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New Officer and Member Welcomed at School Board

Acton Pupils Attending C.N.E. as Guests—Board Asks for Survey of Insurance Carried—Teachers and Pupils Asked to Help Maintain School Buildings in Good Condition.

Acton School Board had one of its busiest sessions of the year on Tuesday night.

Chairman Blow in opening the meeting welcomed the new member of the Board, Mr. W. H. Clayton and the new secretary Mr. W. G. Middleton. The secretary had taken oath of office before Clerk C. F. Leatherland and Trustee Clayton took the usual oath of office before the secretary.

Principal McKenzie was present and the Board offered congratulations on his recent marriage. It was arranged that ordinary supplies at the school for this month should be secured by the supply committee. Principal McKenzie expressed pleasure in the big improvement made in the school representing the staff and pupils were delighted with the new surroundings.

The secretary was instructed to write a letter to the principal urging that teachers and pupils do not drive nails or otherwise disfigure the new walls and that pupils be urged to keep them clean and use the school as they would their home surroundings.

Mr. F. L. Wright was present to discuss liability insurance with the Board. He understood the Board was not carrying any liability insurance at present and he urged that it be considered.

Following this a discussion took place when all insurance was discussed. Members of the Board were not acquainted with what insurance was carried. A motion was passed instructing the Secretary to write Mrs. H. L. McDonald and Mr. F. L. Wright requesting that they prepare an insurance survey for the Board and present it as soon as possible. This survey was to completely cover all school properties.

The Chairman reported that the Knautine Sanitation Co. had made changes in the drainage on the system installed last year and corrected the trouble as requested. Secretary Middleton expressed his appreciation of appointment as secretary-treasurer of the Board and assured the Board that he would do his best to faithfully carry out all the duties connected with the office.

Letters were read regarding the application of the Unemployment Insurance Act and it was decided to take no action. Another letter requested verification from the school records of the age of a pupil who had attended Acton school about 1894.

The report of the boiler inspector was received and the repairs recommended had been made during the summer holiday period. A letter from the Department of Public Health urged that a more regular system of diphtheria control be carried on in Acton. The letter was referred to the Medical Officer of Health with a request for a report and attention.

The Supply Committee were requested to arrange for the supply of fuel and the Property Committee were asked to investigate the cost of replacing worn and antiquated and the painting of the exterior of the public school especially the main entrance. The committee were empowered to take whatever action was deemed advisable.

Authorization for the signing of cheques and promissory notes was arranged with the Bank of Montreal. The Secretary-Treasurer was to sign and the Chairman of the Board or Chairman of the Finance Committee to countersign all papers and cheques.

The Secretary-Treasurer was instructed to keep all the Board's books and records in the town vault in the Y.M.C.A. building and to secure the key for the vault. He was also instructed regarding purchases of stamps and securing a supply of stationery.

Accounts were passed as follows: Eastern Steel Products \$300.00, David Menzies, labor 21.00, Elliott Bros, supplies 8.15, Bell Telephone Co. 2.50, Bell Telephone Co. 87, Acton Free Press, Adv. 70, Express 74, Acton Public Utilities Commission services 777.

Trustee George Mason who had been requested to make arrangements for Acton pupils to attend the Canadian National Exhibition as guests of the Fair Directors reported that Marie Clayton and Erwan McKeown were the pupils popularly chosen to attend this event on Saturday. Mr. Mason had arranged to

NEAR-OFFORD WEDDING SATURDAY IN TORONTO CHURCH

Amid a setting of tall standards of pastel gladioli, ferns and palms, one of the most picturesque weddings of the season took place in Walmer Road Baptist Church Saturday when Doreen Offord, only daughter of Mrs. John Offord, Northcliffe Blvd., became the bride of Robert Kirkwood Near, son of Mrs. E. H. Near, Northcliffe Blvd. The ceremony was solemnized by Rev. G. C. Balfour. At the organ was G. Coatts and during the signing of the register Robert Welsh sang.

