.

I. O. D. E. Meeting

The regular meeting of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the I. O. D. E. will be held on Tuesday evening May 3, at the home of Mrs. A. Mason, at eight o'clock.

Departmental Examinations

The time table for the annual Departmental Examinations, has been announced by the Department of Education. The Middle and Upper School exams, commence on Monday, June 20; the Lower School on Thursday, June 23.

Repairing Bridge

Extensive repairs are being made this week to the bridge over the Beardmore railway siding, which connects the Crescent with the town. Several of the posts supporting the bridge require renewing and other repairs to make the structure safe are being made by Messrs. Beardmore Co. During the repairs the bridge is closed to traffic.

A Decided Improvement

The past week or so—the Public Utilities staff have gone about the streets and lowered many of the cut-off taps on the water services that, had been left protruding above the surface. These obstructions have been the cause of many a fall by citizens and last year were the means of rather a serious accident. About fourteen of these service taps were reset below the surface.

The I. O. D. E. Euchre and Dance

The Parish Hall was crowded to capacity on Tuesday evening when the Lakeside Chapter, I. O. D. E., held one of their popular euchre and dances. Mrs. G. W. Masales and Mr. J. P. Scarrow received the euchre prizes. Following the cards and luncheon, the Melody Serenaders provided the music for dancing. Mr. E. Packer called off for square dances, and Mr. Claude Wade very kindly assisted with his violin. A "lucky spot" dance was an interesting feature. Mr. Leslie Bridges and his partner, Miss M. Price, being "on the spot," received the prize.

Fire in Bronte

Fire broke out in Bronte about noon last Friday, which threatened a whole block, but, owing to the prompt arrival of the village reels the blaze was extinguished, after practically destroying a barn and garage belonging to J. S. Flumerfelt and Son, and damaging the garage of H. U. Guest, merchant. About \$500 loss resulted to the Flumerfelt building and about \$100 to H. U. Guest's garage, covered by insurance. Mr. A. O. Flumerfelt had his car out in the driveway. Excitement ran high because of the proximity of other business buildings. While the cause of the fire is not definitely known, it is believed to have been spontaneous combustion.

Dublin Institute Meeting

The regular meeting of the Dublin Women's Institute was held on Wednesday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. T. A. Storey. Mrs. Webster presided, and the meeting opened with the Ode, followed by prayer. The minutes were then read and approved. Numerous messages of thanks were conveyed to the members for flowers and fruit received by shut-ins. Other items of business were dealt with, after which the following musical numbers were provided: Piano solo, by Miss Marian Anderson; vocal duet, Mrs. T. A. Storey and Mrs. N. Anderson; instrumental duet, by Misses Margaret Waide and Dorothy Neelands. Roll call was answered by an exchange of flower slips. The programme was closed with community singing. Lunch was served and a social time spent.

Sales of Radio Sets

The radio industry in Canada, as in other countries, is a creation of the past 10 or 11 years. It is now a substantial industry, as a report just issued by the Canadian Government Bureau of Statistics, indicates, showing that the sales of radio receiving sets during the calendar year 1931 totalled 288,122 sets of machines, valued at \$18,141,347 at the factory selling prices. There were 62,894 more sets sold in 1931 than in 1930, but the total value of the sales last year was \$4,634,878 below that of the previous year. The increase in sales in 1931 was common to all the nine provinces of the Dominion, where the number sold advanced from 104,155 in 1930 to 126,404 in 1931. Quebec came next with 78,171 sales as against 61,512 in the previous year and British Columbia was in third place with total sales of 23,902 sets, an increase of 6,197 over 1930. The production of radio receiving sets followed sales very closely last year, a total of 29,711 machines being manufactured or assembled in the Dominion.

No Daylight Saving for Acton-- Council is Well Delegated Monday

Deputations Wait on Municipal Body to Consider Many Community Affairs—Band and Baseball Club Secure Assistance in Improvement of the Park—Moneys from Murray Estate Invested in Government Bonds at Good Interest Rate.

