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## Big Entry in Races Held Here Saturday Afternoon

### First Race Meet and Sports Day Since War Arranged by Acton Legion

Twenty-five horses were brought to Acton on Saturday to compete in the first race meet for trotting horses since the war. The event was sponsored by Acton Branch of the Canadian Legion. In fact so many horses came to participate in the event that the Legion arranged an added event and filled the whole afternoon with a program of races that gave followers of the sultry horses a good afternoon of their favorite sport.

The crowd was a bit disappointing for such a pretentious program. Perhaps this could be accounted for by the fact that the lapse of such events held here had dulled enthusiasm for the sport. It was a beautiful summer day for an outing, in fact so dry and warm that the track was heavy with dust which went in clouds as the pounding hoofs churned it up thoroughly in the various events. Purse of \$200 each were offered for the various events. There were betting privileges on the grounds and a refreshment booth. Results were as follows:

First race, 2:28 or pace—1st heat won by Irogous McKillop, owned and driven by Harry Ingles, Brighton. Times: 2:14-2:27-4:27-4.

Second race, 2:22 trot or pace—1st division. First heat, Babe Chilkoot owned and driven by B. Kirky of Walton; 2:28-4. Second heat, Nancy Budlong, owned and driven by H. Farrington, Brantford; 2:22-4. Third heat, Cassie Lee, owned and driven by A. Pacey, Rossmore; 2:19-4.

Third race, 2:22 trot or pace—second division, first and second heats. Dan McKinney, owned and driven by Alex Williams, Beamsville; 2:19-4 and 2:20-4. Third heat, Ruth Harvestor, owned and driven by Harry Ingles, Brighton; 2:21-4.

Fourth race, classified free for all owned and driven by Harry Ingles. First and second heats, Gratton Lee, Brighton; 2:21-4 and 2:19-4. Third heat, Christopher Stout, owned by Dr. D. J. McCharles, Lucknow and driven by O. Turvey; 2:20.

Judges were C. Leshman, F. L. Wright and R. Lowrie and Ollie Wilder was starter. Mr. R. M. Aylesworth was secretary.

Following the races an exhibition ball game was played between Earl-Court team from Toronto and Acton Intermediates. It provided a good close game until the final innings when the visitors went into the lead to finish 14-9 ahead of the local boys. Acton used three pitchers, Ryder, Snyder and Norm. Marton.

In the evening a fine crowd attended the dance held in the Pavilion in Acton Park when Stewart Elliott's orchestra provided the music.

## BAND CONCERT ON SUNDAY NIGHT FOR ACTON PARK

Acton Boys' Band will present another of their Sunday evening concerts at eight o'clock on Sunday from the band stand at the park. If you want to encourage this group that has developed a fine organization under the leadership of Mr. Chas. Mason we suggest your attendance at the concert and if you appreciate their numbers, be liberal with your applause. A little encouragement helps a lot and Acton has a band of boys of which any town may well be proud.

## WELCOME HOME

Able Seaman Tom Atkinson arrived home last Thursday after serving for five years in the Canadian Navy. He has received his discharge and plans to settle in Acton. Before enlisting as a boy seaman, he was employed with Beardmore and Co. He was on the S. S. Warrior, one of the new plane carriers of the Canadian Navy. While serving overseas he was married and he expects to be joined soon in Canada by his wife.

Two more Acton servicemen were aboard the Georgia which docked on Tuesday and they will be arriving home this week. They are Sgt. H. C. O'Rourke and Pte. J. Mellor. Friends join with families in welcoming them back to Canada and to Acton again. Mrs. Douglas Price (nee Gwen Evans, of Worthington, Cumberland, England) is expected to arrive on the Lattilau Friday with their baby daughter 7 months old. Her husband arrived home in December after 5 years in the army.

## Brawl in Royal Cafe Brings Fines In Acton Court

Three cases were heard in Police Court in Acton on Thursday of last week arising out of a fight at the Royal Cafe on Saturday, July 6th about fifteen minutes after midnight. Albert Carter, age 16 years and 2 months, charged with assault, causing actual bodily harm to Lin Lee of the Royal Cafe was placed on probation for six months with the Chief of Police and ordered to pay costs of \$41.00 at the rate of \$4.00 per week.

