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Drainage and Safeguards for the Public Health

Come in for Discussion at Meeting of the Council Monday Night — Business Men Suggest Clock for Nightwatchman to Avoid Criticism—Council Plans Revision of Building By-Laws—Tax Arrears Down But Not Yet Satisfactory.

The regular meeting of the Acton Council met on Monday evening. Councillors F. J. Davison, A. Mason and J. M. McDonald were present with Reeve J. B. Chalmers in the chair.

Mr. Howard Dauphin was present requesting an exemption of poll tax. The act was read and there was no way of exempting Mr. Dauphin as he does not pay taxes in any other way.

Mr. John Mellon and Mr. John Bruce representing Beardmore Employees' Association requested the use of the Arena for a Bingo for the British War Victims' Fund. This request was granted.

The report of the Finance Committee was tabled and the treasurer was instructed to pay the following accounts upon motion of A. Mason and J. M. McDonald

County of Halton, grader	$ 32.00
Symon Hardware, supplies	1.00
A. T. Brown, supplies	.40
E. J. Hassard, supplies	.60
J. Kentner, work	1.55
Woodhall & Musselle, grass seed	.95
W. F. Mooney, work at Town Hall	1.50
Bell Telephone, services	11.40
Acton Welfare Board, April relief	.81
Acton Public Utilities Commission, services	193.13
F. L. Wright, insurance on truck	33.00
Debentures, coupons and interest	1,378.38
Acton Free Press, printing	11.66
	$1,664.57

A letter from the Aitkenhead Hardware quoted prices on power-driven mowers. After some discussion the council decided to try and get along with the present mower for this year.

The insurance bond was left until an insurance representative was present to discuss the matter.

The Bell Telephone requested permission to lay an underground cable on Frederick Street, from Agnes Street to the Wool Combing Corporation plant. The request was granted.

The clerk advised council of assignment of money, when due, on garbage collection. This assignment was filed.

The Toronto General Hospital notified council of an admittance of an indigent patient to that institution.

The Ontario government notified the council of some changes in by-laws which effect the municipalities.

A. E. Wilson Co., in a letter thanked council for release of bond. The letter was filed.

Acton Business Men's Association requested that night constable be equipped with a punch clock to protect him from unfair criticism. The council decided to get prices on punch clocks.

Mr. Albert Harris requested the use for pasturage of the vacant lots on Victoria Avenue which belong to the town. This request was granted.

Dr. E. J. Nelson, M.O.H., for Acton, was present. He requested permission for Mr. S. Lasby to run clean water into the town drain, while a new septic tank was installed. This permission was granted and the following resolution passed:

Moved by A. Mason and seconded by F. Davison and resolved that permission be granted to Mr. S. Lasby to make temporary connection to the town drain for dairy and waste water only, in order that he may install a new septic tank provided that no toilets are connected and that this connection be made on or before the 1st of July, 1941.

Dr. Nelson also discussed the draining of septic tanks into wells as this was contrary to law. A number of people have intimated that they know of such practices but will make no definite statement so no action can be taken until definite information has been received.

The council intimated that they are going to revise the building by-law, and this would help clear up a number of these questions.

The council passed a motion setting their meeting nights for June on Tuesday June 3rd and 17th.

The list of arrears of taxes were checked and instructions issued for their collections. All taxes are to be collected, by distress or otherwise, as the council felt it was not fair for those who pay their taxes to carry the owners who do not pay the am-

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Service Station Robbed Monday Night In Acton

Sometime Monday night or early Tuesday morning thieves broke into the service station and refreshment booth of J. Hargraves at the corner of Young and Mill Street. Cigarettes, chocolate bars etc., were stolen. The lock on the gas tanks were broken and gasoline was taken. It is estimated that goods of the value of between $80 and $100 were taken in the haul.

