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Various Interesting Items of News

Eachre and Dance

The ladies of the L. T. B. Lodge will hold a Eachre and Dance at the Legion Club-Rooms on Wednesday, April 26. Keep this date open. Good music and floor manager. Admission 25c.

Lakeside Chapter I. O. D. E. Meeting

The Lakeside Chapter I. O. D. E. held their April business and social meeting in the home of Mrs. J. J. Stewart last evening. A splendid contest was held, the prize going to Mrs. Jas. Adamson.

The Parkview Athletic Club

The regular meeting of the Club was held on Tuesday evening. The evening was spent in lengthy business discussions and practice for the coming district show. Three new members were taken into the Club and several names were submitted to the waiting list. The big surprise is to take place next Tuesday evening. Every member is asked to be on hand, as it is going to be of importance to each individual member of the Club. The Executive have added a new clause to the rules and regulations of the Club. If any member misses three consecutive meetings he is automatically dropped from the Club. The meeting arranged for to-night is being postponed, but to be on hand Saturday, at 2:00 p. m.

Nassau Valley Presbyterian Young People's Society

A very enjoyable evening was held in the Nassau Valley Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, March 28, when the Young People's Society banqueted the older members of the congregation. Nearly one hundred were present. The proceedings opened with the singing of one verse of "Onward, Christian Soldiers," followed by grace. Mr. R. Amos was chairman, and extended a few words of welcome. Mr. Burnett, of Guelph, an old-time fiddler, rendered some very fine selections during the banquet. The guest speaker, Mr. J. T. Weiland, took for his subject: "You and I Were Young, Maggie." Mrs. (Rev.) Jones sang sweetly, "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling." Miss Dredge and Mrs. Morton rendered instrumental music and the evening closed by singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

At the Gregory Theatre To-morrow Night

Five stars instead of one shine in "Grand Hotel," spectacular picture-ization of the celebrated Vicki Baum novel and play, which will be shown at the Gregory Theatre to-morrow night. Probably no film in recent years has attracted as much advance attention as this unusual screen drama, which is re-cribed as a startling study of human nature in a symbolic manner. The plot ran in New York for more than a year with similar success accorded its presentation in other American cities as well as the capitals of Europe. The story, which takes place entirely within the confines of a fashionable Berlin hotel, entwines the lives of a varied group of persons, including an exotic Russian dancer, whose romantic interlude with a reckless baron saves her from suicide but results in her lover's murder. In- volved in the drama are a scheming business man, a seductive stenographer, a consumptive clerk spending his savings on one last fling in life, a shell-shocked doctor and the hotel's head porter. How these people are all brought together and how their various intrigues and adventures change the course of their entire lives forms the theme of the plot.

Canned Fruit Production

The output of canned fruits of all kinds preserved in Canada rose from 784,833 cases in 1931 to 1,272,334 cases in 1932 while the pack of vegetables and soups of all kinds declined from 7,248,381 cases in 1931 to 5,411,562 cases last year. These preliminary figures include over 95 per cent. of the total production of canned-fruits and vegetables. The 1932 pack of canned fruits included 374,975 cases of pears, 248,934 cases of peaches, 229,730 cases of apples, 114,110 cases of cherries, 86,550 cases of plums, 36,106 cases of raspberries, 28,210 cases of strawberries, and smaller quantities of various other fruits. Compared with the previous year, the pack of apples was between three and four times as large, that of pears more than twice as large, and there were large increases in the output of cherries, peaches and plums. The quantities of raspberries and strawberries canned were below those of 1931. Canning of tomatoes, peas, beans and corn, and the production of canned soups represent the outstanding activities of the Canadian vegetable packing industry. The feature of the 1932 operations was, however, the large increase in output of tomato juice, which rose from 177,656 cases in 1931 to 310,340 cases last year. Exports of both canned fruits and canned vegetables from Canada increased in 1932. The exports of canned vegetables rose from 12,259,341 pounds in 1931 to 18,037,058 pounds. The exports of canned fruits amounted to 5,289,302 pounds in 1931 and last year to 10,269,285 pounds.

