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The Empire Day Concert by the School Pupils

Prize Winning Numbers and Other Presentations Make a Program of Merit and Interest

A hall packed to the doors greeted the annual Empire Day concert last Thursday evening in the Town Hall. This event is sponsored by the Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the L.O.D.E. and the program furnished by the pupils of the Acton Public School. It was again this year a splendid presentation and showed careful training and ability. It was well varied and gave parents and friends a splendid opportunity to see and hear of the training given the pupils in other than academic lines. A display table of work of the pupils in various grades proved a most interesting exhibit and was keenly examined by many.

Very fittingly in this year of the Royal visit, the program was opened and closed with the National Anthem. On behalf of the Lakeside Chapter L.O.D.E., the Regent, Mrs. A. J. Buchanan, presented a new flag to the Municipality, for the stand at the Park entrance. Reeve McCutcheon received the flag and expressed the appreciation of the gift, on behalf of the citizens. The dedication of the flag was given by Miss Emma Robinson.

The pageant "Canada's Welcome," provided a very fitting opening. Betty Gibson gave the vocal solo that won for her the Mrs. M. R. Moore memorial prize. The Rhythm Band's presentation of "The Wedding of the Wooden Soldier and China Doll" was a delightful little number. The Boys' Choir rendered the selection that won the Festival Shield for them, and the Sixty Voice Choir, trophy winners, presented "A Hymn of Praise."

In appreciation of the training given by Miss Theresa Hunt and Mrs. Wm. Gowdy, the pupils of the school made a presentation to Miss Hunt of two books, and to Mrs. Gowdy of a beautiful plant. Both replied, expressing their appreciation of the tokens, and especially of the co-operation they had received from pupils, teachers and all that had again made success possible.

"Little Lamb" was the number by the Junior Choir, who were Festival shield winners, and a group of the smaller children presented a Kindergarten Singing Game, "A Frolic." The Forty Voice Choir, trophy winners, gave "The Lullaby." "Daffodils" and "Violet" and a group of the Primary children gave a recitation. Betty Gibson, silver medalist, gave a piano solo.

Each year the Duke of Devonshire Chapter L.O.D.E. present prizes for school work in each department. These were presented on behalf of the order, by Mrs. R. H. Elliott, Vice-Regent, and Mrs. H. Manprize. The Lakeside Chapter awards for the Best all-round Boy and Girl in the School were made by Mrs. A. J. Buchanan to Martin Hassard and Denis Wilson, and to Betty Gibson for the M. R. Moore Memorial.

For their piano duet, Marie and Dorothy Clayton were silver medalists at the Festival, and they rendered the winning selection, "Gossip Joan," which was the title of a Dramatization Song, which won second prize at the Festival, and was on the program. The boys' duet was "Sundown" given by Charles Rutherford and Donald Evans, which won for them the Festival gold medals.

"Calling All Canadians," a patriotic singing game, was another delightful number. The words were composed by Mrs. J. A. McNeven, and the music and game arranged by Miss T. F. Hunt. Margaret Somerville gave the piano solo that won for her the Festival gold medal in the class under 18 years of age. "Away to Rio" was another group song, in costume that was well presented. The trio parts were taken by Gordon Gibbins, Donald Evans and Betty Gibson, and the tap dance by June Talbot. "Make a Fight" was an original composition by Miss Isabel Anderson, and this recitation was given by Kenneth Papillon, Betty Gibson and Joyce Desjardins. The piano solo, which they won Festival silver medals. Another recitation, "The Moo Cow Moo," was given by Phyllis Robertson and Marie Clayton played the piano solo "Mazurka" for which she had won the bronze Festival medal.

The concluding feature was a little playlet, "An Incident in the Life of Mozart." It was a delightful little presentation that gave scope for the talent of many pupils and the colorful costumes made it quite an elaborate affair for a group of school children.

The whole event made one of the most pleasing and enjoyable programs that has been heard in some time and one that held deep interest for the whole community. Mr. G. A. Dillis was chairman for the evening.

Mrs. Somerville Re-elected President Dublin Institute

Dublin Women's Institute held their annual meeting on Thursday, May 18th, at 7:30 p.m., at the home of Mrs. G. Watson with the President, Mrs. Somerville, in the chair. Following opening exercises, the roll call was answered by payment of fees.

After the usual business, Mrs. T. A. Storey took the chair for the election of officers, which resulted as follows: Honorary President—Mrs. A. Near. President—Mrs. George Somerville. 1st Vice-President—Mrs. N. Anderson. 2nd Vice-President—Mrs. C. Atkins. Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Wm. Bracken. Assistant Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. W. Watkins. Branch Directors—Mrs. A. Near, Mrs. Webster, Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. vanGoozen. District Director—Mrs. A. Near. Program Committee—Mrs. vanGoozen, Mrs. Barber, Mrs. Watson, Miss M. Somerville. Social Committee—Mrs. Storey, Mrs. Atkins.

