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Acton Tanners at Top Beat Waterloo and Preston

Race for Play-off Position Close, with Two Tied for Second Place and Two for Third Position — Fergus and Galt Only Two Teams that are Definitely Eliminated — Elora Here To-morrow and Tanners Out for Revenge.

ACTON 10 — WATERLOO 3
Acton Tanners continued to click on Friday night when they met the Waterloo Tigers and they sent the boys back home with a 10-3 trouncing. The Tanners were the best all the way. It was not until the third period that Waterloo got a score and then the Tanners were leading 9-0. They outskated and outplayed the Waterloo team all the way through and only Dunbrook in goal, saved them from a worse defeat. Their defence was very lax.

Mooney got the first score at 7:10, on Terry's rebound, and Dunbrook had plenty more "chances" and "shots" as Acton carried the play and the Waterloo boys were busy. Bayliss got another one past him at 12:45, with Mooney pushing out the rubber to him from a scramble. Lindsay got the fourth, at 14:45, on an assist from Norm-Morton. Bayliss drew a penalty and Acton got a penalty shot when Bus Morton was dumped in front of the goal. Lindsay took the shot, but it didn't click. Pugh went for a rest and Acton kept the play in the Waterloo section. 3-0 for Acton, and the Tanners much the best on the play.

Terry added another one after 4:30 in the second period, on a solo effort. Hersberger drew a penalty. Bus Morton scored again, from Terry, at 7:45, and then the game was held up while the referee got another pair of skates. Terry scored at 8:31 from Mooney, and later Terry drew a penalty. Acton missed some more close ones but the count was 6-0 for the Tanners, so they could afford them.

Waterloo did a little better in the third period and kept the play more even. Lindsay scored from Bayliss at 4:25. Then at 5:37 Bayliss scored from Norm-Morton, and twenty-one seconds later Lindsay put in another from a scramble. The shut-out for Woods was spoiled when Schmalz scored, at 7:30, from a face-off. The game evened up and Koppers scored from the blue line, on a pass-out, at 14:06. Waterloo's third goal was by Pugh, at 16:24. Norm-Morton got the tenth goal at 19:25, on a nice break. And so it ended, 10-3 for Acton, and the win well deserved by the boys under Coach Vic Rumbley.

The line-up:
Waterloo—Dunbrook, goal; Koppers, Ernst, defence; Gildner, centre; Lang, right wing; Brinkert, left wing; Voll, Cotey, Schmalz, Malchouke, Pugh, Hersberger, subs.

Acton—Woods, goal; Marz, Bayliss, defence; N. Morton, centre; Pipher, right wing; Lindsay, left wing; Terry, Bus Morton, Mooney, Kentner, Dawkins, alternates.

Referee—"Cheaty" Brill, Guelpf.

THE DOPE SPELLS
A lot of fans here can't understand how Waterloo got in such a good position. They have been about the second softest bunch Acton has met.

And then more dope when slithering around on Monday night. Some haven't figured out yet how Elora won from Kitchener.

But that win kept Elora in the picture and didn't affect the Kitchener standing in the least.

Fergus and Galt are definitely eliminated from the race, but just what other team will go is still a big question.

Queer how some of the teams that started off so strong and even inspired hopes of a championship skidded so badly as the season progressed.

ACTON 7 — PRESTON 4
That game last night meant a lot to both Acton and Preston and both teams fought it to a finish. In fact that finish was in overtime. The decision means Acton in top place and sure of a play-off berth. The game to-morrow night, with Elora will decide which one and whether Preston or Elora remain in the play-offs.

Norm Morton opened the scoring last night at 3:45 from Pipher, after Pipher had carried the puck in. And Acton missed plenty of scoring chances when Dewarta put up a sensational game in goal for Preston. Smith evened the count at 5:55. Lindsay unknotted the score at 13:07 when Norm-Morton and he made a nice break. Lindsay, Kentner and Pipher all had close ones and Preston missed scoring by inches. The count was 3-1 for Acton and no penalty.

Acton got one in the goal, but Pipher and Dewarta were lying in the goal and

All Ready for Big Carnival Here Next Wednesday

Details are completed and Acton will have next week the finest ice carnival ever presented. The announcements give details of the event and besides the costume and race program, a big presentation will feature several acts and a group of our own local girls, under the direction of Miss Helen Ostrander, will present a skating drill.

