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Erwin Wilson Missing in North Since October 9th

Empty Canoe is Found Overturned in Lake Watabeag — Son of George T. Wilson, of Nassagaweya

Since the morning of October 9th, an intensive search has been carried on at Lake Watabeag, in Northern Ontario, for Erwin Wilson, Principal of the Public School at Ansonville, and his companion Charles McDonald. Nothing but the canoe, in which they left their camp, and McDonald's cap, had been located until yesterday, and it is feared they are both drowned in the waters of the lake, which is nine miles long and five miles wide.

During the Thanksgiving week-end, Erwin Wilson, with a party of six, went to Lake Watabeag, to camp and shoot for a holiday outing. On Saturday evening, McDonald and Wilson left the camp to duck shooting on the lake. When they had not returned the next morning, a search was started for them and it was found they had not visited any of the other camps on the lake.

Later, the overturned canoe was found. It had been equipped with an outboard motor and the paddles were still in the bottom of the canoe. An intensive search has been carried on with boats and an aeroplane, ever since, but without results in locating either of the boys.

Erwin D. Wilson is a son of Mr. Geo. T. Wilson, of Nassagaweya. He secured his education at S. S. No. 4, Nassagaweya, and Acton Continuation School. He completed his course for a teacher, and has taught in Nassagaweya and other places for the past nine or ten years. This year he was appointed as Principal of the school at Ansonville, which adjoins Iroquois Falls.

His father, Mr. Geo. T. Wilson, and his brothers, Clarence and Reg, and Carl Ruder, went immediately to Ansonville, and Reg has remained there, awaiting word of some solution to the disappearance of the two young men. An intensive search is still being carried on.

The High School Literary Society Elects Officers

Last Wednesday, 12th, the pupils of the Acton Continuation School held their first Literary Society meeting of the year to nominate the Executive. The following day, from 11:30 to 12:00, the candidates addressed the school and from 1:15 to 1:30 an election was held. At 4:00 o'clock, the following results were posted:

President—Hazel Wilson.
Vice-President—W. Bev. Arnold.
Secretary—Martin Hassard.
Treasurer—Dora Wood.
Editor—Jack Hollinger.
Assistant Editor—Betty Watts.
Song Leader—Bruce Pargeter.
Porm Representative—Grade IX.
Florence Salt; Grade X, Dorothy Steele; Form III, Marie Brunelle.
At the first meeting of the Executive, Mr. M. M. Leitch was chosen Honorary President.

LOCAL PLOWMEN COMPLETE PLANS FOR COUNTY MATCH

The prize list of the Halton Plowmen's Association, which has just been released, contains another feature which will be of interest to all plowing enthusiasts. In response to the public demand a no handling class has been included and should meet with much favor from those who object to the handling of the first four furrows in the regular classes. According to President Peter Peddie, everything is shaping up for a record match. The Halton Match is now recognized as one of the outstanding matches of the Province and the Wm. Neary farm, near Hornby, will be the Mecca on November 4th for outstanding plowmen from all parts of the Province. The local Association is to be commended for the leadership and encouragement being given to the County boys. Last spring 22 junior farmers, under 20 years, competed and it is anticipated a number of others will be out for the first time to compete for the excellent prizes being offered.

Knox Church Anniversary Celebrated Last Sunday

Rev. J. C. Grier, B.A., of Guelph, Delivered Forceful Sermons on Harvest Home Occasion — Over Five Hundred Attend Fowl Supper and Concert on Monday

Knox Church ninety-second anniversary on Sunday and Monday was marked with splendid services and good congregations, both morning and evening. On Monday the annual fowl supper served by the Ladies' Aid, and concert, also drew large crowds and were very successful.

Evidence of the harvest home feature of the anniversary was not lacking and the decorations were very appropriate. The anniversary music under the direction of Organist and Choirmaster P. J. Ball, was a feature that drew much favorable comment. The anthems by the choir were well rendered a quartette of Messrs. Alex. Mann, W. Burton, F. Ball and George Musella gave very fitting numbers. Mr. Arnold Allan, a tenor soloist, of Toronto and a well known radio artist contributed selections that all enjoyed.

