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Mrs. Mary Pettit First Woman on County Council

Recently Elected Deputy-Reeve of Nelson—Grants to Fairs Made with Annual Argument—Prizes Awarded to Pupils for Essays on Visit to County Council—Health Program Urged for Rural Centres

History was in the making at the June meeting of Halton County Council held in Milton last Tuesday, when, for the first time, a lady member took her place as a member of the Council. She was Mrs. Mary Pettit, recently elected deputy-reeve of Nelson Township.

The Warden and each member of the Council spoke a few words of welcome to Mrs. Pettit, several expressing the opinion that her presence would have a steady influence on the Council as a whole. Mr. W. J. Robertson, reeve of Nelson, said "I have known Mrs. Pettit for a good many years and have always valued her work on the Council, some of which has been such that it never could, or would, have been undertaken by a man with any degree of success. I am proud that, as reeve of Nelson Township, I am able to introduce to this Council, Mrs. Pettit as my deputy."

Mrs. Pettit expressed her appreciation of the welcome accorded her and added that she always took, and would continue to take, a keen interest in municipal and county affairs, particularly in all branches of social service.

Prizes were awarded to the public school contestants who wrote essays on their recent visit to the County Council. Of the 52 children who were guests of the Council last month, 28 wrote essays. The awards were as follows: 1st, Marjorie Service, Kelso; 2nd, Jack Gray, Burlington; 3rd, John Hatton, Burlington (British war guest); 4th, James Dills, Acton; 5th, Jack Jarvis, No. 1, Milton; 6th, Loh Bundy, Milton; 7th, Doris Roberts, Georgetown; 8th, Catherine Bingham, Georgetown; 9th, Mildred Armstrong, Acton; 10th, Robert Marshall, No. 1, Milton. The prizes were \$10 for the first, ranging downwards to \$1 for the tenth. The judges were Miss Carson and Miss Leacock of the Milton High School staff.

Representatives were there from the three Fall Fairs Boards in the county with a request for their annual grant and asked that if possible the amount of the grant be increased. This annual request always leads to an argument as to whether all fairs should be treated alike or whether a larger grant be given to the fairs held in Milton which, so the Board claims, is a county fair and known as Halton County Fair. Finally the following motions were tabled:

Moved and seconded by J. M. McDonald, that Milton Fair Board be given a grant of \$250; Acton Fair Board a grant of \$175 and Georgetown Fair Board \$125. Carried. The amendment which was lost, was moved and seconded by W. H. Biggar and J. M. Robertson, that a grant of \$300 be made to the Halton County Fair and \$150 each to Esqueping and Acton.

Special communications: A letter from the Department of Highways re complaint regarding Highway 25 from Milton to Acton stated that letter from County Council had been forwarded to Division Engineer for immediate attention.

The following resolution was received from the Halton District Women's Institute but originated in the Nassagaweya Branch of the W. I. "Whereas the Provincial government has made provision for County School Health programs throughout this province; Be it therefore resolved that the County Council of Halton consider this, our request, for the establishment of a School Health Program in Halton County." Reeve Near went into detail regarding the request which he said had arisen because of a feeling among rural taxpayers that rural school children should be given the same medical supervision as the children of urban centres. Members of the Council were all agreed that the establishment of such a centre would be a step in the right direction. Since it involved the hiring of a travelling school nurse, and since the urban municipalities would naturally share the expense, it was felt that a committee should be formed to consider the situation from every angle. Those appointed to form a committee were as follows: Chas. Hillmer, Alex. Near, J. M. McDonald, Mrs. Pettit, W. J. Robertson.

The only business arising from other committee reports was a recommendation for payment of accounts which is covered by the following motion. Moved by J. Blair and C. H. Hillmer, that the following accounts (Continued on Page Four)

AN EGG WITHIN AN EGG LAID BY LEGHORN HEN

Double yolk eggs are quite commonplace, but an egg with another completely formed egg inside it was brought into the Free Press office this week. It was laid by a Leghorn hen in the flock of Mrs. George Young, R. R. No. 4, Rockwood. It's a bit difficult to display it in the window but it's here if anyone doubts it.

