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Soil Test to be Made for Work of Sewage Disposal

Council Assists in Race Track Repairs—Y's Men's Club Will Use Arena Next Year

Acton Council met on Monday evening in regular session with Councilors J. H. Creighton, W. J. Benson, W. J. O. Oakes and C. L. Cook present and Reeve Chas. L. Kirkness presided.

Mr. Geo. Muscalle, on behalf of the Acton Branch of the Canadian Legion asked financial assistance of Council in the fall that was put on the race track at the time of the meet. The cost was \$241 and the Branch asked Council for \$100 of this cost. Council approved of the expenditure, but pointed out that in future a better understanding would be required before any arrangements were made for improvements by officials of any organization.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

Hamilton Uniform Cap Co.	\$ 25.41
County of Halton, use grader	25.00
R. O. Stapleton, repairs	2.00
Fred F. Stewart, trucking	12.50
E. P. Bowman, copies of plan	26.20
K. E. Harrop, postage, etc.	7.18
Mrs. Annie Parnell, cleaning	1.75
W. Cutting, mowing grass	8.10
S. Snow, repairing mowers	10.50
F. L. Wright, insurance premium	133.75
Bell Telephone Co. services	3.30
Acton Branch Canadian Legion, refund Hall rent	11.00
Regulation Day Expenses	2.00
Acton Athletic Association, re ball game	15.45
Lorne Scots Band	75.00
Acton Y's Men's Club, re dance	150.00
Watson's Dairy, meals for the band	11.00
Dominion Hotel, meals for ball players	22.95
Prizes for bicycle races	18.00
Prizes, decorations, etc.	142.00
Capt. Andrews, expenses	10.00
T. W. Hand Fireworks, Ltd.	230.00
Treasurer Acton Boys Band	50.00
Mallabar Customer rental	7.50
M. S. Ross, stenographic serv.	5.00
B. C. Gibson, stenographic serv.	2.00

\$1078.60

Mr. F. L. Wright gave a review of the present insurance carried by the Corporation and recommended certain changes. Councilor Creighton was appointed to meet Mr. Wright and after conference make a report to Council. The account for increased coverage on the arena since it had reverted to its original use was approved.

The clerk was instructed to prepare the by-law for issuing debentures for preliminary sewerage work and Recognition Day expenses.

The by-law for licensing public halls was left over for a future meeting.

The by-law covering the collection of garbage for the year was read as required and passed. Attention was drawn that old car bodies and furnaces were being deposited in the dump. These were to be removed.

Council decided not to purchase chlorinating equipment for the spring. After inspection it was felt the filter disposal did not endanger the municipal pipe line.

Council decided to hold Court of Revision on October 29th at 7.30 p.m.

Council approved of the plan of new subdivision recently opened by Beardmore and Co.

The agreement for repairing the roof on the curling rink was approved by Council.

A letter from Acton Y's Men's Club enclosed cheque for \$150 as final payment on arena rental. The Club gave notice they would exercise their option of renewing the lease for next season.

Beardmore and Co. asked permission to close a laneway on Guelph St. and give a similar strip at another location. The clerk was authorized to take the request proceeding.

Letters were read from Armstrong, Anderson and Co. regarding sewage disposal plans. Enclosed was a quotation from Donald Inspection Co. for making soil survey. The cost would be from \$200 to \$1250 depending on the work entailed. A motion was passed authorizing the work to proceed. The work was to be completed by October 31st.

A letter from the Department of Municipal Affairs drew attention to an amendment fixing nomination and election days by by-law. The by-law was to be passed at the next meeting setting the election on Monday, December 16th and nominations on Friday, November 29th.

Acton Fair Draws Record Crowd of 10,000 People And Acclaimed Best Fair in its 34 Years

THE CHAPMAN-WEST WEDDING IN ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Acton Baptist Church was the setting for the wedding of Miss Wilma Scott West, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. West, R. R. 3, Acton, and Mr. John William Frank Chapman, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Chapman, Acton. Rev. Roland A. Gregory of Toronto officiated. The church was decorated for the occasion with autumn flowers.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a floor-length gown of white crepe, made on princess lines. Her long veil of embroidered tulle fell from a halo headpiece. She wore a gold cross, the gift of the groom, and carried a bouquet of red and white gladioli tips. The bridesmaid, Miss Helen West, sister of the bride, was gowned in blue crepe, made on similar lines to the bride's, with shoulder length veil of blue tulle with sequin trim and carried a bouquet of pink gladioli tips.

Mr. William Fields was groomsmen and Mr. Ernest West, brother of the bride and Mr. George Williams, cousin of the groom, were ushers. The wedding music was played by Miss Jean Matheson, Miss Jessie Coles sang, "O Perfect Love" before the ceremony and during the signing of the register, "For You Alone."

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the basement of the church where Mrs. West received the guests in a two-piece gown of navy crepe with black accessories and a corsage of red roses. Mrs. Chapman assisted, wearing a black and white crepe ensemble with black accessories and a corsage of red roses.

For the wedding trip to Ottawa, the bride chose a turquoise crepe dress with sequin trim, with black short-sleeved coat and accessories and a corsage of tallman roses. On their return, Mr. and Mrs. Chapman will reside in Acton.

Out-of-town guests were present from Toronto, Guelph and Mount Forest.

