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The Curfew Considered at Meeting of Acton Council

Plans of Development of new Subdivision Also Under Consideration — Surface Drainage for Mill Street East to be Constructed and Church Street Drain to Have Attention.

Councillors W. J. O. Oakes, C. Kirkness, A. Mason and F. Davison were present on Tuesday evening at the regular session of Acton Council and Reeve J. M. McDonald presided.

The Finance Committee recommended payment of the following accounts.

Symon Hardware, supplies	$ 1.14
Acton Branch, Canadian Legion, flag	6.84
Acton Public Utilities Commission, street lights, Town Hall, pump house, and services	193.88
Acton Free Press, printing auditors' report and advertising	112.78
A. T. Brown, supplies	.30
Harold Gordon, labor	5.40
D. Brown, trucking	26.80
	$346.96

A letter was read from the Wool Combing Corporation regarding the grading of Frederick Street which had now had attention and would be gravelled when the material was being applied to the streets.

The question of providing adequate drainage on Church Street was discussed by council and instructions given to Chief Harrop regarding the problem.

A letter was read regarding the changes of names on the Fire Brigade, insurance for which is carried by the council and a rebate enclosed for names that were taken off the list.

Quotations were received for tile for street drainage on Mill Street east, from George Street. A motion was passed authorizing purchase of 329 feet of tile with fittings from W. D. Talbot at a cost of $144.76 for immediate delivery of the tile.

A letter from the Department of Municipal Affairs asked the co-operation of council in making sure that citizens secured their supply of coal early and not leave this until fall, so that no hardship would be encountered. The council agreed to co-operate.

A letter from John Layng, architect, gave details regarding the proposed new subdivision being undertaken by the Wool Combing Corporation. It was planned that fifteen to twenty houses would be completed by the end of the present year. Street widths and other details were given in the letter.

Council dictated a letter that was to be sent the company clarifying several points Watermains, lighting, drainage and grading necessary as Acton's share is estimated at $7,500 Council expressed a willingness to co-operate in every way possible in the development.

Councillor Kirkness reported inspection of the park property and recommended putting rubbish containers in various places in the park and also installing a couple of sand boxes in the park for the children.

The Clerk reported that a final draft of the building by-law was now ready and this was to be forwarded to the Provincial Department for their approval.

Reeve McDonald brought up the matter of trimming trees so that street lights would be more efficient. Councillor Oakes was asked to make a report at the next meeting and the Clerk was to secure information.

Councillor Kirkness reported that the Arena roof had been inspected and it was the opinion of the committee that the roof on the curling section should be renewed. The Clerk was asked to write and secure estimates of the cost of a suitable roof.

Council discussed the advisability of establishing a curfew in Acton in an effort to have children off the streets at night. It was felt that corrective measures should be taken and the Clerk was asked to secure information and have it ready for the next meeting of council.

The United W.M.S. Varied Program For June Meeting

The June meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church was held at the home of Mrs. Caldwell on Tuesday evening with a good attendance. Mrs. Caldwell presided.

A bale of new and second hand clothing, a personal gift box and a layette made by the C.G.I.T. girls which was very much appreciated was packed and shipped.

On June 18th a picnic will be held in the park for the Baby Band and mothers, also Mission Band. July 19th is Woman's Missionary Sunday. After the business was disposed of Mrs. Fosbury conducted the devotional period and gave a talk on "Christian Stewardship," stressing the need of givings. Mrs. Mowat read the last chapter of the Study Book and a vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Mowat and her helpers for the past month's subject, "The tide comes in." She had a map of China to illustrate her talk and imaginary journeys through China were presented by Mrs. E. T. Thetford, Experience of a refugee; Mrs. R. J. Johnson A prominent business woman; Mrs. S. Reid Teacher and staff of a university; Mrs. G. A. Dills Rural leader in farm life.

Mrs Caldwell spoke of the great Chinese choir of which Dr. Agnew is leader and of his safe arrival in China

Mrs Alex. McDonald closed the meeting with prayer.

