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Band Equipment to Be Collected and Safely Stored

No More Property at Spring is Required — Old Fire Engine Brings \$75.00 for Scrap — New Fire Pumper to be Ready Soon — Grant to Fair to be Same — Reeve Says County Council Assessment Figures Were Discussed in Committee—Telephone and Public Utilities Matters Discussed — Next Meeting in August.

Councillors W. J. Creighton, W. J. Oakes, J. P. Davison were present on Tuesday evening, at the July meeting of Acton Council, and Reeve J. B. Chalmers presided.

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

Tax Collector, money received at first Tax Sale	237.76
Tax Collector, properties purchased at second Tax Sale	495.20
Acton Welfare Board, relief for May	118.82
Acton Welfare Board, relief for June	148.00
Municipal World, Tax Sale forms	2.58
County of Halton, 10 tons calcium chloride	270.80
T. Green, repairs to lawn mower	14.00
W. Fryer, mowing on streets	8.00
E. T. Theford, Division Court Clerk and Bailiff fees	32.00
A. H. Bishop, flowers for Pioneer Cemetery	2.65
Woodhall & Mansell, flowers for Pioneer Cemetery	2.65
Sydney Hardware, lawn mower Georgetown Lumber Co., supplies	11.50
Acton Public Utilities Commission, services at fire pump, pump house, Town Hall and street lights	200.34
Department of National Defence, rent of land	1.00
Bell Telephone Co., services	9.87
Bank of Montreal, demand loan rate re pavement	1,000.00
County of Halton, County Rate on account	3,000.00
C. F. Leatherland, salary and disbursements	173.81
Arthur Russell, salary for one month	25.00
C. F. Leatherland, disbursements re Tax Sale	24.73
Acton Garage, gasoline	70.00
F. McCutcheon, cleaning streets and hauling calcium chloride	21.34
Acton Free Press, printing and advertising	12.95
O. R. Brown, gravel hauling, etc.	36.20
D. Elliott, wages	5.50
D. O'Rourke and Mr. O'Rourke, work	2.00
C. Doula, work	1.25
G. Lambert, work	1.25
Richard Rawson, work on sidewalk	.90
W. D. Talbot, supplies	11.02
	\$5,942.18

Minutes of a special meeting were read, which had dealt with securing of an additional four acres of land at the spring property, at \$400 per acre. Authorities from the O. A. C. Guelph, had inspected the spring property and given the assurance that the spring supply came from a considerable distance and would not be affected by the cutting of trees in the area. It had been decided not to purchase any additional property. In view of the option that was already held on a second spring on the property and a right of way to this second spring, Messrs. E. Theford and L. O. Johnston requested that Council give consideration to the annual grant to Acton Fair. It was requested that land back of the arena be levelled.

The Clerk reported that the old fire engine had been sold to L. Waxman for \$75. The weight of the old steamer was 5,700 lbs. The original price offered on tender was \$10.

The list of tax arrears were checked and the instructions issued for action to be taken in the various cases.

The Clerk read a letter from the Bickle Fire Engine Co., regarding the progress that was being made on the fire pumper. Owing to the war work being done by this firm work on the pumper was delayed, but assurance was given that the equipment would soon be ready for inspection and delivery.

A letter was read from the County Clerk, acknowledging objection to the County equalization. He advised that Council would be notified of any change to be made. A note attached to the letter said the figures used had not been discussed by County Council.

Reeve Chalmers, who had supplied the figures to Acton Council, said they had been discussed in committee and a copy furnished each Reeve, to take home to confer with his Council.

A letter from Acton Business Men's Association offered co-operation to Council in any effort made to remove the poles from Mill Street. It was also recommended that the poles be removed.

Three Drunks Create Disturbance Saturday Night Here

Three men from Brampton and Huttonville created quite a disturbance on Saturday night, ending by hitting a young boy in the face and knocking him down. They were arrested and lodged in jail by Chief Harrop and Constable Locker until yesterday when they came up for trial. Judgment on them was reserved for a week and two of them remain in custody.