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

The Clerk explained the details in connection with the investing of the Murray estate bequest. \$8,000 had been invested in the Province of Ontario bonds, at 5 1/2 percent. The balance of \$12,000 had been used in the purchase of Dominion of Canada bonds at five percent.

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

H. N. Farmer, salaries and supplies	\$141.68
Mrs. Marietta Murray, interest on bequest	500.00
Bank of Montreal, safety box rental	2.25
W. R. Lashbrook, supplies	.70
Imperial Oil Co. Ltd., supplies	10.28
Bell Telephone Co., services	12.65
Transferred to Savings Account	54.00
Highway Garage, supplies	3.00
	\$724.51

The report was adopted.

A delegation from the Women's Institute requested free use of the Town Hall for their euchre and dance, on Friday night, the proceeds to be used for charity purposes. The request was granted.

Mr. Wilson, a representative from the Globe Indemnity Insurance Co., requested that the Council consider their company in placing their public liability insurance. Their policy this year would cost \$100. Mr. J. A. Smith was the local representative of this company. The policy had been changed last year, at a saving of some \$40 from the Globe Co. Mr. Foley explained that his company insured all the municipalities in the County, except Acton.

Moved by George Cowie, seconded by W. McArthur, that the policy of the Globe Indemnity Co. for Public Liability Insurance be accepted, and the premium of \$100 paid to J. A. Smith, agent.—Carried.

A delegation from the Acton Fall Fairs requested that the Council make some restriction regarding cars driving on the race track at the park. It was being badly cut up and destroyed. They requested that on Sundays the cars be prohibited. They complained that the track was made a speedway. It was decided that Chief McPherson have a notice posted at the park, giving the speed limit, and prohibiting any parties who are guilty of violating the speed by law regulating driving in the park.—Carried.

A delegation from the Acton Citizens' Band was introduced by ex-Reeve Mason who took occasion to congratulate the Council, since this was the first meeting he had had occasion to attend. He also expressed his sympathies that the Council had many of the same knotty problems to attend to that had confronted former Councils.

Mr. Mason discussed the securing of a practise room for the Band with the Council. He pointed out that the Band had considerable property and required a separate room.—He drew to the Council's attention that the firemen's room in the Town Hall was suitable to the Band, but might be a nuisance to other events. If the usual grant of \$150 was given the Band, this organization would make the necessary improvements and pay all the expenses incurred. The disadvantages of a room in the Town Hall were many, in view of the fact that the hall was used for such varied purposes. The delegation pointed out that they were willing to co-operate in every way possible with the Council. The Council expressed their appreciation of the Band and discussed all angles of the situation with the committee.

Moved by E. Jones, seconded by Geo. Cowie, that the Acton Band be permitted to arrange room for themselves in the Arena, as proposed at the Council meeting, on April 11; said room to be held occupied at the pleasure of the Council.—Carried.

Another delegation from the Baseball Club interviewed the Council regarding the preparing of a baseball diamond in front of the grandstand. The work could be supervised by the municipal officers and the Baseball Club were prepared to lend whatever assistance they could. The Park Committee were authorized to proceed with this work.

Moved by John Nicol, seconded by W. McArthur, that Court of Revision of the Assessment Roll be held at the regular meeting of the Council, to be held at eight o'clock p. m. on Monday, June 6, 1932, and that it be advertised in THE ACTON FREE PRESS the usual number of times.—Carried.

Mr. R. J. Wallace complained of his frontage assessment on the waterworks frontage of his property on Main Street. There was no overcharge, and the Council all were obliged to make the charge, according to by-law.

