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24 for Night Constable Job Midnight Session of Council

Council Offers Reward for Conviction of Persons Damaging Public Conveniences—Plans and Prices for Shelters at Fairy Lake.

MOTOR LEAGUE TO SUPPLY SIGNS

At the meeting of Acton Council, on Monday evening, Councillors Mason, Chalmers, Chapman, and Jones were present, and Reeve F. J. McCutcheon presided.

Messrs. R. H. Elliott, D. A. MacRae and R. P. Watson were a committee from the Y.M.C.A. to confer with Council regarding complaints about the public lavatories. It was pointed out these conveniences were open every day from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., except on occasions when the toilets were clogged through misuse and out of order. The difficulties and depredations that occurred here were frankly discussed with the Council. It was pointed out that conditions in the ladies' lavatories were the worst.

Council decided to offer a reward of $5.00 for information leading to the conviction of any person or persons found loitering and defacing or any way damaging the property at the public lavatories. Signs to this effect were to be erected by the Y.M.C.A. Board. Councillor Mason was appointed to co-operate with the Board in stopping this nuisance.

Mrs. E. E. Barr and Mrs. G. A. Dills, on behalf of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E., asked permission to sell tickets for a blanket draw. The funds were to be used for the work of the order. Permission was unanimously granted by the Council.

The Reeve, on behalf of the Council, asked if the Duke of Devonshire Chapter would consider co-operating in the improvements contemplated for bathing facilities at Fairy Lake. The plans for the shelters were shown to the delegation. Mrs. Barr said the organization was quite in sympathy with the project, and would do their part as soon as plans were furnished. The matter of supervision was discussed, and also the cleaning of the weeds and improving facilities in Fairy Lake.

Mr. Lachlan McMillan inquired regarding the trimming of trees on John Street. He preferred that the trees be removed. Councillor Jones and Chief McPherson were appointed to have charge of this matter and Council endorsed whatever action was taken.

The Clerk reported that the Public Liability insurance policy had been accepted at the charge set forth.

Replies had been received from all who had received copies of the resolution passed by Council at the last meeting, regarding changes in transporting goods in bond by truck.

The Clerk reported that the Motor League had agreed to supply eighty signs directing the route to Acton. Council would have to have the signs erected. The League would pay delivery and all charges on the signs.

The Reeve reported regarding the tobacco license fee in other municipalities. Chief McPherson was requested to submit details on the present licenses in force, and Council would decide when the information was secured on what procedure was to be taken.

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

The James Robertson Co., supplies re shoe factory	$176 28
Mrs. H. L. McDonald, premium on liability insurance	115 00
Acton Public Utilities Commission	
Street lighting	$158 00
Town Hall	3.23
Supplies	1.80
Fire, pump house	75
Arena	3 60
Fire pump	19.17
Collecting taxes	75 00
	262 43
E. J. Hassard, supplies	88
	$554 59

The report was adopted, with Mr. Jones dissenting on the payment of the James Robertson account, on the grounds that the goods had not been approved by the Council, but only by the committee in charge.

Letters were received from Mr. Hughes Cleaver, M.P., Minister of Transport, C. B. Howe, W. H. Wrenshire, Private Secretary to Hon. J. I. Isley, Premier M. F. Hepburn, regarding opposition to the change in customs regulations. Mr. Cleaver pointed out that at present no change was made, and gave details on the matter.

A letter from the Inspector of Legal Offices gave the changes in the Act regarding the collection of fines and the method in which the division of fines was apportioned.

Notifications from the General and St. Joseph's Hospitals, in Guelph, were received regarding indigent patients.

Mr. Leatherland reported regarding the court cases of collection of taxes from Fred Mills. Decision had been received

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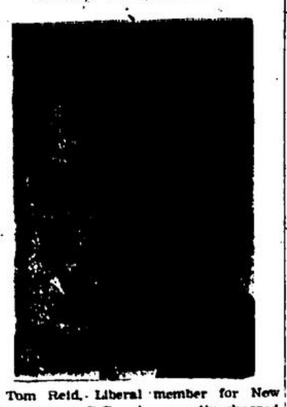
$72,000 IN QUESTION



Tom Reid, Liberal member for New Westminster, B.C., who recently charged in a bitter debate with Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, over political payroll padding, in the House of Commons, that there had been at least one instance of a padded payroll in a relief camp during the Bennett regime. Mr. Reid charged that there was about $72,000 which could not be accounted for.

