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Council to Urge Finish Mill Street Pavement

Reeve McCutcheon and Members to Visit Department of Highways—Acton Willing to Assume Share of Cost—May Stock Fairy Lake with Pike and Pickleweed—Speed By-law Brought into Conformity with Statutes.

ARENA RENTAL AS TOWN HALL.

Councillors A. Mason, E. Jones and J. A. Chapman were present on Monday evening, when Acton Council met in regular fortnightly session. Reeve P. J. McCutcheon presided.

The Council sanctioned whatever action was deemed advisable by the Relief Commissioner regarding persons who were receiving Old Age Pension allowances and relief funds. The matter was to be governed by the Provincial ruling.

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

G. Clifford, work at factory building	\$ 1.50
King Calcium Products, tile	44.00
Acton Public Utilities Commission, postage	10.00
Acton Public Utilities Commission, services, street lights, arena, fire pump	105.80
S. F. Lawson & Co., calcium chloride	69.12
J. B. Mackenzie & Son, supplies	13.30
Hayward Construction Co., on gravel account	300.00
R. J. Wallace, teaming	41.75
Sutton's Cartage, hauling chloride	4.00
R. R. McDonald, Secretary, relief accounts	30.00
Jas. Loutit, park supervision	25.00

\$724.62

The report was adopted.

An account of an indigent patient from Toronto General Hospital, was returned, to be dealt with at the next meeting of County Council.

A by-law regulating the speed of vehicles on highways within the municipality and in Prospect Park, was read and approved by the Council. This was a revision of speed by-laws previously in force, and brought up-to-date to conform with present Provincial statutes. The by-law was ordered to be sent to the Department of Highways for approval.

The Reeve reported that the alarm at the Purec factory building was not working. He had also arranged for repairing the brick work at this building as had been decided upon. He requested that a committee be appointed to supervise this work. Just as soon as the work was done, it was the intention of the Purec Company to repaint the exterior of the building. Councillor A. Mason and Mr. R. M. McDonald were appointed to arrange and supervise the work.

The Reeve asked opinion of Council regarding the completion of the pavement on Mill Street for the remaining three blocks. Council were unanimous in their approval of completing the work on the entire street if the Province would pay their share of the cost. The Reeve pointed out that comment on the work was done, very complimentary, but every citizen he had talked to felt that the street should be completed and not left in an unfinished state.

The financing of the municipality's share was discussed, and it was felt the payment should be spread over a term of five years, and the cost not all charged against one year.

Reeve McCutcheon was requested to arrange an interview with the Minister of Highways, through the Halton member, Mr. T. A. Blacklock, when the Council would endeavor to secure assent for completion of the three blocks. An estimate on the municipality's share of the work was being prepared and would be ready by the time the deputation visited the Department of Highways.

Councillor Chapman brought up the matter of stocking Fairy Lake with pike and pickleweed, which it was understood would help keep down the vegetable growth in the water. The Clerk was instructed to take up the matter with Messrs. Beaudry & Co. and the Department of Game and Fisheries.

The matter of adjustment of the gas line used on the Hydro truck was arranged by the Council.

It was decided rental of the Arena for the Band bingo should be the same as charged for the Town Hall for such functions.

The matter of tax arrears was briefly dealt with by the Council but complete disposal was left until the next meeting.

Two Weddings of Acton Young Couples Yesterday

GERVAIS—CHESHOLM

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized in Knox Manse on Wednesday morning when Mae, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Chisholm, was united in marriage to Aubrey Randolph Gervais, son of Mrs. Mary Gervais and the late Mr. Gervais, of Acton. Rev. H. L. Bonnie officiated. The bride wore navy crepe with navy and white accessories, and a corsage of white gardenias. They were attended by Miss Margaret MacDonald, of Acton, and Mr. Alex. Puzey, of Guelph. Following the ceremony the bride wore a hand knitted suit, with brown accessories. The happy couple left for a honeymoon motor trip to Montreal. On their return they will reside on Main Street, Acton.

