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Commission Places Order for New Truck at Meeting Monday

To be Fitted With Suitable Tool Cabinet and Equipped to Meet Needs

A meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Monday evening. Commissioners C. M. Hansen and J. R. MacArthur were present. A request by the Wool Warehousing men for light bulbs for the arena was referred to a motion on the books which stated that a written order for supplies for the arena must be produced before parts or electricity would be supplied.

Superintendent Wilson reported that power would be cut off in the South portion of the town and to rural lines South of Acton on Sunday for a short time, while power lines were being changed over, on condition that the preparatory work could be completed by that time.

The following accounts were ordered paid:

Hydro Department	
Acton Free Press, advertising and monthly bills	\$ 38.12
Line & Cable Accessories, supplies	39.90
Force Electric Products, supplies	2.86
Federal Wire & Cable Co., supplies	393.63
Packard Electric, supplies	75.24
S. A. Armstrong Ltd, supplies	30.41
Canadian General Electric, supplies	65.88
Northern Electric Co., Ltd., transformers, etc.	855.40
Symon Hardware, supplies	12.76
Express and Office Cleaning	9.22
	\$1588.53

Waterworks Department	
G. C. Riddell, gravel	\$204.00
Canadian Brass Co., Ltd., supplies	18.57
	\$222.57

It was decided to purchase a supply of cheques for the Waterworks Department at the same time that cheques were being obtained for the Hydro Department.

As tenders had been received for a new truck from three agents in town, it was decided to purchase a Ford A. ton truck, after a careful consideration of prices and all details. It was decided to have a special box made, similar to those supplied a number of municipalities for similar work by the Truck Engineering Co. of Woodstock. It was felt that a 1/2 ton truck would be better fitted to do the job than a 1/4 ton truck.

A letter from the Bell Telephone Co. requested that the Commission approve of an underground cable for their new office at the corner of Mill and Main Streets. As this was a matter for the Council the letter was to be sent to the Clerk for their attention.

The office staff were to arrange the holidays to cause the least inconvenience possible.

The Commission adjourned to meet on Monday, July 30th.

MILK PRODUCERS HOLD ANNUAL PICNIC AT DUBLIN SCHOOL

A very enjoyable evening was spent at Dublin School when the Acton Milk producers met to hold their annual picnic. Ball games and sports were held and the following were the winners:

- Under six—Barry Stewart, Larry Graham.
- Under ten—Ralph Barber.
- Under 15, girls—Linda Britton, Betty Allan.
- Under 15, boys—Lionel Biggs, Bruce Barber.
- Ladies—Betty Britton, Bunny Anderson.
- Young men—Jack Stewart, Ken Allan.
- Coat race—Erma Watson, C. J. vanGoozen.
- Shoe race—Betty Allan, Jack Stewart.
- Early call race—Lous-Watson, Ken Allan.
- Time race—Mrs. Barber, Mrs. vanGoozen.
- Married men's race—Jack Allan, Willard Britton.

Progressive euchre was played and the prizes were won by Mrs. vanGoozen and Mr. W. D. Barber. A very beautiful lunch was served, which brought the evening to a close.

SOME COLLECTING

LONDON—A mobile team operating from the British Ministry of Health's Blood Transfusion Centre at Leeds recently set up a record by collecting from 820 donors in one single day, between 8 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. This is the highest number of donors ever dealt with by one team in one day.

Officers Installed For Ladies' Auxiliary Of Acton Legion

Thursday evening, July 5th will be a night long to be remembered by the Canadian Legion Branch and the Ladies' Auxiliary of Acton, also the Ex-Servicemen who were present to see the Ladies' Auxiliary initiation ceremony. The Acton branch was very fortunate to have Comrade Mrs. Peck, president of the Provincial Command of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the British Empire Service League of Toronto, who carried out the Initiation Ceremony and who was ably assisted by Zone Representative of Georgetown, Comrade Mrs. Greive. The ceremony was most impressive, all members pledging themselves to serve their King and Country and to all returned men and their families of the last War and the present War.