The bride, given in marriage by her uncle, C. S. Bain, wore a gown of white chiffon tulle on Grecian lines, sweetheart neckline, long sleeves with the skirt extending from a torso waistline into a full train. Her full-length veil of embroidery silk net was caught by a French pearl coronet. Her bouquet was of rubrum lilies, white roses and baby's breath.

The attendants were—Mrs. George Collins as matron of honor, and Miss Margaret Clark and Miss Nora Borthwick, her cousin, as bridesmaids. Their gowns were pastel net over tulle, period style, with sweetheart necklines, trimmed with small velvet bows, full skirts with slight train. The matron of honor was in cascade green and the bridesmaids in rose orchid and romance pink. They had matching bonnets and carried arm bouquets.

Ernest I. Near was his brother's best man and Edward Offord, brother of the bride, Perry Kent and Gordon Smith, cousin of the bride, were the ushers. A reception was held at the home of the bride, where the guests were received by her mother in dusky rose lace facemask on simple lines with cornflower blue feather hat and corsage of roses, cornflowers and baby's breath, and the mother of the groom in royal navy blue shoes with matching hat trimmed with silver.

For travelling to the Laurentians, the bride wore a black and beige ensemble with corsage of roses. The couple will reside in Toronto.

To Insure or Not to Insure Is the Problem

One Department Say Hydro Official Should Come Under Unemployment Insurance Another Says Not

Routine matters took the attention of Acton Public Utilities Commission at the meeting on Tuesday evening. The Unemployment Insurance seems to be a debatable question. A letter from the Ontario Hydro Commission advised the local board that employees are insurable and come under the Unemployment Insurance plan. At a previous meeting correspondence from the municipality and the Department of Municipal Affairs advised caution and delay in entering the plan until certain points were cleared.

Some difficulty is being met in securing equipment for Hydro and water services both of which are vital to keeping industries going here, several of which are on war production. Inquiry was made so that supplies would not impede any of the services supplying these industries.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows: Hydro Dept. \$138.33, Light and Heat Commissioner, supplies 4.10, Federal Wire & Cable Co., supplies 12.23, Superior Electric Supply Co., supplies 43.77, Inspection Dept., fees 30.60, C.N.R. and Transports 4.95, Canadian General Electric Co., supplies 14.05, J. C. Matthews, postage 10.00, \$138.03.

Waterworks Dept
The Big A Company, supplies 14.00. All members of the Commission were present at this meeting.

take them to Toronto. They will be guests at the Directors' luncheon and have conducted tours about the grounds and buildings.

The Finance Committee submitted a report of expenditures to date and estimated amounts required for the balance of the year.

Trustees V. B. Rumley, Dr. F. G. Oakes, G. A. Dills, W. G. Mason and W. H. Clayton, were present at this meeting and Chairman F. S. Blow presided.

J. E. Pearen Wins Field Crop Competition

Winners of the Field Crops Competition conducted by Acton Fall Fair have been announced. There were nine prizes awarded by Lorne Porter of Jarvis, who judged the event.

Following are the winners and the points scored: J. E. Pearen, R. R. 3, Acton, 97½ points; F. W. Ruddell, R. R. 3, Georgetown, 96½; Miller Bros., R. R. No. 1, Georgetown, 95½; J. Ruddell, R. R. 2, Georgetown, 91½; Robert Kerr, R. R. 2, Acton, 91; Hugh M. Reid, R. R. 2, Acton, 90½; C. W. Swackhamer, R. R. 2, Acton, 88; Arthur Swackhamer, R. R. 2, Acton, 85; R. N. Brown, R. R. 2, Acton, 83.

The Children Help—V Also Contributes a V

Hospital Fund for London England Now Has Over \$56

Yes, everyone can help send aid to the Sick Children in a hospital in London England that proudly carries on its work of mercy amidst the rubble.