That same night the service station on No. 25 Highway at the outskirts of Milton was also entered. Here the thieves left a bar used for breaking the door lock. Investigation by Chief Harrop and Provincial Constable Reevely indicates that the same bar was used to gain entry at the Acton service station.

This is the second time the Blue Star Service Station has been robbed here. Police are continuing the investigation.

Back to School for 150 Ex-Pupils at Old Dublin

But It Was A Banquet On The Twenty-Fourth That Was The Attraction

Many were the stories told of other days. Much was the enjoyment of friends meeting again on Saturday evening when the school bell at Dublin just below Acton signalled the start of a re-union banquet. The meal was the work of the Dublin Institute and those returning agreed that the folks who remain in this community have lost none of the art of satisfying the inner man. Roast pork and gravy, green peas and tomatoes, cabbage salad, jelly, celery, pickles, rolls, pie and ice cream, tea and coffee and mints and if one serving was insufficient, there was plenty more.

For the impromptu program that followed Mr. J. R. Mackenzie, an ex-pupil, was chairman. After honoring the King in a toast, Reeve W. A. Watson, Councillor W. A. Murray and Mr. I. I. Mullin chairman of the Board, briefly addressed the group.

Mr. John Irving of Milton, who started his career as teacher at Dublin was also a speaker. Mr. Irvin recalled early days and times at Dublin and told of the warm hospitality accorded him in his first start in life. Other former teachers present who also spoke were Mrs. Annie Somerville, Miss M. Orr, Miss E. Young, Miss Inkster, Mrs. George Somerville and the present teacher Miss G. Robertson.

Letters were read by Mr. F. L. Wright from pupils who were unable to attend, but sent greetings to former friends.

And when the tables were cleared away Mr. W. Gowdy with Mr. Russell Ross at the piano led in community singing. Miss Martha Orr sang "Annie Laurie" and Mr. W. Gowdy and Mrs. Geo. Robertson sang as a duett "When You and I Were Young Maggie." Mr. Jos. Findlay of Toronto, gave selections on the bagpipes and Mr. Jas. Wilson, Nassagaweya, did some step dancing. Mr. Gowdy and Mrs. Annie Somerville also gave a duett and the Black Orchestra gave selections. Accompanist for the evening were Mrs. W. Gowdy, Mr. Russell Ross, Miss Anna Black and Mrs. G. Robertson.

Old time dancing followed until midnight with Mr. Bert Davidson as floor manager.

The war boots were not forgotten when Mr. R. W. Kennedy conducted a fine motion ring and the ladies sold tickets. $27 was netted and forwarded to the British War Victims' Fund. The winner of the blanket was Mr. I. I. Mullin. The banquet, draw and general arrangements were by the Dublin Institute.

Among those attending from a distance were: Mr. and Mrs. John Carty and Mrs. J. Robertson and family of Hamilton, Mrs. Annie Somerville, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Findlay, Mrs. David Ross, Mr. Russell, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Inkster, Proton; Mr. John Irving, Milton, who taught the three R's in Dublin over fifty years ago.

It proved a splendid event and to Mr. F. L. Wright, the Women's Institute and all who arranged it or were responsible for its success, thanks of many go for such a re-union.

ACTON VOLUNTEER CIVIL GUARD STARTS TRAINING

Quite a number of old and new members of the Acton Volunteer Civil Guard met in the park last Thursday evening, under Capt. J. M. McDonald, and after a short period of drill under Ben. Bayliss, second in command of the Acton Unit, a lecture was given on different forms of gas poisoning, and how to prevent and deal with it effectively. This proved to be very interesting and useful knowledge, these lectures will continue to be given, as well as other lectures, on A.R.P. work, such as first aid, etc.

Acton Unit is anxious that everyone will be given an opportunity to receive this valuable training, even if the danger from invasion or bombing may seem for remote, thanks to the efforts of the British Navy. Every able bodied person young or old should be trained, in this work.