Miss Mary Kirstine, of St. Mary's, will give exhibitions of junior singles events. Four clowns will keep the fun moving. Acton Citizens' Band will be present in full force. The Arena will be decorated and have colored lighting effects. The local chapters of the I.O.G.E. and the Legion and committees seem to have looked after every detail of a grand Carnival.

It looks as if the Arena will be jammed to the doors on that night, as already there is quite a sale of tickets and inquiry for the reserved section. The funds will be used for seeding boxes to the soldiers from Acton and district serving the Empire in the war.

KITCHENER AND WEST END Y.M.C.A. WRESTLERS AT ACTON

Representatives of both the Kitchener and Toronto West End Y.M.C.A. Wrestling Clubs visited the Acton Y.M.C.A. last Thursday evening and entertained a large crowd with their mat prowess.

Eight bouts made up the evening's performance, with five bouts between the two Y.M.C.A.s; three of which went to the Kitchener grapplers. The sixth and seventh bouts were demonstrations of professional wrestling, between members of the West End Club, while the eighth bout was between Wes Wolfe, of Acton, and E. Miles, of A.O.A., with Miles gaining a decision over Wolfe.

Olympic rules were followed in the first five bouts and inter-collegiate rules in the last bout.

Local Play Was Popular Feature Tuesday Night

"The Old-Fashioned Mother" was Well Presented by United Young People

A capacity hall greeted the presentation on Tuesday evening of the local play, entitled "The Old-Fashioned Mother," in Acton Town Hall. And all were pleased with this feature. It was a play with a splendid moral and well presented.

The story was that of a mother who had given a lifetime of mother's sacrifice and devotion in raising a family, only to find herself confronted in her old age by spending her last years in the poorhouse. Of course this situation was averted by the prodigal son returning and caring for his mother.

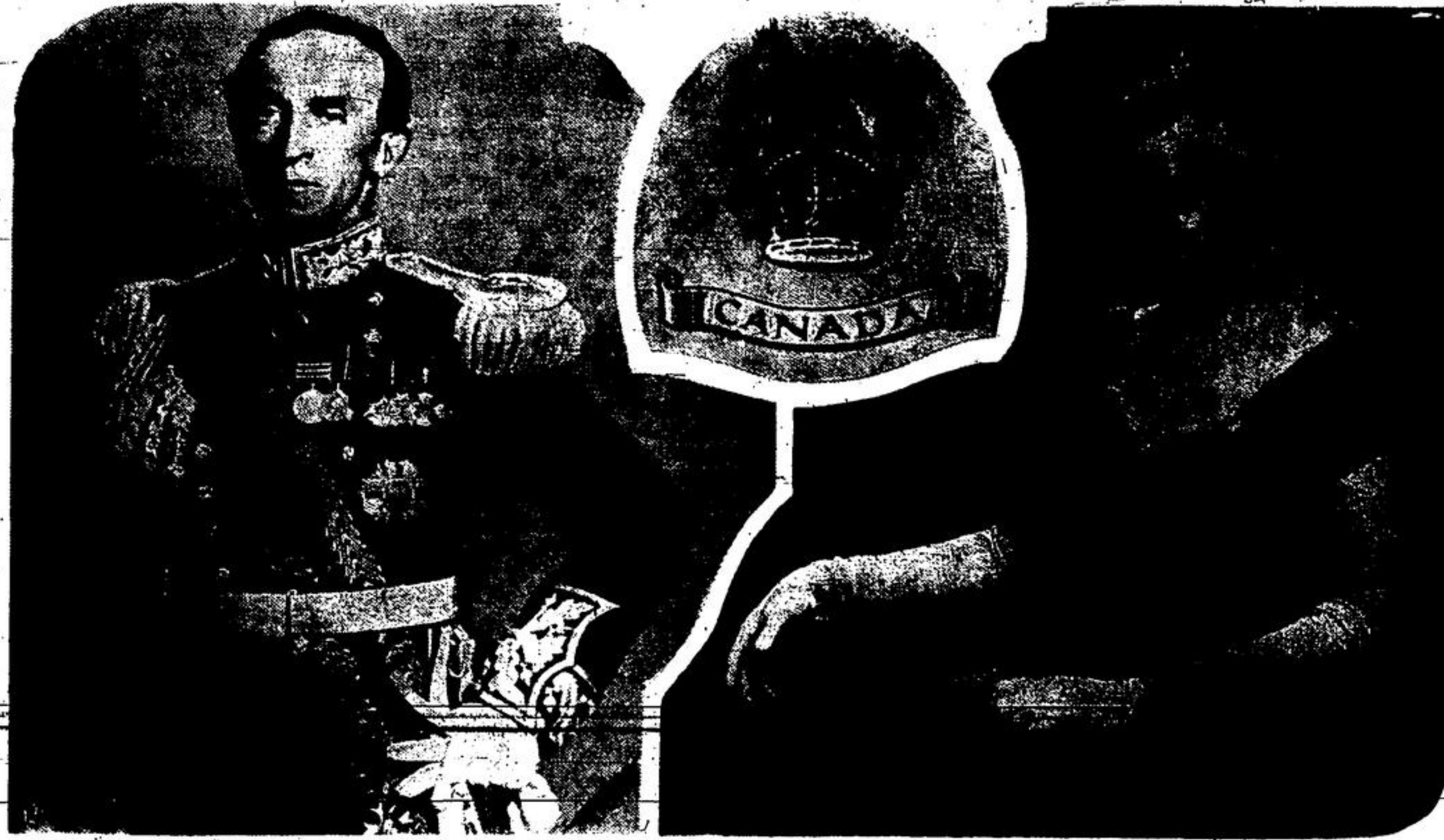
The story has plenty of life that was familiar a few years back, including the singing school and other farm life, now known as old-fashioned. Scenes were all laid in the settin' room of the Underhill farmhouse, near the village of Acton, with intervals of two and three years between scenes. All the parts in the play were well taken. The following was the cast:

