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Fire Pumper Equipment Investigated By Council

Dog By-law to be Changed and Date Made Earlier — Town Hall to be Repaired and Repainted—120 Are Liable for Poll Tax in Acton — Dog Tax Revenue Estimated at \$440.

Councillors J. F. Davison, W. J. O. Oakes, J. H. Clegg were present on Tuesday evening, when Acton Council met in regular fortnightly session, and Revere J. B. Chalmers presided.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report which was adopted: Canadian Public Health Association, manual for Sanitary Inspector \$ 2.50 The Roofers Supply Co., parking signs 18.70 Acton Free Press, printing Auditors' Report, dog tax notices etc. 113.07

W. E. Blair, coal for Town Hall C. F. Leatherland, part salaries, supplies, postage, etc. 188.03 Acton Welfare Board, relief for March 148.90 Acton Public Utilities Commission, street lights, Town Hall, arena, pump house, etc., services 222.88 W. E. Blair, work at Town Hall 1.00 E. E. Harrop, postage 2.32 Wages, George Lantz, D. Elliot, N. Lambert, B. Price, E. Perryman, H. Fryer, J. Buchanan, D. O'Rourke, J. Winton 42.88 Wm. Stalker, wood 11.00 C. McEain, trucking wood 3.00 R. Wallace, cutting wood 1.00 \$707.89

The Tax Collector gave a report that 120 persons were liable for poll tax in Acton and notices had been sent to these persons. There were 126 dogs for which licenses should be secured, a total of approximately \$440.

Letters from the County Clerk and the Guelph General Hospital regarding an indigent patient were read by the Clerk. Instructions were issued for lead action to be taken.

A letter was read from Mr. H. N. Farmer, registering protest against the by-law requiring dogs to be tied up from May 15th until September. The matter did not find favor with the Council, who preferred to extend to the period to April 15th or May 1st, rather than on May 15th. The Clerk was instructed to change the by-law requiring the date to be May 1st.

A letter from the Duke of Devonshire Chapter, I.O.D.E. expressed appreciation of the action of Council in granting use of the Town Hall for the showing of the Royal Tour pictures.

A letter from the County Clerk gave a list of pupils from Acton who were attending Collegiate in Guelph. There were six pupils attending the vocational institute and seven attending the collegiate. The Clerk was instructed to refer the letter to the Acton School Board.

The Clerk reported an application from Hugh O'Rourke to purchase an unused street known as Line Street. He desired to fence the property that was on Main Street and had been purchased by him. If the street could not be sold he asked to have the privilege of renting the street line. Council decided no action could be taken.

A letter was read from the Provincial Department of Health drawing attention of Council to a new section of the act regarding payment for indigent patients.

It provided that any municipality may appoint any medical practitioner as a hospital officer to have jurisdiction and investigate any case. No action was taken.

A claim for damages was received from Mr. A. B. McLean for damages sustained by Mrs. McLean, when she broke her wrist in a fall on the sidewalk. The matter had been reported to the insurance company and an investigation had been made.

A letter from the Salvation Army addressed to Revere Chalmers expressed appreciation for the success in Acton of the Red Shield Campaign in Acton. The recommendation of the Arena (concluded on Page Eight)

RED CROSS ROOMS OPEN ONLY TWO DAYS A WEEK

Beginning next week, and until further notice, the Red Cross Rooms will be closed except for Friday and Saturday afternoon, from 2 to 5, each week. There are still a good many hospital supplies for sewing and plenty of wool, so would all those who wish there, or who have finished articles to return, please co-operate with the committee, and do so on the above days.

SERVICE OF INTERCESSION IN ACTON TONIGHT

In view of the continued seriousness of the international situation, particularly on the battle front of Europe—the Protestant ministers of Acton urgently invite their people to join them in an united service of intercession, to be held in the United Church, at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 11th (to-night).

