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Ward 1 Esqueuing Honors Servicemen of 1939-45 War

Presentations Made at Day of Sports Held in Milton, Fair Grounds — Ladies Provided a Banquet for Men and Their Ladies—Ball Games and Dance Provided—Watches and Chains and Rings to Servicemen — Clock Presented to Mr. E. Harrop whose Son Lost His Life on Active Service

Ward 1 of Esqueuing Township paid tribute to one of her sons who gave his life in the War of 1939-45 and made presentations to 24 men who served in the armed forces and were fortunate to return home again, at a celebration at Milton Fair grounds yesterday afternoon and evening.

In the afternoon a series of races was run with the following winners: Girls, 9 years and under—Muriel Britton.

Boys, 9 years and under—J. Rolley. Girls, 9 years and under—Muriel Britton.

Boys 12 years and under—R. Ellis. Girls, 13 years and over—Helen Telford.

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Boys, 9 years and under—J. McLaughlin. Girls 12 years and under—Muriel Britton.

Boys 12 years and under—R. Ellis. Girls 13 years and over—H. Telford.

Boys 13 years and over—K. Buck. Girls 9 years and under—M. Britton.

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A baseball game between Milton All Stars and Campbellville resulted in a win for the All Stars by a score of 8-5.

About five o'clock the ex-servicemen along with veterans of the 1914-18 War came swinging along to their places before the grandstand to the skilful pipes played by Rev. Mr. McAndrew. Mr. O'Leary was in charge of the group and the presentation ceremony opened with the National Anthem. Mr. J. E. Whitelock was master of ceremonies and paid tribute to those who had served and expressed the appreciation of the citizens of Ward 1 Esqueuing on the duty to King and Country they had so ably and splendidly given and the success that had crowned their work.

Mr. Murray Sprout on behalf of the citizens also spoke of the appreciation of all and made the presentations. In tribute to the memory of Pte. David Harrop, who made the supreme sacrifice, two minutes silence was observed and Rev. Mr. McAndrew led in prayer.

To Mr. E. Harrop, father of Pte. David Harrop, a clock was presented. To the following servicemen watches and chains and rings were presented.

Fred Robbins, Gordon Hillson, Fred Gallagher, Reg. Corps, Jackie Hillson, Mervin Heama, Peter McGibbon, Stanley Marsh, Howell Hopkins, William Hill, Robt. Clark, John Brown, Calvin McDonald, Jas. Murray, Kenneth Marshall, Wellington Wilson, Garnet Howden, Reg. Greg, Stan Wilson, Gerald Carlton, Robt. Currie, Ken. Pettie, Keith Durman, Mgrtin McLaughlin.

Lieut. Col. Carol, representing Military District No. 2 met each man and congratulated him. At the conclusion of the presentations the audience in hearty and prolonged applause welcomed the men back home again and gave emphatic answer to the query of the M. C. "Are you proud of them?"

Brief addresses were made by Lieut. Col. Carol and Mr. Stanley Hall, M.P.P. and a letter was read from Mr. Hughes Cleaver, M.P. in which he expressed his regret at being unable to be present to join in the re-union with the men and citizens of Ward 1.

The presentation ceremony concluded with the singing of "O Canada" and "For They are Jolly Good Fellows."

In the evening a ball game was played between Milton Intermediate and Juvenile Teams. The ladies of Scotch Block W.I. catered for a splendid banquet to the servicemen and their ladies in one of the buildings in the Fair Grounds.

Concluding the day of celebration the men were guests at a dance held in Milton Town Hall. The event proved a splendid one and the committee of which Mr. M. J. Carton was chairman may well feel proud of the success attained and the splendid attendance of nearly all the men who were honored.

SHOWER OF GIFTS BY FRIENDS TO MRS. ALFRED JOUQUES

Miss Rae Mullen and Mrs. D. Richardson were hostesses at a miscellaneous shower at the latter's home on Wednesday, July 25th in honor of Mrs. Alfred Jouques (nee Sheila Gilson), a recent bride.

