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No Change in Power Charge to Acton This Year

New Shipment of Water Meters Will be Installed in Residences Now Without

At the meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission held on Monday evening, present were Reeve, J. M. McDonald and Commissioner J. R. MacArthur, with Chairman C. M. Hansen presiding.

A letter was read from the H.E. P.C. of Ontario, notifying the local commission that the price of power to Acton would remain the same as last year, namely \$28.50 per home power.

A letter from the Toronto Utilities Commission enclosed an account of a consumer to be collected by the Acton Commission. This account was filed so that if this consumer desires service from Acton the account will be collected.

A letter from the Lundy Fence acknowledged the order for the fence to be erected at the water tower. Superintendent Wilson reported that 20 new water meters had been received and would be installed as soon as possible.

Mr. W. A. Stewart of Waterloo replied to a letter of the Acton Commission, re the painting of the water tank, requesting specifications of the work desired. These were to be forwarded to him.

Secretary B. H. Spight reported that one agent had not notified the Commission of a change of occupancy from double to single occupancy and consequently the bill had been rendered for additional service. This agent had deducted the service charge from the bill. A resolution was passed notifying all responsible for bills that unless notified prior to billing the Commission would charge for the number of tenants usually housed in that house. If notification of additional tenants is not given and more than are billed for are found to be in a house, the full charge will be made back to the last notice.

Superintendent Wilson reported that the roof on the work shop was leaking. He was instructed to obtain a supply of roofing locally if possible, if not to go to the manufacturer.

Secretary B. H. Spight and Superintendent Wilson were instructed to notify the owners of the houses where the new water meters were to be placed that the consumer was responsible for the protection of the water meter from damage by frost, etc. All meters damaged are to be charged to the consumer.

The Secretary was instructed to pay the following accounts:

Hydro Department
 Force Electric Products, supplies \$ 7.09
 Sutherland-Schultz Electric, Ltd., repairs 4.10
 MacDonald Electric Limited, supplies 50.91

London Public Utilities, repairs70
 Simon Hardware, supplies 10.79
 C.N.R. & Transports, express Line & Cable Accessories Ltd., line material 121.46
 Canadian General Electric Co., tape 10.50
 Canada Wire & Cable Co., supplies 2.58

Sangamo Co. Ltd., transformer 70.36
 Dept. of National Revenue, sales tax 115.99
 H.E.P.C. of Ontario, June power, etc. 3,604.66
 Bell Telephone Co., June services 6.06
 C.N.R. & Transports, July express 2.32
 J. C. Matthews, postage 12.00

Waterworks Dept. \$4,021.17
 Hydro Dept., spring power 43.36
 Hydro Dept., July operations 145.51
 Canadian Brass Company, supplies 30.82
 W. H. Cunningham and Hill Limited, Pipe Cutter 8.16
 \$227.87

MRS. (DR.) AGNEW ADDRESSED MEETING CHURCHILL LADIES

The Women's Association of Churchill held their August meeting at the home of Mrs. H. Caldwell, Acton, on Wednesday afternoon. Roll call was answered by a favorite scripture verse.

Mrs. A. Kerr read the Scripture lesson. The topic "The Christian Stewardship of Time," was taken by Mrs. Caldwell. A duet was rendered by Mrs. Caldwell and Mrs. A. Kerr. Mrs. (Dr.) Agnew gave a very interesting talk on the service conditions of mission schools in China, where Dr. Agnew is still laboring. Lunch was served and a social half hour spent.

WHEN 700 ATTEND FIRST ANNUAL PICNIC OF ACTON COMPANIES HERE SATURDAY



Pictures of the First Annual Picnic on Saturday of The Wool Combing Corporation of Canada Limited and The Canadian Wool Co. Limited. No. 1—is a group of company officials taken after the presentation of the Lord Barnby Trophy. Left to right they are Mr. H. O. Boyes, Mr. J. H. Boulton, Mrs. L. Biggin, Mr. L. Biggin, Mrs. J. H. Boulton, Mrs. P. Walker, Mrs. K. Markon, Mr. K. Markon and Mr. P. Walker with the Barnby Trophy. No. 2—Shows two of the prize winning babies, Mrs. T. Jones with Ruth and Miss Anne Holmes and her nephew Baby Donnie Holmes. No. 3—Shows the winners of the Lord Barnby Trophy just after presentation by Mr. L. Biggin. Left to right standing are: Elliott, Sigworth, Park, Welck, Weatherston Jr., P. Walker, Ryder, Lemson, Wilson, Weatherston Sr., Knuevel, front row; Mellor, J. G. Palmer, Kentner, Robertson, Fowler, Lamb. No. 4 shows a partial view of the picnic supper crowd, lined up in the marquees and a small part of the group at the tables. In the foreground are Mr. Biggin and Mr. Markon as they discuss some of the phases of the big event.

