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Operating Surplus from Waterworks to General Account

Permitting Given for Additional Power to Wood Combining Plant—Power to be Erected

At the Public Utilities Commission meeting on Monday night were: Messrs. M. McDonald, Commissioner; J. E. MacArthur and Chairman C. M. Hanson, presiding.

A letter was read from the Power Controller giving the local Commission authority to supply the Wood Combining Corporation with an additional 40 h.p. for their plant.

Another letter from the H.E.P.C. of Ontario stated that the oil filter had been shipped and giving instructions where it was to be sent to after the Acton Commission was finished with it.

A letter from the Council gave the Commission instructions on purchasing the ground for the waterworks pumping station.

The Secretary, Miss E. H. Speight was instructed to transfer \$500.00 from the Waterworks account to the General Account of the Corporation of Acton.

The firm requested the Commission supply lights for their convention here on July 31st. They planned to have booths at the park near the gates and wanted lights there. The proceeds of these booths are to be turned over to the War Service League. Superintendent Wilson was instructed to supply the lights.

The firm also requested lights be arranged at the grandstand for their first night performance. This lighting is to be arranged.

The Commission viewed the pumping station and arranged for two gates to be installed in the new fence, one small gate and one large. The contract was to be given locally if the prices could be met. The owners bordering on the pumping station were to be approached to find out if they would bear the cost of a survey to establish the boundary lines.

The secretary was instructed to pay the following accounts:

Hydro Dept.	
H.E.P.C. of Ontario, W. Heater supplies	\$ 13.90
Federal Wire & Cable Co., cable	18.96
Edis & Howard, Ltd., supplies	24.46
London Public Utilities, repairs	1.31
Force Electric Products, supplies	2.00
Tremco Mfg. Co., supplies	42.66
Canadian Line Materials Ltd., wire material	20.52
Canadian General Electric Co., supplies	21.60
Transport, express	4.46
MacDonald Electric Ltd., supplies	11.88
J. C. Matthews, postage	12.00
Dept. of National Revenue, sales tax	71.55
	\$307.30
Waterworks Dept.	
Jan. Chalmers, N. pipe	3.61
Hydro Dept., power at Spring	45.26
Hydro Dept., June Operations	171.46
	\$320.33

\$61 Lost Here in Few Weeks Small Ad Reveals

Last week a small advertisement was inserted in that section of Tax Free Passes stating that a sum of money had been found and could be secured if ownership were proven. That ad brought ten enquiries and revealed that purses and sums of money had been lost in Acton amounting to over \$61 in less than two weeks.

There were two purses lost, one containing over \$25; three five dollar bills, a ten dollar bill; two amounts of \$7 each and a two dollar bill. One of the purses had papers in it that were valuable only to the owner and could easily be returned if the person who found it so desired. Maybe all these amounts have not been picked up but it appears there are still folks who believe finders should be keepers especially if it's cash. Only one of the losers made an attempt to trace his loss through an advertisement—evidently taking it for granted the search was hopeless.

ACTON BOYS ENLISTED This Week's Register

L. R. McKersie has joined the R.C.F. and is stationed at Lachine P.Q.

THIS WEEK

Specialty Written for The Acton Free Press by WILLIAM JOHNS, Canadian Press Staff Writer

TORONTO, (C.P.)—With election day (Aug. 4) just three weeks off and the campaign in full swing in most areas of the province the busy editor on the street, in the war plant and on the farm wants to know what the various party platforms have to offer. What are the policies of the leaders—in other words, what's it all about?

Unofficial nominations already made and projected for the week-end list indicate the probability of three-cornered contests in many constituencies. The leaders have emphasized their objectives for the province if placed in power and while some observers insist there are no major issues there are at least some pre-election promises that give the party standard-bearers something to talk about.

