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DIES IN 107th YEAR



MRS. AGNES YOUNG

Oldest Woman Died at Ballinacrad at the Age of 106

Mrs. Agnes Young Passed Away Just Two Days After the Death of Her Daughter

Just two days after the death of her daughter, Barbara, Mrs. Agnes Young, who was believed to have been the oldest living woman in the Dominion, died at her home at Ballinacrad on Thursday morning.

Confining to her bed for almost a year and a half, she would have marked her one hundred and seventh birthday on September 1st. Born on a farm in Chinguacousy Township, Peel County, only a few miles from where she died, she was one of the few Canadians who could tell of early pioneer life from personal experience. After marriage to James Young, who predeceased her, she aided her husband in clearing the land for their first home, and in cultivating the soil for their first crops.

Possessing remarkable vitality, she continued to do a good share of the heavy work around the farm until after she had passed her ninetieth birthday. Even after that time, she continued to climb the stairs of her home, unassisted, until her one hundred and second birthday. She remained active until the spring of 1937, when she suffered an attack of influenza, from which she never entirely recovered.

Although, near the end, some of the memories of middle life were fading, she could still recall vividly the events of the rebellion of 1837, which broke out when she was a child of 5. The action of her father, James Smith, a government sympathizer, in leading his arms to prevent the rebels from using them, always remained clear to her. She never forgot the uncertainty and unrest during and immediately after the uprising.

Treasured among her keepsakes had been a gold brooch, given to her by her husband at the time of their marriage, eighty-four years ago. She continued until her death to wear it on special occasions.

The end came suddenly Thursday morning. In poor health for more than a year, she became suddenly worse three days before her death. Doctors, for whom she "had no use," were quickly called in an attempt to save her life, but in vain. Not strong enough to combat the attack, she continued to sink slowly and died early Thursday.

Surviving are one son, James, and four daughters, Maud, Annie, Janet and Jeanette. A fifth daughter, Barbara, died on Tuesday.

I.O.D.E. Groups Have Evening at Chinese Checkers

Group Number Three of the Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. held an evening of that currently popular game, Chinese Checkers, on Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. A. Fryer, for the Chapter members and their friends.

Following the games, the tables were all placed together and an excellent lunch served by the hostesses.

Lucky numbers were drawn and prizes won by Mrs. Helwig and Mrs. George Benton. A day of the month prize went to Miss Beattie Rawlings. Mrs. C. F. Letherland and Mrs. E. Vincent received lucky chair prizes—and Mrs. George Somerville made the closest guess on a plate of marbles, which won her a prize. Chinese checkers has become quite popular and provided a most novel and interesting evening.

WHAT TO BUY

"I don't like the looks of that mackerel!"

"If you want looks, why not buy a goldfish?"

Masonic Order Entertain Ladies on Wed. Evening

Cards, Luncheon, Dancing and Entertainment Make a Splendid Evening — Card Winners

Revival of Ladies' Night at Walker Lodge, A.F. & A.M., last night, proved one of the most enjoyable social evenings that has been held in the community in some time. It was held in the gymnasium of the Y.M.C.A., and the accommodations were taxed to care for the large number attending, not only from Acton but from lodges of the district. Very appropriate Masonic decorations made the room and the entire surroundings beautiful.

It was truly a night for the ladies. After a welcome at the door by W.M. Robt. Winton and V.W. Bro. W. M. Cooper and Mrs. Cooper, each lady was presented with a rose bud, and had the privilege of viewing the splendid quarters and appointments of Walker Lodge in the Y.M.C.A. building and many were the fine comments on the plan and furnishing of these quarters. Cards were enjoyed for an hour or so. Prizes were won by Mrs. R. M. Findlay, Guelph; Mrs. H. Sayers, Mr. Dean Leslie and Mr. J. W. McHaffey.