Mrs. Wilderspin President of the Acton Institute

Officers Elected at Annual Meeting — A Year of Splendid Activity Closed

The monthly meeting of the Acton Woman's Intitute was held at the home of Mrs. J. E. Gamble, on Thursday, with Mrs. Recsor presiding. A five minute talk on the motto, "Better Citizenship," was given by Mrs. G. H. Lantz. Roll call was answered by the paying of fees.

This being the annual meeting, the President vacated the chair and Mrs. G. Lantz, Past President, occupied the chair for the election of officers.

The reports of activities and financial reports were very satisfactory. Donations were given to Cripple Children's Fund, Welfare Board; wreath for Armistice Day. Delegates were sent to the different conventions. Flowers, fruit, letters and cards were sent to bereaved and shut-ins. One layette was called for. Bingo cards had been purchased. Two maple trees were planted in the school grounds on Coronation Day. Several new members had been enrolled during the year.

The following were the officers elected:

President—Mrs. J. Wilderspin
1st Vice-President—Mrs. A. H. Bishop
2nd Vice-President—Mrs. T. Lappin
Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. J. E. Gamble
District Directors—Mrs. H. McCutcheon, Mrs. G. H. Lantz, Mrs. G. Hodgins, Mrs. E. Collier, President and Secretary
Pianist—Mrs. E. Lambert
Assistant Pianist—Mrs. R. L. Davidson.
Booth Convener—Mrs. F. Wilds
Sick and Visiting—Mrs. A. McDonald, Mrs. J. E. Gamble
Social—Mrs. G. H. Lantz
Layette—Mrs. E. Collier, Mrs. D. Polster
Music Festival—Mrs. A. H. Bishop
District Director—Mrs. G. W. Masales
District Annual—Mrs. G. H. Lantz, Mrs. R. L. Davidson.
Auditors—Mrs. J. Dobbie, Mrs. E. Collier
Program—Mrs. E. Lambert, Mrs. E. Collier, Mrs. D. Polster, President and Secretary.

A very hearty vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Gamble for the use of her home, after which a social time was spent.

Mrs. Recsor, retiring President, who is removing to Toronto, has all the good wishes for her in her new home.

APPARANTLY NOT MANY HAVE SHALLOT IN GARDENS

Judging by the number of answers to last week's Puzzle Poem, "Shallot" is not sown in many gardens. Mrs. Wm. Wallace, of R. R. No. 2, Rockwood, solved the Puzzle Poem last week, correctly, however, as well as one other, but to her goes the award for the week. Frankly we're not well acquainted with the stuff either, but that's the answer of the poem by Mr. Coles. Our dictionary defines it thus "An onion-like plant, producing small clustered bulbs used like garlic for flavoring. A small onion." Now of course our onions are just up, but we never called them shallots. You'll find another one to puzzle over on Page Five this week.

GARAGE OPERATORS' LADIES' NIGHT AT PIG AND WHISTLE INN

The Halton Branch of Garage Operators' Association of Ontario held a very successful Ladies' Night at the Pig and Whistle Inn, on the Lakeshore Highway, at Bronte, on Thursday evening last. The ladies were entertained to a dinner to commence the evening. Hull's Orchestra, of Georgetown, supplied music, and Mr. Percy David, of Toronto, supplied some very entertaining numbers in the form of skits and songs and kept everyone in good spirits.

Several members from the Provincial Council were present and short speeches were the order for a time, interspersed with toasts.

Mr. Harry Harper, Provincial President, was the speaker of the evening, and his address gave those present a very convincing knowledge of the aims and objectives of the Association and also a resume of what the Association has accomplished in the past.

The draw for door prizes was a very enjoyable feature. Some eighteen prizes were drawn for and many were the expressions of appreciation heard.

The members and guests then enjoyed dancing to the splendid music and on the beautiful floor, to round out a real night's fun.

A great deal of credit for the manner in which everyone enjoyed themselves is due the manager of the Inn, Mr. A. L. Brown.