DOGS KILL TWENTY SHEEP IN ONE FLOCK—INJURE FORTY

Twelve ewes and eight lambs were killed and 40 ewes and lambs injured when dogs attacked a flock of 70 sheep, owned by Fred Nurse and pastured on an isolated farm on the Erin-Caledon town line.

Albert Wheeler, sheep valuator for Erin Township, described the scene as the worst he had ever seen. He expressed the belief that there must have been six or seven dogs to create such havoc.

Awards Won in Junior Farmers' County Events

Seventy Young Men and Women in the Competitions—Esquesing Won Trophy

Charlotte McCullough, Georgetown, and John McNabb, Norval, won highest awards and points in Halton county junior farmers' competition, which entitles them to a Chicago trip next fall. "The trip has not yet been arranged but, in the past, it has been to Chicago," J. E. Whitelock said. Halton agricultural representative. "The war and travelling restrictions may alter the plans."

Seventy young men and women competed at the annual junior farmers' and homemakers' club achievement day.

The girls attending one achievement day and completing two units of work each received a certificate while those completing six units are awarded county honors. They are Georgina McDonald, Georgetown; Frances Cripps, Acton; Lois Merry, Hornby; Mary Sherwood, Freeman; Jean Givens, Limehouse; Frances Givens, Georgetown; Margaret Ford, Hornby and Shirley Wright, Clarkson. The highest township award went to Esquesing township, represented by Frances Cripps, Acton; Margaret McCready, Milton and Georgina McDonald, Georgetown.

In the boys class for judging the Bank of Nova Scotia trophy went to Esquesing township in the inter-township livestock judging contest. The Norval team of John McNabb, Bruce Reid, Douglas McNabb, George Fisher, George Henderson and Clarke Wilson won top honors for having the highest score in judging livestock and grades between McCullough, Acton, won first in the novice class. Winners in the senior class for judging are: Horses, Bruce Reid, Georgetown; beef cattle, Angus McNabb, Georgetown; dairy cattle, Jack Hardy, Acton; Freeman; sheep, Jean Vansickle, Palermo; swine, Donald Pigot, Mount Nemo. Junior winners were: Horses, Ward Brownridge, Georgetown; beef cattle, Jack Glendenning, Rockwood; dairy cattle, Lloyd Stokes, Campbellville; sheep, Fred Bell, Freeman; swine, Roy Halcovitch, Acton.

Mrs. S. Sterling Has Ninety-Second Birthday Tuesday

On Tuesday Mrs. Samuel Sterling who resides with Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Perryman on the fifth line just north of Acton, observed her ninety-second birthday. It was the privilege of the editor of The Free Press, with her nephew, Mr. A. T. Brown, to call on this active elderly lady on that day and join with other friends in offering birthday congratulations.

Mrs. Sterling in spite of her advanced years is quite active and her memory of days of long ago is just as clear as is also her interest in the world activity and war to-day. She is a daughter of the late Alexander Brown and was born on the Lindsay farm on the fourth line. She has spent most of her life in Acton district. Her first husband was the late J. P. Brown who predeceased her and later she married Samuel Sterling who has also passed on.

During the visit Mrs. Sterling recalled on occasion when the trip from Welland to Acton had to be made and rather than have a return trip with the horses her mother had insisted on making the trip with a team of oxen. Speaking of modern times, she deplored the war and failed to understand why the German people who had once been regarded highly were now at war with the British.

Mrs. Sterling during the afternoon also played several of the old familiar hymns on the family piano and when one of the old tunes that all the group knew so well but could not identify she promptly gave the name of it "Mary to the Savior's Tomb." Few indeed at her age retain such an active mind and body and many will join with us in wishing for her many more happy years to enjoy life.

WINDSOR SCHOOL STAFF PRESENT GEO. SWITZER WHO JOINS THE NAVY

Mr. George Switzer has enlisted with the R.C.N.V.R., as a Petty Officer and will serve as engine room artificer. He is spending a few days at his home here prior to leaving for the Royal Canadian Naval College at Esquimalt, B.C., where he will take an advanced technical course. During the past year Mr. Switzer was employed by the Windsor Board of Education as an instructor of manual training for the senior boys of five of Windsor's public schools. At a dinner luncheon held in his honor George was presented with a money belt, by the staff of the King Edward school.

