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Burglars Leave Trail of Damage on Sunday Morning

Two Cars Stolen and Vault Entered at Mason Knitting Co. Little Cash for Night's Work

A group of amateur bandits visited Acton sometime during the early hours of Sunday morning and left a trail of stolen cars, broken doors and windows and smashed vaults and safes, but secured small returns in actual loot or money.

The first work of the gang was discovered when they stole the car of Willard MacDonald, of Hepworth, who was visiting his brother, Mr. Ian MacDonald on Victoria Avenue. In its place they left a Dodge coupe stolen in Toronto. Reason for changing cars would seem to be that the gas tank was empty and one tire was ready to collapse.

Getting the MacDonald car away caused a bit of noise and Chief Harrop and Provincial Constable Ray Mason were notified. Before Chief Harrop left the house however, he had another complaint from a few doors down the street on Bower Avenue, that a 1942 Dodge coupe belonging to Harold Petrie of Weston had been stolen. Mr. Petrie was a visitor at the home of Mr. Harold Kinross. It was found that the MacDonald car had been abandoned on Bower Avenue.

Toronto police were notified and strangely the car stolen in Acton was found on Sunday on the same street in Weston, just a short distance from the home of the owner, Harold Petrie.

In it were an outboard motor, fishing tackle, 22 calibre rifle and shells and a radio. These were not recovered with the car.

Chief Harrop then started his rounds of investigation. There were two bars, an axe and sledge hammer found in the Toronto car. They were marked as C.N.R. tools and had been stolen from the C.N.R. toolhouse in Acton.

At the Acton Creamery on Main Street the front door was pried open with bars. The handle of the safe was broken off, but they failed to open the strong box.

The worst damage was committed at the Mason Knitting Co. plant. Entrance was gained by breaking a window on the south-east side of the building. Bars were used on the vault door which was sprung and opened and twisted out of shape so that a new door is necessary. The office wall was damaged and a window in the office door smashed. Filing cabinets were pried open, although they open easily by releasing a small catch. The total amount of cash secured for all their work was about \$20, the contents of a pay envelope not yet called for. Records were thrown about, but nothing more was taken and it appeared only cash interested the burglars. Doors were left open for a speedy exit in case of being disturbed. The property damage will amount to two or three hundred dollars at the Mason plant. The entry was discovered by Mr. Mason, who happened to visit the plant shortly after eight o'clock on Sunday morning.

Farm Home Destroyed by Fire Monday Afternoon

Fire completely destroyed the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. John McLaughlin on the Sixth Lane, south of the highway on Monday afternoon. The flames spread so rapidly that very little of the contents could be saved and the loss is complete. It is stated that the fire was started when the wallpaper near an oil stove was lighted.

The home had recently had some improvements made by Mr. McLaughlin and been newly covered with insulation brick siding. A new kitchen and other improvements were being made. Mr. McLaughlin works in the Beardmore & Co. plant in Acton and the remodeling of the home had just been completed. The property was purchased this spring.

ACTON PUPILS WHO SECURED UPPER SCHOOL EXAMS. AT GUELPH

Results of the Upper School examinations were announced last week. This year two Acton pupils, took Upper School work at the Guelph Collegiate and obtained the following standing:

Davidson, Douglas—Alg. C., Geom. 1; Trig. 1.

On Farm Work—

Mainprize, Jack—Comp. C., Lit. C., Alg. 3; Geom. C., Trig. 3; Phys. 1; Chem. 2.

Grandma McArthur Celebrates her 97th Birthday

Congratulations from neighbors and friends from far and near were showered upon Mrs. Angus McArthur on August 21st, it being the occasion of her 97th birthday.

Despite her years, this grand old lady is quite alert and enjoys excellent health.

