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Midnight Session School Board on Salary Items

Y.M.C.A. Suggest Physical Fitness Program for Board's Consideration—Transplanting of Trees at School Ground Discussed—Supplies Requested are Ordered.

Trustees F. S. Blow, W. H. Clayton, A. A. Dills, Dr. F. G. Onkes and W. G. Mason were present Tuesday evening when Acton School Trustees met in regular monthly session and Chairman V. B. Rumley presided. Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

Bell Telephone service	\$ 2.50
Acton Free Press, supplies	1.62
F. J. McCutcheon, expenses	.40
W. D. Talbot, supplies	2.10
Elliott Bros, supplies	1.47
Y.M.C.A. Board rent of gym.	45.00
	\$53.09

The secretary read letters regarding quality and delivery of coal from the Empire-Hanna Coal Co. and from Miss Maxted County Treasurer, regarding county grants. The secretary was requested to write the Georgetown High School asking for the proper form for verification of Acton pupils attending that school and that notification be furnished the Board when pupils from Acton are admitted to the school at the first of the term.

A letter from Mr. F. L. Wright, regarding liability insurance was referred to the Finance Committee for attention.

The form for Acton pupils attending Guilph Collegiate was received and passed on to the council for payment.

Mr. Johnny Gray supervisor of Acton Y.M.C.A. presented copies of a program suggested in a physical fitness campaign. He asked the Board to consider the plan and discuss it with Mr. W. J. Beatty and himself at the next regular meeting.

The matter of transplanting some trees at the school for a windbreak was discussed and the Board decided to visit the property before making a recommendation.

Transfer forms for use of the Public School were requested by Principal McKenzie and were to be secured.

Mr. McKenzie also reported that Inspector Skuce and an inspector of auxiliary classes had visited the school and recommended books to help pupils in their studies. Cost of the books recommended by the Inspector would be returned the Board in the Provincial grant. The form for this special instruction was signed.

The Property Committee was asked to bring in a report at the next meeting regarding furnishing the office in the Public School so that whatever was done could be attended to in the midsummer vacation.

Supplies requested by Principal Letch were to be secured and reported that splendid use had been made of the gymnasium at the Y during the winter months.

The matter of teachers' salaries for the next term was discussed by the Board until nearly midnight. Officers of re-employment of members of the Public School staff were to be sent by the Secretary at increases which aggregated \$175. Discussion on the remaining items of salary was adjourned to be taken up at a future meeting of the Board.

The Board adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Empire Day Prizes For School Children By the I.O.D.F.

The Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.F. made a contribution to the Acton War Service League and arranged for the annual Empire Day prizes for Acton School Children on Tuesday evening at their monthly meeting. The gathering was at the home of Mrs. J. M. McDonald and Mrs. W. J. Beatty presided. Miss Pearl Smith gave the current events on the program and Mrs. W. J. Beatty a report of the recent convention of the Provincial Chapter I.O.D.F. At the conclusion of the program the hostesses served lunch and a social time was enjoyed.

ACTON BOYS ENLISTED This Week's Register

Albert Louttit, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. James Louttit has joined the Lorne Scouts and is stationed in Georgetown. Charles Allen has joined the Lorne Scouts at Georgetown.

Chinese Fund Aided by Masonic Ladies' Night

The annual Ladies' Night of Walker Lodge A.F. & A.M. last night was a delightful social function for lodge members, visitors and their ladies. It was well attended and was held in the Y.M.C.A. building. W. Master and Mrs. J. R. MacArthur welcomed the guests. Ladies attending were each presented with roses.

Cards were enjoyed for the first part of the evening. The prize winners were Mrs. T. Green and Mrs. Tommy Green of Guilph and Mrs. Wm. McLeod in euchre, and bridge prizes were won by Mrs. R. McNeill and Mrs. Barden.

A delightful feature of the evening was the presence of seven Chinese girls from Toronto. They assisted with the lunch and the games, and joined in the evening's program. One of the group sang a delightful solo. The decorations were from the Chinese Relief Association and made a splendid effect about the building. Net proceeds from the event go to the Chinese War Relief Fund.

A delightful and appetizing lunch was served at the intermission between the games and dancing. Music for dancing was provided by Doris Hutter, organist and pianist. The program of another successful Ladies' Night in the annals of Masonry in Acton.

MUSIC FESTIVAL IN MILTON NEXT WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY

The postponed Halton County Music Festival will be held in Milton next Wednesday and Thursday, May 13th and 14th. This was arranged at a meeting of the executive held during the week-end. The original dates were cancelled owing to an epidemic of measles.