Visiting Committee—Mrs. N. McLaughlin, Mrs. G. Robertson, Mrs. Black, Mrs. McIsaac, Mrs. Wm. Frank. Delegates to District Annual—Mrs. A. Near, Mrs. Somerville, Mrs. W. McLaughlin, Mrs. Little. Auditors—Mrs. Barber, Miss M. Somerville. Pianist—Mrs. G. Robertson. Assistant Pianist—Mrs. C. vanGoozen. The meeting closed with all repeating the Misses prayer. Lunch was served and a social time spent.

BROWNLOW-THOMAS MARRIAGE IN HAMILTON ON TUESDAY

The marriage was quietly solemnized on May 23rd, at 2:30 p.m., at Pilgrim United Church, Hamilton, of Olga Thomas, Reg. N., to Louis Brownlow. The bride was charming in navy ensemble, with white accessories and wore a corsage of orchids and lily of the valley. The bride and groom were unattended.

Halton Member Gets Change Back After 20 Years

Many good stories are related about the old days at the front—during the Great War, but one has just come to light through "The Lestonary" that concerns Hughie Cleaver, Federal Member for Hamilton. Hughes functioned with the 1st Tank Battalion. Came the day that peace was signed. The troops returned to Blighty and other spots that they had made safe for democracy.

The necessity arose for Hughes to get his shirts washed. Handing his batman ten bob (French for two and a half pence), he said, "Speed these to the Chinks, or the English equivalent thereof, and have them clean this bundle of rags." Off went the batman. Now, that might have been the end of things, but it wasn't.

The thrilling sequel developed in Ottawa just a few days ago. Up to Hughes there marched a prosperous looking gent, and said, "Hello, Hughes, d'ya remember me?" "Your face is familiar; I've met you somewhere," said Hughes.

"Well, I used to be your batman." "Of course you did," said Hughes. "How time flies!" "Not on your life. This Mr. Cleaver is the pay-off. Now at 4, for 20 years that makes one buck interest. Therefore, I hand you herewith two dollars and twenty-five cents. And my conscience is clear."

"But when did this easy money policy begin?" asked Hughes. "It began when you sent me with your shirt to the laundry in Blighty. You gave me ten bob and they cost me five. I was a little short at the time, and I thought you would not want to be bothered with the change."

WHAT A JOKE!

He had been sent to comfort a fellow employee who was in hospital recovering from an accident.

Only the victim's nose showed through the bandages. Throwing his hat on the bed, and helping himself to some fruit, Sandy began: "My, but you didn't half look funny when that load of bricks fell on you, Bill. We still laugh when we think of it."

In Magnificent Setting Canada Gets Royal Salute



Framed in the doorway of the Dominion Parliament Building at Ottawa following the martial ceremony which followed that in the Senate building within, the King and Queen make a magnificent Prime Minister McKenna King stands farther back in picture, as the Queen, charmingly demure, stands at the arched doorway.

All Ready for Hockey Victory Celebration Night

At a meeting of the committee last night plans were completed for the hockey victory celebration in Acton next Wednesday night. Word has been received that the O.H.A. officials will be present, including Secretary W. A. Hewitt. The trophy and gold medals will be presented to the players by the O.H.A. officials.

The blue and gold leather windbreakers, being presented by the citizens of Acton, will bear not only the O.H.A. Championship crest, but also the crest of the Acton Tanners in the Club color. Tickets for the banquet have nearly all been sold and members of the committee have returned those remaining from their allotments to Clerk C. F. Leatherland and those desiring tickets may secure them from him as long as they last. The banquet is at 6:30 and the Dublin Women's Institute has arranged a splendid menu. The souvenir menus and programs will carry a picture of the 1939 champions.

For the street dance that follows, a six-piece orchestra, equipped with amplifiers, will supply music. The section of Main Street between Mill and Church Streets, will be prepared and decorated and specially lighted for this function. It will be a big night for Acton and the whole countryside is invited to participate in the celebration.

HALTON PLOWMEN TO HOLD JUNIOR PLOWING MATCH

Halton Plowmen, under the leadership of President Peter Peddie are holding their annual Junior Farmer Match on June 2nd. N. G. McLeod, veteran plowman, will be the official coach and judge. The 1938 event brought out 22 competitors under 20 years of age and the officers and members of the Association are planning for a still larger event this year. Township Councils have contributed grants, and separate prize lists will be provided for each Township. Special provision is made for beginners and a record event is anticipated. Halton will again be represented in the Inter-County Class at the International Match, which this year is scheduled for Brockville, on October 12th. Needless to add, the honor of representing the County will be keenly contested for by the younger plowboard enthusiasts.

