

# The Acton Free Press.

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## Housing Act Benefits Shown to the Council

Notice of County Rate Levy Received—Also Cheque for Settlement of High School Rebate—Tax Arrears Settlements are Being Made—Permission Asked for Erection of Park Booths.

### ROAD AND SIDEWALK REPAIRS

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

The municipal officer reported that the wheat on the Pioneer Cemetery plot had been sold for \$15 to J. Watkins. As requested by Council the drain had been cleared and repaired at Main Street and was now in good working order.

Matters in connection with the settlement of tax arrears were discussed and disposed of by the Council.

Instructions were issued for the purchase of 250 gallons of gasoline for the fire pump. Repairs for valves at the stand pipe were also ordered to be secured when the new roof casing was being put on and the standpipe painted.

It was also suggested by the Public Utilities Commission that valves on the mains about town be located, properly marked and repaired before fall.

Several fire hazards in the centre of the Municipality were ordered to be cleared up immediately.

The Clerk reported the result of letters sent out re collection of taxes and many had made satisfactory settlements.

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

Acton Free Library Board, half grant	\$ 73.07
James Robertson, supervision at park	25.00
Bank of Montreal, demand note re Cemetery	1,000.00
Saffey Silent Polioeman Co., supplies	2.56
Whillier and Co., binder	21.10
J. B. MacKenzie & Son, supplies	4.75
O. R. Brown, trucking	2.50
Dept. of National Defence, rent of arena ground	1.00
Acton Public Utilities, services	186.51
R. M. McDonald, relief for July Acton taxes on properties owned by Corporation	258.79
Bell Telephone Co., services	17.00
Acton Free Press, printing and advertising	39.92
H. H. Woods, trucking	16.00
Fred Edwards, trucking sand	13.50
John Moore, gravel	2.10

\$1,774.35

Correspondence in connection with the occupancy of the Globe Factory building was read. Satisfactory arrangements were made for storing the goods of the Sherman Pitt Co. in the top story of the building until disposed of by the Credit Men's Association.

The Bell Telephone Co. asked permission to make ground connections to water mains to avoid the danger of lightning and the damage to telephone wires and services on open wire circuits. The matter was left over for consideration.

A letter from the County of Halton gave Acton's County rate as \$5,946.82. This was made up of \$4,654.03 general rate, and county roads, \$1,292.79. A cheque was enclosed for \$683.48 for rebates for High School purposes for 1937. The Clerk was instructed to hand this latter amount to the School Board.

The Clerk reported \$109.55 received from the Provincial Government for relief for May.

The Town of Beavertown asked that a resolution be passed regarding school budgets and the keeping down of educational costs. The letter was read.

Mr. O. W. Masales asked permission to erect a portable booth at the park. He was agreed to pay a fee for this privilege. It was decided it was too late in the present season to deal with this matter.

Complaint was made by Mr. B. Mullin of the location of an undesirable building on Arthur Street. It was now placed on the front of the lot. The Clerk was instructed to write Mr. Starkman asking him to remove the building to the rear of the lot.

Mr. Hagrove Cleaver, Dominion member for Halton County, was present to explain to the Council the Housing Act as passed by parliament. Mr. Cleaver pointed out that this act had the unanimous approval of the House in passing.

The clerk had invited builders and contractors of Acton to attend this meeting, but only one in the building trades was present.

Mr. Cleaver explained carefully the facts that had led up to the Housing Act plan. Up to 1926 housing in Canada was proceeding at a normal rate. During the six years following the building of houses had been less than half the requirements. Mr. Cleaver told of the experience in Burlington, where tax

## Neil Gibbons Secretary-Treasurer Library Board

At a meeting of Acton Library Board on Monday evening, Mr. Neil Gibbons was the unanimous choice of the Board for the position of Secretary-Treasurer rendered vacant by the removal of Mr. D. A. MacRae to Uxbridge.

The resignation of Miss Helen Lamb from the position of Assistant Librarian was respectfully accepted and the Board expressed appreciation of the service she has given the past year. The Secretary was instructed to advertise for applications for the position.

