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## Town Hall to be Painted Dog By-Law is Passed

**Dogs Must Not Run at Large After May 1st — Petition Presented Against Change—Force Co. Require Drainage to Allow for Installing New Department in Acton Plant — Increase in Liability Insurance Due to Experience in Acton.**

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

The Clerk submitted a report on the receipts and expenditures of Council in 1939. Total receipts to date were \$25,946.13 and total expenditures were \$24,534.02. Receipts of current taxes to date were \$11,127.73 and tax arrears \$161.11. Interest on arrears amounted to \$124.33 and current penalties \$11.82.

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

W. R. Lashbrook, repairs at Town Hall	\$29.37
Bell Telephone Co., services	1.40
Acton Citizens' Band, instalment of grant	75.00
Nicola Chemical Co. Ltd., supplies	3.87
Lorne Mullin, 10 cord wood	50.00
O. R. Brown, trucking	10.75

Mr. G. Wilson of the A. E. Wilson Co. representing Lloyd's of London, who hold the town's liability insurance was present. The insurance was due for renewal at this time. The premium for this year would be increased to \$195.00 this year, instead of \$157.50 as paid last year. This raise was based on the experience in Acton the past year.

The matter of having this policy expire at the same time as all policies, namely November 15th, was considered and it was deemed advisable to have this policy coincide with this arrangement. Mr. Wilson also offered to make a survey of all the Municipality's insurance without cost, if given the policies for a few days. It was decided to renew the policy until November 15th, and if the policy is renewed with the same company the rate will be the same.

Mr. H. O'Rourke asked the privilege of renting the W. J. Patterson property for pasture and buying stone and timber. Council could make no arrangements until after the tax sale, and the Clerk was instructed to notify Mr. O'Rourke of this ruling.

The arena committee report was left over to be dealt with at the next meeting.

A letter from Mr. J. Bell was read in which he agreed to repair windows in the Town Hall at the rate of 45c per hour.

The letter was read from the Workmen's Compensation Board stating that the Fire Brigade was not covered under the present arrangement, but it could be covered if desired and gave the rates for such coverage. Further inquiry was to be made of the rate.

A letter from the Force Electric Products requested that the Municipality make an extension of the storm sewer to their property. This would relieve the water on the street from this section and allow the Company to install new equipment and dispose of considerable water that would be used in connection with this new department. The Force Company proposed to install new processing equipment of a capital expenditure of \$10,000. This would enable the company to do work in the plant where this was now being done outside of Acton.

Some investigation had been made and it was suggested to run the drain to connect with the Mill Street surface drain. Reeve Chalmers and Councillor Oakes were appointed a committee to further investigate and make plans. Council were willing to co-operate but more information on the drainage system must be secured before a definite decision can be made. If necessary a special meeting would be called, as soon as the report was made.

A letter from "The Men of the Trees" stated that they were willing to supply a number of trees for public planting. Order forms were supplied. The trees were 10 to 12 feet high and included a wide variety. The information was ordered to be sent to the School Board and the Agricultural Society.

A letter from the County Council gave a copy of the resolution passed in reference to enforcing collection from the executors of the estate of Mrs. Harry Jeans for hospital fees of Harry Jeans. The Clerk was instructed to proceed and write the executors of the estate.

A letter from J. B. Mackenzie & Sons drew attention of Council to an error in the assessment. The lot formerly owned by this company, on Willow Street, was now owned by Mr. George

## King's Welcome to Canadian Soldiers Overseas

During the week Mr. J. Nicol has received from Buckingham Palace two certificates to be kept for his sons, "Bus" and Tom, who are with the first Canadian Division in England. Naturally these are prized possessions and they read as follows:

The General Officer Commanding 1st Canadian Division

On behalf of the people of this country, I extend the warmest welcome to the First Contingent of the Canadian Forces to reach these shores.

The British Army will be proud to have as comrades-in-arms the successors of those who came from Canada in the Great War and fought with a heroism that has never been forgotten.

(Sgd.) GEORGE R. I.

## GREENOCK SOCIETY HONORS NEWLY-WEDS AT CLOSING MEETING

The closing meeting of Greenock Literary Society was held on Tuesday evening of last week, with a large attendance. President Evelyn Pearn was in charge during the opening exercises and business discussion.

John Allan acted as chairman while the following program was presented: Vocal solo, Blanche McKinnon; musical number, Leslie and Isabel Swackhamer; violin solos, Harvey Fisher; vocal solo, Mary Reid; piano solo, Mrs. Gordon Atkin.

