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Tax Arrears Greatly Reduced by May Payments—By-laws Passed

Prohibiting Ball Playing and Games on the Streets—Special Meeting Will Make Estimates for Striking 1932 Tax Rate—Fire Underwriters' Recommendations to Receive Attention—Overdraft Should be Met from Current Taxation.

At the meeting of the Acton Council on Monday evening, Councillors W. 360 Arthur, John Nicol, E. Jones and George Cowie were present. Reeve Barber, who had been ill during the week, was able to preside at the meeting and presided.

Various Interesting Items of News

Lakeside I. O. D. E. Meeting

The Lakeside Chapter I. O. D. E. enjoyed an evening of euchre at the home of Mrs. W. D. Talbot last Wednesday. The prizes were won by Miss Lorna Kennedy and Mrs. (Dr.) A. J. Buchanan. Following the cards lunch was served by the hostesses for the evening.

Driver Acquitted

Everett Middlebrook, Malton farmer, who was charged with driving a motor car on Highway 7 on Thursday, May 12, the collision inflicting injuries from which the officer died the next day, was acquitted on a charge of reckless driving in Police Court at Brampton last week.

To Celebrate Dominion Day in Acton

The Baseball Club have plans in hand to stage a day of sports in Acton on Dominion Day. The team will play and there will be a Ladies' Softball Tournament and other athletic sports in the afternoon. A Calthamplum Parade is also being considered as one of the features. In the evening a grand garden party will take place.

Victoria Day

Queen's weather graced Victoria Day on Tuesday and provided a splendid day for outings and out-of-door work. In Acton the day was spent quietly. Many citizens busied themselves with spring cleaning in the gardens and homes. Others went a-visiting and there were many home-comings for the day. It was ideal picnic weather and excursions to the groves and family outings along the highways and by-ways were enjoyed.

New Summer Bus Schedule

Effective on Sunday, May 29, the summer schedule of the Arrow Coach Lines will come into operation. The buses are all operated on eastern standard time. The new terminal in Toronto of the Company is at Bloor and Bay Streets. Westbound buses are due at Acton at 9:15 a. m.; 11:15 a. m.; 1:15 p. m.; 4:15 p. m.; 6:15 p. m. daily; on Saturdays at 8:45 p. m. and 12:15 a. m. and on Sundays, except Saturdays, at 10:15 p. m. Eastbound buses are due here daily at 6:00 a. m., 9:35 a. m., 1:00 p. m., 4:25 p. m., 5:55 p. m.; and 9:00 p. m. On Sundays and holidays at 8 p. m. The bus at 5:55 is a through coach that stops only at the larger points and arrives in Toronto at 7:35.

The Elliott-Hoare Wedding

A wedding of local interest took place at St. Alban's Church, Acton, on Saturday, the 21st, when Alberta, the oldest daughter of Mr. E. A. Hoare, of Toronto, became the bride of Mr. William Elliott, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Elliott, of Acton. The bride wore a pale pink lace dress with white shoes and stockings and white veil, with a bouquet of pink and white snapdragons. She was given in marriage by her father. She was attended by Miss Nora Waterhouse, a bridesmaid, who wore pale blue, also Mrs. George Fountain, who wore dark blue. The flower girl was dressed in leaf green and carried a basket of pink and white snapdragons. She was the groom's sister. The groom was supported by Mr. Norman Hinton. Following the ceremony a wedding supper was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Elliott. The couple motored to Toronto, and on their return will reside in Acton.

Fatal Accident at Fort Credit

Miss Florence Blakey, aged 60, of St. Catharines, was fatally injured shortly after 9:30 Monday night, when she was struck by an automobile while crossing the Toronto-Hamilton Highway, at Fort Credit. According to the police, Miss Blakey, earlier in the day, had driven to Fort Credit with relatives with whom she had been staying at 153 Eglinton Avenue East, Toronto, and had just come out of the Dominion Stores shop after making some purchases. She was intending to cross the street from north to south, and, after hesitating for a moment, finally started across. It is said she stepped directly in the path of a westbound car, driven by Alphonse A. B. Robinson, 2161 Main Street, Niagara Falls, N. Y., and was struck. When picked up, she was found to be bleeding profusely, and a call was immediately put in for an ambulance, in which she was rushed to St. Joseph's Hospital, Toronto. She arrived at the hospital in a dying condition, and succumbed to her injuries a few moments after she had been admitted. She was found to have sustained a fractured skull, fractures of her left arm, left leg and jaw, as well as head lacerations.