Premier Harry Nixon stands on the government's record in war and peace. As a constructive measure he has also promised a program of Hydro extension in rural Ontario and greatly reduced power rates. He said assistance could be given municipalities from the provincial treasury for equipment of roads purposes. He promised an abundance of power in the postwar period that would result in energy for heating homes as well as taking care of other requirements of rural and urban homes and industry.

Opposition Programs
Prominent in the 22-point election program of Leader George Drew of the Progressive-Conservatives is the proposal that the provincial government assume at least 50 per cent. of school taxes charged against real estate with a view to that percentage of reduction in school taxation now borne by the individual taxpayer. To aid the farmer and his industry Col. Drew suggested that every county have a committee of outstanding farmers to plan production and regulate distribution. He would encourage the new mineral areas. Forestry sources would be placed under a commission operating under long-term policies of conservation and reforestation.

Leader E. B. Joffe of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation has declared that all monopolies within the jurisdiction of Ontario must be publicly or co-operatively owned or controlled. Operating them at cost as a service to farmers, workers and consumers would, he said, literally save the millions of dollars every year. He charged that huge corporations now were in control of important business and industry and were "crushing individual initiative." He proposed a general planning commission of engineers, economists and others for post-war organization of Ontario's natural resources of water-power, forests and minerals for their wisest and fullest possible use.

Bepburn's Entry
An interesting development of this week was the entry of Mitchell Bepburn, former premier, into the campaign as an Independent Liberal in Elgin, which returned him as member in 1934 and 1937 elections. Some people had expected the mercurial farmer-politician of Elgin county to stay out of the present campaign. In accepting the nomination, Mr. Bepburn said: "I like to call a spade a spade. I am a reformer. If I go to Toronto it will be to represent the people of Elgin. Any party cannot ignore this. This does not mean, however, that I have not a high personal regard for Premier Harry Nixon."
Newcomers to the provincial political field include Miss Agnes Macphail, former U.F.O. M.P. for Grey-Bruce, who has been nominated as C.C.F. candidate in York East.

THE HOME NEWS FOR THOSE SERVING IN OVERSEAS FORCES

Through the co-operation of Beardmore & Co., Mason Knitting Company, Force Electric Products and a number of citizens who subscribe for individual copies of Tax Free Passes, many of the men from Acton and district are reading the home news each week. Letters show that they enjoy it and appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who make this possible. This does not mean, however, that sometimes we hear that the paper is not being received regularly and usually the trouble is in the fact that the address has been changed, and we were not notified. We urge both the boys overseas and the friends at home to notify us immediately of any change of address. Only in that way can these copies reach you promptly. We suggest too that the boys overseas who get these copies look at the wrapper and drop a line occasionally to those who make their home news possible to reach them while over the ocean.

Lightning Leaves Victory Sign After Hay Loader Struck

A peculiar freak of a bolt of lightning was reported after the storm late Tuesday afternoon. A hay loader in the field on the farm of Mr. Fred Drayton, adjoining Acton was struck and badly damaged.

On the ground running away from the loader were two stacks of earth placed up by the lightning. At the end of each of these streaks in the ground was a distinct V in the soil.

The Victory sign has been found on most every product of the farm, but this is the first time we had had lightning reported as leaving the sign.

NAVY LEAGUE HAD RETURNS OF \$196.91 FROM TAG-DAY

At a meeting Monday evening of Acton Branch of the Navy League the treasurer reported that total receipts of \$196.91 from their tag day. Donations of \$10 were also received from the Force Electric Products and \$2 from Tax Across Faux Passes as part of the tag day returns. The balance was made up to make a cheque for \$200 sent to the Navy League headquarters.

Car Stolen on Mill Street Here Saturday Afternoon

On Saturday afternoon a car owned by Mr. Louis Atkinson was stolen as it stood on Mill Street in the block between Wilbur and Carlisle streets. Mr. Atkinson had left the car for about half an hour and when he returned it was missing. The theft was made about five o'clock.

Chief Harrop immediately notified all adjoining centres giving number and description of the car, but so far no word has been received regarding it. The car was just filled with gasoline and fresh oil and the thieves would be able to travel some distance.

