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Estimate Cost of \$4500 For Halton Assessment

Mr. R. J. Moore to Meet Council and Discuss Equalized Assessment — Liability Insurance Premium is Raised from Original Figure and Balance to be Forwarded — Tenders for Coal are Recommended.

At the Halton County Council meeting, held in Milton last Tuesday, the usual routine business, was completed at the morning session. Among the correspondents was a letter from the Secretary of the Milton Red Cross Branch, requesting a donation towards their campaign funds.

A letter from Nelson Township stated that this municipality favored a system of re-assessment.

The County of Lincoln forwarded the following resolution, requesting endorsement by Halton County:

Resolved, that this Council (Lincoln) advocate, without delay, legislation to permit of conscription of wealth throughout the Dominion to ensure equality of service during the war.

A letter from Halton County Women's Institute protested against changing the names on the map of the Sixteen and Twelve Mile Creeks and urged Council to use their influence to have the old names retained.

Messrs. Mogg and Quinlan, evaluators, were present at the afternoon session, with Mr. H. G. Mogg, addressing Council regarding the assessment of the County. Mr. Mogg outlined in detail the work necessary in valuating property for purposes of assessment. He cautioned Council against taking up this matter without due consideration, but to tread warily, as it was quite easy to get themselves into a mess. Mr. Mogg suggested that two valuers should go over the whole County.

Asked for a brief estimate as to the cost of such valuation, and the length of time it would take, Mr. Mogg replied:

"The cost would be between \$4,000 and \$4,500; and I would say for this County it might easily take five years to complete the job."

Council listened to Mr. Mogg with apparent interest, but did not commit themselves as to future procedure.

At the afternoon session reports of the Standing Committees were also read and considered in Committee of the Whole, with Mr. Blain in the chair.

Special Communications—Letters from the Red Cross, Women's Institute, County of Lincoln, Nelson Municipality and from the Bell Telephone were filed.

A letter from the Department of Municipal Affairs advised the Council that Mr. R. J. Moore, Supervisor, would get in touch with Council in the very near future, with the hope of assisting the Council with their problems regarding equalized assessment.

The Clerk was instructed to write Mr. Moore, if no further communication was received in reasonable time.

County Buildings—This Committee recommended payment of accounts amounting to \$137.19. Also acceptance of the following tenders for coal: A. Hillmer, stoker coal, \$8.85 per ton; R. S. Adams, nut coal, \$14.45 per ton; R. S. Adams, blower coke, \$9.50 per ton.

Hospital accounts passed for payment amounted to \$737.59.

Finance—A letter from A. E. Wilson, representing Lloyd's Road Liability Insurance, advised Council that his company, after considering the loss rates of Halton County, could not grant a rate lower than \$49.69 per limits of \$10,000/\$20,000.

Therefore a motion was required, authorized the issuance of a policy at a premium of \$479.69. Mr. Wilson's previous tender was \$430.96.

This naturally provoked a good deal of criticism and in the discussion that took place, it transpired that the policy had not yet been delivered, although coverage had been received by the County.

It was moved by Dr. Heslop, seconded by Mr. Byers, that a cheque for \$39.73 be sent to A. E. Wilson Co., insurance agents, balance of premium for Road Insurance, subject to policy being delivered.—Carried.

Moved by C. H. Heslop, seconded by J. R. Byers, that Victor Hall, Jr. be appointed caretaker of the Court House, at the same salary as that paid J. C. Fleming, who has resigned.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Heslop, seconded by Mr. Hillmer, that the County Engineer and one member of the County Roads Committee be sent to Quebec City to represent Halton County at the Canadian Good Roads Convention.—Carried.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Finance	\$1,096.07
County Buildings	137.19
Hospital	737.59
Printing	66.07
Agriculture	106.70
	\$2,143.53

Moved by Mr. Hillmer seconded by Mr. Wilson, that the boys who represent Halton County at the Provincial Pough... (Continued on Page Eight)

United Congregation Enjoys Service of Hymn Interpretation

The congregation of the United Church enjoyed an unusual type of service on Sunday evening, when the choir, with two guest soloists, offered a program based on the theme of "Family Worship and Hymn Singing" around the home piano, this being presented largely in the words of the hymns as they were being sung during the evening. For instance, was the familiar, "I waited for the Lord," the 40th Psalm, done in duet, instead of being read, by the soloists, Misses Beth and Dorothy Fulcher, of Toronto. The prayer was also a hymn. Stories of a number of the well-known and often-sung hymns were given, some with anecdotes of the authors and the composers of the tunes, and suggestions made that more study of these items and more careful thought given to the words of the hymns as they were being sung would result in materially deepened appreciation of the individual hymns as well as of hymnology generally.

