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## Opychany Found Not Guilty in the Manslaughter Case

### Sentenced to a Year in Jail on Criminal Negligence—Two Killed in Accident

Peter Opychany, 22, of Oshawa, was sentenced to one year in jail by Mr. Justice Godfrey in Milton on Thursday last. After three hours' deliberation, the jury found Opychany guilty of criminal negligence and not guilty of manslaughter.

Opychany's sentence results from an accident on No. 7 Highway, west of Acton, on March 9th. According to evidence, Opychany and four Oshawa passengers were in the front seat of a coupe en route to a hockey game in Galt, when the car was involved in collision with a car and trailer, driven by W. N. Brownridge, of Deseronto. George Frederick and Hilton Lamminan, two of the Opychany car occupants, were killed.

## Prize Winners at Hallowe'en Concert at Lorne

A Hallowe'en masquerade, held in Lorne School last Thursday evening by the U.P.P.O., was a real success, and the large number of splendid costumes gave the judges a difficult job.

The judges were Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Meredith and Mr. W. Murray, and the prizes were awarded as follows:

Best Lady's Costume—Laura Johnston, Edna Cooke.

Best Gent's Costume—Wilmer Davidson, Gordon Leslie.

Best Couple's Costumes—Mrs. Chas. Davidson and Mrs. J. J. Stewart.

Best Lady's Hallowe'en Costume—Mrs. Roy McKeown, Mrs. C. McKeown.

Best Gent's Hallowe'en Costume—Harold McIntyre, Elwood Johnston.

Best Comic Costume—Ted Anderson, Chas. Douglas.

Longest Disguise—Mr. Thompson, Mr. Gregson.

Sandwiches, pie and coffee were then served by the Lunch Committee, and the rest of the evening spent in dancing.

## THE ACTON SHORT-COURSE STAFF ANNOUNCED

Acton is to be one of the five fortunate centres to have three months Short Courses in Home Economics and Agriculture during the next three months. Calendars outlining the two courses and the staff of instruction are now available upon request to Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitehead. He understands from Mr. Whitehead that Halton is to be favored with an outstanding staff. Miss Betty Wallace, who was in charge of a similar course at Acton six years ago and who is so well and favorably known over the county is returning to act as resident instructor of the course in Home Economics. The class in Agriculture will have J. A. Berry, of Rutherford, as senior instructor. Mr. Berry, after graduation from Guelph, spent several years in Agricultural Representative work in York County. A native of Carleton, he is now operating a farm near Rutherford. Splendid accommodation for both courses has been secured in the S. Alban's Parish Hall and in Knox Sunday School Room. Local leaders who were responsible in getting the courses to come to Acton are prophesying a large turnout at both halls when the courses open on Tuesday, November 22nd.

## FORMER INDIAN ATHLETE COMPETES IN PLOWING NOW

Competitors were drawn from a wide area to Halton County Plowing Match last week. Among the competitors was Fred Douglas, Six Nations Indian, from Owascan. Two decades ago Douglas was a marathon runner and competed against distance stars of that day. Douglas was not a winner in the Halton match in plowing, although he stood ninth in the International Match at Barrie. Car trouble and a badly sprained wrist affected his day at the match on Friday.

## At Halton County Plowing Match



A view of the work done in the Tractor Class at the Plowing Match at Hornby last week. A section of the crowd can be seen along the end of the big long straight furrows. Twenty tractors competed in this class and competition in the other classes was just as keen.

## Plowing Match Biggest Halton County Contest

### 2,000 to 3,000 Attend Event at Hornby on Friday—Keen Competition in All the Classes and Work Done Equalled That in the International Event.

Under ideal weather conditions all records were broken at the annual match of the Halton Plowmen's Association, which was held on Wm. Neer's farm, near Hornby, on Friday, of last week. A crowd of between two and three thousand spectators followed with keen interest the work of the 76 plowboys. According to Judge Wm. Clark, of Gormley, the Halton match was the second largest county match held in the Province this year.