RED CROSS SHIPMENT ROOMS WILL BE CLOSED DURING AUGUST

In view of the fact that the Red Cross rooms in Acton will be closed during the month of August, all ladies are urged to turn in this month all sewing and knitting that is completed.

Shipment of material from Acton this week included 20 pair seamans' socks; 1 pair seamans' socks; 2 tuck-ins; 21 pair gloves; 17 pair gloves; 53 pair air force socks; 8 sweaters and 2 pair mitts.

Tax Rate Set Same as 1942 in Eramosa Township

Assessment Roll Shows Just Three Voters Short to Have Deputy-Reeve

The Council for the Township of Eramosa met in the Town Hall, Rockwood, at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, July 12th, 1943, with all the members present and the Reeve in the chair. Moved by Messrs. Pinkney and Leslie and carried: That we apply to the Department of Highways for an increase of \$1,000 in our Expenditure by-law for 1943 on account of a general increase in cost of road maintenance.

On motion of Messrs. Benham and Pinkney, a by-law was passed adopting the assessment for 1943 and fixing the various rates for county, school, police village and general purposes; the township rate was set at 3.5 mills, the same as in 1942, with Rockwood at 8.7 and Eden Mills at 2.5.

The Reeve and treasurer were authorized to hypothecate Dominion bonds held by the township, as security for loans from the Royal Bank.

The Clerk reported that the assessment roll for 1943 showed 997 names eligible to be counted as voters for county purposes, this number being three short of that required for a Deputy-Reeve.

The Road Superintendent reported correspondence regarding the proposed purchase of a snowplow, the matter was held for further inquiry and consideration at the August meeting.

The Road Superintendent also reported the completion of the crushed gravel contract, and council ordered the refund of the deposit of \$200 in connection therewith.

Accounts passed amounted to \$3,736.18 and council adjourned to August 9th, at 7.30 p.m.

AT HALTON DISTRICT COMMANDOREE



Here is just one of the tests the Scouts went through when they took part in the Halton District Commandoree at Blue Springs Reserve on July 5th. Hand over hand they crossed the creek on this rope. The sag was such that it was also felt over the rope to keep out of the water. Those who didn't make it washed out "wetly" than on the day previous. This was just one of the items on the course through the dense bush, and over other hazards.

Annual Picnic Of Knox Church At Edgewood Park

Despite a heavy shower of rain which temporarily halted events, the annual congregational picnic of Knox Presbyterian Church was voted a huge success by all those in attendance yesterday.

Upon their arrival at Edgewood Park, Eden Mills, young and old alike participated in a wide variety of games and races. During the afternoon, three very keenly contested games of baseball were held. The swimming pool proved to be the favorite haunt of both swimmers and spectators.

Their appetites sharpened by the activities of the afternoon, the picnickers did justice to the wholesome lunch prepared by the ladies of the church.

After supper the Rockwood baseball team arrived and the exciting game displayed close competition between the evenly matched teams. The Rockwood boys defeated those of Knox Bible Class with one point to spare.

At highfall, the weary picnickers returned contentedly to their respective homes.

Results of the races were: Girls 5 and under—Beverly Leitch, Evelyn Dolner.

Boys 5 and under—Herbie Dodds, Bobby Ryder.

Girls 6 and 7—Donna MacDougall, Ellen Thomson.

Boys 6 and 7—Harold Creighton, Grant Withers.

Girls 8 and 10—Lorraine Anderson, Betty Wilds.

Boys 8 and 10—Donnie Davidson, Billy Watkins.

Girls 11 and 12—Jean Wilds, June Watkins.

Boys 11 and 12—Melbourne Blow, Emerson Anderson.

Girls 13 and 15—Joan Somerville, Allen McIsaac.

Boys 13 and 15—Dolly Davidson, Eric Thomson.

Girls, Open—Marg. Somerville, June Watkins.

