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Council Secure Information on Sewage for Acton

Mr. Anderson, Engineer Furnishes Details But No Decision Made by Council

Councillors A. Mason, W. J. O. Oakes, Chas. L. Kirkness and J. H. Boulton were present last evening where Acton Council met in fortnightly session and Reeve J. M. McDonald presided.

Andrew Buchanan, Jr. was present regarding the license on a dog on his premises at the time of assessing. The animal had been destroyed. Council pointed out the provision of the by-law and adhered strictly to these provisions.

Mr. Anderson of Armstrong, Wood & Co. engineers was present at Council. Reeve McDonald explained to the Council that he had taken Mr. Anderson over the town and he had made a visual survey of Acton. He came to Council to answer questions regarding the installation of a sewage system and disposal plant.

At the outset it was planned only to construct a system to look after sanitary sewage. The cost of constructing sewers to handle storm waters and drains would make the cost of a disposal plant prohibitive. The system would take care of drainage from cellars, toilets and laundry tubs, but would not look after water from roofs. It was not expected the whole system could be worked by gravity, but it would be necessary to have a pumping station.

Mr. Anderson also gave to Council an idea of the plant necessary for treating sewage and illustrated construction of other plants. It was estimated that a treatment plant for a population of 2500 would cost \$50,000. Units could be added to this type of plant as the population increased. Various types of disposal plants were explained to Council.

It was estimated that about seven miles of sewers would be needed for all of Acton. Details of financing sewage in Acton and approximate costs were given Council by Mr. Anderson. The work of course, could not be undertaken until after the war.

It was suggested that a preliminary survey be made and if the initial steps were taken it would possibly be a year before actual work would commence. Cost of a survey would be \$500, which would be included in the commission if the work were proceeded with at any time.

Council expressed appreciation of the work done by Mr. Anderson in the information given on this subject.

The Finance Committee passed the following accounts for payment:

Bell Telephone Co., services	\$ 10.15
County of Halton, use of grader	35.20
Acton, Georgetown, Milton, Public Health Nurse Committee	224.00
Acton Fair Board, grant	200.00
Guelph Sand & Gravel Co., supplies	1.20
J. K. Gardner, painting signs	8.00
Dr. W. G. Cullen, Medical Officer of Health, treatment of patients for venereal disease	72.00
Registering at Registry Office	1.04
Total	\$551.59

A letter from Beardmore & Co. enclosed a report on the water from the pond as chlorinated at the fire pump. The water was A Class.

Harry Oakley was by motion engaged as a municipal employee replacing Ernest Sigworth.

Notice was received from the Fuel Wood Controller that a carload of wood had been forwarded.

Accounts of Hospitals for indigent patients were admitted and forwarded to County Council.

Permission was asked to lay a drain from the basement of Knox Church to the pond, through the Pioneer's Cemetery. Council referred the matter to the Cemetery Trustees.

The Treasurer submitted a report of receipts and expenditures up to the present time of year.

A request was made for a street light on Alice Street. It was referred to the Utilities Commission.

Council adjourned about 12:20 a.m.

PTE. HARRY RIGBY, JR. SEVERELY BURNED SERVING IN ITALY

Acton relatives have received word that Pte. Harry Rigby, Jr., aged 26, of Guelph, native of Acton, was wounded in action on September 8th. He suffered severe burns about the arms and hands as well as shock.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rigby of Guelph, who were residents of Acton for many years and a nephew of Mrs. Robert Cross, Acton. He joined the army about two years ago and went overseas in 1943, going almost immediately to Italy. He was serving with the Perth Regiment.

PICTURES FROM THE RECORD ACTON FAIR OF 1944 LAST WEEK



The Press camera caught several interesting pictures at the 1944 Fair. A few of which we are pleased to present our readers. Upper left is shown the stock parade and crowd in front of the grand stand, while the picture below shows a section of the prize winning stock and crowd around the centre horse ring.

The centre picture shows President R. L. Davidson as he greeted waves a salute to a friend. Upper right picture shows the winners in the Robinson Baby Show.