Mrs. M. Leitch Addressed the Fireside Group

Mrs. Malcolm Leitch gave the President's chat on Sunday evening, at the Y.M.C.A., and presented a challenge to young people, urging them to first of all determine for themselves what vocation in life they wish to follow and then set out to attain their goal by conscientious effort. Only in this way can real happiness be experienced.

Charles Lansborough and Doug Macpherson played a cornet duet, which was very well received and which called for an encore.

The group of sixty young people entered into the singing particularly well. Representatives from the Presbyterian Young People's Society had charge of the singing of hymns.

Two travel films will be shown, next Sunday evening, which should prove very interesting.

Telephone Lines In Eramosa to be Re-Constructed

Council Will Inspect Township Roads and be Represented at Conference

The Council for the Township of Eramosa met in the Town Hall, Rockwood, on Monday, April 8th, 1940, at 1:30 p.m. The members were all present, with the Reeve in the chair.

Permission was granted to the Guelph Branch of the Institute for the Blind to hold a tag day in Rockwood on June 1st.

Approval was given to the request of the Bell Telephone Co. to re-construct telephone lines on the Eramosa-Erin boundary.

The report of the Auditors for the months of January, and February was accepted, on motion of Messrs. Pinkney and Leslie.

Some relief accounts were ordered to be held for unpaid taxes, on motion of Messrs. Rutherford and Benham.

Arrangements were made to inspect the Township roads at an early date, and for the Township to be represented at the Road Conference at Kitchener on April 11th.

Accounts passed amounted to \$725.00, and Council adjourned to May 13th, at 1:30 p.m.

District Officers Visit Acton Branch of the Institute

The regular meeting of the Acton Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. W. J. Reid last Thursday. The First Vice-President, Mrs. Lappin, was in the chair.

The motto, entitled "Work," was given by Mrs. Dobbie. Roll call was answered by a beauty spot visited.

A letter, received from the Canadian Institute for the Blind, requesting that the Acton Branch hold a "Tag Day" on their behalf. A committee was appointed to arrange for this work.

Mrs. Velma Murray gave a very interesting account of the Agricultural Convention held in Toronto in February.

Planning Now for Acton Fair in the Fall

The Home and Farm Improvement feature, that proved such a success last year in this district, is again burning up as a feature of Acton Agricultural Society. There is a possibility that two groups will compete in this district. Mr. F. L. Wright is Chairman of the Committee in charge and reports already a number of entries. These must all be in within the next week.

Appointment of judges, arranging for special features were also discussed. It is probable that another Club project may find a place on the program. The special features are also being chosen from a variety of new ideas being presented for consideration. Indications point to another big event in the fall for Acton Fair, and Directors are leaving no stone unturned to insure this success.

FORCE BOWLERS FILE UP SOME GOOD SCORES

The Force Bowling Team were in great form Tuesday night, as they defeated the Aberfoyle Team by a 7-0 score.

N. Morton led the Force Team with a 744 triple and 293 single. W. Corry was second with a 676 triple and a 247 single.

The Force scores were as follows:

J. Morton	193	216	233	632
N. Morton	224	227	293	744
B. Morton	206	217	206	642
W. Corry	247	194	235	676
J. Adamson	232	228	138	598
	1116	1080	1094	3290

Salvation Army Red Shield Drive a Splendid Success

Captain Poulton, District Officer for the Salvation Army, announces the successful completion of the Red Shield Drive in Acton. To Mr. E. Barr, as Chairman, the Salvation Army is greatly indebted. His leadership and organization were exceptionally successful. The following public spirited citizens assisted Mr. E. E. Barr and made up a very efficient team: Mr. J. H. Boyd, Secretary; Mr. W. K. Graham, Treasurer; Mr. T. Watson, Chairman Advance Gifts Committee. Canvassers were: Mr. A. T. Brown, Mr. W. Evans, Mr. F. H. Macdonald, Mr. M. Schroeder, Mr. W. Nichols, Mr. M. McDonald, Mr. O. Lantz, Mr. F. L. Wright, Dr. P. O. Oakes, Mr. J. Chapman, Mr. D. H. Lindsay, Mr. A. B. Smith, Mr. Alex. McDonald, Mr. G. Boyd, Mr. Robert Lewis, Mr. B. Baylis, Mr. W. Warden, Mr. H. Fagan, Councillor W. J. O. Oakes, Mr. C. Ziesman, Mr. H. L. Ritchie, Mr. B. Partridge, Mr. J. C. Matthews, Mr. W. Cole, Mr. L. Atkinson, Mr. W. Middleton, Revere J. B. Chalmers, Mr. M. M. Leitch, Mr. J. Aldrie, Dr. B. G. Young, Brookville.

