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## Building at Park Entrance To Be Completely Renovated

Report New Work Will Be Done Within Ten Days—Post-War Planning Discussion at Next Meeting—Public Health Nurse Will Submit Monthly Report to Council.

Committee A. Mason, W. J. G. Oakes, F. Davidson and C. L. Kirkness were present last evening, when Council met and Reeve J. M. McDonald and Miss M. MacArthur presided.

Mr. T. Segrank was present. He had erected a frame garage and was having difficulty securing a fire-proof siding to comply with the fire by-law, as at present wanted. The new by-law allowed covering with very combustible material. A motion was passed allowing covering the garage with asbestos shingles, which were still procurable.

Mr. J. Cressy asked permission to connect a drain from his cellar to the street drain. It was pointed out that if permission were granted Council assumed no responsibility for water backing up in the drain. Chief Harrop was instructed to have the usual agreement signed, allowing this installation.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

Bell Telephone Co., services	\$ 8.95
City of Acton, use of grinder	1.60
J. B. Macfarlane & Son, supplies	162.22
E. J. Demings, trucking	3.00
Walker Cutting, labor	15.20
W. Cates, Clerk and Bailiff fees	24.00
E. Segmiller breeding ground	30.00
David Elliott, labor	12.50
James McCullagh, labor	6.00

Quotations were received for plastering the basement and ticket office at the park entrance. It was decided that a complete survey of the building should be done, rather than patching the present stucco. A motion was passed that the quotation of J. McMillen be accepted. The old plaster and lath was to be removed and steel lath applied with 1 1/2 inch stone dust in color to be selected by Council. The work was to be completed before October 30th. The cost was to be \$83 complete and all waste material must be cleared away.

The by-law was passed authorizing the purchase of the truck and snowplow and making arrangements for the payment of the equipment. The by-law was given the required three readings. It is anticipated delivery of the truck will be within the next week or so.

The Clerk reported on the collection of arrears of taxes and part of the amounts were paid with the balance to be paid before October 30th. Correspondence was read regarding the accounts of indigent patients.

Circulars were read regarding the fuel shortage. It was requested that a questionnaire be filled in and returned.

A letter from the Township of Eramosa said it was planned to prepare an honor roll for the Township, but rules had not been decided at this time.

A letter from the town of Smith's Falls said a by-law had been passed by the Council dealing with post-war planning and a copy of the by-law passed was enclosed. Discussion was to be taken up on this matter at the next meeting, on the question of post-war program of improvements for Acton.

Report was given to Council of the activities of the Public Health Nurse, following a meeting last week of the Committee and the Board of Health. The minutes of the meeting were read. The nurse will provide Council with a monthly report. The report presented gave Council a conception of the work done to the present. It is planned to expand the service now to children of pre-school age and other phases will have attention as the community becomes organized.

**BAPTIST GROUP MEET AT HOME OF MR. AND MRS. H. REID**

The regular meeting of the B. Y. P. U. was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Reid on Tuesday evening with the president in charge. The roll call was answered with the name of a woman in the Bible. A lengthy business discussion followed. Mary Reid sang a solo and Mrs. Reid led in prayer. Wilma and Helen West sang a duet. Clarence Reid read the Scripture Lesson. Rev. J. E. Ostrom gave the topic for the evening.

A delicious lunch was served and a social hour followed, bringing a most enjoyable evening to a close. Before adjourning the president expressed the appreciation of all present to Mr. and Mrs. Reid and family for their hospitality.

## Army and Industry Heads have Round Table Conference

A round table conference that was rather unique but was quite profitable to all parties was held in the Council Chamber last night when the representatives of Acton Industries met with Capt. Cressy, Sgt. Stogler and Corp. Brown. All the subject matter was not under instructions from the headquarters but he had found such conferences helpful to all in other centres where he had been invited and desired to operate in the same way in Acton and M. D. Z.

Capt. Cressy explained the procedure that an enlisted man has on enlisting in the army. This explanation outlined the two day period required for medical examination. Capt. Cressy also explained to the gathering the new Selective Service survey that was being made in the industrial plants and explained that this was definitely not a military draft but was being confused by many with the army call for service. The meeting was one to create better understanding between the army and industry and Capt. Cressy showed the best way of understanding of the problems of industry and endeavored to convey some of the problems of the army to those operating industries under the present wartime scarcity of manpower. Such co-operative conferences should do much to help Canada solve its manpower problems.

## FUNERAL OF LATE DONALD MCGREGOR HELD WEDNESDAY

The funeral of the late Donald McGregor, who passed away suddenly at his work at the Guelph Spring and Axle Co. on Monday, was held on Wednesday afternoon at 11 o'clock at St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church and home funeral home. The service was conducted by Dr. W. J. McEwen, minister of St. Paul's Parochial Church.

