

Big Program Planned for Acton Fair 18th-19th

Prize List Offers Bigger Prizes, More Classes and More Specials—New Attractions Booked for Arena Show Friday and Afternoon Program on Saturday—Industries to Make Exhibit in the Hall—Acton Branch of Legion to Have Charge of Entire Midway.

If planning and preparation have anything to do with the success of an event the Acton Fair a week from Friday and Saturday, 18th and 19th inst, should be one of the best events in the fair's history. War conditions bring its troubles. For example here's what happened to one act on the arena performance. A pair of professional roller skaters were first booked but the man joined the R.C.A.F. Then a unicycle act was secured. Monday while performing in Montreal he fell from his unicycle which is fourteen feet high and latest reports were that it was feared his back was broken. At time of writing "The Lowe's," a sensational comedy clown knock-about act, has been secured for the part of the program, which incidentally is rated a little better than either of the first two acts booked. But that is just part of the story.

The prize lists issued last week offers better prizes and more classes than for years. The Gentleman's Road Race has had the prize doubled and now offers \$15 for first, \$10 for second and \$5 for third prize. New classes for added breeds of stock have been put on the list. The specials is the largest list presented for some years.

The Home Department and Cooking Lists have been completely revised as has also the Children's School Work and prizes this year go to the individuals rather than the school, although a special is offered for rural schools.

An attraction which is new and is highly commended is Murray Goulin and His Educated Horse Baldy, who will appear on the arena show program and again on the track of Saturday afternoon. The Kansas Farmer, favorite of several years ago, has been secured for Saturday afternoon too.

Most of the old favorites such as potato race, high jumping horses are also booked. In the last half year a new feature was started with an exhibit by manufacturers of goods made by Acton industries. Indications are that this will be enlarged upon this year.

Another radical change is in the midway. The entire midway is under the direction of Acton Branch of the Canadian Legion. Secretary Swackhammer reports a lively inquiry for prize lists and all indications point to a splendid fair in Acton for 1942.

STOREY RE-UNION HELD AT HOME OF MR. AND MRS. WM. COLE

August 7th, was another eventful day when about eighty descendants of the late Thos. and Elizabeth Storey of Nassagaweya, gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cole of St. Helena for the eighteenth annual reunion. The afternoon was spent in sports of various kinds and also many friendly chats were had. Lunch was served in the driving shed where several long tables were laden with food. When all had done ample justice to the good things to eat, the president, Mrs. George Brownlee, called the gathering to order and the business hour was held. Officers for 1943 were elected as follows: President Mr. Thomas Mickie, Milton. Vice-President Mr. Wm. Coxo, Milton. Secretary-Treasurer Miss Dorothy Francis, Milton. Sports Committee Mr. Andy Frank, Bill Frank and Harry McLeod. Entertainment Committee Mrs. Andy Frank, Margaret Brown and Mrs. Aftchie McLean. Refreshment Committee Mrs. Wilfred Macdonald.

Mr. D. H. Storey was chairman for a program of music which included selections by the orchestra of Mrs. J. Evans and Dorothy and Andy Frank; comic song by Mr. Sandy Macdonald, old-time selection by Messrs. John Black and Wm. Frank; vocal duet by Raymond and Bobbie Royce; vocal trio by Misses Jean, Joan and Donna Frank, violin solo by Mrs. Robert Brownlee and vocal solo by Mr. Andrew Macdonald.

Following the program the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing and in concluding a hearty vote of thanks was extended Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cole for the hospitality of their home in this re-union.

Pretty September Wedding Saturday In Knox Church

On Saturday, afternoon at four o'clock, against a profusion of "harmonizing standards of gladioli, a very pretty wedding was solemnized in Knox Presbyterian Church, when Wilma Ruth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hansen, Young Street, Acton, was united in marriage to Mr. Clarence McCheyne Coles, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Coles, also of Acton. Promptly at the appointed hour, to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, played by Mr. F. Salt, organist of the church, the procession advanced. The bride, on the arm of her father, was beautiful in her wedding gown of white Jaquard organza with train and fingertip veil over a head-dress of sweetheart design. She wore a necklace of pearls and carried a bouquet of white and pink roses.