March Honor Roll of Acton School

The Pupils Who Won the Highest Standing in the Various Departments of the School

Senior Fourth

Uerlen Thompson, 476; Marion Nicol, 471; Sheila Breen, 464; Hazel Wilson, 451; Jean Bennie, 450; Bella Roszell, 446. Total 650.

Junior Fourth

Beatrice Taylor, 385; Helen Mooney, 354; Jessie Coles, 350; LaVerne Smith, 341; Jack Hollinger, 319; Walter Lamb, 312. Total 500.

Senior Third

Francis Pappion, 440; Rino Bralido, 395; Robert Poitlit, 391; Douglas Smith, 390; Willis Hall, 379; Mae Roney, 379; George Williams, 374. Total 550.

Junior Third

Annie Molozzie, 425; Marie Brunelle, 411; Mina Cripps, 391; Beverly Arnold, 385; Tommy Watson, 380; Doris Bilton, 376. Total 500.

Second Class

Helen Mann, 418; Eleanor Jocque, 416; Jack Chapman, 403; Billie Fields, 397; Albert Louttit, 389; Doris Weaver, 378. Total 500.

First Class

Lola Dawkins, 469; Polly Porly, 453; Jean Fraser, 440; Leonard Lambert, 396; Margaret Hodgins, 387; Frances Lamb, 384. Total 500.

Primier Class

Mary Marzo, 276; Joe Taylor, 247; Mickey MacMillan, 245; Bobby Pearson, 238; Charles Arnold, 230; Johnny Turkosk, 208; Ethel Franklin, 206.

First Class

Olga Dzyrw, 286; Austin Gibbens, 271; Dora Wood, 266; Margaret Somerville, 264; Rena Bralido, 261; Sammy Brunelle, 249. Total 315.

Junior Primary

Eveleen Bralido, 161; Betty Sawyer, 161; Enoch Marczak, 155; Wanda Stachniak, 153; Lois Fryer, 150. Total 165.

Edward Arnold, Aileen Fryer, Jack Mainprize, Rien Veldhuis, Shirley Duval, Lloyd Robertson.

FREE LIBRARY BOARD

Special Meeting was Held on Tuesday—New Appointments to be Made to the Board

A special meeting of the Free Library Board was held on Tuesday afternoon in the Secretary's office, with the following members present: A. T. Brown, Chairman; Rev. P. A. Sawyer, Rev. C. L. Poole, Reeve E. T. Theftford, Mrs. G. Havill, Mrs. R. P. Watson, Librarian, and H. N. Farmer, Secretary-Treasurer. The Chairman reported that a letter of condolence had been sent to the relatives of the late John Cameron, on behalf of the Board. Great regret was expressed by the Board at the passing of Mr. Cameron, whose presence, it was felt, would be very much missed. Mr. Cameron had been a member of the Board from its inception, in April, 1898, and at his death was the only member left of the original Board.

The matter of filling the vacancy on the Board, caused by the death of John Cameron, was discussed and Mr. Farmer also pointed out that he was no longer a member of the Board, by virtue of his office of Clerk of the municipality. The personnel of the Board should consist of the Reeve and three members appointed by the Council and three members by the School Board. That would require now that one member be appointed by each of these bodies.

Rev. C. L. Poole, on behalf of the Murray Bequest Committee, addressed the Board with a view to coming to some mutual arrangement whereby the Board could be supplied with new quarters in a building proposed to be erected in accordance with the terms of the will. The Secretary was instructed to reply to the Committee that the present quarters for the Library were inadequate and they would be pleased to accept new quarters in the building. It was pointed out that a space of double the present size would be desirable or approximately 30x40 feet. It was also pointed out that at present the Board was not able to promise any rental for such new quarters.

The Chairman of the Board reported that a book agent had solicited him for the purchase of books on gardening. It was decided the policy of the Board would be adhered to in the matter of purchasing books and agents' proposals would not be entertained.

