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## Garbage Collection to Go Back to Former Schedule

**Council Draws Attention to Unfinished Work on Maria Street Bridge—Committee for Boys' Band Returns and Urges Y's Men's Club Be Appointed—Auditors' Report Presented and Copies Ordered to Be Printed.**

When Acton Council met last evening in fortnightly session Councilors W. J. O. Oakes, Chas. Kirkness and A. Mason were present and Reeve J. M. McDonald presided. For payment Accounts were passed, for payment as follows:

Guelph Sand and Gravel Co. sand	\$ 13.80
Herman Rody, shovelling snow	1.05
C. Gardner, shovelling snow	1.05
Harry McLeod, altering fire hall door	1.50
J. J. Merlihan, tuning and re-pairing piano	16.00
Acton Welfare March Act.	44.98
Acton Cemetery Board, for H. Fryer	73.50
C. W. Mason, load of wood	4.00
Acton Public Utilities Commission, services re street lights, Town Hall, pump, etc.	173.48
Municipal World, dog tags	6.29
H. Fryer, cord of wood	3.00

Council heard a report on the arrears of taxes which had been changed since the last meeting. It was decided to proceed with tax sale arrangements. Some progress was being made in collection of arrears but Council were determined to have a clean sheet.

The Clerk read correspondence with the Board of Transport Commissioners regarding the repairs to the Maria Street bridge. The Clerk was instructed to reply to the Commission that the bridge had been repaired but the railing and planking on the approaches had not been repaired and are in a dangerous condition.

The council approved of the construction made on the lines of the Bell Telephone as on the plan submitted.

Council approved of one account from the Guelph General Hospital for an indigent and disputed the other account.

Council received a letter giving a formal complaint regarding the collection of garbage. Containers were only half emptied and in some cases were left unemptied. Containers had been out so long that contents were frozen. Collection was not made on the days specified. Mr. Waxman and Mr. Kerr were present and requested to discuss the matter. It was decided to return to the four days collection as originally planned and Mr. Waxman agreed to insert a notice to this effect in *The Free Press*.

The Clerk was instructed to acknowledge the letter stating that Council was aware of bad conditions this winter but pointing out that proper containers with covers must be used to put garbage in.

A letter was read from the War-time Warehousing Corporation regarding the roof-on-the-arena pointing out that certain repairs to the roof should be made in the interests of material stored and the maintenance of the building. The Clerk was instructed to reply stating council's stand.

A letter from the Acton Continuation School requested a rebate of the rent for the Town Hall in view of the fact that the proceeds were for Chinese Relief. Council agreed to grant rebate if all proceeds were used for war purposes.

A letter from the Department of Municipal Affairs gave a copy of the memorandum making the cost of garbage applicable to municipal officials. Consent was not granted by the council. Two other memorandums were received and laid over for further consideration.

A letter from the recently appointed committee for the Boys' Band pointed out that the Y's Men's Club were willing to undertake this work. The committee felt this club could do the work more successfully and in view of this the committee suggested that the Y's Men be made this committee and Messrs. G. A. Dills, W. G. Mason and Dr. F. G. Oakes considered their resignations. The matter was left over pending notice from the club of their willingness to assume this responsibility.

A letter from the county of Halton gave notice of the attendance of an Acton student at the Hamilton Towns (Continued on Page Eight)

## Erin Council Appoints Officers At Monday's Meeting

The Municipal Council of the Township of Erin met at Hillsburg on Monday March 8th. The following municipal business was transacted. By-law No. 7 appointing Fence Viewers, Pound Keepers and Sheep Inspectors was passed. Council at the request of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind will hold a tag day on Saturday, June 5th. The following amounts were ordered paid:

Expenses in distribution of Ration Cards	\$19.49
Relief	66.26
Roads	39.28
Miscellaneous	48.25

Council adjourned to meet at Hillsburg on Monday April 5th, 1943.

## THE SCOUT MOTHERS ASSIST CHINESE RELIEF FUND

The March meeting of the Scout Mothers' Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. D. Richardson, with Mrs. H. Boulton, presiding. The meeting was opened by repeating the Scout Mother's Promise. The reports of the last meeting were read. A donation was voted to the Chinese Relief Fund. After a few things were discussed for the future activities, the meeting was closed with the Benediction and a social time was spent. Mrs. Richardson put on a competition, the prize being won by Mrs. Ranney. A light lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. W. Evans, after which a kindly vote of thanks was given Mrs. Richardson for the use of her home.