Rev. Slocome, of Toronto, a versatile entertainer, proved the right man in the right place. His playing on the piano accordion and leading in just a good hearty sing-song, had everyone together and, as Rex said, just like a big choir. He also had a big bag of tricks, cards, handkerchiefs, lemons, ropes, money and what-have-you were all in on the games. He kept the crowd convulsed with laughter at his quips and applauding his acts to prove that the hand is quicker than the eye.

A delightful luncheon was served by the members, truly the men made every effort to be a "ladies' night."

The concluding feature was an hour or so of dancing, to music by Doris Hill's Orchestra, with Ernie Packer as floor manager. The whole arrangement was splendidly carried out.

Mr. J. M. McDonald was chairman, and the committee in charge are to be congratulated on the success attending the event. Naturally the ladies and the men, too, anticipate the making of the event an annual affair.

April Weddings of Local Interest During the Week

RIDDALL-CHISHOLM

The marriage of Frances Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Chisholm, Acton, to Mr. George William Riddall, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Riddall, of Georgetown, took place at the St. James' Anglican Church, Guelph, on Friday evening, April fourteenth. Rev. F. Wase officiated.

The bride wore a navy and white tulle dress, with navy hat and shoes, and a corsage of white rose buds. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Vint, of Georgetown, were the attendants.

After a short wedding trip, the happy couple will reside at 53 Glasgow Street, Guelph.

HILL-McDOUGALL

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized on Saturday afternoon at three o'clock by the Rev. E. Kenny, of Hilda Glen, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. McDougall, of Bramosa, to James S. Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Hill, of Erin. The bride was dressed in navy gilette, with matching accessories, and wore a corsage of Sweetheart roses and maidenhair fern. After the ceremony, the young couple left on a short motor trip to points east.

VARIED PROGRAM AT MEETING OF ACTON U.F.Y.P.O.

Last Thursday evening the U.F.Y.P.O. held another very enjoyable meeting in Lorne School.

The President was in charge of the business session and final arrangements were made for the annual dance.

John Atken was chairman while the program was being presented. Vocal numbers were given by Helen McCals, Margaret Johnston, and Evelyn Pearson, followed by a speech on "The Emperor of Japan," by Harvey Hassard. Vocal solos by Gordon McKewen; violin solos by Mansell Nellis, and solos by Lorena Locke, were all very much appreciated. Then followed ten minutes of community singing.

After the National Anthem, lunch was served and the rest of the evening spent in dancing.

NOT AT ALL

Prof. "You missed my class yesterday, didn't you?"

Student: "Not in the least, sir; not in the least."

Easter Thank Offering of Knox Presbyterian W.M.S.

The Easter Thank Offering of Knox-W.M.S. was held last Thursday in the class room. Mrs. Hassard, the President, was in the chair, and gave a cheery welcome to all present. The service followed the plan set forth by the Presbytery, with all branches of the Society taking a part of the service.

The meeting opened with the singing of a hymn, and prayer by the President. The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read and approved. The Spring Rally is to be held May 9th, at Elmira. Four girls of the Mary R. Moore Guild took charge of the scripture reading. A tableau, by six Mission Band girls formed the word EASTER. Mrs. Blow sang very acceptably. "The Stranger of Gallilee." Mrs. R. Spielvogel, President of the Young Women's Auxiliary, read the resurrection scene from Matthew 28th chapter, followed by three Mission Band girls reciting "Jesus is Risen." Questions and answers of the final command of "Jesus," "Go Ye and Tell," was given by four of the Mission Band. A chorus, "Jesus Christ is Risen To-day," was given by the Senior Mission Band. A pageant by six girls, dressed as children from other lands, who came bringing gifts of flowers to the leader, showing their appreciation of the work done by the missionaries who "go and tell."

Miss Inez McLeellan recited the Master's message left to His followers when He left this world. "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Teaching them to observe all things, and so, I am with you all way, even unto the end of the world." Mrs. Gould was called forward and Mrs. Bennie read an address, and Mrs. Hinton presented her with a Life Membership. Mrs. Gould replied very feelingly. The collection was then received and the dedicatory prayer was given by Mrs. Buchanan.