OVERRATED

A certain Englishman, when asked on his return from America what he thought of that country, is said to have answered, after a moment's reflection, "I think Christopher Columbus was a much over-rated man!"

Entered Into Rest

JOHN BLANCHFIELD, Guelph

For almost a half century a resident of Guelph, John Blanchfield, a well-known tea-merchant, died at St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, on Sunday, after a brief illness. Mr. Blanchfield, who was in his 80th year, was born in Brampton Township and had spent his entire life in the Guelph district. He was for 35 years in the tea business in Guelph, and was widely known throughout Wellington County. Surviving are his wife, two sons, John B., of San Francisco; and Frank J., Toronto; and one daughter, Mrs. Joseph Lappin, Toronto.

JOHN SHORT, V. S., Erin

Mr. J. Short, V. S., of Erin, who was taken ill, was removed to Guelph General Hospital on Monday, and passed away there on Tuesday, March 28, in his 72nd year. He was born in Garafra Township and was the last member of the family. He had been a resident of Erin over 30 years. He was an Anglian and an assiduous worker in the church and community, especially in the cause of temperance. Surviving are his widow (nee Ada Robinson), one daughter, Mrs. E. McCaig, of Scotsguard; and three sons, Leonard, of Toronto; and John and George, at home. The funeral was held on Friday afternoon at Grand Valley.

MISS CATHERINE DUFFY

On Wednesday of last week, Miss Catherine Duffy passed away at the home of her niece, Mrs. William Duval, Victoria Avenue, in her eighty-sixth year. A little over a year ago Miss Duffy, who had resided in Toronto, came to Acton to reside in her home with Mr. and Mrs. Duval. She was a sister of the late Miss Mary Ann Duffy, who resided in Acton for many years and died in April, ten years ago. Miss Duffy was born in Dundas, but early in life her parents moved to Rockwood. One brother, Thomas Duffy, of Eramosa, is the last surviving member of this family. Miss Duffy was a devout Roman Catholic in religion and loyal to her church and its services. The funeral service was conducted on Friday morning by Rev. Father McBride, at St. Joseph's Church. Interment was made at Dublin Cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. W. Duval, A. Pappion, D. Farrel, Thos. Duffy, T. Pappion, P. Pappion.

MRS. CATHERINE E. McDONALD, Guelph

There passed away on Sunday, at her residence, 9 Harrison Avenue, Guelph, Mrs. Catherine E. McDonald, widow of the late Archibald McDonald, of Erin Township. The late Mrs. McDonald, who was in her sixtieth year, was born in Guelph Township, and she was the eldest daughter of the late George Hume Carter, J. P., and the late Mrs. Carter. She was raised on that farm and received her early education in the Public School, which stands close to the present site of the Ontario Reformatory. Later, she finished her education in the Guelph Collegiate Institute. In 1905, the late Mrs. McDonald married Archibald McDonald and went to live in Erin Township. Her husband died the following year and she then moved into Guelph to live with her parents, at their home on Delhi Street. The late Mrs. McDonald was a life long member of Knox Presbyterian Church of that city, and for some years she took an active part in the work of the Sunday School of that congregation. Surviving are two brothers, Rev. George W. Carter, of Guelph; Dr. John H. Carter, of Detroit; and one sister, Mrs. James Green, of Guelph. The late Mrs. McDonald was predeceased by her father, in 1909, and her mother, in 1928.

JOHN WALTERS

Following a long illness, John Walters, for many years a resident of Acton and Esqueping Township, passed away in Brampton, at the age of 95 years. He deceased was born in Esqueping Township, a son of the late George Walters and Betsey Vauden, and had lived all his life in this district. For many years he farmed on the farm now owned by Mr. George Bilton and later resided in the house in Acton now owned by Mr. D. H. Lindsay, and farmed a small portion of land just south of Acton. Later he erected a small residence on this property and he and Mrs. Walters resided there until with the advancing years it was not wise for them to reside alone. Mr. Walters was well and favorably known throughout this district. He is survived by one son, George, of Georgetown; his wife and two daughters having predeceased him. A foster-daughter, Mrs. James Montgomerie, of New Zealand, also survives. He was a member of the Baptist Church, and a Conservative. His funeral took place yesterday afternoon, from the home of his son, Mr. George Walters, Emery Street, Georgetown, with interment in Patriev Cemetery, Acton. His only sister, Mrs. Fannie Galloway, passed away last week in Toronto, in her 82nd year.