The special anniversary speaker was Rev. J. C. Grier, B.A. of Knox Church Guelph and he brought messages of congratulation on ninety-two years of service but an appeal for greater accomplishments of the future and a continuance of the work so well done by our forefathers.

At the morning service Rev. Mr. Grier chose words from the fifth and tenth verses of the sixth chapter of 1st Corinthians for the basis of his text. In this bit of scripture the apostle enumerates the sort of people that shall not inherit the Kingdom of God. Many of those named we of course know well, but among those named are the effeminate and the speaker interpreted these as the soft, easy-going type who never made a strong stand and were easily discouraged.

Mr. Grier chose to apply his text first to the effeminate individual who had a life in which things came easy. The Christian life was always a battle of service. What Paul said years ago needs saying again today. "Following the Lord is not a life of ease."

There are only two ways of life, one right and one wrong, and there is no one like Christ to lead you aright. We must, however, be willing to fight.

A Much Needed Improvement at the Post Office

A much needed protection for both young and old has been provided at the Post Office in Acton this week. Wrought iron railings have been put in the centre of each of the front entrances to the building, and also on the steps at the side to the letter-box for mailing after the office is closed. Several severe falls have been had by persons when the steps became slippery in the winter and these new hand rails will be a decided help especially to the older folks. The work was done by Mr. Joe Herzog and Mr. Thos. Rumbley Acton.

ERAMOSA DEFEATS SPRING IN RETURN GAME

Eramosa school softball team avenged their defeat of last week by defeating Spring School 18 to 8. The winners were superior in hitting and fielding with the pitching about equal. A third game to break the tie is being arranged by the teachers, Messrs. George Stewart and Harvey Hassard.

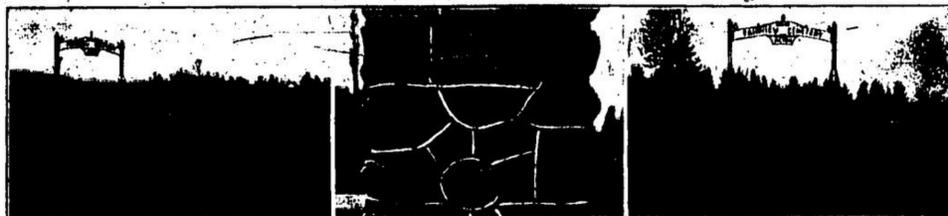
HALTON COUNTY FESTIVAL EXECUTIVE HELDS MEETING

On Wednesday evening nearly 40 members of the Halton Festival Executive and advisers met at the home of Mr. P. W. Cowie at Milton to get under way for the 1938 Festival. There was a full evening of discussion in which all voiced hearty endeavours to make arrangements that the 1938 Festival might be the best yet. After the business a dainty lunch was served by the host and hostess who have opened their home several times in the interests of music in the schools.

PIEASANT AND PARTRIDGE SEASONS IN HALTON COUNTY

The open season for pheasant hunting that starts on November 1st and Partridge in this county are October 21st, 22nd and 29th. A special township hunting license is required, and the limit is three cock birds per day. Another open season for partridge, will be from November 5th-10th, inclusive, which applies in all of Halton County.

New Entrance at Fairview Cemetery



The above pictures give a general view of this imposing entrance, which will be unveiled on Sunday afternoon. At the left the view has "Cobble Hill" in the background and a section of the new frontage acquired by the Cemetery Board is shown. Centre is a close up of the pillar and bronze tablet, and right is a view of the entrance, looking directly in front.

Fairview Entrance to be Unveiled Next Sunday

Acton Women's Institute Have Had Work Completed and Arranged for Appropriate Service

A service of deep interest to many citizens and former residents of Acton will be held on Sunday afternoon, when the new entrance to Fairview Cemetery will be unveiled and dedicated at four o'clock. Acton Women's Institute, in co-operation with the Cemetery Board, made this impressive entrance to Fairview possible.