Training will be each Thursday evening commencing at 8:30 p.m., D.S.T., and everyone is invited to attend. This unit is part of Halton County Civil Guard, under Lt.-Col. Jas. Ballantine, D.S.O., V.D., who is arranging to hold a church parade on the afternoon of Sunday June 22nd, at Milton.

Dublin Institute Closes Year and Elects Officers

The Dublin Women's Institute held their annual meeting on Thursday afternoon, May 15th, at the home of Mrs. Wm. McIntyre. The president, Mrs. N. Anderson was in charge. Roll call was payment of fees. There are 20 paid members in 1941-42.

The minutes and financial report given showed satisfactory records and also a satisfactory balance to start a new year.

Mrs. Somerville conducted the election of officers which resulted as follows:

Honorary president, Mrs. G. Somerville; president, Mrs. N. Anderson, 1st vice-president, Mrs. C. vanGoozen; 2nd vice president, Mrs. W. Watkins; secretary treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Bracken; district director, Mrs. G. Somerville; branch directors, Mrs. Storey, Mrs. Near, Mrs. Webster, Mrs. Grant; delegates, Mrs. Barber, Mrs. Webster, Mrs. Somerville, Mrs. Near; auditors, Mrs. Storey, Mrs. Akins; current events, Mrs. Grant; delegates to Musical Festival, Mrs. Webster, Mrs. Kennedy; pianist, Mrs. Robertson; assist. pianist, Mrs. vanGoozen; program, Mrs. Storey, Mrs. Barber, Miss Somerville, Mrs. Wm. McLaughlin; social, Mrs. Britton, Mrs. Grant; visiting, Mrs. N. McLaughlin, Mrs. G. Robertson, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Wm. Frank, Mrs. Steel, Mrs. P. McIsaac.

Arrangements were made for banquet to be held May 24 in Dublin school. An invitation was accepted from Acton branch to visit with them next month. The girls put on their demonstration and the members were greatly pleased and complimented the girls on their work and the best wishes of us all go with the girls to Milton on achievement day. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the girls and also to the hostess for the use of her home. The meeting closed with singing the national anthem. Lunch was served and a social time spent.

Acton Ready for the Victory Loan Start Next Week

Canvassers Are Appointed and Reeve Asks for Town Decorations—Parade

Plans for Acton sharing in the Victory Loan Drive that starts on Monday are well in hand. Every citizen will have an opportunity to participate and at Acton is to reach its quota it will require the help of every individual and group. When it comes to that counts. Acton has not fallen down yet and they will come through in this instance too. Actons objective is $85,000.

Every business place and household is asked to decorate in a proclamation issued by Reeve Chalmers and appearing elsewhere in this issue. There will be special windows and during the campaign, a monster parade is being planned for each of the five towns in the county.

Mr. A. Mason is chairman of the Acton and district committee. Monday is the start. Make it possible for Acton to secure first its pennant for attaining that quota. It's another pull altogether. Dig out the savings and invest to the limit. Be ready when the canvasser calls. "The most you can lend is the least you can do."

LOST LIFE IN FAIRY LAKE

LITTLE CONSTANCE ANDERSON

Three-year-old daughter of Pte. and Mrs. Robert Anderson who was drowned on Sunday in Fairy Lake. This photograph was taken with her mother when she was the Prize-Winning Baby at Acton Fair in 1939.

Three-Year-Old Girl Drowned in Fairy Lake Here

Only Daughter of Pte. and Mrs. Robert Anderson — No Inquest Will Be Held

An Acton home was indeed saddened Sunday evening when "Connie," the little almost three-year-old daughter of Pte. and Mrs. Robert Anderson was found drowned in Fairy Lake. The little one had been playing about the neighborhood which adjoins the water during the early evening.

About 7.15 she was missed and a search was started for her. Neighbors joined in and about 7.50 the children of Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Papillon saw the body in the water. Mrs. Papillon waded in and brought the little one from the water. Dr. Nelson responded to the call immediately and tried resuscitation, but life was extinct.