They were just little shavers but they wanted to help and they hadn't much money to start with but where there's a will there's a way and so Bobby Rumley, Betty and Jean Wilds decided they would conduct a sale. They decorated a little counter in front of the Johnstone & Rumley store and made it attractive. They kept their lemonade cool. They had suckers for sale and other attractive items. Folks liked their spirit and their goods and they promptly came over to The Free Press Office and handed in the proceeds \$32.66 for The Free Press Fund for the Sick Children's Hospital in London England.

Yes and they earned every cent of it. Little folks helping other little folks who can't sell lemonade and suckers in a land where the skies are raining death and destruction and they helplessly must lay in their beds ill or hurt and just take it.

Then the other day a lady whom we did not recognize immediately, put a five-dollar bill over the counter with the explanation "For the Children's Fund." And in answer to our inquiry as to who we would credit the gift, she replied "Just put it V." There we have it a V for V and when victory comes the skies will be clear and little children will not be molested when they're sick and the hospital walls will be rebuilt and the bomb hole in the roof repaired.

Now we've reached over the first half of the first contribution. Previously acknowledged \$43.00, Bobby Rumley, Betty and Jean Wilds, proceeds of booth 3.26, W. Burton 2.00, M. Pallant 3.00, \$56.26.

We regret an error crept into last week's report. The contribution of Miss Emma Robinson should have been \$1.00 instead of \$10.00. It was a typographical error. The total amount of the fund was however correct.

There are no canvassers for this fund. Amounts are acknowledged through The Free Press columns each week. The entire amount collected will be sent to the Sick Children's Hospital in London England to help that institution carry on among the ruins of its building which was one of the finest until bombed. Just as soon as the funds reach \$100 that amount will be sent forward.

OFFICERS AT BROCKVILLE RECEIVE CERTIFICATES AT COLORFUL CEREMONY

Opened in April last to train junior officers for the course of the present war, the Officers' Training Centre at Brockville was the scene of a colorful ceremony on August 29, when Col. the Hon. J. L. Rabston, Minister of National Defence, presented certificates to the first group of young officers to receive their commissions as a result of training at the centre.

Those taking the qualifying course were, chiefly from the ranks of the Active and Reserve Forces. Others were Reserve Force Officers who originally came from the ranks of that force and are now qualifying for Active Force commissions. A few, belonging to technical corps, have, by reason of their special technical qualifications, been granted commissions pending qualification at an Officers' Training Centre, without previous service in the ranks.

All provinces of the Dominion were represented in the class as well as seven U. S. citizens serving in the Canadian Army.

Weekly War Commentary

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The probability that Germany will be forced to fight a winter campaign against Russia is regarded as a factor influencing the Japanese in the present situation. While recalcitrant army leaders declare it is the government's intention to build a co-prosperity sphere in East Asia despite British-American opposition there are other evidence that Prime Minister Konoye is seeking to lessen the existing tension.

Japanese newspapers are not so truculent and in China Japanese-controlled press early this week referred to the greatly-increased aid being given Britain by the United States. These papers say Germany will be forced to fight in Russia throughout the winter.

Condition Improved
Pierre Laval, former French vice-premier who was wounded Aug. 26 by an assassin's bullet, was reported early this week to be able to sit up in bed and take food. His condition showed "progressive improvement."

Indications are that Nazi officialdom continues to view moves by the Vichy government with a good deal of skepticism. Marshal Petain's announcement Sunday of a new government party the Legion of War Veterans and Volunteers of the National Revolution was severely censured for use by the Paris press. The indication that totalitarian-style movement is in for trouble.

Wants Bigger Effort
President Roosevelt in a Labor Day broadcast told the United States the country's war effort was not yet enough. "Unless we step up the total of our production and more greatly safeguard it on its journeys to the battlefields, our enemies will take heart in pushing their attack in fields both old and new," he said.

The president declared that the nation was desiring new weapons of unprecedented power toward the maintenance of democracy. In a trans-Atlantic broadcast Labor Minister Ernest Bevin told the United States there was no labor dispute in Britain "worth mentioning" and urged labor unity in North America.