The living room and "bride's chair" were tastefully decorated in pink and white, while the table looked very attractive with lace cloth and flower petals. Two entertaining contests were won by Mrs. Norma McSwain, Mrs. Helen Waterhouse, Mrs. H. Smethurst, Mrs. F. Salt, Mrs. D. Priestley and Mrs. I. Ritchie.

The gifts, which were arranged on a pink and white decorated wagon, were then drawn in by Elaine Itchlin. Mrs. D. Taylor extended the good wishes to the bride on behalf of those present.

Lunch was served by the hostesses assisted by Mrs. B. D. Rachlin, Miss Mary Papillon and Miss Beatrice Bailey. Mrs. Jouques thanked the guests and hostesses for their kindness and for the many beautiful gifts she received.

New Features for Acton Fair 1946 And Return of Arena

Home and Garden Event Open to Every Citizen of Community and Beauty Program

Several new features were started at a meeting of the Directors of Acton Fair last Thursday night and will make added interest in the 1946 event. Feature No. 1 is one in which every citizen will be interested. With the thought in mind of promoting finer home grounds and gardens in Acton, the Fair this year will offer two substantial prizes for grounds and homes in Acton, and those directly adjacent to the municipal boundaries. There will be two classes, the first for the best home and garden in the community and the second for the home or garden which shows the most improvement between now and fair time in early October. For this year, no entries will be made but the judges will tour the whole town to select a wide range. It is expected that next year entries will be required and the points will be marked from early in the spring. Messrs. Beardmore Co. are working with the Board on this project and it is planned to bring in speakers on home gardens, to assist in securing plants and shrubs and to help get fertilizers etc. Of course, the object is to beautify Acton's individual homes and thereby the whole community. Details will appear in the prize list and from time to time in the Free Press. The committee in charge is G. A. Dill, C. Woodhall, R. H. Parker and A. Robinson. Any member will be glad to furnish citizens with further details when they are completed.

This year will see a return of trotting races at Acton Park with two feature events on the afternoon program on October 5th. A committee was appointed by the Board to arrange the details of this feature.

Another war casualty also returns for the 1946 fair. The ball exhibit and arena show on Friday, October 4th will again be featured on Acton Fair's program of events. Details are now being worked out to make this part of the Fair again one of the highlights.

Prizes were increased in many of the classes and additional prizes offered that should draw a splendid exhibit to the 1946 Fair in Acton. The dates are two weeks later than usual, Friday and Saturday, October 4th and 5th.

Softball Play Off Schedule Between First Four Teams

Play offs in the Acton Softball League have been arranged with the first four teams. The 1st and 3rd teams and second and fourth teams will play the best two games out of 3 and the winners to play the best 3 games out of 5 for the championship.

Following is the play-off schedule: August 15—Force vs. Beardmore. August 19—Baxters vs. Canadian Wool. August 22—Beardmore vs. Force. August 26—Canadian Wool vs. Baxters. August 29—Open. September 2—Open.

Routine Business Conducted at the Commission Meeting

The regular meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Monday night. Chairman C. M. Hansen and J. R. MacArthur were present.

The contractors, who have installed water mains, sewers, etc. were notified of this meeting so that any misunderstanding of accounts might be cleared up. Mr. Ewing and Mr. Vines were present but no other contractors put in an appearance. The account of Ewing and Vines was paid to date. They will have other services to install in the near future about town.

No estimate has as yet been received from the Forestry Branch of the H.E.P.C. in regard to tree trimming on the hydro system.

A suggestion was made to have a railing installed on the office steps for a hand rail. This would assist customers during the slippery weather. The matter was left over for a future meeting.

The list of arrears were checked over and instructions issued for final notices to be given.

The following list of accounts were passed for payment.

