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William Cross was Drowned at Everton Sunday

Was a Fair Swimmer — Four Companions Were Unable to Reach Him in Time

The second drowning accident in this district this season occurred at Everton on Sunday afternoon, when William Cross, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cross, R.R. No. 4, Rockwood, sank to his death in the river above the Everton dam, within view of a group of his companions.

His body was recovered by members of the Guelph Fire Department about three o'clock Sunday afternoon, three hours after the tragedy.

Young Cross, a fair swimmer, had bicycled 14 miles, from the Ferguson district, where he had been working for the summer months, to enjoy a plunge in the swimming hole, a mile from his home. He stopped momentarily at his home to pick up his bathing suit, and was, in the act of swimming from the dam to join the other boys who were a short way up the river, when he went down at a point where the water was about ten feet deep.

Unaware that young Cross was in distress until they heard a faint cry for help, the group of boys were helpless to aid him, as he disappeared below the surface an instant after making the outcry. It is presumed that the exertion of the long bicycle trip, and the fact that he entered the water when overheated may have caused him to take cramps soon after he plunged into the cold water.

The boys who witnessed the drowning, including a brother, James Cross, Charles Stewart, Henry Hill, Dick Hill and Donald Mack, made immediate efforts to give for the young boy, but their attempts were unsuccessful. A call was sent in for aid from the Guelph Fire Department, and Firemen Cecil Sharplin, Richard Southern and Fred Anderson responded. Using a boat, the firemen dragged the river some time before it was finally found necessary to open the sluice leading to Horton's mill to lower the water level at the point the drowning occurred. The force of the water running through the sluice carried the body into the mill race, where it was recovered by the firemen.

Coroner Dr. T. R. Pickard visited the scene of the drowning with Provincial Constable Johnston and County Constable Tasse. After being informed of the circumstances surrounding the tragedy, it was decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

Besides his parents, the young drowning victim is survived by three brothers, James, Douglas and Roy, at home, and two sisters, Mrs. Clordon Prentice, Kenilworth, and Mrs. Clifford Bost, Ferguson.

Former Actonian Observes Her Ninetieth Birthday

On August 10th, 1850, a baby girl was born in Toronto, who was destined to live a long and useful life.

On August 10th, 1940, a group of friends met at her Toronto home, to wish Mrs. J. A. O. Anderson a happy birthday—her ninetieth.

As a child she moved with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Watson, to the Township of Erin, and later to Acton, where she spent her girlhood days. The early death of her mother left her to care for the younger children, one of whom died in the year of the diphtheria scourge.

In 1877, Miss Watson became the bride of Mr. J. A. O. Anderson. The wedding took place in the old Disciple Church, on the corner of Church and John Streets, Acton, of which both were members.

The Rev. D. G. Merz was the officiating minister. The young couple began their married life in Drayton, but later removed to Ridgeway, and again to Toronto, where Mr. Anderson passed away. The large family is scattered, but one daughter, Miss Alma, remains with her mother to cheer her declining years.

The happy group on August 10th consisted Mrs. Anderson, and spent a delightful hour with one whose clear memory brings back "the light of other days."

FIELD MEETINGS CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Under the auspices of the Halton Crop Improvement Association, field meetings were recently held on the farms of W. E. Brecken, Freeman, and Ross Gordon, Rockwood, on whose farms replicated trials with 12 varieties of oats and 21 varieties of barley were laid down last Spring. At the former farm Prof. C. N. Rubnik, Head of the Soils Department, and Robert Keegan, of the Field Husbandry Department, O.A.C., were the speakers, while at the Gordon farm Messrs. J. Laughlin and R. J. Brydon, from the O.A.C., discussed field crops and soil fertility respectively. The Association, under the leadership of President W. E. Brecken, has during the year, laid down a most interesting program with grain varieties, grasses and clovers, hybrid corn, phosphated manure, and other soil fertility projects on the following farms:

Arthur Heslop & Son, W. E. Brecken, Marvin Heslop and Ross Segowitz, Freeman, George Brecken, Bronte; Wm. Hall, Horby Miller Bros., John Bird, N. T. McNeill & Sons, Seckwold, Milton; George Town, J. E. Praren, Jack Lawson, Acton; Claude McLaughlin, Norval, Ross Gordon, Rockwood; Ivan Richardson, Campbellville; A. T. Woodley, Edwin Harrop and W. A. Cripps & Son, Milton.