Deborah Underhill, a mother in Israel, Janet Peil; John Underhill, the prodigal son, George Switzer; Charley Underhill, the elder brother, Lloyd Gifford; Gloriaanna Perkins, the hired girl, Frances Dills; Jerry Goelling, a merry heart, Mansell Nellis; Isabel Simpcott, the village belle, Kay Weadge; Widder Bill Pinder, leader of the choir, Dorothy Kitching; Sukey, her daughter, Doris Wilson; Lovisy Loving Custard, plain sewing and gossip, Irma Wilderspin; Jonah Quackenbush, a whited sepulchre, Gordon Leslie; Enoch Rone, a wanderer, Ross Swackhamer; Quintus Todd, the sheriff, Howard Switzer.

The play was under the direction of Miss Isabel Cowie, and during the evening, the United Young People's Union, under whose auspices it was presented, showed their appreciation when Miss Laura Johnston, on their behalf, presented her with a beautiful basket of flowers. Mr. John Peil, President, expressed thanks to all who took part and assisted in the presentation.

An orchestra, under the direction of Mr. C. W. Mason, presented a splendid musical program prior to the play and during the intermissions.

Canada Mourns The Passing of His Excellency The Governor-General



All Canada joined Lady Tweedsmuir and her family in mourning the death of Governor-General Lord Tweedsmuir, who passed away at the Neurological Institute in Montreal, following a concussion suffered when His Excellency was overcome by a fainting spell. One of the most popular governors sent by the British government, Lord Tweedsmuir was held in

high esteem by Canadians from coast to coast. An author of wide renown, soldier administrator was appointed King's representative in 1935. He had been in frail health for several months and had announced that he could not extend his term at government house. —Photos by Elliott and Fry, Ltd., London

Thos. Storey is Victim of Lone Thief Last Week

Stole \$17 and Left Aged Farmer Bound in His Home in Nassagaweya

Thomas Storey, well-known farmer who resides about four miles from Acton, was beaten by a lone robber on Wednesday night of last week and bound and left in his home, in Nassagaweya Township. His plight was not discovered until Thursday afternoon when a neighbor, Edward Watt, found the man bound.

The assailant, who is described as a comparatively young man, apparently knew that Mr. Storey had received some money lately. However, the larger part of the amount received had been paid out and Mr. Storey had only \$17 left, which was taken. Mr. Storey is seventy years old and lives alone on his farm on the sixth concession of Nassagaweya.