PUZEY—MACDONALD

Another quiet wedding was solemnized in Guelph on Wednesday, when Margaret (Peg) MacDonald, only daughter of Mr. Mac MacDonald and the late Mrs. MacDonald, of Acton, became the bride of Alexander Puzey, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Puzey, of Guelph. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Samuel Johnson, of Guelph. The bride was becomingly attired in a brown dress with a sand tupper coat and brown accessories. She carried bronze mums. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey R. Gervais, of Acton. After a honeymoon trip to New York, the happy couple will reside in Guelph.

MRS. H. P. MOORE INJURED IN FALL AT "MOORECROFT"

Friends will indeed regret to learn that Mrs. H. P. Moore sustained a fracture of the left arm and lacerations on her face when she fell in the grounds at Moorecroft on Tuesday. The fracture is of one of the smaller bones in the arm, just above the wrist. All will, however, be pleased to hear that Mrs. Moore is making good progress and the injuries, while painful, are improving.

TWO FORMER RECTORS TO PREACH AT ANGLICAN HARVEST SERVICES

Two former rectors of Acton and Rockwood will preach at the Harvest Festival next week. On Thursday at St. Alban's, the sermon will be given by the Rev. E. F. Maunsell, M.A., of Beamsville, who was in charge of this parish from 1917 to 1921. On Friday evening, at St. John's, the preacher will be the Rev. C. H. E. Smith, M.A., rector of Old St. Mark's Church, Niagara-on-the-lake, who was here from 1915 to 1917.

Dean Waterman, of Hamilton, is also expected as the chief speaker at the Harvest Supper on the following Monday, in the Parish Hall.

Opening and Dedication of Memorial Chapel

Sunday next, at 2:30 p.m. Standard Time, an interesting ceremony will be performed at Creswons Corners when the Chas. W. Lambert "Memorial" Chapel will be opened. This old church building has a long and very worthy history. The structure is over 100 years old, with the exception of the wings, which were added some 80 years ago. It served the community for the greater part of its time as a Methodist Church. At the time of Union, services were discontinued and the building offered for sale.

It was at this time that the late Chas. W. Lambert acquired the property which he kept as a community meeting house. For many years Mr. Lambert carried on Sunday School, and upon occasional opportunities provided a speaker for a preaching service.

Since 1933 the Salvation Army of the Brampton-Georgetown district have conducted a Sunday School and church service every Sunday. Upon the decease of Mr. Lambert earlier this year, the property was taken over by Mr. Roy Wansbrough of Toronto. Mr. Wansbrough decided to do extensive repairs and renovations and then dedicate the church to the memory of Mr. Lambert. The members of the small community at Creswons Corners feel sure many erstwhile worshippers at this old church will be anxious to join with them in making this special gathering a reunion of fellowship and at the same time honor the memory of Mr. Chas. W. Lambert and the magnanimous spirit of Mr. Roy Wansbrough in providing this "memorial" as a Community Church for the people of Creswons Corners and vicinity.

Halton Juniors Make Excellent Showing at C. N. E.

Halton Juniors not only maintained the high record established in previous years at the C.N.E., but surpassed it on Wednesday of last week. Farmers' Day at the Exhibition is always a mecca for Halton Junior Farmers and Rural Homemakers, and 1938 was no exception, with approximately sixty young men and women from the County participating in the Inter-County Calf Club competitions; the Girls' Home Economics Competitions and Demonstrations; and the Likestock Judging Competitions. For the second year in succession a group of Halton boys, representing the County Shorthorn Calf Club, placed first. The winning group was made up of Grant Heslop, Freeman, George Breckon, Bronie, and Bruce Lindsay and John Lerch, of Georgetown. Their win was most outstanding, as they placed first, second, third and fourth in the individual class, as well as winning the group honors from Peel and Lincoln Counties. In the Holstein division, the calf owned and exhibited by Donald Peer, of Milton, was placed first in a strong class, which brought out over thirty entries. The same young man was the Champion Showman in this division. In the Holstein groups, which brought entries from ten counties, Peel was first and Halton second. The Halton group was composed of Donald Peer, Milton, Jack Hamilton, Freeman, Herbert Reid, Georgetown, and Jack Vanstele, of Palermo. The Jersey section was also a strong class, with York first and Halton second. The Halton group was composed of Eddie Robinson and Gordon Hume, of Milton, Fred Ruddle, Georgetown, and Harold Barber, of Acton. Eddie Robinson was the Reserve Champion Showman in this division.

