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Four Home-Print Pages—Five Cents

61 Per Cent. Are Given O. K. in the Safety Lane

Motorists Appreciated and Used Facilities Provided in Safety Lane

On Monday, when the Safety Lane, sponsored by Halton County Garage Operators in Acton, 135 cars were tested. Of these 82 were given the yellow seal of approval and local garage men report that a good number of the remaining 53 have made application to have the faults rectified. The day in Acton was considered a most successful one and motorists generally appreciated the service rendered.

From nine o'clock in the morning until dark, the operators of the testing devices were kept busy. Of the 135 cars tested, only 23 were found perfect on all the tests. The most of the trouble seemed with headlights and adjustments were soon made.

The check-up was quite complete. Lights, horn, windshield wipers, etc., were checked first. The first machine was one for testing headlights. Height of beam and direction were carefully checked and instructions given on the changes required.

The machine which followed was one which registered toe-in or toe-out of the wheels. Proper alignment would, of course, make even wear on the tires and give added mileage as well as ensure safer driving.

The final test was for the brakes. Skid marks were plentiful on Young Street. Payment Monday night and the remaining days of this week.

Splendid Program at the Baseball Garden Party

An ideal summer evening greeted the garden party last Thursday, arranged by Acton Ball Club. There was a good attendance and the crowd thoroughly enjoyed the variety program provided. Local artists were a feature as well as the Melody Boys Concert Co. and it made a well balanced program.

Ruth Masters, in her tap dancing numbers, and little Barbara Vincent, in Shirley Temple and other songs, were delightful. Mr. Chas. Lansborough's cornet solos, with band accompaniment, were numbers that pleased all.

The artists of the concert company also had a variety and good offering. Art Wright appeared in comedy numbers and songs. Vivian Morgan gave western scenes, with guitar accompaniment, and Murray Falls was pianist and took part in sketches with Art Wright. Both young and old got quite a kick out of Bill Davis, ventriloquist and his two dummies, Tommy and Joey. The chairman for the evening was G. A. Dill.

At the intermission, and prior to the program, Acton Citizens' Band, under Bandmaster Perrott, gave a splendid program of selections. The refreshment booth was operated by the Women's Institute of Acton and was well patronized.

Juveniles Put Up Smart Game to Beat Georgetown

The tussle between the Juvenile Ball Clubs of Acton and Georgetown is a strenuous one and incidentally some good material is being developed for both towns. On Tuesday night these two teams met to play off the rubber of a three game series, both teams having a win to their credit.

It was a real struggle right through the six innings and Acton finally emerged on top at 8-4. It was Lorne Masters' bunt in the fifth that started the Acton rally when the score was tied at 3 apiece. Georgetown collected three runs in the first inning, but went scoreless for four innings. Taking one run in each of the second, third and fourth innings, the locals caught up with the Georgetown lead.

In the fifth, Masters' bunt started the rally, and before the inning closed, two runs had been put across. Three more in the sixth made the game solid for Acton. It looked like a break for Georgetown in the fifth, but Babe Allan appeared a hot one and made a beautiful double play, unassisted.

Other highlights of the game were Chick Tyler's home run, in the sixth, and Masters' bunt, with Elliott on first. The line-up was: Acton—Masters, Lambert, Masales, Holmes, Babe Allen, Tyler, Chapman, Bert Allen, Elliott. Georgetown—King, Morrow, Murphy, Wilcox, Lane, Woods, Bradford, Coffey, Wilson, Raymer. Umpires—C. Walters, Georgetown, and N. Morton, Acton.

Equipment and Stock Being Moved to Acton Plant

A fleet of trucks have been active the past week between Preston and Acton, transporting the equipment, machinery and stock of Pure Electric Products to the new plant in Acton. The work was started last week and has been going ahead smoothly every day since. Four large trucks have been engaged in the work.

Sufficient of the stock has been moved that shipments of good are now being made from the Acton plant. Suitable residences have been secured for the Messrs. Pure and other key men of the plant to move to Acton. It is expected that the work of moving will be completed on Monday. Mr. Harold Pure has taken residence in the former home of Mr. F. E. McCleary, directly opposite the plant.

