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Asks for Fixed Assessment for Ten Year Period

Esqueuing Council Defers Action Other Items of Township Council Meeting

Esqueuing Township Council held their regular meeting on Monday afternoon. Deputy-Treasurer C. H. May, Councilors G. W. Murray, Edwin Harrop and George E. Cleave were present. Reeve Wm. A. Wilson presided.

A letter was read from the Department of Highways stating that government subsidy will be eligible under by-law passed in January to provide for expenditure on roads during the year. Another letter from the Wool Combing Corporation of Canada Ltd., asked for a fixed assessment for a period of ten years. This matter will be dealt with at a future meeting.

Mr. Greaves and Mr. Grant addressed the Council, asking for a donation to the Canadian War Services Fund.

Moved and seconded by Harrop and May, that the treasurer pay the Relief accounts as presented by the Relief Officer \$243.71. Carried.

Other accounts passed for payment by the council were:

Georgetown Hydro Bd. St. lights at Glen Williams	\$74.75
Acton Public Utilities Com. Crook Street lights	15.00
The Municipal World Ltd. supplies	4.38
The Bell Telephone Co. acct.	35.52
W. C. Anthony, writing garage	17.47
Walter Lawson, 70 lb. corn	1.25
Clerk's stationery	1.00
Mrs. V. Mileham, to cleaning Council Chamber	3.00
Hydro-Electric Power Com. Brampton, lights at Council Chamber	4.80
Alfred Bridgen, Milenge and supplies Dep. Game Warden	35.74
J. Stanford, relief acct.	28.00

Mr. C. R. Stevenson, treatment for patient \$2.00

I. M. Bennett, taking indigent to Toronto hospital and fare to Toronto, advanced to indigent 7.00

The treasurer was also instructed to pay road sheets amounting to \$626.03 as presented by the Road Superintendent.

Moved and seconded by May and Harrop, that the treasurer be authorized to accept \$11.25 in payment of the six months interest coupon due April 1st 1941, for \$222.50 on Road Province of Alberta, for \$1,000 held on account of the Railway Bonus Fund. Carried.

Moved and seconded by Harrop and May, that the town of Georgetown be instructed to remove the Doyle Family from the Township of Esqueuing within fifteen days, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Clerk of the Town of Georgetown. Carried.

Moved and seconded by Harrop and Murray, that the council accept the tender of A. Bast, for gravel laid down on the roads at 75¢ per cubic yard. Carried.

Moved and seconded by Cleave and May, that this council authorize the Clerk to return marked cheque to Armstrong Bros., construction at Brampton. Carried.

Moved and seconded by Murray and May, that we do now adjourn to meet on Monday, May 5th, at 1:30 p.m., at the call of the Reeve. Carried.

CROKINOLE PRIZES WON AT LORNE SCHOOL SOCIAL NIGHT

On Friday evening, April 4 a social was held in Lorne School. The function was quite a success and well attended.

The first part of the evening was taken up by crokinole games which included all rounds. After the scores had been tallied it was found that first prize for ladies was won by Mrs. Hugh McCutcheon. Gentle first prize was won by Mr. John Allan. Consolation prizes were won by Mrs. Roy Johnston and Hugh O'Rourke. After the social a bounteous lunch was served.

The president, Mr. W. Watkins, then called the meeting to order for a short business discussion. During the next meeting on Friday, April 18, The Third Lane group, with Mr. B. Davidson as program, was placed in charge. A program and dance was suggested for the evening. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing. Fisher's orchestra supplied the music.

Glimpses of Parliament

By Hughes Cleaver, Halton's Member

The expected debate on the Conservative non-confidence amendment with respect to agriculture did not get on this week but instead the discussion on wheat was given first place. While this subject is not a vital to Ontario as it is to the West in this letter I will pass along some of the information which has been given to the House.

Our carry over of old wheat on July 31st last was 300.7 million bushels and our new crop yielded 551.4 million bushels. This would make our wheat supply for the current year 852.1 million bushels which is just about double the average supply for the previous five years.

Canada never has had a market, within any year for a quantity of the magnitude of this year's supply, and under present conditions our market outlet is so curtailed that the larger part of it must be carried forward into the next year. By comparison Canada's carry over of wheat in 1938 was only 245 million bushels and in the previous year 37 millions. For the five years from 1923-27 Canada's average yearly carry-over was 39.6 millions. The high record of carry-over in the past was 219 million bushels in 1933.

Canada produces only about one-tenth of the world wheat supply. The normal wheat carry over for the entire world is only 542 million bushels. From these figures it will be seen that while we only produce a small fraction of the world wheat supply, Canada will this year have a carry-over greatly in excess of the normal world carry-over.

