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## Council to Clean Up All Arrears in Taxes

Province Will Now Pay for All Patients in Sanatoriums — I.O. D.E. Sends Check for Supervision in the Park—Water from Chlorination Plant Tests "A" Class

### MAIN STREET DRAINAGE PROBLEM

Councillors Chalmers, Jones and Mason were present on Monday evening at the meeting of Acton Council, and Reeve F. McCulloch presided.

A request was made for the installation of an additional street light on Willow Street, near Mill Street.

Permission was asked and granted to St. Alban's Church to close a block of Willow Street, from Bower Avenue, to River Street, on the night of their garden party.

A letter from Beardmore & Co. reported the sending of samples of water from the chlorination plant on their property. The samples were "A" class.

A letter from the Duke of Devonshire, Chief of the I.O.D.E. enclosed a cheque for \$25 as their share for the cost of supervision at the Park. Council expressed appreciation of this assistance.

A letter from Styles Sales Limited asked information regarding the sale of a factory, partly equipped, for producing millinery. The letter was ordered filed.

A letter from the Associated Schools of Hairdressing and Beauty Culture asked that the Council pass a by-law prohibiting any person to open a shop who has not a diploma from any of the sixteen schools approved by government regulations.

A letter from the Workmen's Compensation Board gave notice of the withdrawal of the differential (preferred) rating.

A letter from the Provincial Department of Health notified the Corporation of the change of the Sanatorium Act. With the change the Municipality will be relieved of all costs in connection with the treatment of tubercular patients of \$1.50 per day. It is estimated that this will save the municipalities of the Province \$1,800,000 annually.

An account from the Toronto General Hospital for an indigent patient was received. The account was \$45.50.

Mr. J. V. Savage requested permission to peddle in Acton fly and moth spray and foot save of his own manufacture. Samples were submitted to the Council. It was decided that the matter was one to be approved or rejected by the Provincial authorities, and Council had no jurisdiction in the matter.

The Municipal Officer reported on the drainage problem that had been encountered on Main Street. Repairs had been made satisfactorily for the present.

The Municipal Officer was asked to arrange for the sale of the wheat sown on the old Pioneers Cemetery.

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

H. L. McDonald, premium on Treasurer's Bond	\$ 12.00
R. M. McDonald, Secretary, for June relief account	80.00
J. W. Jones, supplies	1.25
Acton Public Utilities Commission, street lights, services, etc.	199.00
C. F. Leatherland, salary, supplies, postage, etc.	150.49
Bell Telephone Co., services	10.35
Georgetown Lumber Co., shingles at Park	48.60
Highway Garage, repairs	.60
Edward Ryder, painting pump house	17.20
Acton Free Press, printing	131.98
Karl M. Lambert, labor	3.25
C. F. Leatherland, legal account	11.65
W. D. Talbot, supplies	16.94
R. J. Wallace, teaming and labor	26.25
	\$709.56

The delegation that had been to Toronto checking up on industrial matters made a very satisfactory report.

The tax arrears list was partially scrutinized by the Council and the Clerk was instructed to notify delinquents of proceedings that were to be undertaken. It was drawn to the attention of Council that several were under a wrong impression in regards to tax payments. It was pointed out that Council should proceed with a sale of the chattels as stipulated on tax bills and should not allow any amount outstanding after the current year. The arrears list will be further dealt with at a special meeting.

### HALTON NATIVE DIED IN WESTERN TOWN

H. Howden, K.C., 77, of Neepawa, Man., Provincial Secretary in the Sir R. P. Roblin Conservative government of Manitoba, in 1907 to 1915, died suddenly Saturday. Born at Milton, Ontario, Mr. Howden was educated at Rockwood and St. Catharines, Ontario. He went to Manitoba in 1884.

### FLIES ATLANTIC SOLO



Douglas Corrigan, who made a 2,700-mile flight from his home in Long Beach, Calif., to New York, in his 10-year-old \$900 Curtiss-Robin aeroplane, with only a chocolate bar for food, is shown as he fuelled his ship at New York. He took off from Floyd Bennett airport, saying he was returning home, but disappeared over the Atlantic with enough gasoline for a 40-hour flight. Twenty-eight hours later officials at Baldonnal airport, Ireland, were surprised when Douglas landed his rickety aircraft, unheralded and unannounced.

