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News of Acton and the District

High School Athletic Meets

The local school meet is to be held on Wednesday, October 3rd. The Inter-School Meet, including Acton, Georgetown and Milton, is to be held at Milton on Thursday, October 11th, starting at 9.30 a. m.

New Official Guardian's Agent for Halton

The Hepburn administration has made another change in government officials in Halton. George E. Elliott, solicitor at Milton, has received notice that the Attorney-General has appointed LeRoy Dale, of Georgetown, agent for the Official Guardian in Halton, in place of Mr. Elliott, who has been agent for some time. His father, Magistrate Elliott, was one of the magistrates dismissed a few weeks ago in the re-organization plan.

St. Alban's Harvest Festival

In an auditorium decorated with the fruits of the harvest time and in an atmosphere reminding all of the bounties which Providence has bestowed, the Harvest Festival of St. Alban's Church, Acton, was held last week. On Thursday evening Rev. G. E. Herm, M. A., Rector of the Church of the Nativity, Toronto, was the speaker. On Sunday morning the Rector, Rev. E. Brilling, had charge of the service, and in the evening Rev. R. Field, of St. Patrick's Church, Guelph, conducted the service. Splendid congregations were in attendance and the occasion was one of thankfulness and harvest appreciation.

Prominent Speakers to Visit Acton

Col. George Drew and Capt. Eddie Baker, two speakers well known throughout the Province and beyond, are to address an Acton audience on Wednesday evening, October 24th, at 8.30, in the Town Hall. This event is sponsored by the Duke of Devonshire and Lakeside Chapters of the I. O. D. E. and the Acton Branch of the Canadian Legion. Col. Drew's subject will be "Britain Leads Again," and Capt. Baker will speak on the work of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. Mr. Dick Myers, of the Canadian Service Bureau, will also be present. These addresses and the evening arranged will no doubt be one of the finest to be presented in Acton during the fall and winter months, and undoubtedly the capacity of the hall will be taxed to accommodate the audience desirous of attending.

Young People Had Charge of Service

The service at the United Church on Sunday morning was in charge of the Young People's Society. Professor McLean, of the O. A. C. Guelph, was the speaker and gave a stirring address on the subject: "Youth and How to Keep It." Miss K. Savage, President of the Young People's League, Miss Velma Blair and Rev. C. L. Poole also took part in the service. The choir rendered the anthem, "Rejoice the Lord is King." At the evening service, Rev. Mr. Passmore, of Saskatchewan, was the preacher, and brought to the congregation a vivid picture of prevailing conditions in Western Canada. A brief outline of the sessions of the General Council of the United Church, held at Kingston, was also given by Mr. Passmore. Mrs. Poole sang a solo at this service. Rev. Mr. Atkins and his congregation, of Ballinacat United Church, joined in the service.

Most Successful Forty Hours at St. Joseph's Church

The Forty Hours devotions were held in St. Joseph's Church this week. They opened on Sunday morning, at 9.00 a. m., with a High Mass and procession. Perpetual adoration was held during the forty hours. Rev. Father Harrigan, of St. Mary's Church, Hamilton, preached on Sunday at the Mass and also in the evening at 7.00 p. m. Rev. Father Nolan, of Guelph, gave benediction. Communion was given on Monday and Tuesday morning at 5.30, 6.00, 7.30 and 8.00 a. m. High Mass was sung at 6.00 a. m. Rev. Father Sullivan, of Kitchener, preached on Monday and Rev. Father Smith, of Galt, gave benediction. The devotions were brought to a close on Tuesday night, with an overflowing congregation. Rev. Dr. O'Reilly, of the Church of Our Lady, Guelph, was the celebrant, assisted by Rev. Father Traynor, of St. John's Church, Hamilton, and Rev. Father Clancy, of Ayrton, was sub-deacon. Also assisting were Rev. Fathers Simpson and Gleason, of the Church of Our Lady, Guelph; Rev. Father Brennan, of Sacred Heart Church, Guelph; Rev. Father Ryan, of St. Patrick's Church, Hamilton, preached an eloquent and very devotional sermon. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion and all the devotees were excellently attended. The Senior Choir was assisted by the Boys' Chancel Choir, who have been practicing for the last few weeks. The pastor, Rev. J. L. McBride, was more than delighted with the large attendance and the large number of Communion during these devotions. They were undoubtedly the most successful in the history of St. Joseph's Church in Acton.