Eight-Year-Old Lad Drowned at Bronte

Harold Henshaw, 8, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Henshaw, Bronte, was drowned in the Twelve Mile Creek Saturday when he fell out of an old leaky punt. He and Harvey Osborne, 8, had taken the punt out and, apparently, Harold lost his balance. Paddling alone, Harvey raised an alarm, and a group of fishermen and employees from a nearby mill tried to locate the body. After two hours it was recovered by Freeman Oakley, Corner Dr. W. N. Wilkinson, of Oakville, was notified and an inquest is likely.

Eramosa Reeve Died Suddenly

Had Served as Councillor and Reeve for Many Years—Election will be Held for Reeve and Councillor

A special meeting of the Council for the Township of Eramosa was held at Rockwood. Present: Councillors Albert Lush, Sims McLean, J. A. Stewart and D. H. Storey.

On motion of Messrs. Stewart and Storey, Sims McLean was elected Chairman. The Clerk stated that he had called a special meeting of Council, owing to the sudden death of the Reeve, Mr. Adam Wood. A resolution was passed, expressing the regret of the Council at the passing of their colleague and fellow-worker, the late Reeve Adam Wood, and tendering their sincere sympathy to the family. The Clerk was instructed to enter the resolution in the minutes, and forward a copy to the family of the late Reeve. Similar action was taken regarding the death of Mrs. H. L. Royce, wife of the Chairman of the Board of Health.

LOCAL TEAM DEFEAT MOFFAT

In a Game of Softball Played at Moffat—Score was 10-5 in Favor of Acton

In a softball fixture played in Moffat on Friday night, Acton defeated the Moffat softballers by the score of 10-5. It was the second win for the Acton side. They defeated Limehouse on Thursday night 10-6. They still show the same punch as last year and Fred Waterhouse is still pitching a steady game. All the Acton players got one or more hits, with the exception of Frank Holloway. They also all figured in the scoring. McKinnon, the opposing pitcher, was hit pretty freely. Fred Waterhouse, Tyler and Clifford gathered two base hits, while Scriven got a triple. J. Cargill was the only Moffat man to get an extra base hit.

The following is the box score:

ACTON	AB	R	H	P	O	A	E
W. Waterhouse, 2b	3	1	1	0	0	1	
H. Cripps, lf	3	2	1	0	0	0	
S. Scriven, c	3	1	1	4	0	0	
F. Holloway, p	3	1	2	3	2	0	
J. Cargill, ss	3	0	2	1	0	0	
A. Marshall, cf	3	1	1	2	1	1	
J. Waterhouse, 3b	3	2	2	0	1	0	
M. Tyler, 1b	3	1	2	5	0	0	
T. Clifford, rf	3	1	1	0	0	0	
Total	27	10	11	15	5	2	

MOFFAT	AB	R	H	P	O	A	E
T. Cargill, 2b	3	0	1	1	0	0	
C. McKinnon, c	3	0	0	4	0	0	
D. Bell, ss	3	1	1	0	0	0	
C. Elliott, cf	3	1	1	0	0	0	
B. Hill, 1b	3	0	1	2	0	0	
G. Dredge, rf	2	1	1	3	0	0	
H. McKinnon, p	3	2	1	0	0	0	
E. Cargill, lf	3	2	1	0	0	0	
E. Fraser, 2b	2	1	0	2	1	0	
Total	24	7	6	15	1	0	

THE EVENING MEAL DIGEST

The following story, very timely for the fishing season, was gleaned from the Powassan News: Powassan's juvenile dew worm vendors have been doing a rushing business this year, due to their aggressive salesmanship. One of the boys is telling a good joke. It appears that on Saturday he asked an American tourist (a lady) if she wanted any dew worms. Evidently thinking they were a delicacy of the "hot dog" type, the lady answered: "No, thank you, we have just had some cream."

