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Erin to Consider Forming of School Area for Township

\$50 Donated to Assist Hillsburg Band to Purchase New Equipment

Erin Township Council met in Hillsburg on June 6th. Reeve Edgar Husley presided.

The members of Council, having subscribed to a declaration constituting it a Court of Revision on the Assessment Roll of 1945, dealt with the following appeals:

Samuel Kannawin, Lot 29E Concession 11, assessment \$250, reduced \$50.

Lloyd Pravo, Lot 22E Concession 6, assessment \$300 reduced \$100.
Com of Agricultural Loans Lot 10E Concession 1, assessment \$310 confirmed.

Dogs removed from Roll, tags returned, Elias Cheyne 1 dog, Donald McFee 1 dog, Earnest Awey, 1 dog and M C. Nodwell 1 dog entered on Roll.

On motion, Court of Revision adjourned until next regular meeting, June 30th. Carried.

A difference in the Auditor's statement and the Bank deposit on Dec. 31, 1944 was adjusted. The bank book showing \$1203.05 credited to the Township on that date was an error and was charged back to the Township on January 5, 1945. The Treasurer was authorized to enter said amount in the cash disbursements of 1945.

The Council consented to the By-Law of the Township of Eramosa, dated Feb. 12, 1945 re the School Area formed by the Township of Eramosa. The only lands affected by the said By-Law are small sections of Union S.S. No. 6 and 7, Eramosa situated in the Township of Erin.

The Clerk was instructed to notify all secretaries of S. S. in the Township that meeting of the Trustees and Secretaries of the schools in the Township will be held in Coningsby School on Monday, June 18th at 8:30 p.m. to consider the advisability of forming a Township School Area for Erin Township.

Taxes levied on the portions of the lands paid by Jos. Herzog on Lot 3E Concession 1 are to be refunded and that the original tax be charged against that portion of said Lot 3E Concession 1 owned by Mick Hyeysahyn with penalties and interest up to December 11, 1943, and the Clerk notify the said Mick Hyeysahyn of the enactment of this change.

The Council donated \$50.00 to the Treasurer of Hillsburg Band for the purchase of equipment.

The Auditor's report of Brock, Davis and Dunn for 1944 was received and adopted, the same to be printed in the Journal of Proceedings and the Auditor be paid their salary of \$200 and postage \$6.25.

Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance was taken at a premium of \$200.00 and road employees Insurance at a premium of \$10, were placed with Lloyd's of London, England Insurance Co.

Accounts were paid as follows: General Accounts \$12.21; Hospital Accounts half cost, \$118.13; Officials half year's salaries and postage etc. \$440.00; Assessor's salary and postage, \$227.04; Sheep destroyed by dogs and Inspector's fees, \$33.00; Relief accounts, \$90.20; Road accounts, \$7,200.00.

Council adjourned to meet at Hillsburg on Saturday, June 30th, at 1 o'clock.

