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## 400 Attend the Schools Here on Parents Night

### First Such Event Shows Keen Interest by Parents and Friends in Educational Matters

Parents' Night at the Public School last Thursday provided a splendid opportunity for parents and friends to visit the school, become acquainted with the teachers, show a real interest in the progress of pupils, and co-operate in the work so vital to children. It is estimated between 300 and 400 visitors attended the school on that evening.

In view of the interest being taken and the number of visitors, it was decided that evening to give all an opportunity to visit the High School building and see the class rooms and facilities available here. This opportunity was also taken advantage of and enjoyed by all visitors.

Pupils were all assembled in their class rooms from 7.00 to 9.00 p.m., and enjoyed as much as parents having the visit and showing their work in school. Desks and books were open for inspection too, and many a piece of work was proudly exhibited.

The walls of every room carried an exhibit of art and other work done by the children in the usual course of study. Principal McKenzie informed us that none of it had been done especially for the visit. The advance in the classes of work from grade to grade was noted by the visitors. Various types of program were carried on in the different grades. Some were taking regular class and in another a musical program was conducted by the pupils.

It reminded us greatly of an improved method on the old Christmas-time visits to school that for some reason have not been evident for many years. The improvement was in the fact that there was no attempt to provide entertainment for parents and there was no lining up around the walls of the room to hear the entertainment but the time was spent much more profitably in learning of every day work in the school; seeing the school buildings and equipment and meeting the teachers and learning intimately of the child's progress.

There was, however, a Christmas flavor that, we understand, was accounted for apparently by one who remembered the Christmas visits of other days. Each teacher's desk had a finer basket of oranges on it. Enquiry revealed that each pupil received one of these oranges that night. Further enquiry revealed that Trustee J. H. Boyd was responsible for this treat to the scholars. We have since wondered if he was recalling his boyhood days in this same school when the parents carried off the treat and sometimes the children were a bit short when visiting afternoon was over.

A register was kept in the various grades but the crowd was such that not all the names were secured. We are told by Principal McKenzie that it is hoped to make Parents' Night an annual event. And possibly extend the visiting hours to an afternoon as well.

## LOST FINGER WHEN CRUSHED IN MACHINE AT BEARDMORE PLANT

Mr. Stuart Lantz suffered a painful injury while at work at the Beardmore Co. plant last Thursday, whereby he lost the index finger of his left hand. Stuart was operating a machine for cutting out the leather half soles when the finger was caught beneath the machine and so badly crushed that amputation below the joint adjoining the hand was necessary. All wish him a speedy recovery and regret the mishap.

## Customs Revenue at Acton Port Show Big Increase

Indicative of the upward trend of business in Acton and amount passing through Customs at the port here in serving the many manufacturing establishments in Acton are the figures of the Acton port in comparison with those of a year ago. Last year's figures showed an increase over the previous year, too.

The April to June quarter of 1939 was \$19,465.99, while that of this year is \$23,778.23. The second period for this year is \$18,000 above the corresponding period for last year. The amounts are \$24,582.24 for 1939, and \$42,931.40 for this year. Indications are that the period, which ends in December, will set a new all-time high for the Acton port, since one month's figures this quarter total as much as some complete three-months periods in other years.

## ROCKALONG INSTITUTE HAD LEGISLATION PROGRAM AT MEETING

The Rockalong Women's Institute held their November meeting at the home of Mrs. C. Plank, who occupied the chair for the business session.

The roll call was responded to by "A New Law." It was carried by the meeting that meetings be held at 2.00 o'clock (Standard Time) instead of 2.30. An exchange of Christmas gifts among the members will be held, as usual.

Mrs. W. Black, Convener of Legislation, took charge of the following program: "There'll Always Be An England." was sung; Mrs. Harris gave a knitting demonstration on finishing a sock.

Current events were given by Mrs. A. Shultz. Mrs. H. Masde gave a talk on the motto, "Respect the Rights of Others." Mrs. Black gave a talk on "Legislation." A questionnaire was conducted by Mrs. J. Dennis. Miss M. Engle gave a report of the project held in the O.A.C. Guelph.