Scoutmaster Middleton and his fine Troop of Scouts have undertaken to deliver the official receipts and thus contribute to the fund, for which the Committee are truly grateful.

The total amount raised was \$469.40, for which the citizens of Acton are sincerely thanked. Mr. Barr wishes, on behalf of his committee, to thank the citizens for the courtesy with which the canvassers were received. The Salvation Army can now go ahead with the continuance and extension of its practical Christianity. Thank you! one and all, and God bless you.

Canada's New Governor-General

The Earl of Athlone, 68, youngest brother of Queen Mary, has been appointed Governor-General of Canada, to fill the vacancy created by the death of Governor-General Tweedsmuir. Canada's new Governor-General is shown, above, with the Countess of Athlone.

It's the Off-Season

Locally this is in-between times in sports. Perhaps you recall that last year at this time Acton was very much still in hockey. Just by way of reminiscence, it was on April 20th last year that Coach and Manager Vic Runley led the Acton Tanners to the Intermediate championship.

Yes, hockey lasted for nearly a month after this here just a year ago.

Well, this year Whitby's that championship team. The team that Acton had to conquer on the way up is celebrating, we imagine. Seasons hot, not according to the weather in hockey, but how long the team stays in the game.

Thought at one time that Waterloo might have been the team but they went out shortly after they triumphed over the Tanners.

Interest now is in the battle between Toronto Maple Leafs and the New York Rangers, and what a struggle these teams are putting up for the cup. Rangers were picked to win, but folks around here are pulling for the Leafs and admiring the way they have tied up the series. Here's hoping they come through with the series, and it wouldn't be the first surprise they have pulled, either.

But getting back in our own back yard again, it's nearly two weeks now since we heard the first baseball rumor. Never mind where it came from, but it's just as authentic as all rumors, and as regular as the spring break-up, and the early robins, wild geese, sap and maple syrup.

Yes, you've guessed it by now. There is a new baseball player in town. We've forgotten just where he plays, but the sure sizes up like a real ball player, and of course, he can hit too.

All of which proves that hockey of 1940 is over locally and from now on its baseball talk. The way the ground is drying up and with Daylight Saving just a little over two weeks away, this rumor and others will be nixed down and we'll see what has been left on our door at p. and whether Santa Claus is as generous as ever.

Of course badminton is still popular at the Y and some of the oldsters still think the card room is comfortable and take the winter sport of whacking the table had at bridge or euchre. Even since a couple of hockey fans the other night try conclusions on a checker board.

These tennis courts at the Athletic (Continued on Page Five)

Trout Fishing Opens This Year on April 27th

The specified trout season, which Hon. Harry Nixon, Minister of Game and Fisheries, confidently expects to be one of the best in Ontario's history, was advanced five days from the normal May 1st open to April 27th.

"May the first is on a Wednesday, and by advancing the season to the preceding Saturday we will be able to give anglers a little break over the week-end," said the minister. "We expect that it will be an exceptionally good season. There was a tremendous distribution of good-sized trout during the late fall."

Figures released by the Department showed that, during 1939, 3,224,344 fingerlings and yearling and adult fish were transferred from the hatchery ponds to Ontario streams. Distribution was made in the proportion of 337,000 fingerlings and 2,887,344 yearlings and adult trout.