Nazi Driven Back
Counter offensive by Russian armies on the Moscow and Leningrad fronts were started at the week-end and by Sept. 3, German troops in these areas had been thrown back several miles. In the south the German thrust at the Black Sea port of Odessa was reported stopped at the gates of the city.

Before Moscow the Red Army's Drive had forced German troops to retire 30 miles at one point, while Nazi besiegers of Leningrad were reported pushed back three miles. Fighting is severe and losses heavy. A large contingent of Canadian troops has arrived in Britain it was announced Wednesday. The soldiers from all parts of the Dominion will bring the 3rd Canadian Division almost to full strength.

On the threshold of the third year of conflict with Hitler, Britain in the 105th week of war found her position immeasurably stronger than in September, 1940, when she was engaged (Concluded on Page Eight)

Mill Rate for S.S. No. 6 Erin is Corrected

Other Items of Business at the Meeting of Erin Township Council on Monday

Erin township council met at Hillsburg on Tuesday September 2nd, when the following Municipal business was transacted.

By-law No. 8 striking the trustee mill rate was amended by changing the mill rate in S. S. No. 6 from 37 to 57 mills, an error in copying. The tax collector's bond was renewed with the Canadian Surety Co. Toronto, for \$5,000 and robbery insurance of \$2,000, premiums \$37.50 and \$12.50 respectively.

Council donated \$10 to the Wellington County Plowmen's Association. The following amounts were ordered paid: Charity \$ 18.51, Roads 1,409.68, Miscellaneous 2.60.

Council adjourned to meet at Hillsburg on Monday October 6th, 1941, at 10 o'clock a.m.

More Pupils Start School Here Tuesday

Enrolment in both the High and Public Schools in Acton is higher this year than last year. In the Public School 207 were enrolled in the eight grades. There were 31 beginners and 12 pupils who had not previously attended Acton School.

In the High School 88 pupils were enrolled the first days and this will probably be increased. Form I has 37 pupils; Form II has 22 pupils and Form III has 29 pupils.

Reformatory Youths Sent to the Penitentiary

Trio Caught in Acton Now Get Two Years Additional in Penitentiary

Three youths who escaped from the Ontario Reformatory, Guelph, last week, and who were recaptured Tuesday night at Acton, were sentenced to terms in Kingston Penitentiary.

Appearing before Magistrate F. Watt, K.C., in police court, the trio John Manders, age 19, Hamilton; Patrick McCullough, 18 of Nanapan, Ontario, and Earl Carpenter, New Westminster, B.C., all pleaded guilty to charges of escaping custody, demanding by threats, and stealing a rifle.

Sentences of two years in Kingston Penitentiary, on the charge of escaping custody was imposed on each of the youths, together with an additional six months for stealing the rifle. They were also given one year on the charge of making threats, the latter term to run concurrently with the others. In addition the magistrate ordered them to serve the remainder of their Reformatory terms at Kingston.

"There is not much that can be said for you. You are young men, and were on your honor as trustees at the Reformatory. It is too easy for you to get away from there, and you did not appreciate the privileges extended to you. There is no excuse for your action," said Magistrate Watt.

Crown Attorney J. M. Kearns K.C., pointed out that the youths, in taking the rifle from the home of Howitt Carter, Arkell, shortly after they had made their escape, did not lay hands on Mrs. Carter, to whom they allegedly made demanding threats.

At the home of Don Clarke, Nasagaweya Township, where they tried to take the keys of an automobile, Mr. Clarke threw a chair at them, and that put an end to that episode," Mr. Kearns added.

Past criminal records of the three youths were read to the court by Mr. Kearns, revealing that McCullough had several previous convictions registered against him; four charges were on Manders' record, and Carpenter had been charged on four occasions prior to appearing in this court.

The Crown Attorney said that had the boys continued their good behavior at the Reformatory, they would have been released or paroled between now and Christmas, with Manders' release to be effective at any time.

