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Eight Home-Print Pages—Five Cents

Tax Rate is a Mill Lower In Spite of Added Expenses

Drop in Debenture Payments Enables the Saving — Shelters to be Built at Fairy Lake and Arrangements Made for Super-Vision During Summer Months.

ASSESSMENT \$12,000 LOWER

Acton Council met on Monday evening with Commissioners A. Mason, E. Jones and J. A. Chapman present, and Reeve F. McCutcheon presiding.

The Committee on Streets and Walks reported that street repairs had been attended to as instructed at the preceding meeting.

The by-law appointing a Night Constable was given the required readings and passed by the Council. In the place of Ernest Harrop, John A. Locker was appointed to the position.

It was decided that all tobacco licenses must be procured on or before June 30th, 1938. This gave merchants a chance to dispose of stocks on hand who were not desirous of selling tobacco.

A letter from Mrs. W. J. Reid gave notice of claim for damages when she fell. The fall was claimed to be due to defective sidewalk. The matter had been adjusted by the insurance company.

A letter from the Chief Purchasing Agent of the Department of Public Works assured the Council that attention would be paid to the smoke nuisance at the Post Office when coal was being purchased this year.

A letter from the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. expressed pleasure at the action of the Council in improving existing facilities at the Park. The Chapter was willing to assume \$28 a year for the purpose of supervision of the bathing at the park. The Chapter recommended the appointment of James Robertson as supervisor. It was also reported to Council that the Lakeside Chapter would this year contribute \$30 to this supervision and the Women's Institute would contribute \$10 this year.

Council gave authority to Councilor Chapman to have the shelters erected immediately and the contract was awarded to the Georgetown Lumber Company. Painting and all arrangements were left in the hands of Mr. Chapman.

Arrangements were made with Mr. James Robertson to undertake the work of supervision at the Park, with duties to commence as soon as the shelters were built. He will have power to lay information for disorderly conduct, and any damages to buildings. The allowance for this work was \$25 per month for the summer months of June, July and August.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

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| Geo. R. Somerville, posts | 5.00 |
| Tyler's Transport, cartage | 10.00 |
| Symon Hardware, supplies | 2.00 |
| Chester McElin, moving earth | 6.30 |
| Acton Public Utilities Commission, services | 185.55 |
| W. R. E. Blair, cement and work on drain | 1.60 |
| Bell Telephone Co. services | 11.78 |
| O. R. Brown, trucking | 3.00 |
| Circulars of Tobacco Licenses | 15.69 |
| Acton Welfare Board, payment for May | 230.00 |
| | \$471.01. |

The assessment roll, with changes by the Court of Revision, was confirmed by motion.

A hospital account for an indigent patient was approved by the Council.

Mr. R. McDonald discussed with the Council a suitable entrance to the Cemetery. It was suggested that Ransom Street be designated as the cemetery entrance. A stone wall was to be built along the front and pillars erected at the entrance. Council agreed to co-operate and view the property on Wednesday and give a decision on the matter.

Mr. McDonald also asked Council to give consideration to a plan for the erection of a building to do away with the necessity of winter burials.

Council then gave consideration to the striking of the rate for the year. A letter from the School Board made a requisition for \$9,800 for school purposes for the year, which is about \$500 more than was required last year.

The task of striking the tax rate for the year was then tackled. An assessment lowered by \$30,000 was faced and also increased expenditures for relief and in a number of other departments. On the other hand, debenture payments are lower and a lower County Rate is anticipated. The balance was finally in favor of the tax payer and the rate set at 47 mills, which will make a net rate of 46 mills for this year. This is one mill lower than last year. The Clerk was instructed to prepare the usual by-law and present it at the next meeting.

A KEEN OBSERVER

"How much longer shall we have to wait for Sunday, Dad?"
"Not much longer now. They're just taking the last hat out of the window."

THE CENTURY MARK AT CHURCHILL

There will be many reminiscences and many a friendship renewed during Sunday and Monday when friends from far and near gather at the "Hill Church," or more correctly known as Churchill. And the folks of the congregation have for months been preparing for the home-coming. Just call up some of the congregation these days and you'll learn that Sunday hasn't been the only day at church.

And what have they been doing? The interior and exterior of the building has been redecorated. The electric lighting will be used for the first time on Sunday, when the centennial celebrations are held. Complete details of the services are to be found elsewhere in this issue that will occupy Sunday and Monday.

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ANGLICAN MEN'S SERVICE HELD AT S. JAMES' CHURCH, FERGUS

A Men's Service was held on Sunday, June 12th, in St. James' Church, Fergus, under the auspices of the Wellington Deanery Laymen's Association, with men attending from all the parishes in the Deanery. A large delegation was present from Acton, a number of whom sat in the choir, which was composed entirely of men. There were a number of clergy in the congregation, but the service was in the hands of the laymen, two of whom read the lessons, two others leading in the prayers.

The address was given by a layman, Dr. James Simpson, M.D., of Hamilton, and was listened to with rapt attention by all present. Dr. Simpson took as his text the words "In quietness and confidence shall be your strength," and spoke of the necessity in these days of being pliable enough to change with the times, to change our methods, our opinions, our ways of thought, while at the same time holding fast to the fundamentals of our faith. "I call this the 'Gimme' Age—everybody is thumbing his way through life, hitch-hiking as it were. Something for nothing is the slogan of the day. This is all wrong, governments may make it legal, but they cannot make it right. We are all flustered and worried, thereby exhibiting our weakness." Throughout the doctor's address was seasoned with a stimulating humor which not only held his hearers but also forcibly drove home the seriousness of his message.

