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## News of Acton and the District

### Crabapple Social and Dance.

The Acton U. F. O. will hold a progressive crabapple social and dance in the Parish Hall on Friday, December 30, at 8.30 sharp. Admission, 50c; 15c, ladies provide lunch. Everybody welcome.

### Social Evening of Jr. I. O. O. F.

The Lakeside Chapter, I. O. O. F., enjoyed a social evening at the home of Mrs. O. Leishman, on Wednesday, December 14. Substantial prizes were won by Mrs. J. J. Stewart and Mrs. E. H. Vincent. The Chapter made a cash donation to the Welfare Board of \$25.

### Interest Maintained in Short Courses

The three months' school in Agriculture is completing its first month on December 23. Although so near Christmas, with all the Christmas activities, the attendance and interest is splendid. The boys this week spent Tuesday at the O. A. College, Guelph, judging live stock. The girls are busy finishing up their dresses and sewing samples, and will begin needling after Christmas. The cooking demonstrations will continue throughout the next two months, on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, as usual. The girls' class is entertaining the boys' class to a luncheon on Friday, after which the boys are taking the girls to the skating arena. The school re-opens on January 3, at 9 a. m., and the same good attendance is expected.

### Acton Loyal True Riders Elect New Officers

The following officers were elected for 1933 by I. T. B. No. 390, Acton: I. P. M.—Sis. Annie Anderson; W. M.—Sis. Edna Johnson; D. C.—Sis. Rose Browne; Recording Secretary—Sis. Vina Wilder-stein; Financial Secretary—Sis. Elizabeth Collier.

Treasurer—Sis. Lily Wilds; Chaplain—Sis. Margaret Smith; D. of C.—Sis. Emma Lappin; Conductors—Sis. Babcock; I. Tyler—Sis. Hollinger. The election was conducted by Sis. Wainwright, of Burlington, the D. D. G. M. for Halton County; also several members from Oakville Lodge were present. After the election lunch was served and a pleasant evening spent.

### Christmas Entertainment

The United Church Sunday School held their Christmas entertainment in the church on Tuesday evening. A special feature of the evening was the presentation of "White Gifts for the King," by the scholars. These gifts will be given to the Acton Welfare Board for distribution with the Christmas baskets. The response was very gratifying and many white gifts filled the box and overflowed on the platform. Mr. A. T. Brown, the Superintendent, spoke for a few minutes and then Mr. E. J. Moore took charge of the meeting. Recitations were given by little Miss Kathleen Weadge, Gordon Gibbons and Jack Davidson. Mr. Moore was able to secure for the Sunday School a number of motion picture films and lanterns, which were much enjoyed by the children. Of course the coming of good old Santa was awaited eagerly and when he did arrive everyone from the Cradle Roll to the Bible Class were present in the cells at the Town Hall, while the Chief communicated with Toronto regarding his return. The rooms next to the cells, which are used for transients headquarters, were visited by a couple of knights of the road during the absence of the Chief. One of these, who called himself Carl Robinson, undertook to be a good Samaritan to the imprisoned lad, and, with the aid of a stout poker and a few other implements, tried to break down the cell door. But Percy Knobel did not particularly desire his liberty and awaited the return of the Chief, with the door to liberty wide open. His helper and companion started to leave Acton. The return of Chief McPherson brought about some questioning and the lad told his story. A short motor trip out the highway and the liberator and his companion were under arrest. In Police Court Robinson was sent down to Milton for a few months. But this was not the finish of the episode. When Robinson's finger prints were taken and sent to Ottawa, it was found he was a much-wanted criminal and now has four or five charges on which he will appear in court at Milton on Friday. He has several aliases and at Ottawa was known by the name of Anthony.

