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## A Selection of News Items

### No Criminal Cases

Halton County Fall Assizes opened on Monday afternoon, with Mr. Justice Jeffery presiding. There being no criminal cases to be tried, His Lordship was presented with white gloves by Sheriff Brown.

### Business Men's Social Evening

The social evening planned by Acton Business Men's Association is being held on Monday evening, November 14, in the Parish Hall. The event has necessarily been postponed on two occasions and business men are urged to observe the date now set. This evening is planned as a little social evening for the business men of Acton and their wives.

### Bank Makes Offer in Streetsville Case

A tentative offer of \$4,400 has been made by the Bank of Nova Scotia to the Village of Streetsville in settlement of claims of \$6,500 made by the village against the bank in connection with the defalcations of Dr. B. H. Smith, late Treasurer of the village. The Village Council claimed that payments had been made to the account of Dr. Smith by the bank without proper authority from the village officials. Direct suit against Dr. Smith for recovery of some portion of the more than \$12,000 which he misappropriated during his term as Village Clerk and Treasurer was discussed, but no decision was reached, and the matter laid over until the next meeting of the Council.

### Women's Institute Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Parish Hall on Friday last. The President, Mrs. Gamble, presided. The following items of business were discussed: Roll call, "How We Can Improve Our Society's" path, "The Path of the First Meetings", solo, Mrs. Gardner, "Good-bye Summer," which were much appreciated. The layette shower was very well responded to and is to be used when urgently needed. Mrs. Bishop was appointed as delegate to the convention in the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, and a wreath was also purchased for Armistice Day, to be placed on the monument. A very interesting demonstration on honey, its food value and different uses honey can be put to in making very appetizing and healthful dishes was given by Mrs. Trousdale, of Pushtun. A social hour was spent.

### The Wilson-McMillan Wedding at Milton

A pretty wedding ceremony was solemnized on Saturday afternoon, October 29, at the home of the bride's mother, Milton, Ontario, when Hazel M. MacMillan, daughter of Mrs. MacMillan and the late George M. MacMillan, was united in marriage to Campbell G. Wilson, son of Mrs. Wilson and the late George R. Wilson, of Nelson. In the presence of immediate relatives and friends, the Rev. A. B. Irwin, of St. Paul's United Church, Milton, officiating. To the strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March, played by Mrs. G. A. Kennedy, of Hornby, the bride, who was unattended, entered the living room on the arm of her brother, Roy, looked lovely in a gown of baby blue angel skin crepe, with white crepe shoes, and her mother's bridal veil of tulle, with coronet of orange blossoms and corsage of Ophelia roses and lily of the valley. After the wedding breakfast the happy couple left on an extended motor trip to Montreal and eastern points, returning via Rochester and Buffalo, N. Y., the bride travelling in an ensemble of French tweed in tones of sand and brown with accessories to match. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Wilson will reside in Milton. — Milton Champion.

### Babson Helpful for 1933

Roger Babson's forecast for Canadian business, indicating improvement slow but certain, was given to the Toronto Business Show audience on Tuesday night by Mr. Babson's chief associate, Ralph H. Wilson, of Wellesley Hills, Mass., who is Vice-President of the Babson Statistical Organization. Frank statements of the Babson conclusions drawn from observations made in Canada in the same manner as in the United States, marked Mr. Wilson's address in East's College Street that night. "Unemployment, frankly," Mr. Wilson said, "is going to be very severe this winter in all of your cities. But we must not let its presence distort our perspective and make us think that things are getting worse again. To the contrary, every day brings further evidence that the low point of the depression has been passed, that Canadian business is on the way up, and that 1933 is going to be a better year than 1932. Right now we are passing through a slightly stabilized period in which seasonally we must not expect to see any considerable improvement over the near term. But we look for a definite upward movement in the early part of 1933 and we believe that in the meantime there will be only seasonal adjustments reasonably consistent with the general situation."

## The Community's Social Side of Life

### Visitors to and From Town During the Past Week, as Gleaned by The Free Press

Mrs. Wm. Johnstone visited in Hamilton during the week.

Mrs. A. E. Nicklin visited her son, Mr. H. S. Nicklin and family, of Guelph, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Reed spent the past week visiting in Toronto and Oshawa.

