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## Everyone Can Share in Helping Acton's Needy

The annual appeal for Goods and Foods to brighten the homes at Christmastide for the needy of Acton is being made. The work is under the direction of the Welfare Board, and the various organizations of the community, interested in charitable enterprises.

Goods of each may be left at the Council Chamber on Thursday, December 22nd, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A man will be in charge during these hours, to receive the donations.

Distribution of the baskets of Christmas cheer will be made on Thursday, December 22nd.

THE HELP OF ALL IS NEEDED — YOU CAN SHARE IN BRINGING CHRISTMAS CHEER IN ACTON HOMES

## United W.M.S. Elects Officers for the Year

The December meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church was held at the home of Mrs. Peter Smith on Tuesday afternoon, with Mrs. B. Mowat presiding.

The devotional period was in charge of Mrs. E. M. Morrow. A paper, a Christmas message, "The Gift of Silence," was given by Mrs. Mowat. The Temperance topic was taken by Mrs. Jas. Symon and Mrs. Caldwell.

Musical numbers included a vocal solo by Barbara Vincent, piano solos by Miss Pearl Smith and Mrs. R. Arnold, "By the Waters of Minnetonka."

Mrs. Mowat then introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. James Laughland, President of Halton Conference Branch, who spoke on "Our Individual Responsibility." We should co-operate with the church and all the work which we as individuals are called upon to do. She also spoke on the Conference, which opened in Madras on Monday, with 450 delegates, and six from Canada.

Mrs. Caldwell moved a very hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Laughland for her splendid address.

Mrs. R. L. Johnston presented the report for nomination of new officers, and Mrs. Laughland presided over the election.

**President** Mrs. B. Mowat.  
**1st Vice-President** Mrs. E. M. Morrow.  
**2nd Vice-President** Mrs. J. H. Reed.  
**3rd Vice-President** Mrs. J. R. Kennedy.

**Treasurer** Mrs. G. A. Dills.  
**Corresponding Secretary** Mrs. A. T. Brown.  
**Recording Secretary** Mrs. G. H. Switzer.

**Secretary of Christian Stewardship and Finance** Mrs. C. Mason.  
**Secretary of Temperance and Christian Citizenship** Mrs. J. Symon.  
**Secretary of Community Friendship** Mrs. P. Cleave.  
**Secretary of Supply Literature** Mrs. S. J. Reid.  
**Secretaries of Missionary Monthly** Mrs. H. Denny, Mrs. T. Watson.  
**Secretary of Associate Helpers** Mrs. H. L. Johnston.  
**Superintendent of Baby Band** Mrs. M. E. Nelson.  
**Superintendent of Mission Band** Mrs. R. H. Elliott.

**Press Secretary** Miss E. Hawthorne.  
**Pianist** Mrs. R. R. Arnold.  
**Assistant Pianist** Mrs. J. R. Kennedy.

Meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Mowat. A very dainty lunch was served by Mrs. Smith, after which a social time was spent.

A very hearty vote of thanks was given Mrs. Smith, and Miss Pearl Smith for their hospitality.

## Rambling Round...

Well, the ice all went out at the Arena, but it left the ground moist and damp, at least.

Tuesday was the first return of winter temperature and the ice-making has started again.

Progress, of course, depends on just how heavy the freezing is, and progress was good last night.

In the morning Eddie Ryder has been engaged as Arena Secretary and is on the job.

Hot dogs, relish or mustard will be in charge of Bill Blanche at the Arena this year.

The O.H.A. Bulletin also says: The O.H.A. Executive Committee intends to make the tennis play clean hockey this season even if some of the players and coaches have to be suspended. O.H.A. referees have been notified to severely penalize all high sticking and slashing on the hands, arms and body, with major penalties to those who start fouls on the ice. Players who jump on the ice to mix in a fight will get 10 minutes misconduct penalty, and if they actually get into the fight, each player will get a 5-minute major penalty. Three major penalties in a season for any player may result in his suspension. O.H.A. managers and coaches should take warning and notify their players if they do not play clean hockey, they will not be permitted to play at all.