When the entrance to Fairview was at the end of Ransom Street, or better known as Fairview Avenue, the Institute set about raising funds for a suitable entrance to replace the one then in bad repair. Shortly after that, and before anything definite had been done, the Council delegated the control of the cemetery to a Cemetery Board. With well planned arrangements, the Board, under the leadership of Mr. R. M. McDonald, set about to improve Fairview and all through the years since there has been steady beautifying of the place.

This year the Board acquired the remaining two lots fronting on Main Street, and immediately set about to make an appropriate frontage for the cemetery. The ground was levelled and has been seeded. A new stone wall, with cut stone at the base, is being built along the entire frontage on Main Street.

This work opened the way for the erection of an entrance of permanent and fitting design for which had been gradually accumulated through the years by the Acton Institute. The result is a fine native stone entrance with some pillars on which are mounted an artistic iron arch with the words "Fairview Cemetery" in metal letters above a bronze tablet on the left pillar giving the date of erection and names of the Institute.

The whole entrance makes a spot that will receive the commendation of all who hold this place dear. On Sunday at four o'clock an appropriate service will mark the dedication and unveiling of this entrance. Rev. Amos Mason will be in charge. Assisting in the various parts of the service will be Rev. Dr. E. M. Morrow, Rev. E. A. Brooks and Rev. H. L. Bennie. On behalf of the Institute Mrs. Dr. Abbott, Executive of the Toronto Convention Area of the Institute will deliver a brief address and exhortation. The service will be held at the entrance to the cemetery.

The service is at four o'clock on Sunday afternoon. Some will want to miss a meeting in this important occasion.

THE NORTON-PRICE WEDDING AT LOWVILLE

St. George's Church, Lowville, was the scene of a pretty wedding when Miss Rita Mae Price, daughter of Mr. Joseph Price, and the late Mrs. Price of Canby, Ontario, became the bride of Mr. Robert Norton, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Norton, Glen Williams. Attending guests and flowers decorated the church and the service was conducted by Rev. E. A. Hill. Mrs. E. Warren played the wedding music.

The bride and groom were accompanied by their bridesmaids and groomsmen. The bride wore a beautiful gown and the bridesmaids wore matching dresses. The groom wore a dark suit and the groomsmen wore light-colored suits. The wedding party was accompanied by a band and a choir. The reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. The wedding was a most successful one and all enjoyed it very much.

MISSION BAND PRESENTS A SPECIAL THANKSGIVING MEETING

The Thanksgiving Thank Offering Meeting of the Mission Band of the United Church was held in the school room of the church on Thursday, with President Mabel Harris in charge. The devotional period was in charge of the President, and Thanksgiving prayers were read by Jean Harris, John Agar, Betty Gibson, Irene Fryer and James Dills. A temperance reading was given by Mrs. R. H. Elliott, and another reading by Miss Laura Johnston. There was singing by the Mission Band, with Eleanor Beatty taking the solo.

The main item of business was a report on the progress of name collecting for the Mission Band Autograph Quilt. Over two hundred names have been secured, honors for collecting going to Shirley Kenner and James Dills. The "Good Neighbors" story for the day was "Getting Even" which was told by the band leader, Mrs. G. G. Emery, and it illustrated a better way of getting even than that of hurting those who have hurt us.

The lovely hymn "Now Thank We All our God" and prayer by Dr. Morrow brought the program to a fitting conclusion.

In spite of the rainy afternoon, the attendance of the band members and friends was very good and a generous offering was received.

Entrance Tests Have Been Cut By Department

Formal Entrance examinations for admission to High School are being drastically reduced according to an announcement of Hon. Dr. L. J. Simpson, Minister of Education.

An announcement stated there would be no Department examinations in the subjects of Group 1, which includes Social Studies, Science, Health, Music, Arts, Civics, Home Economics and Agriculture in Grade VIII, but that certificates showing that the courses of study had been successfully covered by candidates shall be furnished the High School Entrance Boards by the Principals of the schools attended by the candidates.

YOU CAN'T COUNT THEM UNTIL THE SEASON OPENS

Many a Wabash contestant in the annual basketball tournament last year's championship team, headed by Acton, when the Erie Electric Power Co. moved their plant into the town of Acton, had had a job of it to get into the Acton team this year. It never got out of their minds last year that they would be the champions of the tournament. They will pay for the Post-Office, however, as it looks at present.

