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Acton Successful Again at the County Music Festival

Limehouse and Dublin Schools Winners Also — Acton Brings Home First Prize for Two Choirs, Second for One — Other Events Bring Five Gold Medals and One Bronze Award to Acton Pupils — Double Trio Wins Trophy and First Place — Miss Hunt's Training Brings Winning Classes.

Acton was again successful last week in carrying off a good share of the awards at the eleventh Halton County Music Festival. The splendid training given by Miss T. F. Hunt, who is so ably assisted by Mrs. Wm. Gowdy as accompanist, and the other teachers of the school in their help in arranging the event, was rewarded by winning first in two choir events and second in another. Double trio, duet and solo number also were among the awards won, while a pupil of Mrs. Gowdy in piano was also winner of a gold medal.

Of course the co-operation and work of pupils was likewise a factor in the success attained, and the attention and regularity of practice were necessary to make such a splendid standing. The Acton School won the Junior and Primary Voice Choir first awards, and came second in the Sixty Voice event.

Betty Gibson and Joyce Deserault were first for girls' duet; and Sam Brunelle and Charlie Allan, first for boys' duet. Margaret Somerville won the gold medal for piano solo. Acton double trio, Mary Mason, Betty Gibson, Sam Brunelle, Charlie Allan, John McHugh and Gordon Gibbins, also won first place for boys' solo, over eleven, Charles Allan was third, just three points behind the first place winner.

The trophies won are now on exhibition in The Pax Piaz window and citizens are congratulating teachers and pupils on the success attained.

Limehouse and Dublin Schools were also among the winners. Limehouse who second for the combination of motion and song, and Dublin won first for the rural choir of fifteen voices. To these, too, hearty congratulations are extended.

Halton County's Eleventh Music Festival was held at Bronte in the Walton Memorial Church, last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, April 8th, 7th and 8th. There were thirty-eight classes in all—a reduction from last year when there were fifty. Several solo classes had been eliminated, the change having been made necessary by the increasing number of entries from rural schools. Most of the changes were in the lower grades and in place of solo group classes were given for song dramatization and kindergarten singing games. These classes, according to Mr. G. Roy Fenwick, one of the Adjudicators for the Festival, and Supervisor of Public Schools in Ontario, were quite in keeping with the new Public School curriculum.

That a much wider interest in the Music Festival is being taken by rural people was evident by the increased entries and by the large number of parents and friends who attended the Festival.

Mr. Eldon Brethour, Toronto, Adjudicator at two sessions, expressed his gratification at the high standard which most of the contestants had attained, and the same was also true of those taking part in the duets and trios, where the blending of voices was in some cases almost perfect.

Mr. Fenwick thought the progress of music in Halton schools was something of which they might be justly proud, and the present Festival was almost like a dream come true—because it was something they had hoped and worked for for years. Mr. Fenwick not only paid tribute to the contestants, but he also stressed his appreciation to the Festival Board and the teachers in charge, for the efficient management of the classes, and the orderly conduct of the children, which had enabled him to carry on his duties as adjudicator without any unnecessary delay or hindrance. "When one considers," said Mr. Fenwick, "that there were over 400 children of all ages here on Thursday, who had to be sorted out for their various classes, one realizes that the order that had been maintained throughout was only made possible by particularly efficient management."

Members of the Festival Board on the other hand were heard to reiterate again and again that the good order of the children and the apparent ease with which they were handled was only made possible by the splendid hospitality afforded them by members of the Memorial Church. The church and Sunday school were by no means large, but a k of space was more than made up for by the support and co-operation of the members of the Board and the Ladies' Aid.

A particularly pleasing feature on Friday evening was the presentation of a tea-wagon from the Festival Association to Mrs. F. O. Russell, Mr. J. M. Denney, I.P.S., and Honorary President of the Association, asked Mrs. Russell to accept their gift as a token of sincere appreciation for the splendid work and untiring interest which Mrs. Russell had given Halton County previous to her

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BAPTIST OFFICERS ARE ELECTED FOR THE YEAR

Reports from the various organizations of the Baptist Church in Acton showed a very successful year when presented at the annual meeting, on Monday evening. The Treasurer's report showed a small balance on hand. The Deacons were pleased to state that harmony existed in the church and that all the organizations were working for the welfare of the church.