Suggestions were also given as to hymn interpretation. Some of these were illustrated in solo and duet by the two visiting singers, whose beautiful voices, distinct enunciation and grateful interpretation added a good deal to the appreciation of the hymn themes. The choir grouped by the piano, also sang several hymns, both alone and with the soloists, emphasizing how phrasing and expression may add strongly to the impressiveness of a hymn and tune.

Not the least interesting item in the "Family Worship" thought of the service came when little Freida Harris, in nightie and kimono, all ready for bed, came to the knee of Miss Dorothy Fulcher and said her "Now I lay me," quite as she would do it at home, this being followed appropriately by a verse of "I think When I Read," beautifully sung by the soloist.

Another unusual one was the singing of a negro spiritual as it was done originally in the South, each of the soloists taking an opening phrase of the several stanzas of the familiar, "Lord, I Want to be a Christian in My Heart," with the choir, and then the congregation, coming in on the repeated phrases.

The Misses Fulcher also took part in the musical service of the Anniversary at the Hill Church following the one in Acton.

Rev. G. C. Gifford conducted an impressive communion service in the morning and in the evening was at Trafalgar where he presided at the anniversary of the United Church there.

LEMMER-LOWRIE WEDDING SATURDAY AT EDEN MILLS

A pretty wedding took place on Saturday at the Presbyterian Church, Eden Mills, when Miss Myrtle Innes Lowrie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lowrie, Eden Mills, became the bride of Mr. Frank Lemmer, of Guelph, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lemmer, of Toronto. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. H. Wilson, of Eden Mills, in a setting of maple leaves, ferns and gladioli. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a floor length dress of sheer white crepe, over taffeta, with short bolero jacket. Her fingertip veil was of silk net circular, caught at the top with a wreath of orange blossoms. Her bouquet was a cascade of red roses and lily-of-the-valley.

The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Florence Lowrie, as maid of honor, who wore powder blue net over heavy satin, carrying an arm bouquet of pink roses, with matching bandage of roses. The bridesmaid was Miss Isabel Lowrie, cousin of the bride, who wore pink net over taffeta, with a bouquet of red rose and a red rose bandage. The groomsmen were Mr. Gerald Longworth, of Toronto, and the ushers were Mr. Billie Lowrie and Mr. Norman Lemmer.

The wedding music was played by Mrs. W. Early, aunt of the bride, and Mrs. James Davies sang "Because," during the signing of the register.

After the wedding a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, which was decorated with fall flowers. The bride's table, lace covered, was centred with the wedding cake. Receiving with the bridal couple were the bride's mother, in powder blue and navy, with corsage of roses, and the groom's mother in soldier blue, with black coat and corsage of roses.

Leaving afterward for a short wedding trip, the bride wore a navy blue dress, with white, navy blue coat and silver fur. On their return, Mr. and Mrs. Lemmer will reside in Guelph.

Guests were present from Toronto, Richmond Hill, Hamilton, Campbellville, Morrison, Sudbury and Guelph.

103rd Anniversary at Church Hill East Sunday

One hundred and three years of service to the community were observed on Sunday and Monday by Church Hill United Church. It is the oldest church in this immediate district.

Splendid congregations were present at both morning and evening services. The choir and assisting artists added their share to the service of praise. Church Hill was fortunate in being able to have as the anniversary speaker this year, Dr. R. G. Agnew, M.A., Ph.D., F.R.D.S., who is home from China on furlough. He gave splendid gospel messages and an intimate picture of the work of the church and the opportunity for the spreading of the doctrine of Christ in that eastern field. The pastor, Rev. A. O. W. Foreman, was in charge of the services. Beautiful autumn flowers were profuse in the church decoration. At the evening service Misses Dorothy and Beth Fulcher, of Toronto, contributed a much appreciated duet.

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Three Clubs Visit Acton Y's Men Monday

The local Y's Men were hosts to the Toronto, Guelph, and Ingersoll Clubs on Monday evening at a supper, served in the gymnasium. It was the first occasion for the local Club to be honored by the visit of other Clubs. Mr. Cliff Schell, of the National Council, was the main speaker. Mr. Schell intimated that the Y.M.C.A. as a movement, welcomed a new Y's Men's Club, because it represented a new surge of vitality within the Y.M.C.A. He warned the members of the dangers that beset clubs of any kind and urged them to hold steadfast to their motto of "acknowledging the duty that accompanies every right."

Mr. Max Poole, of Ingersoll, newly-elected Regional Director, and Mr. Cliff West, of Toronto, newly-elected International Director for Ontario, spoke brief words of welcome to the international organization.

The local Club received a very beautiful plaque from the London Club, as a birthday present, and members of the Guelph Club inducted three members of the Acton Club who were unable to be present at the Convention in Guelph on June 15th.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. served the banquet in their inimitable style.