Annual Parade and Church Service of Acton Legion

Led By Lorne Scots Band, Held In Baptist Church With Rev. W. H. Wallace The Minister

The annual parade and church service of Acton Branch of the Canadian Legion on Sunday evening was one of the finest the branch has held. There was a fine turn-out of veterans and led by the Lorne Scots Band, a good parade was held both before the service and after the service to the Park where the Band gave a splendid program which was enjoyed by a large audience.

The service on this occasion was in Acton Baptist Church and Rev. W. H. Wallace's discourse had for its subject "Faith." He urged not only faith but works accompanying that faith; the living of our lives so that they are a shining example of that faith we possess. "The Works" that are referred to in the gospel is the daily living of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Mr. Wallace said he had no fear about the coming of victory in the war, but warned that victory cannot come without the exercising of faith in the gospel.

The congregational singing led by the choir was excellent and the Octette composed of Messrs. G. Musselle, W. Coles, R. Speltz, Ted Hansen, W. Burton, W. Benson, C. Kirkness, and A. Mann rendered two numbers that were thoroughly enjoyed. Mr. Chas. Landsborough presided at the organ and as a bugler sounded "Last Post" and "Reveille."

The crowd that attended the band concert in the park after the service was evidence that Actonians still enjoy the opportunity to hear band music. Bandmaster Dohney chose a program of numbers that gave something appealing to all music lovers. The band as usual gave a very fine performance and are always welcome here.

Tag Day for The Blind Had Returns of \$115.10

A brief meeting was held by the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I. O. D. E. on Tuesday evening following the Prayer Service at Knox Church at the home of Mrs. Matthews, presiding. A gratifying total of \$115.10 was realized from the Tag Day for the Blind on May 27th. Plans were made to hold a picnic on June 20 to mark the seventy-eighth anniversary of the Chapter.

A new member, Mrs. Boulton, was welcomed into the Chapter and the meaning of the badge was given by Miss Pearl Smith. The origin of Empire Day was explained by Mrs. Mainprize and Mrs. R. M. MacDonald read a paper for Empire Study on "Canadian Forests." Mrs. Forbes Thompson offered a delightful piano solo for the entertainment of the members. The hostesses served lunch following the closing exercises.

PRESENTATION MADE BY FRIENDS TO DOROTHY MELLOR

Over thirty friends gathered at the home of Mary Papillon last night to honor Dorothy Mellor with a surprise birthday shower. Mary Papillon and Shirley Duval acted as hostesses for the evening. Games were played and Mary Papillon read an address and presented Dorothy with a book of remembrance to mark the occasion. The bride-to-be was feted with many lovely gifts and expressed her sincere thanks and appreciation to all present. A very dainty lunch was served and enjoyed by everyone.

Highway 25 Gets Some Attention and Improvement

Highway No. 25 is having some fine attention and travel between Acton and Milton can now be enjoyed. Not only has the road maintainer made regular trips but this week more improvements were started.

The road has been graded and swept clear of loose gravel and a coating of oil is being applied. At the rate progress was made the first few days, it would seem that the job would be completed this week.

The oiling will certainly make some improvement as the dust nuisance was becoming a problem. The improvement is indeed appreciated and the few days while the oiling is being carried on are only a minor inconvenience. Travel should be normal on the new surface by the end of the week. The present expenditure is however, similar to that of the past and only temporary.

MEETING TUESDAY OF BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION

The B. Y. P. U. meeting was held in the Baptist Church on Tuesday evening. A few moments of silent prayer were held, after which Isabel Crewson gave a reading, followed by a trio by Wilma West, Beale and Clarence Reid. A poem was read by Helen West. The topic on the convention held in London was given by Beale Reid.

Biggest Blood Donor Clinic on the First Anniversary

167 Attended the Sixth Blood Donor Clinic in Acton on Tuesday—597 Donations Given in the Past Year Here—New Volunteers are Required if Record is to be Maintained

The June Clinic of the Red Cross Blood Donors was the first anniversary of the Clinic in Acton. It was the largest and most successful clinic held here. 167 volunteers answered the call and attended. It beat the April record of 144. In the year of operation there have been 597 donors. It makes an average of almost 100 for the six clinics which for a community and district of this size will compare very favorably with any other. There were 127 women and 40 men in the Tuesday group of volunteers.

