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Organized Sport Cannot Be Conducted on Sunday

Council Issues Orders to Maintain the Law — Joint Meeting Has Agreed to Play Games on Saturday — Securing of Curling Rink for Fall Fair Under Discussion but Matter up to Military Authorities — Tenders are Asked for Garbage Collection.

Councillors J. H. Boulton, J. H. Creighton, W. J. O. Oakes and F. Davison were present last night when Acton Council met in regular meeting and Reeve J. M. McDonald presided.

Fire Chief Chisholm reported to Council that the Firemen's Convention was to be held in Merritt this year in August. Council agreed to pay the expenses of two delegates from the Fire Brigade to the Convention.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

W. Fryer, mowing grass	\$ 19.20
Symon Hardware, supplies	5.85
Whillier & Co. assessor's supplies	7.74
Acton Public Utilities Commission, various services	197.20
Bell Telephone Co., services	6.53
Acton Public Utilities Com. re stamps	1.58
Norton Motors, June account	37.41
Walter Cutting, cutting grass	33.60
Whitham's Garage, fire dept.	20.25
E. E. Harrop, postage etc.	3.69
W. R. E. Blair, drum of roofing	23.75
	\$356.98

It was decided to hold a special meeting of the Council on August 8th to consider tenders for the waterworks extensions and reservoir construction.

Notice of admittance of an indigent patient was received from St. Joseph's Hospital. The account was accepted.

Another letter was received regarding an indigent patient that Council did not feel should be paid.

Council was to make inquiry regarding the acceptance of employment with the Corporation of Mr. Stubington and compliance with the present regulations.

Mr. J. McMullen was present regarding filling in front of his property being erected on Main Street. He asked Council to fill in on the street level or give some assistance in levelling in front of the property. Council agreed to view the property and make a decision at the special meeting.

A copy of a letter sent to the Secretary of the Softball League by the Ministerial Association regarding holding league games in the Park on Sunday afternoon was read. The letter asked that games be played on Saturday when no games were scheduled. A second letter from Rev. F. Thompson pointed out that no reply had been received from the Baseball Club to the letter sent them. All other correspondence in connection with Sunday organized baseball in the Park was reviewed. It was requested that games be played on Saturday. Letters were received from the session of Knox Church and the United Church protesting Sunday organized baseball in the Park. Another letter told that at a joint meeting of the ministers and club officials it had been agreed to stop playing league games on Sunday and for the last two Sundays no league games had been played.

Council read the law regarding organized games on Sunday and such organized games are contrary to the Lord's Day Act. The Council passed the following motion covering the matter as it was felt by the majority that a stand should be taken for the benefit of all concerned.

"That in accordance with the Lord's Day Act, that no organized sport shall be permitted in any municipality for gain or for any prize or reward, in case of any violation thereof in the Village of Acton, we hereby instruct the Chief Constable to prosecute the offenders."

A letter from Dr. Kenney suggested names for a committee to study the establishing of a hospital in Acton and to make inquiry. The names suggested were Messrs. J. H. Creighton, H. Hinton and R. H. Elliott and it was felt this would be a splendid committee but no definite action was taken.

Another resolution was passed accepting the offer of the Donahut Inspection Limited to inspect material used in construction of the waterwork extensions and material and attraction in connection with the reservoir. The rates to be charged were set forth in the resolution.

The Reeve reported that the Fall Fair Board had approached Mr. Robson in an endeavor to secure the Curling Rink for use at Fair Time. It was pointed out that the Corporation

DIEPPE RAID PRISONER



Pte. W. L. (Bill) Turner, who was reported killed in Action at Dieppe and later a Prisoner of War, returned on Tuesday to his home in Acton.

Mr. and Mrs. Britton Mark Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Britton, Nassagaweya, celebrated their Golden Wedding on Tuesday, July 17th, with one hundred and fifty signing the guest book. Addresses showed besides near-by cities and town, visitors from Detroit, Montreal, Saskatchewan and Australia. The weather man gave them a perfect day and evening. The bride of fifty years ago received his guests wearing a two-piece aqua printed rayon dress.

Seventy cards and many beautiful gifts were received from friends and family.

The family met at the church on Sunday where a special hymn, "Happy the Home when God is There," was sung for them, and went from there to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Padbury's, where their eldest daughter, Lina, entertained her parents, brothers and sisters to dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Britton have lived a full life. Their eldest son Willard, served in the first world war and their youngest son Glenn in the 2nd world war. They had nine children, three sons, Willard, Esquising, James, Nassagaweya; and Glenn, overseas, and six daughters, Mrs. Padbury (Lina) Nassagaweya, Jean (Mrs. Douglas Ellis) who died some years ago leaving a daughter, Vivian Ellis of C. W. A. C. Ottawa, and two sons, Jack, overseas and Bud who has received his discharge; Pat (Mrs. P. Baynton); Edna (Mrs. Elmer Anderson); Letitia (Mrs. Alex. Herd) and Vera, all of Toronto.