HERE! HERE!

Little Lucy—Do you like that cake, Mrs. Brown?
Mrs. Brown—Yes, my dear, very much indeed.
Little Lucy—That's funny, 'cause mother said you hadn't any taste.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Transacts Routine Business at the Fortnightly Session on Tuesday Evening

The regular meeting of the Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Tuesday evening. Reeve Theftford was present with Chairman Kerr presiding.

The Commission gave Superintendent Wilson instructions to fix the hydrant at the east end of Frederick Street.

Mrs. H. L. McDonald presented an application for a renewal of the liability policy and property damage policy. Mrs. McDonald had furnished the policy last year and the new policy rate was greatly reduced.

Reeve Theftford passed on the completion of the town auditors to Miss Speight, for her efficient work. They were greatly pleased with the efficient manner in which she had carried out her duties and kept her accounts.

It was moved by R. J. Kerr, and seconded by E. T. Theftford, that the Secretary pay the following accounts:

Hydro Department	
King & McEachern, gas	\$ 1.62
Moffa's Ltd., merchandise	22.49
Powerlite Devices, merchandise	23.91
Bear's Limited, seal, etc.	6.80
Sangamo Co. Ltd., meters	88.32
Jas. R. Kearney Corporation, line material	25.97
Mrs. H. L. McDonald, insurance	109.20
Acton Free Press, advertising	5.00
	\$283.31

Waterworks Department

Hydro Department power and heating at spring \$48.39

Barn Fire Loss \$2,000

Fire in a barn and garage on the Appleby lane, owned by William Carroll, chain grocer, caused damage of about \$2,000. Bronte and Burlington fire brigades attended. Several hours later the Bronte men were called again, a blaze occurring in the hay. A car in the garage was salvaged.

News of Acton and the District

County Baseball

A joint meeting of the Halton County Junior, Juvenile and Intermediate Baseball Leagues will be held in Col. Brown's office, Court House, Milton, on Friday, April 7, at 8:30 o'clock, to re-organize for the coming year.

Another Court Case re Guarantors' Agreement

Another court case, in connection with the guarantors' agreement on the mortgage held by the estate of the late J. A. Murray on the plant of the Ontario Memorial Company was held in Milton on Tuesday before Judge Robb. Several from Acton attended the session as witnesses, etc. An amendment to the case was allowed by consent of the Trust Co. representative and costs for the day were agreed to be paid within ten days by the defendant. Falling payment of the costs, the defendant agreed to accept judgment for the full amount of the claim.

A Radio Meeting

The weekly meeting of the Knox Guild came on Monday evening as a special presentation of station KYPS, Acton. The programme was sponsored by Kennedy Bros., and was very much enjoyed by those who "listened in." The local announcer Charlie Kirkness, along with many other celebrities of the radio world provided the programme. Among these were Rosa Ponselle, Mrs. Moore; Ruby Ramsey Rouse, Lorraine Wilson; Little Jack Little, Fred Salt; the Melody Boys, Robt. Parkinson and Reg. Fenner; Jamie Reid, William Burton. A one act play, "Thirst," was put on by James Ross, Charlie Kirkness and Jos. Hurak. The narrative was taken by Mr. Nesbit and the scripture by Laura Hall. The correct time and weather report was given through the courtesy of H. W. Hinton.

Monthly Meeting of Acton School Board

Transportation Details for Musical Festival Arranged—Board Makes Appointment to Free Library Board

At the meeting of the School Board, on Tuesday evening, Trustees Rev. P. A. Sawyer, W. K. Graham, Dr. A. J. Buchanan, W. R. Norton and J. P. Scarrow were present and Chairman J. M. McDonald presided.