### MAYBE YOU WERE PUZZLED WHERE TO FIND LAST POEM

We apologize! We told readers that the Puzzle Poem would be found last week on Page Eight, and here it was on Page Five of The Free Press. But in spite of misdirection, there were plenty who found the poem and sent in correct answers. Proving, of course, that readers find interest on every page of The Free Press. The answer was "Weather," just as most of you wrote. The award goes to Miss Ada Currie, R. R. No. 1, Guelph. We won't bother directing you to the page this week, but there is another Puzzle Poem in The Free Press for you to solve.

### Esqueuing Clerk's Salary Now Made \$700 per Annum

Relief Accounts of \$111.11 Are Passed and Road Sheets of \$1,525.49 Approved

The Esqueuing Council held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday evening. 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 Jenkins & Hardy, Department of Health, Motor Vehicles Branch, Canadian National Railways, Mrs. John Garvin and George E. Elliott.

Accounts were approved for payment as follows: Hydro-Electric Power Commission, Brampton, lights \$ 8.16 Board of Hydro Commissioners, Georgetown, street lights at Glen Williams 74.75 Bell Telephone Co., services 4.19 I. M. Bennett, supplies .75 W. D. Britton, 1 sheep killed by dog 7.00 Duncan Wadke, valuator 7.00 Moved by W. A. Wilson, seconded by E. Harrop, that the Treasurer pay the relief accounts as presented by the Relief Officer, \$111.11.—Carried.

### Harold Davison Saved from Drowning in Glen Williams

Special to The Free Press by Paul J. Little

Quick action by three young men, Trevor Williams, Tom Hill and Jack Kemahood, saved the life of eight-year-old Harold Davison, when he took a cramp in the Credit River, in Glen Williams, at nine o'clock Thursday night.

Harold was swimming in the swift current below the Barracough dam, when he took the cramp and sank in the deep water. His brother, Clifford, and Gordon Pickett dived for him, but were unable to bring him to the surface. Herbert Preston raced for the United Church tennis courts for help. Tom Hill and Trevor Williams, two excellent swimmers, dashed for the river and dived in. Trevor caught the Davison boy by the legs and brought him to the surface, where Tom assisted in taking him to shore. On the bank, Jack Kemahood worked over the unconscious lad and applied artificial respiration. Due to Jack's efforts the lad showed signs of life in several minutes, and Dr. J. H. Bateman, of Georgetown, said that the boy was out of danger when he arrived.

Harold is the son of a farmer, William Davison, who lives near Glen Williams. He is completely recovered now.

### Amateur Show and Lawn Social Very Successful

Enjoyable Event Sponsored by S. Alban's on the Rectory Grounds

Last night's Amateur Show and Lawn Social on the Rectory grounds at S. Alban's proved a splendid evening of entertainment and fun. Booths, fair and games made fun for all. A program of varied numbers pleased the gathering and the evening was an ideal one to spend out of doors in such a social way.

Mr. Jim Sutherland, of Guelph, was master of ceremonies and kept everything moving along smoothly. Numbers on the program were given by the Acton boys' trio, Sammy Brunelle, Gerald and Bruce Pargeter; tap dancing and singing by Lorraine Pallant and Violet Louth, comic numbers in costume by Tom Simpson, of Guelph; cowboy songs by Johnny Emerson, of Georgetown; songs in costume by little Barbara Vincent; and soprano solos by Miss Ruth Gibson.

Joe Wilcox contributed cornet solos, and a negro quartette, composed of Misses Olive Rookes and Anne Holmes, Messrs. George Simpson and Harry Rogers, gave a southern pageant with negro melodies.

It was a well rounded program, very appropriate and well presented. In the draw for prizes, which was a feature of the evening, Miss Frances Kelly won a half ton of coal; to Victor Elliott went 100 lbs. of sugar; hams were won by Thos. Close and Miss Grace Lamb; five pounds of butter was won by Mrs. Joe Kentner; and a basket of groceries was won by Mr. Robert Wilson.

### Toronto Lawyer Left \$3,250,000



W. Perkins Bull

Court litigation may follow publication of the will of the late Mrs. Mabel Horlick Sidley, Racine, Wis., heiress, who died recently at the Toronto home of W. Perkins Bull, prominent Canadian lawyer. Under terms of the will, as reported from Racine, Mr. Bull was bequeathed an outright sum of \$250,000, plus one-third of the Sidley fortune, estimated at \$9,000,000. William Sidley, only son of the deceased woman, received a similar bequest, while the remaining portion of the estate goes to charitable institutions. In addition to the will of Mrs. Arabella Horlick, Mrs. Sidley's mother, who died three days after her daughter, disposed of a \$1,000,000 fortune, of which Mrs. Sidley was left one-half. Gordon Conant, Ontario's Attorney-General, has ordered an investigation into Mrs. Sidley's affairs.