Mr. and Miss Ellis, of Galt, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Ronney.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Allison spent the week-end with the latter's parents at Markdale.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wansbrough, of Toronto, visited friends in Acton over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Nicol, of Guelph, visited over the week-end with Councilor and Mrs. Nicol.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Handlin, of Toronto, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Johnston.

Mr. Albert Hall, Miss Edna Hall, Miss Gladys Rhell, of Kitchener, visited with friends in Acton over the week-end.

Mr. Fred Day, of Toronto University, called on his grandmother, Mrs. R. H. Wansbrough, Lake Avenue, on Saturday last.

Messrs. Stuart Lantz, Elmer White and James McGeachie spent the week-end with friends and relatives in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brown, of Kitchener, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Brown, Bower Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wansbrough, of Toronto, visited at the home of the former's mother, Mrs. R. H. Wansbrough here, last week.

Misses Olive and Mabel Robinson and Mr. Gordon Hollowell, of Kenilworth, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Murray.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Bennett and Miss Ida Bennett, of Georgetown, were the guests of Mrs. R. Bennett and Miss M. Z. Bennett on Sunday.

Mr. Thos. Rumley is at Manitoulin Island, attending the funeral of his father, the late Jacob B. Rumley. Mr. Rumley, Sr., had reached the remarkable age of 99 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Massey, of Acton, Mr. John Pickles, of Toronto, Mrs. Chas. Cameron and Mrs. W. Kaley, of Acton, attended the funeral of the late Edward Pickles last Thursday.—Brampton Gazette.

## THE THREE MONTHS' COURSE

### Which Will Be Held in Acton Commencing This Month—School of Elementary Agriculture and Home Economics

The three months' course, which will be held in Acton, commencing on November 29, under the management of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, is attracting a good deal of attention and interest. This School of Elementary Agriculture and Home Economics is under the supervision of Mr. A. G. Kirstine, the Halton County Agricultural Representative.

The course will continue until February 24. The school in Acton is one of seven that is being conducted throughout the Province this year. It is said the instruction obtainable in these courses compares favorably with the first year at the Ontario Agricultural College and MacDonald Institute.

The course in Home Economics will be held in the Parish Hall, and the subjects treated are: Foods and Cookery; laundering; household administration; home planning and furnishing; home nursing and first aid; sewing; textiles and needlecraft; and special subjects. Competent teachers are in charge of these various subjects and practical demonstrations are vital part of the courses.

The course in Agriculture deals with animal husbandry; field husbandry; poultry husbandry; farm dairying; veterinary science; horticulture and vegetable growing; floriculture; soils and fertilizers; elementary physics and chemistry; drainage and land surveying; farm mechanics; gas engines and farm tractors; agricultural botany; economic entomology; bacteriology; farm management; civics; marketing; farm forestry business and finance; and music. A staff of ten instructors will have charge of these subjects. This course is given in the rooms above the South-end Garage, on Main Street.

The folders giving the detailed outline of the courses and complete particulars are now available and all other information desired is obtainable upon application to Mr. A. G. Kirstine, Agricultural Representative at Milton. The classes are free and to those who complete these diplomas and graduate plus are awarded.

## Various Items of Local Interest

### Baptist Anniversary on Sunday

The ninetieth anniversary of Acton Baptist Church will be observed next Sunday, November 13. Services will be held at 11.00 a. m. and 7.00 p. m., and Prof. Frederick Tracy, of the University of Toronto, will be the anniversary speaker. The choir will furnish special anniversary music. In the morning the Presbyterian congregation will join in the Baptist anniversary service and in the evening the service of the United Church will be withdrawn to allow that congregation to attend this anniversary.

### Inquiry into Coal Prices

Formal announcement that Government inquiry through the Combines Investigation Act into the spread between the cost of British coal laid down at principal Canadian centres and the delivered cost to consumers was made to the Senate yesterday by Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, Government leader in the Upper House. F. A. McGregor, registrar under the act, has already launched his probe to discover the bona fides of a hundred per cent increase between the average free-along-side cost at Montreal and the cost in Montreal cellars, the spread being from \$7.50 on domestic sizes to \$15, while on blower coal it is from \$6.50 to \$10.25 per ton. In Toronto though the laid down cost to the "importer" is \$1 per ton higher on domestic sizes—he gets it at \$8.50 per ton, according to the information given the Government—he retails with the same price as Montreal on domestic sizes and at 25 cents per ton higher on "small" sizes.