Each member was presented with a badge after taking the Oath of Allegiance. The fallen Comrades were remembered and those now serving and welcome to all brides coming to this country as brides of our servicemen. Comrade President Snow made a suitable reply wishing the Ladies' Auxiliary every success and offered full co-operation by the Legion Branch of Acton. A cordial invitation was extended to the Ladies' Auxiliary of Acton to attend a Zone Rally at Fergus by Comrade Mrs. Greive, also the Auxiliary Convention at Windsor in the near future. The elected officers were:

- President—Comrade Mrs. W. Cole
- 1st Vice President—Comrade Mrs. Lovell
- 2nd Vice President—Comrade Mrs. E. Davidson
- Secretary—Comrade Mrs. J. Maddox
- Treasurer—Comrade Mrs. Irwin
- Standard Bearer—Comrade Mrs. Drysdale
- Executive—Comrades Mrs. J. M. McDonald, Mrs. M. McHugh, Mrs. W. Haigraze, Mrs. A. Wheeler
- Sick Visitors—Comrades Mrs. Lazebny, Mrs. Finlay
- Social—Comrades Mrs. Baylis, Mrs. Muson and Mrs. Wynne
- Pianist—Mrs. Hyne

MARKED SILVER ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. McHugh entertained at their home on the Crescent on Saturday evening on the occasion of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. Many friends and neighbors were welcomed by the host and hostess.

The decorations were pink and white and beautiful pink and white roses adorned the table. Many beautiful gifts were received as well as cards and congratulations.

ST. ALIAN'S GUILD HOLDS PICNIC IN ACTON PARK

The following were prize winners of races held at Acton Park, Monday evening:

- Running race, girls under six years—Mary Hunter, Barbara Ware
- Running race, boys under six—Fredrick Graham, Tommie Duly
- Running race, boys 6, 7 and 8—Ross Morton
- Running race, girls 6, 7 and 8—Cheryl Morton
- Soda biscuit contest—Donald Anderson
- Time race—Ted Fottit
- Running race, Mrs. Doris Morton
- Stork race—Mrs. Doris Morton
- Cat contest—Mrs. Barbara Ware
- Skipping marathon—Esther Taylor
- Bicycle race—Mrs. Townsley, Mrs. Alice Duly

Secondary School Certificates Awarded To Acton Pupils

Secretary W. Middleton is in receipt this week of certificates awarded to pupils in Acton Continuation School which will be presented at a later time.

Graduation diplomas for the four year secondary school course have been awarded Kenneth E. Allan, Lorrna M. Frank, Clayton A. Fryer, A. John Harris, Margaret E. Roberts, Ann, Annie C. Thompson.

Intermediate certificates for completion of Grades 9 and 10 have been awarded John R. Barr, Frances D. Chew, William J. Clayton, Joan M. Coles, Doris M. Cripps, Shirley J. Elliott, Irma E. Kentner, Shirley J. Kentner, Olga I. Locker, Helen S. McLellan, Kenneth L. Papillon, Jean I. Robertson, Mary A. E. Smith, Martha Turkoz, Ernest F. West.

OVER 200 ATTEND LESLIE CLAN REUNION AT LOCUST LAWN FARM

"Locust Lawn Farm" Georgetown, home of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Leslie was the scene of a happy gathering on Monday, July 2nd, when 212 members of the Leslie Clan met for their tenth reunion. Following the picnic dinner President Leslie Stewart, Hamilton, called the gathering to order and a short program and business meeting was held.

Mr. George H. Leslie welcomed the clan to the old Leslie homestead, which was taken from the crown in 1823 by his grandfather and held in the Leslie name ever since.

An important item on the program was a memorial and dedication service to honor 35 members of the Leslie Clan who have enlisted in the armed services.

An address prepared by Rev. Chas. Leslie, of Victoria University, who was unable to be present, was read by Roy Leslie, Rockwood, and gave this challenge to the clan: "As our forefathers pioneered a promised land of freedom and plenty, the new era for us is the spiritual, moral and political pioneering of the promised land of peace, justice and security."

Two minutes silence was observed by all in honor of those who have given their lives in the struggle to achieve the goal of human justice, freedom and permanent peace.

Interesting speeches were given by President Leslie Stewart, Hamilton; Thos. I. Leslie, Georgetown; John Peter Leslie, Abbotsford, B.C.; Thos. J. Leslie, Thamesford, and Roy Leslie, Rockwood. Mrs. Jos. Anderson, Kalamazoo, Mich., gave a reading.

The officers for the next reunion to be held in two years are: Honorary President, Leslie Stewart, Hamilton; President, George H. Leslie, Georgetown; 1st Vice-president, Walter Leslie, Willowdale; 2nd Vice-president, J. E. Pearson, Acton; Secretary, Treasurer, Mrs. Peter Dick, Brampton.