CORONATION PICTURES DELIGHT ACTON MEETING OF KNOX Y.W.A.

On the eve of the first anniversary of the Coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, Knox Young Women's Auxiliary had the pleasure of bringing to an Acton audience moving pictures of the procession and crowning as it took place one year ago to-day. Mrs. W. P. Gamble, of Guelph, delighted the audience with a short address, telling of her trip and then two reels were shown on the screen of the Coronation, the first one in color, and another of pictures taken while on the continent and visiting in Scotland and England, which also were colored. During the devotional period the scripture was read by Miss I. Bruce and prayers by Mrs. R. O'Hara, Miss Wiles and Miss Cole. Miss Stitt rendered a vocal solo and Mr. Wm. Burton and mixed chorus sang "Land of Hope and Glory." Mrs. (Rev.) H. L. Bennie introduced Mrs. Gamble and at the close Miss K. Rogsell tendered her a vote of thanks for the splendid address. Mrs. F. Wilds presided.

HIGH SCHOOL WING REFUSED AT BURLINGTON

By a vote of almost three to one, Burlington electors on Tuesday decided against the application of the High School Board for $12,000 for the erection of an addition to the High School and equipment therefor. Eighty-eight voted for and 242 against, a majority of 154 against the proposition. Only a few ratepayers evinced any interest in the question.

The vote had been asked by the High School Board following the refusal of Town Council to grant the money with which to erect two additional rooms for the teaching of domestic science and manual training as required by the Department of Education.

VICTORIA DAY WILL BE OBSERVED ON MAY 24th

There will be no long week-end for Victoria Day celebrants this year. Though many Canadian municipalities would like to have summer's first holiday held on Monday, May 23rd, instead of the day fixed by statute, May 24th, which falls this year on Tuesday, the Dominion Government has no power to change the date.

Prime Minister Mackenzie King so informed the House of Commons on Monday, answering a question from Gordon Graydon, Conservative member for Peel. The holiday was fixed by statute, and could only be changed by Parliamentary action. Mr. King said. The Governor-General-in-Council had power only to fix the date of Thanksgiving Day and some other holidays.

Mr. King told the House he had communications both for and against a change in this year's date. Some who opposed "tinkering" with the date claimed arrangements already had been made for celebrations on May 24th and the date should not be disturbed.

FORMER HALTONIANS PROMINENT OFFICERS OF ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

At the annual meeting of the Academy of Medicine, Dr. Cameron Warren, of St. Clair Avenue, Toronto, formerly of Acton, was elected President; and Dr. D. E. Robertson, formerly of Milton, of Moose River mine fame, and Superintendent of the Sick Children's Hospital, Vice-President.

Bowling and Tennis Club Elects Officers

Successful Year Reported with Small Surplus — Beardmore Co. Made $150 Donation

A change in the financing of the club was reported at the annual meeting, held last Thursday evening, which should prove very satisfactory to the club's interests. Beardmore & Company, who own the property, have agreed to donate the sum of $150 per annum, as well as the use of the property. This amount is considerably greater than the average deficits for the past three years. Under this plan, all of the funds raised by the club in excess of their normal operating requirements will be available for improving playing conditions or building up a surplus for later use instead of for the reduction of an annual deficit as in the past. The year's operations showed a small balance on hand.

A vote of thanks was tendered the Beardmore Co. for the practical interest that was shown in the club.

A committee was appointed to wait upon the Council for the purpose of obtaining a reduction in the taxes through a reduced assessment. Those attending the annual meeting were very hopeful that the committee's request to the Council would receive favorable consideration, for, while the club is, technically speaking, a private organization, it is actually operated for the benefit of the village as a whole and is certainly a distinct asset to its citizens, and membership is open to all who care to take part in the club's activities.

Matters regarding fees and playing privileges were discussed and a new membership class for husband and wife was made available this year. The membership were enthusiastic and anticipate an even larger membership this year who will avail themselves of the benefits offered. Vice-President R. H. Elliott presided over the meeting.