MISS MARGARET SMITH HONORED BY FRIENDS AT KITCHEN SHOWER

A delightful party was held on Monday evening at the home of Miss Helen Ostrander in honor of Miss Margaret Smith. The co-hostesses were Mary Young, Kay Chapman, Isabel Smith and Helen Ostrander. The fireplace, decorated with pink and white streamers and a huge white lace fan, served as a background for the "kitchen shower" gifts. Games and a sing-song occupied the early part of the evening and later, lunch was served from a table covered with a wedding cake, flanked by pink candles in low silver candlesticks. Miss Smith's marriage to Mr. Fred Long takes place shortly.

\$8,000 Approved Road Maintenance Esquering Township

Council Inspects Road on Concession One That Has Been Causing Trouble

Esquering township council met in regular session Monday afternoon. Deputy Reeve G. W. Murray, Councilors George E. Cleve, George Currie and Wm. A. Wilson were present and Reeve C. H. May presided. During the afternoon the council adjourned to go and see a portion of road on lot 28, con' 1, which has been causing considerable trouble for the past year.

Moved by Wilson seconded by Currie, that all members of council meet as a Court of Revision on June 1st at 10 o'clock a.m. Carried. Moved by Cleve seconded by Currie, that relief accounts amounting to \$123.94 be paid. Carried. Other accounts passed for payment were:

H.E.P.C. of Ontario	\$7.14
Bell Telephone Co. account	5.18
H. Robertson, stamps	6.05
Moved by Murray seconded by Wilson that we pay road accounts \$619.76. Carried.	

A letter from Department of Municipal Affairs was received stating that the province is continuing the payment of the one mill subsidy on the total assessment for the current year. A letter from Department of Highways approved a net maintenance expenditure of \$5,000 on roads during the year.

Moved by Currie, seconded by Wilson, that we do now adjourn to meet on Monday June 1st, at 2 o'clock p.m. or at the call of the Reeve. Carried.

MADE FLYING OFFICER



Dating from May 1st, Pilot Officer K. A. MacKenzie, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. MacKenzie, Georgetown, who is an instructor in Navigation at No. 11 Service Flying Training School at Aylmer, Ont. where fighter pilots are given their final training, has been promoted to Flying Officer.

The Waterworks Provides Payment on Debentures

Services To Be Discontinued Within Five Days When Accounts Are Not Paid

The regular meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Tuesday evening, Commissioners C. M. Hansen was present with Chairman M. Symon in the chair. It was moved by M. Symon, seconded by C. M. Hansen, and carried that the secretary be instructed to transfer \$500.00 from the Waterworks account to the General Account of the Corporation.

The treasurer was, upon motion of C. M. Hansen and M. Symon instructed to pay the following accounts:

Norton Motors, truck repairs	\$129.75
F. L. Wright, burglary insurance	23.50
George MacDonald & Co., supplies	3.18
Force Electric Products, supplies	6.18
H.E.P.C. of Ont., supplies	18.32
MacDonald Electric Ltd., supplies	9.10
J. C. Matthews, postage	10.00
Symon Hardware, supplies	22.39
	\$222.37

Waterworks Dept. Canadian Brass Co., supplies 44.72. Mr. R. McEachern was present requesting that the Commission grant him permission to have orders left at their office for electrical repairs. This privilege was granted and also to Mr. Clark of Eden Mills.

A letter was presented from the inspection department of the Hydro, stating that the meters at Beardmore Leathers Ltd. were in good condition. An estimate of the cost of lettering the windows of the Utilities Office was presented. It was decided that this lettering should be proceeded with.

A letter from the Guilph Public Utilities Commission requested that Acton Commission collect an account from a consumer who was now being served by the Acton Utilities. The local Commission were willing to cooperate in this matter. The Commission decided to follow the recommendation of the H.E.P.C. of Ontario, that after five days after due date all services, where the bills had not been paid would be cut off without further notice and also that in order to conserve paper and time that any who do not bring their bills with them will be charged a fee of one cent as a new bill has to be made out for the boards. A notice to this effect was to be inserted in the bills going out to all consumers and a notice to be posted in the Public Utilities Commission Office.

LAKESIDE CHAPTER APPOINTS CANVASSERS FOR RED CROSS DRIVE

The regular business meeting of the Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.F. was held on Tuesday evening in the Y.M.C.A. with the Regent, Mrs. M. M. Durr, presiding. Plans were completed for the theatre night to be sponsored by the chapter. Twenty members were appointed to help canvass the town in the Red Cross drive.