### A Series of Arrests and Charges

Last week Chief McPherson received word from the Barnardo Home in Toronto that Percy Knobel had left that institution and it was thought headed for Acton. A little investigation by the Chief proved that his expected visitor had arrived and he was lodged in the cells at the Town Hall, while the Chief communicated with Toronto regarding his return. The rooms next to the cells, which are used for transients headquarters, were visited by a couple of knights of the road during the absence of the Chief. One of these, who called himself Carl Robinson, undertook to be a good Samaritan to the imprisoned lad, and, with the aid of a stout poker and a few other implements, tried to break down the cell door. But Percy Knobel did not particularly desire his liberty and awaited the return of the Chief, with the door to liberty wide open. His helper and companion started to leave Acton. The return of Chief McPherson brought about some questioning and the lad told his story. A short motor trip out the highway and the liberator and his companion were under arrest. In Police Court Robinson was sent down to Milton for a few months. But this was not the finish of the episode. When Robinson's finger prints were taken and sent to Ottawa, it was found he was a much-wanted criminal and now has four or five charges on which he will appear in court at Milton on Friday. He has several aliases and at Ottawa was known by the name of Anthony.

## J. Hurst Secretary of Arena This Year

### Details of Year Finished for 1932 Acton Council — Arena Committee Meeting Arranged

At the Council meeting on Monday evening, Councillors Cowie, Jones and McArthur were present and Reeve Theford presided. Councillor Nicol was absent, owing to illness.

The twenty-sixth report of the Finance Committee recommended payment of the following accounts:

A. G. Clarridge, gravel	\$ 18.00
Alexander Murray Co. Ltd., roofing	78.50
W. F. Mooney, repairs to Arena-roof	10.00
Clarke & Till, firemen's insurance premium	95.00
Mrs. H. L. McDonald, insurance premium on Arena	170.00
Bell Telephone Co., services for month	11.03
Hugh McCutcheon, wood	4.00
Kenney Bros., for stove	2.50
W. R. E. Blair, stovepipe	.25
J. B. Mackenzie & Son, supplies	52.70
King & McEachern, care of fire truck	25.00
	\$467.58

The report was adopted. Messrs. King and Baylis were present to discuss with the Council the promotion of juvenile hockey in Acton. This would bring in the boys from 12 to 16 years of age and a four team local league was planned. The plan had the sympathy of the Council and they agreed to use their endeavors to have permission granted by the Arena Committee.

Mr. G. H. Bishop asked the charge for the Arena for a skating party on Friday afternoon. This was in conjunction with the Short Courses that are being held in Acton and a social event in connection with the affair. The plan was for an hour's skating and the fee was set at ten cents per head.

It was pointed out to the Council that the Arena roof was leaking, and had not been properly repaired by the contractor. The Reeve was to bring this to his attention.

Mr. J. M. McDonald was present to discuss with the Council the matter of the division of the gate receipts with the Junior Hockey Club. The financing of the Junior Team had been rather heavy under the present arrangement. He suggested that the expenses of the Juniors be first paid and then the usual division of the receipts be made. The present plan with the intermediates was quite satisfactory and no change was asked for. Upon motion the request was unanimously granted.

It was also arranged to have a meeting of the Arena Committee at the Curling Rink on Tuesday evening, when all matters relative to the Arena would be dealt with.

The applications for the position of Secretary of the Arena were received and read. There were twelve applicants seeking the position. Upon motion the application of Joseph Hurst was accepted for the position, at a salary of \$10 per week. The duties were to be outlined at the meeting of the Arena Committee.

The Clerk was instructed to insert an advertisement in The Free Press, regarding those who have been diligent in paying taxes.

The Clerk pointed out that the first meeting of the 1933 Council would be held on Tuesday, January 3.

The Canadian National Railways in a letter, gave notice that the company was applying to the Railway Board for relief from maintaining cattle guards at the crossings in Acton. This permission had been refused previously by the Council.

Moved by Geo. Cowie, seconded by E. Jones, that the second half of the dog-tax charged to N. H. Garden (No. 2-1B) on roll, together with any penalty which may have been charged thereon, be written off. Mr. Garden having moved from Acton before July 1, 1932. Carried.

Councillor Cowie thanked the Reeve and Councillors for the kindness and courtesy which had been shown him during his term at the Council. He wished the continuing Reeve and Councillor Jones every success in their municipal work in the coming year. He would be in the field next year if health permitted and he urged the new Council not to sacrifice the efficiency of the municipal officials in an effort for false economy.