UNITED WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION MET AT MRS. DENNY'S

The regular monthly meeting of Women's Association of United Church was held at the home of Mrs. W. H. Denny on Thursday afternoon last. Mrs. J. Symon presided.

After the business was disposed of, Mrs. Denny served a very dainty lunch, assisted by Mrs. Agar, Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Cleve and a very pleasant social time was enjoyed by those present.

Rev. A. W. Fosbury and Mrs. Fosbury and little Betty Mae were guests at the meeting.

SABOTAGE IN FRANCE
LONDON, (CP)—Four of five planes assembled for the Germans at Cateau Bougon, near Nantes, by Frenchmen, crashed the first time they tried to take off; Free French headquarters reported and Germans are now doing the assembling themselves.

FALSE CHIEF-OF-STAFF
HOME GUARDS' PAY
LONDON, (CP)—Arrangements have been made for Home Guards to apply for compensation up to 12 shillings \$2.70 a day with a maximum of 70 shillings (\$8.75) a week when they are called on duty and lose wages.

Three Cars—Two Busses Involved Holiday Collision

KAY-FARROW WEDDING HERE LAST WEEK

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Elliott on Thursday, August 26th, at 8:00 p.m., when Elsie Irene, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Kay of Brantford became the bride of Frederick Gordon Farrow, eldest son of Mr. Farrow and the late Mrs. Farrow of Huntsville Ontario, Rev. A. W. Fosbury of Acton United Church officiated.

The bride looked lovely in an ivory satin wedding gown with finger-tip veil held in place by white rose-buds. Mrs. Elliott's home was prettily decorated with pink and white gladioli and ferns. After the ceremony a dainty luncheon was served. Later the young couple left on a short honeymoon. The bride traveled in blue sheer with white accessories. On their return they will reside in Acton.

ANOTHER ACTON SOLDIER MET THE DUKE OF KENT

Not only officials but men of all ranks had the honor of meeting the Duke of Kent during his recent visit to Canada. Aircraftman Harvey Met utcheon, son of ex-Roseve and Mrs. E. McCutcheon, Acton, and a former member of The Free Press staff was another of the fortunate ones to meet the royal visitor and have a handshake.

It happened at the training centre of Mount Hope, where Harvey is stationed at present. Half a dozen were chosen for the honor and the lot went to the Acton soldier. The Duke asked how long he had been in the service and after a brief conversation went on with a farewell of "Carry on."

COMPANY OF VETERANS SELECTED FOR SERVICE OVERSEAS

Selected from Veterans Guard of Canada units from all parts of the Dominion a General Duty Company is training at Lansdowne Park in Ottawa for services overseas.

This company of men, all of whom served in the last war, consists of a Headquarters and three platoons of picked men whose duties overseas will be providing guards and pickets, Air Raid—Precautions and Passive Air Defence. They will be attached to Canadian Military Headquarters, London.

Eighteen Compete in Contest for Farm Homes

Mrs. John Allan Wins First Place With 235 Points

Eighteen contestants were enrolled in the Farm and Home Improvement Competition sponsored this year by Acton Junior Farmers. Many improvements were noted and Judge T. L. Leslie of Georgetown, had quite a time in making the awards.

The three top places were keenly contested. Following are the results: First Mrs. John Allan, Acton, R. R. 3, 235 points. Second Thos. B. Nellis & Son, Acton, R. R. 1, 230 points. Third Art Swackhamer, Acton, R. R. 2, 225 points.