The elderly bachelor was attacked in his home Wednesday night by a burly thug, beaten over the head with a club, and robbed of the small sum of money he had with him, only after the bandit had threatened to brand him with a red-hot poker unless he revealed the whereabouts of the "hundreds" the robber sought. Bound hand and foot with a rope, Mr. Storey lay helpless on the floor of his home from 10 o'clock Wednesday night until Thursday afternoon, when he was found by Edward Watt, a neighboring farm hand.

"When I came in the house from the stable on Wednesday night, the man was sitting near the door," Mr. Storey related. "He immediately grappled with me, while I stood there speechless with surprise. I am pretty strong for my age, and I gave him quite a tussle. I think that he was getting tired, but he managed to hit me on the head with a club, and I was almost stunned. The fight started in the kitchen, and ended in the snow outside the door. Finally, I was too weak to continue, and he tied me, hand and foot."

When the robber found only \$17 he threatened to burn the elderly man's face with a hot poker, unless he revealed his hiding place. Mr. Storey stated, the heated poker was passed in front of his eyes, but when he continued to deny that there was any more money on the farm, the bandit gave up and started a vain search of the home.

Cursing when an hour's search failed to disclose any trace of the "hundreds of dollars," the powerfully built bandit left the farm, after making sure that the ropes securing his prisoner were tight.

During the hours before he was found, Storey strove desperately to loosen his bonds. The fire in the stove went out, and the kitchen became bitterly cold. Early Thursday morning, Mr. Storey was successful in slipping off the ropes which tied his feet, but those about his wrists were too tight. He managed, with difficulty, to lift himself to a couch, where he lay until he was freed by Watt, who "sensed something amiss" as he trudged past the lonely farm on his way to the bush.

Mr. Storey was taken to the home of Warden George Finney, for a day or so, but was able to return to his home after a short rest.

MR. LEITCH GIVES TALK AT DUBLIN LITERARY

On Friday evening, the Dublin Literary held their regular meeting in the school, with the Vice-President, Mr. Geo. Somerville, in charge.

Following the business meeting, Mr. Steele took the chair for the following program: A skit by the school children; recitation by Dorothy Barber; an interesting talk on education by Mr. Leitch; recitation by Betty Burkholder; step dancing by Mr. Clarence Dolson; and a musical game, conducted by Mrs. Robertson. The National Anthem closed the meeting. Euchre was going for a short time, the prizes going to Mrs. Sayers, Mrs. Erol Sprowle, Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Erol Sprowle. Lunch was served and a social time spent.

INTERESTING MEETING OF BLOOMSBURY LITERARY SOCIETY

The Bloomsbury Literary Society held its regular meeting on Friday. The President, Charles Henderson, was in charge. The roll call was answered with the name of a Canadian bird. After the business of the meeting, MacLaughlin was the chairman for the following program: Violin selection by Carrion Ramshaw, accompanied by Alex. Near; reading by Edith Nellis; recitation by Elizabeth Anderson; contest by Charles Henderson; reading by Miss Mamie Near; reading by Mrs. M. MacLaughlin; mouth organ selection by Mac McLaughlin; contest by Dirk van Gozen. The meeting was closed with the National Anthem.

Progressive euchre was played, the prizes going to Alma Watson and Dirk van Gozen.

Lunch was served and a social half-hour spent.

Geo. Atkins is Named Candidate Halton County

Open Convention Chooses Oakville Publisher to Contest Riding for Hon. R. J. Manion

At a well attended convention in Milton on Saturday afternoon, George C. Atkins was chosen as candidate for the County to carry the banner for the National Conservative Party, under the leadership of Hon. R. J. Manion. The convention was an open one, presided over by Mr. C. A. Martin, President of the Halton Conservative Association.

Mr. Atkins is managing editor of the Oakville Record-Star, and is active in the Red Cross and Legion organizations in that town. During the last war he served with the R.A.F. in France as a flying officer.

Allan Nicholson and George Thorpe, both of Burlington, were also nominated, but withdrew in favor of Mr. Atkins. Mr. Thorpe received the Conservative nomination a few months ago, but resigned in order that a National candidate could be chosen.