### Parkview A. C.

The regular meeting of the Parkview Athletic Club was held in their club room on Thursday, November 3, 1932, at 7.30 p. m. The evening was devoted to business training and recreation. The club is planning upon holding a skating and dance during the latter part of November, for the purpose of raising funds, which are to be used for carrying out the club's programme. It was also decided to collect used toys, which will be repaired, if necessary, and distributed among the needy children of the town on Christmas eve. A vote of thanks was extended to the Council for granting the club the use of the curling rink for training purposes. Physical exercises and a short run were the features of a half hour of training. The points going event of the evening was a spelling match, between the three competitive teams of the club. After a half hour of keen competition, during which a new dictionary might have been edited, Harvey Hassard was declared the winner, and five points were gained for his team. On Saturday afternoon six members of the club ran a road race of five miles, in which all the contestants finished in good time. The winner's time was thirty-three and one-half minutes, with the rest of the field well up on the leader. The contestants finished in the following order: C. Byrne, T. Nicol, J. Nicol, A. Buchanan, N. Scarrow, T. Robson. While this race was under way, several events were held in the Park.

## MASON COMPANY EMPLOYEES

### Held Social Evening and Shower in Honor of Two Members Who are Being Married

Last Thursday evening the employees of the Mason Knitting Company and their friends held a social evening and shower of kitchen utensils for two of their members, who are to be married shortly—Miss Lillian Tyler and Miss Ethel James were the honored young ladies at this function. Games and dancing were enjoyed by the assemblage and the following address was read and accompanied by a shower of the popular two-tone granite ware kitchen utensils for the brides-to-be.

Dear Lillian and Ethel:

We, your fellow-workers, have gathered together to-night on the occasion of your approaching marriages to present to you a token of our esteem and friendship. During the years you have been with us, sharing all our "ups and downs," we have learned to love and appreciate you.

It is with a tinge of regret that we give these farewell gifts but yet we cannot help but feel a joy at your coming happiness. We hope that as you use these you will remember the friendships at the Mason Knitting Company, and the good will we extend with them. With sincerest regards and hopes for the future, we wish you "bon voyage" as you embark upon your married life.

The prospective brides and grooms responded to this address and expressed their appreciation of the remembrances of their fellow-employees. The event was held in the Legion club rooms, on Frederick Street. A bouillabaisse lunch was served by the ladies and the club rooms presented a very pretty appearance, with their table decorations.



## Remembrance Day

### 1918-1932

Somebody's Boy lies in Flanders Fields  
Where the brilliant poppies nod,  
Somebody's Boy that died once for you,  
Now rests there beneath its sod;  
Somebody's Boy would be glad to know  
That his death was not in vain;  
Somebody's Boy who gave his all  
When in battle he was slain.  
Somebody's Boy we should not forget  
But show in our simple way;  
That it's for Somebody's Soldier Boy  
We observe Remembrance Day.

"Lest We Forget"

## Council Opposes Construction of the Middle Road in Halton

### Resolution Forwarded to Minister of Highways Protesting This Expenditure—Minister of Public Welfare Requests Reeve Threat to Deposit Wreath on Monument on Remembrance Day—Tax Arrears Collections Not Interfered With by the Council—Accounts are Passed for Payment.

At the meeting of Acton Council on Monday evening, Councilors Cowie, Jones, Nicol and McArthur were present and Reeve E. Theford presided. The twenty-third report of the Finance Committee recommended payment of the following accounts:

Acton Free Press, printing and advertising	\$ 10.85
G. R. Agnew, Division Court Clerk and Bailiff	48.00
Acton Public Utilities Commission, waterworks arrears collected	4.22
Acton Public Utilities Commission, street lighting	144.72
Acton Public Utilities Commission, town hall lighting	3.63
Acton Public Utilities Commission, pump-house lighting	.83
Acton Public Utilities Commission, power at pumping station	19.25
Acton Public Utilities Commission, arena lighting	4.59
G. H. Lantz, gravel, etc.	117.18
J. B. Mackenzie & Son, supplies	45.03
Ritchie & Agar, coal	30.19
James Symon, supplies	14.95
J. R. Watson, tile	43.60
Alex. McIsaac, supplies	.90
	\$374.19

The report was adopted.

Mr. C. E. Parker was present to discuss with the Council the arrears of the Reeve place a wreath on the monument at the Remembrance Day service, on behalf of the Government.