GARAGE OPERATORS DISCUSS METHODS CAR MAINTENANCE

The regular meeting of the Halton Branch of the Garage Operators' Association, was held at Milton, on Tuesday, June 2nd.

After the business of the branch was completed the British American Oil Company took over the educational portion. The main theme was the possibility of adding trouble free mileage to the customer's car by the use of regular lubrication and minor services. This was followed by a very instructive film on servicing farm tractors. The meeting concluded with sandwiches and cold drinks the usual coffee being a war casualty.

Salvage Brings Over $200 in Month of May

Cheques Received from Various Branches and Donations Are Forwarded to Funds

At the meeting of Acton and District War Services League it was reported that the receipts for salvage for the past month would be over $200, the highest amount yet collected from this branch. A cheque for $198.91 was turned in at the meeting as part of the month's returns.

Miss Marguerite Ryckman resigned as convener of the Dept. for Children's Aid and Mrs. Bradley was appointed to take this position.

The Income Tax Assistance Committee reported a total of $27 as the proceeds of the tea held at the Grocery Bazaar. This amount is earmarked to be used by the committee for the new venture.

The Happy Four planned a tea for June 19th, and the Fire Brigade will arrange the details in connection with a Bingo and Street Dance in Acton on Dominion Day.

A cheque for $10 was to be forwarded to the British War Victims Fund.

Mrs. P. W. Merry Heads Institutes of Halton County

Committee Reports at District Annual Meeting Held in Georgetown — Mrs. J. E. Houck Guest Speaker

Mrs. P. W. Merry, Hornby, was re-elected President at the 41st annual meeting of the Halton County Women's Institute held in the arena, Georgetown. Others elected to serve with Mrs. Merry for the coming year are Mrs. E. Near, Dublin and Mrs. E. C. Reid, Norval, vice-Presidents; Mrs. Burton, Palermo, Secretary-Treasurer; Federation Representative, Mrs. Arthur Cowan, Palermo; Alternate, Mrs. W. Gowdy; County Delegate to the Area Convention in Kitchener, Mrs A. W. Milligan, Burlington; Alternate, Mrs. E. Near; Auditors Mrs. S H Gaysley, Omagh, Mrs R. Mears, Palermo.

Mrs. E. Duke, Provincial President of the Women's Institute, of Port Carling, in her address to the delegates thanked the members for their splendid work during the past year and for the co-operation and support; congratulated them on work accomplished especially the wonderful report from each institute on the war work. She most thoroughly outlined the co-operative program as drawn up by the Department of Agriculture and after a discussion it was decided to have the conference on "Nutrition and Wise Buying," as a study this coming year. Date of classes and place to be set later by the executive. Mrs Duke read several letters of thanks and appreciation from those in Great Britain who had received seeds as sent from the Central Charities Fund, and from the Navy League for Maple Sugar sent to the sailors.

Delegates were welcomed by his Worship Mayor Jos. McGibbons, who expressed his great pleasure at welcoming so many ladies to Georgetown, stated he knew of the splendid work done by the local institute and felt all others were doing the same and thus they were doubly welcome and extended to all the freedom of the town, wished a successful and pleasant time to all and to come again. A member of the Norval Jr. most suitably replied to this warm welcome.

Mrs. W. H. Burton, Secretary-Treasurer reported all the 17 Seniors and 2 Junior Institutes were doing excellent work, all seemed to be stressing their war work efforts, all had fulfilled their obligations to the Federation and the District, and they, as well as the District, were in good financial standing.