SOFTBALL LEAGUE HAS FOUR TEAMS IN ACTON GROUP

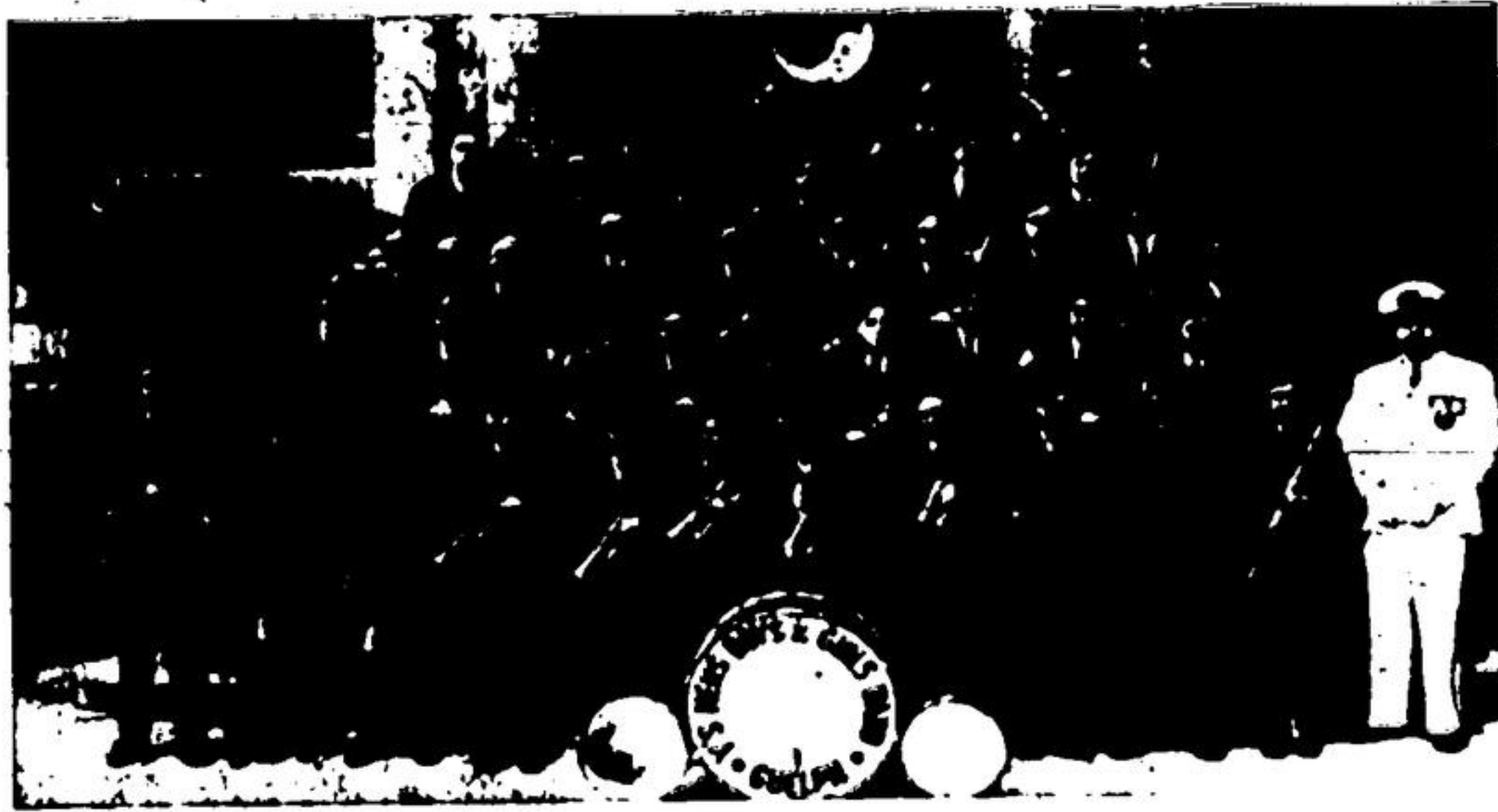
Acton Softball League has been formed with four teams and already a couple of games have been played. Last Thursday the Legion team defeated the Wood Combings by a score of 25-11. On Sunday the Wildcats won from Beardmore's by a score of 26-9. A schedule is being drawn up and games will be played three times a week between the four teams.

ACTON SOLDIER MARRIED ENGLISH BRIDE OVERSEAS

From an English newspaper we gather the following item of interest to many friends of the groom here: "Portsey West Church was decorated for the wedding of Mr. Douglas Tobin Guthrie, Acton to Betty, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Strathdee, 4 North High Street, Portsey.

"The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a two-piece pink ensemble with navy accessories, and was attended by Miss Mary Morrison, Huntly, in a blue dress with wine accessories. Mr. J. Legge, Findochty, was best man. The Rev. Sr. Scarlett Daly officiated, and Mrs. C. J. David, son presided at the organ."

FIRST PRIZE WINNER



Guelph Y's Men's Boys' Band, who carried off first honors at the Band Jamboree here last Saturday.

Branch of Selective Service Office to Open Next Week

Arrangements have been completed for the opening of a branch office of National Selective Service in Acton, which will handle all employment and unemployment insurance matters for Acton and district.