Contract Given For Repairs to The Water Tank

Ajax Engineers, Acton, Will Do the Work — Rate Reduction to be Considered

Commissioner C. Hansen Reeve F. J. McCutcheon and Chairman R. J. Kerr were present on Tuesday evening when Acton Public Utilities Commission met. A letter from the Ontario Hydro Commission was received in reply to a request for a consideration of the rates in Acton. The Commission advised that the rate would be taken into consideration when these matters were being discussed by the Board.

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

Hydro Department	
Three Gibbins' grease	\$ 2.80
This Acton Free Press, advertising printing	29.70
C.N.R. and Transports	1.09
Inspection Department, inspection fees	14.25
Saugamo Company Ltd., power meter repairs	35.00
Symon Hardware, supplies	5.50
Powerlite Devices, Ltd., series fixtures	15.08
Canadian General Electric Co., supplies	59.47
H.E.P.C. of Ontario, coal trip	5.96
H. Lauby, labor for July	64.80
Northern Electric Co. Ltd., wires, etc.	69.89
Acton Machine Shops, repairs	6.00
Superior Electric Supply Co., supplies	42.34
J. C. Matthews, postage	10.00
	\$361.98

Waterworks Department
Hydro Department, power at the springs 834.81

It was decided that the Ajax Engineering Co. be given the contract for re-painting the water tower, and rebuilding the first casing at the tower, provided the specifications, to be presented by Superintendent Wilson, were accepted by the committee.

SCENES AT BLUE SPRINGS SCOUT RESERVE NEAR ACTON



The above are some pictures which show the development of this property the past year. Upper Left is "Kekedowgamig," cook house and general utility building. Lower Left is the sleeping quarters for the Scouts. Centre is Acton Hut, in the background, with Scoutmaster George Mason and Scouts Rev. Arnold, Gordon McCutcheon, Ken Hassard and Tom Watson in the foreground. Upper Right is "Murray Lodge," former residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Murray, and now living quarters for officials of the Camp. Lower Right is "Lester Hut," which was removed from Ebor Park and is Headquarters building for the Camp.

Four Cars Smashed as Result in Two Week-end Crashes

Hespeler Ball Players Overturned in Ditch — Hamilton Driver Hits Two Cars

Every week-end seems to bring its toll of motor accidents, and this district saw two during Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday afternoon a load of ball players from Hespeler were en route to their game in Milton. Just at the outskirts of Acton, William Poo, driver, swerved the car to avoid hitting some children. The machine struck a lamp post at the side of the road and went out of control. It is said to have turned over three times before stopping in the ditch at the side of the highway.

The driver was the most seriously injured, suffering from an eye injury, the result of broken glass. The ball players were taken in other cars to the game, and Poo returned to Hespeler. The car was badly damaged.

On Sunday evening, about nine o'clock a car, owned by A. Brown, Jr., 164 Stinson Street, Hamilton, adroitly won by George Watson, a former newspaperman, on the highway about two miles west of Acton. The housing on the rear of Watson's car was damaged.

The car went out of control and struck one driven by Arthur Gamble, of Acton, who was returning home from Detroit. The right side of the machine owned by Arthur Gamble was struck, the fender smashed and axle and wheel broken. Brown's car continued on and rolled over in the left ditch. Coparties of none of the cars were seriously injured but extensive repairs to the three machines will be necessary. Miss Lavery, of Rockwood, was an occupant of Brown's car at the time of the crash.

Chief McPherson of Acton, and Provincial Constable Bert Howell, of Rockwood, investigated.

THE REASON

This week's issue of The Free Press contains only four pages. In order that members of the staff may enjoy a holiday and to meet the demand for rush work in the week, the size of this issue has been decreased from the usual eight pages.

Several regular features of The Free Press have had to be deleted but we assure you they will be returned again and the smaller size is only temporary.