Proclamation

To show due respect to the memory of Acton's late Reeve, George Barber, citizens of the municipality are requested to close their various places of business from two o'clock until five o'clock on Friday, afternoon, May 27, during the time of the funeral of the Chairman and head of the municipality.

H. N. Farmer, Clerk.
Acton, May 26, 1932.

THE EMPIRE CONCERT

Splendid Event Provided by the Public School Pupils and the I. O. D. E.—Prize Winners Receive Awards

The annual Empire Concert, sponsored by the Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the I. O. D. E. and provided by the pupils and teachers of Acton Public School, has come to be quite an event of interest. It was held last Friday evening, and the Town Hall was packed to capacity by pupils, parents and friends. The pupils who have studied music so diligently and received such splendid standing at the Festival can now, under the direction of Mrs. M. R. Moore, provide a programme of outstanding merit.

Mr. J. M. McDonald, Chairman of the School Board, very capably fulfilled the duties of chairman, and conducted the programme, which had its opening number, a group selection of patriotic songs by the massed choir. The other numbers on the programme were by the Festival contestants, as follows: Marie Brunelle, who won third place in her class of twenty-seven, solo; talk on the British Empire, by Bill Borovoy; piano solo, by Frances Dills; Festival number, "Billy Boy," by the forty voice choir. Alice Taylor, who won the silver medal in the W. C. T. U. contest, gave a reading; solo by Jackie Bruce, Festival silver medalist; "The Melodious Flacantio," solo, by Virginia Agnew, N. number; L. Leatham and Bruce Pargeter; a group of folk dances by First Book pupils; song, "If I Were a Rose," by four Festival singers, Beatrice Taylor, Dorothy King, Jean Evans and E. Marz; piano solo, by Margaret Harrison; "Killarney," solo, by Bruce Pargeter, who won third place at the Festival; violin solo by Norman Brando; double duet, by Dorothy Dunn, Frances Chisholm, Patricia Harrop and Elma Brando; solo, by Reno Brando, Festival gold medalist; Empire ship number, "Empire," by Martin Hasard and Franklin Near; reading by Bert Patrick, who won second place in the W. C. T. U. contest; song "Good Night and Good Morning," by Frances Rawlings, Margaret Harrison, Edna Robson and Jessie Coles.

The boys' choir gave their Festival selection, which won for them second place at the County event, and the silver shield provided as an award by Acton Women's Institute. Frances Chisholm, who last year won the gold medal at the Festival, and again captured their prize in the open solo, delighted the audience with her number. Talk on the Union Jack by Alice Taylor; piano solo, by Wilma Hansen; double trio, by the Festival first prize trophy winners, Dorothy Dunn, Marjorie Davidson, Mary Pappilon, Doris Wilson, Hazel Wilson and Bella Rossell; solo by Bill Sullivan, who won the bronze medal at the Festival, in the open solo class. The concluding number on the musical part of the programme was the selection by the sixty voice choir, which captured the major award at the County Festival, and it was a fitting climax to this splendid presentation by the pupils.

Following the singing of this number, the pupils took the occasion to show their appreciation of the work of Mrs. M. E. Moore, Directress, and Miss Jean Orr, pianist, for the musical training that had been given and the standing that had been awarded. Beautiful baskets of snapdragons were presented to them on behalf of the pupils by Marie Brunelle and Bruce Pargeter. In a few words Mrs. Moore graciously gave credit to the pupils for their diligence and attention and the teachers and Miss Orr, who had made success possible and thanked the children for their remembrance.