The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

## Hockey, Building, Telephone Items Retail Problems

Among items discussed by the Monthly Meeting of Acton Business Men's Association

Acton Business Men's Association meeting in regular monthly session on Tuesday night, urged that O.H.A. hockey be continued in Acton this year, feeling that if allowed to lapse there would be some difficulty to regain the place that has been won through the past years.

It was also felt that promotion of a juvenile team should have attention. Problems of retailers also occupied much attention at this meeting, headed by the newly-formed Retailers' Committee. It was deemed advisable to hold a meeting of the retail branch only, to discuss many phases of activity which were mentioned.

The report of the Building Committee was very encouraging and they were asked to carry on their work through the winter months. Mr. A. Mason was added as a member of this committee.

The Telephone Committee, which has been endeavoring to secure a telephone area for Acton, at least half way to adjacent communities, reported that owing to war-time conditions much of the work had been dropped. They were asked to continue their efforts in drawing the attention of the company to the inequality of the radius for Acton as at present constituted.

## Service of Remembrance Held in Acton on Monday

### Cold, Driving Rain Interfered with Usual Crowd Attending — But Representative Parade Held and Brief Service at the Monument, Followed by Service in the United Church — Splendid Address by Rev. H. L. Bennie.

A cold driving rain, one of the most disagreeable days of this fall, interfered seriously with the usual Remembrance Day service in Acton on Monday. It was reflected in the number that were able to brave the elements and go out-of-doors on such a day, but there were the goodly number of faithful, who remembering and in remembrance carried on this service, which has been a feature for twenty-two years.

The parade formed at the Town Hall and was headed by drummers and buglers from the Lorne Scots Band. Then followed the Reeve and Councillors, members of the School Board, Duke of the I.O.O.F., the Acton Women's Institute, the Junior Y. Girls, the Wolf Cub Pack, First Acton Boy Scout Troop, members of Acton Branch of the Canadian Legion, the Volunteer Civil Guard and the local platoon of the Lorne Scots. By way of Bower Avenue and Elgin Streets, the Soldiers' Memorial on Mill Street was reached. Chief E. Harrop was in charge of the parade.

Wreaths were placed at the base of the monument, on behalf of Acton Women's Institute, the Duke of Devonshire I.O.O.F., Lakeside I.O.O.F., Acton Branch of the Canadian Legion, First Acton Scouts, Lorne Scots, the Village of Acton, and by Mrs. J. J. Cooney. The names of the soldiers who died overseas were read from the monument and tribute paid by W. G. Middleton, Secretary of the Acton Legion.

"Last Post," marking the start of the two minutes of silence, was sounded by Mr. A. Mason, and "Reveille" to mark its conclusion. Owing to the weather, the service here was shortened and concluding with the benediction by Rev. H. L. Bennie, Chaplain of Acton Legion.

The second part of the service was held in the United Church which, with the weather prevailing, was fortunate as it adjoins the site of the monument. With Dr. E. J. Nelson at the organ playing the Processional, the groups assembled in the church and the standards were placed before the pulpit. Rev. J. B. Chalmers, in opening the service, paid tribute to those who had gone on and drew attention to the significance of Remembrance Day.

Hymns on the program included such very appropriate ones as "O' Valiant Hearts," "They Trusted God," and "Rise Up, O Men of God," in which a choir from all the churches led in the singing.

The Act of Confession was led by Rev. E. A. Brooks, of St. Alban's, who also led in prayer and the responsive reading of the Seventy-ninth Psalm. The scriptural reading was from the fourth chapter of Philipians, and the fourth chapter was read by Rev. G. C. Gifford, who also closed the service with the benediction.

Rev. H. L. Bennie, who gave a splendid address, based his discourse on the eighth verse in the scriptural reading: "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

When we think of Paul, as he comes to the end of the journey and he recalls the comrades of other days, it is only natural that he should write to them in this way. It is perhaps just a bit strange that, in that part of the world, where Paul wrote these lines that is to-day again very vividly before us. The young was hard then with Paul, as it is hard with us to-day. Perhaps, therefore, we need a message, too, of hope and courage.