Notwithstanding the dry condition of the soil, some outstanding ridges were turned. Numbered amongst the contestants was Miss Maie Nicklin, of Ariss, who operated her plow in the open tractor class with all the skill of a veteran. While Miss Nicklin was not successful in winning a prize, she had a crowd of admirers thronging her head ridges throughout the afternoon. Frank Ladlaw of Jarvis, who judged the sod classes, complimented not only the plowmen but also the officers and directors of the Halton Association on the efficient manner in which the big match was handled.

The event was brought to a fitting conclusion by a banquet held in the Hornby Orange Hall, where upwards of 200 were entertained by the Home Women's Institute, in their usual efficient manner. Here an excellent program was run off under the direction of President Peter DeLeon. The program included musical selections by the Johnson Orchestra of Hornby, solo by

## First of Season Series of Band Concerts in Acton

Acton Citizens' Band presented the first of a series of fall and winter band concerts in the Town Hall on Sunday evening, before an appreciative audience. The program was well varied. Mr. G. Wilcox, of Georgetown, rendered cornet solos that were well received. A tribute to Tom Robson, late drummer of the band was paid before the program commenced.

Mr. E. E. Barr was chairman for the evening and on behalf of the citizens of Acton complimented the band on the success which had been achieved in winning first place at the competition in Aurora. Bandmaster A. H. Perrott was in charge and intimated that this event was but the first of several planned by the Band for the fall and winter season.

## Narrow Escapes When Car Stalls on Railway

Four frightened youngsters, crawling from a sedan in the middle of a field west of Brampton, Saturday night, and gaped at a twelve-foot section of guard rail which had driven through the windshield of the car into the back seat.

A few minutes later the occupants of the other car involved in the accident began to about in alarm, for a train was bearing down on their auto, stalled on the C.N.R. right-of-way. All hands began to push the disabled motor off the tracks, and had just cleared the rails when a passenger train thundered by.

The collision, which resulted in a series of scars, occurred on the embankment crossing of the first line west over the C.N.R. right-of-way, near Brampton. An auto, driven north by Arthur Norton, Glen Williams, collided with a southbound car, in charge of Hugh Leslie, Georgetown, R. R. No. 1. The Leslie car went out of control and crashed its way through a guard rail, and a dozen feet of the rail punched through the windshield, passing between Leslie and a girl companion, and crashed into the back seat, where it narrowly missed two other occupants of the car.

The auto ran down the embankment, charged through a fence and finally came to rest in a field beside the track. Norton's motor was stalled on the tracks and, while he and Leslie were examining the damage to Leslie's car, Miss Norton shouted that there was a train coming. All occupants of both cars rushed to the track and pushed with might and main to clear the rails. In spite of the potentialities of the accident, only two people were injured, and their hurts were of a minor nature. Mrs. Norton had her hip bruised, and Grace Foster, Georgetown passenger in Leslie's car, suffered minor lacerations to her left hand which were treated by Dr. A. W. Noble, Brampton. Others in the two cars escaped with minor scratches and shock.

Question: What flower is found at the 200?  
Answer: A tiger lily.

## Remembrance Day To-Morrow

Plans for a fitting observance of Remembrance Day have been arranged not only for Acton but in Nassagaweya and Rockwood to-morrow and citizens generally will observe the day as a public holiday in accord with official designation.

In Acton, we learn that the majority of the stores have arranged to be closed all day. They will remain open on Thursday evening for the convenience of shoppers.

The service in Acton will commence at 10:45 a.m. at the Soldiers' Monument. The parade will form at the Town Hall, and be led by Acton Citizens' Band. The service at the monument will be brief and then continue in the United Church adjoining. Reeve McCutcheon will be in charge and the clergy of Acton will take part in the service.

In Rockwood, the service will be held at two o'clock in the afternoon, and in Nassagaweya at four o'clock, with service at the monument there and in Ebenezer United Church. Acton and District Branch of the Canadian Legion has had charge of making arrangements for all these services and will attend and take part in all of them.