Besides his wife, Mr. McGregor is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Pearl Richardson (deceased) and two sons, Jack and Kenneth, all of Guelph.

The funeral was largely attended by relatives and friends and the many floral tributes expressed the high esteem in which the deceased was held.

The pallbearers were Rev. J. S. Lawson, Angus Lawson, Joseph Kelly, John Smith, Robert Clark and Wm. Worden. The flower bearers were fellow-workers of the Guelph Spring and Axle Co. Ltd. Interment was made in Woodlawn Cemetery.

## Mr. A. Mason Heads Committee Fiftieth Victory Loan

Personnel of Executive Remains Same with Few Changes in Positions for Coming Campaign

A meeting of the Victory Loan Committee for Acton with the organizers for Halton, Mr. Bickle and Major McClary, was held in the Council Chamber on Monday evening when Chairman A. Mason presided. Plans for the Fiftieth Victory Loan were discussed and arrangements made for headquarters and for other local items.

Following is the Committee for Acton and its branches which have been appointed for the Fiftieth Loan:

Honorary Chairmen—Reeve J. M. McDonald, Deputy-Reeve G. W. Murray.

Chairman—A. Mason.

Vice-Chairman—H. E. Force.

General Sales and Payroll Committee—J. M. McDonald, W. J. Beatty and A. Mason.

Group Payroll—W. G. Mason.

Publicity Committee—G. A. Dills, E. S. Force, W. J. O. Oakes.

Secretary—W. C. Mason.

Executive Members—E. S. Force, W. K. Graham, R. R. Arnold, W. H. Clayton, W. J. O. Oakes.

Salesmen—C. F. Leatherland, F. L. Wright, W. Linham.

General Committee—Chris. Moffat, Geo. Musselle, Alex. Orr, J. H. Creighton, R. H. Parker, J. H. Boulton, H. O. Boye, F. Blow, Miss M. Z. Bennett, Mrs. R. R. Arnold, Wm. Coon, Harding Price, Chas. Cuts, Wm. Benson, Lorne Mullin, H. Elliott, Wm. Talbot, M. M. Letch, Regents of the Daughters of the Empire, the Presidents of the Women's Institutes, President of the Scout Mothers' Club.

## FIVE WINNERS IN BABY SHOW AT FAIR



Twenty-seven babies competed in the Robinson Baby Show at Acton Fair on Saturday with the five winners pictured above. Left to right, top row is Margaret Howe Wilson with Mrs. Mrs. Craig holding the Best Girl under six months old. Next is Mrs. Harvey Hodgins and Baby Anne, winner of the Best Girl over six months. Miss Anne Holmes usually shows her magnet, Danny Holmes, the Best Boy under six months. Centre is Mrs. Cecil Gibbons with Charlie, winner for the Best Baby, boy or girl over one year. In the lower left is a section of the crowd before the platform, and lower right is Mrs. Alf. Winsler with Clark, Best Boy over six months old.

## 6000 Attend Acton Two Day Fair Finest Exhibit of Livestock in Years

Second Day Set Record as Finest Fall Weather Greeted the Crowd—First Night Show Hampered by Loss of Arena and Coldest Night of Years—Exhibit of Cattle and Horses Brought Out Showing Unequaled at Any Rural Fair—Baby Show had Twenty-Seven Contestants.

OVER 1000 ATTEND DANCE IN TOWN HALL SATURDAY NIGHT

Favored with an ideal September day on Saturday a near record attendance of 5000 thronged Acton Fair grounds where one of the finest exhibits of livestock was shown and a splendid program presented. The lack of fine arena in the park for the fair exhibit and for the big first night show was a handicap which disappointed the directors as well as those attending, and it is hoped it will be overcome before next year. The temperature dropped on Friday night to the lowest point hit this fall and as a result the crowd was about half of that which usually attends the arena performance.

The attendance the second day is conservatively estimated at 5000 which is near the all high record and at the dance in the Town Hall that evening between 500 and 600 crowded the place to the doors. Taking everything into consideration the fair of 1943 was a most successful one—in many respects more successful than many of its predecessors and one of which President R. W. Lowrie and all his officers and directors may well be proud.

**The First Night Show**

Lacking the great which is doing a wartime job of storing wool for the Dominion Government, the directors arranged the performance for the front of the grandstand. The track and grounds were floodlighted and in spite of the cold a good program was presented. President Lowrie on behalf of the officers and directors extended a welcome to the audience and gave assurance of a complete program and a good fair.