Mr. (Clay) Britton was born in Toronto 72 years ago and has lived all his life in Nassagaweya. Mrs. (Sarah) Britton was a daughter of the late Ann and David Carnochan and has lived her 71 years in Nassagaweya. They took up farming together when first married and lived on the same farm until several years ago. Both are enjoying fair health and take an interest in the community. Both are regular attendants at Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Britton is an active member of the Busy Bees war work group and her jolly manner puts pleasure to many a quilting, their daughters, daughters-in-law and granddaughter served at the Golden Wedding.

Sgt. A. J. Baynton of Moffat Awarded the Military Medal

The department of national defence announced 31 new awards for gallantry in action to members of the Canadian Army, including a Military Medal to Sergeant Alfred James Baynton, Moffat.

The awards, which were won by distinguished service in the northwest European theatre of war, included five Distinguished Service Orders, 18 Military Crosses, two Distinguished Conduct Medals, and 26 Military Medals.

No citations covering the actions are available at present.

Sgt. Baynton is the son of Mrs. Winnifred Baynton, Moffat. He was born at Maple Creek, Saskatchewan, August 27, 1917. A farmer in civil life, Sgt. Baynton enlisted in the Canadian (Active) Army on February 8, 1941 and proceeded overseas with the Canadian Armoured Corps in June the same year. His wife, Mrs. Elsie Baynton, lives at 92 Loughborough Park, Brixton, London S.W. 9, England.

Hydro Workman Narrowly Escapes Electrocutation Here

Robert Dixon of the staff of the Acton Public Utilities Commission had a narrow escape from death or serious injury when he was knocked unconscious by coming in contact with an electric power line and fell from the pole to the ground, a distance of about twenty feet on Tuesday afternoon.

Superintendent Wilson was working with the men replacing a pole on Bower Avenue near the Storey Glove Co. plant. It was preliminary work so that the transformers feeding the plant could be switched next week while holidays are being taken. Both Bob Dixon and Jack Lambert were working on the pole and Dixon had just loosened his safety belt to shift his position around the pole and handed the end to his fellow workman to refasten it again when he came in contact with the power line. It is thought his gloves and clothing were wet with perspiration and contributed to the mishap.

He was knocked unconscious and fell down the pole to the ground and across the hole where the new pole was to be placed. Mr. Wilson has taken the courses in resuscitation and immediately started to work to revive Mr. Dixon. Dr. Kenney was immediately summoned and in half an hour the injured man was able to be taken home. Fortunately he suffered no broken bones in his fall, but is severely bruised and shaken. He was able to be about the following day and is recovering from the accident.

THE JAMES LOUITT WEDDING SATURDAY IN UNITED CHURCH

Baskets of roses, ferns, phlox and iris decorated the United Church for the marriage on Saturday, July 21st of Kathleen Mae Louitt, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Louitt, Acton, and Gordon William James, son of Mrs. George James, Georgetown, Rev. A. W. Fashley officiated with Miss Ethel Franklin at the organ. During the signing of the register, Miss Dorothy Simmons sang "Because."

Given away by her father, the bride looked lovely in flowing white sheet, with a peasant neckline embroidered with gold thread, and long sleeves. She wore a gold necklace, a gift from the groom, and carried red roses and sweet peas. Her finger-tips were held in place by a coronet of gold sequins.

Marjory Allan, as bridesmaid, wore a floor length gown of pink silk jersey, with a coronet of gold sequins. Her bouquet was red roses.

Lorne Masters acted as best man and Tom Hoare, Brampton, and Mel Jordan, Acton, were the ushers. At a reception held in the bride's home on Main Street, Mrs. Louitt welcomed the guests from Toronto, Brampton, Hamilton, Georgetown and Rockwood. Wearing a mauve silk suit, with matching accessories, and a corsage of sweet peas, she was assisted by Mrs. James, in a flowered mauve frock.

Two Farmers of This District Injured in Haying

Injuries suffered while gathering the hay crop took two farmers of this district to the General Hospital, Guelph, Saturday evening. One is critically ill.

Herbert McMenemy, 43, of R. R. 1 Glenwilliam, is critically ill, with a ruptured lung and other injuries. He had been leading his team of horses to the stable after the day's work. The animals bolted, throwing him into a pile of rocks.

James Cree, 74, of R. R. 2, Acton, fell from the top of a load of hay. His injuries included two broken ribs. His condition is reported as favorable despite his age.

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER BY FRIENDS FOR MISS K. LOUITT

Misses Marjorie and Eleanor Allen entertained at a miscellaneous shower at their home on Wednesday evening last in honor of Miss Kay Louitt, a bride of the month.