Miss Dora Hansen, sister of the bride, was sweet as mild of honor in a dress of forget-me-not blue net over taffeta, with head-dress of pink roses and sweet peas, and carrying a bouquet of pink roses. Miss Louise Coles and Miss Joyce Coles, sisters of the groom, were also charming bridal attendants in dresses of pale pink and orchid crepe sheer, with head-dresses of roses and sweet peas, and bouquets of asters, gladioli and butterfly roses in harmonizing shades. A dainty Rev. Stuart Coles, was his brother's groomsmen, while Mr. Ted Hansen, brother of the bride, and Mr. Harvey Hassard were ushers. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Forbes Thomson, B.A. During the signing of the register, the maid of honor returned to sing "At Dawning."

Following the ceremony at the church, about forty guests were received at the bride's home, her mother wearing a gown of navy shadow crepe with corsage of red roses, and the groom's mother a gown of navy sheer with corsage of pink roses.

The bridal table was covered with an embroidered, lace-trimmed cloth of Chinese linen and decorated with tall star-trimmed white candles in silver holders.

In the dining-room, Miss Nellie Anderson, aunt of the bride, and Mrs. Hadley Coles, aunt of the groom, poured tea, the table being decorated with a bowl of sweet peas and baby's breath and pink candles. A dainty supper was served by Misses Winnie Fred Royce and Betty Swindelhurst of Toronto, and Misses Julie Legniewich and Mary Titche of Acton.

After the proposal of toasts, the bumpy pair left amid showers of confetti for a two weeks' honeymoon in Magnetawan, Burks Falls and other points. On their return they will reside at Brookdale Farm, Acton.

MRS. C. HEARD IS GIVEN SHOWER BY LAKESIDE CHAPTER

The regular monthly meeting of the Lakeside Chapter L.O.D.E. was held at the home of Mrs. Dan Taylor on Wednesday evening. The Regent, Mrs. M. M. Letch, presided.

Outing business was transacted. Donations were voted to the Acton Fall Fair, the Endowment Fund, the Navy League and the Lucy Morrison Memorial Fund.

Mrs. David Gordon was appointed to the Salvage Committee and Mrs. Harvey Walters to the Flower and Visiting Committee succeeding Mrs. V. B. Rumley, who resigned from these offices because of ill health.

Plans were made to sponsor a Mile-of-Ponies drive in the near future. The Chapter decided to do away with lunches at the meetings for the duration of the war. Current events were given in a very interesting way by Mrs. James Inglis.

At the close of the business a miscellaneous kitchen shower was tendered one of the members, Mrs. Charles Heard, a recent bride. Mrs. Heard received many lovely and useful gifts and suitably thanked them. A dainty luncheon was served by one of the groups.

POSTPONE ELECTIONS

CAPE TOWN, (CP) An ordinance has been gazetted calling for the postponement of the Transvaal municipal elections for another year, it's the war.

Liquor Went In Men Out of Control \$20 and Costs

Being drunk, disorderly and fighting cost John Bain, Main Street, Acton, \$20 and costs a total of \$25.85 in Magistrate's Court in Milton yesterday. He also appeared on a charge of permitting drunkenness in a dwelling of which he was the tenant.

Albert Onkley also appeared on similar charges but his age and the apparent evidence that he was not so bad as Bain, caused Magistrate Robinson to take a lenient view and dismiss the case. It was apparently the same old story of drinking together and then getting into a grand free-for-all, black eyes, bruises, etc. The liquor out of control.

SWACKHAMMER-AITKEN WEDDING SATURDAY IN ERIN HOME

On Saturday afternoon a very pretty early autumn wedding took place on the lawn of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Aitken, Erin Township, when their third daughter, Evelyn Irene, was united in marriage with Wallace Swackhammer, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Swackhammer, Churchhill. The marriage was performed by Rev. A. O. Foreman, of Ballinacred, in front of an arch of evergreens, decorated with streamers, wedding bells and large baskets of gladioli.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a Queen's blue Sandehill crepe with shoulder-length matching veil caught with Peppercorn red roses, which also formed her corsage. She was attended by her sister, Miss Anne Aitken, in a lustrous blue triple crepe with white accessories, and a corsage of Hollywood roses.