At this time, Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson were called forward, and in honor of their recent marriage, Jean Mann read an address on behalf of the Greenock School Section, including literary members, neighbors and friends. Eileen Johnson and Gordon Leslie made the presentation of a memento clock.

In a few words Mr. and Mrs. Jackson expressed their appreciation for the gift and good wishes.

Several speeches were given, wishing the newly-weds every success in their new life.

The National Anthem closed the meeting. Lunch was served and dancing concluded the evening.

## Car Broke Down Transporting the Illegal Still?

Two Acton men got into rather a bad predicament during the week-end when they are alleged to have been caught bringing a still to Acton. According to reports, Carl Roaly, of No. 2 Hillcrest, and Joe Dudek, went to Toronto with a recently purchased car. The apparatus was loaded into the car, but proved too much and the machine broke down.

Police investigating the motor mishap, found the "load" to be a still and equipment for manufacturing intoxicating liquor. The two men were released on bail to stand trial in Toronto on Monday. Carl Roaly had recently purchased the farm on the Town Line west of Acton, formerly occupied by Mr. Thos. Kilty.

## BUSH FIRE STOPPED BY HELP OF NEIGHBORS

A fire that started on the highway west of Acton on Tuesday spread with great rapidity and did considerable damage in the bush on the farm of Mr. Fred Denny. Neighbors saw the spread of the flames and notified Mr. Denny and they had a busy afternoon substituting the blaze. A section of fence was burned and a number of small trees damaged. It is thought the blaze may have been started by a spark from a locomotive on the railway getting in the grass.

## MR. G. MCKENZIE ADDRESSED UNITED YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION

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

This meeting was under the direction of the Citizenship Department and was in charge of Mr. G. McKenzie. The meeting opened with a rousing singing, led by Mr. Grenville Masak.

Mr. McKenzie spoke briefly on the book "100,000,000 Guinea Pigs." Mrs. John Bell read the scripture. Miss Audrey MacArthur sang a solo, accompanied by the piano by Miss Dorothy Kitching.

The topic of the evening was taken by Mr. Garnet McKenzie. He took for his subject, "The Failure of Success."

## BOY MISSING FROM HOME NEAR ACTON

Chief Harrop was called on Tuesday night to assist in the search for George Allan, who did not return to his father's home that night. The boy is a four-year-old son of Mr. Robert Allan and resides on the Second Line, north of Acton. He is described as 5 foot 10 inches in height and would readily be taken for a boy eighteen years of age. He weighs 135 pounds, brown hair and eyes, slim build.

He was wearing a grey cap and grey suit coat, blue denim overalls and running shoes. He carried an ordinary sack containing food and possibly an extra pair of trousers. He had this rag-up as a pack sack over his shoulder when seen in Acton.

Any person having seen or knowing his whereabouts are requested to communicate to his parents or Chief E. Harrop, Acton.

## Concluding Meeting Fireside Hour at the Y.M.C.A.

Sunday evening marked the closing of the series of Sunday Evening Firesides at the Y.M.C.A., which started on Sunday, March 10th. Mr. George Switzer gave the Fireside Chat and his subject was "What is Education," which proved to be exceptionally interesting and enlightening. In the course of his talk Mr. Switzer mentioned that people are divided into four classes, namely: "Artisans, Artists, Adventurers," and proceeded to elaborate on and explain each category. He mentioned that the educated man is not necessarily the man who has gone to a university, although such training does and will enable one to appreciate and understand situations more readily, but the educated man is very often the man who has developed his character and ability so that he stands for everything that is best in life.

Bert Patrick presided and extended a very hearty vote of thanks to all those who had assisted in various ways to make the Firesides a success.

The closing few minutes were spent around an artificial Camp Fire in the centre of the gym floor. Bill Benson led in the singing of a group of old familiar songs and then read a couple of selections from the pen of John O'Shea. The singing of "Tara" closed the meeting. Refreshments were served.

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## Details Pumper Truck Purchased by the Council

Is Complete with Rotary Pump, Chemical Tank, Ladders, Hose Rack, Etc.

More complete details of the Fire Pumper equipment which is being considered by Acton Council are now available and will be reviewed by citizens with interest. The truck has the usual 90-day guarantee provided on all motor vehicle equipment. The fire equipment is guaranteed for one year and defective parts in that time replaced. The whole apparatus carries the usual guarantee against defective material and inferior workmanship.