The final event on the programme was the presentation of prizes to those pupils in each department who had won in essay writing, book making and writing. These awards were won by Marjorie Davidson, Frances Dills, Billie Turner, Dorothy King, Walter Symant, Lois Dawkins, Doris Weaver and Marjorie Nelson. Patriotic books were presented by the Regent of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the I. O. D. E., Mrs. P. E. McCleary, and the pupils were congratulated upon their achievements.

Acton Defeated County Champions

In the First Game of the County League this Year by 2-0—Chalmers Pitched a Shutout Victory

On Saturday afternoon the Acton Baseball Team beat the Milton team 1930 Ontario champions, and last year's runner-up, 2-0. They outplayed the champs in every department. The main reason for the defeat was too much Chalmers. He was in the pink of condition, and held the Milton sluggers to three hits, one coming in the eighth, and two in the ninth. There were only 20 men faced him in 6 innings. The rest of the team gave him great support, with airtight fielding and some nice hitting. Marsh, on the mound for Milton, was touched for eleven hits and he issued three free passes. Acton had men on base every inning, and should have had at least four more runs. They had the bases loaded twice, but the weak end of the batting list was up and they were easy outs. Carmichael proved to be the heavy hitter, getting on base four times out of five times at bat, and the fifth time was a beautiful drive to Clements, who misjudged it, but he stuck out his hand and the ball miraculously stuck there and robbed "Dougie" of a sure hit. Roy and Fred Leader each touched Marsh for two hits, while Berscht, Chalmers, White and Waterhouse had one safety each. Terry walked twice to get on base while Captain Bill Holloway got there twice on a walk and an error. All nine players got as far as first base. They played bang-up baseball all the way, and ought to be good enough for the League championship at least. Manager McComb says, "It's the best team Acton ever had."

Mills, of Milton, hit into a double play in the eighth, with Lewis on second base, he tried to stretch his hit into a double, and as a result both men were out second. This resulted in a mix-up, and both Lewis and Mills were tagged out.

In the sixth inning, with a man on first, Holloway hit one to Wilson, the first baseman, which resulted in a double play.

ACTON	AB	R	H	P	O	A	E
Terry, rf	3	0	0	1	0	0	
Holloway, 1b	4	0	0	9	1	0	
Carmichael, 2b	5	1	3	2	3	0	
F. Leader, c	4	1	2	1	0	0	
R. Leader, cf	5	0	2	1	0	0	
Waterhouse, of	5	0	1	1	0	0	
Berscht, 3b	5	0	1	1	1	0	
White, ss	4	0	1	1	1	1	
Chalmers, p	4	0	1	0	5	2	
Total	38	2	11	27	11	3	

MILTON	AB	R	H	P	O	A	E
W. Clements, rf	4	0	0	2	0	0	
Houston, 3b	4	0	0	3	1	0	
Marsh, p	4	0	0	0	3	0	
A. Clements, 2b	4	0	1	1	6	0	
F. Leader, cf	4	0	1	0	0	0	
Anderson, of	4	0	0	3	0	0	
Felner, c	4	0	0	3	0	0	
Wilson, 1b	3	0	0	10	2	0	
Lewis, ss	3	0	0	3	0	2	
Kennedy, lf	1	0	0	0	0	2	
Mills, if	1	0	1	0	0	0	
Total	32	0	3	27	12	5	

Shortage in Trafalgar Township

Strong demands for an investigation of apparent shortages in the Township of Trafalgar meeting in Trafalgar Township municipal chambers Monday, when Councillor, former Deputy Reeve, was elected by acclamation to fill the place left vacant by the retirement of Councillor W. E. Ford. Ford resigned to take up the office of Treasurer, from which C. E. Ryan resigned three weeks ago, following the receipt of the auditor's report. The apparent shortages referred to were disclosed in the report of John S. Entwistle & Co., auditors. They are as follows: Apparent shortage in 1929, back taxes \$217,586; apparent shortage in 1930 back taxes, \$767,96; apparent shortage in accounts of S. S. No. 3, Trafalgar Township, \$400. "I regret the occurrence that necessitated these nominations," said Mr. Buck. "I had no idea when I suggested the audit at the New Year nominations that such a mess would turn up. I felt that with the volume of business handled by Council a regular audit was necessary."

