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Partial Payment of School Grants Received by Board

Plans Made for Kindergarten to Commence in School in September

Trustees F. S. Blow, N. Baird, G. A. Dilla, Dr. F. G. Oakes and J. A. Chapman were present Tuesday evening at the April meeting of Acton School Board and Chairman V. B. Rumley presided.

The Secretary reported receipt of \$1100 on the Continuation School legislative grant and \$2400 for the Public School. This is approximately one-third of the legislative grants for the year. A letter from Premier Drew gave the information that the balance of the grants would be paid on or before September 31st of this year.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

National Stationers, supplies	\$ 3.50
Bell Telephone Co., services	2.50
Acton Machine Shops, pump for School	78.81
Acton Public Utilities, services	23.35
F. Toth, repairs	5.20
Symon Hardware, supplies	1.75
Coal for School	451.28
C. A. Stewart, re convention expenses	10.00
E. Smith, re convention expenses	10.00

The written report of Principal C. A. Stewart dealing with extension of the Continuation School and enlarging of the scope of the work was received and will be perused by the Board individually before the next meeting.

The Property Committee had been unable to secure estimates for alterations at the School from local builders and was requested to interview builders elsewhere if these estimates were not received before the next meeting.

The Secretary reported he had not yet received the letter from the Clerk regarding fees for pupils attending school in Guelph.

Trustees Baird and Chapman reported on their investigations regarding establishing a Kindergarten Class. They had conferred with Mr. Howitt, Public School Inspector and secured a great deal of help and information. It was advisable to establish a Senior Kindergarten Primary, taking pupils after their fifth birthday through the year until Easter each year. The room available was large enough for 35 pupils, but required some alterations and equipment.

It was decided to advertise immediately for a Kindergarten teacher with duties to commence in September, when a qualified teacher was engaged, she would be consulted on the type of equipment to be purchased.

The Board requested that the Secretary confer with the Principal to have the Cadets march to and from classes in the Y.M.C.A. and were pleased with the fine appearance of the boys in their new uniforms.

The Property Committee were instructed to arrange for laying a more sanitary type of flooring in the toilets used by the classes in the earlier grades.

FRIENDS HONOR APRIL BRIDE WITH PRESENTATION AT LORNE SCHOOL

A most enjoyable evening was spent in the Lorne School on Monday, 28th March when members of the Acton Junior Farmers and friends of Miss Audrey McArthur entertained at a miscellaneous shower prior to her marriage. With Miss Margaret McPhail as chairlady the program included reading by Mrs. Mansell Nellis, solo by Mrs. Wm. Black, a very formal but hilarious mock wedding by eight of the boys.

Audrey was then asked to come to the front while Miss Irma Watson read the address. Miss Margaret McPhail and Miss Edna Aitken carried in a large basket laden with lively gifts.

The bride to be thanked her friends in a few well chosen words for their good wishes and for the beautiful and useful gifts. Lunch was served and the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing.

LAST MEETING FOR THE SEASON OF FARM FORUMS ACTON JUNIOR FARMERS

The Acton Junior Farmers' Farm Forum held its last meeting of the winter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Swackhamer on March 19th with a good attendance.

Prior to this an enjoyable evening had been spent at the home of Mr. Elwood Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. N. Armstrong, Mr. Gordon Leslie and Mr. and Mrs. M. Nellis.

This forum was organized on October 30th, 1944 and despite the bad roads it has never missed a meeting all winter with an average attendance of about twenty-five.

SHIPWRECKED BUT HOME



Able Seaman Gordon Gibbons, who was one of the crew of the "Trentonian" recently reported torpedoed. Five others lost their lives in the sinking of the corvette.

April Meeting Esqueing Council Held on Monday

The regular meeting of Esqueing Township Council was held on Monday afternoon. Deputy-Reeve George E. Cleave and Councillors George Currie, C. H. May and R. N. Brown were present and Reeve G. W. Murray presided.

Accounts passed for payment included the following: Bell Telephone Co., services \$6.10; Acton Public Utilities Commission, lights, \$15.00; The Georgetown Herald, account to date \$3.51; Stewart Elliot, shooting dog in act of worrying sheep, \$5.00; A. E. Wilson & Co., Ltd., additional earned premium re Workmen's Compensation policy, \$77.94; H. C. McClure for funeral of indigent \$30.00.