The following is the list of officers elected:

Honorary President—W. J. Gould
President—J. M. McDonald.
1st Vice-President—R. H. Elliott
2nd Vice-President—Dr. Cullen
3rd Vice-President—W. Beatty
General Secretary-Treasurer—A. Battye.
Tennis Committee—Dr. Cullen, Secretary; H. Hinton, Chairman; L. McMullen, J. Ross, B. Rawlings, G. G. Emery.
Bowling Committee—W. H. Clayton, Secretary; W. J. Gould, Chairman; R. W. Lowrie, T. Watson, R. H. Elliott, B. Bayliss.

1937 Baseball Schedule is Announced

First Game in Five-Team League will be on May 21st — Home Game May 24th

The local grouping for baseball this year will comprise five teams, Acton, Georgetown, Milton, Oakville and Hespeler. A double schedule has been drawn up, with the first games to be played a week from Saturday. It is known as the Halton County League. The following is the schedule:

May 21st—Acton at Milton, Georgetown at Oakville
May 24th—Hespeler at Acton, Milton at Georgetown
May 28th—Acton at Oakville, Milton at Hespeler
June 4th—Oakville at Acton, Hespeler at Milton.
*June 9th—Hespeler at Georgetown
June 11th—Acton at Hespeler, Milton at Oakville
*June 15th—Oakville at Milton
*June 16th—Acton at Georgetown
June 18th—Milton at Acton, Georgetown at Hespeler
*June 20th—Oakville at Georgetown
*June 22nd—Georgetown at Acton
June 25th—Acton at Hespeler, Georgetown at Milton
*June 29th—Milton at Hespeler
July 1st—Hespeler at Oakville (2 games), Acton at Milton
*July 4th—Milton at Georgetown.
*July 6th—Oakville at Acton.
July 9th—Milton at Acton, Georgetown at Hespeler
*July 13th—Georgetown at Oakville
July 16th—Acton at Oakville; Hespeler at Milton.
*July 20th—Hespeler at Acton.
*July 21st—Oakville at Georgetown.
July 23rd—Milton at Oakville; Hespeler at Georgetown.
*July 27th — Oakville at Milton; Georgetown at Acton.
July 30th—Acton at Georgetown.
August 1st (Civic Holiday)—Oakville at Hespeler (2 games).
*August 3rd—Georgetown at Milton.

* Denotes twilight game.

MOTHER'S DAY SERVICES HELD IN ACTON CHURCHES

Interesting and impressive Mother's Day services were held in the churches in Acton last Sunday. At the United, Presbyterian and Baptist Churches the Sunday School service was combined with the morning hour of worship and scholars and Sunday School officers assisted in the services. Music appropriate to the day was a feature.

At the United Church a portrayal of home scenes of the boyhood of John Wesley were impressively featured. Mrs. G. G. Emery, as Susannah Wesley, and a group of the boys and girls, representing the family, made this feature very impressive. The home influence and that of mother were largely responsible for the life and work which John Wesley gave to the world.

At Knox Church, Mrs. H. Mainprize very impressively told the story of "The Sistine Madonna," and the School joined in the special service prepared for the day. Mr. Bennie's theme was "God is Love."

The Baptist service was a combined one for Sunday School and the Church and had features which made it impressive and very suitable to Mother's Day.

Flowers were much in evidence and the special church services added to the interest of the occasion.

A. M. McPHERSON PAINFULLY INJURED WHILE CULTIVATING

While operating a cultivator on his farm, west of Acton, last week, Mr. A. M. McPherson was painfully injured and suffered two broken ribs and a multitude of cuts and bruises. The accident occurred when Mr. McPherson walked out on the tongue of the cultivator to untangle the lines. After starting, he realized the danger, and started back for the machine.

The horses suddenly bolted and he was thrown off and caught in the teeth of the cultivator. Here he was dragged for some distance, until one wheel of the cultivator went over a stone and he was released.

Mr. McPherson was able to make his way from the field to the house, where he attracted the attention of Mrs. McPherson and members of the family. His clothes were practically torn off him, and several bad cuts were in one leg and his whole body was badly bruised. It was a narrow escape from fatal injuries.

