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Eight Home-Print Pages—Five Cents

Quantity Rate on Water Supplied is Confirmed

Other Matters Receive Attention by the Public Utilities Commission

The regular meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Tuesday evening. Commissioner M. Symon was present with Chairman C. M. Hansen presiding.

The Secretary was, upon motion of M. Symon and C. M. Hansen, instructed to pay the following accounts:

Hydro Department	
Board of Light and Heat Commission, Guelph supplies	\$ 9.50
Superior Electric Supplies, supplies	9.02
C.N.R. and Transports, express	1.43
Sutherland Schultz Electric Co., repairs	9.20
MacDonald Electric Ltd., supplies H.E.P.C. of Ontario, water heater	10.17
H.E.P.C. of Ontario, P.T. Insurance	12.00
Inspection Department, fees	8.27
J. C. Matthews, postage	10.00
Hillard Lasby, labor	59.20
	\$131.64

Waterworks Department

Canadian Bros Co. Ltd., supplies	\$6.23
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A letter was presented from Wood Gundy & Co., requesting the Commission to sell the Dominion of Canada bonds now held by the Commission. The Acton Commission did not wish to sell the bonds and the letter was ordered filed.

A request was made by Beardmore & Co. for the large water consumer rate. This rate is 15c per thousand gallons for consumers who use 500 thousand gallons per year. The Beardmore Co., in the past quarter, used 1,019,310 gallons.

The Commission, therefore, passed the following motion:

It was moved by M. Symon, seconded by C. M. Hansen and resolved that, in compliance with the resolution, passed by the Council, November 11th, 1935, which has been in effect since December 1935, that quantity rates of water of 500,000 gallons or over per year, be given a rate of 15c per thousand gallons, plus the standard service charge, the Commission are agreeable that Messrs. Beardmore & Co. Ltd. be granted this rate. Their consumption for the last three months having reached 1,019,310 gallons—Carried.

The Commission checked the list of arrears and issued instructions to Superintendent Wilson to cut off those in arrears, as noted by the Commission.

WAR SAVINGS COMMITTEE BEING ORGANIZED HERE

At a meeting, last Thursday evening in the Council Chamber, Acton District War Savings Committee secured a start toward organization. Mr. W. George Mason was appointed Secretary and Mr. G. A. Dills was Chairman.

The purposes back of the War Savings plan were outlined and the meeting moved that the Chairman appoint or secure representatives from the various organizations. Several of these were appointed at the meeting, but the list is not yet complete.

Besides the women's organizations, representatives of industry, retail stores and schools, from Nassagaweya Township and part of Esquesing Township will complete the organization.

FORCE BOWLING FAIL TO BREAK LOSING STREAK

The Force Bowling Team continued their losing streak, losing 7-0, to Hatters, Tuesday night. Despite the defeat the team had lots of fun and after a few more weeks will be able to hold their own against the other more experienced teams.

M. Roote	190	252	224	666
H. Otterbren	141	208	175	524
E. Grischow	143	153	165	461
R. Langford	191	118		309
W. Corry	229	198	152	579
E. S. Force			123	123

Force 894 929 839 2662
Hatters 896 959 991 2846

ST. ALBAN'S A.Y.P.A. BEGINS MEETINGS FOR THE SEASON

Bill Benson was the speaker at the opening meeting of St. Alban's A.Y.P.A. last Monday night, when the Association got off to a good start for the season's work. The President, Mr. E. Footitt, was in the chair. Mr. Benson spoke about the beginnings and growth of the Y.M.C.A. since 1844—a topic which proved of lively interest to those present. Afterwards group games were played and refreshments served. The evening concluded with a keenly contested game of carpet ball.

The devotional part of the meeting was in the hands of Mr. Brooks.

Ontario Premier Congratulates Weeklies On Unselfish Service

During my fourteen years in public life I have come to regard Ontario's weekly newspapers as one of our chief assets—as accurate interpreters and constant moulders of that type of thought and opinion which, while always valuable, is most needed and best appreciated in testing times like the present.