The Buying Committee reported securing a few books but the main purchases will not be secured until fall.

## No Blame is Attached in Fatal Accident

Injury to Dr. Arthur Firstbrook Not Revealed in the X-Ray Plates

Last night an inquest was held in the Town Hall inquiring into the accident that resulted in the death of Arthur Firstbrook. After hearing the evidence, it required only fifteen minutes for the jury to return the following verdict:

"We the undersigned coroner's jury do hereby find that the late Dr. Arthur Firstbrook came to his death by accident falling from the side of a truck. According to the evidence there is no blame attached to any one in connection with the accident."

(Signed) E. E. Barr Esq. Chairman  
J. K. Chastaine  
Edward Ryder  
R. H. Elliott  
R. P. Watson  
H. Lasby  
H. Mainprize

Coroner Dr. J. A. McNeill presided, and W. N. Robinson, K. C. was acting Crown Attorney.

Dr. McCarter, of Guelph, who had performed an examination of the body after death, told of his findings in examining the skull. There was a fracture 2 1/2 inches long of the inner skull at the back of the head. This fracture would not show through the thick outer plate. There were chips along the base of the brain and the fracture was undoubtedly the cause of death.

Mr. James Firstbrook, father of the deceased, told of being made acquainted of the accident and visiting his son in hospital.

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## Institute Picnic Held at Home of Mrs. G. W. Masales

The Acton Women's Institute held a very enjoyable picnic on the lovely lawn of Mrs. G. W. Masales, on Thursday, when a good crowd attended. After a short business meeting, the fun began with all kinds of races and games for young and old. Following were the results of the races:

Girls 4 years and under—Betty Wilks, Joyce Lambert.  
Girls 5 years and under—Danna Anderson, Joyce Greer.  
Girls 6 to 10 years—Jean Wilds, Shirley Sutherland.  
Girls 8 to 10 years—Kay Robertson.  
Boys 8 to 10 years—Kerwin McPhail, Jack Stewart.  
Boys 10 to 12 years—Lloyd Robertson, Earl Masales.  
Girls 12 to 16 years—Margaret Hodgins, Ruby Smith.  
Boys 12 to 14 years—Lorne Masales, Kicking Shoe, Mrs. Stuart Lantz, Grandmother's Race, Mrs. Bishop Time Race, Mrs. Hodgins.  
Dropping Clothes Pans in Bottle Mrs. Hodgins.  
Guessing number of Jelly Beans Mrs. F. Wilds.  
Miscellaneous Helen Johnston, Earl Masales, Mrs. Gamble, Mrs. Collier.

After the sports all sat down to well-laden tables and eat justice to all the good things to eat.

## FINE FARM PROPERTY HAS NEW OWNER

That fine farm property belonging to Mr. A. G. Clarridge, has been sold to Mr. W. Cole, of Woodbridge. The new owner takes possession the first of March next.

Situated on the highway, just a couple of miles east of Acton, this farm has had many admirers. A few years ago the barn on the property was destroyed by fire and a new modern steel barn replaced it. A fine trout stream flows through the property.

## TWO YEARS AT KINGSTON FOR FEW DAYS OF LIBERTY

Ralph Cheney, 19 and Cecil McVey, 17 of Ottawa, who pleaded guilty previously to charges of escaping from custody, assault with intent to rob and shopbreaking were sentenced to penitentiary terms in police court in Toronto. The youths were captured in Toronto recently, a few days after their escape from Guelph Reformatory, where they were serving terms for breaking and entering. Both were sentenced to two years in penitentiary on the assault charge, concurrent terms of 12 months for shopbreaking and consecutive sentences of six months for escaping custody. After slipping away from the reformatory, the youths attempted to take a truck driven by a farmer. The farmer was injured and the two fled. Court was informed that the farmer is recovering.

## Force Electric Now Operating in Acton Plant

Plant Moving Completed—Owners Now Residing in Acton and Eleven Employees Moved Here from Preston

Transfer of the equipment of the Force Electric Products to the plant in Acton from Preston was completed on Saturday and the company is now operating completely from Acton and making all shipments from here.