Constance Edith was the only daughter of Pte. and Mrs. Robert Anderson. She was two years and eight months old. Less than two years ago she was chosen the prize-winning baby at Acton Fall Fair. Besides the parents two brothers Ronnie and Donnie survive. Sympathy of many goes out to them all in this sad bereavement.

Dr. J. A. McNiven, Coroner, investigated and it was decided an inquest was not required. There were no witnesses of the accident and no one knows what happened in the interval from when the child was missed until the body was found.

The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon with service at St. Alban's Church, where Rev. E. A. Brooks gave words of comfort to the bereaved. Interment was made in Fairview Cemetery, Acton.

Sectional Meetings Of United W.M.S. Held Past Week

Sectional meetings of the Women's Missionary Society of Halton Presbyterial were held at Ballinafad and Burlington United Churches on Wednesday, May 21st and Thursday, May 22nd, respectively. The second vice-president, Mrs. W. A. Shane, presided at Ballinafad and the first vice-president Mrs. F. McNiven, presided at Burlington.

The worship services were conducted by Georgetown, Rock Chapel and Bethel Auxiliaries and Milton Evening Auxiliary.

Vocal numbers were rendered by Ballinafad, Burlington and Oakville organizations. Mrs. W. R. Clements gave "Literature News" and had also on view a literature display. Interesting and encouraging reports of Presbyterial organizations were heard at each meeting.

Impressions of the Hamilton Conference branch meeting held at Walkerton were given by the Presbyterial president, Mrs. Earl Wilson. At Ballinafad Mrs. H. Caldwell gave a short talk on the temperance situation. The "Open Forums" were in charge of Mrs. H. Inglehart and Mrs. W. R. Graham.

The guest speaker, Miss Margaret Ballachey, spoke on her work as principal of the Archibald Institute, Trinidad. She also exhibited curios and views. Closing messages were delivered by Mrs. E. Wilson and Mrs. J. C. Chapman. The National Anthem was sung at the close of each meeting. Lunch was served by the ladies of the rally churches at the noon hour.

HENS USURP COLOR SCHEMES OF EASTER BUNNIES

We've seen hen's eggs that were abnormally large, others that were unusually small and many that were of odd shape. Some like the pale ones and others like the dark ones. We've heard about ones that had odd markings too.

But up until last week we had never heard of anything but the Easter bunnies leaving colored eggs around. But it has happened that even the hens have outlayed the Easter bunnies. Mr. L. W. McMillan brought into The Free Press Office a hen's egg of usual size. It was laid by a light Sussex hen on his farm. The ends are deep brown color with the centre a mottled two shades of brown. It has some odd white markings but we are not imaginative enough to claim they resemble anything but scratches.

Don't take our word for it. Mr. McMillan left the egg here and it's on view in The Free Press window.

Acton Institute Elects Officers For The Year

The Acton Women's Institute held their annual meeting at the home of Mrs. J. Wilds. Officers for 1941-42 were elected as follows: Mrs. T. J. Wilds, president; Mrs. Bishop, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Collier, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. E. J. Gamble, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Lantz, Mrs. H. McCutcheon, Mrs. Mapleston, Mrs. J. Wilds are directors; Mrs. J. E. Gamble is district director.

The treasurer's report showed a very successful year's work, the receipts amounting to $325.13. This money was used for Acton Park fund, quilts, baby clothes, jam, soldiers' boxes etc., sent overseas, 44 pairs of socks for Acton boys still in Canada, War Charities Fund, War Victims' Fund and the Institute for the Blind.

Sewing done for the Red Cross consisted of 18 pair of pyjamas; 3 children's gowns, 4 slips, 5 quilts, 56 pairs of socks, 7 sweaters, 3 helmets, 3 pair mitts, 3 scarfs. The society was called upon to mourn the loss of two of their valued members during the year. Members and visitors co-operated so cheerfully that work was a real pleasure and hope to be able to do more next year. In the words of the Institute Carol,

Then let us dedicate our powers
A loyal happy band
Let all for each and each for all
Our watchword still remain.