If Canada planted no wheat at all this spring and none in 1941 her present surplus would enable her to maintain both her domestic and her foreign trade for two years at the full average of the last five years.

This enormous stock of wheat in Canada has two important consequences:

1. It depresses the world price of wheat with consequent loss to Canadian farmers on future crops of wheat.
2. The cost of carrying this wheat in both interest charges and storage rates is at least 60 million dollars annually.

In the light of all of these facts, our program this year provides for a decreased wheat average of 35%.

The loss of this decreased average is to be borne part by the state and part by the Western farmers. The western farmer has had so many bad years it is therefore natural that he should complain. The other farmers in Canada feel the results of the diversification of agriculture in the West but what other option is there in sight?

The British budget has now been brought down and it raises income taxes to 50%, and in addition it reduces the amount of the exemptions. The exemptions on a married man's income are reduced to \$670 and to \$300 for a single man.

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School Estimates by March 31st for Nassagaweya

Council Calls For Tenders For Road Materials and Places Liability Insurance

Nassagaweya Township Council met on March 31st. Members were all present with Mr. Finney Reeve, presiding.

The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted, also the correspondence was read and dealt with.

It was decided to call for tenders for Road Material 4000 cubic yards more or less of crushed stone or gravel, tenders to close April 15th, accompanied by a marked cheque for \$50.

The council accepted the tender of A. E. Wilson and Co. at \$95 for road liability insurance and placed with A. T. Moore.

The following accounts were then ordered paid by the treasurer:

Relief accounts	\$ 37.93
Road Supt. accounts	507.41
Misc. accounts	97.00

A by-law was given the usual name and passed, terminating the trustees of the school sections to present the estimates of money required for school purposes to be in the hands of the clerk by March 31st of each year.

Council then adjourned to meet on April 16th at 7 o'clock or at the call of the Reeve.

Missionary Talk Chinese Food at W.M.S. Meeting

An address by returned missionary and the serving of Chinese food were among items of particular interest at the Easter Thank-Offering meeting on Tuesday afternoon at the Women's Missionary Society of Acton United Church. Mrs. H. Caldwell presided and took charge also of the devotional period.

The Easter season taken by Mrs. Caldwell was very appropriately the Crucifixion, the day of meeting being the fourth day of Passion Week. A duet "Lead me to Calvary," by Mrs. B. Voldhuis and Miss Dorothy Kitching and the solo, "Can a Little Child Like Me," by Barbara Vincent, and "The Holy City," by Mrs. W. J. Beatty were appreciated musical numbers on the program.

Miss Nellie Anderson, Acton, who recently returned from Korea where she has been a missionary was the special speaker for the afternoon.

Her subject was "The Desire for Service." She told of the people of Japan among whom she had worked and their desire to serve. Her talk was illustrated and was a helpful address that was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Agnew who was to have been the speaker at the meeting was unavoidably detained. She however sent a number of articles she had collected in China, including drapes, linens, shoes, dishes, brass articles, etc., which proved most interesting.

The supper of Chinese food proved quite a novelty and contrary to an impression was really very good. The ladies who attempted to use chopsticks were not very successful.

Members of Nassagaweya and Rockwood were among the visiting branches. Votes of thanks were tendered Mrs. Anderson, the soloist and Mrs. Caldwell who arranged the lunch.

An invitation was extended to the society to visit the Baptist Auxiliary on April 24th.

ALL FAMILY PRESENT AT 53rd ANNIVERSARY OF WEDDING OBSERVED

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Duncan MacArthur who on Saturday, April 5th celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Archer of Brantford. All the members of the family were present to spend a "social" evening with their parents.

SCHOOL EXAMINATION DATES ANNOUNCED FOR MID-SUMMER

Friday, June 13, has been announced by the department of education as the opening day of the upper school departmental examinations. Middle school departmental examinations are not being held this year.

Compared with former years, when the candidates tried lower, middle and upper school examinations, the time-table issued by a small program with only high school entrance and upper school examinations listed.

Entrance examinations will be held on June 26 and 27. Despite the fact that middle school departmental examinations have been abandoned, candidates for middle school standing must submit an application at the end of April as in former years.

Every candidate for upper school standing must try the departmental examinations this year. In former years some were recommended.

PRINCIPAL M. LEITCH ADDRESSED JUNIOR FARMERS' GROUP

The regular meeting of the Acton Junior Farmers was held in Lorne School on March 27. After a short business session, Audrey MacArthur acted as chairman for the following program: A resolution by Orna Watson presented by Helen Sprowl.