They give unselfishly of their support to every worthy enterprise. To everyday problems, large and small, they bring a dispassionate appreciation and a quietly effective treatment that are much to be envied. They are irreplaceable links with the homelife that must be re-established solidly here if our post-war future is to mean anything to us. Generally, they provide a leading influence that extends far beyond their own immediate field of operation.

With "Newspaper Week" about to be celebrated, let me congratulate the Ontario Weeklies on their achievements of the past and wish them every success in the days ahead.

M. F. HEPBURN

Splendid Show by Halton Holstein Breeders at Milton

The Black and White Show, sponsored by the Halton Holstein Breeders, in cooperation with the Halton Agricultural Society, was again one of the outstanding features of the County Fair at Milton, on Saturday last. In all 100 head of Holsteins, from 29 different Halton herds, were on parade for Duno Innis, prominent Holstein judge, of Woodstock, Robinson Bros., of Georgetown, were the premier exhibitors. Their wins included the female, Grand Championship, on Daisy Gann Hartig, and the Bank of Commerce Trophy for the winning herd. The Grand Championship for males went to Beaufort Burke Mercedes, 4-year-old bull, bred and exhibited by E. B. Somerset, of Freeman. The same animal, with his sister, Beaufort Queen Dewdrop, constituted the winning progeny of dairymen for the same exhibitor.

In the Get of Sire class, which brought out ten groups of 3 animals each, the get of Glencoe Hartig Mercedes won for Messrs. Segsworth and Robinson, with the Bank of Nova Scotia Silver Tray for the best group bred and exhibited by the owner going to A. Stark & Son, of Milton, on the get of Glen Allen Rex Apple Spowball, which placed second. Considerable interest was created in the Inter-Township herd class with the Nelson Township herd receiving the judge's decision.

The Milton Holstein Calf Club also held its Achievement Day in conjunction with the Milton Fair. The awards were made by Agricultural Representative C. D. Graham, of Peel, and are as follows:

Calf—Ward Brownridge; Irwin Smith; Stanley-Watson; John Richardson; Fred Bell.

Showmanship—Jack Hamilton; Ward Brownridge.

New Subdivision Planned Council to Discuss Opening

Property on Main Street Now Under Option for Purchase—Council Plans to Install Toilet Accommodation at Town Hall After Present Arrangements are Criticized by the Medical Officer of Health—Rent of Arena to Department of National Defence is Discussed.

Councillors S. M. Sinclair, J. H. Creighton, W. J. O. Oakes and J. P. Davidson were present at the meeting of Acton Council on Tuesday evening and Rev. J. B. Chalmers presided.

Col. Conover and Lieut. A. J. Buchanan were present to discuss with the Council training facilities at the Armories in Acton. It was almost impossible to carry out training as required in war time in the two small rooms of the armory. Col. Conover pointed out that he was not requesting that the Council allow free use of the Arena, if there were debenture or obligations to be met. If, however, these were large, the Department could not consider use of the Arena.

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

Acton Free Press, printing and advertising	\$ 7.32
Acton Garage, supplies	8.50
W. D. Talbot, supplies	9.30
I. B. Weadge, cutting grass at park	45.75
Receiver General of Canada, defence tax	2.97
Acton Public School Board	1,500.00
Bank of Nova Scotia, debentures and coupons	728.14
Bank of Montreal debentures and coupons	1,305.54
R. J. McPherson, trip to gravel pit	2.20
D. Elliott, work on streets	10.50
V. Elliott, work on streets	2.25
C. Cripps, work on streets	2.25
M. Mason, work on streets	14.75
Ray Thompson, sawing wood	3.50
E. E. Harrop, postage and disbursements	3.76
	\$3,645.73

Councillor Oakes reported that the Corporation could secure crushed stone for the roads at 70c per yard. Council were agreed that the price was satisfactory and the material was considered the best procurable. This was to be used on the new section of Frederick Street just opened.