L.A.C. Elmer, Lashby, Acton, cousin of the groom, was best man. The wedding march was played by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Calvin Aitken. After the signing of the register a reception was held on the lawn. Receiving with the bride and groom were Mrs. Swackhammer, mother of the groom, in navy sheer with matching accessories and a corsage of yellow Queen Elizabeth roses, and Mrs. Aitken, mother of the bride, in a rose figured sheer with navy blue accessories, and a corsage of Sweetheart rosebuds. The groom's gift to the bride was a three-strand pearl necklace; to the bridesmaid, a gold compact, and to the groomsmen a billfold of air force blue.

After the reception a buffet supper was served in the living room. Rev. A. Foreman acted as toastmaster and proposed the toast to the bride. Speeches by a number of guests followed.

Later the newly married couple left for a motor trip to Eastern Ontario. The bride wore for travelling a beige coat with dress of lighter tone, and brown accessories. On their return they will reside on the groom's farm at Churchhill.

Another Industry In Acton Finds Need to Expand

Baxter Laboratories Building an Addition to Their Plant on Willow Street

Another Acton industry has found need for expansion and last week ground was broken for a new addition at the plant of Baxter Laboratories on Willow Street. It will be a single story addition 61 x 45 feet and built of cement block with two series of skylights in the roof.

The new addition will provide experimental rooms and increased packing and storage facilities. It is made necessary through increased production of the Canadian plant. J. E. Mackenzie & Son are in charge of building operations.

Since coming to Acton two years ago Baxter Laboratories have had an increasing demand for their hospital and medical supplies which has made use of every part of the original building and necessitated securing storage space in other buildings in town. The new section will take care of this lack of space for the present.

NOW ITS FREE SIAMESE

LONDON, (CP)—Siamese who, rejected repatriation offers when the Japanese of London were started back to Tokyo now have been recognized by the Foreign Office as "the nucleus of a Free Thai movement." There are 500 of them and all offered their services in any capacity.

Weekly War Commentary

Specially Written for The Acton Free Press by BY H. H. GORDON Canadian Press Staff Writer

Explanations of every sort are being offered for Gen. Francisco Franco's action in ousting from the Spanish government his Axis-loving brother-in-law, Ramon Serrano Suner, but it seems clear from the varied explanations themselves, that only Franco and his intimates know what lies behind the move.

The first and obvious reaction was the Serrano Suner's dismissal as foreign minister and head of the Falange, Spain's only authorized political party, was a slap—perhaps a mild one, but a slap anyway—at the aspiration of Hitler and Mussolini in regard to Spain. The dictators long have hoped to use the Spanish army to attack Gibraltar, or to have Axis troops move over Spain to do the job.

Certainly nothing Serrano Suner has said or done since he climbed Franco's ladder to power indicates he would not have lined up with the dictators in such a move. Franco's newly-tightened hold on the Falange indicated to some that the army, whose differences with the Falange have been coming more into the open, had been successful in a joust with Serrano that boiled behind the scenes for a long time.

Hints From Mexico From Spanish republican refugees in Mexico came the open suspicion that Franco was stalling for time to see how Rommel's offensive in Egypt would pan out. Alexander Wedell, former United States ambassador to Spain, said the shifts "might be fairly translated" as an improvement in Spanish-American (and therefore allied) relations.

Borne observers expressed the view that Roman Catholic Church opposition to the Nazi ideologies so thoroughly propounded by Serrano Suner had led Franco to attempt to win new sympathy by instilling moderates in the Spanish government.

A sober statement by the London News Chronicle held that it would be "rash to" expect any drastic change in foreign policy and that policy definitely has been pro-Axis no matter what Franco might say about non-belligerence. The Falange party's newspaper, Arriba, said the changes "neither produce, nor could produce the least variation in internal or international policy."