OCTOBER MEETING UNITED WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The October meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church, was held in the School Room on Tuesday, with Mrs. B. McGowan presiding.

The devotional period, with the theme, "Living the Christian Life," was taken by Mrs. G. C. Gifford. The temperance section was conducted by Mrs. Caldwell, while Mrs. P. Cleave had charge of the Christian Stewardship and finance.

"Men of Africa," was the study book section, given by Mrs. Mowat, and special prayers were offered for the missionaries in Africa.

It was arranged to have Mrs. Agnew, missionary, now home on furlough from China for the November meeting as guest speaker.

Council Helps in Opening New Residential Section

Willing to Construct Roads and Water Service if Minimum of Houses Are Built

Acton Council met in special session on Friday evening to discuss with Miss Green and Mr. F. M. Dyer, representatives of Canada Homes, Limited, a plan to open a new section in Acton for the erection of homes, so urgently needed.

The farm property of Mr. A. L. Hemstreet is the section under consideration. It comprises 60 acres, with 20 acres in the town limits, and the location is considered splendid, both from a central and scenic standpoint.

The representatives of the building company were prepared to deed the necessary lands for streets to Acton. There is space on the property for 100 houses. They desired to have the co-operation of Council in planning the subdivision and suggested a committee be formed to deal with the matter. No building outside the corporation limits was planned at the present time.

Council were agreed that no street extensions or water mains would be made to serve any section outside the boundaries. Inclusion of the section in the limits would be necessary before any town service would be available.

Plans of homes were studied and the National Housing details were discussed. The meeting was attended by a number of citizens who are interested in owning homes in Acton. Building restrictions in the subdivision were informally discussed. The plan of Canada Homes was to erect at least twenty houses in this survey. The company are also negotiating for another building lot in town, upon which to erect a house which will serve as a model home, so that Acton residents may see the new construction and the type of houses at present being built.

Council passed the following resolution: "That this Council will co-operate with Canada Homes, Limited, in opening a new subdivision on the Hemstreet farm, by building roads and water mains a reasonable distance, providing Canada Homes build a minimum of ten houses, and providing Canada Homes prepare a survey at their own expense and present same to Council for their approval."

ACTON BOYS ENLISTED This Week's Register

Gordon Cook has enlisted with the C.A.S.F. in a Field Ambulance Corp., and started training at London last week, and expects to be transferred to

Red Cross Campaign Starts for Acton District

Erin Council Imposes Penalty for Non-Payment of Taxes

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

A by-law was passed, imposing a penalty of 3% on taxes not paid by December 31st, 1940, and a statutory penalty of one half of one per cent per calendar month, or fraction thereof, until paid, after the above date.

The following amounts were ordered paid:

Relief	\$ 24.51
Order of Board of Health	22.50
Charity	16.66
Sheep	14.50
Miscellaneous	9.58
Roads	795.33

The Council adjourned, to meet at Hillsburg on Monday, November 4th, 1940, at 10 o'clock a.m.

ACTON MILE IS HAVING NEW SECTION ADDED

Mr. D. H. Lindsay is adding a two storey section to his flour and grit mill. The new section will give much-needed storage for the products produced at this busy spot. Just now the mill is working at capacity, turning out the popular Excelsior brand and other flours for the Canadian trade.

NORTON-MACARTHUR WEDDING YESTERDAY AFTERNOON HERE

On Wednesday afternoon, in the Marie of Knox Presbyterian Church, Acton, Dorothy Jean MacArthur, elder daughter of Mrs. MacArthur and the late Wm. D. MacArthur, became the bride of Harry Woodrow Norton, elder son of Mr. W. R. Norton and the late Mrs. Norton. Rev. H. L. Bennie officiated. The bride was becomingly attired in navy blue wool crepe, with matching accessories, and wore a corsage of purple orchids, sent by the groom's brother, Mr. Howard Norton, from El Centro, Columbia. Her attendant, Miss Mary Dolg, of Georgetown, wore a wine colored costume and corsage of orchids. Mr. John Mann attended the groom. A reception was later held at the home of the bride. The couple left for Northern Ontario afterwards, the bride travelling in grey wool dress, with green accessories. Mr. and Mrs. Norton will reside in Acton.

HOWDEN-KENNEDY WEDDING THURSDAY AT BRIDE'S HOME

A quiet wedding was solemnized in the presence of forty guests at the home of the bride's parents, on Thursday, September 26th, when Marguerite Rachel, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Kennedy, Nassagaweya, became the bride of Mr. Edgar Reid Howden, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Howden, Hornby. Rev. Frank Lawson, Campbellville, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a street length dress of heaven blue marquisette, over satin, and carried a sheaf of Briar Cliffe roses and fern. She was attended by her sister, Miss Pearl Kennedy, who wore navy sheer and corsage of new Queen Elizabeth roses and fern. Mr. Garnet Howden, brother of the groom, was groomsmen.

