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## Acton Asked to Unite to Purchase a Spitfire Fighter

### Meeting will be Held This Evening to Arrange for United Effort with English Acton

Councillors S. M. Binkley, W. J. O. Oakes and J. P. Davidson were present on Monday night, when Acton Council met in regular session and Rev. J. B. Chalmers presided.

The nineteenth report of the Finance Committee recommended that the following accounts be paid:

Acton Public Utilities Commission, street lights, Town Hall, fire pumps, arena, etc.	\$188.13
Mrs. H. L. McDonald, premium on bond	8.00
Acton Free Press, printing and advertising	3.80
Bell Telephone Co., services	9.55
Symon Hardware, supplies	1.45
E. P. Bowman, setting stakes on Frederick Street	5.00
Treasurer, County of Halton, re grader	4.50
Department of Highways, license on fire truck	2.00
J. Nicol, work	2.89
	\$225.21

The Council instructed the Clerk to make application to County Council to have Frederick Street designated as a County connecting link.

A letter from St. Michael's Hospital was read regarding an indigent patient, claimed to be a resident of Acton. The Municipal Officer was asked to investigate.

The Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the I.O.D.E. expressed their appreciation of being allowed to tag on the streets on Fair Day.

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Council instructed the Clerk to write the County Engineer, requesting that work on Frederick Street be started as soon as possible.

The following letter was read from R. H. Birkett, Mayor of Acton, England, written to Rev. J. B. Chalmers:

Town Hall, Acton, London,  
23rd August, 1940

My Dear Rev. J. B. Chalmers:

A number of Mayors in England have inaugurated funds for the presentation to the Government of fighting aeroplanes and I have decided to open a fund in my town for the purchase of a "Spitfire" fighter.

It has occurred to me that the citizens in your town might like to associate themselves with this effort and I shall be very happy to be able to announce that our namesake overseas, with whom we have in the past had such friendly relations, are giving support to my effort.

I am glad to say that I am meeting with the most gratifying response here and have found everywhere that our people have only one aim—mastery in the air, which will ensure ultimate victory.

With friendly greetings from the people of Acton, England,  
I remain,  
Yours sincerely,  
R. H. BIRKETT, Mayor

## Transfer Funds from Waterworks Operating Account

### Operation of the Waterworks Department permitted \$500 to be turned over to the General Account of the town, and the Public Utilities Commission instructed the Secretary to make this transfer at the meeting on Tuesday night.

It was decided not to sell the bonds held by the Commission at the present time.

It was also decided that the range campaign would not be undertaken this year.

Accounts were passed as follows:

Bell Telephone Co., pole rental and service	\$ 9.77
H.E.P.C. of Ontario, power	2,576.81
S. Walker, cement work	18.00
C.N.E. and Transports	1.24
W. Blair, repairs	.78
George Edwards, repairs	.20
Department of National Revenue, August sales tax	69.19
Canadian General Electric Co., supplies	86.07
Canada Wire & Cable Co., supplies	117.56
Line and Cable Accessories Ltd., supplies	71.34
	\$2,958.43

Waterworks Department

Hydro Department, power at spring	\$35.31
Hydro Department, August operations	117.60
	\$152.91

Chairman Hansen and Rev. Chalmers were present at the meeting.

## 1940 Acton Fair Again Successful Big Crowd and Good Program Given

### Arena Show Drew a Capacity House as Usual The Rally Day Services at the United Church

rather light, but the vegetable exhibit was very creditable. The school exhibit was one that was entirely different and a big improvement on other years. Schools did not compete for prizes but displayed work. A case of butterflies, gathered right from Acton, was among the specimens that drew comment. Mural painting and other school work made a most interesting exhibit throughout.

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Two fine mercantile displays were made by Johnstone, A. Bunley and Symon Hardware, featuring many of the Force Electric Products, made in Acton.

### SENIOR DAY

Promptly at one o'clock yesterday the parade of school children, with Y. girls in uniform and the decorated doll carriages and bicycles and headed by the Acton Band, started the activities under way and when those children got into the grounds all knew that the fair was under way.

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From then on V. B. Rumley, Superintendent of the Field, and J. M. McDonald kept the event moving along splendidly.

Trotting horses were almost a minus event and, strange as it may seem, their absence did not cause a great deal of comment. Two races were held, but only two horses came. Jean Harvester, owned by Mrs. Engel, Waterloo, and Belma Ennault, owned by A. E. Andrews, Dryden, gave a trial of speed and finished in the usual order.

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Pred Nightingale proved to be the best banana eater in a contest in which four boys took part. W. Craft and A. Johnson, Dryden, were winners in the harmonica contest. Nell McDonald, R.R. 6, Guelph and James Nicol, Lincolnhouse, were first and second winners in the old-time fiddlers' contest. For step dancing, Miss L. Locker and A. Johnson won first and second prizes.