Mr. Suffield and Mr. Ryde of the Guelph office were in town on Tuesday and gave the information that the office will be on the second floor of the government building on Mill Street. It will be in the room at joining customs directly at the head of the stairway. The Acton office will be open every Thursday from 9 until noon and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and will open on Thursday, June 28th. It will be serviced in connection and under the supervision of the Guelph Office.

For some time it has been felt that Acton with its many industries should have this service and arrangements have been under way. It will prove a big advantage both to workers and employers of labor to be able to deal with these problems without the necessity of going to Guelph.

More Souvenirs Sent from Germany by Acton Soldier

Mrs. Harold McIntyre received a fine lot of German war souvenirs during the week from her husband, who is now in Holland. There was a small German flag and a sailor's whistle taken from a German submarine in Hamburg. There were nine badges or insignia from naval officers' uniforms and a bracelet made of Dutch money.

These souvenirs have been on view in the Free Press window this week and will remain there for a day or so. They are quite a collection.

BRAMPTON MAN FINED ON LIQUOR CHARGES HERE

The Police Court at Acton, yesterday, John Bryson, of Brampton, was fined \$10 and costs by Magistrate Langdon on each of two charges, one being in possession of liquor in an illegal place and the other being in a public place in an intoxicated condition. The charges were laid by Chief Harrop.

Guelph Wins First Place Acton Second in Jamboree

Four Bands Provided Programs Saturday that Delighted Crowd Attending—Prizes Awarded at Evening Concert by Reeve J. M. McDonald—Lucky Winners on Program—R. F. Bean Headed Y's Men's Committee at Fine Saturday Event.

Saturday last in Acton brought back memories of pre-war days to some of the middle-aged folks and to some of the young folks it was a fine new experience such as we may in the days of peace hope to see more often. It was a Band Jamboree—the first one for the boys who make up the band of today, and a splendid success from every viewpoint. The threatening weather cleared just in time not to interfere with the program and held until the event was completed. The Acton Y's Men's Club were in charge of all arrangements.

There were four bands taking part in the event, Ingersoll, Guelph, Bolton and Acton. While the bands made up largely of young boys and girls these bands also have several senior members. The rules of the competition in the afternoon therefore were not strictly association rules but rather a friendly competition among the four bands. The test piece was "Golden Gate" overture.

Mr. W. S. Sheppard, of Waterloo, was the adjudicator. The Guelph Band won first place, Acton second, Ingersoll third and Bolton fourth. The marks attained were Guelph 70, Acton 65, Ingersoll 62, and Bolton 60. In announcing the awards Prof. C. F. Thiele of Waterloo gave some kindly criticism and pointed out how the boys could improve their performance. He also paid tribute to the work the bands had done during the war. He announced that the Waterloo Band Festival would go on next year.

Support was given in the United Church school room for the bands and arranged by the ladies of St. Joseph's, St. Albert's, Baptist and United congregations. Following the centennial in Knox Church the ladies there had found rationed depleted and were unable to join in this event. The boys had a splendid time. The supper was appetizing and satisfying and the fraternal spirit the best.

After supper the bands paraded

from the church to the park where they assembled as one big massed band before the grandstand. Huge flags formed a beautiful background for the 150 bandmen participating. Prof. Thiele was master of ceremonies and each of the bandmasters contributed numbers. Bandmaster Chas. Mason, Acton; Bandmaster A. C. Robinson, of London; Bandmaster A. S. Hilt, of Bolton and Prof. Thiele of Waterloo. There were thrilling march band patriotic numbers, fine old hymn selections and the test piece to round out a well balanced program.

Jimmy Miller and John Petrie, aged 11 and 12 years gave splendid cornet duets, "Ada and Duffie" and "The World is Waiting for the Sunrise." Ron Wright of the Guelph band contributed two solos that were exceptionally well done. His first number was "Land of Hope and Glory" and his second that rather difficult selection "The Holy City."

Presentation of the prizes was made by Reeve J. M. McDonald of Acton to W. L. Harper, President of the Band Committee and Bandmaster A. C. Robinson of Guelph and to R. F. Bean, President of the Acton Committee and Bandmaster C. Mason of Acton. All of these spoke briefly and also Mr. Geo. Bradley of Bolton and Mr. Harold Uren, of Ingersoll. All expressed delight at the splendid time arranged.