Paul urged thought on the things mentioned in the text because these are the things that are eternal and others are not. That is how we keep God. What a year we have had since the Remembrance Day of 1939, said Mr. Bennie. How these things we had thought we had done with in another war come up to mock us. How can we think of these good things when there is so much of evil around us? But he urged to get behind the things God has given us. The generation, do not flinch. God asss us fall in line, too.

This Remembrance Day of 1940 calls from the dead that we, in our day and generation, do not flinch. God asss us to keep faith with the eternal realities because they are the things that are true and will prevail above all else. We must trust God and keep thinking constantly of these things. Let body and mind be loyal to Him—Whom led us from the beginning.

The singing of the National Anthem and benediction closed this Remembrance Day Service of 1940.

## General Manager Bank of Montreal in Acton Last Week

On official business in connection with Acton industries, Acton was honored last week by a visit of Mr. Jackson Dodds, O.B.E., D.C.L., General Manager of the Bank of Montreal, and Mr. H. P. Skey, Manager of the Main Toronto Office of the bank. They also visited the local branch of the bank here.

"Who's Who in Canada" gives the following information regarding Mr. Dodds, who was made General Manager of the Bank in 1930.

President, the Canadian Bankers' Association, 1934 and 1935; Vice-President, Canadian Bankers' Association, since 1936; Member, Advisory Council of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce; Director, the Royal Trust Company, the Royal Trust Realty Company; President, Provincial Council, Boy Scouts Association, Province of Manitoba, 1925, 26-27, 28; Order of the Silver Wolf; Chairman, Finance Committee and member of the Executive Committee of the Canadian General Council, Boy Scouts Association, Canada; Vice-President, Canadian Red Cross Society (Quebec).

In the Great War 1914-1919; went to France, September, 1914, as a private in the Honorable Artillery Company; invalided to England; April, 1915, commissioned Royal Army Ordnance Corps, May, 1915; Deputy Assistant Director of Ordnance Services 59th Division, 1916; returned to France and Belgium, 1916; appointed Assistant Director of Ordnance Services, 6th Army Corps, with rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, November, 1918; retired as a Major, May, 1919. Mentioned four times in despatches. Freedom City of London, 1919. Decorated O.B.E. (Mil. Div.) 1919, Mons Star 1914, Jubilee Medal 1935, Coronation Medal 1937.

## Annual Family Night of Acton Women's Institute

The regular monthly meeting of the Acton Women's Institute was held last Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. R. L. Davidson. The meeting opened with the roll call, answered by "Your Birthday Month." Mrs. Gamble gave a report of the Directors' Meeting at Milton.

The Society reported having sent twenty-two Christmas boxes to the Acton boys overseas. They also decided to make quilts for the Red Cross.

After the business, the meeting took the form of a social time, when the husbands and families joined in a progressive euchre. This being an annual event, a large crowd attended. The prize winners were Mrs. Lazenby and Mr. Fred McCutcheon. Mr. F. L. Wright very kindly entertained with colored pictures of the Home Improvement Plan, the Lorne School Re-union and many others which were much enjoyed.

A Gaiety lunch was served and a hearty vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Wright and to the host and hostess. The meeting closed by singing "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows," which expressed the feeling of all attending.

## LEAGUE LEADERS DEFEAT FORCE BOWLERS TUESDAY

The Force Bowling Team lost to the league leading Spar Bros. Team, 5-2, on Tuesday night, in the Guelph Commercial Bowling League.

The first game was a hard one to lose. The Force team losing by a scant four points.

The score:  
M. Roote ..... 135 ..... 182 327  
H. Otterbren ..... 250 187 173 610  
R. Langford ..... 139 210 111 451  
W. Corry ..... 243 258 273 774  
E. Grischow ..... 193 183 ..... 376  
R. Crawford ..... 190 152 342

Force Electric ..... 960 1019 901 2880  
Spar Bros. .... 964 831 1166 2961

## Erin Nomination Arranged to be Held this Month

Council Buys Snow Fence and Passed Accounts for the Month

The Municipal Council of the Township of Erin met at Hillsburg on November 14th, when the following business was transacted:

By-law No. 10, appointing a place to hold the Nomination Meeting and appointing Returning Officers, Poll Clerks and polling booths was passed. Nomination is to be held at the Town Hall, Hillsburg, on November 22nd, and, if an election is necessary, voting to take place in the various polling booths in the Township on Monday, December 2nd.