Principals and owners of the new firm are Mr. E. S. Force, who has taken up residence in the residence of Mr. P. E. McCleary, directly across from the plant, Mr. H. R. Force, who will reside on Knox Avenue shortly, in Mr. Lachlan McMillan's residence and Mr. Val Force, who is residing in Galt.

Nine male employees have come to Acton with the firm as well as the office staff, Miss Helen Evans and Miss Julia Leitch. The other employees who have removed from Preston are Messrs. Monty Boole, William Dumars, Morris Walker, Gordon Wagner, Elmer Grischow, Jack Crossley, Carl Vondran, Harry O'Brien and W. Corry.

Other employees of the company will be secured in Acton as the firm gets located in the new quarters.

The Acton building allows the firm more room which was needed for anticipated expansion. About twenty-five employees has been the usual number in the plant. As soon as the top floor is vacated the equipment can be later assembled and the factory got into production.

The Force Electric Products manufacture electric heating appliances, hot water heaters, fans, etc. We hope to present next week pictures of the Acton plant, and the owners of the company and a more detailed description of the lines manufactured. The products are easy to coast distribution and are very highly regarded throughout the trade.

## COUNTY TRUCK AND CAR COLLIDE IN NASSAGAWAYA

A county of Halton delivery truck and an automobile were in collision at the junction of the Campbellville side road and the Sixth line, Nassagawaya, Monday. Both drivers received minor injuries. The truck and car were badly damaged. Stanley Wilson, 28 of Nassagawaya, was the driver of the county truck. Melvin Brown, 21, Rockwood, drove the car.

Melvin Brown told police he had stopped at the intersection, and was starting to cross the road, when the collision occurred. No charges will be laid, according to police.

A small outbuilding at Brampton Fair grounds was destroyed by fire. Damage was estimated about \$30.

## The Halton District Summary Day A Great Success

The Halton District Women's Institute held a very successful Summary Day in Home Utilization of Wool, Thursday, in Milton High School auditorium.

A very keen interest in the work was shown by an attendance of one hundred and sixteen ladies. There were eight branches who completed the project and with each exhibiting their work it made a very fine display. There were fourteen piece of quilts, eleven tufted spreads, eight quiltings, (Italian quilting), nine pairs of socks, eight pairs of gloves, nine pairs of mitts and eight batts of washed, carded wool.

The District President, Mrs. Gamble presided and the following program was given: Opening number, Institute Ode, a talk by Mrs. Campbell, of Georgetown; reading, Mrs. Bailey; solo, Miss M. Gault; reading, Mrs. Purd; community singing led by Mrs. Robertson; reading, Mrs. E. Elliott and a talk by Miss Hopkins, instructor from Women's Institute Branch, Dept. of Agriculture.

Each leader of the eight branches taking part, gave a brief talk on how they enjoyed the work and what they derived from the courses given. The meeting closed with singing the National Anthem.

## PLENTY OF SOLUTIONS FOR THE PUZZLE POEM LAST WEEK

There was quite a grip of answers to last week's Puzzle Poem, some correct and some otherwise. The correct one was "Haven" and the winner of the weekly award is Mrs. Dorothy Steele, R. R. No. 4, Acton.

The poem this week by Mr. Cules is more lengthy and will present more difficulty in getting a solution. But there are plenty of leads. You'll find it on page five in this issue.

## Limehouse Women's Institute Visits at Bannockburn

The monthly meeting of Bannockburn Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. W. Harding on Wednesday.

The President, Mrs. Harding, presided and the roll call was answered by "A Canadian Beauty Spot". After the business part of the meeting was disposed, the remaining part of the meeting was taken over by Mrs. Smetheurst, president of Limehouse branch.

The following program was enjoyed: Instrumental, Miss Doris Mitchell, vocal solo, Mrs. Norton, reading, Miss Ivens, instrumental, Miss Helen McGowan, Miss Russell tendered a hearty vote of thanks to the Limehouse ladies for their splendid program. The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem. Lunch was served by the hostesses and a most enjoyable half hour spent socially.