Road accounts presented by the Road Superintendent amounting to \$3,309.25 were passed.

Relief accounts presented by the Relief Officer amounted to \$7.85.

Moved by Cleave, seconded by May, that the Treasurer be authorized to accept \$11.25 in payment of the six months interest coupon due April 1st, 1945, for \$22.50 on Bond No. 3777 Province of Alberta, for \$1,000 held on account of the Railway Bonus Fund.

Moved by Currie, seconded by Cleave, that the following be paid: H. A. Lever, audit fee for 1944, \$20.00; postage and stationery re verification notices \$15.00; 18 school sections at \$10.00 each \$180.00. Total \$385.19. Carried.

EASTER SERVICES AT ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH WELL ATTENDED

Special Easter Sunday services in St. Alban's Church were well attended. There was a Plain Service of Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and also Choral Eucharist at 11 a.m., both celebrated by the Rev. E. A. Pulker. At the latter service the choir, which has been trained by Miss Londa Stewart, A.T.C.M., sang the anthem "Hail, Festal Day" and also led in singing the "Benedictus" and "Agnus Dei" by Merbecke. The subject of the sermon was "Victory over sin and death through the Risen Christ." At Choral Evensong, the Easter Carol "Good Joseph had a Garden" was sung as a solo by Mrs. E. A. Pulker and the Rector preached on the theme "Experiencing the Risen Christ."

Thirteenth Power Bill Shows Largest Surplus Yet

Surplus of \$6,376.66 Shown for the Acton System — Profit of \$2,000.86 Shown on Year's Operation—New Pump to be Installed at Spring and Old Pumps to be used in case of Emergency

The regular meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Monday evening with all members present. Reeve J. M. McDonald and Commissioners C. M. Hanson and J. R. MacArthur.

It was decided to notify the Guelph Rural Hydrants that owing to the condition of the Acton Public Utilities truck and the pressure of work, it would be impossible to service their rural lines for emergency repairs after April 30th.

The list of arrears was checked and instructions issued as to their disposal.

Superintendent Wilson was instructed to purchase three 15 K.V.A. transformers to service the Acton Machine Shops and Argmac Ltd., as the present transformers were not large enough to handle an additional load.

A number of waterworks problems were discussed and proceedings started to give better service to certain properties.

Superintendent Wilson reported that the new pump had arrived and plans were under way for its early installation. It was decided to keep the two pumps now in service, as stand-bys, in case of accident.

The thirteenth power bill was presented and it showed a surplus for the year of \$6,376.66. Acton's share of the fixed charges and operating costs, taking into account operating charges, administration and maintenance, interest, provision for renewals, etc., totalled \$10,035.13, leaving a balance of \$6,376.66 which is one of the largest ever shown for Acton.

Some enlightening figures were shown in the balance sheet presented for the year. The total plant value is given as \$64,025.57 and the total assets as \$180,496.88, total liabilities are given as \$1,190.07.

Some figures of the consumption of power in Acton are also enlightening. Domestic services brought in \$11,521.65, commercial light \$5,261.17, commercial power \$32,753.26, municipal power, \$306.24; street lighting \$1,722.63.

Power purchased amounted to \$11,723.38. There are 511 domestic services in Acton, 87 commercial light services and 20 power services.

A report from the Waterworks convention was presented by Mr. Wilson, the delegate from the Acton Commission which was held recently in Toronto.

The following accounts were passed for payment as follows:

Canadian Lino Materials, supplies	\$30.51
W. H. Cunningham & Hill, Ltd., supplies	19.97
Force Electric Products, supplies	11.9
James Kearney Corp supplies	19.38
Canadian General Electric, supplies	7.95
Dial Controller, gas ration book	1.00
Post Office Box Rent	3.01
Express and Office Cleaning	2.51
Business Tax	4.38
Hydro Dept.	\$100.68
Waterworks Dept., Neptune Meters	5.91

Don't buy more butter than you actually need. It takes nine quarts of milk to make one pound of butter.

FINE DEMONSTRATIONS PRESENTED BY THE BELL TELEPHONE CO.

The shortage of telephone equipment will continue after the end of the war because it will take time to reconvert telephone manufacturing plants to large-scale peace-time production. Robert H. Spencer, of Toronto, public information representative of The Bell Telephone Company, told a gathering held in the town hall here last night under the auspices of the Acton and Vicinity War Service League.