A letter from the Bickle-Seagrave Co. confirmed the offer of \$75.00 for the old equipment off the fire truck. The Clerk was instructed to write, offering the equipment that was for sale as there was some difference in the items outlined in the letter.

The Clerk was instructed to pay the balance of the grant owing to the Library Board.

The Clerk reported that parties from Toronto were interested in opening up a new building subdivision in Acton. They desired to know how the Council would co-operate in the opening up of streets and providing improvements. Council agreed to meet Canada Home representatives on Friday evening at eight o'clock, in a special meeting and discuss the matter. The property of Mr. A. L. Hemstreet, on Main Street, is under option to purchase at this company which is prepared to build homes so necessary in Acton.

A letter was read from Dr. E. J. Nelson, Medical Officer of Health, which pointed out that he had visited the Town Hall and inspected the toilets that were in use at the building. They were very unsatisfactory and he had instructed the Municipal Officer to stop the use of the present arrangements. He strongly advised that a system, such as at present in use at the school be installed immediately.

Council, after viewing the hall, decided to call for tenders for the installation of toilets for the use of both men and women and the necessary alterations for the rooms.

It was also reported to Council that the two used chemical tanks and seats arranged for by the School Board, had been delivered at the Arena and were in good condition. Council agreed to have these installed.

Mrs. Skuce Guest Speaker at Lakeside Chapter

The October meeting of the Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. was held Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. C. F. Leatherland. Miss Emma Robinson, the 1st Vice-Regent, presided and a splendid business discussion was held.

Miss Emily Young ably presented the current events, covering many subjects of interest.

Mrs. Skuce, Milton, was guest speaker and told of the excellent work the I.O.D.E. Chapters are doing among Northern Ontario schools.

The hostesses, Group One, served dainty refreshments.

CONTRIBUTIONS MAY BE MADE TO THE SPITFIRE FUND

Many who are anxious to lend assistance but who find it impossible to attend the Spitfire Carnival, have asked if it were possible to make a direct contribution. Already some from out of town have made contributions in this way directly to the Treasurer, Councillor W. J. O. Oakes. They are all gratefully accepted and are a direct contribution to the fund, which will be sent to Acton, England.

THE RED CROSS CAMPAIGN OPENS HERE NEXT WEEK

The annual campaign for the Acton and District Red Cross Society opens next week. On Sunday afternoon at three o'clock (D.S.T.) Major E. H. A. Watson, of Toronto, will address a big mass meeting in Acton Town Hall.

Everyone from Acton and district is invited to attend that meeting and learn of the work the Red Cross is doing in its war-time service.

NEXT WEEK IS RED CROSS WEEK FOR ACTON AND THE DISTRICT

Hughes Cleaver, M.P. Presided for the Election of Officers

The Halton Branch of the Rural Mail Couriers Association enjoyed a very pleasant evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Greer, of Nelson Village, on Monday, September 30th, 1940.

This was the first meeting of the Branch since the Association Convention at Peterborough, on September 2nd and 3rd, and as this is the important annual event of the Association a wide range of subjects were open for discussion. At this Convention a revised and enlarged Constitution was adopted, which was found necessary because for the continued growth and expansion of the Association. The entire two days were all too short to complete in detail the plans that were outlined in the program, but all those who were able to attend felt justly repaid for any effort that was made to be present at this annual reunion.

At the meeting in the Greer home, a very welcome visitor, in the person of Hughes Cleaver, M.P., dropped in to join the circle for a few minutes. Mr. Cleaver understands rural mail in its many phases and his counsels are most welcome and appreciated. As this was the Branch Annual Meeting, Mr. Cleaver kindly took the chair for the election of officers for the coming year. The results were:

President—Mr. C. E. Parker, Georgetown.

Vice-President—Mr. W. D. Britton, Acton.

Secretary-Treasurer—Miss Nora Krantz, Georgetown.