## Merry Christmas To All

ONCE again December 25 has almost arrived and the Christmas season is with us. The realization and unfolding of all the thoughts expressed in gifts for others that have occupied the attention of most everyone through the past month is about due.

THAT THIS CHRISTMAS MAY BE THE MOST JOYFUL ONE TO ALL IS THE WISH OF

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### JUNIOR TEAM WON

#### Defeat Hillsburg in the First Exhibition Game at the Arena—First O. H. A. Fixture for Juniors in Preston on Monday

Quite a number of fans were present at the Arena on Tuesday night to witness the game between the Acton Juniors and the Hillsburg Tigers, and they cheered the home forces on to 5-1 victory. It was the first appearance of the local boys this season and they look very promising, and should be all ready for the O. H. A. tussle with Preston next week.

The boys from the 'Burg were a heavier outfit than the locals but were not as fast or smooth as the locals. The first period opened with the locals carrying the play, and after a few minutes of play, Lantz found the net for the first tally, on a nice pass from Marshall. The lines were then changed and before long I. Marzo had beat the 'Burg goalie three times, to give the locals a good lead. Both teams had several other chances, but this ended the scoring for this frame.

The second stanza didn't show so much punch and the locals were held scoreless, although they were in on the net guard several times. Carney Byrne, in the local goal, was turning in a lovely game, knocking all shots aside, but "Dougie" Carmichael (a name Acton ball fans recognize) spoiled a perfect evening when his long "lobber" from outside the blue line beat Carney. It was a tricky shot, and liable to beat anybody. This ended the scoring for this frame, and the boys went in for another rest.

When the caretaker and Arena "Rats" had the ice cleared off, the final frame got under way, and showed some splendid hockey. The locals were too fast for the boys from the north, and they couldn't get past the defence, although the regular defence man, Harry Lawson, is laid up with the "flu." But his place was well taken care of by George Tyler, who was playing his first game in junior company. I. Marzo took sick, and was unable to play all the third period, but his brother, E. Marzo, substituted for him, and scored Acton's fifth goal. This period was very fast and the fans were all well pleased with the showing the boys made. Both lines worked effectively and had many chances to score. Jim McEachern did score once, but it was called back on an off-side play. The things up, but Referee Terry handled the game well.

Jack Greer has the boys in good shape and several new faces appear on the line-up this year. It looks as if they will go places in quest of O. H. A. honors.

The Acton line-up: Goal Byrne; defence, E. Marzo, Tyler; centre, Marshall; right wing, S. Lantz; left wing, J. McEachern; subs, Mooney, I. Marzo and Gibbons.

First Intermediate O. H. A. game of the season will be played in Acton on Tuesday evening. Oakville vs. Acton. 'Tut sed.

Free Press representative and his faithfulness and accuracy in giving the public the full details of the Council proceedings were also lauded. Clerk Farmer and the editor of The Free Press replied, expressing the pleasure the year had given them and outlined some of the features they had noted in Council work in their many terms of attending meetings.

### A Selection of News Items

#### The Legion Euchre and Dance

The Legion Euchre and Dance to-morrow evening at the Legion Club Rooms will be quite an attraction. The Christmas prizes are to be awarded that night on the draw that is in aid of funds for the welfare work.

#### To Brighten the Kiddies' Christmas

To-night will be a cheerful and busy night at the Acton Legion Club Rooms, when the distribution of toys will be made to the children of veterans of Acton and district. The toys and treats supplied as a prize through the Buckingham contest were certainly ones to brighten the hearts of any youngsters. The array was one that was the subject of much comment. It is possible that the Legion may have more toys than are required for the children of veterans, and in such event they will be handed over for distribution to the hearts of other children in the community. Acton won second place in this contest.