Gervais Quarry, aged 20, charged with causing a disturbance and fighting inside and outside the Royal Cafe was remanded one week in custody for sentence.

Both of the above cases were the outcome of over indulgence in intoxicating beverages. Both of the men involved in the brawl reside in Acton.

Harvey Hurren, charged with causing a disturbance and fighting in the Royal Cafe was given the benefit of the doubt by the magistrate and the case was dismissed. He was not intoxicated.

The charges were laid by Chief E. Harrop.

## WORK ON PAINTING UNITED CHURCH HAS BEEN COMPLETED

The painting of the exterior of the United Church has been completed and it presents a fine appearance. The brickwork has been pointed and old bricks replaced where necessary. The whole face of the bricks has been painted. The turrets on the front and the iron trim along the roof have been painted with shining aluminum. The window sash and doors and woodwork are a nice shade of brown and the stone foundation and stone trim have been painted with a special paint that makes it appear fresh and new. The improvement is the subject of much favorable comment.

## Final Report of War Service League Totals \$17295.49

### Remaining Funds in Custody of Three Trustees as Activities of League Cease

A very successful five years of operation of Acton and Vicinity War Service League has been closed and the funds remaining in the treasury have been deposited in the care of three trustees appointed at the final meeting of the League. The only service still being performed by these funds is the obligation entrusted to make a presentation of needed articles to brides who come to Acton from overseas in helping them get established in the new homes.

Following is the final audited statement which gives a summary of the work accomplished. But perhaps the boys who were overseas best might best be termed a financial summary.

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS RECEIPTS

	Jan. 1	Oct. 1
Salvage	106.24	4544.24
Donations	28.71	9097.94
Bingo		162.81
Misc entertainments		3490.50
	134.95	17295.49

## DISBURSEMENTS

Yarn	575.00
Bingo expenses	22.97
Entertainment exp's	354.61
Cigs. & comforts	356.99
Salvage expenses	84.65
Misc expenses	1.00
Donations	2817.14
Total	442.64
16825.16	
Deficit on year's operations	307.69
Balance on operations: Oct. '41 to June 22, '46	470.33

Cheque issued to Board of trustees, Acton and Vicinity War Service League 470.33

Balance as per books, June 22, 1946 241.72

Balance as per bank book, June 22, 1946 241.72

Less outstanding cheque (B. D. Rächlin) 241.72

The above outstanding cheque was cleared through the bank on July 3, 1946, the account then closed out.

Auditor's Certificate: I have examined the records of the Acton and Vicinity War Service League and have found same to be in good order.

J. H. Creighton, Auditor July 12, 1946.

Pat—Have yez seen my coat anywhere?  
Mike—Are yez sure ye had it on when ye took it off?

## Oakville Takes Slugging Fest in Park Last Night

### Oakville Has Two Home Runs and Three Base Hits to Win by 9-8 Score Over Locals—Bruhs Had Home Run—Acton Hanging on to Third Place by Half a Game

Fans walked away disappointed last night after viewing a seven inning fixture in which Acton lost out to Oakville by a 9-8 count. The lakeshore team were heavy hitters and binged 10 hits off Gordon, the Acton hurler. Gordon made his debut last night after being out of the baseball picture for quite a few years and with a bit of practice promises to be a first class hurler. Snyder relieved Gordon in the fifth and allowed no hits for the remainder of the game. Acton binged 10 hits off McGowan, the lakeshore moundman but with a bit of sloppy base running spoiled their good chances.

Oakville got their big drive in the 1st inning when they ran up five runs, two of these being homers socked by Markey and Carter. Gordon had a little trouble finding the whereabouts of home plate in this inning and contributed a walk and hit Green with a pitched ball. Acton got one run in the second inning but it wasn't until the third that they really socked that old ball around, getting 4 runs. It was in the third frame that McGowan seemed to disagree with Base Umpire Mason on a decision on second. After much heckling Footitt the runner was called safe and the Oakville players literally blew up. Finally after threats of being chased out of the game the lakeshore resumed play on the umpire's decision.