The occasion was celebrated by her family all being with her and over thirty relatives sat down to the Birthday Supper. Friends were present from Niagara Falls, Beausville, Vineland, Stayner, Erin, Acton and also Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Farm Labor Situation Handicaps Our Production

In a recent interview with Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitehead, we were informed that the need of farm help is as great to-day as at any time during the past six years. The Agricultural office in Milton for the past three months has been deluged with phone, letter, and personal interviews, with the oft repeated appeal, "Can you get me a man?" Local supplies of farm help are apparently non-existent and consequently Mr. Whitehead and his secretary have spared no effort to secure help from outside sources. "Under such circumstances," stated Mr. Whitehead, "farmers can't be choosers and we informed authorities in Toronto and elsewhere that we were prepared to take delivery of any number of men, night or day, week day or Sunday, whether for the day, week, month or longer, providing they were able bodied and prepared to handle a pitchfork." Some 107 farm hands from Western Canada were secured in late June and early July, and distributed to as many different farmers. With a few exceptions these men returned to harvest their own crops in Western Canada around the middle of August.

On our periodic visits to the County Town we observed Robert Simpson trucks parked on the main street. On inquiry we learned this company had since early July, been supplying free transportation daily to Toronto Commandos. On further inquiry from Mr. Whitehead we learned that with the co-operation of Alderman John Innes of Toronto, and the company referred to above, 126 Halton farmers have since July 2nd up to August 20th been supplied with the equivalent of 906 days' work from this source. The majority of these men are doing a very satisfactory job, which is substantiated, added Mr. Whitehead, by the fact that invariably the respective farmers ask that the man or men be sent back the next day.

That this help is appreciated goes without saying, nevertheless, it is not sufficient to enable farmers generally to maintain the production of needed foodstuffs. Our allies in such formerly occupied countries as Greece, Holland, Belgium, and elsewhere are already on a starvation intake of nutrition. With a world shortage of food there is no alternative but to share what we have with those who fought by our side in withstanding the onslaught of the Hun during the past 5 or 6 years. It would therefore seem that those who are criticizing our proposed food rationing policy either do not know the facts or are not prepared to face them.

Unfortunately for the British consumer and also for the Canadian farmer, we are falling down badly on our exports of bacon. Marketings of hogs in Canada for the first seven months this year are 35% below the same period last year. This situation is bad for the Canadian producer in that our future exports of bacon after 1946 is contingent to some extent on continuity of supply. Quality and foreign exchange are other factors. The Danes are again back in the British Bacon market. The Danes have adopted voluntary pork rationing in order to have a surplus to export. This gives some indication of how much the Danes value the British Bacon market. "This in our opinion indicates the vital and urgent need for definite and immediate planning on the part of Federal and Provincial government, farm leaders, hog producers, processors and others interested if the British Market is to be retained for Canadian bacon."

CHEESEMAKER FINED

Emile Bedard, Johnville, Compton Co., P.Q., owner of combined factory Reg. No. 2378, appeared in police court at Sherbrooke, P.Q. recently and was fined \$10 with costs, or eight days in prison, for violating the Regulations of the Dairy Products Board. In this case, skim-milk cheese was manufactured contrary to Order No. 59 of the Board. The charge was laid by an officer of the Dominion Department of Agriculture.

Debentures Ready for the Waterworks Extensions

Hospital Accounts of Alleged Indigents on Council Agenda — Grant Made to Fall Fair — Department of Health Approves of Plans for Waterworks Installations—Committee Appointed to Study Desirability of Establishing a Hospital in Acton

Councillors W. J. Oakes, J. H. Boulton and F. Davidson were present at the Acton Council meeting last evening and Reese J. M. McDonald presided.

Mr. C. W. Swackhamer, on behalf of the Acton Fall Fair asked that Council consider the annual grant. The usual grant was given.

Mr. Dolner was present regarding a hospital case.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

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| County of Halton, use grade | \$50.00 |
| Hell Telephone Co., service | 2.50 |
| The Fry-Eyler Co., repairs and supplies | 95.45 |
| Ontario Municipal Board | 39.00 |
| Acton Free Press, advertising and printing | 49.02 |
| Acton Cemetery Board | 80.00 |
| Brumer Mond Co., calcium | 82.70 |
| W. Cutting, cutting weeds | 28.35 |
| H. Harrop, prizes for V-J Day celebration | 23.00 |
| | \$446.02 |

Notice was received from Thos. Harris that he desired to sever his employment with the Corporation.