The young ladies were equally outstanding, winning first as a team in the Home Furnishing Section. The Halton team was composed of Alma Marsh, Helen McGibbon, and Marjorie McKerr, all of Milton. In the Individual section they placed first, second and eleventh respectively. In the Clothing Section, Laura Johnston, of Acton, and Charlotte Wilson, Georgetown, were tied for tenth, while in the Senior Division Rita Fisher, Georgetown, fourth, and Betty Rivaz, of Palermo, sixth. The three latter young ladies placed second as a team. In the Open Classes, Marion Humphrey, Norval, was sixth, and Ruth Wilson, eighth. Halton was again well to the fore in the team demonstrations, placing second, the team being composed of the Misses Fisher, Henderson and Rivaz.

The Likestock Judging Competition also had their quota of prize winners from Halton. In heavy horses, with 48 competing, Bob Allan, of Acton, was second, Martin Heslop, of Freeman, fourth, and Grant Allan, of Acton, fourth. In light cattle, 36 contestants, Walter Reid, Milton, fourth. Some 46 competitors Lloyd Chisholm, Milton, third. Dairy cattle 97 competitors, Jack Taylor, Freeman, was eighth. Poultry, Ernest Davies, Palermo, ninth.

May we extend our congratulations to the young people on the honors which they were successful in bringing back to the County.

JUST FLOATING

Uncle—Well, Tommy I hear you are learning to swim.

Tommy—Yes, so are you, ain't you, uncle?

Uncle—No, my boy. Why ask?

Tommy—Oh, I heard father say the other day that you had a hard job to keep your head above water.

Quarterly Report Shows Increase in Tax Receipts

Eramosa Council Raise Limitation for Road Expenditures by \$1,000

The Council for the Township of Eramosa, met at the Dominion Hotel, Rockwood, on Monday, September 12th, at 7:30 p.m., with all members present and Reeve D. H. Storey in the chair.

Moved by Messrs. Wm. J. Pinkney and D. D. Gray, and carried, that the Balliff be instructed to report immediately on several seizures already made and to take action in regard to one or more parties owing arrears of taxes.

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Moved by Messrs. D. D. Gray and A. Lash, and carried, that A. E. Wilson & Co. be paid \$145.00 road liability insurance, with the cheque properly stipulating the insurance which is paid for, pending the receipt of the policy which should double the limits of previous insurance.

On motion of Messrs. Wm. J. Pinkney and A. Lash, the Auditors' Report for the past four months was accepted by Council and the Council was pleased to learn that an increase of Twenty-seven Hundred Dollars in taxes collected in comparison with similar period in 1937.

Moved by Messrs. Thos. E. Kelly and Wm. J. Pinkney, and carried, that the Department of Highways be asked to raise the limitation on the Township road expenditure for 1938 from \$7,000.00 to \$8,000.00.

Moved by Messrs. Gray and Kelly, and carried, that the Eramosa Township Council recommend that the Hydro contract of J. P. Belaki be cancelled.

On motion of Messrs. Pinkney and Lash the Council decided to purchase 4,000 feet of snow fence and 300 steel posts from the Roofers Supply Co., of Toronto.

Moved by Messrs. Pinkney and Kelly, that the Pergus Ball Bingo be granted \$20.00.