Thirty rolls of snowfence was ordered purchased.

Council authorized the Treasurer to pay school money in three instalments, December 16th, 1940; March 1st and June 1st, 1941.

The following amounts were paid:  
For relief ..... \$ 23.76  
For sheep ..... 11.50  
Monthly Bank Interest ..... 73.29  
Roads ..... 892.90  
Miscellaneous ..... 77.14  
Council adjourned to meet at Hillsburg on Monday, December 16th.

## MOTOR CAR'S GOOD SUBJECT OF DEBATE BLOOMSBURY LITERARY

The regular meeting of the Bloomsbury Literary Society was held, on November 8th. The President, Clarence Wilson, was in charge. The roll call was answered by "Your Favorite Color."

Ross Patterson acted as chairman for the following program: Reading, Mrs. Dennis; instrumental, Ray Stake; reading, E. Elizabeth Anderson; piano solo, Mrs. vanGoozen.

A very interesting debate was held, "Resolved, that the motor car has done more good than harm." The affirmative side was upheld by Martin Hassard and Dirk vanGoozen. The negative side was upheld by Ross Gordon and Cameron Ramsshaw. Mrs. J. Little gave the judges' decision, in favor of the negative side.

Mr. J. Little sang a solo and community singing was conducted by Mrs. vanGoozen. The meeting closed by the singing of the National Anthem.

## MR. F. COLES ADDRESSED KNOX YOUNG PEOPLES

The Young People's Guild of Knox Church held their regular meeting on Monday night, November 11th, with the President, Mr. Clarence Coles, in charge.

After the opening exercises, the Chair was taken by Miss Wilma Hansen, Convener of the Service Committee, who introduced Chapter II of the study book, followed by the scripture reading, which was taken by Miss Inez McEldan. An appropriate solo, "The Rose of No Man's Land," was rendered by Miss Bella Rossell, and a reading, entitled "Drake's Drums," was given by Miss Jean Bennie.

The guest speaker of the evening was Mr. Fred Coles, who, after leading a sing-song of hymns, gave a very interesting address on "Remembrance." He also sang an enjoyable solo.

An interesting feature of the meeting was the writing of a "Round Robin" letter in reply to one received by the Guild from their former President, Gen. Bert Patrick, of the 16/43rd Battery, stationed at present at Camp Sussex, N.B.

## 1941 Motor Markers Went on Sale Here on Tuesday

1941 car licenses and driving permits went on sale in Acton on Tuesday and Mr. J. K. Gardiner, local issuer, reports an increased first season rush. Perhaps the reason lies in the fact that the present licenses expire at the end of the calendar year, instead of in March, as last year.

The new plates are green letters on a white background and the first numbers allotted to Acton are 195E1 to 214E2 and 22Y1 to 28Y99. This, however, will not nearly meet the needs here and what the next assignment of plates will be is not now known. The Free Press was again on hand to secure the first plates this year and these are now on view in The Free Press window. Local and district motorists find the Acton office a great convenience and indications are that many more plates will be issued here this year than last.

## Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, Other Events, under this heading, are charged, 10 cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 25c.

Acton Continuation School Dance, Friday, November 22nd, at 8.45 p.m. Proceeds for Red Cross. 20-2

St. Alban's W. A. Sale of Work, Baking, December 7th, Parish Hall. Tea. Please note correction in date.

Mammoth Christmas Tree, Monday, December 23rd, Town Hall, auspices of Acton Branch of Legion.

Tea, Sale of Baking, Saturday, Nov. 16th, 3.30 p.m., in United Church School Room by Young Ladies' Friendly Circle.