A report from the boiler inspector was received and read by the Secretary.

A letter from the Acton Free Library Board Secretary requested that the Board appoint a member to that body to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late John Cameron.

Upon motion, G. A. Dills was appointed as the nominee from the School Board to fill the vacancy on the Free Library Board.

Rev. P. A. Sawyer outlined the requirements for transportation of the pupils to the Musical Festival. A committee, composed of Dr. A. J. Buchanan and W. K. Graham was appointed to arrange the details for this.

Arrangements had been made to put cinders on the roadway in the school lane where necessary and grade the road. It was also arranged that the drift wood in the creek about the waterway be cleared away and removed.

The power lawn mower which had been used by the school was out of order and not considered worth repairing. Other arrangements will be made to have the grass cut and the grounds rolled.

The matter of the securing of fuel was left in the hands of the Secretary and Chairman to arrange as needed.

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

D. A. Henderson, fuel	\$ 6.00
Geo. M. Hepdry Co. Ltd., supplies	4.05
Acton Public Utilities Commission, water and light	17.94
W. R. E. Blair, supplies, etc.	13.50
	\$41.49

The report was adopted.

The Chairman of the Property Committee was requested to make arrangements for a lawn mower for cutting the grass at the school grounds.

HENRY AND MEIGHEN HELD O. P. S. BONDS

Companies of Which McCrea and Meighen Were Officers Also Held Large Block of Stock

Premier George S. Henry, Leader of the Ontario Conservative Government, which, with the approval of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission, decided to purchase \$20,000,000 worth of bonds of the Ontario Power Service Corporation, and Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, a member of the Hydro Commission, the debentures of which Commission being exchanged for the bonds, owned between \$28,000 of the bonds, and are associated with companies which controlled an additional \$413,000 of the bonds. This, in brief, was the startling information given the Legislature yesterday in Premier Henry's statement, and in replies to questions put by Opposition members.

Premier Henry personally owned \$25,000 of the bonds, while Mr. Meighen owned \$3,000. Premier Henry is a director of the North American Life Assurance Company, which controlled \$200,000 worth of the bonds, and Mr. Meighen is either President or Chairman of the Board of Directors of six other companies which controlled, as far as can be ascertained at present, at least an other \$213,000 of the bonds. The total of the above amounts comes to almost half a million dollars, or \$441,000, to be exact.

It was the questions of Hon. Harry Nixon, Progressive Leader, and David J. Taylor (Grey North), the Progressive Whip, which drew the above information, with as yet undetermined effect on the fate of Premier Henry and the Ontario Conservative Party. The one bright Tory ray in the replies to the questions was that no other member of the Commission held any of the bonds.

But upon perusal of the list of bondholders, subsequently tabled, it was learned that the Toronto General Trusts Corporation held \$104,000 worth, and the Royal Trust Company held \$18,500 worth. Financial lists reveal Hon. Charles McCrea, Minister of Mines, as a director of the Toronto General Trusts, and W. N. Tilley, K. C., as a director of the Royal Trust Company.

A Selection of News Items

Erin Lad Charged with Stealing

An Erin lad, who appropriated money from a neighbor in the Township last week was apprehended by Chief McParron on Monday morning. The Chief had done a little investigating from the time the thieving was reported and when he took the lad to the Town Hall that morning and confronted him with the evidence, he admitted the theft. Provincial Constable Mennie, from Guelph, was called and he was taken to Guelph for trial, since the offence was committed in Wellington County.

Lead Choir in School Concert

Mrs. W. J. Hall has been visiting with relatives in Toronto. While there she attended Eglington School concert at the Northern Vocational School. The auditorium was filled and had over 1,800 in attendance. Miss Nellie Hall, who has been teaching at Eglington School, and her choir of sixty voices rendered several choral numbers. The children sang a selection which they are singing in competition in May. Miss Hall was presented with two beautiful bouquets from the members of the staff and from the choir members.