It's twenty years since the close of the World War but Remembrance Day and its messages is still very vitally needed. Plan to attend the service that is in your district.

## Students League Holds Services in Baptist Church

On tour in this section of Ontario, a group of eighteen young people, known as the "Students' League of Many Nations," held interesting services in the Acton Baptist Church on Saturday evening and throughout the district on Sunday. The group is composed of many of our nationalities and engaged in evangelistic work. They travel about by special bus.

A splendid audience enjoyed the message that this group brought on Saturday evening. On Sunday morning members of the group conducted services in several of the communities adjacent to Acton. Sunday afternoon a service was held in Guelph, and in Kitchener in the evening.

## Routine Matters Dealt with by Utilities Board

### Passing of Accounts and Checking of Arrears Only Items Dealt with at Tuesday Meeting

The regular meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Tuesday evening. Commissioner C. M. Hansen and Reeve F. J. McCutcheon were present.

In the absence of Chairman Kerr, Commissioner Hansen was appointed Acting Chairman.

Upon motion of F. J. McCutcheon and C. M. Hansen, the Secretary was empowered to pay the following accounts:

Hydro Department	
Highway Garage, supplies	\$ 4.66
Georgetown Lumber Co. lumber	4.45
Sutherland-Schultz Electric Co. repairs	11.25
Superior Electric Supply Co., supplies	6.12
H.E.C.P. of Ontario, lamps	227.31
Inspection Department, inspection fees	2.50
	\$280.29

  

Waterworks Department	
Hydro Department, power at spring	\$34.01
Neptune Meters Ltd. meter repairs	11.16
	\$45.17

On checking over the list of arrears the superintendent was given instructions as to their disposal.

## WINDOW FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY GREATLY ADMIRER

The window arranged to show the significance of Remembrance Day, in the Jhrastone & Rumley store, has been admired by many the past week. The rows of white crosses, the flag and the arrangement of the wreaths which will be placed on the monument on Remembrance Day, with the artistic background and appropriate arrangement of the whole affair have made a deep impression on many who have gazed on it for some time. The display was the special work of Legionnaire Wm. Middleton.

## Passenger Suffers Fractured Arm in Motor Collision

### Truck and Auto Collide at Queen and Young Street Junction of Highway

What has come to be locally known as "Calamity Corner," added another motor smash to its record on Tuesday morning when a truck of Besroff Mfg. Co., Toronto, was in collision with a motor car, driven by J. E. Moore, 285 Woolwich Street, Guelph. As a result Mrs. Moore suffered a fractured arm and was severely bruised. The whole front of the motor car was smashed and repair bills were estimated at \$200, if the machine was considered worth repairing.

The crash occurred about 10:30 on Thursday morning. Dan Brown, 40 Merrindale Avenue, Toronto, was driving the truck of Besroff Mfg. Co., west. Instead of turning with the highway onto Young Street, he went straight through to go down Queen Street. J. E. Moore, of Guelph, going east, was just at the corner turning as the highway proceeds from Young to Queen Streets. The front of the Moore car and side of the truck were in collision. Fenders, hood and the whole front of the Moore car were demolished.

Fortunately, the drivers of neither car was injured beyond a bad shaking up and bruising. Mrs. Moore was the most seriously injured.

## Scotch Night at the Meeting of Rockalong Institute

The Rockalong Institute met at the home of Mrs. Plank, in Rockwood, for their November meeting, with the President, Mrs. D. McNeill, in charge.

There was a good attendance of members and a number of visitors. Being Scottish, the meeting was opened with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," and the roll call was answered with the name of a noted Scotchman.

Miss Doris Watson was appointed as delegate to the annual Convention, Miss Bayne and Mrs. D. McNeill were named as a committee to arrange for the attendance of one or two cartons of other members at the Convention for one day. Mrs. Harris, Convener for the day, took the chair for the remainder of the meeting. Mrs. Harris gave a talk on the motto, "Listening is an Art," and conducted two Scotch contests, the prize going to Miss Macleod and Mrs. Dunbar. Mrs. Williamson acted as judge.