PROGRAM, LUNCH AND SOCIAL TIME AT BANNOCKBURN

The Bannockburn Literary Society held their regular meeting last Friday evening. After the singing of the "Maple Leaf," the minutes were read and adopted and the roll call answered.

Miss Irma Watson took the chair while the following program was given: Piano duet, by Mrs. Worden and Mrs. Ada Finlay; recitation by Mac Sprout; songs by Wilmer Davidson and Stewart Russell; a paper by Roy McKewen; solos by Erma Wilderspin; and violin selections by Jack Cook. The meeting closed with the National Anthem. Lunch was served and a social evening spent in dancing.

WINNER OF THE WEEKLY AWARD FOR PUZZLE POEM

The solution to the Puzzle Poem last week was rather lengthy. The word was "Oxyacetylene." The winner of the weekly award is L. M. Hinton, Box 491, Acton. You'll find another one on Page Five. This feature by Mr. Coles has been popular for two years now and judging by the number of replies received each week it maintains interest well.

Grants Made by Erin Township Council Monday

Inspection of Roads and Bridges to be Made — Court of Revision Arranged

The Municipal Council of the Township of Erin met at Hillsburg on April 17th, and transacted the following business: The Council and Road Superintendent decided to act as a Road and Bridge Committee to inspect the roads and bridges in the Township.

The Treasurer was instructed to transfer to the Police Village of Hillsburg \$10.00, collected in fines in the village.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay all overdue telephone debentures prior to June 1st.

The Erin Agricultural Society were promised the usual grant from the Township for 1939.

The Treasurer was authorized to advance sufficient money to the Telephone Commissioners for the operation of the municipal telephones for 1939.

The Council granted \$15.00 to the Salvation Army Rescue Home in Hamilton. The following accounts were paid:

For Relief	\$156.40
For Roads	30.50
Miscellaneous	17.75

Council will sit as a Court of Revision on the Assessment-Roll of 1939 and for other municipal business on Thursday, May 25th, 1939. Appeals against the Assessment Roll must be in the hands of the Clerk on or before May 14th, 1939.

Acton Wins First Game in O.H.A. Hockey Finals

After Shaky Start in First Period Came from Behind to Clinch the Game in the Third — Tanners Proved Better Team to Finish by 7-3 Score — Second Game in Galt To-night — Both Teams Out to Win — Championship Race is Close.

At last it's almost happened. The quest for hockey honors started back ten years ago by Acton Intermediates has landed them into the finals in 1939. Better than that, the Tanners have first game of the final three-game series in the bag from the Woodstock Red Devils. One more win will land them the championship. That one win will finish the quest, started ten years ago, when Acton built its new arena. It's been a long trail and of the team of ten years ago, not one is on the team regularly this year. But Frank Gibbons of the original team was in for some of the games this year and played a part along the trail that every fan here hopes will lead to the top.

Hockey's talk on every corner during the day, and between games. Nights of the games a big part of the town moves Galt and to-night they move by special train for the second game of the final series. Monday night the Tanners won by a 7-3 score after Woodstock had led them 3-1 with only 22 more minutes of play. But in that 22 minutes the Tanners put on one of their scoring sprees for which the last three games have been noted. They scored six and held the Red Devils scoreless.

They are two great teams and anything can happen when they meet. Both teams are at top form and play fast, wide-open hockey. To-night's battle will be a fight to clinch the crown for the Tanners and a fight for the Red Devils to stay in the race and get the championship.

If you'll check on this game you'll see how these teams are battling it out. I. Marzo made the first rush on Woodstock goal in the Monday game. He didn't score, but slid into the boards and opened up an old leg injury and had to go to the dressing room for repairs. Bus Morton was close on Terry's pass out, Woodstock made a nice break but failed to pass the puck.