Another feature of the evening was the draw for the lucky number programs. Karl DeForest with 537, Chas. Davis, Ingersoll with 788 and Harry Watson, Guelph with 142 were the lucky winners.

The event was the first such event arranged by the Y's Men who sponsor the Boys' Band in Acton. It was the first such gathering held in Acton in many years. The Boys' Band, under Bandmaster Chas. Mason is a young organization. Formed about three years ago and with untiring devotion of Mr. Mason, the band on Saturday in competition with larger bands from larger towns, made a showing that any bandmaster or young group might well be proud of. With the backing of the Acton Y's Men's Club, who arranged the Jamboree, and carried through all the details, gave a leadership in the community that speaks well. Incidentally while the Y's Men's Club carried on the organ-

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ACTON BAND WINS SECOND PLACE



Acton Y's Men's Boys' Band, who under Bandmaster Chas. Mason, took Second Place in the Band Jamboree in Acton last Saturday.

10th Anniversary Of The Osprige Women's Institute

Osprige Presbyterian Church was the setting for a very interesting event, when upwards of one hundred guests met to enjoy the reunion of old members and officers of the Women's Institute.

The Church proper was decorated with large baskets of spring flowers. The minutes of 1935 meeting, which was held at the home of Mrs. H. MacArthur, was read by the first secretary, Mrs. F. H. Haldie. Mrs. D. C. Robertson gave the address of welcome, which was responded to by Mrs. J. W. Cunningham, Fergus. The past president and secretaries, namely Mrs. VanGorham, Miss Isabel Stewart, Mrs. Barber, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. D. Robertson, Mrs. Laidloff, Mrs. G. Cook and Mrs. Jay VanGorham all gave short addresses. Miss Curtis also a former secretary and president spoke on the Responsibility of Women, Young and Old, the Importance of studying good nutrition and also the importance of our thoughts in Home Community and National Life.

Two minutes silence was observed in honor of the past members who had passed on.

Two pleasing solos were rendered by Mrs. T. Henderson and Miss H. McKinnon. Speeches were given by the District Officers, viz. Mrs. Boydton, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. W. Currie, Mrs. G. Stewart and Mrs. McKenzie. These voiced their appreciation for the invitation and wished the Institute every success in the coming forty years.

Several letters of regret for not being able to be present were read from members from Toronto, London, Cleveland, Mississauga etc. also the Secretary, Mrs. Sander read a letter from the Osprige Institute in England asking for a pen friendship between the two organizations. This along with the top story of the cake is being forwarded.

Following the program all repaired to the basement. After a short period of sports sponsored by Mrs. Knit, Mrs. Hilt, Justice to a delicious luncheon. The table was decorated with the Institute colors purple and gold. A three-story cake made by the President, Mrs. Geo. Young, was centered among tulle and purple panes. In the absence of the first president, Mrs. L. Dwyer, the cake was cut by Mrs. Currie.

Guests were present from Guelph, Paisley, Brock, Acton, Alton, Aberdeen, Erin and surrounding communities.

KNOX W. M. SOCIETY REGRETS RETIREMENT OF PRESIDENT MRS. BLOW

The Knox Church W. M. S. held their meeting in the class room on Thursday last with Mrs. E. J. Hassard first vice-president in charge. The devotional period was taken by Mrs. H. Allison reading the Scripture lesson and Mrs. Geo. Murray leading in prayer. The secretary and the treasurer's reports were given after which a letter was read by Mrs. Hassard from Mrs. Blow, in which she tendered her resignation as president of the W. M. S. It was with deep regret the Society learned that Mrs. Blow, owing to ill health, had found it impossible to carry on the duties she so capably handled the last three years.

Plans were discussed during the business meeting for raising money for the Peace Thanksgiving Fund. The majority favored the use of mite boxes and the secretary was instructed to secure a sufficient number.

Mrs. Thomson gave a piano solo which was much enjoyed. A very interesting letter from Miss Nellie Anderson, missionary in British Guiana, was read by Miss A. Stalker.