Motorists Started When Passenger Dies

F. W. Quick, of Windsor, Dies Suddenly of Apoplexy—Driver Unaware of Death for Several Hours

Driving from Trout Creek, in North-west Ontario, to Windsor, on Sunday night, Thomas L. Robinson and Jos. Mellow were surprised to find, when they tried to awaken a passenger in the car, Francis W. Quick, that he had died several hours previously and that the body was cold.

Discovery of the death was not made until the party was near Acton, early Monday morning, and Mr. Mellow tried to awaken him. They drove on to Acton immediately and summoned a doctor. Coroner McNeven was also notified and Chief McPherson and it was decided to hold an inquest that evening in order to clear up the matter.

The deceased was a young man of 30 or 31 years, with his home at Windsor. He is survived by his widow and two children, 5 and 7 years of age.

At the inquest, Mr. Thos. L. Robinson, of Cottenham, Ont., driver of the car, told the jury that he and his friend, Jos. Mellow, were returning from Kirkland Lake, in their Chevrolet sedan. At Trout Creek they stopped on Sunday to visit their friend, Mr. Quick. Sr. Here they met his son, Francis W. Quick, who had been helping his father, and desired to return home to Windsor. He acceded to his request to take him home. The party left Trout Creek about 6.30 p. m. on Sunday evening. They conversed along the road, and at Burk's Falls it was thought Mr. Quick was asleep, as he was breathing heavily.

At Gravenhurst, another stop was made, and it was thought Mr. Quick was still sleeping and he was not disturbed.—Between Georgetown and Acton the fog became so heavy that driving was almost impossible, and about three o'clock, the party decided to get a few hours' sleep. At daylight Mr. Robinson and Mr. Mellow awakened and prepared to drive on. Since Mr. Quick had been sleeping so long, they decided to awaken him, and it was then he was found to be dead. They came on to Acton, notifying the authorities here of all the circumstances.

Mr. Mellow, in his evidence, corroborated the testimony of his companion.

Dr. E. J. Nelson, of Acton, had given a post-mortem examination and estimated that Mr. Quick had been dead about 10 hours. There were no scars on the body or marks of violence and, from his observations, death was due to apoplexy. It was quite obvious that he was suddenly stricken and would be unable to give any call for help. He was quite likely unconscious when he was thought to be sleeping, and had likely died between Burk's Falls and Gravenhurst.

The jury retired and later brought in the following verdict:

"We, the jurors empanelled to enquire into the cause of the death of one Francis W. Quick, late of Windsor, Ontario, find, from the evidence of Thomas Lorne Robinson, Cottenham, Ontario, and Joseph Mellow, Cottenham, Ontario, and from Dr. E. J. Nelson, that the said Francis W. Quick came to his death on No. 11 Highway, between Burk's Falls and Georgetown, from a stroke of apoplexy, and that death occurred approximately at midnight on Sunday, 23rd inst., in a Chevrolet sedan, and that no blame be attached to the two other occupants of the automobile."

Coroner Dr. J. A. McNeven presided over the inquest and Crown Attorney W. I. Dick conducted the inquiry. The jury were R. M. McDonald, Foreman; L. G. King, A. T. Brown, E. E. Barr, W. D. Talbot, R. H. Elliott, J. R. Ramsdell, and E. J. Hassard.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE CONVENTION

Sessions Planned for Meeting at Burlington on October 4th and 5th—Addresses and Discussions on School Problems

Interesting and instructive sessions have been arranged for Thursday and Friday of next week when the Public School teachers of Halton Inspectorate meet in annual convention. The morning session on Thursday will be opened with an address by Rev. Finlay Matheson, of Burlington. Reports of officers will follow and the President's address, "Agriculture in the Public Schools," will be the subject treated by Norman Davies, B. S. A.