## Township Rate for Eramosa is Unchanged for 1943

### Council Expresses Appreciation for Reduction of Service on No. 7 Highway

The Council for the Township of Eramosa met at 3.30 in the Town Hall, Rockwood; present were Reeve D. D. Gray in the chair, Councilors Wm. J. Pinkney, E. H. Benham and Roy J. Leslie. Messrs. John Lisner and George Gordon, Rockwood Police Village Trustees, were present and it was agreed that the Township and the Village share equally in the cost of the use of the Town Hall by the St. John's Ambulance classes and the recent distribution of No. 2 Ration Book.

The Treasurer presented the budget of estimated receipts and expenditures for 1943 with the township rate of 3 1/2 mills unchanged from 1942; the budget was accepted on motion of Messrs. Pinkney and Leslie subject to minor revision at a later date. The Clerk was instructed to tender the thanks of council to the Minister of Highways and to Ross A. McEwing, Esq., M.P.P. for their prompt and effective action in the reduction of sanding and snowplowing on No. 7 highway in the vicinity of Rockwood, with the resultant saving of public funds and improved conditions on the highway.

Mr. Archie McNabb presented the Auditors' report for 1942, which was accepted on motion of Messrs. Leslie and Pinkney. The Treasurer was instructed to register all unpaid 1942 taxes against the properties concerned.

Four tenders were received, for crushed gravel, ranging from 65c to 85c per yard; the tender of Alex. Smith of Galt was accepted at 65c on motion of Messrs. Pinkney and Leslie. On motion of Messrs. Leslie and Benham, the Road Superintendent was instructed to hire a snowplow to open all township roads as soon as possible.

The Clerk was instructed to tender the thanks of the council to Mr. C. O. Plank and his helpers for their voluntary and efficient services in the distribution of No. 2 Ration Book.

A letter from the County Clerk to the Reeve stated that 5,000 trees had been ordered and would be delivered to a central point for use of residents of the township. The council decided to ask the Rockwood Horticultural Society to take charge of the distribution of the trees. Accounts passed amounted to \$283.73 and council adjourned to April 12th at 1.30.

## FORMER ACTON BOY APPOINTED MANAGER TWO NEW HOTELS

The New York Post and The New York Sun carried items recently that are of interest to many friends here of John D. Gibbons, formerly of Acton. Benjamin Winter has purchased the Dauphin Hotel in New York at Broadway and 157th Street and also the Marie Antoinette Hotel adjoining. The newly-appointed manager of these two hotels is John D. Gibbons. Mr. Gibbons was formerly manager of the Sussex Hotel and has also managed the New Weston Hotel and the Mayflower Hotel. The Dauphin Hotel is a twelve storey structure containing 320 rooms and five stores and is assessed at \$1,030,000. The Marie Antoinette Hotel is an eight-storey structure and contains 160 rooms and five stores. It is assessed at \$665,000. Acton friends join with us in extending congratulations to Mr. Gibbons on his fine appointment and continued advancement.

## Two Interesting Letters from Acton Boys Now Overseas

### One Writes of Visit in the Holy Land and One of a Leave.

In this week's issue to the Acton and Vicinity War Service League, acknowledgements were received from Lieut. R. W. Anderson, Osbert Pittman and A. R. Ford.

There were two letters that we found so interesting that we pass them on to our readers. Clifton Esley writes after he has had a leave from the front. He says:

It is just a month to-day since I received your parcel so I must write and thank you very much. I was just going on leave when the parcel arrived, so you'll have to try and excuse me for not writing sooner. I always try and answer right back but in a case like this where leave comes so seldom I just couldn't settle down to write them. I'm sorry to say I'm back now but I had a very enjoyable time while I was in Palestine. It is a real treat to be in a country that is something like back home again with green grass and trees and hills instead of just flat desert. I visited Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth and in fact most of all the places of the Holy Land. It is really too good a trip to miss being on as when I'm over here. There are some lovely trips through the mountains and valleys. Jerusalem is fairly cold and this year they had some snow. It didn't seem much to me but the people there seemed all excited to see snow as it is very seldom they have it. From Jerusalem I went out to the Dead Sea and the Sea of Galilee. There isn't actually much to see there but I can say I was there anyway. The last week of my leave I just spent in Tel-Aviv, a seashore town. It is very clean and something like the towns back home. The people of course are all Jewish but they use real real well. It is very easy to get an invitation out to dinner at their homes any night you like. Oranges and grapefruit are very cheap. In fact if you are out in the country you can pick them off the trees just like we do apples back home. There is plenty. I could tell you about my trip but I'll have to wait until I get home.

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## A REMINDER!

During the past few weeks we have mailed subscription accounts to those in arrears for their Free Pass. We appreciate the splendid response and the fine position you have by your prompt renewals placed your home paper. There are still a few who have not responded.

When you receive your copy with the pink slip attached announcing "Last Copy," it means that we cannot send you the paper longer and you have not given our previous request any attention.

Paper rationing means that we have to delete some names from our lists and the names taken off are those not paid in advance. We regret to lose many old subscribers, but the reason is simply—Paper is Rationed.

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## Esqueuing Farmer Badly Mauled by Bull Last Night

Last evening Mr. James Douglas sustained serious injuries when he was attacked by the Durham Bull kept on the farm at lot 18, first concession, Esqueving Township. Many not been for the prompt action of the hired man, Joe Raven, Mr. Douglas would have been gored to death.

The accident occurred when Mr. Douglas was taking the animal from the stable. He fell on the slippery ground and was immediately attacked by the bull. The animal has, on one other occasion, proven difficult to handle. Mr. Douglas was given medical attention last night and was today removed to the hospital in Guelph where the extent of his injuries can be ascertained and treatment given. All wish him a prompt recovery.

## A Social Night At Bloomsbury Benefits Two Funds

A very pleasant evening was spent in S. S. No. 9, Nassagaweya, on Tuesday evening when the Bloomsbury Literary Society held a social evening. A few musical numbers by the orchestra composed of Messrs. Donald Ferguson, Alex. Near and Mansell Nelles with Miss Mabel McGregor as accompanist were enjoyed, as was also a reading by Mrs. Alex. Near.

A very interesting debate on the subject "Resolved that the horse is of more use to man than the automobile" was heard. The affirmative side was taken by Messrs. Ross Gordon and Alex. Near and the negative by Messrs. Ross Gordon and Cameron Kitching. In giving the Judge's decision Mr. Mansell Nelles gave the decision to the affirmative side.

Mr. C. J. vanGoozen acted as auctioneer for the selling of the pie and a nice sum was realized. This money will be equally divided between the Chinese Relief Fund, sponsored by The Acton Free Press, and the London Distress Fund, of The Guelph Mercury.

Euchre was played and the winners were Mrs. R. Gordon and Mr. A. McPherson. Daughters and coffee were served with the pie, and this closed a very interesting evening.

## LABOR SAVING EQUIPMENT SHOWN AT HALTON SEED FAIR

Arrangements are now under way, states Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitehead, to have an exhibit of certain labor-saving devices on display at the Halton Seed Fair in the Millar-Town Hall, on March 19th and 20th. A prize list for Halton's annual Seed Show is now available upon request at the local agricultural office. President Harrop and his fellow executive members have arranged an excellent prize list which includes three specialties offered by the T. Eaton Co. Limited.

Inquiries for seed grain, clover and alfalfa seed are already being received by the committee in charge. The Seed Show is an excellent place to either sell or buy. Seed offered for sale must be of the same quality and grade as that exhibited.

## Over 1000 Persons At Performances of Victory Minstrels

### Great Receipts of Three Nights Were \$339.40 — Photographs Appear in Free Press Window

Last Thursday evening saw the hall packed to capacity for the concluding night of the Victory Minstrels. Many came back a second night to see the show and thoroughly enjoyed it. Last week we gave a complete description. Since that time there have been several requests to present the performance in other nearby communities. These are now under consideration by the groups interested and the Victory Minstrels. If negotiations are completed for these out-of-town performances the popular demand from many in town and country will be given to and another presentation given in the Town Hall here. The date will be announced if and when the other arrangements are completed.