### Acton Won from Oakville and Tied Hespeler

The Stories Are Much More Cheerful This Week — Seventh Innings Break Tied Game

Acton changed the tune on Saturday when they stopped in Oakville and, right on their own sandlot, made a bid to oust Oakville from its second place in the Halton County League. The score was 9-7 when the runs were all tallied and it made a narrow margin between these two teams. Acton led all through the game and the five run surge in the second was a lead that Oakville never caught up with. Well, here's the way it happened.

Guthrie, first man up for Acton in the first, grounded to G. Galbraith at third; Gus Morton walked; and Waterhouse struck out; Henry Crippa doubled, scoring Morton; Tyler walked; Lamb fled out to Lewis.

Oakville went down swinging in their half of the first. Gordon struck out G. Galbraith; Hillmer grounded to Mooney, and Lewis was fanned by Gordon.

The second was the big inning for Acton, getting them five runs. Williams fled to Wilson; Mooney singled and advanced when Gordon reached first on Lewis' error; Guthrie filled the bases on Galbraith's error; Gus Morton walked again, and Bill Waterhouse singled, scoring two runs. Crippa doubled again, but failed to score when Tyler fled to Wilson, and Lamb grounded to Hillmer, at short.

Markey fled to Guthrie; Carter singled; and Wilson reached first on Tyler's error; Carter was caught off second on a perfect peg by Lamb; D. Wilson singled and L. Wilson stole third; D. Wilson going to second, but were left stranded when Galbraith struck out.

In the third, Williams fled to L. Wilson; Mooney fled to Galbraith; Gordon singled and Guthrie ended it all when he fled to D. Wilson.

McDermott reached first on B. Morton's error, and was advanced when G. Galbraith singled; Hillmer fled to Williams; Lewis singled, scoring McDermott and Galbraith; Markey grounded to Gordon and Carter struck out.

In the fourth, Gus Morton struck out; Waterhouse reached first on Lewis' error, but was caught at second, Hillmer to G. Galbraith; Crippa reached first on the fielder's choice that caught Waterhouse; Tyler struck out.

L. Wilson reached first on Tyler's error; and reached third on two wild pitches by Gordon; D. Wilson singled, scoring L. Wilson; and G. Galbraith reached first on Gordon's error and D. Wilson scored; McDermott struck out; G. Galbraith fled to Williams and Hillmer struck out.

In the fifth, Lamb fled to Lewis; Williams singled, and Mooney singled, advancing Williams; Gordon struck out; Guthrie reached first on Hillmer's error; Gus Morton grounded to G. Galbraith; Lewis fled to Guthrie; Markey doubled; Carter grounded to Morton; L. Wilson singled, scoring Markey, but was caught off second, Tyler to Mooney.

In the sixth, Waterhouse singled; Crippa reached first on Carter's error; Tyler struck out; Lamb fled to the catcher and Williams struck out.

D. Wilson grounded to Mooney; D. Galbraith walked, but was caught off second, Morton to Mooney; McDermott, was safe on the fielder's choice; G. Galbraith struck out.

### Record Attendance Halton Juniors' Annual Field Day

Notwithstanding the busy season, Halton Juniors' Annual Field Day, and picnic, which was held at Huttenville Park on Wednesday last, broke all attendance records when nearly 700 young people from all sections of the County attended. A program of sports, including softball tournaments, was run off in the afternoon, under the direction of Agricultural Representative J. E. White-lock, assisted by President Claude McLaughlin, Norval W. G. Dillon, Milton, Wilmer McCullough, Acton, and Miss Laura Johnston, Acton, Secretary of the County Executive.

In the softball tournament, Acton, Kildride, Milton, Norval and Palermo were represented in the boys' tournament, with the championship honors going to Milton, while in the girls' section, Acton, Palermo and Norval competed, with the championship going to the latter team. In the inter-club relay races, Norval girls were again to the fore, and Kildride for the boys. Inez Kirk, of Norval, was the winner in the girls' softball throwing contest, with Annie Black, of Acton, a close second. Winners in the events were as follows:

Boys' Wheelbarrow Race — George Brecken and Bruce Fox, Palermo. Driving Race, couples — M. Nellis and Edna Cook, Acton. Plate Race, couples — M. Nellis and Edna Cook, Acton.