The pastor, in his report, said that while there had been no baptisms during the past year, much had been accomplished, and he believed a number of people had been converted.

Mr. J. Reid requested that his resignation as Treasurer be accepted. With this exception last year's slate of officers was returned by acclamation.

Miss Laura Reid was elected as Treasurer to succeed Mr. Reid. The officers include: Messrs. C. O. Plank, H. Reid, C. Franklin and S. Cripps, Deacons; Miss L. Reid, Treasurer; Mr. C. W. Landborough, Clerk; Miss B. Plank, Choir Leader; Mr. C. W. Landborough, Organist; and Mr. S. Cripps, Sunday School Superintendent. The Auditors are Mr. W. Worden, Mr. W. Coles and Miss M. Masala.

The meeting also had a very pleasant feature when the congregation honored Mr. W. L. Worden for his voluntary services as janitor of the church for a number of years. He was presented with an upholstered chair as a token of appreciation of his services.

Rev. E. G. Baxter presided at the meeting. At the conclusion the ladies of the congregation served a light lunch in the School Room of the church.

VARIED PROGRAM FEATURES THE INSTITUTE MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Social Room at the Y.M.C.A. on Thursday, with Mrs. Resor presiding. A talk on the motto, "Gardening and Care of House Plants," was given by Mrs. Bishop, when many good points were brought out. Current events were then taken by Miss A. Elliott. Roll call was answered by a Canadian dir. The report of the Board meeting, held in Milton, was given by Mrs. G. Lantz.

Following community singing, little Lorraine Pallant gave several selections of tap dancing, which were very much enjoyed.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Social Committee, also all who assisted on the program.

The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem, after which a social time was spent.

VIMY RIDGE WAS PUZZLE POEM SOLUTION

The solution to last week's Puzzle Poem was "Vimy Ridge" and the winner of the award is Ethel Franklin, Bower Avenue Acton. There's a Puzzle Poem every week by Mr. W. Coles and in only one week in over a year has there not been a correct solution. You'll find this week's poem on Page Five. It's lots of fun to solve them even if you don't win a prize. Please call promptly for your award.

HIGH COMMISSIONER RETIRES



Among recent promotions in the R.C.M.P., announced recently in Ottawa, is Assistant Commissioner C. D. La Nauze, who has been appointed to command "A" division of the force.

ACTON Y.M.C.A. PLAYERS OF "HERE COMES CHARLIE"



Front Row: Mrs. Chas. Kikness, Chas. Kikness, Mrs. Flora Kikness, Miss Oral Chalmers, James Ross. Back Row: Miss L. McMullen, George W. Mason, Albert Mills, Mrs. Mary Chalmers, Gordon Cook, Miss Beta McNair, John Savage, Miss Helen Cook, Mrs. A. J. Buchanan, Director, Colin McNair.

Gravel Contract Awarded by the Esqueusing Coun.

Relief of \$421.76 Paid for Payment—Trees Paid for When Cut in Error

The Esqueusing Council held their regular monthly meeting on Sunday afternoon, Deputy-Reeve W. A. Wilson, Councilors C. H. May, G. W. Murray and Edwin Harrop were present. Reeve N. A. Robinson presided at the meeting. Communications were read from Canadian Farm Loan Board, Department of Highways, The Salvation Army, Department of Public Welfare, George E. Elliott, Percy Hall and J. Henderson.

Tenders were received for supplying and delivering gravel on Township roads and the contract let to Lasby Bass and Smeade for 8,000 yards at 70¢ per cubic yard. A representative of the Department of Highways attended the meeting and approved the granting of the contract.