On the last evening Mr. Geo. Mason very kindly made some photographs during the performance and after. These have been enlarged and are on view in *The Free Press* window. We regret that the favor intended so thoroughly with the stage curtains that it is not possible to reproduce them satisfactorily in *The Free Press*.

Following the performance a group of the ladies arranged a delightful lunch which was served the performers and all who had assisted—about fifty local folk. There was opportunity for expressing appreciation to various workers and a very pleasant social time.

At a meeting of the group over the week-end a complete financial statement was presented. It showed that

## March Meeting of Acton Branch of Women's Institute

The March meeting of Acton Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Lazenby. In the absence of the president Mrs. G. H. Lantz, a past-president was in charge. The motto, "Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home," was given by Mrs. Collier. Current events were given by Mrs. R. Johnson and roll call answered by memories of Grandmum.

Letters of thanks for sympathy cards sent were read and two minutes of silence was observed for Mrs. Thos. Marshall, member who has been taken by death. There was also a card of sympathy sent to the family of Mrs. A. Molozzi.

A letter from the Navy League asked for men's clothing. A sewing meeting at Mrs. J. F. Wilds was arranged for Tuesday to get more things ready for Russia and also the branch voted \$10.00 to Red Cross and \$10.00 to Chinese Relief.

Last year through the Central War Charities Fund, the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario contributed \$1,000.00 in 1942 towards a British children's war service fund to send trained children's workers from Canada to England to establish a training school at Birmingham for women who volunteer to care for children in English nursery schools. The secretary read a paper on the interesting trip of the volunteer workers' relief to fulfil this mission. They travelled in cramped quarters on a ship lacking accommodation for the eight people and on arrival in England attended a reception given by Hon. and Mrs. Vincent Massey. The letter was from Miss Eleanor Hamilton of Burlington. Each member agreed to earn 50c for funds before the next meeting. A dainty lunch was served by the hostess Mrs. Lazenby and her committee and thanks expressed for the hospitality.

## Red Cross Meeting Was Well Attended Last Night

### Chinese Fund Aided by Donation From Bloomsbury

The Aid to China Fund that last week reached just over the \$100 mark was given another lift this week by a donation from an event held at Bloomsbury School. Everyone of these amounts helps to swell the total. The aid given to China now will help the Chinese do to the Japanese what the Russians are now doing to the Germans.

China needs food and medical supplies. There is no country where a small amount of money will do so much good as in China. Your contribution will help.

Previously acknowledged: \$103.50  
Bloomsbury Literary Society: 10.50  
\$114.00

## C.S.M. JACK ALGER WINS AWARD FOR EFFICIENCY

Company Sergeant-Major Jack Alger of Acton who is with the Canadian Forces overseas has been awarded the first class to the Canadian Efficiency Medal, according to a press announcement this week. Congratulations are in order and we join with other Acton friends in extending them on this recognition Jack has won.

## The School Board Urges That Fewer Permits be Issued

### Kindergarten Class at Y.M.C.A. Has Made Very Fine Progress

Acton School Board held their March meeting on Friday evening when Trustees V. B. Itimley, W. H. Clayton, W. G. Mason and F. S. Blow were present and Chairman G. A. Dills presided.

The requisition of Principal M. M. Leitch for two new wall maps was approved as well as some other small supplies.

Mr. J. H. Reed, Trust Officer, was present to discuss with the Board certain aspects of school attendance which have developed under wartime conditions. Several under 16 years are seeking permits without valid reason and granting these is causing a breakdown in school attendance. After thoroughly discussing the question with Mr. Reed whom all the Board felt had always given splendid attention to his duties the following resolution was passed:

"That we instruct the Trust Officer that it is our wish that the Department regulations regarding school attendance, making it compulsory for children to attend school under 16 years of age, be adhered to and permits granted only in cases of dire necessity and only as outlined in the School Act."

The Board by another resolution sanctioned the appointment of Trustee W. G. Mason as representative of the Board on the Public Health Nurse Committee.

The Secretary presented information he had secured as requested regarding the payment to the teaching staff of a cost of living bonus. Action on this matter was held over until the next meeting.

The Chairman and Secretary were authorized to sign an application for insurance to the Gore Insurance Co.