Following the picnic lunch, which was served by the Palermo girls, with Miss Vera Kingston as convener, a dance was held in the evening, the music being supplied by Norman Wilkinson and his Melody Boys, of Hamilton.

### MAGISTRATE ADVISES WIFE TO DRIVE FROM BACK SEAT

Magistrate Woodliffe suggested to Geo. Keenan, of Oakawa, appearing in Police Court here yesterday, that "if the wife must drive, it would possibly be best for her to do it from the back seat." The case arose out of a smash-up on Dominion Day, at Young and Queen Streets, when Keenan's car failed to make the curve and crashed into the side of the car driven by Dr. Bateman, of Georgetown. On a charge of reckless driving, Keenan was assessed \$10 and costs or ten days in jail. The money was paid. Mrs. Keenan was present to get the advice.

During the evidence, it was brought out that when the car swerved on the corner, Mrs. Keenan had caught her husband and he had pushed her out of the way. In the meantime, the crash had occurred, with Keenan's car well over in the path of traffic in the opposite direction.

Two other cases of speeding in Acton were assessed fines of \$5 and costs, each.

### Rockwood Pastor Seriously Hurt in Motor Accident

Rev. P. H. Lawson, pastor of Rockwood United Church, had both legs broken and suffered head injuries in a motor accident just east of Rockwood, on Tuesday night. He was removed to Guelph General Hospital, and is reported to be in a critical condition.

The accident occurred shortly after midnight as Rev. Mr. Lawson was proceeding home from a lawn social, held on the outskirts of Rockwood, at the grounds known as the Old Academy. He was walking along the side of the road, facing the traffic, when a car, driven by Harvey Bain, R. R. No. 4, Rockwood, stopped to give him a lift. It is said someone called to Mr. Lawson as he crossed the road and he turned back and then started across again to Mr. Bain's car.

The car, driven by William C. Bradley, and containing five members of the Fergus lacrosse team, was proceeding in the same direction as Bain's car and pulled out on to the road to pass the other car. As Bradley's car attempted to pass Bain's vehicle, Rev. Mr. Lawson was crossing the road, Bradley's car struck him down and causing serious injuries to Mr. Lawson, who had both legs broken below the knee, and a compound fracture of the left leg, head abrasions and his right arm badly lacerated.

Passengers in Bradley's car were A. Tott, James Morrice, Roy Nixon, Charles Stevens and C. Cameron, all of Fergus, who were on their way home from Mimico, following a lacrosse game, when the accident happened. Traffic Officer James Qulp investigated.

### County Rate Reduced Saving to Municipality

NOTED-SAILOR DEAD



CAPT. DEMERS

Known in every part of Canada, Capt. L. A. Demers, 75, former Dominion Weck Commissioner, died in Ottawa. Capt. Demers started his career in 1878, when he was indentured to the brigantine Braver. Since that time he has been associated with the sea in various capacities, entering the Canadian light house service as second mate aboard the first fisheries protective cruiser, the Angus MacDonald.

### Acton Tennis Players Visit Guelph, Milton

Have Been Visiting Clubs Each Week — Milton to Come Here To-night

The series of tennis tournaments with clubs in the immediate district have been very interesting and enthusiastic. On July 17th, the Georgetown Tennis Club visited Acton and a splendid evening was enjoyed. Ladies' doubles were won by Acton, 3-1, while the men's doubles also were won by Acton, with 3 to 1. In the mixed doubles, Acton won 6 games to the visitors 2. The total games were Acton 12 and Georgetown 4.

At Milton last Thursday evening, Acton was again on the heavy end of the score with 8 matches to Milton's 6. On Tuesday evening, St. James Tennis Club, of Guelph, were hosts to Acton Guelph won with a match score of 7-3. The play of the Acton team was featured by the consistent driving game of Bert Hinton. Miss Margaret Smith was the outstanding woman player. Following the tourney, refreshments were served in the Sunday School.

The results: Men's Doubles K. Morrison and B. Cowan, of Guelph, defeated B. Hinton and M. Reid, of Acton, 7-5; J. McPadzen and B. McArthur, of Guelph, defeated J. Ross and J. McGeachie, of Acton, 7-1; E. Tittensor and B. Kerr, of Guelph, defeated A. Munroe and K. Hare, of Acton, 7-5.

Ladies' Doubles T. Campbell and H. Campbell, Acton, defeated A. Morris and M. Babcock, of Guelph, 7-3; M. Smith and M. Young, of Acton, defeated H. Morrison and E. Archibald, of Guelph, 7-5.