Hydro Department	
The H.E.P.C. of Ont., power	\$56.77
W. H. Cunningham & Hill, Ltd., supplies	18.48
Highway Garage, gas & oil	21.02
Grand & Toy, Ltd., supplies	24.05
Dominion Cutout Co. Ltd., supplies	20.70
Powerlite Devices Ltd., supplies	111.25
MacDonald Electric Ltd., supplies	3.00
Can. Gen. Electric Co., supplies	3.06
Northern Electric Co. Ltd., supplies	30.00
Sangamo Co. Ltd., supplies	50.50
Receiver General of Can., meter inspection	17.55
Jas. R. Kearney Corp., supplies	8.89
G. H. Wood & Co. Ltd., supplies	49.72
Express & Transport	5.08
	418.96
Waterworks Department	
Power & heating at spring	51.53
Can Brass Co. Ltd.	6.34
	57.87

TOURIST TRAFFIC

Tourist business in Canada has been important in the past, should be more important in the future. The estimated receipts for 1939 were \$198 million, in 1935 \$149 million, and in 1944 \$112 million. This represents tourist expenditures in Canada in the years given.

It should run to, at least, \$200 million per annum when business once more settles down. Even in 1939 the sum received would pay for our entire imports of coal, raw cotton, cotton products and fresh fruits, twice over and still leave \$30,000,000 for other trifles. The figure for imports of these three products in 1939 was \$58,393,528.

Acton Wins Play-off Place As Milton Beaten by 8-7

Heads-up Ball Last Saturday in Acton Park as Two Teams Battle for Play-off Place in Halton League—Acton and Oakville to Meet in Best Three of Five Game Series

Acton Park rocked from stem to stern last Saturday afternoon as a large crowd watched a crucial battle of ball and echoed their sentiments to a high pitch as Acton downed Milton 8-7 in nine innings of real baseball. This game was a baseball classic and will go down in the record as such. Old and young alike were stirred by the efforts of both teams as they fought fiercely for the higher half of the scorer's numbers.

The game eliminated Milton from further competition and gave Acton the "go ahead" sign, against Oakville. County town fans were out to watch their favorites play and also a sprinkling from Georgetown. Players of both teams were warmly applauded for stand-out work and to mention a few: Anderson of the county town for a home run; N. Morton of Acton, assisted by J. Waterhouse, for some lovely pick-ups.

Errors were costly to both teams especially to Milton with two errors, but proved less costly to the Acton team who had three. Acton used the services of Sam Snyder on the mound who pitched a swell game. Milton required two hurlers to complete the

LIMEHOUSE INSTITUTE ISSUES HISTORICAL BOOK OF PAST 25 YEARS

During our years in the printing business we have published many historical volumes but we believe the booklet completed this week is unique in the fact that it is the first record compiled of a branch of the Women's Institute—Limehouse Branch of the Institute. It is twenty-five years old and is marking the occasion with a silver anniversary. The booklet is thirty-six pages and gives a complete history of the branch from 1921 to 1946.

It was on May 17th, 1921 that Mrs. Geo. Havill, a life long resident of Acton and an untiring worker in the Women's Institute went to Limehouse and organized the branch. Mrs. Havill was at that time secretary of Halton Women's Institute. Mrs. Robert Doughty was the first president. According to the first minutes found in the historical booklet, there were 18 ladies present and 12 became members. Such items are only some of the many to be found in this historical record. The membership list in 1921 grew to 32 members and the names are all recorded. There is a synopsis of the activities of every year and a complete record of the membership of every year for the whole 25 years. Only one of the charter members of 1921 has maintained membership for the whole twenty-five years. This is Mrs. A. J. Smethurst and Mrs. W. Mitchell is a close second with 22 years of continuous membership.

The booklet is complete in historical interest for Institute members and the limited number of copies printed will likely soon be picked up, not only by Limehouse branch members but by many interested in Institute work as an historical guide. It was compiled by Mrs. Elsieby. We believe it has an attractive imitation cylinder cover and will make a fine addition to any historical collection that anyone may be building.

A review of the book is ample record that Limehouse Branch has splendidly maintained the Institute motto of "For Home and Country" and we join with others in extending congratulations on this quarter century anniversary.