T. Williams, Huttonville, was charged with being drunk and disorderly. He pleaded not guilty and was released.

W. Weigel and H. Hergarden, both of Brampton, pleaded guilty to the charge of being drunk and disorderly. Hergarden and Weigel were also charged with assault and doing bodily harm. Weigel pleaded guilty to this charge but Hergarden, who is out on suspended sentence on another charge, denied the charge.

Magistrate German reserved his decision until next week, when sentence on the two of them will be given.

The assault charge arose when Mickey McMillan, a sixteen-year-old lad, son of Mrs. P. McMillan, was returning home on Saturday night. He was forcibly detained on Mill Street and a group of foolish questions put to him. The final accusation at the boy was 'You're for Hitler.' When the lad stoutly denied that he was, he was struck in the face and knocked to the pavement. Mickey's story is that one of the ruffians held him and he was struck by the other. The incident occurred about 11:15 p.m. on Saturday on Mill Street, near Egan Street.

A fair crowd of Acton ball fans was on hand last Friday night to see the ball game between Guelph and Kitchener in the Park here. Norm Morton, Acton left-hander, was on the mound for the Guelph Seniors and turned in a good game. His team-mates had six errors and were accountable for the score. Guelph outlasted Kitchener by 5 to 4.

Kitchener scored their first run in the second inning, without the benefit of a hit, when, with one out, Dahmer was safe at first on an error by Waterhouse, in centre field. He moved to second when Simeon walked, both runners advancing on a passed ball. With Huber at bat, Private allowed one of Morion's pitches to get away from him, Dahmer tallying for the Kitchener team.

In the fifth, the Kitchener team put together two hits, a sacrifice and another error by Private, to tally twice and stretch their lead to 3-0. Guelph battled valiantly to break the row of goose eggs which was chalked up against them inning after inning, but their efforts bore no fruit.

Two more runs were added to the Kitchener total in the sixth. Jimmy Dippel, utility player, who was catching in this game in the absence of "Squeek" Walker, opened the stanza by belting the ball over the fence in right field for a home run. Jed Dahmer then singled to centre was advanced to second on Simeon's sacrifice, and scored when Bush dropped a throw at first base, which would have been the final out.

Morton was effective from the standpoint of good pitching. In granting only four hits he pitched well enough to win most games. Norman also fanned ten and walked three and hit one. Huber, Morton's rival on the fringe line, struck out five, and walked seven.

LOCAL THEATRE MADE SPLENDID CONTRIBUTION TO FUNDS

Citizens of Acton and district shared on Monday night in the big drive across Canada by the moving picture industry to raise funds for the war effort by the sale of War Savings Stamps. The Gregory Theatre in Acton participated with a good show and a theatre filled. As a result the local contribution from the Gregory Theatre, Acton, was \$150 on Monday evening.

School Board Considers Public School Repairs

Faced with Expenditure of \$750 on Toilet System — To Get Estimates of More Modern Equipment

Acton School Board met last Friday evening in special session, to consider work that required to be done in the Public School this year. Trustees P. S. Blow, Dr. F. J. Oakes, J. H. Boyd and Q. A. Dills were present. In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. F. Blow was chosen Acting Chairman.

Tenders were received for supplying and putting on a metallic ceiling in two of the rooms.

It was also reported to the Board that three of the tanks of the Kaustine toilet system must be replaced. This cost was estimated at \$750.

In view of the fact that this system was not modern and that objection had been made from a health standpoint, consideration was given to installing a septic tank and a water system. The present system had been installed before waterworks were put in, in Acton. The Secretary and Mr. Blow were asked to get in touch with those in charge of drainage problems in the O.A.C. and get plans and suggestions on how this could be worked out at the school. An approximate cost was also to be secured.

Tenders were received for painting three rooms at the school and also for supplying paint.

All these were held in abeyance until a complete report of all the work necessary could be received. The Board adjourned and went to the school to view the buildings and try to arrive at a decision. It was decided to hold a special meeting as soon as all the information desired was available.