EDITOR

The Guelph and Fergus Tennis Players Visitors

Both Visiting Teams Win from the Local Net Enthusiasts

Last Thursday, St. James Tennis Club of Guelph, visited Acton and won by the score of 8 to 6. Men's doubles were all won by the Guelph players, while in the ladies' doubles, Acton won 3 games to 1 by the Guelph players. In the mixed doubles, the honors were evenly divided, with Guelph taking three of the games and Acton three.

Last Thursday evening the Fergus Club were visitors in Acton, and again the visitors won by 9-7 on the games of the evening. In the men's doubles, the games were evenly divided at two apiece, and the same was the result in the ladies' doubles. The mixed doubles were divided at three games each.

In the final round, both games were won by Fergus, 6-3 and 6-2.

Everton Post Office and General Store Destroyed by Fire

Fire, which swept through the Everton Post Office and general store, occupied by Postmaster John P. Beliski and Mrs. Beliski, early Friday morning, destroyed the building and caused damage estimated at several thousand dollars.

About 5 o'clock DST Friday morning, Mr. Beliski awoke from his sleep and found the upstairs part of the house filled with smoke. He immediately wakened his wife and both made their escape through an upstairs window, clad only in their night attire. So dense was the smoke that Mr. and Mrs. Beliski were unable to make their way to the stairway.

Other residents in the village and surrounding district were immediately notified of the fire and a bucket brigade formed, but the fire had gotten too great a start for the volunteer fire brigade to stop the progress of the flames. As the fire raged for nearly two hours, the building was completely gutted, the other wall falling in with the intense heat.

Before the flames had reached the bottom floor of the building, Mr. and Mrs. Beliski, with the assistance of some neighbors, removed a large quantity of goods and material from the store. It is believed that most of the mail, which was in a room in the Post Office section of the house, was burned. A slight burn to Mr. Beliski's hand was the only injury reported during the fire, which was the worst in that district in many years. The total amount of damage has not yet been estimated, but it is believed that it will amount to several thousand dollars as the building was large and considered valuable property.

THROUGH TOO SOON.

"Did you have a good time shopping yesterday?"
"No, indeed. I found the dress I wanted in the very first store I went into."

Acton Clinches Berth in Play-offs Beating Oakville

Won by 12 to 3 Over the Lakeshore Team — Lost Final Game to Milton

Acton won decisively in their first play-off game, when they whipped Oakville, 12 to 3, and Milton beat Hespeler, 5 to 4, on Saturday.

It was a great day for a big win, although both teams were quiet, the usual pep not being shown. Who knows, maybe the heat hit them.

Acton held Oakville scoreless for four innings, while they collected eight runs. Acton batted around once in the fourth, to collect six runs on 5 hits and 2 errors.

Oakville managed to hold Acton off the score sheet in the fifth, but they collected two more runs in each of the sixth and eighth.

Oakville collected two of their three runs in the fifth, and the other in the sixth. Acton led all the way, and the weakened Oakville squad didn't show any signs of trying to knock the Acton total down.

Cartier's pitching for Oakville was not at all brilliant, although he struck out 9 Acton batters. Gordon had a good day, backed by the heavy hitting of the Acton hitters—winners, his total being 10 Oakville batters who went down swinging. He fanned five consecutive batters in the third and fourth frames.

It was either a great day in the field for both teams, or else the Acton scorers had a lapse in memory. Acton being marked for one error, while Oakville had two. Thirty-seven Acton batters faced Carter, and collected 17 hits, for 12 runs, while 29 Oakville batters faced Gordon, for 7 hits and 3 runs. Acton base-stalers were successful four times and Oakville twice.

Acton's leading hitters were Norm Morton and Lamb collecting three hits out of five times to bat. The Oakville hits were scattered and no one player reached over one. Lamb and Waterhouse each collected triples, while Bill Morton contributed a double. Hillmer and Ridley banged out doubles for Oakville.

Two double plays were completed by the locals, Morton to Mosney to Morton and Williams to Mosney to Morton.