Sugar and Stamps Draw Big Crowd at Saturday Draw

Big Prize Goes to Rockwood — 12 Others Distributed in Town and Country

It took just 22 minutes on Saturday night to distribute the 13 prizes in the Acton Business Men's weekly draw. The Post Office square was jammed again with those from town and countryside, all with a chance to win one of the prizes. An added feature last week was two prizes of 50 lbs. of sugar.

Wm. J. McLeod, R.R. No. 2, Rockwood, was the winner of the top prize of a \$5.00 War Savings Certificate. Miss Elsie Early, Bever Avenue, and Miss Isabel Stockham, R.R. 2, Acton, won 50 lb. of sugar each.

The ten prizes of \$1.00 War Savings Stamps were won as follows: Miss Dora Hansen, Miss Leona Waller, Mrs. Walter Fryer, R.R. 4, Acton; John Bauer, John Chapman, Harold Smith, Vivian Rowles, O. Clifford, Mrs. C. Dodds, Mrs. F. W. Crump. There was only one loser on Saturday, Mrs. P. Purdy.

The \$1.00 in War Savings Stamps offered by auction brought a new high price for the Red Cross funds. Ex-Warden A. Mason paid \$3.00 for the stamps and turned it back to the Red Cross again. This lot of War Savings Stamps has, to date, paid into the Acton and District Red Cross \$6.00 in cash and \$61 has a value of \$100. The original donor was Mr. J. McClure. It was purchased by Mr. L. Starkman for \$1.75 the first night, and by Mr. J. A. Chapman for \$1.25 the second night. The third night, Mr. Mason paid \$3.00 for the stamps. Each purchaser has turned them back to the Red Cross Society.

The committee in charge on Saturday night was Mr. A. Mason, Mr. V. B. Rumley and Mr. P. L. Wright. The children drawing the coupons were Eleanor Beatty and Andrew Nibol.

There will be another draw on Saturday night at the above place at 10.00 o'clock. To win a prize you must be present in Acton on Saturday night.

1526 Register in Acton Booths in Three Days

Monday Was Busiest Day and Folks Did the Job Early

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Acton residents, in common with those all over Canada, flocked to the registration booths and completed the forms for Dominion registration of every man and woman over 16 years of age. A total of 1,526 registered in Acton in the six booths provided for the work and splendidly manned in every case by helpers who gave their service voluntarily and without remuneration.

The following are the detailed figures by booths:

No. 1, at Y.M.C.A., registered 207
No. 2, at Y.M.C.A., registered 385
No. 3, at Town Hall, registered 347
No. 4, at Town Hall, registered 165

The booth at the Beardmore Co. plant registered 342
The booth at the Storey Glove Co. plant registered 80

Monday was the biggest day. The rush started as soon as the booths opened and kept up until closing time. At the four booths, excluding those in factories, approximately 650 citizens registered the first day. The 454 remaining registrations were spread over the other two days, making these comparatively easy ones.

The Boy Scouts assisted the voluntary workers as messengers. The local arrangements worked splendidly and those who carried these out are to be congratulated. These congratulations should be extended throughout the County. Registrar L. Dale, of Georgetown, and Deputy Registrar A. Mason, of Acton, secured the co-operation of workers that was commendable. Such combined effort in the common cause will hasten the successful culmination of the war.

Bowlers Hold Tournament on Acton Greens

18 rinks participated in the Scotch Doubles Bowling Tournament, held at Acton last night. There were entries from Waterloo, Guelph, Erin, Milton, Georgetown, Grand Valley and other centres.