"You may get washing machines and vacuum cleaners long before you will get telephones," he declared. "All that you have to do to install a washing machine is to cart it around to the house and plug it in. A telephone on the contrary, has to be connected to an exchange. The exchange has to have the facilities to handle the extra calls, and the long distance lines to meet the extra demand for out-of-town connections."

Some of our battleships require 2,200 telephones enough to serve a city of 10,000 people, the speaker stated, in discussing the quantity and complexity of the signals equipment required by the armed forces of the United Nations. For an invading force of 250,000 men, 50,000 tons of communications equipment are required for the initial landing, and an additional 1,000 tons to maintain the landing force for 30 days.

"In fact," Mr. Spencer said, "war has put the telephone to a hundred new uses. It has been called upon to meet conditions of unheard-of urgency, and it has measured up to all the demands made upon it."

Discussing the electrical gun director developed by Bell Telephone engineers, he said that at the height of the aerial torpedo attack, which took place on 150 and 100 miles per hour, got past gun batteries equipped with electrical directors.

No effort is being spared to ensure that everyone who wants a telephone will get it at the earliest possible moment after telephone instruments, switchboards and lines become available. Mr. Spencer stated, preliminary work is already under way. For example, although almost all telephone cables is being shipped overseas underground conduit is being laid now to encase new cable when it is delivered. Similarly, new telephone buildings will be erected in advance to house new equipment.

"This assurance is cold comfort to the man who wants a telephone now," he concluded, "but we feel that the public should be told the facts. We hope that they will understand and be patient."

The Acton Boys' Band was in attendance and under the leadership of Mr. Clas Mason, contributed several numbers during the evening. One of the selections was recorded and the band boys got quite a thrill out of hearing their number replayed. Mr. W. Middleton, secretary of the War Service League was chairman for the evening.

PROTESTS CEMETERY PLAN

LANCING, Surrey, England (CP)—Rev. G. W. Forster, is protesting against a proposal that a new Lancing cemetery be divided into first, second and third-class grave plots. He urges the responsible committee to discontinue commercializing Church of England graveyards.

ACTON SOLDIER WOUNDED



Pte Herbert Price, Acton soldier who is reported dangerously ill from wounds sustained while fighting in Germany.

Acton Y.M.C.A. Hexathlon Championship

On Thursday March 29th, 1945, the Acton Y.M.C.A. held its Annual Hexathlon Championship for Teen age boys. For those who are not familiar with the meaning of the word "Hexathlon" it's worthy of explanation. This Athletic event dates back to the early Greek days when it was treated as one of the big events of the year. It was, in so many words, a six event athletic meet in which all of the athletes entered, competed in all six events and so to name it properly, it was called Hexathlon, hex meaning six, and athlon meaning athletic. Today it has become a world wide athletic competition.

On Thursday night twelve Acton boys took part in this Annual Competition and developed into a very keen and exciting affair toward the finish, when Jack Stewart and Lorne Arbie fought it out for top place and top place meant that the winner would be holder of the Cameron Trophy, which was donated by Mr. J. A. Cameron, of Acton. The winner holds the trophy for a year and then the following year it is competed for again which gives it the name of a Challenge Trophy.

This event was run for a four week period on a point basis and on Thursday, the final night for the event there was only a difference of eight points separating Jack and Lorne. Jack Stewart leading by the small margin of 8 points, when finally the competition was over, the points were tallied and Jack Stewart came out on top with 1916 points, Lorne Arbie 1908 points. Merv Blaw finished up in third place and was followed by Clayton Fryer and Julian Zajac.

It should be mentioned here that on the night of the Annual Display, the Baxter Trophy for the Table Tennis Championship, the Force Electric Trophy for the Badminton Championship and the J. A. Cameron Trophy for the Hexathlon Champion mentioned above, along with the two Efficiency Trophies, donated by Mr. William Gowdy, will be presented to the various winners.