## Protests, Darkness Etc. Liven up the Play-offs

### Safety Lane Tests Throughout Halton County

Eighty-five per cent. of the late model automobiles, those dating from 1935 onward, tested in Halton County safety lanes this week, had defective headlights according to a results of tests in Halton County.

In Georgetown only sixteen cars out of 130 received O.K. stickers on the first test. During the week 687 cars were tested in the county, 318 receiving O.K. stickers. In Burlington 100 cars were tested and 100 were approved. Forty cars were approved in Milton. Out of 128 tests, Oakville had 100 cars pass through the lanes and 53 were found without defects of any kind. Acton gave approval to 83 cars out of 133 machines tested.

### Acton Girls Took Part in Beauty Parade

Thousands Attended Blakelock Picnic in Oakville on Saturday—Program and Fun for All

Girls from every part of Halton assembled in Oakville on Saturday for the seventh annual Blakelock picnic and enjoyed immensely the afternoon of sports events and the evening program and other features.

Perhaps the beauty contest with its 15 entrants was the outstanding event of the day. It was won by Miss Ruby O'Leary, aged 17, of Oakville, who was named "Miss Halton" and received the \$20 award and a beautiful bouquet. Miss Caroline Ryan, also of Oakville, was a close second and won an award of \$5. Misses Dorothy Dunn and Beatrice Taylor, of Acton, were among those who reached the finals. Misses Anne Holmes and Alice Taylor were other entrants from Acton.

Results of the various races was as follows: Girls, six years, Kathleen Kentner, Lilian Pickup, boys, six, Ken Brown, Roy Hughes, girls, eight, Rena Shepherd, Shirley Preston, boys, eight, Jack Thomas, Norman Turill, girls, 10, Bernice Johnston, Betty Johnston, boys, 10, Jack Johnston, Clarence Green, girls, 12, Doreen Redshaw, Shirley Very, boys, 12, Jack Williamson, David Jackson; girls' shoe race, Ina Dunn, Betty Purkin; boys' shoe race, Bob Hughes, James Windsor; married women's race, Mrs. Marion Roberts, Mrs. Dona Alway; men's race, E. Barcoe, Paul Purkin; ladies' shoe race, Miss Doris Harris, Mrs. R. Hercoe, show race, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Alway, Shirley, Mrs. Robert Johnston, 75-yard dash, Myrtle Post, Margaret Hughes, men's 100-yard open, Jack Gullidge, Peter Taylor, race for baseball players, Myrtle Post, Bella Nyeal, high jump, Ian Ennelie.

Free tickets were distributed to the children by the genial host, T. A. Blakelock, and the tickets were good for anything on the grounds. Oakville Citizens' Band provided a splendid program and Halton ladies defeated Danforth Aces in a softball game.

The only speech was given by Mr. Blakelock in which he thanked all who had in any way contributed to the success of the event.

During the evening a concert party of professional artists from Toronto headed by Miss Jessie Butte and Harry Binn staged a show that was well received and provided plenty of variety. A drawing for thirty-five prizes made many folks happy and the announcements were keenly followed.

### The Acton and Cooksville Fairs Will Not Clash

First announcement of Fair dates this year gave Acton and Cooksville fairs on the same date. Realizing that such an arrangement was disastrous to both fairs, members of the Fair Boards conferred. Cooksville Board at a meeting on Monday evening arranged to hold their fair this year on September 27th and 28th. These dates as now arranged will not conflict with any other fair in this district. Acton dates remain as they have been since the inception of the fair, the third Tuesday and Wednesday of September, which this year occurs on the 20th and 21st. The change will meet with approval of many who were desirous of attending both Acton and Cooksville fairs.

### Executive Meeting on Monday Decides Play-offs to Proceed as First Arranged—Acton Lost Game to Milton on Saturday—Darkness Finishes Game Last Night with Milton Leading

#### MILTON HERE ON SATURDAY

After the standing had been apparently settled on the ball diamonds in the Halton County League, the clubs who like committee room strategies look, divulged the fact they had known for some time that Lamb, who had played some games with Acton, was not eligible. The player in question was immediately taken out of the game, and a game in Milton was played on Saturday as a play-off. The Monday game was withheld and a league meeting held in Acton that night.