First prize was won by Prof. W. C. Blackwood and partner, with 3 wins and plus 20
Second prize went to W. J. Gould and W. D. Talbot, Acton, with 3 wins and plus 12
Third prize went to Mr. Stevenson, Grand Valley, after extra ends to break a tie with Mr. N. Steep, of Guelph. The winning pair had 2 wins plus 19.

ACTON LADIES TRAIN FOR HOME GUARD DUTY

A group of Acton ladies are being organized for home defence. Twenty-four were present at the first drill night in the Park and a meeting is planned to complete the organization. Miss Lottie Mason has been active in starting the organization and Chief E. E. Harrop, who has had many years of service in the Imperial Army is the drill instructor.

"Soldiers of the Soil" Enrolment

In accordance with the wishes of the Department of Education, an opportunity is being given for boys, twelve years of age or over, to offer their services as farm helpers, and to Secondary School girls to volunteer assistance in the sale of War Savings Certificates. Enrolment forms for Acton volunteers are in the hands of Mr. R. M. McDonald, Secretary of the Acton School Board. Parents are asked to sign the forms, giving their consent. Information that is thus obtained will be turned over to the County Committee in charge of the placement of volunteers.

CHAIRMAN NAMED FOR LOCAL WAR SAVINGS COMMITTEE

At the request of the District Chairman, Mr. Ryland H. New, the editor of THE FREE PRESS, G. A. Dills, has accepted the Chairmanship for Acton and district for the War Savings Committee. As soon as details are received, the work of organizing a local committee will be undertaken to maintain this very necessary and worthy support of Canada's war effort.

SUSPEND OATH FOR ALIEN RECRUITS

Candidates for enlistment in Canada's armed forces who are citizens of a foreign country are not now required to take the Oath of Allegiance provided for in the King's Regulations, if by so doing their citizenship in their own country is forfeited.

JUST THE SAME EAST OR WEST

Frequently, when the size of a newspaper varies, the publisher bears the remark: "My, but the paper is smaller this week; there must be a scarcity of news!" Too often, the reader fails to realize that the size of his paper depends upon the volume of advertising being carried, rather than upon the amount of news the editor may be able to gather in the district.

News cannot be published without advertising to pay for the cost of publication of that news. No paper can render a news service gratuitously, and the subscription price of newspapers is known to be under the cost of newspaper production.

A paper which has a large advertising business can publish many pages of news. When such advertising diminishes, for one reason or another, the size of the newspaper shrinks as a result. The reader can assist in maintaining the proportions of his paper, to a considerable extent, by showing his interest in the news advertised in its pages.

Keep in mind that your local business man is largely responsible for the publication of your paper, and show him that you know it to be a fact by showing an interest in his advertising or reminding him of the lack of it.

The Nicol Boys Write Home from Overseas Camp

Interesting Letters Tell of Visit in Scotland and Receipt of Parcels from Home

Mr. John Nicol has recently received the following letters from his sons, who are an active service in England. They contain so much of interest to all of us who know the boys so well that we request permission to publish them and very grateful use. We know readers will enjoy them as much as we did.

Somehow in England,
July 30th, 1940
Dear Dad, Sisters and Pal
Hope this letter finds you all well. Tim and I are both fine. We had our seven days leave in Scotland and what a time we had. Our relatives up there are all wonderful people. I guess you are all anxious to know all about it, so I'll start from the back and tell you all about it. Did you get the telegram we sent you, telling you we were going on leave?

We left camp here on Saturday afternoon about two o'clock, and arrived in London about three. Our train didn't leave till five minutes to eleven that night, so we strolled around and took in a show and had a chicken supper the first night last Christmas. We left London about eleven and travelled all night. The train stopped in a siding for about an hour for an air raid. We changed trains at Carlisle, just inside the English border. We arrived at Kilmarnock about nine o'clock Sunday morning. We then took the bus from there to Newmilns. Two men's had been at the station in Kilmarnock, but our train was so late that they thought we wouldn't get till here.