The crowd and officially opened the 1944 Fair and the Kansas Farmer Show were Master Elvin Budd, Mrs. C. Barr and Peter; Mrs. F. Stuckey and Billy; Mrs. Jos. Hurst and the twins Jon and Kent; Mrs. Chas. Sayer and Sharon; centre of the group standing is the other prize winners, Mrs. Jas. Britton with Judith Isabel. On either side of her are two other babies in the contest with their mothers.

Lower left picture shows a section of the Midway crowd that thronged this part all afternoon.

Largest Attendance on Record at 1944 Acton Fair Saturday Afternoon -- Big Exhibit -- Fine Show

Crowds—Everyone in the Grounds for the 1944 Event—Outstanding Exhibits in Shorthorn Cattle, Sheep and Poultry—Big Parade of Livestock—Two Bands Provide Musical Program—First Night Concert and Two Dances Pack the Town Hall to Doors—Baby Show, Rodeo Features, Kansas Farmer and Many Attractions Went to Make Event Most Successful

The 1944 Acton Fair is over and another success can be marked up in its history. Working under wartime handicaps the Fair in some respects made new records. The attendance on Saturday afternoon was the largest on record for the second day. More old friends came back and found a mighty fine place to renew acquaintances on a fine fall afternoon.

Some of the exhibits were not as large as in other years while others showed a big increase. The lack of a hall of course cut this display but shown in a tent on the grounds it was much admired. There was the largest exhibit of Shorthorn cattle, sheep and poultry that has been seen here for years. Other fairs on the same day conflicted with the horse show, but there was a fine exhibit. Perhaps we had better get the story as the fair proceeded.

First Night Show
Acton arena is doing a wartime job and lack of this building is quite a handicap. But a fair must go on and the directors met the situation this year by providing a concert and dance in the Town Hall. The hall was packed to the doors for the concert. The reserved seat section was a sell-out three days before the event.

That veteran entertainer Jimmie Fax was the big attraction and his Fun Co. consisted of Robt. Wilson, comedian and Jean Simpson, soloist and pianist; Miss Pat Matthew, winner of 140 medals and cups for international toe and tap dances and George Laddlaw, master of mystery. They provided an entertainment that held the audience and drew rounds of applause. Jimmie Fax in his concluding number of "A boy at School" and "Jimmie" with Miss Jean Simpson gave a finale that was most appropriate. Many friends stayed to meet him again after his performance. His assisting artists were of high type and gave a well balanced and fine program. President R. L. Davidson welcomed the crowd to the concert and expressed appreciation of the work of directors and officers. Mr. G. A. Dills was chairman for the evening. Before the concert the Acton Boys' Band, under Bandmaster C. W. Mason paraded and gave a good street concert that enlivened the evening. Immediately following the concert the hall was cleared and Harvey Fisher's Orchestra provided music for dancing which drew a splendid crowd.

This year's hall exhibits were confined to those that could be shown in a tent. Here a fine display of flowers, grain, roots and vegetables were assembled and while below the size of other years made a creditable exhibit.

The Second Day
With the sun warming a beautiful fall day on Saturday and Acton Park at its best it just completed the plans of most everyone to go to the Fair.

Live Stock and exhibits and concessionaires made the park a lively spot. A Midway complete with Merry-go-round, aerial swings and slideshows was putting on the finishing touches.

About 1:30 p.m. the parade of the school children started off from the Town Hall. This year two bands were provided. The Lorne Scots Band led the parade by Bower Avenue to Frederick and Mill Streets and then to Main Street and Knox Avenue. Acton Boys' Band in their snappy new uniforms brought up the rear. There was music all along the way and when this group went through the fair ground gates it was certainly the open up signal. From then on the Midway and all the attractions were thronged and all visitors kept coming until a crowd of between 5,000 and 6,000 attended. It set a new high record for Acton Fair. Prizes for decorated bicycles in the school parade were won by Tommy Perkins and Jim Dennis.

There were plenty of attractions for the visitors. The cattle were shown in a ring inside the track and the horses were shown in another central ring. Among the exhibitors was Mr. Fletcher now over 75 years of age who was an exhibitor at the C.N.E. for many years. His sons and grandsons were also exhibitors at the Acton Fair.

Youngest exhibitors of cattle were the Dolanoy boys aged 12 and 9 years. They did a fine job too and a look at the prize winnings will show they took their share.