The Y. M. C. A. girls under the direction of Mrs. Gray gave a good exhibition of tumbling and pyramids. This is always a popular local feature and was well given.

The Merry Mad Cap Revue, a group of musicians, singers, dancers, and comedians from Hamilton, presented a variety program that all enjoyed. This group is directed by Mrs. Andy Donaldson with Mr. Dunton, H. O. Boye, F. Blow, Miss M. McGilivray as master of ceremonies. Artists on the program were Doris McDonald, singer; Sid Shaw, dancer; Byron Wade, colored comedian; Doreen Taylor, acrobat; Lillian Dillek, dancer; Frank Turner, soloist; Frank Hayes, magician; Belle Graham, soloist; George Woods, pianist; Bill Coleman, violinist; Frank Turner, banjoist; Sam Boye, drummer and Bob Pearson. Their program had plenty of variety, was along smoothly and provided splendid entertainment. During the fall and winter the group gives performances at soldiers' camps throughout the province. The amplifying system of J. Sanford & Son made the program audible by all and in spite of the cold night the show was enjoyed.

The musical chairs is always an event that creates a great deal of interest. This year's winner was Miss Vivian Clarke, of Norfolk.

The high jump for the horses was some splendid performances and some good entries. In the high jump Armstrong's entry was first, Gowland second and Miss Vivian Clarke-third.

In the performance class the Armstrong entry was again first with J. Gowland second and R. Frid, third.

The potato race was the concluding item on the evening's program and the contestants put plenty of fight into it. E. Brown won first, Jack Holmes, second, and Miss Vivian Clarke, third.

Before the evening's program was started the Boys' Band made a tour of the town in a truck and played on the streets and at the park. They are making good progress under the direction of Mr. Chas. Mason. The midway was in partial operation after the show and attracted many, especially the booths serving hot refreshments. The whole grounds was very well lighted.

**The Second Day**

Saturday morning dawned bright and clear, and it didn't take the sun long to chase away the chill and frost of the night previous. It was an ideal day for Acton Fair. Shortly after one o'clock the parade of 500 school children with the Lorne Scots Band leading left the Town Hall and paraded to the park. Their arrival and dismissal was the go ahead signal for opening up and there was a wild rush for the merry-go-round and other attractions.

In calling on Warden J. M. McDonald to officially open the fair, President Lowrie thanked the visitors and exhibitors for their co-operation and the work of the directors and others who assisted in maintaining Acton Fair.

In his remarks in the official opening of the fair Warden J. M. McDonald stated Acton Fair was this year marking its thirtieth successful year of operation. He paid tribute to the men who have given of their energies to carry on the fair, and especially those exhibitors and directors who are investing the handicaps of wartime and providing a splendid show. He officially declared the fair open.

## Home Badly Damaged by Fire Thursday Afternoon

Fire which was first noticed about four o'clock on Thursday afternoon destroyed a section of the house on Vincent Avenue where Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Duffin reside. The whole structure was threatened with destruction for a short time. A strong west wind was blowing when the fire was discovered in the kitchen at the rear. By the time the alarm was turned in and the Fire Brigade had reached the scene the whole rear section was a mass of flames.

Two lines of hose were laid and the Brigade soon had the blaze under control and prevented its spread to the other section of the house. The water damage will however be considerable to this section. The fire was one of the most difficult to subdue as the building was a frame structure covered with metal siding.

## MRS. BONNIE BOSTESS FOR MEETING OF CHURCHILL W. A.

The September meeting of the Churchill Women's Association was held at the home of Mrs. C. Bissin, with Miss Lina Russell, presiding. Roll call was answered by Scripture verses. The seasonal period was taken by Mrs. W. Barber.

Mrs. T. Gordon read a paper on "Patriotic Day Martyrs in Germany" by a German pastor and a reading was given by Mrs. H. Allan "Her Summer Recollections." Mrs. Foran gave a reading on the small blessing of life for which we should thank God. After the business meeting and closing a lunch was served by Mrs. Bissin, presided by Mrs. Gordon. A vote of thanks was given the hostess for her hospitality.

## MARKING ITS 16TH ANNIVERSARY ON SUNDAY THE 26TH

The oldest congregation in this district will mark its 16th anniversary of service in the Churchill community. To mark this occasion there will be special service next Sunday, September 26, when the guest speaker will be Rev. John Ward, of Rockwood. Other items have been arranged that will make the service at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. memorable.

## Airman Fatally Injured on Highway Near Here Saturday

C. W. Willard Injured as He Attempts to Board Truck Giving Him a Ride

AC 2 C. W. Willard, of the Wireless School, Guelph, sustained injuries in an accident on the highway just east of Acton on Saturday that resulted in his death a short time after being admitted to Christie Street Hospital in Toronto.