Here are the other details of the equipment:

Chassis—Studebaker Fire Chassis, 6-cylinder, 75 brake horse power, 158 inch wheelbase.

Fire Pump—Rotary type, having a capacity of 350 Imperial gallons per minute at 120 lbs. pump pressure; 175 Imperial gallons per minute at 300 lbs. pump pressure; 117 Imperial gallons per minute at 250 lbs. pump pressure. Taking water from suction with a lift not to exceed 10 feet. 400 Imperial gallons per minute taking water from hydrant, with a flowing pressure of 50 lbs.

Fire Pump Equipment—Two 10 foot lengths 4 inch diameter suction hose; one suction hose strainer; two discharge valves; one pressure and one vacuum gauge, centrally connected; Relief Valves, connected between the discharge and suction side of the pump.

Hose Body—Made of steel with slatted hard wood bottom. Capacity 1500 feet of 2 1/2" fire hose. Rollings extended along the top and down to the level of the hose body. Friction hose rollers on both sides of hose body at rear.

Running Boards—On each side of the truck, between front and rear fenders, covered with rubber matting.

Seat—Standard fire engine type, made of heavy No. 12 gauge steel. Nicely upholstered in maroon leather, with curved hair and substantial springs. It is amply spacious to carry two large men. Hand holds on each side.

Rear Step—Full width of machine, made of selected oak, well braced to chassis frame, amply large to carry three men. Covered with rubber matting.

Fenders—Well braced and extra wide, covering both front and rear wheels.

Booster Tank—Of 33 Imperial gallons capacity, made of steel, mounted behind the driver's seat.

Booster Tank Equipment—By-pass connection, 2 1/2" 150 feet of 4-ply 3/4" chemical hose, in 50 foot lengths, complete with couplings; one heavy brass nozzle, shut-off type, with two 1/2" and 3/4" hose.

Hose Reel—Fitted with polished brass handholds for turning. Mounted above the hose body immediately behind the seat. Capacity 150 feet of chemical hose.

Alarm System—One electric siren mounted on front dash.

Tool Box—One of heavy steel, attached inside of and under the hose body and opening onto the rear step.

Sundry Equipment—Two 2 1/2 gallon soda-acid fire extinguishers; one extra crowbar; four nozzle holders, mounted on two of each side of the rear step; two electric lanterns.

Ladders—One 35 foot wood extension ladder, one 12 foot wood roof ladder, with folding hooks.

Ladder Brackets—The ladders are mounted on side of the truck in non-rattling type quick-opening ladder brackets.

Searchlight—Electric searchlight swivel type, mounted on front dash.

Painting—Standard Fire Department Red with striping.

Letters—Strips on each side of front body.

Finish—Bright metal parts, polished brass finish.

One Siamese pump to hydrant.

## Warden G. Finney Addressed Dublin Literary Society

On Friday evening the Dublin Literary Society met in the school, with the Vice-President, Mr. George Somerville, in the chair.

Following the business meeting, Mr. Britton took charge for a very enjoyable program. The program consisted of Numbers by the Orchestra; vocal duets by Margaret and Jean Robertson; monologues by Miss Flora Savers; a number "Mock Parliament" by the school children; violin solo by Douglas Frank, reading by Mr. George Finney; numbers by the Orchestra; dialogue by Betty Eglinton; Elvany Ross; Ross Britton and Donald Ross; piano duette by Miss Young and Miss Ricketts; musical number by school children.

The meeting closed, with the National Anthem. Lunch was served and an enjoyable evening of dancing spent.

## BOWLING FINALS FINDS FORCE TEAM IN PLAY-OFFS

The Force Bowling Team completed their bowling schedule Tuesday night by absorbing a 7-0 defeat at the hands of the Kloeffer Coal Co. The scores were good in the last two games but the locals were nosed out in each by the aid of a 54 point handicap and being one player short.

For the Force team, W. Corry was high man with 714 triple and a 292 single game score. J. Adamson was second high with a count of 648.

Next Tuesday the finals of the Commercial League will be played. The Force Team will meet Wishing Well and Capital Garage in a three-game play-off for the League Championship, and the Jockey Club Bowling Shield.

The following week the League champions will compete for the All-Guelph Bowling Championship and the Williams Cup.

At the end of the 28 game schedule, just completed, the Force team averages were as follows: W. Corry, 216; J. Adamson, 212; N. Morton, 207; J. Morton, 207; M. Route 193; B. Morton, 186.