The tender of Floyd Downs for supplying tractor for grader at \$1.80 per hour was accepted.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the following accounts:

Board of Hydro Combinations, Georgetown, lights at Glen Williams \$74.25
H. E. P. C. Brampton, lights at council chamber 7.44
Bell Telephone Company 4.85
S. Walker, for taking out old vault door and building in new door 12.25
Mrs. M. Jenkinson, to cleaning council chamber 6.00
McBean & Co. material for curtains on windows 1.81
J. A. Elliott, 1 sheep injured by dogs 3.00
Medrin Stark, valuator 2.00
Moved by C. H. May, seconded by G. W. Murray, that the Treasurer pay the whel accounts as presented by the Reeve Officer \$421.76. Carried.

Moved by W. A. Wilson, seconded by E. Harrop, that the Treasurer pay the Road Sheets, as presented by the Road Superintendent \$593.57. Carried.

Moved by E. Harrop, seconded by W. A. Wilson, that the Township of Esqueusing purchase 200 copies of voters lists for the year 1938. Carried.

Moved by G. W. Murray, seconded by W. A. Wilson, that the Township of Esqueusing give a grant of \$100.00 to the Salvation Army. Carried.

Moved by W. A. Wilson, seconded by E. Harrop, that the Treasurer pay W. J. (Continued on Page Four)

REVENUES SHOW BIG INCREASE AT ACTON CUSTOMS

Revenues collected at the Acton Customs Office during the last quarter of the fiscal year ending March 31st amounted to \$12,201.77.

NASSAGAWEYA FARM SOLD TO BUYER FROM TORONTO

Robert Scott, of Toronto, put in bid, this week from D. Jones, of Toronto, the old Jones homestead in Halton County. This property is across the road from the old Sayer's mills, in Nassagaweya, close to Spencerville. The area of the land purchased is 100 acres, 20 of which are wooded.

E. Ramsay, who has occupied the property for 17 years, will vacate immediately and Robert Scott will take possession, commencing at once to remodel the residence. There are also a bank barn and other buildings on the property, and when renovation has been completed the farm will be used for production of general farm products. The new owner, who has been in the motor business in Toronto for several years, is returning to farming as an occupation.

The willingness of purchasers to go a considerable distance further from Toronto to purchase farm lands is quite gratifying, said C. R. Parcell, land lawyer, and the deciding factor in this movement although good highways and better transportation facilities are also being developed.

CANT OF PLAY ENTERTAINED BY Y.M.C.A. BOARD

Appreciation was shown last Thursday evening of the efforts of the Y.M.C.A. Players in their presentation of "Here Comes Charlie." At the close of the play Mrs. A. J. Buchanan, who directed the production was presented with a beautiful basket of spring flowers, on behalf of the cast.

Following the close of the play the Y.M.C.A. Board and their wives, were held at a social hour of an in the Recreation Room of the Y. A delightful lunch was served. President Elliott expressed the appreciation of the Board to the group and dancing was enjoyed. It was a delightful event to close the weeks of tedious rehearsals and successful presentation of the play.

STIFFER PENALTIES PROVIDED FOR DRUNKEN DRIVERS

More penalties will be imposed for those motorists who are caught under the influence of liquor driving after a party. The Ontario Traffic Act, which provides for a fine of \$100.00 and imprisonment for six months for a second offence, will be amended to provide for a fine of \$200.00 and imprisonment for one year for a second offence.

BIG STOCK SALE WITH GOOD PRICES

The annual stock sale held in this section in some time was that of R. N. Brown at Sunnyside Farm just east of Acton, on Tuesday. There was a big crowd on hand for the 100 to 150 pigs and fifty head of cattle in the offering. Everything was disposed of by Auctioneer Kerr and the stock changed hands rapidly.

Official Visit of D.D.G.M. to Walker Lodge

Visitors from Neighboring Lodges Join—Banquet Held in the Y.M.C.A. Gymnasium

The annual official visit of the D. D. G. M. to Walker Lodge was on Monday night. His Wor. Bro. F. J. Carmichael is this year's official representative of Grand Lodge. After the work of the evening, the lodge adjourned to the Y. M. C. A. Gym for a banquet. This was in charge of Bro. F. J. Salt and he was assisted by the wives of various members of the lodge.