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Electric and Water Supply For New Industry

Arranged by Public Utilities Commission at Meeting on Tuesday Night

The regular meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Tuesday evening. Commissioners M. Symon and Reeve J. B. Chalmers were present, with Chairman C. M. Hansen presiding. The Secretary was, upon motion of J. B. Chalmers and C. M. Hansen, instructed to pay the following accounts:

Hydro Department
Bell Telephone Co. services \$ 5.00
H.E.P.C. of Ontario, power 2,728.16
Federal Wire & Cable Co. wire 124.00
Three Transport, express 30

Waterworks Department
Hydro Department, July operations \$107.80
Canadian Brass Co. supplies 11.44

Superintendent Wilson was instructed to purchase a special fire cable, so that the power line could be run through certain trees on Agnes Street, without mutilating the trees to any extent.

Three quotations were presented for transformers and other accessories, needed for the new wood combing plant.

A representative of the Canfield Electric Works called on the Commission and addressed them concerning the quality of their products.

After some discussion, it was decided to purchase the necessary transformers, etc. from the Canfield Electric Works.

Reeve Chalmers requested that Superintendent Wilson be allowed to go to Woodstock on Friday, to view the fire pumper being demonstrated. It was decided to allow Mr. Wilson to go, if the work and weather allowed.

The Commission decided to install 1 1/2 inch submersed pipe to the Corporation limit, to supply water for the wood combing factory.

The list of arrears was checked and instructions were issued as to their disposal.

NEW APPROACH TO TORONTO IS NOW OPEN

The Queen Elizabeth Way, from Brown's Line into Toronto, was opened for travel last week. Motorists going from here and other points appreciate this four-lane highway, that now goes right to Sunnyside and does away with the bottle neck from Burnhamside to Brown's Line. It will certainly handle the Exhibition crowd much better.

The New York Times of last week had one of the finest descriptive articles that we have seen on this new highway, that runs from Toronto to Niagara Falls. A map of the route of the highway and adjoining sections was unlike many of the local maps published in Acton was shown in this map. These American writers have a keen sense for picking out the important points.

Fire Pumper Now Ready for Council's Inspection

Reeve J. B. Chalmers received word during the week that the fire pumper, under agreement for purchase, was now ready for final inspection. The Reeve and Councilors and other municipal officials will go to Woodstock on Friday to see the machine demonstrated.

Owing to the Dominion registration on the first three days of this week, the August session of Council, scheduled for Tuesday, was postponed until tonight.

ACTON SOLDIER WED AT GUELPH LAST THURSDAY

A very pretty wedding was solemnized in St. George's Church, Guelph, on Thursday, August 16th, when Marjorie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Griffith, Guelph, was united in marriage to G. M. Taylor and the late Mrs. Taylor, Acton. The Rev. Archdeacon Scovill officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a floor-length dress of white tulle, with a finger-tip veil, and carried a bouquet of American Beauty roses. She was attended by Miss Madeline Bennett, of Guelph, who wore an identical frock of blue, with white accessories, and a bouquet of Sweetheart roses. The groomsmen were Mr. Bert Patrick, Mr. G. M. Hill, organist of the church, supplied music during the ceremony.

A reception was held later at the bride's home, Emmaus Road, and the happy couple left for a honeymoon to Toronto and points east.

G. M. Taylor is an active serviceman with the 10,432nd Battery, stationed at Guelph.

Halton Juniors to Compete at the C.N.E.

The Misses Norma Lawson, Jean May and Marjorie McCready, of the Scotch Black Girls' Project Group, will represent Halton in the Inter-County Household Science Team Demonstrations at the C.N.E.