Mrs. James Massey, aunt of the bride, played the Bridal Chorus from "Lohengrin." Mr. and Mrs. Stan. Eyre, sister of the groom, sang, "O Promise Me," during the signing of the register.

The ceremony took place before the fireplace, decorated with crimson maple leaves, gladioli and fall flowers, and beneath a white bell and pink and white streamers.

The bride's table carried out the pink and white color scheme. A large lace tablecloth covered the table, while the three-tier wedding cake, beneath bell and streamers, was used as centre-piece. A vase of flowers and two candles at each end made a lovely effect. The silver knife that cut the cake was used by the 25th bride.

The bride and groom were honored with the presence of six grandparents. Guests from a distance were: Mr. H. E. Tuck and Messrs. L. W. and Lloyd Chisholm, Milton; Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Howden, Ruth and Arnold, Mr. Thos. Howden, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Stan. Eyre, Hornby; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ruddell, Ashgrove; Mr. and Mrs. James Massey, Dox and Eileen, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Harris, Acton; and Mr. William Sibbald, Trafalgar.

The happy couple left on a trip North the bride travelling in navy blue tailored suit, navy off-the-face hat and other navy accessories. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Howden will reside on a farm in Trafalgar.

Complete Reports of the Work of Local Organization — Major E. H. A. Watson Tells of Growth of Red Cross from 43 to 410 Branches — Rumors of Poor Administration Are Spread by Traitors.

The annual drive for the Acton and District Red Cross Society got under way this week, when a meeting was held on Sunday afternoon in the Town Hall. While the attendance was a bit disappointing for such a worthy war cause, it could, perhaps, be construed as an indication that there is general approval of the work of the Red Cross Society. Rev. G. C. Gifford offered an opening prayer.

Reports of the work of the Acton and District Branch were given by President A. Mason, Treasurer W. K. Graham and Secretary W. Middleton. Every one of them showed a year of untiring work. They will be found in detail on Page Seven of this issue. Mr. Mason took occasion to publicly thank all those who had performed such worth-while service during the year.

Special speaker on Sunday afternoon was Major E. H. A. Watson, Field Secretary of the Red Cross, of Toronto. He brought an intimate message that answered all the queries one might want to know regarding the gigantic task of this organization.

From 43 branches at the outbreak of war, the organization has grown to 440 branches to-day; not by any organizing effort but by the spontaneous enthusiasm of Canadians who want to share in the war effort. It was impossible to estimate the needs of the Red Cross for a year, but it was the policy to be prepared and whenever the need arose the Red Cross had never been found to be wanting.

Major Watson branded those who make false statements and spread false rumors as traitors. Like every other organization the Red Cross has been accused by these rumors of abuse of materials. Never has any such charge been substantiated or in any instance found to contain a semblance of truth. Major Watson read from an article in the Canadian Veteran, in which that journal had attempted to trace down these false rumors. The paper offered \$100 for any such rumor that was proven against the Red Cross.

Appreciation of the local organization was expressed by G. A. Dills, who urged that the Acton and District officers continue their work for another year at least.

HALTON GARAGE OPERATORS RESUME THEIR MEETINGS

After a holiday of three months, the Halton Branch of the Ontario Garage Operators' Association resumed their Fall and Winter meetings. The first meeting was held Thursday, October 3rd, in the Farmers' Hall at Milton. Mr. J. L. McKinley, the Branch President, in the chair.

There was a good and a very enthusiastic number of members and visitors. No special feature was arranged for this meeting. A very large number of items of a local and special interest for the members came before the meeting following discussion.

It was decided to hold another Ladies' Night, early in November, and plans are already under way to make this bigger and better than ever.

Pat McPherson, General Manager for Provincial Council, was present, and gave the boys a very interesting account of the achievements and plans for future activities of the Association.

At the close of the meeting the members and friends, enjoyed a social half hour; a buffet luncheon was served. The meeting then adjourned, to meet again in November.

FORCE BOWLERS BREAK IN THE WIN COLUMN

The Force Bowling Team broke into the win column for the first time this season, defeating Spira Bros. by a 5-2 score.

The Force team were dressed in their new white bowling sweaters, on the front of which there is a crimson crest, with the "Force" trademark.

Evidently the new sweaters spurred the team on to their first match win!

The score:

M. Roote	179	201	270	650
H. Otterbein	192	214	186	592
R. Langford	220	152	174	546
W. Corry	225	251	188	664
K. Ortachow	164	181	197	542

Force Electric 980 999 1015 2994
Spira Bros. 1016 803 945 2884

AH, YES!

Oldtime Mosquito: (to young mosquito): "And to think that when I was your age I could bite girls only on the face and hands!"