COMMITTEE CONVENORS ELECTED FOR WORK AT RED CROSS ROOMS

At a Red Cross meeting last week officers for the work rooms of the Acton Society were chosen. Convenor of the group is Mrs. A. Mason with Mrs. A. B. McLean as assistant, Miss M. Z. Bennett, recording secretary, Mrs. M. Schroeder, convenor of ship-ping, Mrs. W. J. Beatty, convenor of sewing, Mrs. F. S. Blow, convenor of work. The Red Cross rooms are open every week-day afternoon except Wednesday and Saturday from 3 to 5 o'clock. Sewers are badly needed now for the work ahead of the Red Cross.

UNITED WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION MET AT MRS. JOHNSTON'S

The regular monthly business meeting of the Woman's Association of the United Church was held at the home of Mrs. R. L. Johnson on Tuesday. The devotional period was taken by Mrs. S. Reid.

The ladies have several quilts to be quilted and expect to have a busy month. After the business was disposed of Mrs. Johnston, assisted by Mrs. Wm. Evans served a light lunch.

A very hearty vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Johnson for her home and hospitality.

BLACK MARKETS

To purchase in a "black market" is a form of theft because it takes away from some other what he is rightfully entitled to as a citizen.

Red Cross Campaign Well Over Objective May Reach \$5,000

Returns are Still Incomplete, but Point to Making \$1500 Over Objective Set

Returns in the Acton and District Red Cross Campaign are still incomplete, but yesterday Mr. W. K. Graham, the Treasurer, reported receipts of \$4500, which is the same amount as last year at the close of the campaign, a \$1000 over the objective. Some Acton returns are still to be made and the action of Nansagawaya which is in the Acton district has not made the returns of their campaign to the Treasurer yet.

Indications are that the 1945 Red Cross campaign will in the final analysis go over the \$5000 mark and set a new high record for Acton and district. The response to the campaign has been splendid in all quarters and once again Acton and district has done much more than has been asked as their share.

THE DIXON-BORDER WEDDING SATURDAY IN CAMPBELLVILLE CHURCH

St. David's Church, Campbellville, was lovely with lilies and daffodils for the marriage on Saturday of Miss Eva Alberta Border, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Border, Campbellville, to Mr. William John Gordon Dixon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Dixon, Milton. Rev. John McNeil officiated and the wedding music was played by Miss Early.

The bride given in marriage by her father, looked charming in her long graceful gown of ivory satin, shoulder length veil and carrying white roses. She wore a string of pearls, the gift of the groom. Mrs. V. W. Cahoon, of Milton, wearing blue frosted crepe and carrying red roses, was matron of honor.

Mr. Fred Dixon was his father's groomsmen and the ushers were Mr. Lorne Walker and Mr. Mansell Nellis.

A reception was held in the church parlors where Mrs. Border, wearing navy blue, assisted by Mrs. Dixon, in spring blue crepe, received the guests.

The Ladies' Aid of the church catered for the wedding dinner.

For going away the bride chose a smart blue suit and alligator accessories. On their return from their wedding trip, they will reside in Milton.

CHURCHILL FRIENDS HONOR BRIDE OF THIS MONTH

On Thursday evening, March 22nd a large number of the Churchill congregation and neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Swackhamer to honor Miss Audrey McArthur, a bride of the near future.

During the evening a short program was given, following which Audrey was asked to come forward and Mrs. Chas. Sayers read an address, expressing the sincere congratulations and good wishes of all present for the future. Mr. Smith officiated and Lorne and Audrey then carried in a well laden basket of gifts. After opening these Audrey on behalf herself and her future husband, thanked everyone present.

Coming Events

Scout Mother's Euchre and Quilt Draw in Parish Hall, Tuesday, April 17th at 8.30. 39-2

Legion Dance scheduled for Saturday, April 7th, has been postponed till further notice.