An Exhibit of Interest

An unique and very interesting event was the exhibit of quilts, curious and antiques arranged last Saturday afternoon, under the auspices of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the I. O. D. E. The capacity of the Parish Hall was taxed with the exhibits that were displayed that afternoon. There were rare and old pieces of china, souvenirs of many years ago, old photographs and gowns of former days and many interesting articles displayed. The quilts were of new and intricate design and an exhibit that delighted the eyes of every needlewoman. Afternoon tea was served and there was a good attendance at the function.

The Old Man of the Big Clock Tower is Discovered

This week Mr. Nisbet, of the Bank of Montreal staff, called our attention to a curious incident by which the face of a man is plainly visible on the large metal ball on top of the Post Office clock tower. It would seem that the metal has become discolored in spots and a face is readily discernible from the bank windows or from the sidewalk across from the Post Office, on the tower. Naturally the question arises, is this "The Old Man of the Big Clock Tower," and it would seem that nature and the elements have taken a hand in placing a figure on the tower to answer this query. The face on the pinnacle of the tower was first observed by Mr. Fraser, Manager of the Bank of Montreal here, shortly after he came to Acton. And so the identity of this unknown contributor to our columns is actually to be seen on the tower.

Visit from B. Y. F. U. to United Church

On Monday evening the Young People's Society of the United Church had an interesting meeting when the Baptist Young People provided the programme. Miss Clara Savage opened the meeting and welcomed the visiting society. Mr. F. Coles was chairman for the programme. Miss McMullen read the scripture lesson and Mr. Stanley Cripps led in prayer. Miss M. Masales gave a talk on "Black Sheep" and Miss Barbara Plank sang the hymn, "There Were Ninety and Nine," at the close of Miss Masales' talk. Little Miss Ethel Franklin rendered a piano solo and Miss Jessie Coles sang a solo. Mrs. McMullen gave a reading on "Friendship," and Rev. Mr. Gifford gave an address. Solos were rendered by Mr. E. Coles and Mr. F. Coles closed the meeting with an address on "Things his life has taught him," which was very humorous. Rev. C. L. Poole pronounced the benediction.

Easter Services and Cantata

Last Sunday the pastor and Session of the Acton United Church made an announcement from the pulpit and by means of a series of special services for Easter week. Palm Sunday will have two special themes, given by the minister, Rev. C. L. Poole. On Monday evening Rev. H. Caldwell, of Limehouse, will address the service and Rev. R. M. Rumley of Tuesday evening. A group of laymen from Guelph will have charge of the Wednesday evening service, and lead in song and praise. On Thursday Rev. Geo. Aikens, of Ballinafad, will be the speaker. On Good Friday evening the church choir will render one of the finest Easter cantatas they have ever presented. It is entitled "The Garden of Joseph," and will be given in a setting of Easter flowers and garden. The music and story of this cantata will make the Easter story most impressive. Artists assisting the choir in this presentation will be Mrs. Arthur K. Herrington and Mrs. Jas. Russell, of Unionville; and Miss Aileen Haining, of Toronto. On Easter Sunday special services, with Easter music, will mark the occasion. The folder also gives the themes that the pastor will dwell upon on Sundays, April 23 and 30. The final sermon of the series will be "Pentecost and Peter."



Drawn and Carved from Linoleum Block by J. K. Gardiner, Acton
NO. 3—IN THE SERIES OF LOCAL SKETCHES

Ask at the following stores for coupons: Carroll's, Elliott Bros.; Barr's Grocery; Nelson & Co.; Red and White Store; Lindsay's Mill; Pallant's Clothing Store; Patterson's; A. T. Brown; A. H. Bishop & Son; C. B. Swackhamer.

AND SHARE IN THE CASH AND OTHER PRIZES OFFERED

See Page Seven for Special Announcement

THE EVENING MEAL DIGESTER

Visitors were present. "Daddy, may I have a dime?" asked little George. "Daddy, may I have a dime?" asked little George. "Daddy, may I have a dime?" asked little George. "Daddy, may I have a dime?" asked little George. "Daddy, may I have a dime?" asked little George.