Moved by Messrs. Gray and Kelly, and carried, that George Robertson be refunded \$12.00, discount not allowed by outside bank on payment of taxes, as recommended by the Auditors.

On motion of Messrs. Kelly and Gray, accounts, amounting to \$1,789.16, were passed for payment and Council adjourned, to meet Monday, October 10th at 7:30 p.m.

Post Season Ball Game Rained Out

A handful of the faithful was on hand Saturday afternoon for the two ball games scheduled for the Park in Acton. The first game was between the Juniors of Acton and Georgetown. There was plenty of scoring as the 12-9 tally, in Acton's favor, would indicate. It was a five-inning contest, and these events are doing much to develop the material in both communities.

The second game, between Acton and Preston Seniors, was rained out in the fifth inning. The score was 3-2 in favor of Preston. Acton scored in the first and third innings, while Preston put across two tallies in the second, and went into the lead in the fourth.

Morry Walker, former catcher for Preston, who now resides in Acton, was on the local line-up, and Don Ryder, portlander of Acton, did the pitching.

Good Progress Made on the Mill Street Road

Contractor Cornell has made splendid progress in laying the Mill Street pavement and it is generally agreed it is making a splendid job of the construction. Just a week ago to-day work was commenced. The days until Monday were occupied in clearing away the filling in front of the curbs and preparing the surface of the roadway.

Actual laying of the paving material did not get under way until late Monday morning and weather conditions were not good on Monday and yesterday. However, two blocks have been completed and it would appear that the three blocks in the schedule would be completed this week.

Reeve McCutcheon and the Council are making a real effort to have the remainder of the street paved with the same material. Council is willing to arrange the municipality's share as it is considered the work can best be done while the equipment is right here.

A feature appreciated with this type of paving is that as soon as it is rolled, traffic can immediately go over the road. There are no loose stones flying from the wheels of vehicles and the material does not cling or mar cars using the road after laying. Of course a detour has to be made while the workmen are engaged during the day, but traffic proceeds as soon as the day's work is completed.

The material is brought in by trucks from Dundas and is known as non-skid pavement. A finishing coat, which acts merely as a filler, is applied on the surface that has now been laid. The next move in Mill Street improvement will be to bring the sidewalks to a uniform grade to conform with the roadway.

ALL KINDS OF PRIZES AWARDED AT BAND BINGO

Groceries, hardware, household articles and potatoes and sugar were among the articles taken from the Arena in Acton last night. It was the Band's Bingo, and in spite of a wretched night, about two hundred were present in the arena to carry away the goods. Under the B and under the N was the song all evening, and folks seemed to enjoy assisting the Band in raising finances in this way. On behalf of the Acton Band Mr. C. W. Mason expressed thanks for the support accorded.

Cars Crash at Norval but No One Injured

Two cars were badly smashed up in an accident on the Norval hill on Monday afternoon. No one was hurt.

An American car, driven by Angus McCauley, of Buffalo, was proceeding west on the No. 7 Highway, when it went into a skid and crashed into the rear of an automobile, driven by K. C. Lindsay, of R. R. No. 1, Georgetown. The Lindsay car was turned over on its side in the centre of the highway. The American car ended up on the other side of the road. A small baby, said to be in the Georgetown car, was unhurt. Owner of the car is Hugh Lindsay, of Georgetown.

Halton Rural Mail Carriers Met in Georgetown

The monthly meeting of the Halton Branch of the Rural Mail Carriers Association was held in Georgetown on the 12th inst. To issue a report of the Convention recently held at Whitby.

Of special interest to the Association was the support given by large organizations. Mayor Rowe of Whitby, in his address of welcome gave the delegates an invitation to visit the schools and institutions and also entertained them at a theatre party.

The delegates were guests of the Globe and Mail at a banquet and then formed a cavalcade to Toronto, to see the evening edition of the Globe and Mail printed and sent on its way to the city homes.