That society each year for the best all-round girl and boy in Acton High School. These were won by Gladys Agar and Bill Williams, and each were presented with beautiful rings.

Following the singing of the National Anthem, the concert was brought to a close. The silver trophy given by Acton School Board for completion at the Festival was this year won by Bronie School in the boys' choir for one to four room schools.

Reeve George Barber Passed Away Suddenly Yesterday Afternoon

Had Been Reeve of Acton for Over Eight Years—Was Honored by Wardenship of Halton County in 1924—Funeral Will be Held To-morrow Afternoon from Knox Presbyterian Church.

Acton citizens were indeed shocked when it was learned yesterday afternoon that Reeve George Barber had passed away suddenly at his home on Mill Street. Mr. Barber has not enjoyed robust health for the past year or more, but was about the town until the past week. Since last year he has suffered frequently recurring periods of sickness.

With his characteristic pluck he carried on his duties as Reeve, and although confined to his bed for several days, he attended the session of the Council on Monday evening, and presided at the meeting. On Tuesday his illness again confined him to his bed and he gradually grew weaker until the end came about four o'clock yesterday afternoon.

George Barber was a son of the late George Barber and Nelle Shortreed, and was born in Nassagaweya Township seventy-four years ago. He spent his early manhood in this Township and when a young man went to Vancouver, and engaged in building and contracting. He was eminently successful in his business career in the West, and about twenty-five years ago he came back to make his home in Acton with Mrs. Barber and his young family. Since that time he has resided in Acton, on Mill Street, first in the residence now owned by Mrs. Hollinger, and lately in the splendid new home which he erected six or seven years ago.

Fourteen years ago his beloved partner, who was, before her marriage Miss Ada Leishman, passed away, and he was left with his small family of three children to care for. With kindly paternal care he ministered to their needs and his family of Miss Jean, who is a school teacher at Manitowaning, and Miss Nellie and John at home, have grown to young womanhood and manhood.

Mr. Barber always took an interest in municipal affairs, and in 1918 was elected a member of the Council. A year later he was chosen by the electors of Acton as their Reeve, and served the municipality in that capacity from 1919 until 1925. It was during his tenure of office that Acton's largest municipal undertaking—the installation of the waterworks system—was carried to successful completion.

In 1924 he was honored by the County Council of Halton with being appointed Warden of the County. In 1925 he was retired from the office of Reeve. For the past few years he has enjoyed a period of relaxation from the strenuous duties of municipal life.

In December last he was urged by his friends to again aspire for the Reevenship and he again gave the sympathy of a wide circle of friends, who had come to know this man, who occupied the highest position in the gift of the municipality and County, is extended in their time of bereavement.

Mr. Barber was a member of Knox Presbyterian Church, and the funeral to-morrow (Friday) afternoon, will be held after a brief service at the home, from that edifice, with service at three o'clock (standard time). Interment will be made in Fairview Cemetery, Acton.

THE BIBLE SOCIETY

Special Services in Churches Last Sunday—Annual Election of Officers Conducted

Last Sunday special services were held in the churches in Acton, dealing with the work of the Bible Society. At Knox Church Rev. Mr. Pinnock conducted the services. At a meeting following the evening service in that church, which was in charge of Mr. Pinnock, the following officers of the Society were elected: President—J. E. McMillan. First Vice-President—D. N. McTavish. Second Vice-President—Basil Johnston. Secretary—A. T. Brown. Executive—John Cameron, A. A. Worden, A. T. Mann, F. N. Brown, Jas. McIntosh, Alex. McDonald, George Chapman, J. C. Matthews, F. E. Kennedy, Donald Waddle, W. M. Cooper, Alex. Kinnawin, S. H. Webster, H. W. Hinton, G. W. Murray, J. L. Moore, Chas. W. McCleary, H. Mainprize, Jos. Reid, Alex. Lees, N. F. Moore, A. Hemstreet, and George McPhail.