The guest speaker for the evening was Mr. M. Leitch, principal of the Acton continuation school. He spoke of his trip through the British Isles and Norway. He also showed some very interesting pictures of scenes he visited. Myrtle and Miss Early gave a vocal duet.

The meeting closed by singing of the National Anthem. Lunch was enjoyed by all and dancing followed.

Walker Lodge Has Official Visit of the D.D.G.M.

Many Unique and Enjoyable Features Mark the Occasion in Lodge Annals

Monday night was the big annual night in Walker Lodge A.F. & A.M., when District Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Bro. H. E. Conford paid his official visit to the lodge. The work put on in the lodge room was the subject of much favorable comment. It was unique too in the fact that W. Bro. E. J. Hunsard took an important part in the ceremony of conferring a degree in Masonry when his son Mr. Harvey Hunsard became a member of the order. Another coincidence was the fact that W. Bro. Hunsard was Master of Walker Lodge the same year that D.D.G.M. Conford was Master of a Guelph Lodge.

Following the lodge work the brethren, who included visitors representing many of the lodges in the district and from other points assembled around the banquet table.

A bounteous and splendidly served supper was prepared by the ladies in the toast list that followed W. Bro. R. P. Watson presided, and following the toast to the king, the toast to Grand Lodge was proposed by W. Bro. E. J. Hunsard, in which he paid tribute to the work that the officers of Grand Lodge were doing and the ability that these men possessed and gave in leadership.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Conford again congratulated the officers of Walker Lodge on their work in the lodge room and the candidate on his attention and ability. In speaking of the help being given by Grand Lodge to Canada's war effort he told that Grand Lodge had contributed \$3590 to the British War Victims Funds as well as making substantial donations to the Y.M.C.A., Salvation Army and Red Cross funds.

The beauty of the first degree and the high standards of Masonry were also portrayed when Rt. Wor. Bro. Conford took as his motto theme a section of the work in this degree.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Rex Kenley, Chairman of the District and Pastor of Dublin Street United Church, Guelph, in his address spoke of the sociability and high level of Masonry. He said the Masonic philosophy does change and such books which are in the process of being written are the result of the great things of life and gives the habit of thoughts that are elevating. He urged the brethren to apply the lessons to be learned from Masonry in our lives toward God and toward our fellow man. These are days of testing for Masonry in retaining the liberties that have been secured by others who fought and died that they might be secured.

W. Bro. Wm. Cooper proposed the toast to the visiting brethren and replies were given by Rt. Wor. Brethren E. McNeilson and Powers. The singing of "They are Jolly Good Fellows," by both the visitors and the brethren of Walker Lodge and the lusty cheers attested to the good fellowship enjoyed.

The Junior Warden toast proposed by Bro. W. Middleton brought this very happy and enjoyable fraternal gathering to a close.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE PROVIDES PROGRAM AT KNOX Y.P.S.

The regular meeting of Knox Y.P.S. was in charge of the Worship Committee, Marguerite Roszell, on Monday. Mrs. R. O'Hara read the Scripture and Ada Thompson led in prayer. The Roll Call was answered with a Bible verse beginning with the letter "M". The Presbytery "Know Your Bible" quiz was answered by the members present and the Study Book "A Month of Christian Service" was given by W. H. Smith. A set of very interesting slides on Manchuism was shown and the explanations were read by Jean Bennie and Inez McLellan.

VISITING SOCIETY PROVIDED PROGRAM AT MAPLE GROVE

The Maple Grove Literary Society entertained the Bloomsbury society on Monday evening of last week.

The visiting society provided the following program which was well received. Selections from orchestra, reading, Ernie Anderson; instrumental duet, Messrs. Hassard and Nelson.

Local Unit, Misses Ferguson and Watson, played "A Day in an Editor's Office"; recitation, Mrs. Alex. Neary; Mayor Watson's amours.

Lunch and a social hour followed and then on with the dance. The local society enjoyed having with them their kindly and jovial friends from Bloomsbury.

Veteran of Tracks Jack Power At Age of 30 Dies

Jack Powers, that veteran purser of Canadian race tracks died last week at the home of his owner, John Mitchell in Eramosa Township. He was over 30 years of age, will remember this big, dapper grey that was sure to take every race in which he was entered.

The horse had travelled the tracks of the district, so often that he knew them maybe better than his driver. We recall at one of the races in this district his driver being thrown from the sulky and the grey horse going on and completing the heat in first place and after the tele-announced track heading for the stable. He was a terror to watch, seldom broke, but just maintained that steady lung stride that carried him to so many wins. In 1916 he was awarded the Dominion Championship, having won more races in that year than any other horse. He had a bank of 200 which before his retirement about 45 years ago was considered tops.