## Annual Meeting Children's Aid Held in Milton

Canadian citizenry must increase its stand behind the needs of unfortunate children dependent on the Children's Aid Society for support, R. E. Mills, Director of the Toronto Society, told members of the Acton and Peel Society at the annual meeting in Milton last night.

Cases were increasing he said, as he urged greater co-operation toward providing every child with "a reasonable chance in life."

G. F. Thompson, Milton Superintendent, reported 180 cases had been dealt with in the two Counties under the Children's Protective Act this past year.

"There are still a great number of children not receiving the care we believe necessary under a very conservative standard of living," he said, suggesting some form of parent education would be "very beneficial."

Mr. Thompson deplored marriages of the mentally deficient, also claiming that in many cases of separation no legal formalities was complied with, the parents merely drifting apart and the children being left to suffer. He urged that a Juvenile Court to deal with cases of mothers deserting their children should be established in this district.

Mr. A. Mason, Acton, President of the Society, was in charge.

## Treasurer of Esqueping Resigns Account Health

Mr. T. Leslie Has Given Faithful Service for Forty-seven Years

The Esqueping Township council met on Thursday evening, April 11th, at eight o'clock. Reeve Wilson presided at the meeting, with all the members present.

A letter was read from Mr. George Leslie, in which he tendered his resignation as Treasurer of the Township. Mr. Leslie has served the ratepayers faithfully for many years, but on account of poor health found it necessary to relinquish this connection.

Moved by Messrs. Harrop and Cleave, that this Council accept, with deep regret, the resignation of our old and valued friend, as the Treasurer of this Township. Mr. Leslie has given his best to the Township, as Treasurer, for forty-seven years, and on account of his years and failing health has found it necessary to give up the position he has so faithfully filled.—Carried.

A motion was passed, that this Council call for tenders for the position of Treasurer for the Township of Esqueping, at a salary of Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars per annum.—Applications to be in the hands of the Clerk, Monday, May 6th, on or before 12 o'clock noon. And that the Clerk is hereby instructed to advertise in the local papers.

Moved by Messrs. May and Cleave, that this Council do not adjourn, to meet on Monday, May 6th, at 1:30 p.m. of at the call of the Reeve.—Carried.

## J. M. McDONALD APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF ASSOCIATION

At the annual meeting of the Leather, Rubber and Tanners Safety Association, J. M. McDonald, of Beadmore & Co. Ltd., was elected to the 1940-41 Board of Directors of the Industrial Accident Prevention Association.

## County Festival Now on Acton Has Fewer Entries

Has Anyone Noticed Improvement in Second Line?

A recent trip over the "King's" Highway between Acton and Milton, jolled the editor into writing a letter to Halton's member in the Ontario legislature, Mr. T. A. Blakelock. Citizens of this locality have had many complaints concerning the piece of roadway which two governments have promised for twenty years to pave and put in highway condition.

The following is the letter we received, and we hope there will be something besides broken promises and broken springs on this road, which is all broken down anyway.

Toronto, Ontario, April 18th, 1940

Mr. G. A. Dills, Acton, Ontario

Dear Mr. Dills:

This will acknowledge your letter of April 17th re No. 25 Highway between Acton and Milton. I wish to thank you for drawing my attention to the condition of this section, for I had no idea that same had been neglected. I had not pressed the Highway Department for the gravealling of this particular piece of highway, on account of hoping it would be paved this year. However, with the war in progress I have lost all hope of this being done. I have, however, this afternoon, taken this matter up with the Chief Engineer's Office, and I feel sure same will receive immediate attention.

I shall be glad if you will drop me a line at a later date in case there is any delay.

Yours very truly  
THOS. A. BLAKELOCK

## THIRD LEVEL CROSSING ACCIDENT AT BRAMPTON

Struck by an eastbound C.N.R. passenger train at the Mill Street north crossing on Tuesday, Milford Odium and William Kingman climbed from the wrecked vehicle, unhurt, but badly shaken-up.

It was the third level crossing accident in Brampton and district in the past two weeks and in each case the occupants of the autos involved have escaped with minor cuts and bruises. Police declared that in each case the escape of the occupants was miraculous and warned motorists to exercise more care in approaching crossings.

Odium and Kingman were driving to work when the accident occurred. Only the fact that the passenger train was slowing down for a stop at the Brampton station prevented a more serious accident, police say.