Getting sort of tough on the rough boys.

The group schedule should be out next week. Last year, games in the Intermediate group were scheduled for the 17th, but the first game wasn't played until 20th.

Just had word this a.m. from Secretary Middleton, that the Intermediate schedule will be drawn up for the group on Monday night.

The Junior schedule will be drawn immediately after. We expect to be able to present them both next week.

**SPLENDID MEETING OF THE UNITED YOUNG PEOPLE'S**

The regular meeting of the United Young People's Union on Monday evening was in charge of Miss Velma Murray. The roll call was answered by a current event. The scripture was read by Laura Johnston. The topic "Christ's Supremacy" was given by Miss Moffat. Sylvia Morrow led a sing-song of Christmas carols. Readings were given by Erna Wilderspin and Frances Dill. Lorena Lecker rendered a very enjoyable piano solo. It was decided to hold the next two meetings on Tuesday evenings.

**MUSICAL AND LITERARY PROGRAM AT BANNOCKBURN**

The last regular meeting of the Bannockburn Literary Society was held on Thursday evening December 8th. After the business part of the meeting, Mrs. Stanley Morrison was called upon to take the chair. The program consisted of mouth organ selections by Joe Johnston, reading by Howard Switzer; piano instrumental by Owen Dobie; songs by Lois Watson, Helen Sprowl, Jack Gordon and Mae Sprowl, reading by Ethel Mcenery; piano solo by Eleanor Griffin; accordion and mouth organ selections by Harry Knight and Russell McDonald, reading by Mrs. Fred Anthony; mouth organ selections by Lloyd James and Russell McDonald; step dancing by Joe Johnston; and musical selections by the Swindelhurst Bros. The meeting closed with the National Anthem.

An interesting contest was then enjoyed by all, lunch was served and the remainder of the evening spent in dancing.

## Annual Meeting and Election at Knox W. M. S.

Knox Women's Missionary Society held their December meeting at the home of Mrs. Thos. Rumley, Thursday afternoon. Although the weather was very disagreeable, a goodly number were present. Mrs. F. S. Blaw presided. Scripture was read by Mrs. W. Lauby.

Fitting reference was made of one of the members of the Home Helpers, Mrs. John McGregor, who was being laid away in Parkview Cemetery that afternoon, of her sterling, Christian character, and unselfish devotion in the work of the Master. An expression of sympathy was extended to the family.

This being the annual meeting, very gratifying reports of the year's work were received. At the conclusion of the regular program, Mrs. H. Maltzprize was appointed to preside for the election of officers, and Mrs. M. Leitch was appointed secretary, when the following officers were elected for the coming year:

**Honorary President** Mrs. H. L. Benzie.  
**President** Mrs. E. J. Hassard.  
**1st Vice-President** Mrs. F. S. Blaw.  
**2nd Vice-President** Mrs. A. J. Buchanan.  
**3rd Vice-President** Mrs. M. Leitch.  
**Treasurer** Mrs. W. J. Gould.  
**Librarian** Mrs. M. McDonald.  
**Librarian Secretary** Mrs. A. Smith.  
**Club Telling Secretary** Mrs. W. M. Cooper.  
**Mission Band Leader** Mrs. H. Main.  
**Home Helpers Secretary** Mrs. A. B. Melzani.

**Welcome and Welfare Committee:** Mrs. T. Rumley, Mrs. G. Murray, and Mrs. T. Scott.

**Study Committee:** Mrs. F. S. Blaw, Conover.  
**Program Committee:** Mrs. W. Lauby, Mrs. G. Murray.  
**Press Secretary:** Mrs. G. H. Lantz.  
**Visiting Committee:** Mrs. A. Kammann, Mrs. W. Robertson, Mrs. H. Awrey, Mrs. W. Thompson.  
**Auditors:** Mrs. W. Lauby, Mrs. G. H. Lantz.