OPENED BRANCH OF WHOLESALE IN SASKATOON

Ex-Reeve C. H. Harrison, who established in Acton the wholesale automotive parts business of Acton Machine Co., has the past week opened a branch in Saskatoon, where a stock will be carried for western distribution. This business, under the energetic guidance of Mr. Harrison, is making splendid progress. A year and a half ago it was found necessary to remove to Toronto, where commodious quarters were secured and have been keeping growth with the expansion of the business. A western branch is the latest outgrowth of Mr. Harrison's business. Many Acton friends extend congratulations on the splendid advancement being show. Incidentally the firm continues to operate under the name established here, The Acton Machine Company, and the new western office in the Bowman Building in Saskatoon will carry this firm name.

LAKESIDE CHAPTER BINGO HAD MANY PRIZE WINNERS

The Bingo held last evening in the Legion Hall, under the Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. auspices was well attended and proved most interesting. The Regent, Miss Marguerite Ryder, welcomed the people attending and, under Mr. J. M. McDonald's capable assistance, the Bingo games were well handled.

Special prizes were won by Mrs. J. Morton, sherbet glasses, Dr. Pearen, lamp, Mrs. Mackie, coffee table. Bingo prizes Miss Grace Gibson, bag of flour, Mrs. Geo. Somerville milk tickets, Miss Maisie Nicol, kitchen set, Mrs. Robt. Johnson, table cloth, Mrs. C. Leishman, sugar, Mrs. Harry Waterhouse, Free Press subscription, Mary Simpson, basket of fruit, Mrs. Ingles, towel set, Mrs. C. Leishman, Beauty Parlor order, Mrs. Harry Waterhouse, bed lamp, Mrs. Ed Ryder, plant, Mrs. Harry Waterhouse, basket of groceries, Mrs. J. Morton, picnic ham, Mrs. L. Dunn, cigarettes, Mrs. W. Bradshaw, butter.

SCOUT MOTHERS PREPARE FOR JAMBOREE IN ACTON

The regular monthly meeting of the Scout Mothers' Auxiliary was held on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. W. Chisholm. Scoutmaster Mason was present and outlined his plans for the coming Jamboree. It was decided to make a quilt again this year. Bill Vincent and Donald Evans sang duetts by way of program. The committee served lunch and the meeting closed with the benediction.

Agreement for Joint Use of Poles Sanctioned by Comm.

Will Resume Again Free Installation of Water Heater Services—Plan for Range Campaign—Telephone Officials Confer Regarding Agreement on Joint Use of Poles.

RECONSTRUCTION WORK PROCEEDING

Commissioner C. Hansen, Reeve McCutcheon and Chairman R. J. Kerr were present when Acton Public Utilities Commission met on Tuesday evening.

Mr. Stocking, of the Ontario Commission, had made inquiry regarding the attitude of the local Commission on a campaign for water heaters.

A letter from the Ontario Commission drew the attention of the Acton Commission to the Hydro Cooking School of the air, which commenced on May 9th, and will be held on Wednesdays at 11.15 a.m.

The Secretary was, by motion authorized to pay the following accounts:

Hydro Department	
Packard Electric Co. Ltd., supplies	$170.00
MacDonald Electric Co. Ltd., supplies	21 45
James R. Kearney Corporation Ltd., supplies	26.95
C.N.R. and Transport, express	75
Sangamo Company Ltd., supplies	30 00
	$249 15
Waterworks Department	
Hydro Department, power at spring	$41 09
Hydro Department, April operations	98 73
	$139.82

Letters and material from the Ontario Commission outlined plans for the range campaign.

The Superintendent was appointed a delegate to the Hydro Safety Convention.

The Commission, after consideration, decided it was advisable to resume again the water heater service that had been discontinued about a year ago.

Moved by C. Hansen, seconded by F. McCutcheon, that the resolution of June 15th, 1937, regarding water heaters, is hereby rescinded and it is hereby decided to again enter into the campaign, giving free installation of said heaters wherever requested. Flat rate charge to be at current rate. Carried.

Messrs. Hurd and McLaren, of the Bell Telephone Co., were present to discuss the new agreement for the joint use of poles. The new agreement had the approval of the Ontario Commission.

The Acton Commission approved the agreement and the following resolution was passed:

Moved by F. McCutcheon, seconded by C. Hansen, that the Bell Telephone Co. prepare Standard Form of Agreement for joint use of poles, authorizing Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer to sign agreement on behalf of this Commission, also authorizing the Superintendent to sign permits.—Carried.