During the afternoon a program of races and a ball game was enjoyed by the younger members. Members of the clan were present from Abbotsford, B.C.; St. Catharines, Ontario; St. Ann's, Toronto; Hamilton, Brampton, Willowdale, Thamesford, Burlington, Milton, Inneswood, Glen Williams, Noyd, Acton, Georgetown, Rockwood, Brampton, Guelph and Elm.

40 Passed Entrance Examinations Written in Acton

Results are Announced by High School Board this Week

The Georgetown High School Entrance Board has awarded High School Entrance Certificates to candidates of the Acton Examination Centre as the result of the principal's recommendation and the term's work or as a result of having passed the regular High School Entrance Examination.

- Allen, Kenneth (Hon.)
- Anderson, Elizabeth, Beatty, Eleanor (Hon.)
- Berberich, Anne Blaw, Melbourn
- Breen, Meave, Britton, Eleana; Chew, Patsy (Hon.); Clarke, Allan (Hon.)
- Collett, Herbert; Crosey, Molly
- Don, Currie, Jacqueline; Denni, James; Ferguson, Gordon; Ford, Joan; Fountain, Wesley; Galbertson, Shirley; Green, Joyce; Johnson, Helen; Kentner, Elwin; Kirkness, Roy; McCrystal, Martin; McCutcheon, Jack; McDonald, John; McIntyre, Della; McLaughlin, Helen; McLean, Elizabeth; Mowat, Mary; Mullen, Lorraine; Musselle, George; Musselle, Olive; (Hon.) T. Palmer; Stables, Perkins; Gerald; Tatka, Helen; Ramney, Monte; Robertson, Phyllis; Wilder, Lois Anne; Winfield, Christina Ida.

The following candidates of the Acton High School Entrance Examination Centre will be awarded High School Entrance Certificates on the submission to the Inspector of a certificate certifying to fourteen weeks of farm labor. These candidates passed a special examination set by the Inspector at an earlier date than the regular High School Entrance Examination.

- Fordell, Ray (Hon.)
- Lee, Edith.

PRESENTATION TO THE NEWLAWS IN NASSAGAWEYA

Friends and neighbors and School Section No. 8 met in the school to honor a recent bride and groom. Cards were played then Mr. Henderson, acting as chairman, asked Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barber to take chairs placed for them. An address was read by Calvin McIntyre, and they were presented with a large mirror and a set of dishes on behalf of S.S. No. 8. All joined in singing "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows." Lunch was served and music and dancing were enjoyed.

Contributions To Building Fund Of Children's Hospital

The Acton campaign to assist in raising funds for the new building of the Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto opened last week. Prior to the opening of the campaign a number of contributions had been sent in from Acton which are not credited in this Acton list. The local committee has no record of these contributions of the amounts.

Following is the list of contributions reported through the local fund at the banks and Johnstone & Humby and B. D. Hasbain's stores.

- John Massey \$ 50
- Acton Free Press 10.00
- M. Tallant 10.00
- John A. Locker 2.00
- Mrs. H. Grindell 2.00
- Elliot Bros. 2.00
- Mrs. W. J. Atkins 1.00
- Mrs. Jessie Russell 5.00
- Mrs. Peter E. Smith 10.00
- Mrs. Peter A. Smith 10.00
- J. A. Mowat 1.00
- David, Jim, Donald Cullen 3.00
- Gordon Hansen 5.00
- Wm. Coleman, Sr. 2.00
- Sandra F. Snow 1.00
- Chas. Mason 2.00
- Lakeside Chapter LODGE 100.00
- Eldon Lambert 1.00
- Acton Y's Men's Club 100.00

OLD RESIDENTS OF NASSAGAWEYA TO MARK GOLDEN WEDDING

Two of the oldest residents of Nassagaweya Township will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Tuesday, July 17th. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Britton will mark the auspicious occasion by receiving their relatives and friends at their home in Nassagaweya. They were married in Georgetown 50 years ago. Mr. C. E. Britton was born in Toronto and has been a resident of Nassagaweya for 72 years. Mrs. Britton was born in Nassagaweya 71 years ago. The couple have eight children living, a daughter Jean died some years ago. Glenn the youngest is overseas. Nine grandchildren complete the family circle.