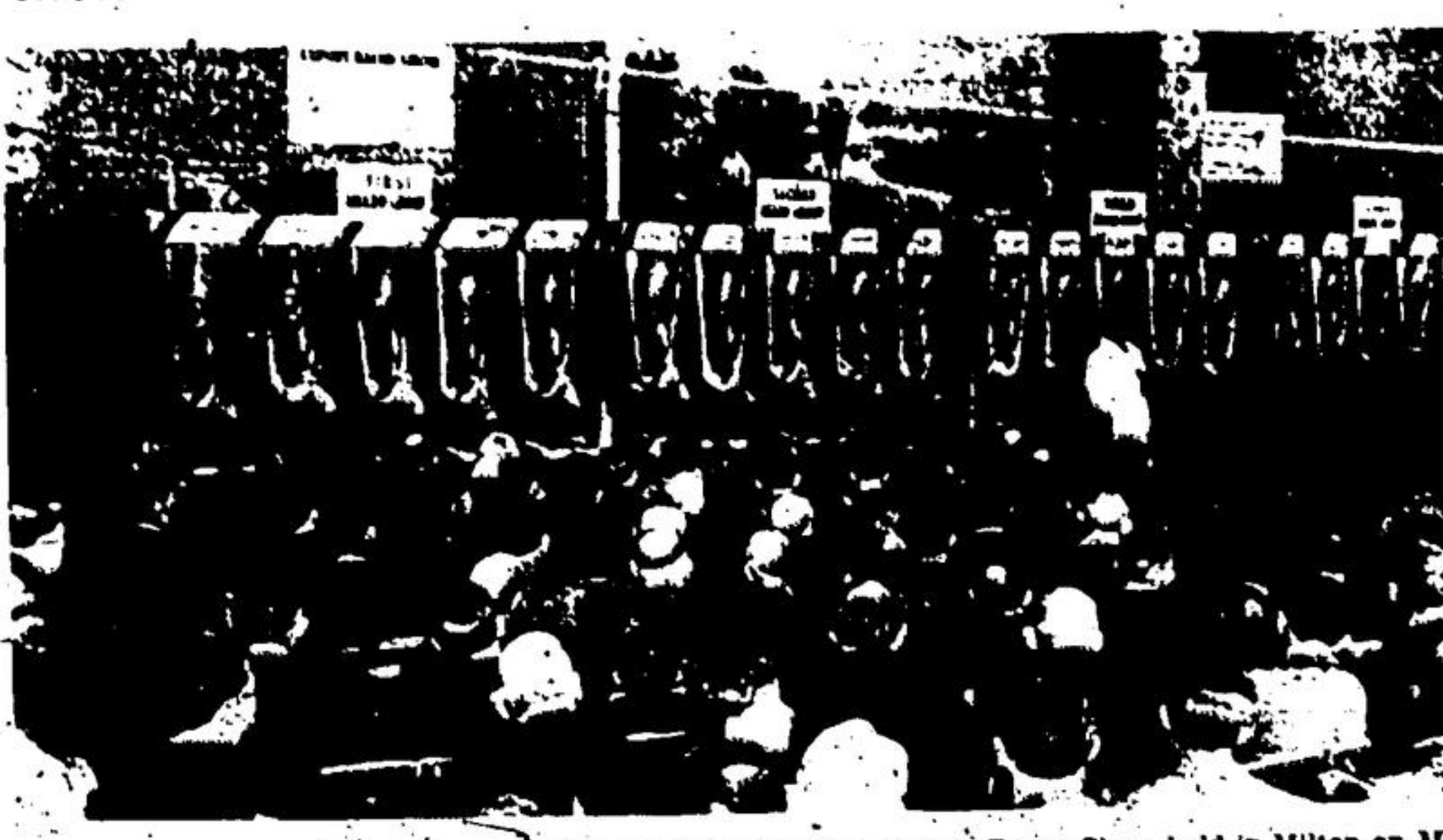
On Tuesday, April 10th, the Friendly Circle of the United Church, will present a Variety Program in the School Room, at 8 p.m. Admission 25c. 39-2

Welcome to Busy Bee Dinner at Brookville, Monday, April 9th. Galbraith Orchestra. Admission 40c. Booth. B

Don't miss the Acton Junior Farmers' Annual Dance with Russ Creighton's Orchestra in Acton Town Hall on Thursday, April 10th, from 9 till 1 o'clock. Admission 50c. 40-3

The Ladies' Aid of the Baptist Church will hold an Afternoon Tea and Sale of Homemade Baking on Saturday, April 21st at 3 o'clock in the School Room of the Church. 40-4

BACON EXHIBIT AT FIRST HALTON COUNTY SHOW



The above is a showing of part of the exhibit at Halton County Bacon Show held in Milton on March 17th, which drew over fifty entries and was considered one of the finest shows held in the province. A section of the crowd that filled the Town Hall is also seen in the photograph. Photo is by courtesy of Ross Pearen, Milton.