Boys, Open—Ernie Thompson, Lloyd Robinson.

Girls' Shoe Scramble—Jacqueline Watkins, Marg. Somerville.

Boys' Wheelbarrow—Melbourne Blow and Emerson Anderson, Harold Floto and Jack Malpas.

LAMBERT TWINS ASSIST ON PROGRAM AT BAPTIST CHURCH

The regular meeting of the Acton Baptist Church was held on Tuesday evening. The meeting was opened with a short song service, led by Mrs. C. Lincoln. Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Ostrom and Mrs. Grundy led in prayer. Miss Beatrice Cripps read the Scripture lesson. The Lambert twins of Rockwood favored the Young People with two duets "The Garden of Prayer," and "Sweet Will of God." Mrs. Ostrom led a Bible quiz on Women of the Bible. The topic was taken by Mrs. Ostrom on "The Life of Andrew," showing us how we live our christian life. There was a short business session and the Roll Call was answered by a favorite verse of scripture.

Happiness is a condition of mind, not a result of circumstances.—Lord Avenbury.

Overseas Mail

Letters from the Local Boys Serving in the Cause of Freedom

England.

Dear Mr. Edis:
I wish to express my thanks to you for sending me "Tax Across Faux Passes" It sure is appreciated and is read many, many times before it is used for salvage, and then it is very important as it is helping to win this war as all paper is salvaged over here in our fight against the enemy. I wish to thank the committee for their regularity. They are like soldiers over here and a fellow looks forward to them. I never was very good at writing letters so what I am trying to say is, thank you and all the people of Acton who have helped make many soldiers like myself very happy.
I remain,
GIVE. J. A. HENDERSON.

Another letter our readers would have enjoyed was from Mr. Gordon Cook then in England. It was quoted by a 1925 on the bulletin "Not for publication," but we can tell you "Cookie" is well, much interested in the home news. Hasn't met up with Jim McGeachie yet, but did meet Duke Lindsay. He offered congratulations to Frank Terry on his promotion to Lieutenant and wished the best of luck to everyone. We've kept faith and not published the letter verbatim. But we knew our readers like to hear of the boys from Acton and district.

England.

Dear Mr. Edis:
Well Sir, Here I am again to say hello to you and all the people back home who make it possible for us to receive our Canadian smokes and also the lovely parcels we receive from time to time. I would like to take this moment, to say thanks a million and that some day I hope to be able to say thanks to them in person and that day we all hope will not be far away. We sure do miss all the folks back home and also the home town. I guess the home town has changed quite a lot since we left home but it will always be home to me. I would like to say thanks to you for seeing that I receive Tax Free Passes, as I have not had one yet since I have been over here. Well the weather over here is quite nice and I hope it is over there. Well sir, I must close now so for this time I will say cheerio, and good luck to you all.
Yours sincerely,
PTE. P. A. ELLIOT.

Miss Norma Krantz Fatally Injured in Cooksville Plant

Failed to Recover From Burns and Shock of Explosion at Factory

Norma Eileen Krantz, eighteen-year-old former resident of Acton died in St. Joseph's Hospital, Toronto, on Friday as a result of injuries she sustained when an explosion occurred at the plant at Cooksville at which she had been employed since last December. Pneumonia developed and she passed away on Friday.

The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon at the Johnstone & Rumley Funeral Home in Acton where service was conducted by Rev. R. W. Fosbury. Miss Krantz attended the United Church when she was a resident here. Born at St. Mary's she resided here with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Krantz for about eight years. She attended Acton school. One sister also remains, Shirley of Acton. Sympathy of many friends goes to those bereaved so suddenly. The funeral services of this young war worker saw many of her fellow employees and friends from Hamilton, Toronto and Cooksville gathered to pay tribute.

Interment was made in Fairview Cemetery. The pall bearers were Messrs. Jack Mellor, Wm. Ritchie, Jr., Reginald Corp and Richard, Harvey and Elmer Ferrier. Flower bearers were Marie De Forest, Betty Cudde, Isabel Henderson, Sonja Donna, Norma and Eileen Corp.