CORRECTION IN THE SCHEDULE OF SALVAGE TEAMS LAST WEEK

The following corrections should be made in the schedule of salvage teams for the War Service League which were published in full last week. Please clip these and add to the schedule.

September 22—As Beardmore & Co. team of J. Bradshaw, etc., worked on July 1, the team for this week will be S. Tennant, D. Cole, L. Roach, H. Allison, W. McKersie, C. Rocker.

October 6—Second team, Beardmore & Co.—N. Gibbons, W. Anderson, G. Hansen, Miss E. Braida, Mrs. M. Belmer, C. Fryer.

October 13—Second team, Beardmore & Co.—R. R. Parker, W. Beatty, W. Wolfe, C. Cook, F. Salt, K. Klantner.

Need \$800 for the Overseas Boxes for Christmas

Yarn Now on Hand for Knitters—Carnival Brought in Over \$400 for the League

It may seem early to think of Christmas but if the boys from Acton and District who are in the armed forces are going to receive Christmas parcels the War Service League has to plan now. If the plan is to be successful everyone will have an opportunity to share in some phase.

Yarn for knitting has been ordered. It cost \$162 and it requires knitters to transform it into socks to go into the parcels.

Mr. Geo. Musselle reported that net proceeds from the arrival at the time of the Firemen's Convention amounted to \$401.82 and it was the desire of the Firemen and the Legion that this money go to purchase comforts for those in the armed forces overseas. Salvage returns for the month were \$87.97.

Faced with a need for approximately \$800 to send boxes overseas at Christmas the League decided to ask Mr. R. B. Parker of the Minstrel Show group to attend the next meeting to enquire if a local event could be given in the fall in addition to the minstrel show of the late winter season.

Accounts passed for payment were \$38.50 for expenses in connection with salvage collection; \$162 for yarn; \$45.20 to Elliott Bros. for supplies for overseas boxes; \$27.00 for razor blades; \$76 for shaving cream and tooth paste and \$30 for 150 fruit cakes for the overseas boxes.

It was arranged to have the next meeting on Thursday August 19th, in the committee room across the hallway from the Council Chamber.

Over 700 Attend Picnic Local Companies Saturday

Lord Barnby Trophy Won in First Competition by Wool Combing Night Shift — Prizes for All from Babies to Old Ladies—Program by Lorne Scots Band—and Bounteous Luncheon by Toronto Caterers.

The biggest and finest picnic ever held in Acton Park was the event last Saturday when the Wool Combing Corporation of Canada, Limited and the Canadian Wool Company Limited combined in an outing and social time. Between 700 and 800 attended. Employees, members of their families and friends were joined in the big family group that enjoyed the sports, the lunch and the presentations and the social time arranged.

There was something for young and old and of course the middle-aged were extra busy. Main interest however was featured around the trophy events in which one of the five departments competing were to hold the handsome Lord Barnby Trophy for a year when the next picnic would decide the winners. The Wool Combing Night Shift were the winners. They won the Horse Shoe Pitching, the Softball Competition and were in the finals for the tug-of-war.

The Lord Barnby Trophy is a big silver cup presented for annual competition by Lord Barnby, President of the Wool Combing Corporation of Canada. In presenting the trophy Mr. Biggin, Vice-President of the company read a cablegram from Lord Barnby in which he wished the group every success and an enjoyable outing. Mr. Biggin also expressed the pleasure he had in participating in the picnic and extended a welcome to all and looked forward to this annual event next year.

There seemed to be no item forgotten in this first picnic of the companies. Lorne Scots Band gave a musical program all afternoon and evening. And the picnic supper left not a vacancy. Cole Bros. of Toronto, had charge of the feeding of the 700 or 800. There were "hot dogs" with or without, plenty of tasty sandwiches, lemonade, tea, coffee, milk, cakes and ice cream. Three big marquees at one end of the park with rows upon rows of tables in front gave accommodation for serving everyone. We can just imagine how the ladies appreciated such a picnic when the onus of the lunch was taken from their shoulders.