No matter the true reason, Serrano's dismissal was at least a temporary victory for allied diplomacy in neutralizing Spain's important position at the western end of the Mediterranean.

Malta Fights On Franco has every reason to move warily for Allied strength in the European and Mediterranean theatres of war is mounting and making itself felt. British, Canadian and American bombers are increasing their missions of destruction with German industrial cities and naval bases taking the brunt of the offensive, while Russian bombers are active over Eastern Germany.

Reinforced in recent weeks, Allied air squadrons based on Malta are again blasting Axis convoys in the Mediterranean and Sicilian atromdies. With the help of British submarines and light naval units, the Malta-based planes are whittling down supplies and reinforcements intended for Rommel's armies in Egypt.

A Y. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, last week revealed that new measures taken to deal with the submarine menace had met with success. During the last two months Nazi submarine losses had risen to the highest rate of the war and sinkings of Allied merchantmen had declined sharply.

The naval war in the Mediterranean has cut Italy's naval strength in two and two-thirds of her merchant fleet has been sunk or damaged. The Admiralty reports that Mussolini has lost 1,479,000 tons of merchant shipping since June, 1940.

Axis Withdrawals Rumors continue regarding possible Allied action in the western Mediterranean and in this connection the outcome of the struggle in Egypt is anxiously awaited. At the week-end three withdrawals had carried the Germans and Italians back from positions close to the British main defence line on the southern end of the El Alamein front.

There was no disposition to over-optimism at British military headquarters in Cairo—but it was stated that the Axis drive had failed to dent British lines and had been forced back mainly by artillery fire. Some observers believe that the Axis retreat was forced by supply difficulties and in that event it is possible the British 8th Army may press forward.

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313 Pupils Are Registered at Acton Public School Now

Acton Public School re-opened on Tuesday morning and while all the teachers were on hand, full enrollment was not made on the first day. Yesterday 313 pupils were enrolled. The class of beginners numbered 42 little tots of at least six years of age.

The staff has just three changes this year—Principal G. W. McKenzie in Grade VIII; Miss D. Folster, Grade VII; Miss N. Kelly, Grade VI; Miss I. Anderson, Grade V; Miss Frances Dills, Grade IV; Miss Ethel Pridham, Grade III; Miss Jean McCaig, Grade II and Mrs. C. Heard, Grade 1. The new members are Miss Kelly, Miss Dills and Miss McCaig.

The High School will not re-open until September 22nd, when Principal Letch will have as his assistants Mrs. E. Campbell Gould and Miss Patricia Baker. Both are new members of the staff.

MILITARY WEDDING IN ACTON HOME SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Leishman, Acton, was the scene of a pretty military wedding on Saturday afternoon when Airwoman Hazel Gertrude Drew, of Neepawa Man., daughter of Mrs. Allan Guy and and the late Mr. Drew, was united in marriage to Corporal Allan D. Leishman of the Canadian Dental Corp, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Leishman, Acton, with Rev. Forbes Thomson, officiating.

Given in marriage by Mr. W. D. Robertson, uncle of the groom, the bride was attired in the uniform of the Women's Division of the R.C.A.F. She was attended by Airwoman Mary Edna Eald and the groomsmen were Cpl. Donald Gordon Ryder of the Canadian Dental Corp, the home was tastefully decorated with palms and gladioli in bridal tones which made a very effective background for the ceremony. Mrs. Wm. Middleton played the wedding music.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in which the groom's mother, gowned in commando black street length dress and wearing a corsage of deep red roses, received the guests. About thirty-five out-of-town guests attended the wedding. The buffet supper was served by girls of the R.C.A.F. of Rockcliffe Training Centre wearing their military uniforms. Later Cpl. and Mrs. Leishman left on a honeymoon trip to western points. For travelling the bride wore civilian attire, a two-tone navy blue costume with matching accessories. They will also spend a few days in Acton before reporting to their respective duties in the armed forces.