#### Knux Christmas Tree and Sabbath School Entertainment

This annual event took place this year in the Town Hall on Monday evening, December 19, and the capacity of the hall was taxed to its limits. A splendid programme preceded the arrival of Santa Claus. This was divided into two parts: In the first part the various classes of the school contributed as follows: Two choruses, one by the primary and one by the intermediate department; then songs, duets, trios, violin selections and the inevitable and highly entertaining Christmas recitation. A small boy or-girl with a Christmas recitation had a humor all their own. These contributing were Wm. Hall, Marjory McKinnon, Marjory Blow, Jean Lindsay, Lorne Masters, Kenneth Blow, Kenneth Hassard, Alan Leshman, Jack Bruce, May Roney, Mary Young, Uerlen Thompson, Francis Chisholm, Jimmie Scott, Myrna Rawson, Martin Hassard, Vernon Agnew, Frances Rawlings. The second part of the programme was the dramatic presentation of Diogenes' "Christmas Carol." The five staves of the carol were broken up into 15 bars or notes and showed the redemption of old Scrooge by the wonderful power of the spirit of Christ as a little child. This was portrayed by Mrs. Moore's class of ten-year girls. It was exceedingly well done, handicapped as they were by the present sickness epidemic. Substitution was made for some of the first parts as late as Saturday and Monday. The principal role of Ebenezer Scrooge was well taken by Margaret Chalmers, and the following principal characters were taken in good order by Edna Hinton, Fred, Bob Cratchit, Dorothy McKim, Mrs. Cratchit, Marjory Near, Tiny Tim, Marjory Hall, Marley's Ghost, Isabel Bruce; Spirit of Christmas Past, Laura Hall; of Christmas Present, Marguerite Currie; Christmas to Come, May Bruce. The other members of the class all contributed to make this feature a success. At the close, of course, Christmas had to be present in its representative Santa Claus and the good things from the tree were distributed by the lavish hand of willing helpers. So must Christmas come and Christmas go.

### SERIOUS ACCIDENT

#### Charles Spiers Terribly Injured as Circular Saw Breaks and Strikes Him

On Monday Charles Spiers, of Acton, was seriously injured by a piece of circular saw hitting him in the chest. Two ribs were severed and his left lung punctured and other serious injuries were received that make his recovery very doubtful.

The accident happened on Monday afternoon when Mr. Spiers was assisting to operate a circular saw owned by Robt. Johnson, in the latter's yard at the rear of Edward's bakery store. In some manner the balance wheel flew in pieces and the saw blade broke. A section of the blade struck Spiers, inflicting the serious injuries. He was given medical attention and rushed to the General Hospital in Guelph. So serious were the injuries inflicted when the blade tore along the front of his body that it is doubtful if he will recover.

Pieces of the balance wheel were hurled into the air and were picked up two blocks away from where the accident occurred; and in different places of that section of the town. Some who heard the pieces of steel flying through the air described it as a sound like a wartime shell.

### ERAMOSIA COUNCIL

#### All Members of 1932 Body Announce Their Intention of Being Candidates for Next Year

The Council for the above Township held their statutory meeting on December 15, in the Town Hall, Rockwood.

Present: Reeve Sims McLean, in the chair, and Councillors Albert Lush, D. H. Storey and John Hindley. The minutes of the regular meeting on November 14, and of the special meeting on December 10 were read and approved.

Damages for sheep worrying were awarded to W. R. Shaw, and on production of an affidavit as to the owner of the dog, the Clerk was instructed to collect damages from the owner.

A resolution was passed expressing the sympathy of the Council with the caretaker of the Hall, Mr. Wm. Ellis, in his loss through the passing of the late Mrs. Ellis. The Clerk was ordered to enter it in the minutes and forward a copy to Mr. Ellis.

Accounts passed amounted to \$135.57. After adjournment, the Clerk, Frank Day, was appointed chairman, and Reeve McLean, on being called on to speak, thanked the members of Council for their support in conducting municipal affairs during his term of office, and announced his intention of becoming a candidate for the Reeve ship for 1933. Councillors Lush, Storey, and Hindley spoke in similar strain, and each announced his intention of becoming a candidate for Councillor for 1933.