Another very welcome visitor was Mrs. Mary Pettit, of Freeman, who opened her beautiful home, "Prospect Lodge," to the Association for the June meeting and at that meeting one of the banner gatherings of the year was enjoyed. Mrs. Pettit's interest was indeed appreciated.

Thanks go to George and Mrs. Greer for their kindness in inviting the Rural Mail Couriers Association to meet with them for this, the first meeting in the Association year; and the Association is hoping for several more friendly gatherings in the homes of other couriers before another Convention summering time roll around.

The average boxholder realizes very little of the value and importance of rural mail across Canada, and as a result, by far the greater number of boxholders, of the price of the box, which the Department insists shall be used by the boxholder, before service may be given. These boxes are supposed, by Department ruling, to be kept in good condition and properly and conveniently erected in order that this service may be maintained, but many boxholders have long since forgotten that any such rule ever existed or still exists. In this connection it may be of interest to note that among Canada's rural mail routes is one with 4665 boxes to serve. Can you imagine how much this courier appreciates the boxholder who spends a few minutes when necessary, to keep his box in the best possible condition?

Canada's first rural mail route, in 1808, was from Dundas to Ancaster, a distance of some nine miles, with some 27 boxholders, and this service has grown until, in 1939, there were 4,712 rural mail routes, serving 269,376 boxholders and covers Canada from coast to coast and from the American boundary to Canada's far north. This service is kept in operation by motor truck and car, by horse and buggy or sleigh, by boat on the rivers and lakes, by dog-teams in the far north and in many places, in winter, the courier packs it on his back and drive's the Shank's Mare, an order that service may be kept both efficient and effective.

The total number of hogs on Canadian farms at June 1, 1940, was estimated at 5,882,000, the highest on record.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP NIGHT AT UNITED YOUNG PEOPLE'S

The Young People's Union of the United Church met in its regular weekly meeting on Monday evening. This meeting was the Christian Fellowship night, it was under the direction of Margaret Nellis. The scripture lesson was taken by Jack van'tooren. Miss Dorothy Kitching led in prayer. The minister, Rev. G. C. Gifford, led in a period of Bible study discussion. The topic of the evening was taken by Mrs. G. C. Gifford, "How to Help Our Society."

A reading was also given by Miss Laura Johnston and a musical number was contributed by Mr. Ted Anderson.

At the conclusion of the meeting a sing-song and games were enjoyed.

GREETINGS TO OUR HALTON COUNTY PRESS

This week is newspaper week in Canada. I am grateful for this opportunity of extending a word of greetings and appreciation to THE ACTON FREE PRESS, the Burlington Gazette, the Georgetown Herald, the Milton Champion and the Oakville Record-Star.

In our Christian Democracy the freedoms which we to-day enjoy could not be maintained without the freedom and vigilance of the press; ready at a moment's notice to arouse public opinion. During the present war emergency the press and the radio are making a very real contribution to Canada's war effort. I am confident that the people of this County are very grateful to our weekly press for their willing and voluntary assistance to the cause and I trust that this gratitude will become more and more apparent in practical ways. Newspaper publishers are human beings and appreciate your good will and co-operation. When they do a good piece of work tell them about it and when you have printing work to do, give the home printer the job. He deserves your patronage and cannot exist without it.

Yours sincerely,
HUGHES CLEAVER, M.P.

Awards Made to High Pupils at Entrance Exams

The first regular fall meeting of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter, Daughters of the Empire, was held on Tuesday evening, at the home of Mrs. R. M. MacDonald. A good attendance was present. Mrs. Barr, the Regent, presided.

Two minutes of silence, in memory of the Provincial Regent, was observed, after which the business was attended to. The Chapter have undertaken to knit sweaters for our boys overseas for Christmas.

An appeal from the War Savings Department was read, urging all members and their friends to buy War Certificates and Stamps. The current events were taken by Mrs. Peter Smith, and Miss M. Z. Bennett read a paper on "Canada Within the Empire."

Two awards, one to Howard Killick, the other to Jack Mainprize, were presented to them for the highest standing in the Entrance examinations this year.