"The distribution of these large fish is worth many times that of the small fry," said Mr. Nixon. "These fish are well developed and are able to take care of themselves and should furnish anglers with a fine sport."

MONTHLY MEETING KNOX Y.W.A. AT HOME OF MISS COLE

The April meeting of Knox Young Women's Auxiliary was held at the home of Miss Emma Cole last evening. The devotional period was taken by Mrs. E. Marshall reading the scripture lesson and Mrs. Emma McDonald giving the prayer. Mrs. Grace Lantz read a chapter of the study book. Mrs. Mildred Hollings gave a reading. After the business discussion a social time was spent over the tea cups. The meeting was presided over by the President, Mrs. R. Stelzner.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (C.F.P.) PROGRAM AT UNITED YOUNG PEOPLE'S

The United Church Young People's Union met in their regular weekly meeting on Tuesday evening.

The meeting opened with a sing-song led by Mr. John Pell.

This meeting was under the direction of the Christian Fellowship Department, with Mr. Marshall Nells in charge. Mr. John Pell read the scripture. Mr. Lloyd Gifford led in prayer. Mrs. Velma Murray gave a reading. Mr. Jack Macintosh presented a mouth organ solo.

Miss M. Z. Bennett was the guest speaker of the evening and told of the life of Sacha Sander Singh, a native Indian Christian. This was very much enjoyed and appreciated.

At the conclusion of the meeting, group games were enjoyed.

Gigantic Naval Battle Rages In Norway Section

SINGLE OR MARRIED DEBATE DECIDES BOTH ARE HAPPY

The Acton Juniors held their regular meeting in Lorne School on Thursday evening, April 4th, with the President in the chair.

After the usual business discussion, Mansell Nells acted as chairman for the following program: Selections by the Oupring Orchestra; recitations by Inna Watson, Mrs. John Pell then gave a very interesting address on the manufacture of box flowers and silk stockings. He also gave a brief sketch of the work done by Junior Farmers' Clubs in Canada.Slides were then shown on an impromptu debate, the subject of which was "Resolved, that a single person has more reason to be happy than a married person." By a vote from the audience, the decision was a tie.

The committee in charge served lunch, and dancing followed. During the meeting it was decided to accept an invitation from the Palermo Club to visit them on April 17th.

Hughes Cleaver Proposes Farmer Organization Here

Outlines Plans and Has Already Held Several Meetings in the County

Hughes Cleaver, M.P., member for Hutton, is planning to organize the farmers of this County, and already steps are under way to carry out his ideas. Mr. Cleaver gave the following interview to the press this week:

In a short address at the Princess Theatre at Milton on the night of the election, and after the returns were announced, I mentioned the fact that I intended to call meetings of farmers in different parts of the County to discuss the organization of agriculture.

Already one of these meetings has been held at Brookville, and another one has been called for Thursday evening of this week at Eden Mills. As I have received many inquiries of what I had in mind, I am taking this opportunity of doing so in a general way.

Ever since war was declared I have felt that the present is a practical time to organize agriculture. I purposely refrained from discussing the problem during the election contest because of the fact that politics should not be permitted to interfere with a problem of this nature. But immediately the election was over, I felt free to proceed.

During normal times reduced tariffs and comparative trade freedom is of great assistance to agriculture and eventually would cure most of its problems, but with a large portion of the world engaged in war, times are far from normal and in my opinion agriculture in Canada should organize in order to cope with the abnormal conditions brought about by war. I believe that the farm problems can in the main be classified under two main headings:

1. The selling prices of farm products is not on a parity with the purchase prices of goods the farmer must buy, such as farming implements, clothing, furniture, motor cars, etc.

2. The farmer is not receiving his fair distributive share of the selling prices of the products he produces. One illustration will suffice. A farmer in Canada is lucky if he receives 40% of the retail selling price of fluid milk, whereas in some countries he receives 70% of the retail selling price of milk.