President, R. L. Davidson briefly addressed the visitors to the fair thanking them for their attendance and expressing his appreciation of the work of his fellow officers and directors who had worked so faithfully through the year to make the event a success. He officially opened the 1944 fair.

The poultry and sheep exhibit were outstanding and the Acton Special in Hogs drew nine pens and the exhibitors secured a bid of \$18.60 for their hogs from Canada Packers in addition to their prize winnings.

Prize winners for T. Eaton Co. Special for hogs, judged on a carcass basis were: Fred Cole, Chas. Thompson, E. Johnston, D. Brown, H. B. Ramsden, E. R. Pasmore.

For those who wanted to sit in the grandstand there was entertainment nearly all afternoon. The Kansas Farmer had songs and stories for everyone and played request numbers all afternoon. In between times he took a hand in helping with the announcements.

Ken Budd and his Rodeo Six put on a program of trick riding, bareback wrestling on horseback, jumping Roman hurdles, hippodrome race and chariot race. Ken Budd concluded by riding "Sky Rocket" a noted bucking bronco from the bad lands of

Alberta. Auditing Ken Budd in this program were Master Elvin Budd, Master Hughie Jordan, Herb Smith, Ray Johnston and Bruce Johnston. In the old time fiddlers' contest Nell McDonald, R. H. No. 6, Guelph was first; Mrs. Hector McCall, of Guelph, second; H. McCall, Guelph third and J. W. Nicol, Limehouse, fourth.

Baby Show
Twenty-five bonnie babies competed in the Robinson Baby Show and it gave the judges a real task to decide the winners. Judith Isabel Britton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Britton, Rockwood, won first for girl under 6 months; Peter Barr, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Barr, Acton, won for boy under 6 months; Sharon A. Sayer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Sayer, R. H. 3, Milton, was best girl over 6 months; Billy Stuckey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stuckey, Acton, was best boy over 6 months; while Jon and Kent Hurst, sons of Flight Lloft, and Mrs. Jos. Hurst, won the prize for best twins. Every entry in the contest will receive an award and the winners merchandise vouchers in addition at the Robinson Store in Hamilton, the sponsors of the baby show each year.

Winner of the prize for coming the greatest distance to attend the fair was Mrs. E. Dagg of 4313 Pandora St., Vancouver, B. C. The oldest married couple at the fair were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McLaughlin, R. H. No. 4 Guelph, whose ages are 86 and 83 years respectively.

Band Concerts and Midway
Having two bands for the Fair this year made it possible to have almost continuous band programmes all afternoon. The Acton Boys' Band and the Lorne Scots Band provided programmes that pleased and were the subject of much favorable comment from visitors.

The midway had a crowd all afternoon. The merry-go-round and the swings stopped just long enough to discharge fares and take on fresh (Continued on Page Five)

102nd Anniversary Of Baptist Church Observed Sunday

Rev. L. O. Bristol of Toronto is Guest Minister—Soloists and Special Music

Sunday, September 24, marked the 102nd Anniversary of the Baptist Church. Blessed with perfect fall weather, the day was in every way a success, and was one of praise and thanksgiving.

Rev. L. O. Bristol, B.A., B.D., S.T.M., Ossington Ave. Church, Toronto brought to the congregations very inspiring and timely messages. The choir with the members of Knox Presbyterian choir and the soloists, Miss Marie Anderson, Guelph, and Mr. Roy Carson, Toronto, added much to the services.

Basing his sermon on Exodus 3-12 Mr. Bristol's subject at the morning service was "The Challenge of Faith". There are two philosophies of life, the first, that of force, aggression and power and the second that of working with God for a better world for all. Using as an illustration, the life of Moses, the speaker said that, as in Moses' life, there were three definite experiences, so in our lives the three experiences are duplicated.

The first experience was the call. "Through Moses' life in the desert, he learned the ways of the wilderness, and through the symbol of the burning bush God called Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. So in our time, God calls us and as he prepared Moses in the desert and Paul on the road to Damascus, so He prepares us for the task he has chosen. May we hear the call of God and heed it."

The second experience was that of the need for sustaining vision. When Moses became discouraged, God called him to the mountain top and there he received strength to carry on.