On Thursday afternoon, Miss L. E. Carruthers, Dundas, will speak on "The Teaching of Health," and the meeting will be divided into the Graded and Ungraded sections for discussion. In the evening a banquet will be held, when Miss Helen Pattinson will be the guest of honor, and Dr. Duncan McArthur, Deputy Minister of Education, the guest speaker.

On Friday morning, Rev. J. Goforth Hornsby will give a brief address, and Miss Elizabeth Goulding, of Oakville, will speak on the subject, "Special Class Work in the Public School." A musical and Inspector's period will also be part of the program.

In the afternoon, reports of committees will be given and the election of officers take place. Miss M. Grindell and Miss B. Hume will give reports of the O. E. A. The subject, "Teacher Training," will be for open discussion and the present day problems.

The following are the officers of the Institute in charge of the convention: Honorary President—J. M. Denyes, B. A., Milton. President—Miss Emma B. Brown, Oakville. Vice-President—E. O. Cathcart, Bronte. Secretary—Miss M. Z. Bennett, Acton. Treasurer—Miss D. Foster, Acton. Executive—Miss Edna Neil, Glenwilliams; Miss A. M. Pell, Esqueping; Miss G. Storey, Nassagaweya; Miss E. Donkin, Nelson; Miss L. M. Black, Trafalgar; R. Langmaid, Streetsville; and the Principals of the Urban Schools.

MOTORCYCLIST CRASHES TRUCK

Brand New Machine Went Out of Control at Mill and Main Street Corner—Driver Injured

On Tuesday morning James Cairns, of Elora, failed to make the turn at the Mill and Main Streets corner and crashed into the side of a truck driven by J. J. McAninch, R. R. No. 4, Guelph, with dire results to the new motorcycle, purchased the day previously in Toronto, and severe head injuries to himself.

Cairns was bound west, for Elora, and the Guelph truck was eastbound. The motorcycle swung wide on the corner in making the turn, and crashed head-on into the side of the truck, hitting it just at the cab. The truck was loaded with sheep. The front wheel of the motorcycle and the entire front of the frame were smashed and Cairns received injuries to his head. Beyond a broken fender and smashed running board, the truck was not damaged nor its occupants injured.

Chief McPherson investigated the accident, and Cairns, after receiving attention to his injuries, was driven home to Elora by a local motorist, refusing to go to the hospital for treatment.

MORE PRIZE WINNERS at Acton Fair

Those Who Won Awards in the Horse, Cattle, Sheep, Hog and Poultry Classes

As intimated last week, the complete list of prize winners at the Acton Fair of 1934 is published this week. This includes the horses, cattle, sheep, hogs and poultry classes. The winners in the classes shown in the Hall were published last week.