The baby show, sponsored by the Robinson Department Store, of Hamilton, brought out twenty-five splendid babies and their proud mothers, but not one set of twins. The judges had a difficult time making awards in all the classes with so many fine entries.

Brenda Rose, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Huffman, Acton, was acclaimed best girl under 6 months, Marlene Anne Morgan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Morgan, 167 Kingsmount Park Road, Toronto, was the best girl in the 6 to 12 months class.

Edward John, son of Mr. and Mrs. John McMullen, Acton, was the best boy under 6 months. Robert Lawrence, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Johnston, R.R. 3, Acton, was the best boy in the 6 to 12 months group.

The high jumping horses were again a feature in the centre ring. Winners in the open performance class were T. F. Gow and James Pogue and Glen Ellen Farms. In the pair of jumpers winners were W. Stewart Holding, T. F. Gowland and Glen, Ellen Farms.

The potato race was the closing feature before the grandstand. G. Laidlaw, Norval, was first; Miss Vivian Clarke, Norval, second; and W. O. Brownridge, Ashgrove, was third.

The midway concessions were well filled with a variety of games, refreshment

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## Harvest Home Services at St. Alban's Church

### The Rev. P. A. Sawyer, a former rector of St. Alban's, was the preacher at Thursday night at the opening service of the Harvest Festival. He spoke to a large congregation from the text, "Why boastest thou thyself, thou tyrant, that thou cannot die?" (Psalm 52:1). The church was beautifully decorated with autumn flowers as well as fruit, vegetables and grain. The flowers on the altar were red and white, while a large basket at the front contained red cacti, white (phlox), and blue (delphinium). During the offering the choir sang a harvest hymn, written by the Rev. Canon J. E. Ward, whose broadcast services from St. Stephen's Church, Toronto, are so well known.

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The Council instructed the Clerk to make application to County Council to have Frederick Street designated as a County connecting link.

A letter from St. Michael's Hospital was read regarding an indigent patient, claimed to be a resident of Acton. The Municipal Officer was asked to investigate.

The Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the I.O.D.E. expressed their appreciation of being allowed to tag on the streets on Fair Day.

A letter from the Department of Public Welfare asked that the Council reduce administrative expenses in connection with welfare work. It was pointed out that no salaries had ever been paid in Acton for this work.

The Clerk reported that the committee of Council appointed had placed the insurance on the fire truck with Mr. F. L. Wright.

The Clerk was instructed to write the Hick-Seargeant Co. to see if the offer of \$75.00 for old fire truck equipment was still good.

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rather light, but the vegetable exhibit was very creditable. The school exhibit was one that was entirely different and a big improvement on other years. Schools did not compete for prizes but displayed work. A case of butterflies, gathered right from Acton, was among the specimens that drew comment. Mural painting and other school work made a most interesting exhibit throughout.

Another hall exhibit that drew attention and showed keen competition was that of the Women's Institutes of the district. Very favorable comment was made by the judges on all the entries. Prizes were awarded as follows: Rock-along, Spawsons, Bannockburn, Utoka, A. Ton, Everton South Block.

A complete list of prize winners in the hall is published in this issue.

Growing until the material will soon require a local museum to house the articles was the Historical exhibit, under the direction of Mr. N. P. Moore, and Mr. H. E. Webster. The exhibit of old guns was one that drew much interest, and among this collection of relics, we noticed old checks, a dulcimer, old photos, musical instruments, pairing machines of five models, and perhaps the latest to become a relic, the seat of the old steam fire engine, recently sold for scrap. Then there were the cases of flowers made from wool and another made from feathers, and a case showing various types of woods, and spinning wheels, neckties and what is claimed to be one of the Stevenson plows, made in Acton in the 60's.

Two fine mercantile displays were made by Johnstone, A. Bunley and Symon Hardware, featuring many of the Force Electric Products, made in Acton.

Promptly at one o'clock yesterday the parade of school children, with Y. girls in uniform and the decorated doll carriages and bicycles and headed by the Acton Band, started the activities under way and when those children got into the grounds all knew that the fair was under way.

President I. O. Johnston again extended a greeting to one and all and introduced Mr. W. A. Wilson, District Director of Agricultural Societies, who in his brief remarks, complimented the Directors on the splendid hall and field arrangements and Acton on their ideal fair grounds.

From then on V. B. Rumley, Superintendent of the Field, and J. M. McDonald kept the event moving along splendidly.

Trotting horses were almost a minus event and, strange as it may seem, their absence did not cause a great deal of comment. Two races were held, but only two horses came. Jean Harvester, owned by Mrs. Engel, Waterloo, and Belma Ennault, owned by A. E. Andrews, Dryden, gave a trial of speed and finished in the usual order.