Road Accounts of \$1397 are Passed by Esquering Council

Other Items on the Agenda at the Meeting Tuesday in Stewarttown

Esquering Township Council held their regular meeting on Tuesday evening. Councillors George E. Cleave, George Currie and Wm. A. Wilson were present. Reeve C. H. May presided.

Moved by Currie, seconded by Cleave, that relief accounts be paid, \$40.99.—Carried.

Moved by Wilson, seconded by Currie, that the road accounts be paid \$1,379.36.—Carried.

Other accounts passed for payment were: Letter Shop Supply Co., supplies \$58.00; Bell Telephone Co., services 3.95; H. Robertson, stamps 3.00; H. C. McClure, ambulance 10.00; C. H. Turner, ambulance 10.00; C. E. Smith, trip to Guelph General 5.00; James Russell, sheep injured 10.00; A. N. Stark, valuator 2.00.

Moved by Cleave, seconded by Currie, that in accordance with the provisions of the Unemployment Insurance Act, the following be rated as permanent employees of the Municipality and that certificates of permanency be asked for: Harry Robertson, John Standish, Joseph Sanford, R. T. Thompson, J. H. Bingham, Dr. R. T. Paul, I. M. Bennett.—Carried.

Moved by Cleave, seconded by Wilson, that the marked cheque for \$480 be returned to the Richardson Construction Co.—Carried.

Moved by Cleave, seconded by Wilson, that this council do now adjourn to meet October 5th, at 2 o'clock p.m. or at the call of the Reeve.—Carried.

Sidewalk and Roof Repairs Among Council Business

Maximum Prices For Fuel Wood Set for District

Maximum prices for fuelwood, in the counties of Haliburton, Peterborough, Simcoe, Victoria, Durham, Halldmand, Halton, Lincoln, Northumberland, Ontario, Peel, Welland, Wentworth, York and Muskoka District have been fixed by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, it is announced by J. McG. Stewart, control administrator.

The schedules of prices vary for the northern and southern counties and for the larger centres. The schedules of prices per cord of dry fuelwood are as follows:

Delivered, in Durham, Halldmand, Halton, Lincoln, Northumberland, Ontario, Peel, Welland, Wentworth and York counties, but not including Niagara Falls, Oshawa, St. Catharines and Welland. Greater Toronto or Hamilton: Hard maple, yellow birch, beech and oak; 4-foot length, \$12; 24-inch length \$13.50; 16-inch length \$14; 12-inch length \$14.50. Hardwood mixed—hard maple, yellow birch, beech, oak, soft maple and white birch, 4-foot length \$11.50; 24-inch length \$13; 16-inch length \$13.50; 12-inch length \$14. Mixed hard and soft wood—soft maple, white birch, poplar, pine, spruce and hemlock, 4-foot length \$10; 24-inch length \$11.50; 16-inch length \$12.50; 12-inch length \$13. The orders also stipulate that no one shall insert an advertisement in any newspaper or other periodical offering fuelwood for sale unless the full name and address of the advertiser is set forth in the advertisement.

BAPTIST CHURCH MARKS 100th YEAR HERE NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday will be a memorable occasion in the history of Acton Baptist Church when a century of service in this community will be celebrated. At the service on Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Prof. R. K. McCracken of McMaster University will be the speaker. Not only will friends from Acton and district want to join in this occasion. The ladies of the church have made provision that former friends coming back to the home church that day will be served with lunch after the morning service. From Monday until Thursday evening inclusive, services will be held in the church. On Sunday evening the services of both the United and Presbyterian churches will be withdrawn so that these congregations may join at this important milestone in church history.

MRS. J. E. GAMBLE HOSTESS FOR MEETING WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mrs. J. Edgar Gamble was hostess to the Acton Women's Institute for their September meeting. The motto "Practising the art of conversation" was given by Mrs. Gamble and Current Events were reviewed by Mrs. E. L. Davidson. Roll call was answered by an interesting event in Halton County.

In the business discussion it was decided to send two cases of jam overseas, one of peach and one of plum and also to serve dinner as usual at Acton Fall Fair. Two minutes of silence was observed in memory of the Duke of Kent and Pte. Wm. Turner.