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CABINET MINISTER TO ADDRESS MEETING ACTON Y'S MEN'S CLUB

The Acton Y's Men's Club has had the privilege of having many very capable speakers, address his meetings. For the meeting of April 24th they have secured a speaker of note, Hon. Mr. Oliver, the Minister of Public Works for the Province of Ontario. In order that others may hear this outstanding speaker, considered by many to be one of the most forceful and fluent in the Ontario Legislature, the club has made an open meeting. A limited number of tickets for the dinner and address will be made available on this occasion. Hon. Mr. Oliver will be accompanied on his visit to Acton by Halton's member of the Legislature, Mr. T. A. Blake, who will introduce him. Subject of the speaker's address will be announced later.

Rockalong Institute To Be Hostess To District Meeting

Mrs. C. Plank acted as hostess for the Rockalong Women's Institute meeting which was held at her home. There were thirteen members and two visitors present.

The meeting opened with the singing of the National Anthem. Mrs. Plank presided over the business session of the meeting. The roll was responded to by "songs of neighboring churches." Mrs. J. D. McNabb, district director gave her report on the district director's meeting which was held in Guelph. The branch is hostess this year to the District Annual which is to be held in Rockwood the latter part of May. A committee was formed to be in charge of the dinner and contests.

Misses Myrtle Maude and Margaret Inglis were named to attend the summer day in April at Guelph. Plans were made to have a church party in the near future. Mrs. W. Farnham was appointed to attend the nominating committee meeting in Guelph.

Finished quilts were on display and plans were made to continue making others. Representatives were named to attend the Federation of Agriculture in Fergus. Mrs. Wm. McNabb took charge of the following program:

The motto "The further you go the more you discover that home is best," was given by Doris Watson.

A contest was conducted by Mrs. McNabb and Mrs. Shultz was the winner. A demonstration on the making of the crispie marshmallow squares was ably demonstrated by Mrs. Plank. The meeting closed by singing "There'll Always Be an England."

FORCE BOWLERS LOSE ON TUESDAY BY CLOSE SCORE

The Force Bowling team lost a close decision to Master Cleaners by a score of 4-3 last Tuesday evening in the Guelph Commercial Bowling League.

The scores were:

M. Boote	153	184	210	517
H. Otterburn	158	206	209	573
R. Crawford	169	180	202	551
R. Langford	129	147	183	459
W. Corry	228	227	230	685

Force Electric 837 944 -034 2815
Master Cleaners 866 944 954 2814

Weekly War Commentary

Specially Written for The Acton Free Press by JIM LEON EDELL, Canadian Press Staff Writer.

The 84th week of the war finds the Japanese foreign minister, Yosuke Matsuoka, "homed out" following talks with Hitler and Mussolini. He visited Berlin after travelling across Europe through Russia, then went to Rome, and on his return to Berlin had further chats with German leaders before taking his train again for the long journey to the East.

Called at Bad Time
Just when, at Berlin, the Nazis were set for great pomp and show, Matsuoka left off for Italy and Rome, and Hitler was unable to attend his own party in the Axis, Yugoslavia. That was the first piece of Axis timing that went wrong.

In Rome to some had Hitler and Matsuoka settled down for their talks when blazing guns off Cape Matapan in the Ionian Sea reminded Mussolini that the Mediterranean was still for long being "Maritime France." Daily lost four cruisers, three destroyers and perhaps a battleship. The Japanese are a much-minded people. These statistics must have interested Matsuoka to end.

Even the stop at Moscow seems to have been merely a chit-chat conference with Molotov and Stalin, having no immediate consequences. And Matsuoka is homeward bound now. One wonders just how impressed he is.

Nazi's Ethyan Thrust
Britain's "cut and nurse" tactics may again be brought into play to ensure a combined German-Italian force striking into eastern Libya along the Egyptian coast. Highways and the announcement that British advance troops had evacuated Benghazi came as something of a shock on April 4, but there are many indications the British Middle East Command has not been caught napping.

Sir Archibald Wavell and his men have had long experience in desert fighting. The Italians have shown they have a lot to learn and the Germans are novices at the game. British advance forces left Benghazi in good order and defence positions will be taken up at a point where military authorities consider they have the best chance of dealing with the enemy threat. Thousands of men from the Army of the Nile have been transferred to the Balkans and others sent to speed up the conquest of East Africa. The main British force remains intact and the Royal Air Force is strafing the invaders.