After a contest, they enjoyed a singing with Eleanor Allen and Mrs. Fields at the piano.

Following this the bride was seated beneath an arch of evergreens with pink and white streamers. An address was read by Audrey McKinnon after which Mae Spires and Muriel Moore presented the bride with the gifts.

After opening the gifts Kay thanked her friends for the lovely things. Afterwards a delectable lunch was served by the hostesses, assisted by Mrs. Louitt, Mae Spires and Mrs. Allen.

Listed as Killed in Dieppe Raid Home in Acton

Prisoner of War and Men From Overseas are Welcomed by Family and Friends

No less than six men from Acton, who have been serving overseas have returned home this week. One was a prisoner of war, one was critically wounded and others have come back escaping injury.

They were all joyous reunions, but perhaps Mr. and Mrs. Fred Turner had special cause for rejoicing in the safe return of Pte. W. L. (Bill) Turner. After the Dieppe raid, Mr. and Mrs. Turner received a message from the officer in charge of Records stating he was officially killed in action. Later word seemed to confirm this fact. That was in August 1942.

A month later word was received from the International Red Cross that Bill Turner was a prisoner of war in a German Camp. Through the nearly three years the parents have received the messages permitted through the Red Cross until a few months ago he was liberated and returned to England. Since returning to England he married an English bride, now Pte. Bill Turner is home again.

He enlisted in April 1940 with the Hamilton Light Infantry and went overseas in August 1940. Before enlisting Pte. Turner was with the Beardsmore Co.

Pte. Bill Turner's homecoming was out of the ordinary perhaps miraculously because in August 1942 we find the concluding sentence in a front page article in *The Free Press*: "The flag is at half mast at the Soldier's Memorial and on the Town Hall as Acton mourns the loss of Pte. William Lyle Turner."

But now Bill is back home and it wasn't correct and with his father, mother, sister and brother we all rejoice that the first word was incorrect and he did come home again.

Pte. Herbert Price was another Acton soldier to get back on Monday after his wife and brother and sisters here have had an anxious time concerning him. In March of this year he sustained serious injuries in the heavy fighting in Germany. His injuries at that time were described as a compound fracture of the skull and lower jaw. He was reported dangerously ill. He recovered and just after convalescing underwent an operation and was seriously ill again. He came back across the Atlantic on the "El Nil" as a stretcher case, but after reporting at London, Ont., he was allowed to come home and is able to be about.

Pte. Herb. Price has been in the army over three years with overseas service of more than two years. Before enlisting he was employed with the Storey Glove Co. His wife and members of his family have had an anxious time and friends rejoice with them in his safe return.

Sgt. Lyle A. Cripps, son of Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Cripps came back aboard the "Pastor" and arrived home on Tuesday. He has been in the army for nearly four years with two years and eight months overseas. He saw service in Sicily, Italy and Holland and fortunately came through without injury. Before enlisting he was employed with the Beardsmore Co. He is home on thirty days leave before proceeding to the war in the Pacific. Parents and family are joined by friends in appreciating his safe return.

Overseas since March 1943 Sgmn. G. T. Pargeter got back home and to Acton on Tuesday. He has been in the Army since February 1942 and served in France and through to Germany. He came back to Canada on the "Pastor." Before enlisting Gerrie was employed with Geo. W. Benton. His brother Bruce had arrived home from overseas a few weeks previously and the parents and family are again enjoying a reunion if only for a short time. Both brothers will join the Pacific forces. Friends are glad to welcome them back to Acton.

Another Acton soldier to come home on the "Pastor" was Tpt. R. J. Emmerson, who also arrived on Tuesday and was welcomed by his wife and four children at the home on Young Street. He has been in the Canadian Army for over two years with most of that time spent overseas. Before enlisting Tpt. Emmerson was employed with the Acton Creamery. Friends are indeed glad of his safe return and welcome him back to Acton.

Another homecomer on the "Pastor" was Sgt. W. T. Boyle of the R.C.A.M.C. who arrived in Acton on Tuesday morning and was welcomed by his wife (formerly Helen Campbell) and little son. Sgt. Boyle has been in the army three years and spent two years overseas serving in Italy and then France and Holland. Before enlisting he was employed in Toronto, but had previously been teller in the Acton Branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia. All welcome his safe return.

\$22,000 Waterworks Plan Reservoir and Extensions

WOUNDED NOW HOME



Pte. H. C. Price, who was badly wounded in March, returned to Canada on the "El Nil" and is now at his home and able to be about.

Donations To The Building Fund Children's Hospital

Following are this week's contributions to the Acton fund of the building program of the Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto.