Oakville added four more in the fourth inning and Acton failed one to make the count at the end of the fourth 9-6. Bruhs hit a home run in the fifth inning on a lovely wallop and again scored on Ryder's double in the last half of the seventh. This completed the game and the final score by innings:

	R	H
Oakville	5	8
Acton	0	8

Maybe a little calmer start would have made a difference in the score. Games scheduled to start at 6:30 are usually half an hour to an hour late. Whom do we blame?

Some of the decisions of the base umpire were questioned. But not by Acton fans.

Errors still contribute to a loss, don't they, Dude and Jack?

## League Standing

	P	W	L	T
Oakville	14	8	6	0
Milton	12	6	5	1
Acton	12	5	6	1
Georgetown	12	5	7	0

Milton won last night in Georgetown 3-2 and Oakville in Acton 9-8.

### Games Coming

Acton plays at Milton Saturday and Georgetown goes to Oakville. On Wednesday Georgetown plays at Acton and Milton plays at Oakville.

## CANADIAN THEME AT JULY MEETING ACTON INSTITUTE

The July meeting of the Acton Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Lazenby with a good attendance of members. Mrs. R. L. Davidson presided. The roll call was answered by "your earliest recollection of childhood."

The convenors of the various committees reported something of interest in their own special departments. Mrs. Wesley Marchmont read a poem on "Canada" and all joined in singing heartily "O Canada." The motto of the month was "The maple leaf, our emblem dear," and was given by Mrs. F. Anderson. The program was in charge of Mrs. Holloway and the members of her aide in the contest of the past year. An alphabetical show-up was much enjoyed with Mrs. W. Masales winning the prize for the largest answer. Several contested games of bingo were played with small awards to the winners.

A special feature of the meeting was a "Canadian Welcome" tendered to Mrs. Geo. Lazenby Jr. and little daughter Sarah. Following an address read by Mrs. Holloway a lovely basket of gifts was presented by Mrs. J. Lovell and Mrs. Jas. Wilda. After all the parcels were opened and the address was signed by all present, Mrs. Lazenby expressed her thanks.

A delicious lunch of strawberry short cake and ice cream was served by the committee. Mrs. Earl Davidson donated the gift for the penny draw and it was won by Mrs. F. Anderson. A vote of thanks to the hostesses brought this happy meeting to a close. Mrs. R. L. Davidson invited the members to her home for the August meeting to be the annual picnic.

## NEW BANK SUPERINTENDENT



Percy M. Howarth, who has been appointed Superintendent of Ontario Division of the Bank of Montreal, Mr. Howarth started his banking career in the Acton Branch of the Bank of Montreal.

## STARTED BANKING HERE APPOINTED SUPT. OF ONTARIO DIVISION

Announcement is made this week by the Bank of Montreal of the appointment of Percy M. Howarth as superintendent of the Ontario Division with headquarters in Toronto. That announcement is of interest throughout the province but it has a local interest to many Free Press readers.

Percy M. Howarth is a son of the late Rev. Dr. Samuel Howarth who was a minister of the Baptist Church in Acton for three and a half years. On August 10th, 1913 he entered the Branch of the Bank in Acton under Mr. F. A. McLean who was then the Acton manager.

Mr. Howarth, who is an Englishman by birth, has gained his banking experience entirely in Ontario, except for a brief period as assistant manager of the bank's main Quebec City office and as assistant superintendent of the Manitoba and Saskatchewan districts. Before he was appointed assistant superintendent of the Ontario district, he held the post of assistant to the general manager of the Bank for two years.

The post of assistant superintendent, which Mr. Howarth is vacating, will be taken over by W. C. Morley, assistant manager of the Bank's King and Yonge Streets office. Many who will recall Mr. Howarth will join us in extending congratulations on this new appointment.

## FIRE OF ROOFING MATERIAL THREATENED LINE OF FREIGHT CARS

When a barrel of roofing material caught on fire last evening near the Mason Knitting Co. plant, the Fire Brigade received a call and were promptly on the scene. The blaze threatened a string of box cars that were on the siding adjoining the plant but it was finally extinguished without any damage. Workmen were putting on a coating of roofing material on the building when the material on the outside of the barrel took fire. There was danger of explosion and flaming tar spreading the blaze.