Fourth C. M. Davidson, Acton, R. R. 3, 215 points. Fifth W. D. Barber, Acton, R. R. 1, 210 points. Sixth George Nellis, Acton, R. R. 1, 205 points. Seventh Wm. Johnston, Acton, R. R. 3, 200 points. Eighth Albert Young, Rockwood, R. R. 4, 190 points. Ninth C. J. vanGoozen, Acton, R. R. 1, 180 points. Tenth Geo. E. Cook, Acton, R. R. 3, 175 points. Eleventh D. McDougall, Acton, R. R. 1, and A. G. Charridge, Acton, R. R. 2, 165 points. Twelfth Geo. Brownlow & Son, R. R. 1, and Fred O. Johnston, Acton, R. R. 3, 160 points. Thirteenth Elwood Johnston, Acton, R. R. 3, 150 points. Fourteenth Mrs. J. McKeown, Acton, R. R. 3, 135 points. Fifteenth Wm. Dobbie, Acton, R. R. 2, 125 points. Sixteenth R. L. Davidson, Acton, R. R. 2, 110 points. Seventeenth Alex. Near, Rockwood, R. R. 2, 100 points. Eighteenth R. F. McArthur, Acton, R. R. 2, 90 points.

Three Cars Are All Damaged but Passengers Escape Without Serious Injury—Accident Monday Just East of Acton.

Three cars were seriously damaged in a Labor Day collision east of Acton. The Wetsman of Toronto had the most serious damage when his car was crushed between two others and it is estimated repairs will run over \$150.

The collision occurred about 7:30 on Monday evening. Two busses met on the highway, one east and one westbound. The busses stopped to change drivers almost completely blocking the highway. Two cars stopped behind the eastbound car until the drivers were changed.

A third car failed to stop and rammed into the standing cars shoving them forward into the bus. It is estimated that \$300 damage was done to the cars involved.

Chief Harrop of Acton investigated and it is likely the case will go heard about further in court proceedings.

BRIDE AND GROOM HONORED BY FRIENDS OF BANNOCKBURN

On Tuesday evening last a miscellaneous shower was held for the Bannockburn shower in honor of Miss Nellie Young and Mr. Lorne Wick prior to their marriage. Mr. Clarence Coles acted as chairman for the program which included a reading given by Mrs. Fred Anthony; solos by Mrs. Doris Harding and Miss Dora Hansen and recitations by Miss Lois Waldson and Miss Flora Sayers. Mrs. S. Morrison read the address.

Dear Nellie and Lorne: It is with great pleasure that we, your neighbors and members of the Bannockburn Women's Institute, have gathered here to-night to extend our most sincere congratulations upon your forthcoming marriage and to wish you most sincerely much happiness in your future life.

Yes, Nellie, have lived in this community since childhood and have won a high place in the respect and affection of your friends. In your daily work the past few years, the most of us have had you serve us and we always found you bright, courteous and willing to please regardless of the trouble you were put to. During the number of years you, Lorne, spent in this community, you also have won a high place in the respect and affection of your friends here.

We all join in wishing you most cordially a long and happy married life together with prosperity and richest of good blessings. We would like you to accept these gifts as a token of the esteem in which you are held by your friends.

Signed by—Lydia Kerr, Tena Cole, W. J. McDonald, Clarence Coles. Both Lorne and Nellie made a suitable reply, after which all joined in singing. "For they are jolly good fellows." Lunch was served and the remainder of the evening was enjoyed in dancing.

RED CROSS GOODS SENT FROM ACTON IN LAST SHIPMENT

Red Cross shipment of goods this week included the allotment for August and September. While the headquarters here were not open the first month the following list of articles sent shows that the workers have been busy all the time.

A pair two-way mitts, 4 turtle-neck sweaters, 4 scarves, 10 pair seamless socks, 4 alternate caps, 10 pair pyjamas, 4 extra pair pants, 19 quilts.

NON-WORKER FINED
LEIGH, England, (CP)—Thomas Finney, 18, was fined £2 (90 at this time) for "not working" as a mine-laborer, as directed by the Ministry of Labor. He said he was not fit to work underground.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, to cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 20.

Eucharist and Dinner in Dublin School for aid of British War Victims' Fund Friday, September 5. Everybody Welcome.

Women's Association of United Church, are holding a Baking Sale and Afternoon Tea in S. S. Room, on Saturday afternoon.