The Secretary reported that Public School fees were collected to date and had been deposited by him.

A letter from Mr. E. S. Force, President of the Y.M.C.A., expressed the appreciation of the Y.M.C.A. with the Board's co-operation in establishing a kindergarten class at the "Y." There were about thirty-nine children attending and the whole program had developed splendidly. This letter also brought out an informal discussion regarding a Kindergarten class at the school.

The financial account was passed as follows:

Stamps for Secretary	\$ 10.00
Public Utilities Comm., ser-	
VICES	12.99
Bell Telephone Co., services	2.50
R. S. Spira, snow shovelling	6.06
Symon Hardware, supplies	1.71
C. Anderson Co., supplies	124.59
J. B. Mackenzie, supplies	4.44
Blue Ribbon Inks, supplies	2.50
Elliott Bros., supplies	.89
W. R. E. Blair, repairs	1.95
Acrow Fax Pass, supplies	1.19

\$168.94

## Canvass of Industries Stresses That a Day's Pay Be the Red Cross Contribution — House to House Canvass Will Follow After Industries Completed — Leads Present Difficulty in Completing Rural Canvass — March is Red Cross Month.

The crowd that attended the Red Cross meeting last night in the Town Hall, in the face of the most disagreeable weather, indicates that the Red Cross has a local interest that will surely see it through in Acton and district meeting their quota of \$3,200 in the present campaign. With more prisoners of war, more sick and wounded to be cared for and more need generally apparent of the services that only the Red Cross can render the campaign should go well over the quota this year.

President Amos Mason was in charge and the School "Children's" choir under Mrs. C. Heard gave several fine numbers "Robin's Prophecy," "I'll Liza Jane," and "Swing Low."

Major Watson of the Red Cross Society had a real message telling of the activities and the calls to which the Society was responding. He told of the work carried on on all fronts. Not only among the fighting forces but among the civilians who have been drawn into the suffering that war brings.

To supplement his informational address Major Watson showed moving pictures entitled "Inside Fighting China," "Preparation for War Against Japan," and "This is Blitz," a picture that had been taken by the Germans and later secured by the British. In these pictures the audience was given an insight into the horrors through which these war-torn countries have been passing. Canadians everywhere may well be grateful that they have been spared the horrors of air raids and invasion and that their war sacrifice can be given in terms of helping others with voluntary gifts. A day's pay that is being given in many industries in other centres seems small indeed when compared with the privileges we enjoy.

Spending of the day's pay as a basis of a Red Cross contribution if this were followed out in Acton with its many industries the objective would soon be reached. Locally the canvass will first be conducted in the industries by the industries themselves. A careful tabulation will be made of all the contributions made in the plants and then the house to house canvassers will call on all who have not made a contribution in this way. There is a place for everyone, some can make a large contribution and the children not quite so large, but let it be in keeping with your ability. If you are earning \$5 a day, make your contribution at least equal to that amount and be thankful that you live under conditions that permit you to work every day and earn a good living.

Remember War's prisoners and wounded look to you for this help. You cannot forsake them.

## LOCAL BOWLERS LOSE ANOTHER GAME TO MASTER CLEANERS

The McCutcheon Bowling team lost last week 5-2 to the Master Cleaner team in a regular scheduled match of the Guelph City Major League.

The score:

A. Sheffield	233	174	133	540
O. Krull	178	216	145	539
J. Adamson	188	127	166	481
W. Corry	206	250	191	637
N. Morton	147	291	204	642

McCutcheons 925 1043 839-2839  
Master Cleaners 912 1067 942-2921

## Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concessions, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, in cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 25c.

The regular meeting of Acton Junior Farmers will be held at Lorne School on Thursday, March 18th. Program, lunch and dance.

Euchre party on Friday March 19, in the Community Hall in Ballinafad. All are asked to bring lunch, tea will be served, but those using sugar, please bring their own.

The Duke of Devonshire Chapter I. O. D. E. will hold a Euchre and bridge at the Acton Y. M. C. A. on Friday, March 19th, at 8 p.m. Proceeds for the War Service League. Admission 25c.

## ACTON BOYS ENLISTED

Owen Masalle has joined the R.C.A.C. and is stationed at Lachine, Que.