A letter was received from Jenkins & Hardy auditors enclosing the schedule of debentures for payment of principal and interest. The term of the debentures was for 15 years with annual payment of approximately \$2000 per year. The total issue was for \$25,000 with interest at 3 per cent. The Clerk was instructed to communicate with bond houses, regarding the sale of the debenture issue.

A letter from the Municipal Board desired to know what action had been taken on the 1941 recommendations of the auditor. The Clerk was instructed to reply that the recommendations had been carried out.

A letter from Dr. Berry of the Department of Health enclosed an approval for the construction of the reservoir and the extension of the water mains.

A letter from the Donald Inspection Co. gave details of the construction material to be used in the reservoir.

A committee of Messrs. J. H. Crompton, R. H. Elliott and H. H. Hinton were appointed by Council to enquire and make a study of the establishing of a hospital in Acton and have a report to Council. The Clerk was advised to write this committee requesting that they assume this position.

Accounts and other matters in connection with hospital bills were reviewed by Council and instructions issued for their disposal.

It was decided to hold the Court of Revision on Wednesday, October 17th.

Chief Harrop gave a report to the Council on the burglaries that had been committed on Sunday morning. Councillor Oakes reported Mr. McMullen had requested permission to divert a stream that crossed the highway near his property on Main Street. After viewing the situation Council did not approve of the change.

It was decided to put "Stop" signs at the corners of Elgin and Church Streets instead of the present "Stop" signs.

A request was made through Councillor Oakes to remove a tree, on Frederick Street to allow construction of a driveway. The request was not granted as there was already one approach to the property in the most suitable location.

VISITS HOME AFTER HALF-CENTURY AND FRIENDS HAVE GONE

Residents of Acton fifty years ago Mrs. Wm. Hassard, of Lansing, Mich. (formerly Lula Harris) returned last week to visit the scenes of her childhood and to endeavor to meet some of those she had known here at that time. Homes of friends she found, but she was unable to find any of her childhood friends still resident of Acton. Unfortunately the half century is beyond our recollection and we were unable to recall the name as resident of Acton.

Mrs. Hassard, since going to Michigan, has taken an active interest in welfare and has been County Welfare representative. She also contested the election for state representative and came within a few votes of winning the position.

THIS WEEK

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TORONTO (CP)—Ontario had a crime wave to ponder and the front pages of the province's newspapers so long devoted almost exclusively to war news, ran the banner headlines of peace-time dealing with murder, robberies and violence.

In Southern Ontario armed hold-ups netted robbers more than \$15,000 and the Windsor slayings of three men—two of them slashed to death and the third bludgeoned with a machinist's hammer—were still unsolved. In the north, Ronald MacDonald, 22, was slain with an axe at his Charlton home and his 40-year-old brother, Hittor, was charged with murder.

In Toronto two gunmen held up a pair of messengers on the lake-front and robbed them of \$11,000 in cheques and \$300 in cash. At Blenheim in Kent County, three armed, masked men entered a Bank of Montreal branch, scooped up \$4,000 in bills and fled to a waiting car where a fourth accomplice was ready at the wheel for a quick getaway.

In the Windsor area police were investigating the \$10,000 robbery of an amusement centre's office at Bolo summer resort. Three arrests were made in connection with this case.

In Eastern Ontario, \$10,000 was stolen from a Royal Bank of Canada branch at Bath, near Kingston.

On the labor front, attention was centred on Windsor's Ford Motor Company plant and Toronto's Small Arms Industries, Ltd.

A three-day slowdown strike at the Small Arms ended when workers agreed to accept discharges under the company's reconversion plan. Settlement of the dispute was announced by officials of the United Electrical Workers of America (U.E.W.A.). The strike was precipitated when workers were informed by the management that between 850 and 900 employees would be laid off because of the cancellation of war contracts at the Crown-owned plant.

"The Union has decided to accept the assurances of the Hon. C. D. Howe that Small Arms will be quickly reconverted to other production and that it will operate as a post-war plant," a union official said.

A general strike of 12,000 workers at Windsor threatened as an outgrowth of a long-simmering dispute between Ford Motor Company of Canada and the United Automobile Workers of America (U.A.W.) local over a new collective bargaining contract. Announcement of the results of the vote will probably be made over the Labor Day week end.