After the usual toast to the King, His Wor. Bro. M. L. Man very ably proposed the toast to Grand Lodge, which was responded to by His Wor. Bro. Carmichael. He showed how there could be no room in the membership of the lodge for selfishness. It is one of the great shining lights of the world and it develops a spirit of fraternity. People should not judge masonry by the squawks in the lodge as every organization has some of these. He said that every member should live under the principle of the Golden Rule and not be trying to find fault with everything that is done to be a builder, not a wrecker. If every mason in Ontario, even, campaigned for peace, what an influence they would assert on the leaders of the world.

His Wor. Bro. Gordon proposed the toast to the guests. This was responded to by His Wor. Bro. Roy Finlay, His Wor. Bro. Hugh Freeborn, who complimented Walker Lodge on having Bro. John Kenney to take an active part in the lodge work for 52 years. His Wor. Bro. Kenney has been a mason and 40 years a past master. His Wor. Bro. E. D. Mahon, of Campbellville, was replied to the toast by the visitors. His Wor. Bro. Salt proposed Junior Wardens toast. His Wor. Bro. C. G. Cripps, W. M. of Walker Lodge was in charge of the lodge and officiated as master of ceremonies at the banquet table.

During the evening His Wor. Bro. J. M. McLeod presented His Wor. Bro. V. B. Bunker with a gold master's pearl on behalf of the lodge.

There were present on this occasion, from a number of lodges in the district, His Wor. Bro. Salt and wife of from Campbellville, and the following a telling speech was given.

NEW PLATES BIG FIGURES YELLOW AND BLACK

Statistics of new plates which are being used on motor vehicles in Ontario in 1938 will be run off at the Ontario Motor Vehicle Bureau, this week, according to Dr. J. D. Hunsay, Superintendent of the institution. The new style plates will have to receive official government approval before work on the year's supply is started.

The 1938 plates will be yellow and black, "with large numbers," according to an announcement made by Highway Minister T. B. McQuesten. In a previous statement in the legislature, Mr. McQuesten said he would "take the blame" for the much criticized 1938 plates, which are orange and blue.

Auditors' Report Approved Committee Regarding Mill St.

Night Constable Cannot Continue Under Present Salary Arrangements — Record of Pines Difficult to Secure — Municipal Grader to be Painted and Spring Property Fence Repaired — Accident Insurance Rate is Slightly Increased.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES SPONSOR CLUB PROJECTS

Announcement has just been made by Agricultural Representative J. E. White, lock regarding club projects to be conducted during the current year. The County of Halton Agricultural Society will sponsor two calf clubs, one open to Holstein and Ayrshire calves, the other to Jersey and Guernsey calves, with a separate section for Shorthorns. Forty-eight club members, between the ages of 12 and 20 years inclusive participated in these events in Halton in 1937.

Acton Agricultural Society, we understand, will again sponsor its Boys' Club, and in addition will organize a Boys' Grain Club.

At Georgetown the Agricultural Society executive will concentrate their activities on a Boys' Grain Club. This event, which is being continued for the fourth year, has been the medium of developing some outstanding seed growers.

All three societies are also conducting Field Crop Competitions. At Acton and Milton the competitions will be with oats, and at Georgetown in winter wheat. Inasmuch as the conditions call for sowing registered seed, the fields entered should serve as excellent sources of high quality seed for another year.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS CONTINUE UNTIL AFTER LABOR DAY

Summer holidays for school children have been extended to the Tuesday following Labor Day. The real reason for this change, Dr. Duncan McArthur, the Deputy Minister of Education, explained, is to make it possible for teachers taking summer courses to have a full month's holidays before returning to school.

"For several years to come, summer courses will have to be provided for the re-training of teachers, so that they may be prepared adequately to teach the new course of studies," he said. "It is only fair and proper that these teachers who are engaged in taking summer courses, should be assured of a reasonable holiday, and I am certain they should have at least four weeks."

It was felt also, Dr. McArthur continued, that such an extension would be welcomed by the many parents who spend the summer holidays away from town and do not wish to return home until Labor Day. "I think the definite setting of the opening of school on the day after Labor Day will be welcomed all around," he said.