The list of arrears were checked by the Commission and instructions issued to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent reported that the poles were ready for the Crescent, and work on this would be started the following day.

The Superintendent was instructed to purchase a lawn mower, for use at the properties.

FAIR DIRECTORS WILL HOLD BEE AT THE PARK

Arrangements were made for another "bee" to be held on Monday at the Park, by the Directors of Acton Agricultural Society. The earth deposited on the race track last fall will be levelled and used to widen the course. The Directors are doing the work on Monday afternoon. Arrangements in connection with the prize list were also made. The revision of the prize list will take place at the next meeting. President J. A. Mann presided at the meeting.

CANADIAN SCULPTOR DEAD

Dr. Robert Tait McKenzie, distinguished Canadian-born sculptor and physician, died suddenly at his Philadelphia home. Dr. Tait executed the memorial to commemorate 60 years of confederation which now stands in the House of Commons at Ottawa. He was medical director of physical training in McGill University more than 30 years ago and later won fame as director of physical education at the University of Pennsylvania.

Wage Rates Set for Season by Esquesing

Road Costs of $4,832.10 Passed for Payment — Liability Insurance Placed

The Esquesing Council held their regular meeting on Monday afternoon. Deputy-Reeve W. A. Wilson, Councillors C. H. May, G. W. Murray and Edwin Harrop were present. Reeve N. A. Robinson presided at the meeting.

Communications were read from The Hydro-Electric Power Commission, Canadian Automobile Service Association, George E. Elliott, and J. E. Whitelock.

Mr. Wilson and George Brown, also T. G. Ramshaw, addressed the Council with reference to Township Road Insurance.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay Relief Accounts, as presented by the Relief Officer, $315.07.

Other accounts passed for payment were:

Bell Telephone Company	$ 5.98
J. E. Whitelock, Secretary Halton Plowmen's Association	10.00
George Leslie, registering 10 notices	1 00
J. Sanford & Son, lock and chain	1 25
George E. Elliott, balance re Dobbie account	243 71
Jos. T. Marshment, to opening grave	4 00
Dr. J. E. Jackson, extracts for Mr. and Mrs. Sep Thompson	14 00
C. R. Turner, ambulance to Guelph Hospital for Mrs. Krantz	15 00
Department of Health of Ontario, Insulin supplied Mrs. Corner	1 58
J. Sanford & Son, hospital trips for Mrs. Holtum and Mrs. Henderson	20.00

Moved by W. A. Wilson, seconded by E. Harrop, that the Treasurer pay the Road Sheets as presented by the Road Superintendent, $4,832.10.—Carried.

Moved by E. Harrop, seconded by W. A. Wilson, that from April 1st, the rates of wages are as follows: Man and team, 55c per hour; man, 25c per hour.—Carried.

Moved by W. A. Wilson, seconded by E. Harrop, that the Township Road Liability Insurance be placed with the General Accident Insurance Company, at a premium of $253.60, carrying a 10-20-2 liability.—Carried.

Moved by W. A. Wilson, seconded by E. Harrop, that this Council do now adjourn, to meet Monday, June 13th, at 10 o'clock a.m., as a Court of Revision, or at the call of the Reeve.—Carried.

GREENOCK SOCIETY VISITS DUBLIN LITERARY FOR SOCIAL EVENING

The Dublin Literary met at the school on Friday evening, May 6th, in order to spend a social evening with the Greenock Literary. After opening exercises, W. Linham spoke words of welcome to the visiting Society, and called upon the President, Gordon Leslie, to take the chair. The visiting society put on the three-act play, entitled "Eyes of Love," which proved very entertaining and interesting. At the close of the play the National Anthem brought the meeting to a close. Lunch was served and a social time spent.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, 10 cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 25c.

The regular meeting of the U.F.Y.P.O. will be held on Thursday, May 19th.

A Gospel and Musical Service at Crewsons Corners Church, near Acton, conducted by Evangelist D. Fowler, Sunday, at 3.00 p.m. No collection.

The Empire Day Concert will be held in the Town Hall on Thursday, May 19th, at eight o'clock. Festival winning choruses, solos, duetts and trios! Rhythm Band! Drills! Pageant. 15c, 25c.