## 1932 County Council in Final Session

### Variety of Matters Are Dealt With—Warden's Dinner Followed the Meeting Last Friday

The final meeting of the Halton County Council was held in the Court House, Milton, on Friday, all members present and the Warden in the chair. Owing to the illness of the County Clerk, the Clerk's place was taken by Sheriff Brown.

Council met at 10.30 a. m. Communications were read and the reports of the various Standing Committees, which were afterwards considered by Committee of the Whole, with Mr. George Currie in the chair.

A very satisfactory report was read from the Commissioners of the House of Refuge for the Counties of Halton and Peel, part of which was as follows: "Due to having a very small balance on hand at the beginning of the year, and with some extra-expenditures, such as re-insuring the buildings and the insurance paid for a period of three years from February last, it was necessary to call on the Counties for money to make payments and we have received to date the amounts of \$1,050.00 from each County. We believe the aforesaid amounts would be all required for the year, but the Inspector of Public Institutions, on his recent inspection of the Home, made an order that fire escapes be installed. With 86 inmates at the present time it is necessary to use the attic for sleeping quarters, which is the main reason for the need of fire escapes, the erection of which we deem would be more economical than to build additional accommodation at the present time, consequently they are being installed at the approximate cost of \$1,000.00 and it will be necessary to call on the Counties next year for money to cover this expenditure."

The Financial Report was as follows:

Balance on hand, December 31, 1931	\$ 14.99
Other Receipts	10,518.27
Total	\$10,533.26

Miscellaneous	\$10,016.99
Stock	448.65
Total	\$10,465.64
Balance on hand	67.62
	\$10,533.26

The medical report showed there had been only five deaths during the year, and in each case death had been due to natural causes.

A letter was read from the C. P. R. Railway Company to the Board of Railway Commissioners for relief from maintaining cattle guards at certain crossings in the County.

"For years past," wrote the Company, "at highway crossings throughout the country cattle guards, which, in the light of modern conditions of farming and travel upon the highways, are, in many instances, no longer considered necessary. The efficiency of this type of protective device has always been a matter of doubt.

"In the circumstances and to avoid unnecessary expense for replacement and maintenance, application is being made to the Board for relief from this custom."

After the above was discussed by the Council it was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Headhead, that no action be taken. Carried.

It was later moved by Mr. Theford, that this Council go on record as being strongly opposed to any measures for the removal of the cattle guards.—Carried.

Following a recommendation by the Finance Committee, it was resolved that sufficient money be borrowed from the Bank of Nova Scotia to meet an overdraft for which the Council gives as security a Government grant of approximately \$30,000, due to the Good Roads Committee.

It was recommended in the report of the Good Roads Committee that permission be granted by the Council for the purchase of another snow plough for use with a truck. The recommendation met with some dissension from some members of the Council and was left over to the next meeting.

Mr. Currie said he would like to ask Mr. Smith (County engineer) and members of the Council if they really feel that it is necessary for the snow to be removed at all, or at any rate, would it not be possible for two or three inches of snow to be left on the road, so that farmers can make use of their sleighs. It is a great drawback for farmers going backwards and forwards to the mill to meet with such poor sleighing.

Mr. Smith explained that it was almost impossible to leave snow on the road without running the plough at a much greater expense because with even a few inches left, it made such poor traction that the snow plough could not make any headway at all, which made running expenses that much heavier.

Mr. Morden suggested that a land roller be used immediately following each snowfall, which Mr. Smith explained would only be possible provided the weather remained cold.

## Various Items of Local Interest

### New Year's Dance

Under the auspices of the Acton Fair Board a New Year's dance will be held in the Town Hall, Acton, on Monday, January 2. The famous "Hot Bakers" Orchestra will supply the music for old and modern dancing. Lunch will be provided. Popular prices will prevail.

### Bridge Party in Aid of Charitable Funds

An enjoyable bridge party was held last Thursday evening at "Billcrest," the home of Mrs. F. Smith and Miss Pearl Smith. The proceeds were for aid of the charitable endeavors of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the I. O. O. E. The prizes were won by Mrs. Bert Mowat, Mrs. A. B. McLean, Mrs. Finlay. A substantial amount was raised for the funds of the Order to assist in charitable work.