At 1:46 Norm Morton got the first goal on a scramble and a pass from brother Bus. Woods got the end of his stick on a long drive. Then Norm Morton drew a penalty for slashing, but Acton held hands. Kennedy was parked in front of Acton net and got a nice pass from inside the blue line, to beat Woods cold, at 6:11. Acton defence hadn't covered the play. I. Marzo went through and Murdock made a wonderful stop. Wray was in and Woods made a nice save. Terry was in and Johnny Brush was close on a rebound. Russ Smith's hot shot missed the net. Norm Morton was close and so was Kennedy. Jack Kentner charged into Smith and drew a penalty but Acton held when short. Jack went down fast and Rickett tripped him and he smashed heavily into the boards with his head and shoulder. It looked like a bad injury but Jack shook himself and kept in the game. Rickett got a well-deserved penalty. Russ Brush was close when he was right in, and E. Marzo shot wide. Acton ganged but had no luck. Kennedy was in close and Woods made a nice save. Terry and E. Marzo were beaten by the smart work of Murdock in the Woodstock goal.

Dolson slashed Norm Morton and drew a penalty. Russ Brush followed him for getting in on. Then Woodstock got the gift of a goal. At 19:04 Smith lobbed one from just inside the blue and was rolled in past Woods. At 19:57, Grant shot a nice back-hander and made it three for the Red Devils. Rennieck and Smith were in on the play. And so the first twenty minutes went to Woodstock. The Tanners certainly hadn't hit any stride.

Russ Brush was still in the penalty box as the second period opened. Johnny Brush made a terrible shot on a pass out from E. Marzo, and missed the corner on another Rickett drew a penalty for tripping J. Brush. Then Kentner was in and Johnny Brush missed the open net, and Johnny Brush missed a nice pass. Russ Brush was in but Murdock beat him.

Woods made a nice save when Kennedy was close. Norm Morton was going wide in this period, but Acton just could not throw off the shackles. Terry was close but Murdock beat him. Woods made a nice stop when Rennieck was in. I. Marzo was in and Murdock saved. Acton nearly scored on their own net as they tried to unravel. Norm Morton missed the open net from two feet. Then Bayliss missed when right in. Murdock was both good and lucky. Dolson drew a penalty for boarding Terry, but Woodstock held when short.

I. Marzo was close, on a nice pass out and Russ Brush let go a hot one. Walters crashed into Kennedy and drew a penalty. Norm Morton followed him for throwing Grant. Acton was two short and two goals down. But Manager Vic Rumley put out a shifty line of Terry and the Marzo boys and the Tanners held. Ilo was in and Murdock slid out to beat him. Russ Brush was in and Murdock laid across the goal to hold out the rubber.

The break for the Tanners came when Rickett drew his third penalty. At 18:16 Bayliss gave Norm Morton a pass for Acton's second goal. At 19:25 Ilo Marzo tied it up from a scramble. Two goals were scored on that penalty and the second period ended in a draw, at 3-11. The Tanners were going better and should have had more than the count showed.

Murdock was lucky as he fell to get his skate on E. Marzo's shot on the corner. Rennieck was in and Woods saved. Johnny Brush was right on but Murdock kept him off the score sheet. Then Acton got loose around their goal. Bayliss swung his stick at Kentner's head and went off. From a face-off I. Marzo took the puck and at 8:09 scored the goal that gave Acton the lead.

Wray was in and Woods made a lovely stop. At 10:01 Bayliss got the fifth for Acton when Russ Brush gave him the pass. The Juniors elicited nice on this one. Bus Morton went in but shot wide. Kentner and Johnny Brush combined but had no luck and the same for E. Marzo. Kennedy was close but Woods banged it out. At 13:14 Terry got the sixth with I. Marzo and J. Brush giving the assists. Murdock was away out on the play.

In the last five minutes of play Woodstock put on five forwards to try to get counters. Kentner drew a penalty for tripping. Dolson hooked Norm Morton on a nice breakaway and got a penalty for saving what looked like a sure goal. I. Marzo made a lovely break but Murdock beat him. Ilo was close again and Murdock saw plenty of rubber from all directions. Acton made a nice three-man break but Woodstock caught up with them.