REV. JOHN WALDIE CALLED TO CHURCH AT LONDON

Rev. John R. Waldie, Arthur, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Waldie, Acton, has accepted a call to St. George's Presbyterian Church, London. When he takes over the pastorate in June he will return to the Presbytery that inducted him into the ministry. Mr. Waldie will succeed Rev. Donald McKay. After eleven years at St. George's, Mr. McKay resigned in February, because of ill health, to take a lighter charge near Peterborough.

Three Men Are Burned to Death in Log Cabin

Believed Cigarette Butt Started Fire—Bodies Found In Ruins Of Cabin

Three bodies, later identified as Frank Logan, 29, Stanley Logan, 27, and James Munroe, 19, were found in the ruins of a log cabin totally destroyed by fire early Saturday morning at Glenwilliams. The three were stone quarry workers and had stayed Friday night at the cabin, the home of Frank Logan.

The Logan brothers are sons of Hugh Logan of Glenwilliams, while Munroe has no relatives in Canada having migrated from Scotland in 1921.

The charred ruins of the cabin were first discovered by Norman Logan, a brother, shortly after 8 a.m. Saturday. His home is about 100 yards away, yet he said he had not seen or heard the fire during the night.

"All three were single and all had their own homes, but it wasn't unusual for Stan and Jim to stay with Frank," Mrs. William Inglis, of Glen Williams, a sister, said. "They were at my place Friday night where they had some lunch, but I do not know what time they left for home."

Investigators believe a cigarette butt caused the fire, because it is understood the men had not started a fire in the cook stove.

Wool Combing Plant to Further Increase Capacity

New Machinery Ordered from England Will Make Possible Increase of One-Half Present Output—Present Plant Is Booked for Balance of Year Running to Full Capacity With Two Shifts.

The combing plant of the Wool Combing Corporation of Canada, Ltd., here is now running both crossbred and merino sections on two shifts, and, therefore, operating its present machinery at full capacity. It has orders booked for the balance of the year, and is having to turn down offers of new business on this account.

Under these circumstances it is natural that the directors of the company should consider further expansion, and after lengthy consideration of the requirements of this market they have finally decided to increase the capacity of the plant by the addition of a further six combs, with the necessary carding, back-washing and finishing equipment.

The machinery has been ordered in England, and, subject to its safe arrival, this will increase the production of the plant by one-half, or, in other words, raise the total possible production from three million pounds of wool tops to four and a half million pounds annually.

Whilst this new machinery will be an addition to the crossbred section only, the directors have in mind the possible further expansion of the merino section by the addition of a further six combs in the not too distant future. This would provide a plant of twenty-four combs with all the necessary scouring, carding, back-washing and finishing equipment needed to supply this combing capacity, which would then reach a possible total of six million pounds per annum.

It Was The Young Men's Night Last Night

That struggle for supremacy in softball was continued in the park last night with a reversal of form when the Junior Club downed the Senior group by a score of 20-13. There were I told you so's after the game and the Juniors deserved the win.

After a lead by the Seniors in the first innings the Juniors came back strong in the second innings with six runs and gained a lead that what threatened was held right through the game. Several pitchers were knocked out of the box and some of the fielders were winded but it proved a good game and had an appreciative audience.

The story will be continued.

Acton Y. Closes Another Year Successful Work

E. S. Force New President of Board—W. Benson Resigns as Supervisor and Appointed To Board

Closing another year Acton Y.M.C.A. at its annual meeting on Monday evening marked another year of wider and more successful operation, heard a splendid address, elected new board directors and enjoyed a delightful social evening.