HIGHWAY ILLUMINATION EXPERIMENT STARTED ON MIDDLE ROAD

Experimental illumination of a three-mile stretch of the Middle Road, from Browns Line to the cloverleaf crossing at Port Credit, is being installed by Highwaymen, who have already erected poles for the entire distance.

If the lighting is satisfactory, officials of the Department of Highways will install illumination the entire length of the road. Other Provincial highways are also the scene of similar tests to determine the effectiveness of the new type of lighting.

SLAPS FACE



Emmanuel Shinnell, late member of the British House of Commons, made history recently when he rushed across the floor of the House and struck Commander Robert Taitton Bower across the face. It was the first time in living memory that one member struck another. The blow, followed taunting remarks made by Bower, who is quoted as having shouted across the floor of the House at Shinnell, "Go back to Poland."

At the fortnightly session of Acton Council on Tuesday evening, Councilors A. Mason, J. B. Chalmers, E. Jones and J. A. Chapman were present and Reeve P. McCutcheon was in the chair.

Mr. E. Harrop, night constable, was present to discuss with the Council the position he had held for the past eight years. The salary had decreased gradually until it was a third less than originally. The position had carried a salary of \$75.00 per month, and now was only \$50.00. At this amount he felt he could not continue the position.

Council requested that Mr. Harrop continue his duties until the next Council meeting, when the question could be dealt with after a careful study. It was felt that it was not advantageous to discontinue the service, and Mr. Harrop had gladly filled the position. Mr. Harrop agreed to this arrangement.

Mr. Wilson of the A. E. Wilson Co., was present to discuss the Public Liability Accident Insurance being carried by the Municipality. A new rate now applied, according to population. Acton had, however, been a very good risk. He quoted a rate for this year of \$110. This included the double limit clause.

A claim for damages was received from Miss Annie Thompson, who had fallen on the ice and suffered a fractured wrist. The accident had occurred on March 11th, when it was claimed the sidewalk on Young Street had not been properly sanded.

By motion the Council agreed to take insurance again with Lloyd's Underwriters, through the A. E. Wilson Company, at the premium quoted.

The Clerk reported that the prepayment of taxes had brought in \$300 during March.

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

R. J. Hamshaw, Division Court Clerk, 20 cases for tax arrears	\$ 14.30
Hutchins & Aker, coal for shoe factory and arena	17.20
Acton Public Utilities Commission, street lighting Town Hall pump house arena etc.	211.10
Highway Garage repairs	1.10
C. P. Denhart, salary etc.	154.62
A. H. Heston & Son	10.00
	\$409.08

The report was adopted. The Clerk reported the difficulty that had been experienced last year after again this year in ascertaining a record of police court fines. Letters had not been answered, when inquiry was made. The Clerk was instructed to write the department asking for an explanation.

The Clerk was also instructed to write the Y. M. C. A. regarding the public inventories. A good deal of criticism had been made that the doors were locked and the place kept closed too much. If improved behavior was being experienced, court cases were to be held.

A rebate was received and accepted of \$1.25 for the telephone at the arena. (Continued on Page Eight)

Coming Events

Hold May 4th for your Empire Game in Y. M. C. A. sponsored by Group 4 I. O. D. E.

A Ladies Y. M. C. A. Wednesday April 27th, at 8 o'clock sharp. Analysis of Women's Institute 15 good prizes.

The P. P. Y. O. annual dance will be held on Friday in the Town Hall Acton. Admission for special music launch served.

Fifteen prizes and four prizes are offered for the Baseball Bingo, in the League Hall on Thursday April 28th, at 8 P. M. Admission 25¢. Auspices Acton Baseball Club. Give the boys a good start.

Monday, April 25th, the Kitchener-Waterloo Y. M. C. A. Male Chorus and Double Ladies' Trio at Knox Church, Acton. Note the change of date. It's the musical event of the year. Hear them sing "Listen to the German Band."

The Choir of Knox Church, Milton, are putting on a splendid cantata, entitled "Paul, a Prisoner of the Lord," conducted by Mr. J. W. Evans, Toronto. The show, followed taunting remarks made by Bower, who is quoted as having shouted across the floor of the House at Shinnell, "Go back to Poland."