Moved by George Cowie, seconded by E. Jones, that the Reeve and Treasurer be authorized to pay the first instalment of \$500 due to Mrs. Marietta Murray, on May 2 next, under the agree-

Entered Into Rest

MRS. ANNIE FOLEY, Walkerton. The following obituary is reprinted from the Walkerton Telescope of April 14. "In the demise, in Bruce County Hospital, early last Saturday morning, of Mrs. Annie Foley there passed to rest a woman whose life had been spent in such ways that she will be much missed, and those who mourn her most—the daughters, Mrs. John Gibbons, of Acton and Miss Kate Foley, town—are recipients of the sympathy of a large circle of friends. Mrs. Gibbons, due to illness was unable to come to Walkerton, but her sons, Edward and Bert, Gibbons, attended their grandmother's funeral on the Sunday morning before her death. Mrs. Foley slipped and fell on the icy roadway on Victoria Street, near the residence of Mr. George Lambertus. She sustained a fractured hip and other injuries. From these and shock she suffered in Bruce County Hospital, although when Miss Foley and others were with her the evening before she succumbed, the deceased seemed to be resting easier. A clot of blood, reaching the brain, was the immediate cause of her death. Mrs. Foley was born in Nasagaweya Township, near Milton, and as a young woman, she was married, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Mr. John Delaney. He passed away some years later, and Mrs. Timothy Foley of Bruce County, became her second husband, 25 years ago. They resided on the Foley farm on the highway, about one mile north of Eden Grove, until 17 years ago, when Mr. Foley, who succumbed about 18 months later, and his wife and daughter retired to Walkerton, purchasing the house on Yonge Street, in which she resided up to the time she left for church on April 3. The deceased, by her first marriage, had one daughter—Mrs. Gibbons, of Acton; and Miss Kate Foley is the only survivor of the second union. A son died at five and a half years of age. Mrs. Foley created and maintained an enviable reputation as a loving wife and mother and an enduring friend, and her memory will be cherished by all fortunate enough to have known her. The funeral was held on Monday morning, in the Sacred Heart Church, of which she was a devout member. Rev. Father Maloney said a Requiem Mass. Hundreds of friends of the deceased assembled at the funeral. Those who acted as pallbearers were Messrs. Val-berck, Seraphine Ellinghouse, C. M. Gibson, Carl C. Larsen, Lawrence Bate and Peter Frank. Father Maloney officiated at the interment in the Calvary Cemetery."

—Knox Players' Play on May 5th. Find the mystery seat. Sit on it. Win a prize. Oh Kay.

ment with her in connection with the will of J. A. Murray, out of the General Account, on the understanding that the said amount will be repaid to the General Account out of the Special Savings Account, (No. 4203, Bank of Montreal), as soon as possible out of interest on the investments.—Carried.

Miss M. Z. Bennett, Principal of the Public School, requested permission to use the Town Hall for a school children's concert, preparatory to the Musical Festival. The permission was granted.

The matter of the Hawkers' and Peddlers' By-law was considered and it was left over until a future meeting to be more specifically dealt with.

A letter from the Royal Trust Co. desired to know if the Council would make any rebate on the taxes owing on the Ontario Memorial Co., since the factory was unoccupied. The Council decided that no rebate could be made.

The matter of distributing the garage accounts of the town among the various garages was brought to the attention of the Council by Councillor Nicol. It was agreed that the work should be divided.

Mr. Scriven agreed to construct a tile drain on Willow Street if the Council would supply the tile.

Mrs. Havill had requested Reeve Barber to bring up the matter of the town officials caring for the Soldiers' Memorial plot and save the money now expended on a special caretaker. Mrs. Havill also agreed to supply the flowers at a cost of about two or three dollars.

Complaint was made that the tile drain at the corner of Elgin Street and Bower Avenue was blocked. The matter was left in the hands of Chief McPherson, as was also, that of installing a breather on the drain at Mr. G. R. Agnew's property.

A letter from the Davey Tree Co. regarding the trimming of trees was ordered filed.

A vote of the Council was taken on the question of daylight saving and the majority of the Council were opposed to adopting the measure this year.