The accident occurred at 8:45 last Saturday morning on the curve of the highway at the seventh line four miles east of here. Frank L. Tiveron driver of a Tiveron Transport of 84 Seventh St. New Toronto was stopping his truck to give the airman a ride. Willard apparently ran along to get into the cab and before the machine was stopped attempted to climb aboard. In some manner he slipped and fell beneath the wheels and was dragged a few feet along the highway between the wheels and the roadway. Dr. W. G. C. Kenney, Acton, and Dr. Williams, of Georgetown attended and rendered first aid and he was taken to Christie Street Hospital in Toronto by the Johnstone & Rumley ambulance. He died at 11:45 just after reaching the hospital. In his fall beneath the truck Willard sustained a number of injuries. He had multiple lacerations on the head, mostly on the right side of the face, a fractured right ankle, back injuries and was suffering from shock and internal injuries. Willard's home is in Cobalt.

It is not thought that the truck wheels passed over the young man but rather that his body was pinched beneath the wheel and the pavement as the truck was being brought to a full stop. Traffic Officer Ray Mason, of Acton, investigated the accident.

## ACTON BOYS ENLISTED This Week's Register

Victor Elliott, son of Mr. David Elliott, Church Street, has joined the Active Service and is stationed at Basic Training Depot, Stratford, at present.

## Routine Matters Dealt With at Commission Meeting

Accounts may be Collected by the Co-operation of the Utilities Office in all Centres

All the meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission on Monday evening Chairman C. M. Hanson presided, with Reeve J. M. McDonald and Commissioner J. E. MacArthur present.

A letter was also read from the Board of Unemployment Insurance stating that all employees earning up to \$2.50 per annum must pay Unemployment Insurance. This cancels the order that permitted a permanent certificate being signed and not paying the insurance amounts.

A letter was also read from the O. M. E. U. stating that accounts if forwarded to them of persons who had removed from the town to another municipality, and who had failed to pay their hydro account, would be listed and collected before any further hydro service was rendered. At the present time Acton has no such accounts. The local Commission would co-operate in collecting other accounts if all possible.

Superintendent Chas. Wilson reported that the check value at the spring had been installed.

Secretary, Miss E. H. Spaight was instructed to pay the following accounts:

Hydro Department	
Bell Telephone Co., services	5.97
Bell Telephone Co., joint use poles	4.40
Highway Garage, truck expense	16.97
HEP.C. of Ontario, supplies	9.60
HEP.C. of Ontario, power	3,707.58
Canadian Line Materials, Ltd. Cables	24.75
C.N.E. and Transport expenses	4.27
E. J. Bassard, supplies	4.60
Terrace Mfg. Co., supplies	29.53
Dept. National Revenue, sales tax	85.65
J. C. Matthews, postage	12.60
Ellis & Howard, Ltd., supplies	13.90
	\$3,944.60

Waterworks Department	
Hydro Dept., power	\$15.60
Lundy Free Company, fence	405.60
Napthun Motors, Ltd., Motors	317.10
Canadian Brass Co., supplies	17.52
Hydro Dept., August operation	188.72
	\$1,174.58

## LADY RIDER HAS A NARROW ESCAPE FROM INJURY AT THE FAIR

Miss June Gowland had a narrow escape from serious injury at Acton Fair on Saturday afternoon when the horse she was riding missed the high jump and stumbled. She was thrown to the ground and narrowly missed being stepped on by the horse as he recovered. Miss Gowland was however, soon able to be back in the saddle again. The jump she attempted to put her horse over was the last one of the performance and was getting close to six feet.

## PRIZE WINNERS IN THE LUCKY DRAW OF THE ACTON NAVY LEAGUE

The draw sponsored by the Acton branch of the Navy League was held at the fair night dance in the Town Hall on Saturday night. Winner of the half ton of coal was AC 2 G. W. Mackenzie. Mrs. H. Lauby won the quilt and Mrs. Alex. Mann was the winner of the lamp. The proceeds are to assist the Acton branch of the Navy League.

## Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged no cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 25c.

Opening Dance, Modern Aires Orchestra, Georgetown Arena, Saturday, September 25th.

October 16th, Navy League Bingo at the Legion Hall, Watch for further announcements.

Dance, Brookville Hall, Tuesday, Sept. 28th, sponsored by Busy Bees, Doris Hull's Orchestra, Jim Brooks, floor manager. Admission 35c.

Tag Day for Blind in Acton, Tag day will be held in Acton, Saturday, September 25th, 1943, under the auspices of Duke of Devonshire Chapter, I.O.D.E.