Outstanding feature of the meeting was the address by Mr. Glen Nixon, chairman of Public Relations Committee Y.M.C.A. War Services. He told of the program that the Y.M.C.A. is carrying on in Canada and Great Britain and the equipment being supplied. Their services are supplied free their uniform is their ticket of admission. But only through the support of those on the home front can this service be carried on.

This is a war of rapid movement of troops. The Y.M.C.A. has adapted itself to the changed conditions. Wherever the men go the Y.M.C.A. to car follows. Mr. Nixon also paid tribute to the other institutions that were doing a similar war services work. These were all made possible by the fund secured in the great drive just concluded a few weeks ago.

Directors elected at this annual meeting were Messrs. G. McKenzie, W. G. Mason, W. Benson and W. Wolfe.

A motion was passed making the president of the Y's Men's Club an ex-officio member of the board. This was an amendment to the constitution.

A regretted note in this otherwise splendid evening was the resignation as secretary from Mr. W. Benson, who has so splendidly carried on for the past two years. President Chas. Kirkness ably expressed the feeling of all the members in the regret of Mr. Benson's retirement from the position.

Reports of various activities in connection with the Y were received and showed growth. The financial statement showed a balance on hand within a few dollars of the amount as last year. This was in spite of the fact that several major repairs and alterations had been made to the building and paid for. President Charles Kirkness presided over the meeting and there was a good attendance.

A most enjoyable social time concluded the evening when the ladies served lunch and cards and dancing were enjoyed.

At a meeting of the new board following their election, Mr. G. A. Tulls was made Honorary President, Mr. E. S. Force was chosen president, G. McKenzie, secretary and W. Wolfe, treasurer.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOUNDED AT CHURCHILL 100 YEARS AGO

One hundred years ago Upper Canada Missionary Society (Congregational) was formed at Churchill just a mile and a half north of Acton. To fittingly mark this important event the society will hold special services at Churchill on Sunday June 15th. Special speakers on this occasion will be Mr. H. W. Barker, Rev. Frank J. Day, D.D., and Rev. C. J. P. Jolliffe, B.A.

On Monday too a special program has been arranged to mark this occasion. Details of this will be announced later.

FARM HOME IN NASSAGAWEYA IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Sunday afternoon fire completely destroyed the home of Wm. Henry in Nassagaweya township on the Guelph Road, one mile north of Brockville. About three o'clock Andrew Frank who lives nearby noticed a fire in the roof. A bucket brigade was formed and it appeared for a while the spread of the fire might be halted but it had gained too much headway. Some of the furniture was taken from the building but the home was a complete loss. It was partly covered by insurance. Neighbors assisted in establishing Mr. and Mrs. Henry and family in another house at Brockville.

PLAN TO HELP BRITISH WAR VICTIMS' FUND

Beardmore Employees' Association are making a practical effort to raise a sizeable amount for the British War Victims' Fund. They have been granted use of Acton Arena to hold a Monster Bingo Party on Wednesday June 11th. It will be more than Bingo because refreshment booths and other games will be available in this indoor carnival event.

Big prizes are offered in the lucky draw and other items are in the arrangement stage to make this event a big attraction for the whole countryside. We understand the association has a good amount which will be added to the amount earned by this effort when the contribution is forwarded.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, in cents per line, with a minimum charge for the announcement of 50.

Ospringe Garden Party July 7th

Don't forget the euchre in aid of British War Victims' Fund in Dublin School Friday (to-morrow) night.

Knox Church Ladies' Aid will hold a Lawn Tea June 11th from 3 to 6 at the home of Mrs. Grindell. Admission 15c.

Centenary Anniversary Services in honor of the founding of the Upper Canada Congregational Missionary Society, Sunday June 15, 1941 at Churchill 11 a.m. Mr. H. W. Barker and Rev. Frank J. Day D.D. 8 p.m., Rev. C. J. P. Jolliffe, B.A., former minister. Special music at both services. Both services will be held on Daylight Saving Time. Entertainment Monday evening—further announcements.