## ACTON OFFERS SPLENDID SHOPPING ADVANTAGES

Throughout this entire Christmas edition of The Free Press, Acton Merchants have made a splendid presentation of many of the gift attractions they have to offer. They have tried to assist you in the task of Christmas shopping.

Stores windows all along the street give a fine display of many of these offerings. You can shop satisfactorily and economically in Acton stores. Prices will be found to compare favorably and in many cases offer an advantage in shopping here. The dollar spent at home builds up your own community. Do your shopping now and do it in Acton.

## SCOUTS ARE REPAIRING TOYS SEND IN UNUSED ONES

Acton Boy Scouts and Rover Scouts are opening a toy repair shop to make ready unused toys for gifts to Acton children through the Relief Board. Any unused or discarded or broken toy of picture and story books will be gratefully received. Just communicate with Scoutmaster George Mason as soon as possible and the Scouts will call and collect the articles you may have.

## NO WINNER TO THE PUZZLE POEM LAST WEEK

You, of course we received solutions to the Puzzle Poem last week but none of them were correct. We thought every High School pupil at least would decipher the puzzle quite readily but we did not receive one correct solution. The answer was "Leitch," the surname of the Principal of the Acton Continuation School. Perhaps Mr. Cole will not make this week's poem so difficult.

## Last Regular Meeting of the 1938 Acton Council

**E. Ryder, Arena Secretary — Construction of Water Main Urged — Complaint Regarding Drainage and Rat Nuisance at Town Dumping Ground — Licenses Fees Are Checked.**

**W. Prver, wood for arena** 4.00  
**W. D. Thibet, supplies** 4.24  
**H. L. McDonald, insurance premium on arena** 170.00  
**Township of Requeing, taxes on spring** 11.38  
**Erst L. Wright, insurance on Fire Brigade** 94.00  
**County Treasurer, 1938 County rate** 5,946.82  
**Province of Ontario share of street payment** 1,962.50  
**Acton Fire Brigade, annual allowance** 300.00  
**Alfred Bauer, fire engineers salary** 25.00  
**Underwood-Elliott-Fisher Co., adding machine** 140.00  
**Norman McEberth care of fire truck** 25.00  
**Bell Telephone Co. services** 9.50  
**Symon Hardware supplies** 70  
**W. R. E. Hair repairs and labor** 10.25  
**R. J. Wallace teaming, etc.** 7.40  
**Dr. J. A. McEberth, Medical Officer of Health** 90.00  
**Frank Holmes, rede** 3,000

**\$9,090.96**

Applications for the position of Secretary of the Arena were received from Messrs. C. Byrne and E. Ryder. Mr. Motron Rydel was appointed to the position at a salary of \$10 per week for the season of 1939-39.

Tenders for the booth concession at the arena were also received from Wm. Blanche and D. Maplesden. The tender of Wm. Blanche was accepted. The price to be paid was \$11 for the season payment to be made by January 15th. A motion to cover this was passed.

By motion the Arena Commission for the season was appointed as follows: **Reeve** Mr. McCutcheon, **De** E. J. Nelson, **G. A. Dill** and **J. A. Chapman**. Full authority to operate the arena was delegated to this Commission.

A letter from Beardmore & Co. drew attention of the Council to the fact that waste material was being put in the stream from the Acton Creamery. This had a detrimental effect on their boilers, and the company asked that Council take steps to remedy this situation. The Council instructed the Municipal Officer to investigate the complaint and a report will be made at the next meeting.

Another letter from Beardmore & Co. drew attention of Council to the fact that garbage deposited in the dump on their property was not being burned or covered as had been agreed when this privilege was granted. Complaint was made by residents of the Crescent of the rat nuisance. Notice was given that the privilege would be withdrawn as from

## Acton Short Course Group Visit Guelph Colleges

On Tuesday last the 70 young men and women who are attending the three months Short Courses in Agriculture and Home Economics at Acton, paid a visit to Guelph, where they were guests at the Ontario Agricultural College and the Ontario Institute of Horticulture. In company with Short Course students from Preston, Wentworth County, they were addressed by President Dr. G. I. Christie.