Meanwhile representatives of the Auto Workers and the United Steelworkers of America (U.S.W.A.) in Toronto area laid plans for meetings to discuss lay-offs of nearly 20,000 war workers in the Toronto area, since V-E Day.

Housing shortages, plague of almost every community in Canada, don't mean a thing at Depot Harbor, a village six miles from Parry Sound. Once a busy port of 450 inhabitants, it now has a population of 115, who have a choice of 100 houses to live in. Actually 20 houses are occupied, 80 vacant.

More Arrivals from Overseas Greeted in Acton Homes

Happy Family Reunions as Those From Overseas Come Home Again

Mr. Wm. M. Caldwell arrived in Toronto from overseas on August 8th after nearly six years overseas. He served mostly in Italy and came home on 30 days Pacific leave. Mr. Caldwell is a nephew of Mrs. E. J. Caldwell, Acton and before enlisting he worked at Mr. Robert Kerr's farm.

Mrs. Martin Buck rejoined her husband in Canada, arriving in Acton on Friday with their daughter Geraldine. Sgt. Martin Buck came home earlier this month. Mrs. Buck and Geraldine made the crossing on the "Cavline." They were married in October 1942 at Berkinhead, Cheshire, England and will now make their home in Acton. They were welcomed by his sister, Mrs. Alex. Mann, Wellington Street.

Middle School Certificates Are Now Ready

Secretary Wm. G. Middleton has received the Middle School certificates for pupils who wrote the examinations in Acton. Complete results and standing sheets were given at the conclusion of the examinations when school closed for the summer vacation.

Those who completed their fourth form were Kenneth Allan, Lorna Frank, Clayton Fryer, Margaret Robertson.

Those who completed three or more subjects of fourth form: John Agar, George Anderson, Raymond Aitch, Aldo Brandt, Armand Brubla, Fred Erick, Clewson Joyce, Dessureault, Wilfred Duval, George Elliott, Jean Harris, Helen Holmes, Joyce Lamb, Delores Lippin, Elizabeth Masters, Margorie Norton, Joan Partridge, Shirley Tolston, Eleanor Ross, Joan Somerville, Annie Thompson.

THIEVES STOLE 60 PULLETS FROM OSPRINGE FARMER

Sixty six-month-old Plymouth Rock pullets were stolen from the farm of George Robertson, R.R. 1, Guelph, near Ospringe, early Sunday morning. Mr. Robertson heard the chickens make a disturbance, but by the time he got out of the house, the birds were gone and a truck was disappearing down the road. After searching side roads for an hour and a half in a vain hunt for the thieves he called provincial police in Guelph. The officers could find no trace of the truck, nor indication of its owners.

KITCHEN SHOWER IN HONOR OF MISS DOT INGLIS

On Friday evening, August 24th, an enjoyable evening was spent in honor of Dorothy Ingles at the home of Mrs. Winnifred Rossell.

The room was prettily decorated with pink and white streamers. An interesting mock wedding was held after which Allan Ingles and Kenneth Holtz drew in a wagon load of lovely and useful gifts. After opening the gifts the bride thanked everyone. A dainty lunch was served.

BELL TELEPHONE HERE MOVING TO NEW AND LARGER QUARTERS

The local telephone office is being moved from its present location on Mill Street to larger quarters on the corner of Mill and Main, J. I. Sanderson, Bell Telephone manager in this area, informed the Free Press this week. The move will take place August 30.

Primarily, the move is being made to provide more spacious quarters. Mr. Sanderson said, and a lounge for the operators to relax in when off duty will be available in the new office.

At the same time, a new and up-to-date switch-board is being installed.

Various Cases Are Heard in the Milton Police Court

In Police Court in Milton yesterday Gordon Marcy, Milton, age 17, was charged with taking a truck without the owner's permission. August 21st. Pleading guilty, he was remanded in custody till September 5th for sentence.

He took a truck belonging to Lawrence King from the front of Cavell's garage and ran into a telephone pole on the First Lane, Trafalgar north of P. L. Robertson's factory. He admitted to police that he had no permission to drive the truck. Marcy was employed at the Milton Dairy, owned by Lawrence King. The charge of careless driving was withdrawn.