MORE MEN WHO HAVE ANSWERED CALL TO ARMS

In response to our appeal for a complete list of all men from Acton and district who are serving in the Canadian Army, readers have furnished us with the following names, which were omitted last week:

Rae Hillier, H.L.L. Stratford.
Douglas Smith, R.C.A.P., Galt.
J. Murphy, H.L.L. Stratford.
Hugh O'Rourke, George McHugh, Geo. Lazenny, Acton, Alex. McDonald, Creighton Corners, Veterans' Guard, Toronto.
Jas. O'Rourke, R.H.L.L. Guelph.
Norman B. Wright, Lorne Scots Base Depot, Brampton.

JOHN LAMBERT IS CHOSEN FOR VACANCY ON UTILITIES SERVICE

John Lambert was chosen by Acton Public Utilities Commission, last night, to fill the position made vacant by the retirement of Gordon C. Smith, at the same salary paid Mr. Smith. There were seven applicants for the position. Mr. Lambert will commence his new duties immediately. He is a property owner and has been a resident of Acton for many years.

Bigger Crowd on Hand For Saturday Night Draw

Five Dollar War Savings Certificate Goes to Mrs. Albert McCutcheon, R.R. 3, Acton—Ten Other Winners Chosen — Only Five Who Lost Prizes by Being Absent at Second Event—Another This Saturday Night at the Same Location—You Must be Present to Win.

The second Saturday evening selection of prize-winners in the Acton Business Men's Association contest proved even more successful than the first one, even it being taken from the experience at the previous week. Last Saturday the crowd gathered at the side and rear of the Government Building, on Willow Street, with the program being carried on from the main entrance platform.

Sharp at ten o'clock the interested folk, who filled Willow Street from Mill Street half-way down the block, gathered and the drawing for prizes was proceeded with. This time, three coupons, instead of one, as on the previous Saturday night were drawn at one time, and the three names called, two minutes being given for those whose names were called to report to the committee of management.

The interest of the contest, and news of its conditions had evidently spread since not only was there a larger crowd than on the first evening, but more of those who were fortunate enough to have their coupons drawn were on hand to claim their prizes. The loud-speaker system worked excellently and helped a good deal in getting the names and conditions of the contest out to the crowd. This time, also, the drawing for the \$5 War Savings Certificate was held to the last few minutes, so that the interest was well sustained.

Glimpses of Parliament

By Hughes Cleaver, Halton Member

Ottawa, Ontario, July 16th, 1940

Last week was a very eventful one at Ottawa. The necessary bills were introduced setting up the new Departments of National Defence for Naval Services and of National War Services and late Friday evening, the new Ministers were sworn in.

Mr. J. C. Gardiner, the new Minister for National War Services, has appointed his Deputy Ministers and considerable organization work has already been done in preparation for a National Registration of everyone in Canada over sixteen years of age.

While the estimated cost of this registration has been set at two million dollars, the request has been made that so far as possible this work should be done voluntarily.

During the week and I took the matter up with the Presidents of the Liberal and the Conservative Associations, for the County and with Mr. George Atkins and many others. As a result, I was able to write the Minister that Halton County would be responsible for the registration of its citizens without any cost to the country.

The registration will be done in four days and will commence about the third week in August. An organization meeting will be called in about a week's time and full particulars will appear in the press.

Word was received this week that the Imperial Parliament has passed the necessary amendment to the British North America Act to permit the Dominion Government to enact compulsory unemployment insurance for Canada.

The bill is said to be ready and it is expected that it will be introduced this week.

Mr. J. L. Ralston, the new Minister of Defence, made a general statement in the House on Wednesday last, with reference to our troops and equipment, in response to a question by the Leader of the Opposition, and as I believed the County would like to have this information, I quote the following extracts from the Minister's answer:

Mr. Ralston: My hon. friend has put me in a difficult position, particularly with regard to his inquiries respecting troops going overseas. I have in mind, without fixing any date whatever, that a very large body will be proceeding overseas very shortly. These are not directly troops of the Second Division. I have in mind also that an account of communications which have been received from the Government of the United Kingdom, a substantial part of the Second Division is now on special duty outside Canada. I have in mind also that communications have been passing in the last few days with regard to the remainder of the Second Division, and yesterday I spent all morning with the staff officers and with the officer designate in command of the Second Division, discussing the question as to the wisest policy having regard to the communications to which I have referred.