During the previous week the young men visited the farms of Geo. Mack & Son, well known breeders of Angus cattle, at Rockwood, and Oscar Lerch, Georgetown, whose Yorkshire swine were prominent winners at the recent Royal and Provincial Winter Fairs.

Itinerant speakers during the week were John Clark and I. O. Merritt, both of Toronto who delighted their respective audiences with illustrated lectures on Horticulture and Reforestation.

This week the young men will be favored with special lectures by Dr. Lloyd Stevenson of the Ontario Veterinary College, and Prof. E. C. Stillwell of the Ontario Agricultural College.

Friday marks the ending of the courses until after the New Year when they will re-open on Tuesday, January 3rd. A number of new students will enroll at that time.

## Acton L.O.L. Elect Officers for 1939

Installation of officers for 1939 of Acton L.O.L. No. 467 took place at the annual meeting, District Worshipful Master H. Brownridge, Past County Masters C. Beatty, C. Brooks and D.D.M. J. Wilson, of Hornby, conducted the ceremony, W.C.M. Howard Masales and C.F.B. C. K. Browne conducted the election and installation.

The new officers are:  
**W.M.** William Evans  
**D.M.** J. M. Steele  
**Chaplain** W. Allen  
**Recording Secretary** C. K. Browne  
**Financial Secretary** H. Masales  
**Treasurer** V. B. Rumley  
**Marshal** R. Gumble  
**Lecturer** S. Hubble  
**Deputy Lecturer** A. Leishman  
**Committee Men** H. Gordon J. Vickers, E. Parker, W. McPherson, W. Frank  
**Inside Tyler** J. Watson  
**Sentinel** C. Leishman

The visiting brethren from Guelph presented a feature of the evening when A. E. Draisdale, W.M., Guelph L.O.L. 2521, presented the Acton lodge with a beautiful gavel presented by H. C. B. Biddle as a means of fostering goodwill and closer brotherhood the gavel started from Tilsonburg in May on its travels and is to be returned to Tilsonburg in May 1940 by the lodge then holding it. Lodges who have until now held the traveling gavel are Ingersoll, Woodstock, Bright, Martin, Lather, Lodge Kitchener, Royal City Lodge Guelph, and Acton.

Among the visitors present at this meeting were P.C.M. F. Norton, W.M. P. T. and Deputy Master J. Everson, of Glen Williams, as well as the installing officers from Guelph. Following the conclusion of the lodge work, lunch was served and a social time enjoyed.

December 1st 1938. Councilor Chalmers and Chief McPherson were appointed to make an investigation and report to Council.

A letter from the Acton Continuation School Athletic Society asked permission to use the arena for practice on two nights per week from 4 to 6 p.m. The time and arrangements were left for the Arena Commission.

A resolution was passed to have the first meeting of the 1939 Council on Tuesday January 3rd, at 8 p.m. This was in accord with a by-law passed by Council.

Another resolution was passed authorizing the Tax Collector to return his roll on the third day of January.

Another resolution passed an allowance of \$100.00 to the Chief of Police for the use of his car during the year on municipal business.

Letters from the National Mill Producers and Canadian Mothercraft Association were ordered filed.

Reeve McCutcheon invited Council and the officials and members of the Council to his residence on December 22nd.

The Clerk read a list of those who had paid license fees during the year. The Municipal Officer was instructed to institute proceedings against those who were liable and had not paid the required license.

Members of the Council expressed appreciation of the services which Councilor Chapman had given for a year and regretted that he was retiring from Council work. Councilor Chapman regretted he was unable to continue and hoped that at some other time he would again resume office.

## New Leader of Ontario Conservatives



George A. Drew, prominent in the Ontario Conservative Party, delegates to the Ontario Conservative Convention held in Toronto, elected Col. George A. Drew as leader of the party to fill the post left vacant by the resignation of Roy Paul Fox.