SCOUT MOTHERS HOLD PICNIC AT MRS. W. MASALE'S

On June 13th the Acton Scout Mothers held a picnic at the home of Mrs. W. Masales. After a bountiful supper, which was served on the lawn, races and contests were held. At the conclusion of the picnic a short meeting was held and final arrangements were made for the Cubs and Scouts picnic to be held in the park, June 27 at six o'clock. It was arranged that the treasurer forward the usual cheque to the Scout Committee for the "Cubs and Scouts" Insurance.

BOWLING GREENS AND TENNIS COURTS WERE OPENED TUESDAY

Acton Boys' Band paraded to the grounds and played a concert at the official opening on Tuesday evening of the Tennis Courts and Bowling Greens. There was a good attendance. A lunch and a social time were also part of the opening night feature.

Special Meeting Will Consider Purchase New Truck

Deposit Must be Paid by All who do not Hold Deed to Property

The regular meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Monday evening, June 19th. Mr. McDonald, Commissioner C. M. Higgins and J. H. MacArthur being present.

A letter from the Ontario H.E.P.C. stated in reply to a request for information, that it was not feasible to grant the Boardman & Co. a four week billing period. This would make a change in the billing of this account and the monthly demand would have to be taken into account.

An enquiry was to be made into the standing of the water heater account with the H.E.P.C. before the Acton Commission would decide whether to install heaters or not. This, of course must be left until the heaters are available for installation.

A ruling was clarified for the Treasurer that all consumers who can not produce a deed for the property or are not on the tax roll as owners, must pay a deposit of Light and Water service before it is turned on. A period was on hand to purchase a new truck for the Utilities Commission. Local dealers had submitted tenders, but as additional information was desired this information was to be obtained and a special meeting called for the purchase of the truck.

The Secretary was instructed to pay the following accounts:

Hydro Department	
H.E.P.C. of Ontario, power	\$3,897.67
H.E.P.C. of Ontario, supplies	41.62
George MacDonald & Co. office supplies	16.14
F. & E. Lightning Cheque	8.75
W. H. Cunningham & Hill, Ltd. supplies	5.95
Northern Photo, supplies	1.07
Bell Telephone Co. of Canada, services	6.58
Express and Office Cleaning	6.05
F. S. Cooper supplies	1.25
	\$3,964.10

Waterworks Department	
Canadian Brass Co. Ltd. Power and Heating at Spring	47.81
Hydro Repairs	72.06
	\$125.12

THE LEATHAM-HAGERTY WEDDING IN ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, ACTON

St. Joseph's Church, Acton, was adorned with yellow and white flowers on May 31st for the wedding of Helen Louise Hagerty, daughter of Mrs. J. W. Hagerty and the late Jas. Hagerty, of Clearholm, Alberta to LAC Thomas Lawrence Leatham, B.C.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. F. Leatham, Acton, Ont., with Rev. V. J. Morgan officiating.

In a princess gown of white satin with insets of lace the bride was given in marriage by the groom's father. Her finger tip veil was caught to a white halo with white forget-me-nots. The bride was attended by Miss Norma Marzo who chose a dress of mauve net over tulle and she carried mauve lilacs. Attending the groom was Mr. Enzo Marzo. The wedding music was played by Miss I. Mulholland organist.

For travelling the bride chose a Queen's Blue dress with brown accessories. After a short honeymoon the bride and groom left for Scudon, N. B. where the groom is stationed.

Coming Events

Announcements of Marriage, Comings or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, on basis per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of \$2.

Help the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. with their mile of money for war service and welfare work, Saturday, June 30th 51-2

The Lakeside Chapter I. O. D. E. Victory Garden Party, June 25th in Acton Park. Russ Creighton and his variety entertainers.

Legion Dance in Acton Town Hall, Saturday, June 23rd, Stewart Elliott's Orchestra. Admission 50c. Come out and help build a memorial hall for the boys.

Garden Party, Friday, June 29th, at the home of John W. Snow, Seventh Line Guelph. Old Time Fiddlers also Irish Comedian, acrobat, soloist, magician, cowboy singer, Tap Dancer. Auctioneers of Ballinfad, United Church W. A. Refreshment Booth. Admission 35c and 15c. B