Details of Fire Equipment Are Presented to Council

Early Issue of Tax Bills Involves Extra Work — Full Tax Will Now be Payable at the Bank — Change By-law to Conform to Regulations of the Provincial Department.

Councillors J. H. Creighton, W. J. O. Oakes, S. M. Sinclair and F. Davison were present on Tuesday evening at the regular session of Acton Council, and Reeve J. B. Chalmers presided.

Mr. W. R. Norton addressed the Council, relative to the purchase of new fire equipment. He gave details and illustrations of various types of Ford fire fighting equipment that were available. These were built by the American-LaFrance Co., and mounted on Ford chassis. The model shown carried the chemical tanks, hose, ladders, etc. The pumper could secure a supply from any hydrant, creek or body of water. When lifting 14 feet it had a capacity of 420 gallons per minute, and from a hydrant 800 gallons per minute. The cost complete was \$3,800.

An alternative equipment was a pumper unit of the same capacity, only mounted on a trailer. These had been purchased by Madoc, Goderich, Lander Lake, and by the Ontario government. Letters from Madoc and Goderich said the units were very satisfactory. The cost was \$1,900.

Council adhered to the original arrangement that nothing would be done until spring, when demonstrations could be arranged. Assurance was given Mr. Norton that this equipment would be

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Interesting Meeting of United W. M. S. at Mrs. C. Mason's

The February meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church was held at the home of Mrs. Charles Mason, on Tuesday, the President, Mrs. Bert Mowat in charge. The devotional period was taken by Mrs. R. L. Johnston, Mrs. P. Cleave and Mrs. S. J. Reid. The second chapter of the study book was given by Mrs. G. A. Dilla. A recitation, "Valentine," by Master John Mowat, and an auto harp selection, "I Have a Friend," by Mrs. Caldwell.

The Temperance report was read by Mrs. J. Symon, and Mrs. Symon will be the delegate to the Temperance Convention in March. Mrs. Dilla, Mrs. Caldwell, Mrs. Gifford and Mrs. Switzer will be delegates to Burlington.

Miss M. Z. Bennett gave a very interesting talk on her summer trip to the New England States, where she spent her holidays.

Mrs. Gifford spoke on the Go-To Church Sunday, February 12th, and asked for co-operation in this work.

An invitation was extended to meet with the Baptist Mission Circle on February 22th, which was accepted.

Miss Sybil Bennett, B.A., of Georgetown, will be the guest speaker at the Easter meeting. The meeting closed with prayer.

EIGHTY YEARS OLD AND MUCH INTERESTED IN ACTON AND DISTRICT

To-morrow Mr. Henry Bell, now residing at 288 Waverley Road, in Toronto, will observe his eightieth birthday. While Mr. Bell has been residing in Toronto since 1911, he has never lost interest in Acton and district. He was born near here, on the farm on the Second Line, and it was in Acton that his family of six sons were all born. There are now twelve grandchildren.

Many friends from Acton and district will join in wishing for Mr. Bell many more happy birthdays and an especially enjoyable one marking the four-score mark to-morrow. Mr. Bell has been a constant reader of The Free Press from the first issue and is usually a visitor at Acton Fair, where he meets many of the friends of former years.

Perhaps the editor might be pardoned if we add just a little personal note. We spent boyhood days with the Bell family as neighbors and the Bell boys as our companions. Many an incident of hospitality we can recall and many a day we enjoyed at that home. And so we say with real personal feeling, "Happy Birthday" to Mr. Henry Bell in his Toronto home.

Superintendent of Roads Appointed For Eramosa

Auditors' Present Report and It Is Approved — Gravel Contract is Extended

The Council for the Township of Eramosa met at 1:30 on February 12th in the Town Hall, Rockwood, with all the members present and the Reeve in the chair.

The resignation of James W. Benham as Road Superintendent was accepted, and the Clerk's action in advertising for a successor was approved.

Mr. Arch. McNabb presented the Auditors' report for the year 1939, and on motion of Messrs. Leslie, and Pinkney the auditors were commended for the report and it was accepted.

The annual report of the Chairman of the Board of Health was adopted on motion of Messrs. Benham and Leslie.