PRIZE WINNERS AT THE SCOUT MOTHERS' EUCHRE

The Scout Mothers Auxiliary held a successful euchre in the Parish Hall last evening. The prize winners were Mrs. Hassard, Mrs. Holloway, Mrs. Lovell and Miss Pearl Smith. The traveling prizes were won by Mrs. Middleton and Mr. Robert Lowrie. The lucky ticket for the quilt was held by B. Holmes. A lunch followed the games and a social time was spent.

The Acton Band Closes Year of Successful Work

Bandmaster Perrott and Assistant Bandmaster C. Mason the Unanimous Choice for Leadership

The annual business meeting of the Acton Citizens' Band was held on Wednesday evening in the band hall. A splendid attendance was on hand and everyone entered into the spirit of the night. It was a night for a real get-together and a chance for every bandman to voice his opinion on matters of the band.

The new slate of officers elected is as follows: Honorary Patron: Mr. A. Mason, Mr. N. P. Moore; Honorary President: Mr. J. M. McDonald; President: Doug Dawkins; First Vice-President: J. Nicol; Secretary-Treasurer: C. Byrne; Second Vice-President: Geo. Simpson; Band Committee: H. Price and H. Taylor; Caretaker: T. Robson; Librarian: Chas. Mason and D. Maplesden.

The positions of Bandmaster and Assistant Bandmaster were unanimously in choice with A. H. Perrott and Chas. Mason elected to the respective positions.

After the election of officers, general business matters were discussed and many suggestions are to be put into operation this coming year. Acton Citizens' Band are commencing a new year, which will be filled with activities and are out to give the citizens of Acton their full cooperation, and hope that they will aid them in making this a bigger and better year. Bigger in activities and as a citizens' organization and better in the quality of music to be rendered. Every man is blowing his horns for the band, and the band are still blowing their horns for Acton.

Biggest Prize Money in Years by Acton Fair

Acton Fair Board faced the biggest amount of prize money to meet this year. The fair has been paid out in several years. Over \$1,400 is required to pay the prize as in comparison with \$1,100 last year and \$1,000 the year previously. The prize money was previously paid by the fair board last night Secretary P. J. White, who is entrusted to pay the prize money as usual. Fortunately receipts in the departments were increased this year and the fair board were quite pleased with the results of the fair of this year.

DUBLIN LITERARY ELECTS OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR

The Dublin Literary Club, their annual meeting in the school, on Friday, October 14th. The meeting opened with the singing of the Maple Leaf. The following officers were then elected: President: Mr. Steele; Vice-President: Miss Lovell; Brins; Secretary: Miss Wanda McLaughlin; Treasurer: Miss Wanda McLaughlin; Librarian: Miss Wanda McLaughlin; and Mr. Wanda McLaughlin.

During the evening of officers, the President, Mr. Steele, gave the chair and Miss Wanda McLaughlin, with an amusing reading. The National Anthem was played, games were conducted by Mrs. Robertson and Miss Young. Lunch was served and a social time spent.

LOOSE GRAVEL AND UNKNOWN TRUCK BLAMED FOR ACCIDENT

Blame for a fatal collision between a car driven by T. Smith McCutcheon, Bright, and Archie McArthur, Alton, in which Mrs. McCutcheon met almost instant death on Thanksgiving Day, was placed by a coroner's jury on Tuesday night on an unidentified truck which McArthur said he met shortly before the impact, together with gravel conditions on the highway. No blame was attached to either driver.

The jury recommended the Department of Highways should improve travelling conditions on the Karamore Road. The jury deliberated approximately one hour and a half, returning once to be sent out by Crown Attorney Kearns to try to fix responsibility.

WE KNEW THAT MR. COLES HAD YOU PUZZLED

Of course it was baffling to get the correct solution to last week's Puzzle Page, but in the lot there were two correct answers. The award goes this week to Lloyd E. Anderson, 18 Hurley Street, Hamilton, Ontario. The correct solution was "Don't Start Eleventh." Perhaps you can solve the one on Page Five this week.