Very interesting reports on the Annual Convention held in Hamilton were given by the delegates, Mrs. Lettie, Miss Emma Robinson and Miss Bernice Reid. At the close of the business, lunch was served by Group Two.

Induction Service Rev. F. Thompson at Knox Church

Splendid Congregation Extends Welcome to New Minister Called to Acton

Rev. Forbes Thompson the new minister of Knox Presbyterian Church was on Monday evening inducted at a service that filled the fullness of the church and has commenced his ministry in Acton.

The induction service was in charge of Rev. Frank Lawson, Kitchener, Moderator of Guilph Presbytery. The address to the congregation was given by Rev. J. C. Grier of Knox Church, Guilph, in which he urged loyalty of the people to the church and the minister and gave suggestions for making both powerful influences in the community.

Rev. Mr. McLeor of Rockwood and Eden Mills addressed the minister and Rev. Mr. Wilkie of Elora gave the induction sermon. Rev. Mr. Burgess, clerk of the Presbytery also assisted.

The service throughout was a most impressive one to both congregation and ministry and calculated to knit the work of both closely into a greater and wider field of Christian service.

Following the service a delightful social time was spent. The ladies of the congregation had prepared a beautiful banquet and this period around the table gave a splendid opportunity for minister and not only his own flock but other ministers in Acton and friends to become acquainted.

After the banquet Rev. Mr. Lawson was chairman when Rev. A. W. Forsyth, Rev. E. A. Brooks, Acton; Rev. C. C. Cochran, Georgetown; Rev. Mr. Henshaw, Boston; Rev. Mr. McNeill of Nassagaweya and Mr. R. N. Brown, chairman of Knox Session, all gave brief addresses in which a cordial welcome was given Rev. and Mrs. Thompson to Knox Church and to Acton and the district.

Rev. Mr. Thompson on behalf of himself and Mrs. Thompson expressed appreciation of the call and the cordial welcome to Knox Church and a desire to serve well in the church and community.

MR. GEORGE NELLIS HAS LEG FRACTURED WHEN TEAM BOLTS

While seeding on his farm on Tuesday Mr. George Nellis, Nassagaweya, had his left leg fractured at the ankle when the wheel of the vehicle passed over it. The accident happened when the team became frightened and bolted. Following treatment at the hospital he is at his home and friends wish him a prompt recovery.

Big Parade Here Saturday Night and Band Concert

Citizens' Committee Have Planned Concert for the Post Office Square

Saturday evening will be a big night in Acton when the campaign for bringing to strength the Army for Home Defence will be further publicized and explained.

A parade will form up at the Armories at eight o'clock and will be headed by the Lorne Scouts' Band. In the parade will be the Citizens' Committee members of Acton Legion, Acton Boy Scouts and units from Georgetown and Acton of the Lorne Scouts.

The parade will go by way of Mill Street to Guilph Street and Church Street to Fellows, and Mill Street again forming up at the Post Office Square.

Here the band will give a concert. There will be community singing and brief addresses by Col. James Ballantine, Chairman of Acton Citizens' Committee, Reeve J. M. McDonald and Mr. A. Mayon, Chairman Acton and District Red Cross.

There will also be a booth where information can be secured regarding the Canadian Reserve Army for Home Defence and questions will be answered regarding this unit. Provision will also be made for those who desire to serve in the home defence of Canada to sign applications. In the event of unsuitable weather on Saturday the concert will be held in Acton Arena where the whole program as above outlined will be carried out. The concert provided by the band will be a varied one and their appearance here will be anticipated with pleasure by all.

Mothers' Day 1942

In these days when Mothers the world over share a common and constant anxiety for loved ones—many of them far from home—Mother's Day of 1942 takes on a different outlook in many a home.

In these days many a son in far away land thinks of Mother and home from a different viewpoint than any previous second Sunday in May.

May the Mother's Day of the next year find more mothers hearts relieved of war's anxieties and more sons enjoying the day at home with mothers and loved ones in lands made safe for mothers by the sacrifice of those who fight that all may enjoy Canadian home security.