Mrs. P. W. Merry, in her remarks stated she had visited 14 Institutes the past year, and owing to weather conditions was unable to visit the others. The enlarging of our membership was stressed by the president and to always extend a welcoming hand to any strangers within our gates especially the young married women and soldiers' wives and families. All women would be called upon to make greater sacrifices this coming year but felt sure the women of the W. I. would rise to the occasion and do their part on the Home Front. Recalled to our memory the remarks as made by the superintendent of the Ontario W. I. Miss Mary Clark, at the recent others' rally when she said that above all things we should start our meetings on time and close at a given time and this our members would become more interested and bring others, urged that when selecting a president to be sure and select one not for her personality cheerfulness one who is courteous friendly and of open mind. Mrs Merry asked that when the National Anthem is played or sung that we all pay more attention to standing firmly at attention and to think of the meaning of the words when they are sung. Regretted the fact that so few knew the words of "O Canada" and that we go from this meeting with the firm idea of learning all the words of at least one version of O Canada. Thanked all for their support and cooperation and for all the confidences shown her this past year.

The secretary of the W. [illegible] reports to seemed to have stressed the [illegible] by the Ad-hoc Rehabilitation [illegible] Navy League and the Soldiers' Aid Army League [illegible] boys who are serving in H.M.S. [illegible] will take care of.

The convener of the Standing Committee on Education, Mrs. M. Campbell's report was read by Mrs. G. Agnew of Mt. Union and stated a great work is being done in this direction by the Women's Institutes supplying good books for the libraries

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Everton Institute Guests Acton Branch At June Meeting

Mrs. H. McCutcheon and Mrs. J. J. Stewart were hostesses for the June meeting of Acton Women's Institute at their home on Tuesday at which Mrs. J. F. Wilds presided. The motto to "Hasty Words" was well taken by Mrs. Wilderspin and Mrs. G. H. Lantz reviewed the current events. Roll call was answered by "Where I was Born."

Following the report of the Secretary-Treasurer the annual report was given by the secretary and showed a total of $356.48 had been raised during the year and expenditures had been $305.45, leaving a bank balance of $51.03. It was decided by the branch to have an exhibit at Acton Fair. The July program will be arranged by the losing side in points on the roll and held at Mrs. Earl Lambert's home.

The members of Everton Branch were guests at this meeting and were welcomed by the president. They presented the program over which Mrs. T. P. Smith presided. The motto "Safeguard against Selfishness" was taken by Miss Jackson. A reading "Jimmy the Borrower," was given by Mrs. Head and a Scotch solo by Mrs. Cross. A paper on education was given by Mrs. D. McPhedran. Mrs. Parker and Miss Jackson gave as a duett "Saved by Grace" and Mrs. Alton gave a comic recitation entitled "Johnny Reece Speaks His Piece." A contest conducted by Mrs. Thos. Stewart was won by Mrs. Lambert after she and Mrs. Lantz had tied for the prize. The program proved a most enjoyable one.

Following the closing a dainty lunch was served by the hostess and her committee and the social time enjoyed. Mrs. Alton expressed the thanks of the visitors to Acton for the hospitality and Mrs. Anderson voiced the thanks of Acton branch to the visitors for the program and to the hostess for the sociability of the home.

HURREN-KIRKWOOD WEDDING SATURDAY AT HOME OF BRIDE

On Saturday afternoon, June 6th, at 3 o'clock, a pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Kirkwood, when their daughter, Violet Margaret, was united in marriage with Mr. Clarence Alfred Hurren, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hurren. Rev. I. J. Rees, pastor of the Erin United Church, officiated.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a street length dress of queen's blue silk jersey, with matching hat and beige accessories. Her corsage was of Talisman roses, baby's breath, and maiden hair fern. Her only jewellery was a pearl necklace, the gift of the groom.

Miss Wilma Kirkwood, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, wearing a street length dress of rose silk jersey, with matching hat, and white accessories. Her corsage was of sweetheart roses, and maiden hair fern. Lattie Marion Kirkwood, cousin of the bride, was flower girl wearing a dress of pink crepe. She carried a basket of lily of the valley and forget-me-nots. Mr. Elmer Hurren, brother of the groom, was best man. The wedding music was played by Miss Jean McLean, cousin of the bride.