An adjustment on the tax arrears on the properties of Mr. S. Cordner was left to the Reeve and Chief McPherson. A letter from Mr. L. G. King reported that the fire truck should be prepared for winter, with the radiator filled with anti-freeze and oil and grease changed. The matter was referred to the Fire and Light Committee for their attention.

The adjustment of a street light on Elgin Street was to be dealt with by the Committee in charge of these matters.

The peddlers are busy from door to door these days. Lace that was sold as hand-made, proved later to be of inferior work who patronizes these transient peddlers their origin is doubtful. The housewife who patronizes these transient peddlers usually gets stung.

## Remembrance Day Service in Acton

### Will be Held To-morrow Morning—Acton Will Take Time to Remember

As has always been the custom in Acton since the close of the Great War, a community service will be held in the Town Hall, commencing at ten o'clock on Friday, November 11. Acton citizens have always been most loyal and steadfast in their annual observance of the closing of the Great War and undoubtedly will this year maintain the same spirit.

November 11 has been designated by the Dominion Government as a public holiday. Its observance as such seems to be widely construed. Reeve Theford, in a proclamation has requested that the day be loyally observed.

Whatever may be the individual feeling of observance in the matter of the holiday observance, citizens generally will plan to attend the community service which commences in the Town Hall at ten o'clock promptly. A parade of the Veterans and Acton Citizens' Band, the local company of the Lorne (Scottish) Rifles, and the local Bugle Band of the company will parade from the Park to the Hall, leaving the Park at 9.45 a. m.

The service in the Town Hall will commence promptly at ten o'clock, and be opened by Reeve Theford, Rev. P. A. Sawyer, Rev. H. L. Bennie and Rev. C. L. Poole will take various parts in the service. The two minutes of silence will be observed while the gathering is at the Town Hall, and "The Last Post" will be sounded by Bugler James Loutitt.

The service at the monument will be very brief and allow for the placing of tributes at the monument by the various organizations. Corporal J. J. Conroy, D. C. M., will read the names of those who made the supreme sacrifice. The entire service will be finished well before noon. The details are in charge of the Acton Branch of the Canadian Legion, the Reeve and Councilors, and the resident ministers of Acton.

## ERAMOSA PLOWING MATCH

### Was Held on Tuesday at the Farm of Mr. James Douglas, Near Rockwood—Largely Attended and Keenly Contested

The Eramosa Plowing Match, held under the auspices of the Eramosa branch of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, was held on Tuesday on the farm of James Douglas, one and one-half miles north of Rockwood, and it was very largely attended by interested spectators, and also by a large attendance of expert plowmen.

Twenty-one teams wended their way up and down their respective lands and all seemed to co-operate with their respective plowmen in making what might be well said one of the best matches ever held in the township. As the judge, W. C. Barrie, of Galt, stated in his remarks, "There has not been one poorly ploughed land to-day." He also congratulated the executive committee on the efficient management, and highly commended the boys under twenty-one years of age, who ploughed in sod.

The prizes were awarded as follows: Class No. 1—Open to the Province—Alex. Black, Pushtun; R. G. Brown, Galt; Norman McLeod, Galt; Ed. Timbers, Milliken; T. G. Hutchinson, Rockwood.

Crown and finish—Alex. Black. Class No. 2—Open to Eramosa and Erin only to those who have never taken a first prize in the men's class—Harold Sunter, Erin; Barclay Forsythe, Rockwood; Jos. Benham, Erin.

Crown—Barclay Forsythe. Finish—Harold Sunter. Class No. 3—Open to the Townships of Eramosa and Erin only, boys under 21 years (to 1800)—Bert Robertson, Erin; Albert Alton, Rockwood; Harvey Bayne, Rockwood.

Crown and finish—Bert Robertson, Erin. Class No. 4—Open to Township of Eramosa and Erin only, boys under 17 years, in stubble—Albert Hayden, Rockwood; Charles McNabb, Rockwood.

Crown and finish—Albert Hayden, Rockwood. Special prize to youngest boy who never ploughed at a match before—Albert Hayden, Rockwood.

Tolson's Special, for the best work in sod or stubble, by a boy under 21 years—Bert Robertson, Erin. Special by the Eramosa Junior Farmers, for the best work in any class by a member of the Eramosa Junior Farmers—Barclay Forsythe, Rockwood.