The War Service Donates Amounts To Several Funds

Boys Appreciate the "Smokes" Sent—30,900 Were in the Last Shipment

Mrs. Howden and Mrs. Packer representing the "Happy Four" presented \$43.55, the proceeds from a dance to the Acton and Vicinity War Service League when the regular meeting was held last week. \$85 was the proceeds from the old time Fiddlers' program, presented under the auspices of the Scout Mothers and Hanneckburn and Dublin Institute. This was given to the league by Mrs. S. Matthews, Mrs. R. Spillwoy and Mrs. Bracken, representing these organizations. Acting Chairman McDonald explained that there were a number of boys overseas with the Lorne Scouts who did not receive smokes and that the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Lorne Scouts had asked for an appropriation of \$50 from Acton, annually, payable—\$12.50—quarterly. It was explained that Hampton, Georgetown, etc., were being asked for \$100 annually in this connection. On motion by W. Middleton and Mrs. G. Elliott, the sum of \$50 annually was appropriated to Ladies' Auxiliary of the Lorne Scouts, \$12.50 to be forwarded to Mrs. J. Barber, balance quarterly and the treasurer was authorized to forward the first quarterly cheque of \$12.50.

The Big Three were to have May 14th for a return of the Old Time Fiddlers' Contest and the Happy Four Dance held their event on May 2nd. Beardmore & Co. Foreman's Association will sponsor an event the latter part of May and Dr. Cullen reported the Y's Men's Club were making a donation.

Smokes were voted to be sent to the Alexander Orphanage and \$100 to the British War Victims' Fund. The following communications have been received by Mrs. H. Mainprize from our boys overseas in appreciation of the "cigarettes" sent.

Post Cards From John Gibbons, R. W. Anderson, F. Turner, D. Hodges, C. W. Douglas, Jas. Wallace, Cpl. Purdy, H. Goffrey, C. D. McDonald, F. Neer, J. Young, Karl Frank, Piper McVey, Cpl. Findlay, D. L. Close, Pte. McLehland, E. Landsborough, Cpl. F. Nicol, Bog Finney, N. Gibson, Tom Nield, Sgt. Clifford.

Letters From Johnny Coy, G. Hall, H. Goffrey, R. A. Johnson, F. L. Turner, C. S. M. Alger, Bill Caldwell, W. R. Elliott.

Marionograms from W. Cassidy. Mrs. Mainprize has received word from London England that a parcel of cigarettes is undelivered on account of no regimental number being given. Word comes also that smokes for men other than Canadian soldiers cannot be accepted unless duty is paid. This would mean that one or two names will have to be struck off the list.

In the last shipment there were 50,000 smokes, which went forward in 100 separate parcels at \$100 each.

THE PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY TO MEET IN ORILLIA

The annual Ontario provincial meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada is being held in Orillia, May 12, 13, 14. Special speakers are Miss L. Simpson of India, Mrs. H. Halston, Deaconess Training School in Toronto, Miss Frieda Matthews, F. W. Field Secretary, Mrs. A. J. R. McMurich and Rev. J. Stanley Glen of Toronto.

Red Cross Appeals for \$3,000 Acton and District

New Secretary Appointed for Acton Fall Fair

Following the resignation of E. T. Theford as Secretary-Treasurer of Acton Fall Fair, who has so successfully performed these duties for the past two years, the Board of Directors had to find the services of another for the position.

At the meeting last Thursday evening Mr. C. B. Swanekammer was chosen for the position and will carry on the duties, starting immediately. Mr. Swanekammer was for a number of years a member of the Board and has filled other offices up to the presidency of the fair. He is well qualified by many years of experience to fill the new duties he has assumed.

Resignation of Mr. Theford was accepted by the Board with regret, but other duties made it imperative that he relinquish the position. It was planned by the Board to meet this month to arrange the prize list, appoint judges etc., so that an early start can be made on the program for this year.

Cars Collide Head-On at Main-Knox Ave. Corner

Two cars involved were badly damaged but the occupants escaped serious injury in a collision Sunday night at the corner of Main Street and Knox Avenue. Pte. Allan White of Stanley Barracks, Toronto, was making a left turn from Main Street to Knox Avenue and collided head-on with a car driven by Norman Beierroff, R. R. No. 2, Breslau, who was proceeding south along Main Street.

Chief E. E. Harrop investigated the accident and a charge of careless driving is being laid against Pte. Allan White. Damage to the cars will amount to about \$100 but apparently the occupants escaped serious injury.

Y's Men's Club Banquet Juvenile Hockey Teams

Crests Are Presented at Big Feed Last Thursday at the Y

Last Thursday evening was a big night for the young hockeyists of Acton when Acton Y's Men's Club were hosts to them at a real boys' banquet and presented the winning teams with championship crests. And how the boys joined into the spirit of the occasion.