It was a stormy affair we understand, but ball fans anywhere are not much interested in this type of sport. The outcome was a decision that the play-offs will go on as in the final standing, with the game Saturday to count as a play-off. Sports will congratulate the league representatives on sponsoring this motion even though it eliminated them from the play-offs, but will find it difficult to understand why the Acton team were the only ones to disapprove the resolution.

So the game in Milton counts and it was a win for Milton a gift from the Acton fiddlers, by their play of the day. There might be a loss, such as dust, hay and heat, but it was the same for both teams. Maybe Milton is more used to the dust and hay.

We didn't see the first innings of the game and Milton had one run chalked up when we arrived at the ball park. It seems to go that way if we're on time we have to wait for half an hour and if we're late the game get going on time.

At any rate the last of the second and the first of the third were brief and not much to write about. But Milton's half of the third had plenty. Clements fled to centre for three bases. Mooney flared up. Bob Brush's hit and Clements scored and Brush got to second. Tuller, who was in the hay field and Brush scored. Tyler muffed an easy pop fly of Clement's. Waterhouse handled Johnnie Brush's fly. Mooney fumbled one to load the bases. Thibetzn scored on Taylor's bunt and Sprout fared. Three runs for Milton—making four the total.

His Morton hit safely to right in Acton's half and Waterhouse fled out to left field. Norm Morton was safe on a hit to short, but Bob Morton was out at second. Critts walked but Tyler fanned with two on bases.

Here's how Milton got three more in the fourth. Lendon was out on a hit to Tyler. Clements walked and made the other two bases. Brush hit to left and scored Clements. Toletaka hit to right. Three Acton players gathered round to watch the ball drop in the huddle. Tyler held it while Brush scored. Brush hit to right to score Toletaka.

Anderson, Williams and Mooney went down in order in the fifth and Sprout, Lyle and Landon for Milton. In the sixth it was Outhrie, Bus Morton and Waterhouse for Acton and Clements and Bob Brush and Toletaka.

Acton erased the goose-egg in the seventh. Norm Morton was thrown out by the shortstop. Critts was safe on a hit to third. Bayliss was safe on a hit to short. Anderson hit for two bases and Critts scored. Williams hit and Lendon hit to right to score Toletaka. Anderson, Williams and Mooney went down in order in the fifth and Sprout, Lyle and Landon for Milton.

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FUN FOR ALL AT BLAKELOCK PICNIC AT OAKVILLE

Grateful Ruby Gallow, 14, of Oakville, was chosen "Miss Halton" for 1938, at the annual Blakelock picnic, Saturday. Beauties from all parts of Halton County provided plenty of competition.

Thomas Blakelock, M.P.P. for Halton, gives four-year-old Greta Hadden, a lift during the line-up of eager children for "tickets" for anything on the grounds. There was plenty of free ice-cream and pop and a full dress midway Grandstand and grounds were packed by a record crowd all evening. And there were no speeches.

All set for Monday's washing. Winner of Clothes Pin Race, the contestant was snatched just as she gathered in the clothes pegs. It was one of the many truly enticed events at the Blakeblock Picnic in Oakville on Saturday, when residents from all over Halton attended. Photos Courtesy Toronto Star.

### Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings for acts of other Events, under this heading are charged, at one cent per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 20.

Saturday 3 p.m. Halton League Semi-final Baseball, Milton at Acton, Usual Admissions.

The Acton Boy Scouts will meet on Monday, August 22nd, at 7:30, D. E. T. at Y.M.C.A. Membership is open to all boys in Acton and vicinity between 12 and 15 years.

A Lawn Social under the auspices of the Girls' Look-out Club, Limehouse, will be held at the home of Mrs. Harvey Norton on Tuesday evening August 23rd. Good program provided. Admission 20c and 10c.

The Women's Association of Ballinasloe United Church will hold a field day at Mr. Roy McElroy's on August 26th. Program of sports events. Bring your basket for a picnic lunch. Admission adults 25c, under 12 years free.