HEAVY HORSES

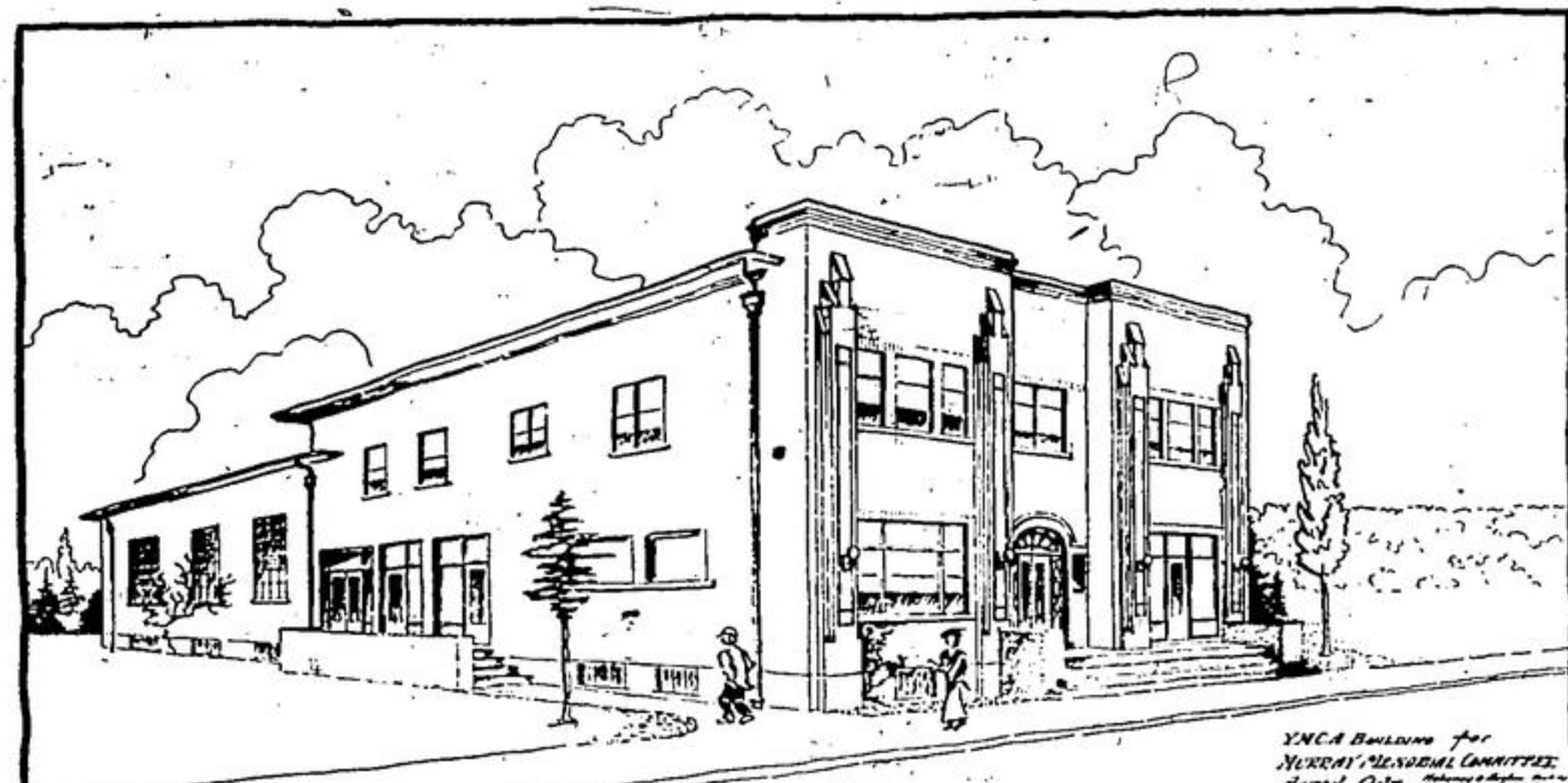
Draught and Agricultural
Brood Mare—R. R. Ford; Leslie & Pearson; Peter Richardson.
Spring Colt—Leslie & Pearson; R. R. Ford.
One-year-old Colt—J. Lindsay.
Two-year-old Gelding or Filly—W. H. Allan; R. R. Ford; W. B. Reig.
Best Animal in Class—J. Lindsay.

General Purpose

Brood Mare—T. M. Revell; W. H. Allan; W. B. Reig.
Spring Colt—T. M. Revell; F. Lawrence & Sons; F. Richardson.
One-year-old Colt—W. O. Brownridge; R. R. Ford; F. Richardson.
Two-year-old Gelding or Filly—T. M. Revell; W. O. Brownridge; F. Lawrence & Sons.
Three-year-old Gelding or Filly—T. M. Revell; J. Lindsay; W. H. Allan.
Best Animal in Class—T. M. Revell.