Two girls from the Erasmus Branch, Miss McDougall and Miss Buckland, demonstrated the making of a hat stand, and exhibited a number of other practical and useful articles which they had learned to make at the Junior Institute projects. They were tendered a hearty vote of thanks. Mrs. Williamson gave two papers, "Rural Opportunities, and How to Make the Most of Them," and "The Sunny Side of Life." She also read two of Bobby Burns' poems, "To a Wife as William Haas," and "To Mary in Heaven." With her delightful Scotch accent, she rendered them exceedingly well.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered by Mrs. Nelson and seconded by Miss Bayne, to the hostess and all who had in any way helped at the meeting.

### Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, from acts of other events, under this heading, are charged, in cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 5c.

Firmen's Bingo, Monday, December 5th. Good prizes. Tickets on sale.
Coming! Bridge and refreshments, sponsored by Acton Tennis and Bowling Club.
A Dance in Brookville Hall on Friday, November 11th. Hull's Orchestra. Admission 25c.
Knox Y.W.A. Rummage Sale and Home-made Baking in Council Chamber on Saturday, December 3rd, starting at three o'clock.
Exhite and Dance, Friday, November 18th, in the Town Hall, under the auspices of Acton L.O.L. No. 467. Door, Dance and several exhite prizes. Lunch served.

## Election Dates for Nassagaweya Set by By-Law

### Donation Made to Acton Legion for Remembrance Day—Accounts Are Passed

Nassagaweya Township Council met on November 7th with the members all present and Mr. Gordon, Reeve, in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and also the correspondence.

The Secretary of the local Board of Health presented the annual report of the work of the Board for the year.

The bond covering the Treasurer was renewed and a premium of \$10.00 paid to Mr. A. T. Moore.

The Treasurer was instructed to place to the credit of the Police Village of Campbellville their share of taxes for 1938, also the same to the Police Village of Eben Mills.

A donation of \$5.00 was given to the Acton Legion for Remembrance Day.

The following accounts were then ordered paid by the Treasurer:

Board of Health accounts	\$180.00
Weed Inspectors' account	11.00
Caretaking of Memorial Plot	20.00
Road Superintendent's Voucher	900.47
Relief Officer's Vouchers	85.08
Miscellaneous accounts	127.54

By-law No. 8 was then passed making provision for the Election of a Reeve and four Councillors for the year 1939. The Council then adjourned to meet December 1st at one o'clock.

## THE WINNER AND THE SOLUTION TO THE PUZZLE POEM

Very appropriate again was the word in last week's Puzzle Poem by Mr. W. Colles. The correct answer was "Poppy" and the weekly award goes to Miss Eileen Timney, R. R. No. 3, Acton. Judging by replies, a lot of folks have a good deal of amusement each week getting a solution to these rhymes. Send in your answer each week. Someone wins the prize and it is just as liable to be you as anyone else.

## The World Observes Remembrance Day To-Morrow



Canada's National War Memorial To-day you visit distant graves Among the poppies set. The pain, the anguish and the tears. All these are with you yet. But these be futile murmurings We plead you to forget. Scarcely had our home been pioneered When came the mother's cry: And who were her rightful sons, Who held her honor high? Who had been schooled to sacrifice Beneath a western sky.

Members in France, 1914-18 These are but memories, today Our blood-stained bayonets rust. Our earthly forms have mingled with Old mounds of valiant dust. To you who mourn let now be born Involute our trust. Our war-torn souls are like the stars That ride the silver night; For death has cast her gentle spell Upon our feeble sight! While God completes his masterpiece Of beauty, hope and light.

U. S. War Memorial in France Think of us only when the dawn Comes with the wind's soft cry. As silent marchers in a host! That arcs the morning sky. For we are happy in our lot And would not hear you sigh To-day you vision distant graves— Among the poppies set: The pain, the anguish, and the tears All these are with you yet; But these be futile murmurings, We plead you to forget.

—Reginald Hardy.