It is well to draw attention to the fact, however, that 130 of those who attended Tuesday had given donations previously and there were only 37 new donors. If the success of the clinics here is to be maintained, there must be a greater number of new volunteers. All who can, should register with the secretary, Mrs. H. O. Boyes, Acton. The following is the list of Tuesday's volunteers.

Those from the district and points outside of Acton: W. McIntyre, Roy Johnston, Lawrence Webster, Paul Tarzwell, Alex. Waddie, Donald Matheson, Norman Orr, Edward Passmore, James McNabb, Frances Whale, Clarence Coles, F. C. Dean, Mrs. Elmer Fisher, Margaret Somerville, Thomas Kennedy, Arthur Hill, Mansell Nellis, Melvin Storey, Marion J. Eby, William Kee, Mrs. Arthur Diamond, A. H. Diamond, Mary Matthews, Wm. Dobbie, Joseph Henderson, Harold Smart, W. J. Smart, A. Spitzer, Ray Thompson, Charles W. Lasby, Joseph Jennings, Walter Huxley, Wesley Beatty, G. Lacey, Mrs. David Douglas, Elizabeth Drysdale, Wm. A. Gibson, George Somerville, Douglas Nodwell, R. M. Blacklock, B. D. Young, Mrs. B. D. Young, Olla B. Somerville, Helen Akitt, Edith Watkins, Clarence Wilson, Wilmer Watkins, Douglas Robertson, Wm. Allison, James Allison, Donald Robertson, C. J. Van Goozen, Winford Thomson, Minnie Frank, Aileen McMillan, G. Ross Gordon, Geo. Robertson, Howard Graff, Alex. Near, Dan Hindley, Bert Awrey, Ernie Fatt, Roy Awrey, John H. Root, Chas. Fatt, Annie Black, Chas. Scanlon, Marlon Ferguson, Violet Weaver, Mrs. Robert Warren, C. E. Cutts, Gwendolyn Hill, Mrs. K. J. Bolton, Mrs. Wm. Dobbie, Mrs. Harlan Wilson, Edward Watts, Robert Moore, Margaret E. Thomson, Mrs. Wm. Kee, Harvey Kirkwood.

The donors from Acton were: A. Ryan, M. C. Smith, S. Collett, J. Creazy, J. A. Robson, C. L. Cook, E. Marzo, George Gibbins, Gordon Hansen, Neil Gibbons, John Hardie, J. H. Boulton, Lloyd Masales, J. E. Lambrecht, Wesley Wolfe, Thos. G. Jones, George Holoway, Wesley Allen, Chas. Heard, Orrie Lamb, Jack Chermiak, Herbert Ritchie, R. Speltz, E. S. Force, Sam Tennant, Pearl Holmes.

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What More Homes in Acton Mean

One of the things that more homes in Acton would mean would be an enjoyment of increased facilities at a lower cost to every property owner. Supposing 50 new homes were erected with an average investment of \$12000 each. That would mean an increased assessment of \$100,000. An increased assessment means more taxes in the general fund without a corresponding increase in costs.

For instance, garbage collection will cost no more if 50 new homes are added. Police and fire protection costs will not be increased. The Town Hall will still look after these additional people. The arena and other debentures will not cost a cent more. Most of the services provided from the tax funds are adequate for increased service. True, there will be water and sewer extensions of existing services, but the advantage is all with those owning properties in a larger community.

Acton is fortunate that most of the facilities enjoyed by cities are now provided. Most of them are so nearly paid for that the one yet to come will make no added burden.

We do not desire Acton to become so large that it comes to enjoy the many things that only a small community can give. We would like to see all the people who make their living in Acton to live in the community and not be like city commuters.

Police Court Cases Heard in Milton On Wednesday

Eugene E. Fallon of Mimico was fined \$15.00 and costs for reckless driving on Norval hill, breaking off 14 guard rail posts and \$10.00 and costs for falling to report accident.

Robert Kitchen of Acton was fined \$5.00 and costs for an assault on Walter Kentner at Lindsay's Mill in Acton.

Milton Jeffrey McKay was arrested at Oakville for trespassing on the C.N.R. tracks and vagrancy. He was sent to jail for two months.

Fred Forbes of Milton was found guilty of taking a car without permission from in front of the Exchange Hotel in Georgetown. The car belonged to E. Louth of Norval. He was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment from date of arrest, June 9th with hard labor. This car was taken about 5.30, driven to Hamilton and returned to the front of the Hotel around 10.30 the same day.