At 18:31 Norm Morton made it 7 for Acton, with Terry giving him the pass. Bus Morton and Bayliss were in but Murdock got the pass. Woods made a nice save from a scramble. And so it ended at 7-3 for the Tanners on the first game of the final. Acton sure put on a fine finish to bring a win out of what had all the early ear-marks of something on the play.

The line-up: Acton—Woods, goal; E. Marzo, Kentner, defence; Terry, centre; I. Marzo; J. Brush; wings: N. Morton, R. Brush, B. Morton, Walters, Bayliss, alternates. Woodstock — Murdock, goal; Smith, Rennieck, defence; Kennedy, centre; Dolson and Grant, wings; Weller, Hanson, Henderson, Wray, Rickett, Alternates. Referee—Johnny Jones, Guelph.

STANLEY CUP STAR



Leader in the play-off battles of the Boston Bruins, that ended with the National Hockey League's Stanley Cup going to Boston for the first time in 11 years, was Bill Cowley. Above, superb play-making centre who, after a slow start during the past season because of injuries, finished the campaign by leading the scorers in the play-offs with three goals and 11 assists for a total of 14 points. It was the plays set up by the crafty Cowley's passes that resulted in so many game-winning goals by the two rookie sensations, Roy Conacher and Mel Hill.

Guest Speakers—Children's Choir at W.M.S. Meeting

The meeting of the United Church Women's Missionary Society on Tuesday evening had many features which contributed to make it an most enjoyable and profitable evening. It was held in the School room of the church and Mrs. B. Mowat was in charge and Mrs. Theford led in the devotions.

The sixty-voice choir of Acton Public School sang "Hymn of Praise." The boys' duet, Charlie Rushmore and Donald Evans, sang "Sundown." Betty Gibson continued the solo, "Daddy's Sweetheart," and the double trio sang "O Spirit Sweet of Summer-time." The children's numbers were directed by Miss T. F. Hunt, Directress of Music of Acton Schools. They are the selections which will be given at the County Music Festival next week.

Guest speakers at this meeting were Mrs. Overend and Mrs. Sutcliffe, of Georgetown. Mrs. Sutcliffe took the devotional, choosing as her subject, "Our Father, Who Art." She emphasized the great difference between our God and the heathen idols.

Mrs. Overend's address was based on a quotation from Tennyson, "Yet I doubt not thro' the ages one increasing purpose runs, and the thoughts of men are widen'd with the process of the suns." She told of the great increase in the membership of the churches in Asia and in Africa, and deplored the legacy of the church in Canada.

The meeting closed with a prayer by the President.

Robert Kerr Wins Many Prizes at Stratford Show

Prominent among the winners at the Stratford Horse Show last week, was Robert Kerr & Son, Acton, with their well-known choice hackneys. This breeder won second for two animals, 3-year-old or under; second with King and Queen for carriage team; first on Sonny Boy for hackney stallion, foaled previous to 1936; and Sweepstakes with the same entry; second for progeny of dam; second for hunter, foaled in 1936 or 1937; and second for saddle or line type of hunter; second on Polly for express or delivery, single hitched.

Another winner from this district in this class was R. M. Barden, of Hillsburg. Winnings on his horses were second for gentleman's turnout; and Mrs. Barden won as lady driver of carriage or roadster.

Acton Hydro Makes Plans for Range Campaign

Removal of Street Lighting Pole and Other Unused Pole is Requested on Elgin Street

Commissioner C. Hansen and Chairman R. J. Kerr were present at the meeting of the Public Utilities Commission on Tuesday evening.

The Superintendent reported the progress that had been made in securing cooperation with the local dealers on the range campaign for this year.