My hon. friend will understand that the situation is naturally a difficult one. We have to take account of the situation in Canada, the requirements here, and the possibilities which may arise in many years.

Thieves Stole Tools from Acton Machine Shops

Entered Premises Tuesday Night and Took \$500 of Valuable Dies and Equipment

Some time between midnight Tuesday night and opening time Wednesday morning, thieves entered the premises of the Acton Machine Shops and stole tools and equipment valued at from \$400 to \$500. The complete loss is difficult to estimate as it will take some time to make a complete inventory of the missing articles.

Entrance was gained by forcing a rear window light and then opening a section of the steel sash at the rear of the building. It is quite evident that it was mechanics' tools that were the object of the burglars. Fifty-four taps and dies from one set are missing. An electric drill, which was stolen on another occasion and recovered, was taken again on Tuesday. Tools from all over the work shop were taken.

In the office a drawer was taken from one of the desks. Its contents were emptied on the top of the desk and the drawer was used to pick in the lost and remove it from the building. A new set of wrenches, just recently purchased, were also taken from the office. Stamps and coins were left untouched.

Chief E. Harrop is investigating the case and has called in the assistance of Provincial and city police. The loss to Mr. Blow is a serious one, not only from the point of replacement value but from the fact that much time will be lost and production impeded before the tools can be replaced. The factory has been busy making presses which are much in demand at the present time.

Grant to Fairs Discussion Features County Council

Registration Work in Halton County to be Voluntary

The work of Dominion registration, that is to be done in four days, starting August 19th, will be done by voluntary workers serving without pay in Halton County. This was decided upon after Mr. Hughes Cleaver, M.P., had consulted with Presidents of both political parties in the County. Mr. A. Mason, Acton, President of the Halton Conservative Association, and Mr. LeRoy Dale, Georgetown, President of the Halton Liberal Association, have been appointed Chief Registrars for the County, and will start the work of organizing immediately.

Already a large number in Acton have listed in their names as willing to do this work as a service to Canada, and indications are that there are many who are not serving in any other capacity, who can make this contribution to Canada's war effort. Announcement of details will be made later.

RECRUITING FUNDS MANY WILLING FOR SERVICE

Recruiting in the Lorne Scots is very active these days. Officers in charge here report that on Tuesday there were seventy men applying for the vacancies in the regiment. Only a few of these could be accepted at the present time and have gone up for medical examination.

The fact that over 60 from Acton and district have already enlisted seems to be no deterrent and men are willingly offering their services in the great struggle.

MATTOCKS-RAWLINGS WEDDING IN GUELPH SATURDAY AFTERNOON

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized in Guelph on Saturday when Vera Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Rawlings, became the bride of Wilfred Ernest Mattocks, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Mattocks of London, England. The Rev. J. C. Grier, of Knox Presbyterian Church, Guelph, officiated. The bride looked charming in a figured blue sheer frock, with navy and white accessories, and a corsage of Sweetheart roses. She was attended by her sister, Miss Frances Rawlings, who wore a dusky-rose sheer dress with white accessories and a corsage of Johanna Hill roses. The groom was attended by Mr. Gordon Cook.

After the ceremony the happy couple left for a honeymoon through Muskoka. On their return they will reside in Acton.

Eden Mills Ladies Visit Institute Here at July Meeting

The Acton Women's Institute meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Collier, on Thursday, July 11th. Fifteen ladies from Eden Mills Branch visited and provided a splendid program, consisting of songs, a play, a paper, entitled 'Living a Life More Than Making a Living', a reading, 'Sunshine after Rain', an interesting contest on 'Trees', was given and won by Mrs. Lanz.

After the business was concluded, the ladies conducted a dainty luncheon. A cordial invitation was extended to the Acton ladies to visit with the Eden Mills Branch at a future date. The meeting closed with the National Anthem.

FARM HELP IS AVAILABLE BY MAKING APPLICATION

Farmers throughout the Province are to have the co-operation of the Ontario Government in securing inexperienced but able-bodied young men for two or three months for haying, harvesting and general farm work.