SHOWER AT WOODSIDE FOR MR. AND MRS. THOMAS BONUS

On Friday, August 9th, friends and neighbors gathered at the school to honor Mr. and Mrs. T. Bonus (nee Isabel Johnson). Mr. Frank Thompson acted as chairman for a short program consisting of solos by Miss Della McIntyre, music by Miss Lillian and Mr. Harry Shortill, guitar selection by Mrs. Sid Spear, piano and Betty Anne Kerr; readings by Sadie McIntyre and Doris Thompson. Then Mr. and Mrs. Bonus were called forward and Mrs. Frank Freeman read an address and a miscellaneous shower was tendered them by four school chums of the bride, Misses Sadie McIntyre, Clara Swackhamer, Lila Spear and Eileen McDonald.

Both Isabel and Tom thanked the friends for the many lovely and useful gifts. Lunch was served and the remainder of the evening spent in dancing.

Personal Recognition for Veterans of 1939-45 War

AUGUST MEETING OF KNOX WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Knox Presbyterian Church W.M.S. held their meeting in the class room on Thursday, August 8th, 1946.

The president, Mrs. F. Blow opened the meeting with a short reading and prayer. The devotional period was taken by Mrs. H. Mainprize, who read the scripture lesson and Mrs. Geo. Lantz offered a prayer. The secretary and treasurer's reports were given and approved. Prayers were then offered by Mrs. H. Allison and Mrs. Continer.

To honor the memory of Mrs. Wm. Thompson, who for some years before her death had conducted the August meeting of the W.M.S., Mrs. E. J. Hagan read one of Mrs. Thompson's favorite poems entitled "The little white rose bud." Her favorite hymn was also sung.

Miss Ruby Clarke gave a very interesting reading from the study book on the life and labors of Mary Gleeson as a missionary in Africa. She also told of the work of Mary Murray, who was a co-worker with Mary Gleeson for some time, but after Mary Gleeson's death, she returned to Canada and is now an active worker for the W.M.S. in Toronto. The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. Blow.

Road Accounts of \$5341.74 Passed by Esqueuing Council

Township to Secure Assessor Under the County System — Other Items of August Meeting

Esqueuing Township Council held their regular meeting on Tuesday evening, August 6th. Councillors George Currie, R. N. Brown and C. H. May were present. Reeve G. W. Murray presided.

Accounts passed for payment included: Municipal World, supplies, \$3.20; Geo. C. Brown, insurance, \$5.00; Bell Telephone Co., services, \$5.68; H.E.P.C. of Ontario, lights, \$4.05; A. W. Bennett, stamps, \$7.00; Ontario Hospital, Woodstock, maintenance of indigent, \$46.00; Sidney Kirkpatrick, for service personnel, Ward 5B, \$140.00.

The Ontario Bridge Co. was paid the amount of their tender cheque and road accounts of \$5,341.74 were passed. Relief accounts amounted to \$44.05. The treasurer was authorized to pay the Imperial Bank, Toronto, \$1,232.72 to Geo. Brankley on account of gravel contract.

The by-law to assess the Township for 1946 was read and passed as required. Another by-law passed gave permission to distribute among the different school sections the interest accruing from the Railway Bonus Fund.

A by-law was passed to provide for licensing and regulating public halls in the Township.

The clerk was instructed to advertise for a township assessor under the county system with applications to be received before August 19th.

Council adjourned to meet again on September 3rd.

SALVATION ARMY MUSICIANS TO CAMP AT EDEN MILLS

We had a visitor on Tuesday, Col. Acton of Hamilton who is in charge of the Salvation Army in this district. Although Col. Acton has visited many places in the Dominion from coast to coast in his work with the Salvation Army, this was the first time he had been in the town that bore the same name as his. He wanted to know about Acton, how it got its name, its industrial and community life, etc. and we answered all the questions we could.