The train struck the vehicle—a glancing blow and pushed it clear of the track leaving it on its side on the railway right-of-way. Odium emerged from the car unscathed while Kingman was cut about the face from flying glass.

Doctors were summoned and ordered the two men removed to Peel Memorial Hospital for a complete examination. They were later allowed to go home.

Last Saturday, Russell Duke, of Snelgrove, had his car struck by a southbound C.P.R. passenger train at the Victoria sidings crossing. This train was also slowing down for a stop at the local station and Duke escaped injury although his car was badly damaged.

A week ago, P. H. Hayward, of Huttenville, driving over the Queen Street west crossing, had his car struck by a C.P.R. passenger train and emerged from the wrecked vehicle with a lacerated wrist.

## Missed Death When Tree Fell Across Truck

Two men saw potential death falling on them Monday, in the form of a seventy-foot pine tree. Seated in the cab of a truck, they watched with horror as the giant descended towards their machine. The driver, in desperation, "stepped on the gas" to use his own words and the truck shot down a lane. The tree fell across the vehicle, immediately behind the cab, almost splitting it in two. Thomas W. Gray, of Norval, and Wesley McCauley, of Brampton, escaped with a severe case of shock. The latter suffered a minor arm injury.

Workcutters were at work along the lane and had completed sawing the pine tree when the truck rounded a bend. The timing for a tragedy was perfect. The tree started to fall just as the machine straightened away and the trunk would have fallen squarely across the roof of the cab had not Gray shoved his foot down on the accelerator.

## Will Only Come to One Choir Event But Has Solo, Duett and Trio Entries in Several Groups—Events Held for Three Days This Week in the Georgetown United Church.

The Halton Music Festival started yesterday afternoon on its annual three-day event in the United Church, in Georgetown. There are events for Rural, Urban and High Schools, in vocal and instrumental numbers.

This year Acton is not sending so many entries as in former years. Last year four cups and two shields were captured by Acton School, as well as duett and individual events. Four choirs, the crummetted song and the singing game, were all won by Acton School.

Last night Betty Gibson competed in the piano solo in the class under 15 years. Last year Betty, who is only 11 years of age, won in her group and did not compete in an older group this year. She won third prize and the bronze medal just 1 1/2 points behind the first award.

This afternoon (Thursday) Eleanor Beatty and Mirella Rowles of Acton School are competing for the Girls' Solo, 7 to 10 years. Their song is "Spring." Kenneth Allen and Jack McDonald, of Acton, are in the Boys' Solo Class, 7 to 10 years.

This evening Margaret Somerville and Dorothy Clayton will play in the Piano Duett group.

Tomorrow (Friday) morning, Donald Evans and Bill Vincent will sing in the vocal solo contest for boys 11 years and over. Donald Evans and Jack Stewart will compete for the Boys' Vocal Duett, and Joyce Deserault and Betty Gibson, and Joyce Deserault and Betty Gibson, will sing in the Girls' Duett number.

On Friday afternoon, in the Vocal Solo Class for Girls, 11 and over, Betty Gibson and Joyce Deserault will be entered from Acton school.

The only Choir event in which Acton School is entered is on Friday afternoon in the Boys' 25 Voice Choir. The School will also compete in the Double Trio number. Acton pupils are under the direction of Miss M. Ricketts, Music Directress of the Acton School.

Complete results of the Festival will be published in next week's Free Press.

## DISTRICT PRESIDENT VISITED AT BANNOCKBURN

The regular meeting of the Bannockburn Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. D. D. Morrison, last Wednesday afternoon. The President, Mrs. Harding, was in the chair. Roll call was answered by giving poultry hints.

After the business discussion, Mrs. Brooks gave a paper on "Helping" Mrs. Cowan, of Palermo, addressed the meeting and gave an interesting paper on Canada. This was followed by a piano solo by Miss Laura Miller.

It was decided to donate five dollars to the Red Cross.

The meeting closed by the singing of the National Anthem. A dainty lunch was then served and a social hour spent.

On Tuesday night, April 16th, the Bannockburn Women's Institute held a supper and dance in the Ballinlad Hall. Prizes for the ladies were won by Mrs. C. Packer and Mrs. S. Sinclair; for the gent, Mr. F. Wilds and Mr. M. Madill. A lucky draw on a quilt was held. Mrs. Isabel Winfield held the lucky ticket.

## Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, in cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 25c.

Dance in Town Hall, Acton, Tuesday, April 30th; auspices Acton L.O.L. No. 467. Admission 25c.