In spite of the downpour of rain in Acton conditions in Milton were favorable and the game between Acton and Milton went through last night. Whether it was 4-3 or 3-2 matters little, but another win is chalked up for Milton, and a loss for Acton.

Details seem a bit difficult to secure. It appears that Umpire Nicholson did not show up and the game was delayed. There was another delay over a pinch hitter in the sixth, and an argument over whether the fifth or sixth inning score would decide the game.

On the result of the game between Oakville and Georgetown to-night hinges the play-off of Acton in the League, and who they will meet in the play-offs. First and third teams meet, and second and fourth. A win for Oakville will make Acton in third place. A win for Georgetown will dump Acton into fourth place, with Oakville and Georgetown tied for second place.

The following is the League standing:

Team	P	W	L	T
Milton	16	11	5	0
Oakville	15	8	7	0
Acton	16	7	8	1
Georgetown	15	7	8	0
Hespeler	16	5	10	1

TRY SOCIAL CREDIT

Beggar (to gentleman): "Can't you give a poor man a penny?"
Gentleman: "Haven't any change now. Will be back this way soon."
Beggar: "Ah, ah, it's giving credit to men like you that keeps me poor."

Lights Go Out Prisoners Also at Reformatory

Last night when the heavy electric storm caused a power interruption of several minutes, three prisoners at the Guelph Reformatory made their escape. The men were part of a crew at work painting the kitchen when the lights went out.

When the lights came on again, three of the dozen in the gang were missing. A window screen torn out showed the direction of their going. Police were guarding highways and roads in this district all night. The men were tracked into the bush and it is believed were headed in the direction of Toronto.

FUNERAL OF LATE C. J. HAMILTON LARGELY ATTENDED

The funeral of Clarence Hamilton, to thirty-five years prominent merchant of Erie, and who had purchased Stanley Park in Erie, this year, and made a number of improvements, was held from his home South Main Street Erie on Saturday afternoon. Over 1,000 persons were in attendance. The services at the home and graveside were taken by Rev. John Lindsay, of Whitby, a former pastor of the Erie Presbyterian Church, of which deceased was a member. Pallbearers were boyhood friends of deceased, John Trimble, Herbert Lyons, James Gillespie, Wm. Bush, Russell Grundy and James Keys. Burial was made at Erie Cemetery.

Friends were present from Galt, Toronto, Jersey City, Cleveland, Guelph, Fergus, Orangeville, Wallaceburg, Port Huron, Allon, Georgetown, Hamilton, Port Erie.

WALKING AROUND THE WORLD AND LEAVING A MESSAGE

Leaving Vancouver on July 19th last year, Rev. and Mrs. Herman Edridge have reached Ontario on their walking trip around the world. Missionaries in China until 1935, Mr. and Mrs. Edridge were not allowed to return to their field, and started the plan of walking from place to place. They will spend the summer in Ontario and are visiting in towns, delivering their gospel message and will continue this work until allowed to return to their work in China. It is their plan to be in South Africa in the winter. Rev. Mr. Edridge designates himself an interdenominational minister.

Eramosa Plans to Hold Elections in January Again

Grants Made to Plowmen's Association and Horticultural Society — Accounts of \$1,539.50

The Council for the Township of Eramosa met in regular session on Monday evening at 7:30 in the Town Hall, Rockwood. The members all present and the leave in the chair.

By-law No. 7, closing part of Church Street in the Police Village of Rockwood, and certain unimproved roads at the intersection of No. 7 Highway and the fourth line was considered. The By-law asked for objections as provided for by the Municipal Act and preliminary advertisements. No objections being raised to the closing, the by-law was finally passed on motion of Messrs. Lush and Pinkney.

Correspondence from the Grand River Conservation Commission and the Department of Lands and Forests relative to the water level at the fourth line was read. Neither the Commission nor the Department were prepared to take any action in the matter.

Moved by Messrs. D. D. Gray and Thos. E. Kelly, and carried, that action of Council on the river question at the fourth line be deferred pending some positive action in clearly defining the matter by the various parties interested. When the matter is clarified and the river determined as navigable or not, the Council will act in the public interest, as stated verbally by the Reeve.