The groom's gift to the bridesmaid was a compact to the flower girl and pearl initialled lockets and to the best man an initialled tie pin.

Following the reception the bride and groom left on a trip to points north. The bride wear for a dress and brown jacket dress, matching hat and accessories.

On their return they will reside on the groom's farm, Erin Township.

Col. S. B. Peppler Elected President of Halton Conservatives

Col. S. B. Peppler of Oakville was chosen president of Halton Conservative association at the annual convention held in Milton on Friday. It was attended by more than 50 representatives from all sections of the county. Amos Mason, Acton president for the past two years, asked not for re-election, but for the appointment of a successor to fill the position.

George Martin of Oakville was elected vice president. Appointments are: Chairman of advisory committee, Lieut. Colonel Hedges; Stanley Hall of Hornby and Mrs. Jean Hamilton, Oakville; Director, Charles Lengden; Acting Acton secretary, Lloyd S. Temple, Burlington.

Mr. Atkins outlined a program for post-war days covering unemployment, sickness and old age. He suggested setting up municipal committees to study local conditions and then submit reports to the government.

Plan to Help Farmers Harvest Crop in District

Committee Formed to Arrange Registration of Help — Everyone Who Can Work in Harvest Will be Needed if Crop Is To Be Garnered — Reeve McDonald is Local Chairman.

Last Thursday evening a committee of local citizens was organized in Acton whose purpose it will be to endeavor to assist the farmers of the district of which Acton is the centre, to secure assistance in gathering in the 1942 crop. Everyone is fully aware of the shortage of labor especially on the farms. Everyone realizes that prospects are for a bumper crop this season. Everyone is surely fully aware of the need for harvesting every bit of the crop if the allied nations are going to be fed.

Reeve J. M. McDonald outlined the purpose of the meeting. He and Councillor A. Mason had attended a county meeting in which every municipality had been represented and had agreed to assist in urging men from the towns to help in the fields during harvest. The harvest period is a short one but a mighty important one this year. The allied nations require all the food stuffs Canada can produce. Farmers cannot alone harvest the crop that is in sight. The assistance of every person able to go into the harvest fields is needed this year if not for full days then for parts of days when harvesting weather is suitable.

After a thorough discussion of the situation by the group it was decided necessary to form an Acton committee to meet the emergency labor situation. Reeve J. M. McDonald was chosen chairman and Councillor Chas. Kirkness was chosen secretary.

Other members of the committee are F. S. Rhow, W. J. Beatty, W. Linham, W. K. Graham, Councillor W. J. O. Oakes, W. H. Clayton, C. vanGoozen, Councillor F. Davison, Councillor A. Mason, F. L. Wright, Reeve Alex. Near of Nassagaweya, G. A. Dills, Chris. Moffat and V. B. Rumley.

Another meeting will be held shortly when details as to registration and the plans arranged whereby farmers can connect those who are willing to work in the harvest. The rate of pay will be 40c per hour throughout the county with meals supplied. The time paid for will of course be the actual hours worked.

It is a co-operative movement to meet a war emergency situation. To be successful it will require co-operative effort on the part of both workers and farmers. War needs must be met and at the present time Canada's harvest is one of the biggest needs confronting us. Preparation and organization is necessary if the job is to be done.

More particulars will be available after the next meeting of the committee, but in Canada's harvest fields this year there will be a glorious opportunity for service on the home front.

Aitken-Pearen Wedding On Saturday At Maplewood Farm

"Maplewood Farm," home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pearen, was the scene of a pretty garden wedding on Saturday afternoon, June 6th, at five o'clock when their youngest daughter, Evelyn Elizabeth, was united in marriage to Mr. Calvin James Aitken, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Aitken of Acton. Rev. Dr. McIvor of Rockwood Presbyterian Church officiated.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a floor length gown of imported white organza patterned with embossed motif of lily-of-the-valley and orchids. The bodice was fashioned with sweetheart neckline, surplice front and shirred puff sleeves and bouffant skirt. Her finger-tip veil of bridal net fell from a pleated coronet. She carried a bouquet of white bouvardia and fern, centred with orchids.