In the Inter-Club Competitions, Halton will be represented with groups of Holstein, Jersey and Short-horn. The following club members will represent their respective clubs:

Holsteins: Ward Brownbridge, Georgetown; Irwin Smith, Rockwood; Stanley Watson, Sunnyside; John Richardson, Milton.
Jerseys: Tom Alderson, Horby; Evelyn and John McClure, Georgetown; Frank Millar, Freeman.
Short-horns: John Larch and Robert Lindsay, Georgetown; Willis Johnston, Milton.

Erin Township Rate Struck For the Year

School, County and Rate for Police Village are Set Forth in By-Laws

The Erin Township Municipal Council met at Hillsburg and the following municipal business was transacted:

By-law No. 7, striking School rates, was passed, and the following Trustee rates were struck: \$5 No. 1, Trustee rate, 60 mills, and a Debiture rate of 2.4 mills; \$5 No. 2, 2.0 mills; \$5 No. 3, 2.3 mills; \$5 No. 4, 2.3 mills; \$5 No. 5, 2.3 mills; \$5 No. 6, 5.2 mills; \$5 No. 7, 2.3 mills; \$5 No. 8, 2.5 mills; \$5 No. 9, 2.6 mills; \$5 No. 10, 2.9 mills; \$5 No. 11, 4.8 mills; \$5 No. 12, 3.0 mills; \$5 No. 13, 2.2 mills; \$5 No. 14, 2.2 mills; \$5 No. 15, 2.1 mills; \$5 No. 16, 2.1 mills; \$5 No. 17, 2.0 mills.

By-law No. 8, striking County rates, Township rate, Police Village rate, and General School rate, was passed, and the following rates were struck: County rate for roads and general purposes, 60 mills; County rate for patriotic purposes, 13 mills; County rate for Schools, 18 mills; Township rate, 50 mills; General School rate, 49 mills; and Police Village of Hillsburg, 15.0 mills. The Municipal Subsidy Act reduced the Township and the Police Village of Hillsburg rates one mill.

The following amounts were ordered paid:

Relief \$ 21.28
Roads 1,897.25
Miscellaneous 7.88

Council adjourned, to meet at Hillsburg on September 9th, at 10.00 a.m.

Upper School Results Given By Department

Standing Taken by Pupils Who Wrote Examinations at Acton School This Year

1st, 75-100%; 2nd, 66-74%; 3rd, 60-65%; C, 50-60%; F, Failure
The following are pupils at Acton Continuation School:

JEAN H. BENNIE Modern History, I; Geography, 1st, Zoology, I, Physics, 2nd
MAHE O. A. BRUNELLE English Comp., I, English Literature, C
BEATRICE G. BURCHFIELD English Comp., 2nd, English Literature, 2nd
JOYCE G. COLENS English Comp., 3rd; English Literature, 2nd

J. ALEXANDER PHANK English Comp., I, English Literature, I, Geography, I
BVALINE E. MCGAID English Comp., C, English Literature, I
DONALDA J. MERRILL Physics 3rd
THOMAS E. WATSON English Comp., I, English Literature, I

The following are pupils of Guelph Collegiate Institute who wrote examinations at Acton:

PLANCES E. DILLIS Modern History, C, Botany, I, Zoology, 2nd, Physics, 3rd
LATHA ANTHON, 2nd, Latin Comp., 3rd
HELEN A. MAINPRIZE Modern History, I, Geography, C, Botany, I, Zoology, I, Physics, I
A HELEN WATSON Modern History, 3rd, Algebra, 1st, Geometry, 1st, Latin Authors, 1st, Latin Comp., 3rd, French Authors, 1st, French Comp., 2nd
DOUBIE A. WILSON Modern History, C, Algebra, C, Geometry, 2nd, French Authors, 2nd, French Comp., 3rd

AUGUST MEETING NASSAGAWEYA INSTITUTE AT MRS. SIMPSON'S

The August meeting of the Nassagaweya Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. E. Simpson, with the Vice-President, Mrs. Bullard, in the chair. 18 members answered to the roll call and there were four visitors present. There was discussion on the dance being held and the Convention in Guelph in September. Two of the ladies offered to come to the meeting and a lining for a quilt.