On motion of Messrs. Pinkney and Kelly, the Eramosa Plowmen's Association was granted \$20.00, at the request of Mr. John E. Alder.

Mrs. A. J. Elliott and Mrs. A. Beard requested a grant to the Rockwood Horticultural Society, and on motion of Messrs. Gray and Kelly, a grant of \$5.00 was made.

It was moved by Messrs. Kelly and Pinkney, and carried that the Township revert to the former plan of holding elections on the first Monday in January. Accounts amounting to \$1,539.50, were passed for payment, and Council adjourned to September 12th, at 7:30.

Miss M.E. Anderson Describes Japan's Flood Conditions

Bridges Swept Away and Houses Demolished as Rivers Swollen

FREE PRESS readers will be interested to read a description of the flood conditions in Japan that were given in a recent letter by Miss Melle Anderson, missionary at Nagamine, Yama, Okhi Nadaku, Kobe, Japan, to her sister here, Miss Isabel Anderson. THE FREE PRESS is indeed pleased to have permission to reproduce this splendid description of conditions there, as given by one well known to all.

July 6th, 1938

Yesterday was an exciting day. Kobe is a scene of destruction and devastation. We are thankful to have a roof over our heads. There are many homeless and some dead. The rain had been coming steadily and heavily for about 42 hours, and then things began to happen. The water from the mountains began to come down in rivers, carrying everything before it. On Tuesday morning Mr. Vinal left about 8 o'clock to go to his office. He went down the hill, out the big gate and crossed over a bridge not far below us, where a stream flows over a dam and down through a gulley. After crossing or went down to the lower road to get a bus down town, but found no buses running, but instead another river. He could not get down at all, so decided to come back up to these houses. He came to the bridge and was wondering whether it was safe to cross it, when down it went, dam and all. Below there is (or was) a larger bridge, but in a few minutes away it went also, and the water rushed madly down toward the sea, carrying everything before it. I had crossed the first bridge on Monday p.m. Mr. Vinal was between two rivers, so could do nothing but wait in the pouring rain, not knowing what minute the stream might change its course. Someone finally took him and some others into a house, where they waited for a while. They finally found a way down and the atched at the office at 4:30 p.m. whereas, under ordinary circumstances, he should have arrived about 9:30 a.m. He found his Bible House, house and all, surrounded by water.

To return to us, there were several landslides in our valley and some of our banks fell, but our houses are still here. We did not know how bad things were going to become, or when we might have to leave our houses for hours lower down. The rivers that rushed down to the sea carried houses, rocks, everything. Sediment was piled high in other houses, up to the upstairs. Down in our valley, the buildings where the cows had been, and also the house belonging to the dairy, soon became just a pile of sticks, then soon there were no sticks even. You would never know there had ever been any dairy at all. The cows had previously been removed.

In the afternoon we wondered whether it might get to town to relieve Mr. Young's mind, which still in the hospital. We went down the hill and were told it was impossible, so we sat on big stones near the rushing river (not too near, because we had to watch that it did not change its course) for about three hours, and a half. Many people were trying to cross the river to get to their homes, some being students who had gone to school that morning. We saw a man go down two or three times in the water. I forgot to say that the rain had stopped about noon and the sun came out, but very brightly. Some of the men of our hill went down to get food and had to cross the river and we were a bit

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TO RETIRE



A request for retirement has been made to the Attorney-General's Department by D. Arty Hinds, Senior Registrar of the Ontario Supreme Court, and noted Canadian authority on Irish custom and tradition. Mr. Hinds will retire in October on his 70th birthday.

RECEIVES APPOINTMENT



Dr. Charles O. Ross, of London, Ont., has been appointed Executive Secretary of the newly formed Canadian Society for the Control of Cancer, which is a development of the George V. Memorial Cancer Fund, collected during the Jubilee Year. Dr. Ross will make a Dominion-wide tour early in September in connection with his new appointment.