Lloyd Coulson, Kilbride, was charged with driving recklessly, obstructing police and falling to stop at the scene of an accident and also driving without a permit. He was remanded until June 28th.

Hugh Peer and Leslie Peer, Kilbride, were also charged with obstructing a constable in the course of his duty. The cases were remanded until June 28th.

Rev. A. C. Stewart Elected Moderator Presbyterian Church

Rev. A. C. Stewart, a pastor of Knox Church, Acton for seven years and now at Midland was elected Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada at the 70th General Assembly in Toronto last week. Mr. Stewart succeeds Rev. H. Beverley Kitchen of Hamilton. Mr. Stewart is elected on the first ballot. Rev. Alex. C. Stewart is a native of Embro, a graduate of Knox College, University of Toronto. He was ordained at Grafton. For over seven years, he was the beloved minister of Knox Presbyterian Church, Acton. Leaving here, Toronto for several years and for the past nine years he has been minister of Midland Presbyterian Church.

Many friends here join in extending congratulations on his election to the highest position in the church official circles.

MAPEKING (CP) — A five-year plan for the development of Bechuanaland is designed to make the protectorate one of the most advanced native territories in Africa. It covers agriculture, medical services, education and communications.

Indigents Hospital Accounts Take Much Council Time

PTE. G. LOVELL WRITES HOME NOT SERIOUSLY WOUNDED

The parents and brother and sister of Pte. Gordon Lovell reported wounded in Italy have had several letters from him since first word was received. His injuries are shrapnel wounds in the left knee and left shoulder. Letters are bright and all will be glad to learn that his wounds are not considered serious.

Assessment Rolls Changed Little by Erin Revision Court

Council Made Grant of \$100 to Erin Overseas Fund—Recommend Repairs to Road

The Erin Township Council met at Hillsburg on Monday, June 5th, 1944 as a Court of Revision and for other municipal business. Members were all present with the exception of Mr. Kirkwood. Reeve Edgar Huxley presided.

The members of Council, having subscribed to a Declaration constituting it a Court of Revision on the Assessment Roll for the year 1944, dealt with the following appeals, Caledon Mt. Trout Club on property in Hillsburg, assessment \$3500, confirmed; Mrs. Anzobel Delaney, Lot 15W, Cuts, assessment \$2400, confirmed; Samuel Kanawin, Pt. Lot 29E, Con. 11, assessment \$250, confirmed. The following dogs were struck from the roll as dead or disposed of, John Priorer, Mrs. Mary Gibson, Wm. Murray, Elwood Nodwell and Mrs. Pearl Kocun, one each. The Council having completed its work as a Court of Revision, rose and reported the assessment roll as revised now stand for the year 1944.

The Insurance on Public Liability and Property Damage was placed with Lloyd's of London, England at a premium of \$200, Tractor and Trailer against Public Liability from now to Dec. 31st, 1944 at a premium of \$10.00, and Road Employees with A. E. Wilson and Co. for a limit of \$10,000 and \$20,000 for any accident at a premium of \$40.00.

The Council donated \$100 to the Red Cross Overseas Fund to assist in providing comforts for those in the services overseas from Erin Township.

The following accounts were ordered paid: Walter N. Huxley, assessor, salary \$200.00; Daniel Gray, treasurer, half year's salary, 150.00; Dr. Reynolds, Health Officer, half year's salary, 150.00; R. S. McCutcheon, Relief Officer, half year's salary, 32.50; Geo. M. Fox, County Treasurer, Indigent hospital patients for 1943, 50 per cent., Erin Twp. share, 378.25; Miscellaneous accounts, 51.11; Sheep accounts, 39.00; Relief accounts for May, 312.49; Relief accounts for October, 1943, 17.38 and Road accounts 631.40.

The Road and Bridge Committee, having made their tour of inspection on May 26, reported as follows: repairs recommended Road 19, Lot 27, repair washouts; Road 18, Con. 9, 10 and 11, trim and gravel; Road 18, Con. 11, intersection, 18 ft. culvert; Road 11, Con. 9, clean ditch and brush; Road 11, Con. 7, lower culvert; Road 4, Lots 1 and 2, coat of gravel; Road 4, Lot 8, 30 rods grade and gravel; Road 4, Lot 16, repair bridge; Erin and Esqueping boundary, clean ditch; Road 3, Con. 4, Lot 25, consider widening hill; Road 1, Lot 24, trim and gravel; Road 1, Con. 25, repair hill at Royce's gate.