The Salvation Army has the grounds at Edgewood Park Eden Mills for the week of August 19th to 25th when over a hundred young musicians of the S. A. will be quartered there enjoying an outing and we imagine the air will be filled with music in that district for the week. On Thursday August 22nd, the group will present a concert at 8.15 p.m. and we understand anyone who would like to attend will be welcome. If a password is necessary perhaps the name "Acton" will suffice. Col. Acton said he would like to meet any members of the Boys' Band who attend. We understand the Rockwood Juvenile band will take part in the concert and several outstanding musicians of the Salvation Army bands. He assured us there would be plenty of fine hymn tunes and rousing marches on the program.

Community Project Abandoned As a Public Memorial—Unfinished Work of Watermain Construction Still a Headache—Recreational Committee Appointed with Six Members—Fall Fair Grant Is Approved

Councillors W. J. Oakley, J. H. Creighton and W. J. Benson were present at a special meeting of Acton Council on Monday evening and Reeve Chas. Kirkness presided.

After considerable discussion on the recognition that would be made to those who served in the war 1939-45, Council decided that, instead of a community project, individual gifts would be made to all who had served. It was decided upon and the following motion was passed:

That this municipality make arrangements to purchase rings as a token of appreciation for ex-service men and women, and a suitable gift for next-of-kin for deceased service personnel, and abandon arrangements regarding a public memorial.

Mr. C. B. Swackhamer, on behalf of Acton Fair Board, requested consideration of the grant for the Fair. He pointed out that the Board had spent over \$700 in the park this year and if Council could make a larger grant, it would be appreciated. Council assured the Fair Board the dance floor would be removed before Fair time.

The usual grant of \$200 was made to the Fair Board and \$100 rental was charged for the grounds and arena.

Local 26 of the Shoe and Leather Workers asked permission to use the park on Labor Day for a picnic. This was granted.

Hospital accounts for indigent patients were dealt with.

The by-law regarding the collection of garbage contract for the year was signed.

Council furnished the clerk with a list of work that must be cleared up before Council could close the contract with the Knowles Construction Co. This was to be submitted to the Company before payment was made.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

Lovell Bros, supplies	\$ 15
T. Rumley, filling saw	1.00
S. H. McCron, globe projector	7.00
Norton Motors, June & July accounts	82.68
Acton Public Utilities Comm. various services	203.87
W. D. Talbot, supplies	35.92
Workmen's Compensation Bd. assessment	124.52
J. B. Mackenzie & Son, fuel	34.75
Symon Hardware, supplies	23.13
The Fyr-Flyer Co. Ltd., supplies	12.00
Philip Lantak, refund of poll tax	5.00
	529.82

A letter from F. L. Wright gave rates for additional coverage for members of the Fire Brigade for accident insurance while on duty.

A letter from the Workmen's Compensation Board gave rates for coverage of members of the Fire Brigade. This matter was left for the Fire and Light Committee.

A letter from Eramosa Council asked information regarding the services of Acton Fire Brigade at a fire in the Township. The copy of the letter in reply was read and approved by Council. Eramosa Council had received a cheque for \$25 from the Halton Union Farmers' Mutual Co. but the Rockwood Brigade had not attended the fire.

The recreational and physical fitness committee was appointed as follows: Messrs. R. Bean, F. Terry, J. Royston, Fred Dawkins, G. McKensie, W. H. Clayton. The committee to elect their own chairman.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of Council on August 19th to deal particularly with the sewage disposal program.

A letter from the Ontario Provincial Police gave notice that Acton had been placed in the category which required the full time services of a police force. If Acton objected to this placing, the objection must be made before September 1st. This was left over for the next meeting for more complete study of the new act in force this year.

AUSTRALIA'S TAIPAN MOST DEADLY SNAKE

CAIRNS, Australia (CP)—Australia's most deadly snake, the 10-foot taipan, which inhabits this tropical area of coastal North Queensland, is the only native reptile of which Australian Aborigines are afraid. There is only one recorded case in Australia of human survival after a bite from the taipan which will attack horses and dogs as well as men. There are no taipans in captivity in Australia.