## THE EVENING MEAL DINNER

A woman was having the upper rooms of her house painted and she fancied that the painter was slacking on the job. "Painter, are you working?" she shouted at the foot of the stairs. "Yes, ma'am," came the reply. "I can't hear you." "Well, do you think I'm putting it on with a hammer?"

## News of Acton and the District

### Presentation to "Billy" Sleas

On Friday evening the employees of the Cut Sole Department of Beardmore Leathers gathered at the Station Hotel, where a farewell party was tendered Billy Sleas, former Superintendent of this department. A sumptuous banquet was served and a splendid social evening was held. Mr. Sleas was presented with a handsome club bag as a mark of the esteem in which he was held. Mr. Sleas was coach of the hockey team during his residence here and will be missed in many circles. The gathering was brought to a close by all singing "He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

### Coming to Gregory Theatre

Marian Nixon will be seen in the title role, paired with Ralph Bellamy, as the kindly, sympathetic Dr. Ladd in "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm." Fox picturization of the famous classic from the pens of Kate Douglas Wiggin and Charlotte Thompson, coming on Friday to the Gregory Theatre. Alfred Santell, who brought "Daddy Long Legs" so successfully to the talking screen, directed the picture which was adapted in continuity and dialogue by S. N. Behrman and Sonya Levign. The long list of important supporting players includes Mae Marsh, Louise Clouser Hale, Sarah Padden, Alan Hale, Ronald Harris and many others.

### 471,668 Unemployed in Canada

On June 1, 1931, the date of the Dominion-wide census, Canada's unemployed total stood at 471,668, according to a return tabled by Hon. H. H. Stevens, Minister of Trade and Commerce, in the House of Commons. The wage-earners of Canada numbered 3,564,879, of whom the 81.39 per cent. were at work. The number of "unemployed in the ordinary meaning of the term" was 392,894, or 15.32 of all wage-earners, since these persons recorded themselves to have "no job." Others were laid off temporarily, some were out of work through sickness, accidents and lock-out. Of the wage-earners, 2,017,606 were males, and 547,273 females. Of the former, 422,994 were not at work, and of the latter, 48,674.

### Boys' Parliament

Saturday, November 26, is the boys' election day and much interest is shown by Tuxis Boys, Trail Rangers and others. Several boys from Halton County have been members of the Boys' Parliament in other years. Jack Rush, of Milton, was member for Halton in the last Parliament; William Wilson and J. Elvin Gamble, of Acton, have also been members in recent Parliaments. The eligible voters this year are Trail Rangers, Tuxis Boys, boys in organized Sunday School classes. All voters must be twelve or over and under twenty-one on election day. The voters' lists close Saturday, November 19. Mr. Kenneth M. Langdon, of Georgetown, is District Returning Officer for the Boys' Parliament election. It is expected that two or three outstanding boys will contest the election for Halton. This Parliament is the twelfth in Ontario, and marks the twelfth year that representative old boys have shared officially in the promotion of the Trail Ranger and Tuxis Movements.

## LIMEHOUSE

Sergts. Grant and Dickenson, of Toronto's "Anst," spent a couple of days this week hunting rabbits around Limehouse.

Mr. and Mrs. McDowell, of Toronto, were week-end visitors with Mrs. Le-Poldevin.

Miss Marian Brown, of Toronto, visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown this week. Dr. and Mrs. Lindsay Sutherland, of Halifax, visited Dr. and Mrs. Sutherland this week.

Mrs. Songer, of Toronto, is a visitor at the home of Fred Packer.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lane, of Sulphide, visited Mrs. E. Lane over the week-end.

The illustrated lecture given by Mr. Kirstine, of the Department of Agriculture, on Friday evening, under the auspices of the Women's Institute, was a success and most appreciated. The pictures covered the Ferguson Highway and a trip across Canada from coast to coast. A quartette number, by Messrs. Gowdy and Benton, and Mrs. Norton and Mrs. C. Meredith; a trio, by Mrs. C. Meredith, Mrs. Gowdy and Mrs. Norton; readings by Miss Ruth Gibson, of Acton, made up a very delightful programme.

On Wednesday morning they passed away to her reward one of the esteemed residents of Limehouse in the person of Mrs. Robert Doughty. Mrs. Doughty has been very ill for some weeks and slowly failed, notwithstanding all nursing and medical skill could do. Mrs. Doughty has been a resident here for a good many years, interested in her home and the work of the churches, she will be missed. Her husband will have the sympathy of the entire community.