Some might say that good should overcome evil and yet they aren't willing to help. Hitler took advantage of that fact, and we are suffering the consequences.

To some, money is the only factor in life and it matters not how they attain their goal. To others physical enjoyment is all they would ask of life. "How low these aims are!" We should want the best, spiritually, want to know more of God's dealings with man, with God's guidance we can build a better world.

To his followers Jesus extended the "Invitation" Come and see, when asked where he lived. It was an invitation to be not only guests but companions; and that invitation is extended to us to-day. What are we going to do? Will we accept His invitation to a fuller life.

The disciples to whom Jesus spoke went out and brought others to Him. Christianity doesn't come as a lightning flash, but it abides with us. We don't know what the future holds. (Continued on Page Five)

Workers Honour Heads Of Firm With Presentation

Employees Arrange Suitable Gifts to Col. Beardmore and Mr. Bennett on 100th Anniversary

Employees of Beardmore & Co. felt that the 100th Anniversary of this firm was an occasion in which they would like to make some recognition to the heads of the firm, Col. A. O. T. Beardmore and Mr. S. G. Bennett. The Employees' Association named a committee to arrange for suitable gifts and for a presentation, but it was not until Monday morning that both these busy men could be got together for this surprise presentation.

The employees were called to a meeting on the lawn at the plant at 11:30 on Monday morning where a platform had been erected. Mr. Theo. Papillon, President of the Employees' Association, opened proceedings and briefly addressed the fellow employees and called on Mr. R. H. Parker, representing the Toronto, Montreal and Acton office staffs.

Mr. Parker explained to Col. Beardmore and Mr. Bennett the purpose of the gathering and the desire of the employees for them to have a memento of the 100th anniversary of the firm.

Two of the employees who had been with the firm the greatest number of years made the presentation of the gold watches suitably inscribed. Mr. John Kennedy made the presentation to Mr. Bennett and Lawrence Williams to Col. Beardmore.

On behalf of the men from the plant serving overseas, Col. Beardmore and Mr. Bennett were presented with sets of gold tie and collar pins by Mrs. E. Heald and Mrs. E. Waller whose husbands are serving overseas. Both Col. Beardmore and Mr. Bennett were taken completely by surprise but expressed their appreciation of the thoughtfulness and the spirit of the employees which had prompted the gathering and the gifts. They particularly appreciated the fact that this memento had come from the employees on this 100th Anniversary.

The committee in charge of this successful event were, T. Papillon, T. Ware, G. Cunningham, W. Marchmont, H. Anderson, E. Stapleton, E. Tennant, R. Chandler and G. Hansen.

The sound unit owned by Mr. V. E. Humley helped greatly to carry out the program. Pictures of the event will appear next week.

Wounded Back in Lines Pte. M. Cutting Now Listed Missing

Pte. Melvin Cutting, who was reported wounded on August 28th has now been officially reported missing, since September 6th. Word to this effect was received by his mother, Mrs. Walter Cutting, Scene Street last Thursday.

He was serving in Italy with the 48th Highlands and had apparently recovered from his wounds and was back in action again. Friends will hope with the family that news of his safety will be received.

CORN AND WIENER ROAST HELD BY JUNIOR FARMERS

A very enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Switzer on Thursday evening, September 14th, when the Acton Junior Farmers held a corn and wiener roast. There was a good attendance, and games led by Margaret McPhail, were enjoyed by all present. In the light of the fire. After a treasure hunt and a sing-song, all gathered around the fire while the corn and wieners were served along with coffee and marshmallows. The rest of the evening was spent in a friendly get-together.

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 25c.

Dance, Friday, September 29th in Acton Town Hall. Modern Alras Orchestra. Dancing 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. 12-3

Legion Dance in Town Hall Thursday, Oct. 5th. Al Watson's Orchestra. Admission 50c. Active Service personnel admitted free.

Busy Bees' Annual Auction, 1944 and Progressive Raffle at Progressive Wednesday evening, October 4th. Lucky draw on chicken. Proceeds for War Work.

WOUNDED IN ACTION



Pte. Thomas Elwood Perryman who was wounded on September 8th while serving in Italy.