A group of valuable prizes were donated by the Robert Simpson Co., T. Eaton Co., Daniel The Co. Petroleum The Co. The British American Oil Co., Diana Sweet's Wrigley Chewing Gum Co. and others.

Among the speakers were B. J. Farrell, from the Department at Ottawa, Col. Drew, of Guelph, Mr. Gordon Graydon, M.P., Mr. Kimber and Mr. Mark, of the Globe and Mail, Postmaster Whitfield, of Whitby, Rev. Father O'Brien, the Warden of Ontario County and others.

The Chamber of Commerce of Ottawa extended an invitation to meet them for their 1938 Convention, but because of its nearness to Whitby the invitation from Guelph was accepted. The next meeting of the local group will be in the southern end of the County, with Mr. Bridle, of Freeman, on October 17th.

Indications Point to a Bigger Fair This Year

Silver Jubilee to Have Outstanding Attractions and Larger Exhibit—Arena Performance to be in Charge of Tommy McClure, Radio Announcer

HON. P. M. DEWAN TO OPEN FAIR

Acton Fair in its Silver Jubilee year seems so crowded with interesting features and has elicited so many enquiries that we hardly know where to commence to give a brief summary of just what may be expected. Secretary Fred Wright tells us that, judging from his mail and requests for information, every department will be well up and possibly establish a new record. In view of the fact of the substantially increased prize list, this of course could be expected.

For the Arena performance on Tuesday evening, the committee feel that they have secured one of the best programs ever presented. Indications point to a good entry in the classes for high jumping horses. The groovy pig contest is going to be a break for the pigs, there's going to be more than one pig, and other rules that will make it a more even break. The potato race and mutton chases are again to be features.

The vaudeville features last year were disappointing and the Board decided to give extra attention to this and provide something unusual. Ted Johnson and his Olympians are a group of three. The young ladies are Audrey May, aerobist, and Honour Cullen, tumbler. Ted Johnson has been pleasing audiences everywhere with his thrilling balancing numbers.

ROCKALONG INSTITUTE ARRANGES FOR EXHIBIT AT ACTON FAIR

A very pleasant afternoon was spent at the home of Mrs. H. Maude, at the September meeting of the Rockalong Institute. About twenty members were present. The roll call was answered by naming an emergency and telling how to meet it.

Mrs. C. Harris, Mrs. D. McNabb and Miss H. Bayne were appointed to arrange the Institute exhibit at the Acton Fair. Mrs. A. McNabb, Mrs. D. McNabb, Mrs. Dennis, Mrs. Shultz, and Mrs. Tone were asked to make all necessary arrangements for the serving of hot dinners at the Erin and Eramosa plowing match, which is being held at the farm of Mr. A. Shultz, on October 6th.

Mrs. B. N. Nelson occupied the chair for the program. Mrs. W. Paumore gave Current Events. Mrs. W. McNabb, a talk on the motto, "Life's Best Things Take Time." A duet by Mrs. H. Wardlaw and Miss M. Maude, accompanied by Miss Watson, was much enjoyed. Mrs. Nelson then introduced the guest speaker, Miss S. Bennett, lawyer, of Georgetown, who gave a most interesting and practical talk on "British Law as it Pertains to Women."

After a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Bennett, to the ladies to the convener and her committee, the meeting was closed with the National Anthem. Lunch was served and a social gift enjoyed.

Since the August meeting, a picnic was held at the local school grounds, at which the Rockalong and Riverside branches were guests of the Rockalong branch. About eighty were present. The guests provided a very entertaining and varied program after which the hostesses served lunch.



A "HUNT" AT 13
To-day Art McColl is Canada's Strongest Man in Competition

There's quite a story about Art McColl, Canada's strongest man in competition. He's just a little man, and at the age of 13 he just weighed 100 pounds, and was such a scrawny kid that he was just easy pickings for the town bully. While he hadn't the physique he had the spirit, and he went in for physical training in a home-made gymnasium. That was back in 1926, and accompanying this article we reproduce his picture at that time.