In the horseshoe pitching W.C.C.C. Night won from C.W.C., 40 to 34; W.C.C.C. Day won from W.C.C.C. Warehouse by 42 to 17 in the first round. In the finals W.C.C.C. Night

scored 42 to win over W.C.C.C. Day's score of 19. In the softball competitions two diamonds were used and W.C.C.C. Night won by 14 to 13 from W.C.C.C. Day. The other game saw the W.C.C.C. team win by 43-13 from the W.C.C.C. Warehouse team. In the finals the W.C.C.C. Night nipped out the C.W.C. team in the last innings by the close score of 15-14.

The tug-of-war saw some close pulls, between evenly matched teams, and after this final trophy event many of the men were glad to call it a day. C.W.C. won the first pulls from W.C.C.C. Warehouse and W.C.C.C. Day took the first round from W.C.C.C. Night. In the final pull it was the C.W.C. team that had the weight and the perseverance to pull the W.C.C.C. team over the line.

In the girls softball game a team captained by Mrs. S. Lantz won from B team by a score of 11 to 9. In the trophy events and ball team prizes were awarded each member of the winning team in addition to the trophy.

Keen interest centred in the Baby Show—perhaps not so much for the babies as for the grown-ups who all admire the babies. Mr. and Mrs. Markon had a difficult time making a decision. For the girls Ruth Jones and Mary Hunter were first and second. In the boys class, Freddie Graham and Donnie Holmes won the first and second places.

Of course there were races for the children and prizes for the winners. Competition was plentiful and some events had as many as five heats to decide the fittest of foot:

ACTON BOMBER PICTURES AVAILABLE TO FREE PRESS READERS

A number of residents in Acton and district and some former residents of this community have asked us for pictures of the Acton Bomber and ceremony and the parchment award made to Acton. The copies of the Free Press with the pictures have been sold.

To meet these requests we have printed a few copies of these pictures on a heavy quality of coated paper. While the supply lasts we will be glad to supply one copy of each to Free Press readers. These cannot be supplied to children and must be applied for by adults. If copies are to be mailed enclose five cents to cover the cost of mailing. There is no charge for these copies to Free Press readers, but remember only one of each and no applications by children.

Farm Commandos from the City of Toronto have, in general, done an excellent job in assisting Halton farmers, stated J. E. Whitlock, Halton Agricultural Representative, in a recent interview. According to Mr. Whitlock, 350 Toronto Commandos have up to date assisted approximately 50 Halton farmers. He stated further, that at least 90% of the farmer employers, have been well pleased with the assistance secured. As a matter of fact it was pointed out to your editor that some Halton farmers have had this help for at least 15 days in the past four weeks, and in some cases individual farmers have had two, three, and as high as four per day. In general the men come out in the morning and arrive around 9.00 a.m., and leave Milton for home at 7.00 p.m. in the evening. To date the necessary transportation has been supplied by the T. Eaton Co. Limited.

The rate of pay for this labor is a minimum charge of 25c per hour and if the Commando is worth more, then of course, stated Mr. Whitlock, the farmer is expected to pay what he is worth. A percentage of the Commandos come out for a week, and in some cases for two week periods. As a matter of fact in the load of 17 which came out on Monday morning last, 10 are staying out for the week.

But how does one get these men, you ask? Contact the Agricultural Office, Milton—Phone Milton 230—by noon the day previous to when the help is required, and if there are sufficient number ordered to warrant bringing out a truck from Toronto, you'll get your man, or men as the case may be. In short, if you don't ask, you won't get much help!

Will Advertise for Road Maintainer and Plowing Equipment

The Council for the township of Eramosa met in the Town Hall, Rockwood at 7.30 p.m. on Monday. Present were Reeve D. D. Gray, in the chair, Councillors Wm. J. Pinkney, E. H. Benham, Roy I. Leslie and Jos. H. Rutherford; also in attendance were Frank Day, Clerk-Treasurer and collector; Percy H. Peavoy, Road Superintendent, Assessor and Sanitary Inspector; John Henderson, Relief Officer and William Hamilton, Weed Inspector.

By-law No. 6 was passed on motion of Messrs. Benham and Pinkney, asking for an increase of \$2,000.00 in the Highway for road expenditure in 1943. The increase was requested on account of increased cost of road maintenance.

On motion of Messrs. Benham and Leslie, Acton Fall Fair was granted \$10.00 and Fergus Fall Fair \$15.