CRUSHED BY ROLLER SEVEN-YEAR-OLD GIRL WAS KILLED

Seven-year-old Dorcas Beaton, daughter of James and Mrs. Beaton, residing on a farm two miles south of Preston, was killed Saturday afternoon when she was crushed underneath a heavy farm roller after the team drawing it had bolted.

The parents had been away all day, attending Hamilton market. John, a 15-year-old brother of the child took the roller to a field and his little sister went with him. While the team was waiting at the gate on the highway for traffic to pass, the horses suddenly became frightened and bolted. The boy tried to catch his sister, who was riding on the roller, and in doing so lost one of the reins, giving the frightened animals complete freedom. They dashed down the highway and the child was thrown underneath the heavy implements, being crushed between the hard pavement and the roller. Death was said to have occurred almost instantly.

The horses continued about 200 yards down the road, smashed the roller in the ditch, broke free, and continued to the farm barn.

Neighbors rendered aid, but the child was dead when picked up. Chief Coroner Dr. J. H. Mullih and High County Constable David Green investigated, but decided no inquest was necessary.

Surviving, besides the parents are three brothers, Bruce, age 17, Jack, William, age 5, and a sister, Florence, age 12.

HOLSTEIN BREEDERS TO STAGE ANNUAL PICNIC

The annual Halton and Peel Holstein Picnic and Feed Day is scheduled this year for Edgewood Park, Eden Mills, on Saturday, June 3rd, according to President Morley Watson of the Halton Club. This event, which last year was held at the Ontario Agricultural College, brought out a crowd of between 900 and 1000 Black and White enthusiasts, and it is anticipated that a record crowd will gather at Edgewood Park. Plans call for a picnic lunch at noon, at which the guest speaker, Prof. Geo. E. Raithby of Guelph, will be the official judge for the judging competitions and we understand that competitions will be conducted for men, women and Junior Farmers, with separate prize lists for each. A sports program for the younger folk will complete the day's outing.

Institute Officers at Bannockburn Elected for Year

Bannockburn Women's Institute held their meeting this month at the home of the President, Mrs. W. Harding, Mrs. Stanley Morrison was chairman. After the business was disposed of, and the yearly fees paid, Miss A. Cree took the chair for the election of the following officers:

President—Mrs. John McLean. 1st Vice-President—Mrs. Roy McKeown. 2nd Vice-President—Miss Laura Miller. Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Stanley Morrison. Pianist—Miss Margaret Brown. Assistant Pianist—Mrs. F. Cole. Reporter—Mrs. Fred Kerr. Auditors—Mrs. Archie Kerr and Miss Edith Russell.

Directors—Mrs. Robert Kerr, Miss J. McDonald, Miss A. Cree, Mrs. Brooks. District Director—Mrs. D. Russell. Delegates to District Annual—Mrs. J. McLean, Mrs. D. Russell, Mrs. S. H. Lindsay.

Lunch Committee—Miss Margaret Young, Convener; Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. B. Leitch, Miss Edna Russell. Program Committee—Mrs. F. Kerr, Convener; Mrs. D. Russell, Mrs. M. Madill, Miss M. Brown, Mrs. S. Swackhamer, Mrs. H. Cook.

Flower Committee—Miss Edith Russell, Convener; Mrs. S. Morrison, Miss M. Young. Visiting Committee—Mrs. Archie Kerr, Convener; Miss L. Miller, Mrs. S. Swackhamer, Mrs. D. Morrison, Mrs. F. Cole.

After the election of officers, the meeting closed with the National Anthem, followed by lunch and a social hour.

HUTTONVILLE PARK OPENS SEASON WITH BIG CROWD

It was a Royal opening last Friday at Huttonville Park, when the popular resort opened for the season. Over 600 attended and everyone expressed their approval of the orchestra which the management have hired for the season. Led by Jack Mack, who started right in to please the crowd. There is no doubt that every Friday night will find this popular dance pavilion taxed to capacity.

Halton Juniors to Stage Annual Achievement Day

The annual Achievement Day for the 80 rural homemakers who have been participating in project work for the past eight months, is to be held in the Milton Town Hall on Saturday, June 10th, states Miss Vera Kingston, Pajamae, President of the Halton County Juniors. Two projects, one with "Meats," and the other with "Sleeping Garments," have been conducted under the leadership of Miss Betty Wallace, of the Women's Institute Branch. Group leaders, in the persons of Mesdames Stanley May, D. Kennedy and the Misses Peggy Marsh, Vera Kingston, Betty Rivas, Dorothy Norris, Dorothy Brown, Laura Johnston, and Mary Brecken, have each done an excellent piece of work, according to Miss Wallace. It is worthy of note that at the recent Girls' Conference, held at Macdonald Institute, Guelph, where between five and six hundred rural girls from all parts of the Province were in attendance, Halton girls were signally honored by being selected to contribute a 1 1/2 hour demonstration. The Scotch Block Group, to a number of 14, under the leadership of the Misses Peggy Marsh and Helen McGibbon, gave the demonstration. Institute workers from all sections of the County will follow with interest the demonstrations and exhibits at the local Achievement Day in Milton.