A very interesting reading, about sixty years ago, was given by Mrs. E. Simpson. Mrs. Henry then took the chair for this part of the meeting. She read interesting and instructive papers on "Legislation," "Mrs. Waller's read from the scrap book."

Mrs. Simpson and her assistants served a lovely lunch, under the shade of a huge elm tree, and all enjoyed a social time.

Lt.-Col. Cousens Appointed Postmaster at Georgetown

Announcement is made and the duties have been assumed at Georgetown Post Office, last Thursday by Lieut.-Col. Gordon B. Cousens, the new Postmaster there. He succeeds the late John McDermaid.

Col. Cousens has a brilliant war record and is possessor of the 1914 Star, General Service Medal, Victory Medal and Jubilee Medal. He won the Military Cross during the last war. He is well known throughout the district, since he commanded the 1st Battalion from 1931-36. He is now on the Corps Reserve of the 1st Army Corps.

Since the beginning of October he has been connected with the Intelligence Branch of the Department of National Defence, commuting from his home, near Georgetown, to Toronto each day. With his new duties as Postmaster he has severed his connection with the Department.

Lieut.-Col. Cousens is married, and has four children—Barbara, Pamela, George and Colin, all attending school.

FAIR DATES ARE ANNOUNCED FOR THIS YEAR

ACTON	September 17th-18th
Alexandria	October 1st-2nd
Arthur	October 1st-2nd
Braintree	September 12th-13th
Brampton	October 1st-2nd
Calton	September 10th-11th
Cooksville	September 19th-21st
Durham	September 5th-6th
Elmira	August 30th-September 2nd
Erin	Thanksgiving Day
Fergus	September 6th-7th
Galt	September 19th-21st
Georgetown	September 25th-26th
Grand Valley	September 21st-24th
Harrison	September 26th-27th
Markdale	September 16th-17th
Milton	September 27th-28th
Mount Forest	September 19th-20th
Orangeville	September 12th-14th
Stratford	October 2nd-3rd
Tewkesbury	October 1st-2nd
Toronto	August 29th-September 7th
Windsor	September 26th-28th
Woodbridge	October 11th-14th

Halton Breeders Enter Herd at the C.N.E.

Halton County will again be represented at the premier Holstein Show of the North American Continent. We understand from President A. S. Nelson, of the Halton Association, that animals have been selected from the following herds:

John Carr and A. T. Woodley, W. F. Dickenson, J. E. Wilson & Son, Milton; Robinson Bros. and Wilfred Leslie, Georgetown; John Pickett & Son, Horby; W. B. Somerset, Irvin Shepherd and J. C. Bell, of Freeman. Owing to crop conditions the herd will be smaller in number than normal, but we understand that Messrs. Robinson, Stark, Woodley and Pickett, who selected the animals, are optimistic that it will maintain the high standard established in recent years by Halton Holstein herds at the C.N.E.

ANNUAL HALTON PLOWING MATCH IN NELSON TOWNSHIP

The annual match of the Halton Plowmen's Association, which is scheduled for November 1st, will be held on the farm of W. R. Hume, Nelson Township, according to Secretary J. E. Whitehead. The site is an ideal one, according to no less an authority than Fred Robinson, veteran plowing enthusiast, who is a Past President of the Halton Association. We understand the prize list will be up to its usual high standard.

ACTON BOYS ENLISTED

This Week's Register

Vernon A. Wheeler has enlisted in the Canadian Navy, and is stationed at Hamilton.

Clifford Dale is with the H.L.I. at Hamilton.

Please send in names of any who have not previously been published.



The Earl of Athol, Governor-General of Canada, and the Countess of Athol. His Excellency will open the Canadian National Exhibition at Toronto on Friday, August 23rd. Pictured here with them is Lieut.-General A. O. L. McNaughton, who led the First Division of the C.A.S.F. overseas. Several broadcasts are expected to originate at the C.N.E. this year.