Excessively acknowledged	\$454.20
R. R. Parker, Jr.	1.00
Ether Taylor	2.00
Armano Ltd.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cooper	5.00
Woodside (and Bannockburn District)	71.00
Storey Glove Co. Employees	31.00
LODE, Duke of Devonshire Chapter	50.00
Force Electric Employees	15.00
E. S. Cooper	5.00
Mason Knitting Co. Employ	12.00
Mr. and Mrs. E. Hudson	5.00
Mrs. G. McKenzie	2.00
Norman and Neil Lambert, Rockwood	1.00
Mrs. J. P. Perry	1.00
Danny Holmes	2.00
Mrs. J. Symon	10.00
Mrs. Dan Taylor	2.00
Miss Mary Ritchie	1.00
Bill Holyk	50.00
Miss E. M. Moore	1.00

Donations may be made at Symon Hardware, Johnstone & Rumley, B. D. Rachlin, Cooper Drug Store and the Banks.

It may be necessary to continue the campaign for another week or so on account of factory holidays interfering with the completion of the work.

Safe Looted at Georgetown on The Week-End

Safecrackers of the heavy hammer variety visited the town of Georgetown over the week-end and after breaking into four offices escaped with approximately \$225 in cash and an undisclosed number of money orders and postal notes.

The robbers first raided the C.N.R. office where they failed to open a safe and apparently found nothing of value to steal. They next visited the Dominion Seed House office, where they smashed open a two-ton safe with ledge hammers and wrecking bars and stole about \$125 in cash and a number of money orders and postal notes.

Still not satisfied, the crooks forced their way into the Federal Sales Manufacturing Co. premises and from an unlocked safe extracted about \$100 in cash. As a last try they broke into the office of the J. B. Mackenzie Lumber Mill and although the place was ransacked, nothing was stolen. The safe was shifted to the centre of the room but was undamaged and police suspect the culprits were frightened away.

Chief William Marshall and Constable Mervin Robb, of Georgetown, are being assisted in their investigations by Provincial Constables Jlay Mason, of Acton, and A. R. Lemon, of Milton.

Bingo every Tuesday night in St. Joseph's Hall, \$22.50 in vouchers. Admission 25c.

Open air dance in Acton Park, Saturday, July 28. Auspices Acton Legion.

Dance, Tuesday, July 31st and Tuesday, August 14th at Brookville with Galbraith's Orchestra. Sponsored by Busy Bees. Admission 50c.

Bingo in Acton Town Hall, Monday July 30, at 8 p.m. Auspices Victory Club. Proceeds for Sick Children's Hospital and War Service League. Good prizes. Quilt draw. 5c.

Tenders on Work Being Asked for and work to be Done This Season—Reservoir Will Bring in Additional Water Supply and Provide for Surplus—Present Installed Capable of Handling Bigger Load

Last week, after a special meeting a notice was published stating that construction of water mains was to be made on certain streets and a new reservoir is to be built at the spring. The estimated cost of the work is \$22,000, part of which will be borne by debentures on the whole town and a smaller part by the property owners, who are benefiting by the extensions. It is practically the same principle and payment that was used in the original installation with the difference that the debenture term will be for fifteen years instead of thirty years as the original installation.

It seems difficult to many of us to realize that it is now twenty-five years since waterworks were first installed in Acton. The amount of the installations from 1920 to 1925 ran to \$142,905.00 with interest from 5% to 6% per cent.

Naturally the costs were kept as low as possible in the initial stages and many sections of the town were not served by water mains and have been without this privilege during all these years. During the period, several short extensions have been made to other sections.

The proposed new sections will overcome most of the present handicaps. It will take water to Main Street North and to Scene Street, where already several of the wells are unsuitable for drinking purposes. It takes the mains east on Queen Street and provides for building that may take place in that section. This also applies to Queen Street west in the direction of the Wool Combing Corporation survey and to the new section on Alice Street, laid out by Mr. A. Mason.

More Water Needed. During the twenty-five years, the popularity of water in the homes and factories in Acton grew until most homes now have this convenience. If sewers are installed there will be need for more water. To meet this it is proposed to build a reservoir at the spring property to hold 30,000 gallons of water. It is also planned to pipe into this reservoir the water running from another spring, control of which was secured by the Corporation at the time of the original installation twenty-five years ago. It is also planned to put a fence around the spring and the reservoir property.

Last week, the engineer, Mr. Anderson of the firm of Armstrong and Anderson, submitted the specifications to Council for this construction work. It is a book of forty pages, giving complete details for those who tender, how the work is to be done, the materials to be used and the tests that it must withstand.

This week tenders for the work are advertised for. They must be submitted on or before August 7th and it is planned to complete the work this summer and fall.

The construction will be quite an item, but not nearly as large an undertaking as the proposed installation of sewers and a disposal plant. This work however, is a necessary preliminary to the larger plan, which will have to have a vote of ratepayers before proceeding with it.

V. D. TESTS

REGINA (CP)—Tests for venereal disease within 30 days before marriage will become compulsory for both men and women of Saskatchewan on September 1st, next.

Coming Events

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

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