Floral tributes from the following also bore evidence of sympathy: Mr. and Mrs. Krantz and family; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Krantz, Mother and Sister Shirley; Miss Nora Krantz; Betty and Horace Cudde; Edr. and Mrs. Harold De Forest; Mr. A. Corp and family; the Milton Heights Community; Wm. Ritchie Family; Fellow Workers from Milton Heights; Mr. Hugh T. Hand; T. W. Hand Fireworks Co.; Employees T. W. Hand Fireworks; Employees of Paint Shop, Shipping Room, Soldering Shop of T. W. Hand Fireworks Co.

Three Candidates for Halton County in Provincial Contest

Liberals, Conservatives and C.C.F. Put in Nominations—Four Candidates Ran in 1937

Halton County will have three candidates according to present indications, in the provincial election on August 4th but of course the official entry will not be known until nomination day, about a week prior to this election.

Stanley Hall of Hornby was chosen their candidate by the Progressive Conservative Party at a convention in Milton on June 25th. This party was the first in Halton to hold a convention and name a candidate for this election.

On Saturday the Liberal party convention was held in Milton and Thos. Blakelock of Oakville was the unanimous choice of the convention. Mr. Blakelock has represented Halton since 1929 in the Provincial Legislature.

On Tuesday a C.C.F. rally was held in Milton when the provincial leader, E. B. Joffe addressed a mass meeting. It is announced that John Wilkinson of Burlington will be the candidate for this party. He is a member of the Burlington town Council.

The last provincial election for Ontario was held in 1937. At that time there were four candidates in Halton County. Thos. Blakelock, Liberal, won by a majority of 1,874 over the Conservative candidate Lloyd Dingle. The vote for Blakelock in the county was 7,322 and for Dingle 5,328. The C.C.F. candidate was Wilfred Tate of Lakeview and he pulled a total of 288 votes in the county. Not being a resident of the county and little known no doubt had some bearing on his vote.

Wallace H. Cross, of Trafalgar ran as an Independent Candidate and polled 83 votes. It will be recalled that his nomination came as a surprise on nomination day and his vote was no surprise on election day. There was an effort made, at his request, to have his name withdrawn before the election.

Car Is Wrecked When Tire Blew Saturday Afternoon

When a rear tire blew out on the car of Wm. Chisholm on Saturday afternoon the machine was turned around on the highway and turned over in the ditch. Several of the occupants were injured while others miraculously escaped. Mrs. Kelly, a daughter, sustained bad cuts on her face and arm and all the occupants were badly shaken up.

The mishap occurred just as Mr. Chisholm was nearing Acton on the highway. He and his family were returning from Guelph. The car is almost a total wreck. All the windows and windshield are broken. Both wheels on the right side are smashed and the top and body badly damaged. The car was not equipped with safety glass and many of the injuries were sustained from the broken glass.

ACTON BOWLERS WIN IN MILTON TOURNAMENT MONDAY

On Monday evening Acton bowlers who participated in the bowling tournament at Milton came home with the top prizes and report a splendid evening.

Messrs. E. H. Elliott and W. J. Gould won the first prize, and W. H. Clayton and W. D. Talbot brought home the second prize. The awards were in War Savings Certificates. The greens in Acton see splendid crowds out nearly every night the weather is favorable, and some fine games are enjoyed by the local club.

Lightning Bolt Smashes Tree at Mr. S. Perry's

During the severe electrical storm yesterday afternoon a big spruce tree on the lawn of Mr. S. Perry, Agnes Street, was struck by lightning and splintered from top to bottom. The tree is the tallest of a group of four or five, and was about forty feet in height.

The bolt splintered one side and its course can readily be traced right to the root, where it entered the ground. Splinters were thrown on the house and some of them smashed two panes of glass at the front of the house. Splinters were also found in adjoining lots and on the street.