On motion of Messrs. Pinkney and Benham the Department of Highways were asked to extend the 1939 gravel contract to cover the year 1940.

On motion of Messrs. Rutherford and Leslie, the Council went into committee to consider the appointment of a Road Superintendent. On their return By-law No. 5 was passed appointing Percy R. Peavoy.

Accounts amounting to \$164.11 were passed for payment and Council adjourned to March 11th at 1:30.

Juniors Lose to Bolton and Now For Play-Offs

Bolton Comes Here on Tuesday Night and Acton Goes to Bolton on Thursday

By "COOKIE"

By Georgetown's 7 to 1 win over Milton on Tuesday night, Acton are now in third place and will play off on Tuesday, February 20th, in Acton, and Thursday, February 22nd, in Bolton. Georgetown finished the group in third position, but protested on a disputed game with Milton, so a replay was ordered by the O.H.A. Milton and Georgetown play the other half of the group play-off. Both series are home and home games, with goals to count.

Last Friday night Acton lost to Bolton, 10 to 5, after holding the Bolters for two periods. Bolton were superior on the night's play and deserved the win. Guy and Brush, with two, and Nichols, were the Acton marksmen. Jones with four, Scarrow three, Barnett, two, and Calhoun one, were the successful marksmen to beat Holmes in the Acton net.

Acton Juniors are not conceding an even chance to beat Bolton, on the season's play. Bolton have scored 17 goals against Acton, while Acton have retaliated with 7. Georgetown are the only club in the group to beat or extend Bolton. By a tie and a win they have proved superior in their series with Bolton.

Acton will be in there fighting for their lives next week and will extend Bolton to the limit. If Georgetown and Milton play another listless exhibition as was played in Georgetown last Tuesday, Acton could spot the pick of both teams two goals and still beat them by three.

Chances of Acton and Georgetown meeting in the finals are slim. Milton should knock Georgetown off quite handsly, and then it would be Acton and Bolton. The chances you see are slim. Milton? Surprises happen; Acton have done it once in play-off, and history often repeats itself.

Acton will be out there battling on Tuesday night, February 20th, and will expect a good crowd to help their cause. Remember, your quarters help and help a lot.

WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER IN ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH

The World's Day of Prayer this year had a much larger attendance of ladies than in previous years. The service was held in St. Alban's Church last Friday afternoon. Mrs. E. A. Brooks was leader and Miss M. Massale gave the address, while Mrs. E. J. Hassard read the scripture lesson.

Prayers were offered by Mrs. Wm. Smith, Mrs. B. Fargier, Mrs. H. L. Benik, Mrs. G. C. Gifford, Mrs. H. Caldwell and Mrs. Chas. W. Landborough. During the service Mrs. John Snow contributed a solo.

TORONTO DENTIST SERIOUSLY INJURED IN MOTOR ACCIDENT

In a head-on collision between an automobile and a street car at Balliol and Yonge Street, Toronto, on Saturday, Dr. J. Allan Priestman, dentist, of 57 Hilton Avenue, Toronto, was injured. He was taken to the Toronto General Hospital, with undetermined head injuries. Dr. Priestman is a brother-in-law of Dr. E. J. Nelson, Acton.

Dr. Priestman was driving south on Yonge Street when his automobile skidded on the icy roadway. When the auto struck the heavy trolley, a part of it was wedged underneath the front of the street car. The injured man was removed from the wreckage of his automobile and taken to the hospital in an ambulance.

To remove the automobile, a wrecking crew from Hillcrest car house was called. It was 25 minutes before full street car service on Yonge Street could be resumed.

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN W. M. S. MEET AT THE MANSE

The February meeting of Knox Women's Missionary Society was held at the Manse on Thursday afternoon, Mrs. E. J. Hassard presiding. The scripture was read by Mrs. G. H. Lantz. A very excellent paper on "Are You a Herald of Good Tidings?" was prepared and read by Mrs. M. Letich. Mrs. Benzie sang a solo very sweetly.

Arrangements were made for the annual Pastor Thank Offering. Inspiring reports from the Presbyterial at Galt were given by Mrs. Benzie, Mrs. Hassard, Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Malpas. A solo by Mrs. Kirby Williams, of Wingham, was much enjoyed.