## DUBLIN LITERARY HOLDS HALLOWEEN MASQUERADE

On Friday evening the Dublin Literary held a masquerade in the school, which gave many a laugh to everyone. The judges for the evening were Mr. Linham, Miss Young and Miss Robertson. War Savings Stamps were used as prizes. The prize winning costumes were as follows:

Best Disguised Person—Mr. Charles Cutts.  
Best Hard Time Costume—Mrs. Walter Linham.  
Best School Girl—Jean Robertson.  
Best School Boy—Rae Webster.  
Best Halloween Costume, Lady's—Miss Molly Cutts.  
Best Halloween Costume, Man's—Mrs. David Joe.

The following program was then given: Instrumental by Ian Grant; reading by Mrs. Burkholder; piano solo by Margaret Somerville; number by school girls; number by school boys; an instrumental by Dorothy and Douglas Frank. The meeting closed with the National Anthem. Lunch was served and a social time spent in dancing.

## UNITED CHURCH TO OBSERVE SIXTEENTH ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

Sixteenth Anniversary Services will mark next Sunday in the United Church, Acton, when Rev. Prof. A. S. Orton, S.T.M., of Emanuel College, Toronto, will be the guest speaker. Special music for the occasion has been prepared by the Choir and other features will make this a day marked in the annals of the church. Services will be held at 11.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m. (D.S.T.)

## FRIENDS SPEND SOCIAL EVENING WITH NEWLY-WEDS

A very enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Lambert on Monday night, when Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, who were recently married, were surprised by a number of friends with a social evening and shower.

## Monday Service of Remembrance in Nassagaweya

Address Given by Rev. F. Lawson at Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church

In a spirit of remembrance services were held Monday in Nassagaweya. The driving rain of the morning was intensified in the afternoon, but the services went on. The service at the Soldiers' Monument was brief. The reading of the names by Mr. W. G. Middleton; Last Post and Reveille, by Mr. Amos Mason; the two minutes of silence; and the benediction by Rev. H. L. Bennie.

In the service in Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church, Rev. Mr. Bennie led in the reciting of the Act of Confession. Rev. H. H. Kippen led in the responsive reading and the lesson from 1 Kings 8: 57-62. Rev. E. A. Brooks led in the prayer of intercessions and thanksgivings.

Rev. F. Lawson gave a splendid Remembrance Day address. Hymns used in the service were those that have been found so appropriate, such as "O' Valiant Hearts Who to Your Glory Came," "They Trusted God," Kipling's "Recessional," "Rise Up, O Men of God," and, of course, concluding with the National Anthem.

The hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. A. Padbury, in providing warm drinks and food for the veterans, who had been attending the three services in the district that day, was this year even more appreciated than ever.

## Water Mains Requested to New Mason Subdivision

### Matter Must be Taken Up With Council — Storm Interfered with Only Two Services

The regular meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Tuesday evening. Commissioner M. Symon and Reeve J. B. Chalmers were present, with Chairman C. M. Hansen presiding. A letter was read from the Ontario Hydro Commission, stating that the mis-charge on the billing, when the Acton Commission was credited with nine h.p., instead of billed for it; the amount of power used at the Fall Fair, would be included in the next billing.

Another letter from the Ontario Hydro Commission was presented. This one notified Acton Commission that a credit was being given the Acton Commission for \$23.00, for transmitting power for the rural Hydro.

It was moved by J. B. Chalmers, and seconded by M. Symon, that the Secretary be empowered to pay the following accounts:

Hydro Department	
Packard Electric Co. Ltd., meters, etc.	\$113.90.
MacDonald Electric Ltd., supplies	11.05
C.N.R. Transports and Premier Vacuum, express and bells	1.08
Symon Hardware, supplies	4.27
Force Electric Products, units	2.94
Geo. MacDonald & Co., supplies	4.35
Jos. N. Reid, wire, etc.	11.33
Hilliard Lashby, labor	29.75
	\$178.67

Waterworks Department	
Hydro Department, power at the spring	\$ 24.50
Canadian Brass, supplies	10.08
Hydro Department, October operations	132.17
	\$176.81

Mr. A. Mason was present, requesting water services to his new houses on Alice Street. The Commission advised Mr. Mason that he would have to go to the Council as the Commission had no authority to lay new water mains. The Commission agreed to have the prices of different sizes of pipe and all other information it could secure to help Mr. Mason and the Council.