Following the singing of the National Anthem, a social half hour was spent.

STOP MANUFACTURE OF STEEL PLATES FOR MOTOR MARKERS

Manufacture of Ontario motor vehicle plates for 1943 has been ordered stopped by the federal steel controller in the interests of conserving steel for war industry. J. E. Bickle, Ontario registrar of motor vehicles, disclosed. As a consequence, with 100,000 plates of steel already manufactured at Guelph Reformatory, any needed balance will have a plate made of some other material.

Only one plate per vehicle is being manufactured, and Mr. Bickell expressed the view that probably only 400,000 vehicles will operate because of general conditions arising from the rubber shortage and gasoline restrictions. This year, however, the department issued 625,000 sets of plates.

Motor markers for 1943 which will go on sale December 1st are of black background with yellow lettering.

Tax Arrears List Again Gets Attention In Drive to Have All Taxes Paid—Auditors Give Report and Make Minor Recommendations—Changes in Garbage Collection Schedule Must Have Approval of Council.

Councillors A. Mason, W. J. O. Onkes, C. Kirkness, and F. Davison were present on Tuesday evening when Acton Council met in their first September meeting and Reeve J. M. McDonald presided.

The Boardman's Employees' Association requested use of the Town Hall for September 12th, since they could not hold their blingo on the street. The request was unanimously granted.

The Clerk reported correspondence in connection with the building by-law which had been submitted for approval of the Department. Some further changes were required.

The clerk was instructed to secure the Honor Roll for Acton. Framing and lettering were to be done locally, after a complete list was compiled. Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Acton Public Utilities Comm., street, lights, Town Hall, fire pumps and municipal services \$195.10; W. D. Talbot, tile, etc. 161.35; Hardinge Bros., supplies for watchman's clock 4.00; Arthur Cockerell, labor 12.50; Albert McCutcheon, labor 51.35; Acton Free Press, printing and advertising 3.80; Eastern Steel Products, nails 36.48; W. D. Talbot, nails 5.00; A. B. Root, nails 1.80; C. F. Leatherland, salary, etc. 103.59; Bell Telephone Co., services 7.25; Welfare Accounts, for Sept. 44.98; T. Rumley, repairs 1.10; W. J. McHugh, on account 100.00; Total 5723.79.

The Duke of Devonshire Chapter L.O.D.E. were granted permission to hold a tag day on October 12th, in aid of the Blind.

A letter from Lever and Hoskin, auditors, reported that the books of the Corporation and the Utilities Commission had been balanced to July 31st. Recommendations were made regarding dog and poll tax books and a general journal. The treasurer was authorized to purchase the books recommended.

The tax sale was postponed for decision at next council meeting. Chief Harrop reported regarding securing a cement mixer for making repairs to sidewalks. Mr. Harrop was instructed to proceed with this work as soon as possible. The Clerk gave a report on the collection of arrears of taxes, and instructions were issued for procedure in collection by seizing, rentals and garnishees.

The Clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Waxman that the original schedule must be maintained for garbage collection and if a change was to be made Council should be notified so that notice could be published for the benefit of ratepayers.

Councillor Kirkness reported that sheeting on the Arena roof had all been re-nailed. The repairs on the curving rink roof and on the walking room sections had all been repaired but a final coat of top dressing material had to be applied over the entire surface. This would be completed well before the date of the fair.

COMMANDOS TO RESCUE

LONDON, (CP) — There was one person who didn't mind being taken prisoner when British Commandos raided Vangso Island, Norway. He was a Netherlander who had been trying to escape to Britain for two years and had been imprisoned following unsuccessful breaks for freedom. A Netherland compatriot identified him when the prisoners landed at a British port.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, in each periodical, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 25c.

Knox Y. W. A. Annual Rummage Sale will be held in the council chamber on Saturday, October 3rd, from 3 to 6 p.m.

The re-opening services will be held in Limehouse Presbyterian Church on Sunday September 13th, at 3 p.m. Rev. A. Neil Millar of Brantford, will be guest speaker. Concert in Church Monday evening at 8.30. Excellent program.