Marie Allan of Toronto, niece of the bride wearing a pale yellow taffeta frock with tiny puff sleeves, sweetheart neckline and floor length skirt was the flower girl. She carried a nosegay of yellow roses and mauve sweet peas and wore a bandeau of yellow ribbon with sweet peas in her hair. The wedding march was played by the bride's sister Miss Elva Pearen and during the signing of the register "I Love You Truly," was sung by Mrs. Allan.

A reception followed with the bride's mother receiving in tropical blue ripple crepe, matching hat and corsage of pink roses, assisted by the groom's mother in rose and navy figured sheer with corsage of roses. The bride's table was centred with a four-tiered wedding cake in white, topped with horseshoes. Low bowls of pink sweet peas and pink and white larkspur graced the table.

For travelling the bride wore a romance blue two-piece dress of crepe Elizabeth, with matching felt hat and gray tweed coat. Following their wedding trip to Eastern Ontario, the couple will reside on the groom's farm, Acton.

The Raids Over Germany Bring Local Casualties

Sgt.-Pilot Clayton Taylor of Moffat Reported Killed Over Germany

While the raids over Germany are welcomed as an indication of the Allies' growing strength and are the only means of making Germany and her people understand what war is, like every raid takes its toll of our young air force.

As a result of the recent raid Clayton Taylor of Moffat, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Taylor, has been reported killed over Germany. He was previously reported missing. He was a bomber pilot with the R.C.A.F. This is the second war casualty to a home of the district and those who are left have the sympathy of every one in their sacrifice.

Sgt.-Pilot Taylor was born in Nassagaweya township December 28, 1922. He attended S.S. No. 4, Public School and Guelph Collegiate Vocational Institute. He was a member of the rugby team there in 1939. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in July, 1941, and received his wings at Medicine Hat, Alta., later going overseas. Surviving are his mother and father, two brothers and two sisters. A memorial service will be held in Ebenezer United Church on Sunday, June 14 at 11:30 o'clock in the morning. The local branch of the Legion will attend this service and the flag at the Acton Memorial will be flown at half-mast till after Sunday.

Mrs. Alex. Mack, Acton, received notice from her son, Pilot Officer Eighmie H. Mack of the R.C.A.F. that he had completed a tour of duty on the night of May 30. He was a member of the bomber crew. No details of the operation were disclosed but assistance was given to a comrade who was receiving the best that skilled doctors and hospital staffs could get. The report reads "He served on active service during air operations on May 30th."

These casualties do bring the war close to home especially close to these homes.

MISS HAZEL WILSON WON SCHOLARSHIP ON GRADUATION

Miss Hazel A. Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wilson, was winner of a special scholarship and received the award on Tuesday when graduating as a nurse in the class of 1942 at Western Hospital, Toronto. Miss Wilson won the Vanbae Scholarship for post graduate work in teaching and supervision. It entitles her to a year's study in the University on this course and Miss Wilson is planning to start the course in September. There were forty-four graduates in the 1942 class.

Acton friends join with us in extending congratulations not only on Miss Wilson's graduation but on the additional honor she has won.

SCOUT MOTHERS ASSOCIATION MET AT MRS. MASALES'

The regular monthly meeting of the Scout mothers was held June 8th, at the home of Mrs. Masales. The President Mrs. Spielvogel opened the meeting with the Mother's Promise after the business was disposed of, the meeting ended with the benediction. A very dainty lunch was served by the hostess and a social hour was enjoyed by all.

Coming Events

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Regular Garden Party [illegible]

The Duke of Devonshire [illegible] Lodge will hold a Birthday Tea at the home of Mrs. P. Smith, Hill Hall, from 3 to 6 p.m. on Friday [illegible] Everybody welcome.

Dance in Acton Town Hall, June 19th sponsored by The Happy Four. Lucky draw on lamp. Dancing from 9 till 1. Doris Hulls Orchestra. Admission 35c. Proceeds for war work. 50-2.