Members of the Y's Men's Club did the serving all decked out in chef's caps and white shirts, mostly with braces showing. The menu was made to suit the boys, hot wieners and hot buns, brown baked beans, minnum minnum cream. There were no limits and they certainly made it a feed.

Source Mason told a sing-song and the crowd was just as hearty in this part of the program as they were in the eating. Folks passing the Y perhaps wondered what the noise was all about, but when they packed up their troubles they really came heavy on that "So".

The senior championship was won by Lloyd Robinson's team and the junior championship by Martin McCristall's team. Each member of the team was presented with a championship crest, red ones for the senior group and blue crests for the junior group. Presentation of these crests was made by G. A. Dills. Captains of both teams made replies and good sporting replies too that gave "the other teams credit for their play. The only disappointing feature of the whole evening was the failure of Turk Broda and Gus Ryder of Toronto to put in an appearance. Both had arranged to attend but for some reason did not appear. Naturally it was a disappointment but the boys did not let this spoil their fun.

Dr. W. G. Cullen, president of the Y's Men's Club, presided, and the event closed a most successful season of juvenile hockey sponsored by the club for the Acton boys.

George Mason took pictures of the event and these will appear in next week's issue of The Free Press.

Canvassers Will Start Campaign Next Week for First Contributions to Red Cross Since 1910— Packages to Prisoners of War Requires Big Expenditure Every Day.

Next week Acton with every other centre across Canada will start a two weeks' campaign to raise \$3,000,000 to carry on the work of the Red Cross. Acton and district's share of that big total is just \$3,000.

Last week the Acton and District Committee under the Chairman, Mr. A. Mason, held a preliminary meeting to plan the organization for the work, and will meet again this week to allot territory and make final arrangements. It's a big task but with everyone helping Acton and district just as in every other appeal will meet the need.

The Red Cross has made an appeal for funds since October 1910 and has carried on its work and not a call from the sick, wounded, or bomb-stricken victims of war, has not had prompt attention.

The money will be used for food parcels for Canadian and British prisoners of war in Germany and Italy; comforts for the armed forces, Navy, Merchant Marine, air raid sufferers, and hospital and medical supplies; disaster and emergency, including assistance to Allied Red Cross Societies; and Blood Donor Service. All are vital functions of the Canadian Red Cross, each in itself plays an important part in the structure of this great service for suffering humanity.

As the war spreads throughout the world the tasks of relief assigned to the society increase until today there is no sphere of war activity that is not benefiting from the good works of this great organization.

Not only are Canadians and Britons receiving the help of the Canadian people through the Red Cross, but supplies and comforts are always being sent to the armed forces and peoples of the United Nations. For example, the Society recently raised \$750,000 to send medical and relief supplies to Russia.

The financial needs of the St. John Ambulance are also included in the budget of the Red Cross. It's an all-out effort to win There's a place for every citizen to help in the way to victory. Next week the Red Cross asks your help. Give them the word to carry on. It's your chance to help the sick and wounded. They hear the sounds of battle. You can share in curing them.

Local Funds. The total revenue of the Acton and District Red Cross for the twelve month period ending on December 31st last was \$2,492.21. Of this amount \$76.75 was raised for the special blanket fund. \$200 was sent toward the war work of the Red Cross from the local branches and payments for materials made up here amounted to \$1,099.72; general administration and incidental expenses amounted to \$31.31, leaving a balance at December last of \$435.86. These figures are from the audited statement of the Acton District Red Cross.

ARMY AIRMEN London (C.P.) Army officers and men qualified as pilot pilots or air observation post pilots will be issued wings. To be known as the "Army Flying badge" the wings will be pale blue with a royal crest in the centre.

Coming Events

Non-members of Meetings. Can't attend other events, under this heading, or have to pay for one at a minimum. Large letters, please, to the Editor.

The Acton Junior Farmers will hold their regular meeting at Lorne School, on Friday, May 8th.

A gymnastic demonstration will be held by the boys and girls in the Y.M.C.A. on Friday and Saturday evening, May 15 and 16, at 8:00 p.m. sharp. Admission 25c.

Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.F. are sponsoring the presentation of the feature film "Ball of Fire" at the Geary Theatre on May 11th, Matinee at 1:15 p.m. Proceeds are for the Acton Vicinity War Services League. The Guilph Old Time Fiddlers' Concert and Dance in Acton Town Hall, Thursday, May 14th at 8:30 under the auspices Scout Mothers, Hanneckburn and Dublin Institute. Admission 25c. Proceeds to Acton and Vicinity War Service League.