The Secretary was, by motion, instructed to pay the following accounts:

Hydro Department	
Bell Telephone Co., services	\$ 4.90
H.E.P.C. of Ontario, March power	2162.18
Mrs. H. L. McDonald, insurance premium	23.50
Northern Electric Co., supplies	30.28
Sangamo Co. Ltd., supplies	83.52
Macdonald Electric Ltd., supplies	20.02
Superior Electric Supply Co., supplies	3.74
Canadian Line Materials Ltd., supplies	6.04
Jas. R. Kearney Corporation, supplies	11.82
C.N.R., freight and express	1.15
J.C. Matthews, postage	10.00
Packard Electric Co., supplies	113.32
Norton Motors, truck supplies	4.90
	\$2477.37

Waterworks Department

Hydro Department, power at spring	\$42.24
Francis Hankin Co., supplies	3.60
Hydro Department, March operations	91.31
	\$137.15

Removal of a pole with a street light was requested by Beardmore & Co. The matter was referred to the Council for their attention.

The advertising appropriation and for prizes was set by the Commission to dealers for the range and slogan campaign.

HEADS ONTARIO-QUEBEC WEEKLIES



Mr. R. A. Giles, editor of the Lachute Watchman, Lachute, Que., and Vice-President of the Ontario and Quebec Division of the Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association, will be elected President of the Association when they hold their annual convention at Ottawa and the Signory Club on April 28th and 29th.

Contest Medals Presented to Acton Band

Splendid Concert by Weston Silver Band, Assisted by Local Artists

A packed Town Hall greeted the concert on Sunday evening of the Weston Silver Band and were treated to one of the finest programs that has been heard here in many a day. It had plenty of variety and the selection of band numbers by Bandmaster Sainsbury was most appropriate. The Weston Silver Band is a splendid musical organization and their interpretation of the various numbers made every one of them a real treat.

Included on this program of band numbers were "Ave Maria," soprano cornet solo, "Tons," and "Rose of Tralee," by Bandmaster Alloway. "The Drumhead Church Service," Euphonium solo, "Scenes that are Brightest," and a Euphonium duet, "I Need Thee Every Hour," concluding with "The Hallelujah Chorus." A couple of splendid marches were also included and one of these numbers was conducted by Bandmaster Perrott, of the Acton Band.

The double trip of Acton Public School and the duet of Joyce Desjardins and Jean Harris gave vocal numbers, with Miss T. F. Hunt as their accompanist, that were appreciated. Mr. Prutler gave two splendid piano solos, to complete this well-rounded program.

Another big feature of the concert was the presentation of the silver trophy and medals Acton Citizens' Band won in the Band Contest at Aurora last fall. Bandmaster Sainsbury made the presentation of the trophy to Bandmaster Perrott, and of medals to each of the following members of Acton Citizens' Band:

G. H. Perrott, C. Landsborough, R. Spielvogel, C. Byrnes, E. Wheelan, D. Maplesden, H. Lambert, F. Turner, Nino Braida, H. Taylor, S. Simpson, J. Nicol, G. Smith, T. Nicol, B. Patrick, R. Agnew, O. Simpson, K. Williams, G. Mason, D. Dawkins, N. Gibson, H. Price, W. McKee, and the late Tom Robson.

The medal for Drummer Tommy Robson, who passed away a few months ago, will be presented to his parents.

Before making the presentation, Bandmaster Sainsbury drew attention to the need of a band in the community. He urged that every citizen give the Acton Band loyal support and suggested that a Band-by-law be submitted to the ratepayers so that regular funds would be available to maintain a band on its proper level.

Following the concert, the members of Acton Citizens' Band were hosts to the visitors and served coffee, sandwiches and cake and enjoyed a social time with visiting musicians. The action of Mr. Sainsbury and his band, in coming to Acton was appreciated by the Band and citizens generally. Mr. Chas. W. Mason was chairman for the event.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Conventions or Other Events under this heading, are charged, in cents per line, with a minimum charge of one column of space.

Y.M.C.A. Dance in Acton Town Hall, May 12th. Graham Melrose and his music.

THE DIFFERENCE

"What's harder than buying a present for a girl who has everything?"

"Buying one for a girl who wants everything."