I believe that as to every human problem a correct answer is available if it is carefully sought for. In discussing the farm problem with different farmers, I find a great difference of opinion as to the correct remedies to be applied. I therefore believe that the first thing to accomplish is to encourage farmers to meet together, to discuss their problems and to agree upon the correct remedies. Then when this is accomplished, an organized agricultural group is necessary to see that the proper remedies are applied.

The Dominion Chamber of Agriculture is now taking active steps to organize agriculture. I do not believe that I am competent to judge as to whether this is the correct way to organize agriculture or not, but I am fully convinced that organization of some sort is urgently needed and I am prepared to assist the farmers of this County in every possible way to organize as they deem wise. Once they have become organized and have expressed their decision, then I will do my utmost to further and assist their aims.

Reports of Sinking of German and British Vessels — British Forces are Reported Landed in Norway and Norwegian Ports Captured — British Repulse Air Raid on Scaev Flow and Bomb Norwegian Air Port Held by the Germans.

The biggest battle in the eight months since war was declared between the Allies and Germany has taken place, not on the land war, but on the sea and in the air. While the world at large was startled by the suddenness with which Germany struck and occupied Norway, later developments show that the move was anticipated by the Allies and that the British Navy has manœuvred the German into a bad position, with the probability that their invasion of Norway will prove disastrous.

At the same time that the Royal Navy was doing its job in Skagerrak, the Royal Air Force inflicted heavy losses when the Germans attempted an air raid on Scaev Flow. The events of the big naval and air movements are not by any means fully divulged, but briefly it can be put thus from the headlines and summary:

Allied-German naval battle rages along 1,000 miles of Norway's coast. British warships reported to have forced Oslo fjord and threatened to bombard Norwegian capital unless Germans surrender city; inhabitants flee; two British destroyers sunk, two damaged; seven Nazi supply ships and one destroyer sunk; three other destroyers damaged; Danish Norwegian merchantmen advised to seek protection of British ports; six German Heinkels downed off northeast coast of England; three disabled; R.A.F. bombs Norwegian airport held by Nazis.

British warships attack ten Nazi troopships in Skagerrak; report four Nazi cruisers and two of these have transporters sunk; British capture of Tromsheim and Bergen reported; two Nazi transporters seek refuge at Marsland German troops interned.

Germany claims four British destroyers sunk, four battleships, two battle cruisers, three heavy cruisers, two transporters badly damaged, conveyor lines of two cruisers to Norway's guns.

Roosevelt bans United States shipping from Scandinavian waters unless withdrawal of any wealth owned by Norway or Denmark or their citizens except by special permit.

Premier Reynaud of France says Nazi invasion of Norway to obtain ore route doomed to failure; declares German fleet now "exposed" to Allied sea forces.

By wire and by air reports continue to come in but the full extent of this biggest battle of the present war will not be known for a little time. It is quite apparent, however, that the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force have given a good account again and Britishers have every reason to be proud of their ability and heroism.

MOVIES FEATURE AT BLOOMSBURY LITERARY MEETING

The Bloomsbury Literary Society held a meeting on April 5th. Spruceleigh Poultry Farms, of Brantford, presented about two hours of moving pictures. The films that were shown were: Skilling in Quebec; Banff Springs; A Trip from Sea to Sea; a color picture of Spruceleigh Poultry Farms, showing the housing of their 17,000 hens. A very good picture was shown of the Tour of the King and Queen. The progress of caterpillar tractors in northern lumber camps; a comic strip and a wrestling match were the remaining films.

Lunch was then served and a social half hour spent.

Coming Events

Arrangements of Meetings, Conventions, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, in cents per line, with a minimum charge for an announcement of 25.

Bingo, at Legion Hall, Wednesday, April 17th, auspices Legion. Good prizes. Admission 25c.

The Knox Players present "The Life of Riley" in the Town Hall, on Wednesday, April 24th, at 8:00 p.m.

Euchre and Dance, Ballroom Hall, on Tuesday, April 16th, auspices Bascomb Women's Institute. Euchre at 8:30 sharp. Lunch provided. Huft's Orchestra. Admission 25c.



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