DATES FOR FAIRS IN ONTARIO FOR 1945 ARE ANNOUNCED

The list of Fall Fair dates has been issued this week for the Province of Ontario. It includes 20 fairs being held this year, a slight increase over the number held in the province last year. The following are dates of the fairs in this district in which our readers will be interested:

- Brampton September 1-7
- Fergus September 7-9
- Georgetown September 7-8
- ACTON September 14-15
- Orangeville September 14-15
- Georgetown September 14-15
- Galt September 20-21
- Shelbourne September 18-19
- Bolton September 25-26
- Caledon September 28-29
- MILTON September 28-29
- Aberfoyle October 1-2
- Erin October 6-8
- Markham October 4-6
- Streetsville October 3
- Teeswater October 2-3
- Woodbridge October 6-8

Farm Help Needed If Halton Crops Are To Be Saved

In a recent interview with Agriculture Representative, J. E. Whitehead, we were informed that labor situation on Halton farms is as critical as present as at any time during the previous war years. Contrary to the expectations of many, the hay crop in Halton is generally heavy, the same holds true of the winter wheat and the earlier sown spring grain also promises well. In view of the short shortage of food supplies, the saving of these crops is absolutely essential.

The situation in Halton has been temporarily relieved to some extent by Western Canada farm hands quite a large number of whom have been placed by the Department office at Milton. Toronto commandos are also being brought out as weather conditions permit and in accordance with the demand. They still remain, however, stated Mr. Whitehead, many farmers in all sections of the County who, gradually in need of assistance if their vitally needed crops are to be saved. In short, the help of all able bodied urban dwellers of Halton can be used to advantage, whether it be for an odd half-day, day or part of the holiday period.

Good intentions alone do not bring results—action is needed at once, so call on some of your farmer friends, or the local commando headquarters and volunteer your assistance. For further information phone local commando headquarters, Phone 95 Acton, 2nd.

Still Million Pounds of Wool In Acton Arena

There has been a great deal of conjecture and anxiety about when the arena would be clear of wool and back to its intended use for the benefit of Acton and district young people. Council has written about the termination of the lease and all hope it will soon be clear.

This past few days there has been a movement of wool from the building for shipment. We visited the building and found there was an estimated million pounds of wool stored in Acton arena. It is done up in bales weighing approximately 800 lbs each and therefore in about 1250 bundles. The whole surface of the cutting rack is covered with bales one row deep. Part of the arena ice surface and seating in the south west corner is piled up to the steel girders. The northwest side has a few bales and the centre is clear. Of course the entire storage space used is covered with railway ties, tile and planking. There has also been sections of seating cut through and platforms altered.

The truck plying between the arena and the station carries about ten bales each trip and while we haven't been counting the trips made per day in clearing the wool it doesn't require any mathematical to deduce that there are 125 trips to be made and it could be cleared in less than a month. Council has learned the wool has all been sold. Let's hope the purchaser demands immediate delivery.

THE SINCLAIR-GORDON WEDDING AT HOME IN ROCKWOOD

Rockwood Academy, the home of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Gordon, was the setting for a pretty wedding recently when their daughter, Elsie Margaret, and Arnold Guthrie Sinclair, of Guelph, son of Mrs. Sinclair and the late Mr. A. Sinclair of Acton were united in marriage. Rev. J. Ward officiated at the candlelight ceremony which took place before a background of pines in pink and white, orange blossoms and ferns.

Given in marriage by her father the bride wore a floor length gown of ivory tulle with intricate veil and a necklace given her by the groom. She carried a bouquet of red roses.

Mrs. Earl Brown, sister of the bride was the senior attendant. She wore a dress of pink tulle and a necklace, the gift of the bride, and carried a bouquet of pink roses. Miss Jeanette Hilar, of Fergus, wearing a frock of pale blue sheer and carrying a nosegay of pink and white roses, was flower girl.

Mr. K. Sinclair, of Acton, brother of the groom, was best man. The wedding music was played by Miss Ethel Franklin, of Acton. During the signing of the register Miss Dorothy Simmons sang "Because."

Immediately after the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. The bride's table was effectively arranged with a three-tiered wedding cake, orange blossoms and pink and white tapers.

Receiving with the bride's party were the bride's mother, wearing a black dress with mauve and white accessories and a corsage of red roses, and the groom's mother, in a black and white ensemble with a corsage of pink roses.

For the wedding trip to North Bay, the bride wore a grey suit with black and fuchsia accessories. On their return they will reside in Guelph. Guests were present from Oshawa, Guelph, Fergus, Acton and Oshawa.

MRS. EARL LAMBERT HOSTESS TO ACTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The July meeting of the Acton Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Earl Lambert. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Collier, second vice president presided. The roll call was answered by "A Place in Canada that I would like to Visit."

General business included an appeal for the Sick Children's Hospital Fund. A donation of ten dollars was voted to this worthy cause.