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School Pupils Radio Program Well Received

Half Hour on CFRB on Saturday Praised by Listeners from Many Points

Most every radio in Acton was tuned on Saturday evening to Station CFRB, when the school children presented musical numbers that won for them first place in the County Music Festival. Many former Actonians also gathered at the studio in Toronto to see and hear the broadcast.

The reception was splendid and the scholars gave a fine performance, under the direction of Miss T. P. Hunt, and with Mrs. W. Gowdy as accompanist.

The numbers presented were the Party, Sixty and Junior Chorus; the Boys' Duets, by Charlie Allan and Sam Brunelle; the Double Mixed Trio, by Charlie Allan, Betty Gilson, Sam Brunelle, Gordon Gibbins, Mary Marz and Joyce McHugh; the Girls' Duets, by Joyce Desautels and Betty Gilson.

Mr. Maurice Boddington, a favorite announcer at CFRB, was the master of ceremonies and kept the program running smoothly and ably conveyed to the unseen audience a word picture of what was going on in the studio. Pupils and teachers have been receiving well-merited congratulations on the success of the event.

The task of taking nearly a hundred children to the studio in Toronto was no small one, but citizens co-operated well with the School Board and all were safely landed and brought home again without mishap.

The experience of radio broadcasting was the first for any of the performers and to many, too, the visit to the city at night was a new experience. It is one that will be remembered throughout their lifetimes by all of them. And not the least of the thrills was that little informal five minutes when school children greeted friends at home over the radio.

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JUNIOR FARMERS GRAIN CLUB DISCUSS PASTURES

Dr. O. McConkey, Department of Field Husbandry, O.A.C., Guelph, addressed a very enthusiastic meeting of the Junior Farmers Grain Club in the Council Chamber on Thursday evening last.

Dr. McConkey spoke chiefly on pastures and advised regarding pasture rotation to overcome shortage. "Inclusion of Timothy in alfalfa is good feed insurance," he said. "One of the troubles of Ontario hayfields is open bottom." He recommended a new grass, "Brome," a very drought resistant western variety, to build up bottom.

Much helpful information was given in the address on such subjects as the electric fence, the rotation of pastures and mineral deficiency. The meeting was sponsored by Acton Agricultural Society.

The business session was conducted by Edward Johnson, President, Messrs. Reid and McNabb, of Georgetown, put on a demonstration for the benefit of the members.

Mr. J. E. Whitlock, of Milton, County Agricultural Representative, introduced the speaker.

The regular monthly meeting of the Scout Mothers Auxiliary was held on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. J. van Goozen. The members of the newly formed Milton Auxiliary were guests, and were welcomed by Mrs. R. P. Watson, the President, who, on behalf of the Acton Auxiliary, wished them every success in their work for the Milton Boy Scouts.

During the program Margaret Somerville played her Festival piano number. Mrs. Velhuis rendered a lovely solo and two enjoyable contests were held. Several business items were discussed and arrangements made for the club picnic to be held on the 27th of June. The Auxiliary will donate again this year \$10 to the Camp Fund.

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County Offers Reward for Arrest of Escaped Prisoner

SCORES VICTORY

Acton County Council met in Milton last Tuesday. All members were present and the Warden in the chair.

Regular business was transacted in the forenoon and communications read. At the afternoon session, Mr. E. M. Reid, head of the Acton County Agricultural Society, addressed the Council, requesting a grant towards the annual Fall Fair.

Among the correspondence was a copy of the minutes of the County Council Section of the Ontario Educational Association, held in Toronto on April 10th, 1938. One resolution read in part as follows: "Whereas suggestions have been made from time to time by residents of this Province and also by members of the higher legislative bodies, looking to the abolition of County Council system...

we therefore place on record our opposition to such a move as the work now being done by members of the County Council would have to be done by provincially appointed officers at greater cost and less efficiency. A copy of this resolution was sent to the Prime Minister of the Province and also a copy to the Council of each County in Ontario, with a request that they give their enthusiastic support."

A letter from the Ontario Agricultural Council asked for the opinion of the Council on the following resolutions:

1. That the Hydro Commission Act be changed, to provide domestic instead of commercial rates for schools throughout the Province.

2. That the cost of children's shelters be charged 50% to County Council and 50% to the Municipal Council from which the children come.

3. That the Provincial Government be asked to increase the subsidy on County Roads to 60%, from the present 50%.

A letter from Welland County advised Council that movement was underway to organize all Counties in Western Ontario into an organization for the betterment of understanding between County Councils and their problems and invited representatives of Halton County Council to be present at the June meeting.

During the afternoon session, Mr. R. J. Kerr, Acton, President of the Ontario Agricultural Society, addressed the Council and spoke highly of the work being done by Agricultural Societies throughout the Province. "And let me tell you," said Mr. Kerr, "the County of Halton is known for the work of its Agricultural Fair Boards to carry on this work and to make it even better, we would ask the Council, if it possibly can, to increase the annual grant towards our Fall Fairs."

Mr. Robinson and Mr. Gilbert also spoke highly of the work being done by the County. Other gentlemen from the various Fair Boards spoke briefly, each one asking for an increased grant.

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