## Don't Hold Your Newspaper Copy Until Deadline!

Co-operation in sending in copy for the Free Press early in the week enables us to get your home town paper to readers each week on time and saves needless hours of last minute overtime work.

To assure insertion of display advertising all copy, either new or changes for regular advertising must reach our office before 5 p.m. on Tuesday of each week.

The deadline for small advertisements and news copy is Wednesday at 5 p.m.

But Please!

Don't hold your advertising and news until the deadline times each week. If the event happens early in the week send it in early. Write your advertising copy early and send it in. We can't handle all the items after the deadline. If takes a whole week to get your paper ready for you! Send in your copy early. The earlier the better. It will result in a better paper and you will not be disappointed when your advertisement or article is held over for a week.

## Churchill Members Honor Pastor Who Moves to New Field

On June 25th a pleasant evening was spent at Churchill United Church when the members, adherents and friends met to honor their pastor and his wife, the Rev. A. O. W. Foreman and Mrs. Foreman, who are leaving for a new field of work.

Mr. Arthur Swackhamer acted as chairman for the following program. Musical selections were given by the Churchill Orchestra. Elocutionary numbers by Mrs. Bruce, instrumentals by Mrs. Gordon, Altman, Annie Leitch, Betty Anne Kerr, Nellie Gray, Marie Kerr, Loren Grey, solos by Mrs. A. Kerr, Miss Fowler and Sherlock Akins.

The chairman then called Mr. and Mrs. Foreman forward and an address was read by Mrs. H. Kerr which expressed the appreciation of the people for their faithful, untiring seven years' work in Churchill and also their regret and sorrow at parting with them. Mr. Harold Griffin then presented them with a purse containing one hundred dollars. At the same time Marie Kerr presented Mrs. Foreman with a basket of flowers. Both Mr. and Mrs. Foreman expressed their heartfelt thanks.

Miss Fowler, teacher of S. S. No. 10, Erin was also honored the same night. The church choir and the Young People's Society showed their gratitude to her for her valuable assistance in the choir and also in their plastic handbag Smith Griffin, Jr. read the address and Leslie Swackhamer presented the gift. Miss Fowler feelingly replied saying she had not words to express her surprise and thanks.

A lunch, with a social evening, such as the folk of Churchill know how to have, was the conclusion of this evening with the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Foreman and Miss Fowler.

## Series of Motor Accidents But None Seriously Hurt

### Highways in District Saw Four Smashes As Cars Collided And Are Damaged

Highways in this district had plenty of collisions in motor cars during the week-end, but fortunately no one was seriously injured in any of them.

About 11:45 a.m. on Saturday morning, Fred Black, R. R. 2, Brampton and Frank Donnell, aged 72, of John St., Brampton, a passenger, were badly shaken up when the car driven by Black went out of control when rounding a curve, went into a ditch, struck a telephone pole and after breaking off the pole, the car rolled over. Black and Donnell were both taken to Brampton Hospital by ambulance and were badly shaken up. Provincial Constable Ray Mason investigated the accident.

On Sunday a car owned by Fred McGill of 510 Millverton Blvd., Toronto, who was accompanied by Mrs. McGill was going east on No. 7 when near the sixth line they stopped to give a lift to two girls who were hitch-hiking. Arthur H. Maddox of 2725 Boston Blvd., Detroit, Mich., ran into the rear of the McGill car causing considerable damage to his own car. He had to remain in Acton until Monday until repairs were made to enable him to continue his journey. Provincial Constable Mason investigated the accident. Fortunately none of the occupants of either car were injured.

About 8:30 on Saturday Clarence Hammon, R. R. 2, Campbellville was driving on No. 25 Highway. A car driven by Harold Killen, R. R. 3, Milton came from No. 10 sideroad on to the highway and was in collision with the Hammon car on the right side. No one was injured but both cars were badly damaged. Provincial Constable Mason investigated.