HEAVY HORSES IN HARNESS

Span of Heavy Draught, not under 3,200 lbs.—Leslie & Pearson.
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MURRAY MEMORIAL Y. M. C. A., ACTON
The Corner Stone of which will be Laid on Saturday, September 29th at Four O'clock (Standard Time) by Mr. Wm. A. Murray

CORNER STONE TO BE LAID SATURDAY

Important Ceremony in Connection with New Y. M. C. A. Building at Four O'clock

Building operations on the new Murray Memorial Y. M. C. A. building in Acton have progressed sufficiently to allow for the ceremony in connection with the laying of the corner stone on Saturday afternoon, September 29th, at four o'clock, Standard Time. This great ceremony will be quite an event and will, no doubt, be participated in by citizens of Acton and the district. The committee in charge have met and drafted up the following program, with Mr. O. A. Dills in charge of the ceremony.

Hymn—"How Firm a Foundation" Led by Acton Citizens' Band

Scripture Reading Rev. H. L. Bennie, M. A.
Prayer Rev. C. L. Poole, B. D.
Laying the Corner Stone Mr. Wm. A. Murray
Presentation of Silver Trowel Reeve E. Thetford
Address Dr. E. M. Best
General Secretary of the National Council of the Y. M. C. A. of Canada
Hymn—"Onward Christian Soldiers" Announced by Mr. G. R. Easter
Benediction Rev. E. Brilling

The program outlined is self-explanatory. The corner stone is now being prepared by J. Nicol & Son, and is of Beer's Red Granite, inscribed "Murray Memorial—1934." The Y. M. C. A. symbol will, it is expected, be placed in the front of the building.

The stone will contain a metal box, in which will be placed copies of daily papers and a copy of this week's issue of The Free Press. Canadian coins of current circulation will also be deposited in this box.

It is planned that on Saturday the floor over the front section of the building will be laid and that for the hour of the service traffic will be routed to miss this block and allow ample space for all who desire to attend. Acton Citizens' Band will be in attendance and lead in the singing of the hymns.

Splendid progress has been made during the week. The foundations are completed and brick is being delivered on the job and laid. The steel for the two sections is due to arrive to-day and the boiler for heating is also due to arrive to-day. The picture reproduced above is from an architect's drawing of the completed building, kindly prepared by Messrs. Mahoney & Austin, Guelph.

SON SUCCEEDS FATHER

Mr. Amos Mason Retires from Active Participation in Mason Knitting Co., and is Succeeded by Mr. George Mason

This week Mr. Amos Mason, who founded and has been head of the Mason Knitting Company in Acton for the past twelve years, relinquished his position, and his son, Mr. George Mason, Sr., assumed the work with Mr. Mason, Sr. Mr. Mason has seen this business grow from a very small beginning to its present position of importance. The original building and equipment forms a very small part of the present fine factory.

The "Mason-Knit" label is a trade mark well known for children's underwear and the maintaining of a quality of product has brought a demand that keeps the factory operating steadily the year round, and at overtime during the rush season, to keep caught up with orders for goods. In retiring from the activity that has made this business so successful, Mr. Mason has earned a more leisurely time and the wish of all is that he and Mrs. Mason may enjoy this holiday time of life long and well.

Incidentally, while establishing this business and bringing it up to its present standard, Mr. Mason found time to serve on the School Board, for six years was Reeve of Acton, and Warden of Halton County, Bandmaster of Acton Citizens' Band, Chairman of the Welfare Board, and a host of other citizenship duties too innumerable to recall, and he performed them all as capably and well as he managed his business. At the present time he is Chairman of the Provisional Board of the Y. M. C. A.

Mr. George Mason, has, under the guidance of his father, had good training in the task he assumes, and is well qualified to fill the post. The same steady growth and expansion under his guidance will undoubtedly be experienced with the Mason Knitting Co., and we also predict that the future years will also see the son following in the footsteps of his father in taking a strong stand in the upbuilding and advancement of Acton.

To the senior retiring member all offer congratulations on the achievements and best wishes for the years to come, and to the junior and aspiring member of the firm congratulations on his opportunities and the same best wishes are offered by all. Incidentally George early assumed his musical duties toward the Band, and has been a member for some years. Other activities will doubtless follow in the future.