The annual canvass of the community in the financial interests of the Society and the very worthy work they are doing will be made next week.

Daughter: "What is alimony, mother?" Mother: "It's a man's cash surrender value, my dear."

News of Acton and the District

Women's Institute Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Institute will be held at Mrs. Babcock's on Wednesday, June 1, at 2:30 o'clock.

U. F. Y. P. O. Meeting

The Acton U. F. Y. P. O. will hold their regular meeting in the Parish Hall on Friday, June 3, commencing at 8:30 sharp. Mr. A. G. Kirtine, Agricultural Representative, will address the meeting with regard to a short course in Acton next winter.

Legion Zone Church Parade

The first annual Zone Church Parade will be held on Sunday next, May 29, in the Park. The parade will form up in the Park here at 2 p. m., standard time, and led by the Bugle Band of Lorne (Scottish) Rifles and Acton Citizens' Band, will march to the cenotaph, where a wreath will be deposited. The parade will then march to Knox Presbyterian Church, where a short service will be held. This gathering includes all the branches in Zone 13, and the veterans are planning to make this first annual event a memorable occasion.

Thirty-Three Want to be Clerk of Oakville

Thirty-three applications for the position of Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of Oakville, were considered by the Council of that town on Monday night. They were read in committee of the whole, and it was decided to select the most likely ones, and ask the applicants to appear before the Council at the next meeting. The position was made vacant by the resignation of A. E. Ryan, now awaiting trial on several charges in connection with apparent shortages.

Ball Game Saturday

The first local game in the Halton Baseball League will be played on Saturday afternoon in the Park in Acton. Oakville will be the contestants and they will be out to win, as they have had one defeat in their opening game. The ball players will parade to the Park prior to the game, headed by Acton Citizens' Band, who will be in attendance at the game. Acton won their opening game last Saturday. They are out to make a good showing in the league this year. The game starts at two o'clock, standard time.

Alberta Sets New Butter Record

Final figures of butter production in Alberta for 1931 amount to 22,957,922 pounds, which is more than 600,000 pounds above the previous highest year's record for the province. Closely associated with butter production is a movement inaugurated by the Federal and Provincial Departments of Agriculture to encourage farmers to enlarge their forage crop areas. Between 300 and 400 farmers in various parts of the province will this year participate in a movement to grow special plots of forage crops from selected seed with the object of increasing the amount of forage crop seed available in the province.

Won High Standing in Graduation

The following item from the Kitchener Record will be read with interest by friends in the old home town of Mrs. Ebbage and the late Chas. W. Ebbage, who were natives of Acton. Miss Ebbage referred to in the article is a daughter, and a granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Ebbage, for years residents of this community. "Miss Agnes Ebbage, of this city, won distinction in St. Catharines last night when, at the graduation exercises of the 32 class of the St. Catharines General Hospital-Mack Training School for nurses, of which she was a member, she was awarded the medal given by the Board of Governors for the highest standing in practical work. A class of 18 was graduated, the address to the nurses being given by Hon. Dr. J. M. Robb, Minister of Public Health for Ontario, the presentation of diplomas being made by Mr. J. G. Moore, Chairman of the Board of Governors, the presentation of pins by Mrs. Stuart Watt, President of the Ladies' Aid, and the presentation of prizes by Mrs. W. J. Chapman. Others participating in the programme were Rev. J. W. Gordon, Dr. A. S. Malcolmson, the Lady Superintendent, Miss Anne Wright, and Mayor Avery, the chairman. Relatives and friends in attendance in honor of Miss Ebbage were her mother, Mrs. Sinclair and Mr. W. G. Sinclair, Mr. Harrison Ebbage, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Sinclair and son, Donald, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Mitchell and daughter, Miss Olive, Rev. J. H. Sandcock and Mrs. Sandcock, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Stoll, Miss Jessa Winter, Mr. Victor Wakefield and the Misses Orpha and Elmer Detwiler, all of Kitchener, and Mr. James Sinclair, of the University of Toronto."