On the same date the Junior Farmers will conduct their Annual Livestock Judging Competitions. Plans call for the judging of ten classes of livestock at leading Halton County farms. The arrangement of the awards and presentation of awards will take place the same evening in the Milton Town Hall.

Baseball Season Opens in Halton on Saturday

Halton Baseball League opens the 1939 season when Oakville plays at Milton on Saturday. On Monday night Acton goes to Georgetown and on Wednesday Milton plays at Oakville. Acton's first home game is with Oakville on June 2nd.

The season is warming up and the boys are knocking the old pill around down in the park. There will be some new faces on the line-up. Russ Bruch looks like a sure thing for shortstop, and a new lad from Rockwood is trying his hand at hurling. We notice some other new players running around, too.

It's a little early to make any predictions, but Acton will be in there with a team that will give the rest of the County plenty of opposition. The only trouble seems to be that the boys don't realize the season's here and are not down to serious practice. We've got one more in Acton this year. Let's have a baseball win too. The material is here, to do it if the determination is there.

HOW ABOUT IT, BROTHER

A store advertisement says that when you buy a shirt you give employment to 50 persons. And at least 47 of 'em, we have a hunch, do nothing but hide pins in the tail.

Only One Appeal Heard by the Revision Court

Calcium Chloride Supply Ordered—Adjustments Being Made on High School Fees from Guelph

Councillors Mason, Beatty and Jones were present on Tuesday evening when Acton Council met, and Reeve F. J. McCutcheon presided. The Reeve and Councillors took the declarations and assembled as a Court of Revision.

St. Alban's Church appealed against the assessment on the Parish Hall, in view of the fact that the Hall was no longer rented or a source of income. If the appeal was considered, the hall would not be rented but used only for religious purposes. Rev. E. A. Brooks and Mr. George Chapman attended the meeting in support of the appeal.

An appeal was received from Cecil Gibbons, asking that he be assessed as a tenant. Upon motion the appeal was granted.

The adjustment of business tax, on Watson's Duty of 1938, was confirmed as had been discussed at a previous meeting.

By motion, the appeal of St. Alban's Church was allowed, and the assessment on the Parish Hall was cancelled, and it was understood that the hall would be used exclusively for religious purposes. With the changes above noted, the assessment role was confirmed and the Court of Revision adjourned.

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

ACTON FREE PRESS, printing	\$ 8.10
Bell Telephone Co., services	11.64
J. W. Barbaree, re fire fence at dumping ground	4.50
Symon Hardware, supplies	40.08
	\$64.32

The report was adopted. The matter of signing a release on a Fidelity Bond was discussed by Council, and in the meantime it was decided the release would not be signed, as requested by the Company.

The Clerk reported regarding a supply of calcium chloride, being secured through the County. The Council approved of placing an order for the same amount as last year and securing the supply as soon as possible.

The Clerk reported that he had received notice from the Guelph Collector that fees collected from pupils attending from Acton were being refunded as from January, 1938. It was also found that Acton had been overcharged in the amount being paid through the County levy. This was also being adjusted.

The Clerk brought up the matter of securing an Assessor's Book, to conform with the new system of tax collections. It was decided to order a supply for four years.

The Clerk had an inquiry for lots owned by the town. The price was set at \$150 for the two lots on Queen Street, unless they were purchased under the Housing Act, when the cost would be \$25.

The Clerk was instructed to write a letter to Mr. O. R. Brown, pointing out that the town grader must be removed from Fairy Lake immediately, as it is required for road work now. The municipality was willing to render assistance in the work.

The Clerk reported regarding arrangements that had been made for the school children to see the King and Queen in Guelph on June 6th. The Clerk was requested to arrange a combined meeting for Thursday evening with the School Board.

DO YOU KNOW PRODUCTS THAT ARE MADE HERE?

Folks around Acton are not well acquainted with Acton Industries, judging by the number of replies received for the Puzzle Poem last week. There was only one correct answer, and Mrs. J. N. Reid submitted that one. The word was "Inclinate" and it referred to a type of punch press that is manufactured at the plant of Acton Machine Shops, and is used in manufacturing plants throughout the Dominion. We'll tell Mr. Coles to try another Acton product some time. But perhaps more will be acquainted with the words on Page Five this week.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts or Other Events, under this heading, are charged in accordance with the line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 5c.

Churchill United Church are holding their Anniversary on June 26th and 28th.

Limehouse Presbyterian Church Garden Party, Monday, June 19th. Best of the year.