Mrs. W. Marchmont, convener of the losing group for the past year, had charge of the program, which included current events by Mrs. E. Lambert. The motto on "Canadian Poetry" was given by Mrs. W. Maddox in a life story of Pauline Johnson. One of her best loved poems "Canada Born" was read by Mrs. F. Anderson. The members of the group donated small prizes and several games of bingo were enjoyed. Lunch hostesses were Mrs. J. Dobbie, Mrs. Collier and Mrs. McArthur, who served sandwiches and tarts. The penny cake donated by Mrs. Maddox was served with Mrs. Lambert finding the penny. An invitation was received from the Limehouse Branch to attend their next meeting, August 2nd.

Two Sessions of Esqueusing Council Held Recently

Award Contract for Gravel for Roads— Delegations at July Meeting

A meeting of Esqueusing Township Council was held on Wednesday evening, June 13th. All members were present and Reeve Murray presided. Mr. J. V. Ludgate, District Municipal Engineer, attended in connection with the opening of tenders for the crushing and delivering of 16,000 cu. yds of gravel on township roads.

Tenders were received from Armstrong Bros., Brampton, Hauman Bros., Hawkesville, J. C. Duff, Weston, King Paving Company, Oakville, John McLaren, Rockwood, and Wallace A. Mackey, Weston.

Moved by Currie seconded by May, that the tender of Bauman Bros., of \$72. per yard for gravel to be crushed and delivered on the roads of the township, under the supervision of the Road Superintendent and according to advertisement in tender, be accepted. Carried.

Esqueusing Township Council held their regular meeting Tuesday evening, July 3rd. Members were all present with Reeve G. W. Murray presiding.

A letter was received from the County Clerk, showing the amount payable to the County for 1945 will be \$32,804.73. Letter from the Department of Education, giving approval of By-law No. 6 setting apart the Township School Area of Esqueusing No. 1. Copies of tax arrears list as of June 14th last from Auditor, showed \$9,472.72 on the books.

The following delegations waited on the Council: President Craig Reid and Herbert Cleave, on behalf of Esqueusing Agricultural Society; President Dr. Frank Givens and C. B. Swackhamer, on behalf of Acton Fair Board; Dr. C. V. Williams, on behalf of aid to the Hospital for Sick Children's Fund; Benny Charles and Malcolm McSally, who introduced Mr. Paul Fisher who spoke on the work of the Federation of Agriculture; Edward Martin, read in Glen, Robert Addy on behalf of the boys and girls who went Overseas.

- Accounts paid or included:
- A. W. Benton, expenses to Assessors' Convention for Chesham and Denton \$27.50
 - A. W. Benton, in equalizing Union School Sections 10.00
 - Coal Chesham, in equalizing Union School Sections 15.00
 - Daniel Allan, to shooting dog in net 5.00
 - The Georgetown Herald, re advertising 12.75
 - The Municipal World, supplies 15.74
 - George MacDonald and Co., supplies 14.29
 - Acton Public Utilities Comm. - Crescent Street Lights 15.00
 - H.E.P.C. Brampton, lights at Council chamber 4.05
 - Bell Telephone Co., services 6.62

Moved by May, seconded by Cleave that relief accounts as presented by the Relief Officer be paid, \$1440.—Carried.

Moved by Cleave, seconded by Brown, that the road accounts as presented by the Road Superintendent, \$8084 be paid. Carried.

Moved by Cleave, seconded by May, that this council do now adjourn to meet on Monday August 6th, at 8 p.m. or at the call of the Reeve.—Carried.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings to be held in other parts of the county are charged to clubs per page with a minimum charge for the announcement fee.

Dance in St. Joseph's Hall, Thursday, July 12th. Everybody welcome. Admission 25c.

Bingo every Tuesday night in St. Joseph's Hall. \$2.50 in vouchers. Admission 25c. 2-11

Next Dance of those held, every other Tuesday at Brookville Hall by the Busy Bees with Gabriella's Orchestra is July 17th. Admission 50c.

Baseball Tournament and Open Air Luncheon to be held in Campbellville School Grounds, Monday, July 16th, commencing at 4 p.m. Bennett's Orchestra. Proceeds for Children's Playground. B

Open air dance in Acton Park, Saturday, July 14th, auspices Acton Legion. Proceeds in aid of the Sick Children's Hospital. Stewart Elliott's Orchestra. Admission 50c. In case of rain it will be held in the Town Hall.