Nomination By-Law Passed Speed Limit Set for Park

Department Advises Against the Stocking of Fairy Lake with Pike and Pickerel—Force Company Make Payment and Discharge Mortgage on Building—Permission for Apple and Poppy Days Granted

When Acton Council met on Monday evening, Councillors A. Mason, J. Chapman, E. Jones and J. A. Chapman were present and Reeve P. McCutcheon presided.

The nineteenth report of the Finance Committee recommended payment of the following accounts: Mrs. H. I. Leonard premium \$12.00; Hayward Construction Co. gravel 235.44; Bennett & Wright Ltd. repairing a sprinkler system 29.44; E. Bowler watchman 90; Winters & Co. assessors' supplies 33.65; Acton Public Utilities Company, street services 208.65; C. F. Leachland salary etc. 146.65; H. Lush, work at Police Station 20.50; A. Leachman, work at Police Station 50; H. Woods Trucking 12.75; Bell Telephone Co. services 16.88; Post Office, work at streets 1.50; Acton, P.M. Mail grant 20.00; Acton Welfare Board September 65.00; Class A, work on sidewalk 13.25; O. R. B. at the bank 1.00; P. McCutcheon, expenses for Highway No. 10 6.50.

Coming Events

The Women's Institute will hold a Bingo on Monday, November 14th. In the Sports the apple growers and a good turn. Buy a Good Apple Saturday. G. Adams' Club: Three Days of Games in Post Hall, Wednesday and Thursday, November 22nd and 23rd. October 27th: Luncheon, Presbyterian Church, Post Office 6 to 8 p.m. Concert, Mr. Thos. Apperlyard, a lot of Seventh Line, Adults 5c. 15 good prizes, 2 Special and Door Prize at Junior Hockey Club Bingo, next Thursday 7th, in Acton Town Hall. You'll really enjoy playing for the good prizes offered.

Erin Township to Hold Early Nominations

Dates Set for November Nominations and Elections First Week in December

Erin Township Council met at Hillsburg on Monday, October 14th. All members were present, the Reeve presiding.

By-law No. 12 was passed and fixed by-law penalty at 3% in excess of statutory penalty of one-half of one per cent. calendar month or fraction thereof, on all taxes not paid by December 31st, 1938.

By-law No. 13, changing dates of nomination and polling was passed. Nomination will be held on the last Monday in November, and election, if necessary, on the first Monday in December.

The following amounts were paid: For Roads \$2,107.77; For sheep destroyed by dogs 47.75; For Hotel 15.75; Miscellaneous 24.70. The Council adjourned, to meet at Hillsburg on November 14th, 1938, at ten o'clock, a.m., or at the call of the Reeve.

VARIED PROGRAM FEATURES MEETING OF UNITED SOCIETY

The topic at the Young People's meeting of the United Church on Thursday evening was taken by Mrs. J. Adamson. The subject was "Do the Thing You Fear To Do." The scripture was read by Howard Switzer. After a business discussion, the President handed over the meeting to Laura Johnston. Mabel Harris gave a recitation, Lorenz Lockyer rendered a very enjoyable solo, Sylvia Morrow conducted a singing, with Ruth Gibson at the piano. The meeting closed with the Mizpah benediction. Then Jean Lambert conducted a song contest, which was won by Mrs. Gordon Huffman.

Miss Ruth Gibson President of United Choir

At choir practice in the United Church on Thursday evening the election of officers for the year was held with the following results: President: Miss Ruth Gibson; Vice-President: Mr. Geo. Simpson; Secretary: Miss Velma Murray; Treasurer: Mr. Mac Symon; Leader: Mr. Bert Mason; Assistant Leader: Mr. Geo. Simpson; Librarian: Mrs. J. K. Gardner; Mr. Ed Clifford; Convener Social Committee: Mrs. J. C. Matthews; Greeting: Mrs. Veithaus; Organist: Miss Fern Brown; Assistant Organist: Dr. E. J. Neeson; Mrs. R. H. Arnold; Visiting Committee: Messrs. Bert Mason and Norman Olson; Music Committee: Rev. Dr. Morrow; Mr. Bert Mason, Messrs. Fern Brown and Ruth Gibson.