LIBERALS WIN FOUR OUT OF FIVE SEATS

"Tommy" Church Stages Splendid Comeback But Falls to Receive Majority Over Both Candidates

Faithful Toronto, rallying to the political comeback of his own "Tommy" Church, alone upheld the Conservative banner on Monday when four out of five widely separated Ontario constituencies elected Liberals to represent them at the one remaining session of the present parliament at Ottawa.

North York, in the city suburbs, West Elgin, on the shores of Lake Erie, Frontenac-Addington, in the eastern section of the Province, and Kenora-Rainy River in the north, returned Liberal candidates and, in every case, by large majorities. Toronto's seven-times war mayor, running in East Toronto, was the only successful Conservative standard bearer.

From Mr. King at Ottawa came a statement, bubbling with confidence that the Liberals would now forge ahead to a victory at the general elections which must come next year. The overturn of two Conservative seats— one of them, Frontenac-Addington, a district traditionally firm on the Conservative side—

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Limehouse School Fair on Tuesday

Good Exhibits and Keen Interest in This Equestrian Township Event

Ideal weather, good exhibits and keen competition made Equestrian School Fair, at Limehouse, on Tuesday, an event of interest in the entire district. The following is the complete list of prize winners in the various classes:

Oats, Banner—Elmer Burt; Eva Ritchie; Bruce Lindsay.
Oats, sheaf—Eva Ritchie; Ellwood Show.
Barley, O. A. C. No. 21—Betty Burkholder; Elmer Burt; Bruce Lindsay.
Barley, O. A. C. No. 21, sheaf—Betty Burkholder.
Spring Wheat, Goose—Willis Ritchie; Jack Noble.
Spring Wheat, Goose, sheaf—Willis Ritchie.
Field Corn, sheaf—Bill Given; Wilfred Johnson; Edna Fryer.
Sweet Corn—Jimmie Stark; Mabel Burkholder; Verma Webster.
Potatoes, Dooley—Newton Ruddell; Alex. Wright; Shirley Wright.
Potatoes, Irish Cobblers.—Queenie Holden; Isobel Stephenson; Edna Fryer.
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DETAILS ON THE NEW BUILDING DISCUSSED

In Relation to the Public Utilities Commission—Arrears Checked and Services to be Discontinued

A meeting of the Public Utilities Commission was held on Monday afternoon, with Commissioners L. G. King, R. J. Kerr, and Reeve E. Thetford present.

A few details in connection with the new office building were discussed, and were made note of for attention of the architect. It was reported that the papers in connection with the transfer of the lot would likely be returned this week from the Ontario Hydro Commission, where they had gone for approval. The Secretary was, by motion, instructed to pay the following accounts:

Hydro Department

Bell Telephone Co., services	4.82
Fred McCutcheon, freight	2.50
H. E. C. of Ontario, August	3,091.00
Canadian General Electric Co., supplies	3.78
Transports and C. N. R., express	1.45
McDonald Electric Ltd., supplies	38.55
Highway Garage, truck repairs, etc.	3.75
Beares Ltd., office supplies	6.70
Corporation of Acton, taxes	25.98
J. C. Matthews, postage	10.00
Bank of Montreal, revenue stamps	3.00
	\$3,191.53

Waterworks Department

Canadian Gas Co., supplies	5.31
Hydro Department, August operations	149.18
Drummond & McColl & Co., repairs to hydrant	19.00
W. Blair, supplies	1.20
	\$174.69

A SELECTION OF NEWS ITEMS

Election Expenses

According to statements published last week, election expenses of T. A. Blake-Lock, the Liberal candidate in the Provincial election, were \$799.55. Mr. W. S. Davis expended \$68.05; and Mr. R. S. Heatherington, \$281.20.