John Perry of Milton was convicted of careless driving on Main Street, Milton. He said he was taking the baby to the doctor and admitted driving 45 miles an hour. He was fined \$25 or 10 days.

Mrs. Florence Carter of Stewarttown and John Emerson of Georgetown were convicted of being drunk and causing a disturbance in Georgetown on August 25th. Chief William Marshall said he answered a call at 10:15 p.m. to the Golden Gate Cafe. Mrs. Carter was screaming, fighting and swearing in front of the Cafe.

She was taken to the Police office where she refused to show her registration card and used abusive language.

Mrs. Carter was fined \$25 and costs or 15 days, unable to pay, her jail sentence was reduced to four days on account of her physical condition. John Emerson admitted being drunk and was fined \$25 or 10 days.

Arthur Letch was charged with vagrancy and remanded for one week.

First Peacetime Celebration Here For Next Monday

Gala Day of Legion is First of Such Events in Six Years of War

Given fair weather on Labor Day the Baseball Tournament sports, dancing and the Midway Carnival should be a most enjoyable affair. The local branch of the Canadian Legion have taken advantage of the holiday to provide funds for the remodeling of the property, recently purchased which will provide a suitable home for the boys of the Army, Navy and Air Force as they return from their years of fighting and hard, strenuous living. Some splendid prizes are being offered in a draw and those who have the right numbers on their tickets will receive prizes to the amount of \$2,000. There will be prizes for the children's races and for those who entered their vehicles and parade with them from the Town Hall at 1 p.m.

This is the first celebration of its kind in about 6 years and its good to see these men returning and entering into their baseball activities again. If you have not seen them in their evening games you have missed something. Come to the park on Monday afternoon at 1:30 and enjoy the tournament.

Letters were recently mailed to citizens requesting anyone who wished to contribute to the Legion's effort to provide this building to send or bring in their contributions. The committee is very grateful for the response made so far. It might be that some people are waiting to be called on. We would like to say that this will not be done unless requested. Letters and contributions should be mailed to Councillor J. H. Boulton and will be acknowledged by the building committee.

Milton and Acton Play in O. B. A. Baseball Series

More games were played in the O.B.A. Intermediate series between Acton and Milton during the week. On Thursday of last week the team played in Acton and Acton took the game by an 8-7 score.

The second game was scheduled for Milton on Saturday. The shower that afternoon made a late start, but the field dried up enough for the game to be played. Milton took this game by a 9-6 score and evened the series.

In the third game played in Milton last night, the County Town team took the play-off lead when they won by a score of 5-3. The fourth game will be played in Acton on Saturday afternoon.

DATES FOR FAIRS IN ONTARIO FOR 1945

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| Brantford | September 1-3 |
| Georgetown | September 7-8 |
| Fergus | September 7-9 |
| ACTON | September 14-15 |
| Knoxville | September 14-15 |
| Orangeville | September 11-12 |
| Galt | September 20-22 |
| Grand Valley | September 20-21 |
| Shelburne | September 18-19 |
| Bolton | September 25-26 |
| Catton | September 28-29 |
| MILTON | September 29-30 |
| Aberfoyle | October 1-2 |
| Erin | October 6-8 |
| Markham | October 4-6 |
| Stratford | October 3 |
| Tolewater | October 2-3 |
| Woodbridge | October 8-8 |

INDIAN ALLOWANCES

EDMONTON (CP)—J. L. Grew, Dominion fur supervisor, said federal treaty money amounting to \$2,000 has been paid to Indian tribe members at Fort St. John, Hudson's Hope and Moberly Lake. Family allowances for Indians will amount to \$1,000 a month and will be made available in the form of credits for 20 lbs. of stores.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Conventions, or Other Events under this heading, are charged, in cents per line, with a minimum charge for an announcement of 25.

Gala Day Victory Parade in Acton Acton Sept. 3, forming at Town Hall at 1:15. Prizes for children's decorated bicycles, carriages, costumes, etc. 7-2

Euchre, Acton Ladies Orange Banquet Association No. 1101 will hold a euchre in the L.O.L. Hall Creighton Corners Thursday evening Aug. 30th at 8:30 sharp. Refreshments. Admission 25c. Everyone welcome. (No Euchre-September 6th)