Mrs. Clayton offered her home for the November meeting. The hostesses for the evening served tea and a pleasant half hour was spent.

BARN FIRE IN NELSON TOWNSHIP WHILE THRESHING

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the large barn on the farm of Cameron A. Winn, in Nelson Township, last Thursday. The loss, which is partly covered with insurance, is estimated at \$6,000, Mr. Winn stated.

Threshing operations were in progress at the time and the machine was also destroyed. The entire season's crop, which consisted of 115 loads of hay and grain, was lost in the blaze.

A pure-bred Jersey calf was burned, but a Jersey cow and another calf were saved by men who were helping with the threshing.

Members of the Milton Volunteer Fire Brigade, who responded promptly to the call, were credited by Mr. Winn with saving the implement shed and farm residence.

HOW TO ADDRESS SOLDIERS' MAIL FOR PROMPT DELIVERY

There have been some complaints regarding the delay in the delivery of soldiers' mail. Post Office authorities find, on checking these complaints, that most serious delay is caused by improper addressing.

If you are in doubt as to how the mail should be addressed, consult the Postmaster or assistant. They will gladly give you the proper form and help you in every way to get prompt delivery. Remember, you must do our part.

Toronto Speaker Addressed Y's Men's Club Thursday

The Y's Men's Club heard a very interesting address at their regular meeting on Thursday evening, when Mr. A. E. Wilson, from Toronto, was the speaker. Mr. Wilson was one of four men who originated the "Big Brother" movement in Toronto, and his enthusiasm and interest in boys had led him to all parts of Ontario to relate his experiences of being a Big Brother to city boys who had been denied some of the better things of life.

In speaking of Service Clubs, Mr. Wilson felt that no community is too small for a Service Club or Y.M.C.A. in some form or other and he congratulated the local Club members on the project which they had chosen.

Plans were made to entertain visiting Club members on Monday, October 7th.

Keen Interest Shown in Effort to Help England in Need

Seldom has any effort met with more ready response than the appeal from the Mayor of Acton, England, to help that town purchase a Spitfire fighter. When it is realized that Acton, England, is only a few miles from the heart of London, the need for plenty of Spitfires is quite evident.

The big carnival, planned for Saturday night, October 12th, will be held in the Arctia. The big ice surface will be filled with booths and games and a big Bingo table will be in the centre. There will be refreshment stands and a musical program will be presented by the Acton Band.

Evidence of the interest is seen in the advance sale of tickets for the draws being held. Two of the ticket sellers, who had biggest sales, reported not a refusal, but everyone anxious to help. It looks like another big Saturday night in Acton with the Arena packed to the doors on October 12th.

A NEW STREET WAS MADE IN SHORT TIME

Just a little over a week ago the south end of Frederick Street was just a ravine and of no use as a thoroughfare. With modern road machinery, and under the direction of County Engineer Smith, the ravine has been filled and the road graded and traffic to the Wool Combing Corporation plant is now using this route.

With commendable foresight Councillor Oakes, who is in charge of Streets and Walks, has had the road made full width and to allow for the construction of a sidewalk, when the filling properly settles.

The machinery also made the roadways about the new plant, to the receiving and shipping entrances and completed all the work on Tuesday.

Knox Sabbath School Rally Last Sunday

The Annual Rally Day services of the Sabbath School and the Congregation is always held on the last Sabbath of September and this year the school and church held under one banner, the theme: "Enlisting for Service."

A good congregation greeted the children who took part in the program with Mr. Leitch, the Superintendent of the School assisting the minister in the carrying out of the service. The special feature of the Rally Day service is the presentation of Bibles and awards for the memorization of Scripture. The scholars were up to their usual excellence and more than 30 awards were obtained.

THE ACTON BOYS REQUIRE SOME SLEEVELESS SWEATERS

Volunteers wanted to knit sleeveless sweaters for the overseas Acton boys, by Duke of Devonshire I.O.D.E. Wool supplied. Notify Mrs. F. S. Blow.