Moved by Messrs. Benham and Pinkney and carried: That the Road Superintendent be instructed to advertise in the Commercial News calling for tenders on good used Maintrains suitably equipped for plowing snow and road maintenance. Tenders to be in by noon on September 13th.

On motion of Messrs. Rutherford and Leslie, accounts amounting to \$442.47 were passed for payment and council adjourned to September 13th, at 7.30 p.m.

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FALL FAIR DATES OF EVENTS FOR THIS NEIGHBORHOOD

Following are the dates of Fall Fairs in which Free Press readers will be interested.

Acton—September 17 and 18.
 Brampton—Sept. 4 and 5.
 Fergus—Sept. 10 and 11.
 Georgetown—Sept. 10 and 11.
 Orangeville—Sept. 14 and 15.
 Galt—Sept. 23 to 25.
 Grand Valley—Sept. 24 and 25.
 Milton—Sept. 24 and 25.
 Shelburne—Sept. 21 and 22.
 Arthur—Sept. 30 and Oct. 1.
 Bolton—Sept. 29 and 30.
 Caldwell—Oct. 1 and 2.
 Cookville—Sept. 28 and 29.
 Markham—Sept. 31, October 1, 2.
 Erin—Oct. 9 and 11.
 Streetsville—Oct. 8 and 9.
 Woodbridge—Oct. 9 and 11.

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112 Letters and Cards from Overseas All Say 'Thank You'

Acknowledgements to War Service League—Over 170 Get Cigarettes Each Month

We have before us 112 letters, postcards, air mail and airmail messages from those from Acton and Vicinity who are in the armed forces and have acknowledged receipt of cigarettes and parcels sent by the Acton and Vicinity War Service League in the past month or so.

Perhaps everyone is not aware that all soldiers from Acton and Vicinity overseas receives each month a package of 300 cigarettes or sufficient for 10 Canadian cigarettes a day. We are told by Mrs. Mainprize who has charge of this branch that over 170 are now on this overseas list. We find also that the committee never hears from some of these men and often wonders if they get the articles forwarded and if the address is correct. So if any of the boys overseas read this and haven't been getting the parcels and cigarettes, write Mrs. H. Mainprize, Acton, Ont., and give your present correct address and the matter can be adjusted. The same applies to relatives here who may hear of complaints of not receiving parcels from the War Service League. The letters of appreciation are enjoyed but most of all the League wants to know that the parcels and cigarettes sent and paid for are reaching the proper hands. Report changes of address promptly to Mrs. H. Mainprize.

Well, here's the overseas mail to the War Service League: "Dude" Lindsay says "I want to say thank you very much. Please extend my kind regards to all my friends."

M. J. McMillan: "I received your 300 cigs once again and was sure glad to get them as I was just going on leave."

Geo. Bayliss: "They sure came in nice these as I was just out of smokes. You don't know how much I appreciate it when I get your regular shipment."

Jim Dohle: "Received your kind gift yesterday. Thank you very much."

Then there are cards from Chaplains, Y.M.C.A. Supervisors, etc., who have had turned over to them parcels sent to addresses who could not be located. The cigarettes cannot be sent back to Canada so they are distributed to those who are not so fortunate as to have the home folks remember them regularly.

We could go on. There are 112 of these thank you notes and interesting letters. All we can do is give the names of the balance: J. Drysdale, H. Robson, G. Lambert, R. Cross, F. French, A. Gumble, J. Lamb, N. Kenney, J. Dohle, H. Godfrey, G. Britton, E. Clifford, F. Near, W. Cassidy, J. Moore, W. Caldwell, B. Cook, G. Brown, R. Vance, C. Douglas, W. Yagler, M. McMillan, G. Williams, O. Jones, J. Smallman, D. Price, G. Donk, J. Scriven, A. Mills, E. Landsborough, I. Bragg, L. Cripps, G. Stroyan, O. Irwin, C. Lindsay, C. McDonald, J. McHugh, P. Elliott, P. Kenny, A. Martin, N. Nicolak, R. Anderson, J. Joque, N. McNabb, R. Johnson, F. VanWeyck, R. McVoy, G. Burnes, E. Wood, J. Walker, J. Nicol, M. McMillan, G. Paroster, R. Heatley, F. Jones, G. McKown, F. Tournour, H. McIntyre, N. Gibson, M. Baur, A. Martin, S. James, F. Holmes, H. McCallum, F. Finney, G. Stringer, D. McDonald, D. Buchanan.

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