Two cars were in collision on No. 7 Highway about four miles west of Acton on Monday evening. Edwin Shortill of Georgetown was travelling east on the wrong side of the road when he met a car driven by Robt. P. Hunter, Avenue Road, Toronto, west-bound. Mrs. Hunter and their child were passengers in the car. In an effort to avoid a collision Hunter turned his car to the other side of the road and the Shortill car hit the right side and rear fender of the Hunter car. The Hunter car collided on the other side with the guard rail and was damaged on both sides. Damage to the Shortill car was the right fender and front wheel. None of the occupants were seriously injured. Provincial Constable Mason investigated and the two cars were towed to Acton for repairs.

Four tons of bauxite make one ton of aluminum.

## Milton Win from Acton 7-6 in Juvenile Baseball

### Keenly Contested Game in Milton Monday Has Winning Run in Last Innings

Juvenile baseball was the feature attraction at Milton on Monday night when the triple A team from Acton visited the Milton entry at the Fair Grounds, coming from behind after a five run deficit, the local squad eked a win from the Actonians by a 7-6 score. The game was keenly contested throughout and the issue remained in doubt until the seventh inning when the County Town boys forced a run over the plate.

Competition in this tilt was unusually heavy as Milton only had to win this game to clinch the league leadership without a loss. On the other hand, Acton needed this win to ensure a play-off berth and both teams gave a battle royal.

Acton were first batters and they faced Marshall, the hurler for Milton with Robinson receiving his pitches. This was the big inning for the triple A team as they batted Marshall all over the field running up a total of six runs.

Milton got a run in the second half of the first on an error to make the score 6-1 at the end of the initial innings. Fryer pitching for Acton allowed few hits in the remaining innings but Milton gained five tallies in these frames while the Tanner Town team remained scoreless. Entering into the seventh both teams were at high pitch and largely due to the efforts of Marshall, Acton failed to count in their half. The last half of the seventh Milton had a runner on when I. Nadalin stepped to the plate. Clouting the ball, it was fumbled and the winning run crossed the plate. Further play was thus ruled out.

Exceptionally fine hurling by both pitchers gave the game added flavor and with the exception of two or three errors, both outfield and infield played well. Verbal arguments were few and these were amicably settled after reference to the rule book and to Umpire Fay. One double play was registered with Milton taking the honors off for this, as Vaughn threw to Fay to put two Acton runners out at 1st and 2nd respectively.

Milton clinched the league in this game and will wait to face either Oakville, Georgetown or Acton who have yet two games to play Thursday night may decide the issue when Acton meets Georgetown at Acton.

## DEAN OF CROWN ATTORNEYS, W. I. DICK STARTS 43rd YEAR

Mr. W. I. Dick on Saturday commenced his forty-third year as Crown Attorney. The long-time "dean of crown attorneys" and one of the province's longest practicing lawyers, has grown older and practised law in Milton since January 1904. Ten years later he was named Halton County crown attorney and has held that post continuously since.

## KNOX W. M. S. REGULAR MEETING HELD LAST THURSDAY

Knox Presbyterian Church W. M. S. held their meeting in the Sunday School room on Thursday, July 11th. The devotional period was conducted by Mrs. E. J. Haasard, who read the prayer card and Miss Margaret McDonald read the scripture lesson. Prayer was offered by Miss Mamie Mainprize. Miss Hella Itzrell kindly favored the Society with a solo. Miss Ruby Clark gave a very interesting reading on "African Christian Missions" written by Jean Kinjion McKenzie. The meeting closed with prayer by the president.

## All Parts of Acton Now Served With Fine Water Supply

The laying of the water mains along Scene Street, the last section of the town to be served by a municipal supply, has been completed and on Tuesday the water was turned into the mains and is supplying those houses which have completed connections with the town system.

This section was part of the contract let last year to the Knowles Construction Co. In a section on Main Street and along the entire distance of Scene Street a solid rock foundation was encountered which made the digging slow. The Scene Street section was not finished last fall although material was put on the ground for the construction. Most of the rock had to be drilled and blasted but at last it has been completed and now all sections of Acton within the Corporation limits have access to the fine municipal supply and adequate protection in case of fire.