Council adjourned to meet at Hillsburg on Monday, July 3rd at 10 o'clock p.m.

SCOUT AUXILIARY PLAN PICNIC FOR CUBS AND SCOUTS

The monthly meeting of the Scout Mothers' Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. George Desserault on Tuesday. A picnic to be held Thursday, June 22 in the park was planned. All Scouts, Cubs and parents are invited to attend. Supper will be served at 6 o'clock, with sports in the evening. The Auxiliary donated \$5.00 to the National Institute for the Blind.

Arrangements were made for the purchase of Cub equipment for Jack Malprize, a Cub leader. Another layette of infants clothing is being sent at the end of June to England. The Auxiliary also contributed towards the Scout insurance premium. Lunch was served at the conclusion of the meeting.

Prices Submitted for Installation of Fire Alarm Boxes — Beardmore & Co. Plan to Improve Elgin Street—Cheque Received From Liquor Control Board — Juvenile Problem Requires More Parental Co-Operation and Court Correction

At the regular session of Acton Council last evening, Councillors W. J. O. Oakes, C. L. Kirkness and J. H. Boulton were present and Reeve J. M. McDonald presided.

Messrs. R. L. Davidson and C. B. Swackhamer as representatives of Acton Fair Board asked information regarding the arena and if it would be available for the fair. Council agreed to make inquiry and advise the Fair Board of their findings as soon as possible. The representatives also requested consideration of the usual municipal grant. The Council decided to make the annual grant of \$200.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:
Elliott Bros., supplies \$ 27
A. T. Brown, supplies 1.09
Walter Cutting, cutting grass at Park 37.70
B. F. Goodrich, fire hose 323.40
Cooke & Denison, repairing mower 9.28
Acton Public Utilities, serving 1000 town hall, pumps, arena, etc. 168.95
Bell Telephone Co., services 10.01
Geo. Macdonald & Co., supplies 6.00
J. B. Mackenzie & Son, supplies 14.25
Welfare Accounts for May 3.82
\$574.68

Correspondence was read in connection with hospital accounts for several indigent patients. As a matter of fact, much of Council's time was spent reviewing these cases, which each meeting seem to be increasing.

The Northern Electric Co. submitted prices on a fire alarm system for ten alarm boxes around town. The total cost of this system would be \$2,218.50 plus sales tax, wire and installation. Further information was to be secured first. No allowance had been made in the present year's budget.

A letter from the Letter Shop Supply Co. asked an opportunity to print Voters' List. The letter was filed.

A letter was read from the Mountain Sanatorium regarding an indigent patient.

A letter from Beardmore & Co. drew attention of the Council to the improvement that had been made in the plant and the approaches to their plant and to further improve the approaches the Company desired to plant trees on Elgin Street. They asked co-operation of Council in making an improvement on this street. Council approved this interest of the Company. Councillor Oakes was appointed to discuss the matter with them.

Council requested the Clerk to draw attention of the Department of Highways to the dangerous position of the Railway Crossing sign on Mill Street. Council pointed out they would not (Continued on Page Five)

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, in cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 50c.

Dance in Orton Saurday night.

St. Alban's W. A. will hold a euchre in Parish Hall, Thursday, June 22nd at 8 o'clock. Draw for quilt.

United Church Congregational and Church School picnic to be held in the Park on Wednesday, July 5th.

Dance in Brookville Hall on Monday, June 19th. Music by Russ Creighton's Orchestra. Auspices of Nassagaweya W. I. Proceeds for war work. 50 cents per person.

Are you tired of cooking meals? Bring the family to the strawberry supper in the United Church on Thursday, June 29th from 5 to 7 p.m. Admission, Adults 35 cents, Children, 20 cents.

Limehouse Presbyterian Church Anniversary Services will be held on Sunday, June 18th. Rev. John Riddell, guest speaker, at 2.30 p.m. and 7.30 D.S.T. Miss Thelma Capps of Brampton and Miss Joy Riddell, guest soloists.