With Honors

Mr. George R. Poole has received word this week of his success in securing his Bachelor of Arts degree with honors. George has been a student during his course of Queen's University, Kingston. We join with other friends in extending congratulations on the honor and standing obtained.

Junior Tennis Awards

Last Thursday evening the final games in the Junior Tennis Tournament were played at the Acton courts. Mary Young won the girls' championship and possession of the beautiful silver cup, donated by Mrs. Eric Smith. Donald Ryder won the singles for boys and the prize, donated by Mr. W. K. Graham. In the doubles, Margaret Smith and Donald Ryder won the prize of racket presses. Following the games the presentations were made and a social time held about the clubhouse, when lunch was served.

W. M. S. Sectional Meeting

The annual Sectional Meeting of the Guelph Presbyterial, held at Eden Mills on September 20th, was well attended. Delegates and members were present from Rockwood, Campbellville, Nassagaweya, Eden Mills and Acton. Mrs. M. B. Davidson, the Presbyterial President, of Galt, assisted by Mrs. H. L. Bennie, of Acton, had charge of this meeting. Miss McLean, a missionary from Japan, home on furlough, was the guest speaker. Miss McLean is a fellow worker with Miss Nellie Anderson in the work in Korea. Girls of the Mission Band led the devotions. Dinner was served by the ladies of Eden Mills, on the church lawn. There were eighteen ladies present from Acton.

Mrs. C. W. Wilson Won I. O. D. E. Quilt

There was keen excitement last Saturday afternoon while the lucky ticket was being drawn on the Lakeside Chapter I. O. D. E. butterfly quilt. Mr. Harold Elliott and Dr. A. G. M. Brynns presided over two boxes of tickets—one containing white numbered stubs of the tickets that had been sold; the other containing blank blue tickets, among whose mysterious depths there was one only ticket marked "quilt." One ticket from each box was drawn at the same time. Mr. R. M. McDonald acted as referee. Exactly 278 draws were made before that one marked "quilt" came to light. The lucky number ticket drawn at the same time was 519. This was the prize-winning number, held by Mrs. Charles Wilson, who is now the proud possessor of the pretty butterfly quilt that has been on display in the window of Edward's Bakery.

COUNCIL REGRETS ILLNESS OF MEMBER

Letter from Clerk to Councilor McMillan Wishing Him Speedy Recovery—Park to be Levelled

The regular meeting of the Acton Council was held in the Council Chamber on Monday evening. Councilors W. A. Lasby, Evan Jones and S. M. Lasby were present, with Reeve Thetford in the chair.

The Clerk was instructed to write a letter of condolence to Councilor James E. McMillan, and wish him a speedy return to good health.

A letter was presented from the Western Hospital, Toronto, in regard to the payment of an indigent's account.

The Finance Committee's report was read and adopted. The Clerk was instructed to pay the following accounts: R. J. McPherson, Tax Collector, amount necessary re error of Beardmore assessment \$ 9.40
George R. Agnew, Division Court Clerk and Bailiff's fees 32.00
Bell Telephone Co., services 10.60
ACTON FREE PRESS, advertising 7.60
R. J. McPherson, selecting jurors 1.00
Reeve E. Thetford, selecting jurors 1.00
481.60

The matter of lights on Hillcrest Street was discussed. It was thought a light could be taken off Guelph Street and put on this street. The matter was left in the hands of the Fire and Light Committee.

The Canadian Legion requested the use of the Town Hall for a lecture in October. It was decided to make the usual charge and then the matter of a rebate would be considered.

Dr. E. J. Nelson and W. D. Talbot were present to discuss with the Council the advisability of levelling the baseball diamond. The Parks Committee was delegated to work with the Baseball Club officers and repair the diamond, as this was the most favorable time of the year for the work.

The smoke nuisance was discussed, but no decision in the matter was reached.

THE EVENING MEAL DIGESTER

Usher—"Seat in the orchestra?"
Old Lady—"No, I don't play any instrument."

COMING EVENTS

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, 5 cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 25c.

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. F. Salt, on Thursday, October 4th, at 2.30 p. m.