The Secretary was instructed to write Eardmore & Co. Ltd., stating that one of their tenants was in arrears of water and that the light had been shut off.

The list of arrears was checked and instructions issued as to their disposal. Superintendent Wilson was notified to shut off the water at the Arena until instructed to turn it on by the Council. Superintendent Wilson reported that two services had been interrupted in the high wind on Monday night, one at the H. McCutcheon house, on Main Street, and the other at W. Bauer's, on Mill Street. Both were the result of falling trees.

## PLANT SUPERINTENDENT HAS ARRIVED SAFELY IN CANADIAN PORT

Officials of the Wool Combing Corporation here have received word that the plant superintendent, Mr. B. Byes and Mrs. Byes, and the assistant manager Mr. Walker and Mrs. Walker, have arrived safely at a Canadian port this week and will be in Acton on Monday to take charge of the plant and the installation of machinery. They come here from Bradford, England.

Naturally the Company officials have been quite anxious, since the former Manager was drowned when the City of Benares was sunk.

## Their Name Liveth for Evermore

Names of Acton soldiers who gave their lives in the Great War:

CORP. J. L. MOORE 24th Battalion	PTE. T. IRVING 3rd Battalion
CORP. ROY HURD 29th Battery	PTE. G. McLEOD 20th Battalion
CORP. W. G. BROWN 6th P. Co. C. E.	PTE. A. WINTERBURN 4th Battalion
PTE. J. D. BURT 15th Battalion	LIEUT. H. G. KING 13th Northumberland Fusiliers
PTE. M. KALEY 21st Battalion	PTE. A. GRIBBEN 42nd Battalion
CAPT. T. A. ARTHURS Chaplain, Chinese Labor Battalion	PTE. F. RADFORD 164th Battalion
PTE. A. ANDERSON 116th Battalion	SERGT. W. LEE 4th Battalion
PTE. F. ELKINGTON 59th Battalion	PTE. F. GODFREY 196th Battalion
PTE. F. WELLS 4th Battalion	CORP. F. MASTERS; G. M. S. 4th Battalion
PTE. J. FRYER 18th Battalion	PTE. J. J. KENNEDY 95th Battalion
SERGEANT-MAJ. N. STUCKEY 19th Battalion	CORP. J. J. COONEY; D. C. M. 164th Battalion and P. P. C. I. I.

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Names of Nassagaweya Township Soldiers, who gave their lives in the Great War

PTE. STANLEY R. ADAMSON 91st Battalion	PTE. WILLIAM FOLLOCK 3rd Battalion
PTE. ARTHUR HADLEY 5th Battalion	DVR. MARK MCINTYRE R. F. A.
PTE. EDWARD HARRISON 10th Battalion	PTE. L. J. KINGSBURY 164th Battalion
CAPT. CHAS. M. CARBERT, M.C. 20th R. P. C.	PTE. HARVEY ELLIOT 164th Battalion
PTE. ORVILLE FLETCHER 38th Battalion	PTE. WESLEY ROBERTS 164th Battalion
PTE. EDWARD HAMMAN 5th Battalion	PTE. H. C. ELSLEY 16th O. A. M. C.
PTE. WILLIAM TREMBLETT 35th Battalion	PTE. FRED HILSON 164th Battalion
PTE. JAMES MILNE 34th Battalion	PTE. JOSEPH FRYER 1st Battalion
PTE. CLARENCE CARTON 74th Battalion	PTE. ALLAN READING 159th Battalion
CORP. JOHN H. BLAIR P. P. C. I. I.	PTE. HOWARD C. ROBINSON 159th Battalion
PTE. WILLIAM GRAHAME 76th Battalion	PTE. WILLIAM ROBERTS 164th Battalion
	PTE. MELVIN BONAS