In making this announcement, N. O. Hipel, Minister of Labor, intimated that the Ontario Department of Labor had made arrangements to register all workers who would be willing to help harvest the crops, which are vital to Canada's war effort.

Mr. Hipel pointed out that there was a scarcity of experienced farm help and asked all farmers who required extra workers to co-operate with the government by using the men available. It was suggested that farmers would have to exercise patience and realize that these men could not be expected to attain complete efficiency at first.

Farmers who desire extra men should apply to the nearest Ontario Employment Office, or write direct to A. MacLaren, Director of Farm Training, Department of Labor, Parliament Buildings, Toronto.

Already the Minister of Labor, stated, many willing workers had registered for work on farms and were available for immediate employment.

Grant to Fairs Discussion Features County Council

Final Decision Made to Treat All Fairs Alike — Proposal to Consider Only Milton Fair is Voted Down — No Change in County Assessment This Year — Plan for Change in 1941.

The July meeting of Halton County Council was held in Milton last Tuesday. All members were present and the Warden in the chair.

At the afternoon session representatives from the various Fall Fair Boards petitioned the Council for the customary annual grant towards their respective fairs.

Mr. E. M. Readhead, representing the Halton County Fair, gave a good account of the Fall Fair held in Milton each year and, after requesting a grant, stated that any surplus accruing from this year's receipts would be given over to war work. Just what form this war work would take had not been decided, possibly advice might be sought as to the best way in which any surplus might be used.

Mr. Frank Ditch, representing Georgetown Fair, stated that the Department of Agriculture had requested that Fall Fairs include School Fair work in their programs insofar as it was possible. This Georgetown Fair Board was endeavoring to do. They were also doing everything possible in other ways to insure the success of the Fair and would ask the financial support of the County towards this end.

Mr. F. Theford, on behalf of Acton Fair, spoke briefly but to the point, and left no doubt as to the past success of Acton Fall Fair and requested the continued support of the County.

The Warden assured these gentlemen that their requests would be considered and the decision of the Council made known.

Reports of the Standing Committees were considered in Committee of the Whole, with Mr. W. A. Wilson, Reeve of Esequing, in the chair.

When Council resumed, a lively and somewhat heated discussion took place regarding Fall Fair grants. This was after the following resolution had been placed before the Council:

Moved by Mr. Robertson, Nelson, seconded by Mr. May, Esequing, that a grant of \$250 be paid to the Halton County Fair and that the grants made by the several municipalities be discontinued.

In presenting this resolution Mr. Robertson explained that in his opinion the County was interested financially in the Halton County Fair and therefore it was in the interest of the County to support it. If the other Fairs wished to continue operation, that should be their responsibility and that of their municipalities. Halton Fair Grounds, situated in Milton, carry a mortgage and if Halton County Fair should shut up shop, this property would immediately become a charge on the County.

Mr. Wilson, as a District Director of the Fall Boards Association, in my sorry I cannot support Mr. Robertson's motion. It is the policy of the Association that all Fairs should be treated the same way. In their opinion there is no County fair. They advise that all Fairs carry on much the same as usual. They also advise that surplus receipts be given to some form of war work.

Mr. Cleaver, referring to Mr. Robertson's motion, said: We have absolutely no jurisdiction in regard to municipalities—we cannot say that they shall or shall not contribute towards any one fair. That is entirely their own affair.

Mr. Hume suggested that a grant be given to all the Fairs, but that a reduction be made in each case.

Mr. Hillmer: I suggest that we make one grant and have one fair—a County Fair.

Mr. Robertson: In that case each municipality should share alike, instead of as at present, with some paying and some not. In Acton and Georgetown we have nothing at stake—in Milton we have.

Mr. Cleaver: I can't see that that is a fair way at all. I would say give the same to all. They all pay taxes—treat them all the same. And there isn't such a thing as a fair.

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Coming Events

Modern and Old Time Dance with Doris Hull's Orchestra, Elgwood, Eden Mills, Tuesday, July 23rd.

The postponed Garden Party of Nassagawya Presbyterian Church will be held on Monday, July 29th. Russ Craghton and Ella Variety entertainers will supply the program. Don't miss this big event.