CHURCHILL CHURCH OBSERVES 103rd ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

One of the oldest churches in this district, Churchill United Church, next Sunday, Monday observes its 103rd Anniversary. For the Sunday services, the congregations will have the privilege of hearing Dr. R. G. Agnew, who just a month or so ago came home from China on furlough.

On Monday evening the fowl supper, for which the Churchill ladies are known far and wide, will be served. Dr. and Mrs. Agnew and the Joins Family, of Toronto, will take part in a splendid program, to be presented following the serving of supper. Many from the district will certainly visit Churchill and take part in the 103rd Anniversary occasion.

Prime Minister Mackenzie King Expresses Sincere Appreciation

The celebration by the members of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association, of the first week in October as a Newspaper Week a lauds me a welcome opportunity to extend to the weekly newspapers our towns and villages a word of sincere appreciation for the service they are rendering Canada at this critical time in the history of our country. As one of the great channels for the expression of public opinion and a powerful influence in the life of our people, they have an especially great responsibility. To this responsibility they have responded splendidly in the manner in which they have maintained the high standards of a free press. There is no surer foundation of the democratic way of life.

I extend to the members of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association, my best wishes for the success of Newspaper Week.

W. L. MACKENZIE KING
Ottawa, September 16th, 1940

Supplies, Property Have Attention of School Board

Information Asked Regarding the Attendance at Schools Elsewhere

Trustees Boyd, Dr. Oakes and G. A. Dills were present on Tuesday evening when Acton School Board met in regular monthly session and Chairman Dr. A. J. Buchanan presided.

Principal G. McKenzie presented a list of supplies that were required to be purchased. This included general supplies, art and music supplies.

A list of supplies for the Continuation School was also presented. The Supply Committee were instructed to secure the supplies that were necessary on all the lists, but to defer purchase of all possible for this year.

The Secretary was instructed to write the Caustic Sanitation Co., pointing out that the system was not yet completed. The matter of the installation of a wash basin in the Continuation School was left to the Property Committee for attention.

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

Acton Public Utilities Commission, services	\$ 3.74
A. M. Darling, supplies	17.50
N. F. Moore, repairs	1.50
Bell Telephone Co., services	2.60
Interlake Tissue Mills, supplies	4.15
Tommy Green, repairs to boiler	18.50
	\$47.99

The Secretary was instructed to write the Guelph School Board, requesting a list of the pupils from Acton attending the Collegiate there and the subjects being taught these pupils.

SPECIAL MUSIC SERVICE AT THE UNITED CHURCH SUNDAY

Music, particularly hymns their history, stories about them and their interpretation, will be strongly featured at the evening service of the United Church next Sunday, and the service program will be based on the theme "Mining Gold in Your Hymn Book." The choir, which will have charge of the service, will be assisted by Misses Beth and Dorothy Fulcher, soprano, of Toronto, as guests soloists, who will sing one or two duets and also illustrate hymn-interpretation. These young ladies are favorably known in several Toronto churches, and as members of the Bach Choir and Toronto Operatic Society, and are well worth hearing. Some other unusual features, all aimed to add to the interest and enjoyment of hymns, will be presented. The Communion will be celebrated at the morning service.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Conventions and other Events, under the heading, are classified, at cents per line with minimum charge for six announcements of 25.

Baptist Church Mission Circle Bazaar and Tea, Saturday, November 30th

The Anniversary Supper of Knox Presbyterian Church will be held on Monday, October 28th.

The annual Bazaar, Duke of Devonshire I.O.D.E., Friday, October 11th, 3 to 6 p.m., Y.M.C.A. Proceeds Milk Fund.

Georgetown Golf Club Annual Closing, Friday, October 11th, 8:00 p.m. Bingo. Presentations. Lunch. Come and bring a friend.

The prize winners of the Farm and Home Improvement Contest are cordially invited to the regular meeting of the Junior Farmers, at Lorne School, on Thursday evening, October 10th, where the prizes will be distributed.