## Cardinals Have Novel Program at A. Y. P. A.

St. Alban's A.Y.P.A. held their weekly meeting in the Parish Hall on Tuesday night. After the usual business part of the meeting, President Don MacPherson, introduced the Cardinal's program, which was to provide the program at this meeting.

Mr. Rogers explained that each letter of the Group's name the Cardinals would be represented by an item on the program. The first letter, "C," was represented by the cheer of the Group in which the whole Group took part.

The second letter, "A," represented an act, which was a recitation by George Holloway, the next was a reading by Fred Turner, "The Merchant and the Boy," following this was a duet by Bruce and Jerry Parzinger, "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere." The next letter, "I," stood for the word "Impractical," and this was represented by the whole Group singing a hymn. The letter "N" stood for nonsense, which was demonstrated by a humorous little skit led by Gordon Beatty and Jerry Parzinger.

The next item on the program was a very interesting short play, entitled "Me and Betty," the cast were as follows: Olive Rogers, Lois Hawkins, Kathleen Wender, Jerry Parzinger, Beatrice Woods, Gordon Savage and Kathleen O'Connell.

Much laughter was created by the next part on the program, which was a short skit whose author was Mr. Rogers and in which Ks. O'Rourke, Lois Hawkins, Kay Wender and Jerry Parzinger took part.

The last letter was demonstrated by Mr. Simpson giving a solo on his trombone accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Simpson. The Group ended the program with its song and cheer.

## SCOUT MOTHERS DISCUSS COOPERATION TO HELP SCOUTS

The regular meeting of the Scout Mothers Auxiliary was held on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Rudmore. The President Mrs. Watson opened the meeting. The Secretary's report was read, followed by the Treasurer's. Sixteen members answered roll call. General business was discussed, after which Mrs. Watson gave a talk on what our co-operation and interest would do to advance our boys as Scouts.

Mrs. Johnson conducted a contest. Lunch was served by the hostesses in charge for the evening.

## CONSTABLE RECOVERING FROM CRASH OF YEAR AGO

Provincial Officer Allie Jackson, severely injured in a motor accident on the new Middle Highway, a year ago, has had the cast removed from his leg. He is able to walk with the use of two canes. A series of operations on his leg is causing the prolonged convalescence it is reported.

## RURAL HOCKEY LEAGUE ALL READY FOR ACTION

At a meeting on Monday evening of the Rural Hockey League, V. B. Rumley was made an Honorary President. The League is ready for action when ice is available with eight teams in the line-up. The application of Georgetown Pirates was accepted. Frank Gibbons was appointed official referee. Streetsville also inquired about regulations but have not decided to enter a team as yet.

## Junior O.H.A. Group Has Been Changed

A bulletin from O.H.A. Headquarters gives notice of a change in the Junior group, announced last week. The local boys have been placed in Group 6, which has only four teams now, Acton, Milton, Orangeville and Oakville.

Ebors and Fergus Juniors have been moved to Group 9, to play with Elmira and New Hamburg.

Mr. W. Middleton is the Convener of Group 6, and the meetings will be held in Acton.

## Coming Events

- St. Alban's Christmas Concert, Friday, December 23rd. Admission 25c.
- Acton Citizens' Band Dinner in Town Hall, Acton, on December 23rd. Good music.
- Georgetown School Christmas Concert, on Thursday, December 22nd. Admission 20c and 10c.
- Greenock Christmas Concert, Monday, December 19th. Admission 15c and 5c. Lunch served.
- Bannockburn School Concert, December 22nd, at 8 p.m. Three-act play, "Twas Taken a Holiday," by six-pupils. Admission 20c and 10c.
- The Christmas Concert of S. S. No. 8, Eramosa (McNabb School) will be held on Tuesday, December 20th. Admission 20c and 10c.
- Ligny School, S. S. No. 1, Requeing, Christmas Concert, December 21st. "Reflections, Dialogues and a play, "The Neighbors." Ella Swackhamer, Teacher.