Fascists Lose Adwaa
British units from various parts of the Empire, reinforced by men from the Army and the Nile, are cooperating with native Ethiopians in drives on Addis Ababa from north, south, east and west. The capture of Adwaa was a bitter pill for the Fascists, especially as the British routed the Italians there in 1940, but the defeat was avenged in 1941 when the place was laid waste by Italian bombers.

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Eramosa Gets Road Material from J. McLaren

Treasurer To Collect All Arrears Of Taxes—Health Report Is Accepted

The council for the township of Eramosa met in the town hall, Rockwood on Monday at 1 p.m. with all the members present and Reeve D. D. Gray in the chair.

Correspondence was read from the Workmen's Compensation Board stating that road employees of the township were covered under the Act from March 11, 1941, from the Department of Highways approving by-law No. 3 for road expenditure of \$10000 in 1941, and an award from the arbitrators to transfer the East Fall of Lot 26, Concession 7 from S.S. No. 9 to S.S. No. 11, both of the township of Erin.

The annual report of the chairman of the Board of Health was accepted on motion of Messrs. Pinkney and Leatherford.

The tenders of John McLaren for roadwork at \$400 and \$500 were accepted on motion of Messrs. Rutherford and Leslie. The treasurer was instructed to collect all arrears of taxes as soon as possible, under the services of a bailiff in several cases. Accounts passed amounted to \$434.15 and council adjourned to May 12th at 1:30 p.m. (S.T.).

Our Men Are Ready and Waiting When They Come

Interesting Letter From the Old Land Tells of Bombing and Rations—But Keeping China Up

The following letter to Mrs. A. H. Bishop from her sister in England gives an intimate view of some of the conditions through which the English people are going but it also shows the spirit in which they are met. Readers will enjoy it as we have and appreciate the privilege we have of publishing it.

England.
My Dear Clara,
Just a line to let you know that your parcel arrived quite safe this morning, and your letter a week ago today. It is good of you to send such a lovely parcel but I'm afraid it must have cost you a lot of money to send it, and it must have cost you a lot to buy it. I took it up to Anne this morning and we had a little chat over it. It seemed so wonderful to think it had travelled over the ocean, and so unpacked the things you had packed. And you even put in a bit of your Christmas cake, we divided it between us. The sugar made George smile. He said "Thank you Clara. We do miss our sugar so much, we only have a pound a week between us, so that does not go very far. We had some of it for our tea today, and the butter is very nice, very nice. We are allowed 2 lbs each of butter a week, so that is a quarter of a pound between us. And just fancy the custard powder and the sardines and peanut butter and tea. It is a lovely parcel. I am sending some of it to Lizzie tomorrow. I shall make her up a little parcel out of it, tea, sardines, custard powder, etc.

You will be glad to hear that Art has arrived home safely. He was 3 months on his way home, and he has 21 days leave, so he will still be with us about a month. I should think they will give him a job somewhere. What a safe job for there's no safe place in England to stay. But there are better days coming we hope, anyway the biggest part of the winter is over and the nights are getting lighter.

Did you hear Mr. Churchill a week last Sunday night? Wasn't he good? He said we still have a long hard road to travel but we shall win through in the end.

The night the Germans concentrated on was a terrible night. They came over twice, and the second time the water supply gave out, so the firemen had to let the buildings burn. All the shopping centre is just a heap of rubble. We saw the reflection in the sky of the fire of London when they burnt out the city. It was an awesome sight, and one night they dropped 200 fire bombs on it. The men worked like mad to put them out. We all have our little bag of sand upstairs ready for incendiaries. They were dropping them the other night over London.

Will you thank your mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. Ritchie, very much for sending us that butter. It was very good of her, and tell her we are still keeping our chin up, and plodding along with our daily work. We have had quieter nights lately, and so we feel better. We don't take much notice of the warnings now, unless the bombs drop near. It's wonderful how you get used to things.

Now we are wondering when he's going to invade us. We shall know when he has as the church bells are going to be rung to warn us. They have not been rung since the war started, so the church has to be left open night and day ready for the warning to be given. They'll get it and when they do get here, they open are all ready and waiting for them, but it will mean much bloodshed and trouble, because some of them will be bound to get away and do some mischief before they are caught.

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Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or other events, under this heading, are charged at a rate of one line with a minimum charge for 400 characters at all times.

Come to the Women's Institute Afternoon Tea and Baking Sale in the Town Hall on Saturday, April 10th.

Annual Dance of St. Alban's Young People's in Acton Town Hall, Friday April 25th, Gibson Boyd and his Orchestra.