### Christmas Tree in Place

The Community Christmas Tree has been erected at the Mill and Main Street corner and is the subject of much favorable comment. Mayor J. B. Mackenzie, of Georgetown, kindly supplied the tree and the erection, decoration and lighting was carried out by Mr. Chas. Wilson, of the Acton Public Utilities. Mr. Wilson certainly made a splendid job of it and has arranged the tree so that it is indeed a credit to the community.

### The U. F. O. Public Meeting

The meeting in the Parish Hall, under the direction of Acton U. F. O., was not as well attended as was expected. Mr. H. H. Hanna, of Toronto, gave much valuable information, especially to farmers, particularly on the subject of inflation and the debtors equity, established by law, which the U. F. O. had asked from the Government. He also explained the C. C. F. and what rapid progress it is making in Toronto. The chairman, Mr. C. O. Plank, put before the audience the pressing need of farmers and urban citizens getting together on a common ground of understanding and urged on them the necessity of immediate organization. Mr. Graham Sperry, and Dr. Wright were unable to attend, owing to unavoidable circumstances.

### Cutting Season Opens

The annual meeting of Acton Curling Club was held on Tuesday evening, in the Club Rooms at the Arena. In view of the fact that there was no ice last year, the same officers were re-elected for this year, namely, Honorary President, Dr. E. J. Nelson; President, "Thos. Watson; First Vice-President, E. J. Hassard; Second Vice-President, C. H. Harrison; Secretary-Treasurer, W. K. Graham. The Club is in good financial condition and it is possible the fees may be reduced if the plan meets with the approval of the Arena Committee. A telephone is being installed and the club rooms are indeed very commodious and comfortable. Following the meeting a game was played and the season got off to a start. The official opening, with the President and Vice-President, games will be played Monday, weather permitting. The losing side to provide a sack of flour for the Welfare Board.

### Injured at Norval

As a result of being struck by a heavy sedan automobile, driven by Barnett Stone, 44 Burnside Drive, Toronto, on the east Norval hill at 11.30 Tuesday morning, George Pettigrew, 78, Norval, is at the Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton, with a broken right leg; scalp wounds, and other possible injuries. Mr. Stone told D. H. Huffman, investigating officer, that he was driving along No. Severn Highway at a speed ranging from 30 to 35 miles an hour. Coming to the hill, he slackened speed. Just as he was rounding the curve at the checker-board, he saw the man walking along the middle of the road. Swerving to the ditch, he tried to avoid hitting him, but some part of the car came in contact with the aged pedestrian, throwing him several feet along the pavement. The car went into the ditch. Mr. Pettigrew was rushed to the hospital at Brampton by the driver of the car. He is making a favorable recovery.

### Baptist Christmas Concert

The annual Christmas concert of the Baptist Sunday School was presented on Monday evening and there was a good attendance of scholars and parents. The following programme: Recitation, Ernie Coles; song, Wilma West, recitation, Hartley Coles; song by Bessie Reid, Helen West and Wilma West; recitations by Howard Killick and Clarence Reid; group song, "Down the Chimney," dialogue, Margaret Elliott and Polly Porty; solo, W. Coles; recitation, Victor Bristolow and Edna Fryer; dialogue, "Last Year's Dolls"; recitations, Wilma West and Percy Elliott; address by Rev. M. Clifford; recitations by Doris McArthur and Helen West; songs by Jessie Coles and Ernest Coles; chorus, "Merry Yuletide"; playlet, "Listening to the Christmas Story." Of course the arrival of Santa Claus was an event enjoyed by all and the old chap had a generous treat for all the good girls and boys.

### THE EVENING MEAL DIGEST

A colored boy was strolling through a cemetery reading the inscriptions on the tombstones. He came to one which read: "Not dead, but sleeping." Scratching his head the boy remarked, "He sure ain't footin' nobody but himself."

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