Next Tuesday night you'll see this weakling of twelve years ago bend iron bars into curlicues with his teeth and arms. He drives six-inch spikes into wood, grips the head of the spike with his teeth and shakes it forward and backward until the spikes snap off and the metal is hot. He bends spikes with his bare hands. So, if you've got any particular twisting you want done, better have him do it while in Acton. He can place a long iron pole or bar across his shoulder, get two or three men on each side and give them an aeroplane spin.

Another stunt is to lie on a harness and have five men on each side try to pull him apart. We hope there's lots of strong men on hand to give him a good test next Tuesday but to date he's been the best of them all and was a big feature this year for a week at Sunnyvale. We've heard a lot more of his feats but we don't want to tell the whole show.

Tommy McClure was so much interested when he visited Acton to look these features that he agreed to be personally present and act as master of ceremonies, and some of you folks who are radio fans know his qualities at keeping the show going possibly better than we do.

Acton Citizens' Band will be a feature at both the evening show and on the second day. Of course hall exhibits will be open and judged, and historical sections and other features promise to be well filled with interesting articles.

Acton Fair is indeed to be honored with the representatives of agricultural affairs in the Province, who are to be present on Wednesday afternoon, Hon. P. M. Dewar, Ontario Minister of Agri-

culture, will officially open the Fair. Assisting him will be Dr. G. I. Christie, President of the Ontario Agricultural College, and Mr. R. J. Kerr, President of the Ontario Fairs Association.

The afternoon program includes everything that a fair could have. Horse races, contests, fiddlers, dancers, baby show, novelty contests, high jumping horse, parade of live stock, music, midway. Oh, we're bound to leave out something, but if it's on any fair ground, you'll likely find it at Acton. Better still, read the advertisements and announcements.

We've been requested to give a list of the Presidents who have held that position in the twenty-five years. The Fair was organized in 1913, with Mr. George Havill as the first President, and Mr. Havill is still one of the Honorary Life Members and usually enjoys attending Acton Fair. It will be recalled that the war years followed the organization of Acton Fair, and Mr. Havill was prevailed upon to continue in office until 1917 and guide the newly-formed organization through its first years. The late George Hynds was the first Secretary-Treasurer and to his ability and work the founding years were also a great credit.

Mr. J. E. Pearen was elected President in 1918 and was followed by S. H. Lindsay, in 1919, W. J. L. Hampshire in 1920; R. M. McDonald, 1921; A. B. McLean, 1922; W. A. Lashby, 1923; C. Woodhall, 1924; C. B. Swan, 1925; Wm. Johnston, 1926; Duncan McDougall, 1927; R. J. Kerr, 1928; J. H. Smith, 1929; J. R. Kennedy, 1930; D. D. Whittle, 1931; C. W. McKown, 1932; R. J. Ramshaw, 1933; J. P. Robertson, 1934; V. B. Humbley, 1935; G. W. Murray, 1936; G. A. Dilla, 1937, and J. A. Mann, 1938.

Fair weather has usually been granted to Acton Fair, and now that seems the only thing necessary to success of the 1938 event.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts of Other Events, under this heading, are charged, in cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 50c.

Presbyterian Powl Supper, Monday, October 17th.

ACTON TROOP HAS ANOTHER KING SCOUT

First Acton Troop has another King Scout. Rev. Arnold successfully passed all the tests required for this coveted badge and at a recent Scout meeting was presented with the award. This now makes five members of Acton Troop who have won the King Scout badge.



John Cobb, British sportsman and his speed monster, who to-day established a new land speed record of 330.2 miles per hour on the salt beds of Bonneville, Utah. The driver sets in the tiny enclosed cockpit ahead of the front wheels in the streamlined aluminum body. There is no radiator, the two 2,700-hp. motors being cooled with sea water. Cobb's record bettered Capt. Kynon's recent speed mark by five miles.