Mixed Doubles J. McPadzen and H. Morrison, of Guelph, defeated B. Hinton and H. Mooney, of Acton, 7-6; K. Morrison and M. Babcock, Guelph, defeated A. Munroe and H. Campbell, of Acton, 7-6; B. Cowan and A. Morris, of Guelph, defeated M. Reid and L. McMullin, of Acton, 7-5; E. Tittensor and H. Morrison, of Guelph, defeated K. Hare and T. Campbell, of Acton, 7-5; St. Arthur and E. Archibald, of Guelph, lost to M. Smith and R. Ryder, of Acton.

### Would This Be Bootlegging Under the Present Law?

John Bain was sentenced to serve two months in County jail when he was convicted in Police Court in Milton, of unlawfully keeping liquor for sale. Magistrate W. P. Woodliffe also declared the house of accused, was a public place and no liquor may be kept on the premises for one year. When Provincial Constables A. J. Oliver and G. Cookman, of Milton, raided Bain's home in Nassagaweya on Saturday night, July 9th, they found three Acton men seated at a table in the house, drinking, and a quantity of beer. There were 13 pints of one brand of ale and 28 pints of another found on ice under the floor in the back kitchen.

### Acton's Share is \$5,946.82 This Year—Rebates Made for Township Pupils in High Schools — Heavy Expenditure Advocated for the County Buildings, in Heating, etc.

NEW BOILER TO BE INSTALLED

Halton County Council met in Milton last Tuesday. The principal business was the passing of a by-law to levy a rate for the expenses of the County of Halton for the current year. According to this by-law, the sum of \$206,055.13 is called for a rate of 3 6-10 mills on the dollar for the General Rate; 1 mill for County Road purposes; and also special rates as named in the by-laws. These shall also be levied and collected against those municipalities forming part of the County, which are not included in any High School district or Continuation School, and which comprise the Townships of Esqueving, Nassagaweya, Nelson and Trafalgar, the sum of \$40,137.23, which sum shall be levied and borne by the said municipalities, the total rate being as follows: Acton, \$5,946.82; Burlington, \$12,726.85; Georgetown, \$7,423.89; Milton, \$7,850.54; Oakville, \$16,043.20; Esqueving, \$34,723.10; Nassagaweya, \$13,955.03; Nelson \$40,844.20; Trafalgar, \$66,542.35, making a total of \$206,055.13.

Last year the total estimate for expenses was \$222,233.36. The reduction this year is due to the rate for education and also the General Rate, which was four mills last year.

At the afternoon session, reports of the Standing Committee were read prior to their discussion in Committee of the Whole, with Mr. Davis in the chair.

Mr. Allan, Chairman of the County Buildings Committee, stated that expenditure on County Buildings would be considerably heavier than usual, as it is absolutely necessary that a new boiler for the heating system be installed and also necessary repairs and improvements be made to the Registry Office, which had been urgently needed for some time. Mr. Allan regretted the way the County Buildings had been neglected—the present boiler, for instance, had been in use for twenty-nine years. "Necessary improvements save money in the long run," said Mr. Allan. "Last year storm windows were put on the Registry Office and the fuel bill was reduced by half. If the present buildings were insulated, it would mean another big saving in the cost of heating the buildings."

The Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, Mr. Gordon, reported that as a Committee they had been able to do very little along reforestation lines, but he understood that several private enterprises were already on foot.

Mr. Hall suggested that the Government should be asked to reforest waste land and also suggested that land-owners be encouraged to fence their property for forest protection. He cited the case of a (Continued on Page Eight)

### Calamity Corner Claims Another Last Thursday

John Parr, of 25 Marion Street, Toronto, and Thos. Allen, of 27 Thos Avenue, Toronto, were the two motorists who became tangled at Young and Queen Streets, in Acton, last Thursday afternoon.

Parr was proceeding west and Allen eastbound. It is said Allen's car, an Oldsmobile, 1936 model, never left the centre line of the pavement and ploughed straight through past the curve. It struck the left side of Parr's machine, drove in the door and clipped off the running board, throwing the machine some feet in the ditch.

Allen's car had a broken windshield, with the grille, left front fender, wheel, axle and headlights smashed. Mrs. Mary Brennan, a passenger in this car, suffered a head injury when she struck against the windshield, and a badly bruised arm.

The program you've been waiting for. The Melody Boys, in Acton Park, on Thursday, August 4th. Auspices of Acton Ball Club. Watch for complete details.

### 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.