Pine Summer Weather Greeted the October Date to Make Acton A Meeting Place for All—Arena Show Drove a Packed House on Friday Night—Biggest Midway at Any of Rural Fairs Did a Big Business Friday and Saturday—Races Had a Big Entry and Photo Finishes—Four-horse Teams Were Outstanding in the Heavy Horse Ring—Two Hands Provided the Musical Program—Mr. J. E. Whitlock Officially Opened the 1946 Event

Blessed with perfect weather Acton Fair of 1946 passed all records for attendance and was voted by all the finest fairs in its thirty-four years. Released of the wartime restrictions which had interfered with its usual fine program and back again in the arena with its double attractions the fair officers and directors were determined to leave no stone unturned in making the Acton Fair into leadership. They had the hearty cooperation of town and countryside and success crowned their efforts.

We note that estimates of the attendance at Acton Fair this year are given in the daily press at from 10,000 to 12,000. We favor the latter figure as more accurate but base that estimate on the total of both days.

The exhibit in the hall showed the effects of Acton being out of these departments for four years. Many of the classes were light, but it was noted that much of the work was new. The school children's display was a fine exhibit and much admired as was also the section given over to Women's Institute exhibits. Flowers and fruit exhibits were affected by the later date. Fine industrial exhibits were made by Wool Combing Corporation and Baxter Laboratories.

The arena show President Arthur Swackhamer welcomed the friends to the Fair and expressed appreciation on behalf of the officers and directors with the fine cooperation given to make it a success. During the program the president also made the awards to the winners in the new department of the Garden Improvement Competition. Top prizes went to Wm. Waller, F. L. Sall and Colin McGill with honorable mention awards to Wm. Landborough, H. O. Boxes and C. W. Mason.

Folks welcomed again the first night arena show of Acton Fair and packed the place to the doors and rafters. Box lacrosse was played for the first time here when Ergus Intermediate Champions and Orangeville put up a good game. The score was 2-1 for Ergus.

Then followed the pony show with A. B. C. Farms, Stewart Holding, Mr. Moosle and Alfred Winters entries taking the prizes in that order.

The jumpers had eleven fine entries and competition was keen and provided some good exhibitions.

The hunter class was won by A. B. C. Farms, Stewart Holding, Jean Gowan and Stewart Holding.

The high jump was captured by Miss Jean Gowdie's entries for first and second place and A. B. C. Farms in third position.

The knock down and out class had entries of Miss Jean Gowan in first and second place and A. B. C. Farms in third.

Musical chairs for ponies had five entries and the winner was the A. B. C. Farms contestant.

Acton Boys' Band provided a splendid musical program throughout the performance and Ernie Bruce, the musical clown kept the crowd amused between the events. A splendid amplifying system assisted splendidly with the events.

Never in its history has Acton a fair of similar size had a midway to equal the one this year. There were 2 merry-go-rounds, a Ferris wheel, three swings, or whirl around, pony rides and all the long list of eat the places, games, balloons and what have you that could be crowded into the double section used this year. They did a good business Friday night and carried on until after one o'clock.

Second Day

The livestock came in droves in the second day and more midway concessions and folks from far and near were making Acton Fair their meeting place. When all were gathered between seven and eight folks were assembled in Acton Park.

The parade moved off from the Town Hall shortly after one o'clock led by Acton Boys' and Girls' Band. Prize winning bicycles in the parade were Russell Arble, John Hooper and Ronald Elliott, and best decorated buglies were those of Shirley Morton and Theresa Arble.

Ernie Bruce's "Million Dollar" Clown Band brought up the rear and everyone was holiday bent. "O Canada" sang by the school children before the grandstand and then a scattering over the grounds.

President Arthur Swackhamer in the opening ceremonies welcomed the crowd to Acton Fair and introduced Mr. J. E. Whitlock, Halton Agricultural Representative, who officially opened the 1946 Fair.

It was a busy afternoon's program. Never have better business races been seen here with a full entry. In the 2-17 Class seven horses started in a heat and finished right in a bunch. The 2-27 Class had five entries and in both events every heat was a race. Starter was Dr. C. H. Heslop of Milton. The Gentlemen's Road Race was also a keen event and the entries of S. Somerville won first and second and John Hamilton of Ergus, third.

In the arena the National Film Board showed movie pictures during the afternoon and many attended this event.

Highlight of the heavy horse ring were the four horse teams. Acton Fair had four of these teams and everyone of them were of top quality. It was a sight that lovers of horses and all got particular delight as these sixteen fine horses were shown in the ring.

In the saddle horses performance class, Reg Frit's entry won first with Stewart Holding's entries taking second and third.

Veterans of South African War Hold Church Parade Here

Supper Served at Baptist Church—Acton Boys Band Led the Parade

Acton has seen many parades of veterans during the past twenty-five years but when Toronto veterans of the South African War of 1899-1902 decided to hold their annual church service and parade here it stirred memories of the turn of the century and recalled that many participants of the last two wars were not born when these men served the empire and when the national anthem was "God Save the Queen."

About 50 of the Empire Volunteers and their friends came from Toronto by chartered bus on Sunday afternoon. Twenty-five regiments were represented in the group Acton veterans of the war are W. Coles, who made the arrangements for them to come here, W. J. Gould, Charles Withers, Fred Jiggins and Wm. Parnell.

They were entertained at a special supper served in the Baptist Church by the ladies of the congregation. Messrs. Ernest Coles and Orville Brown were in charge of kitchen and serving the guests were, Mrs. McMullen, Miss H. Conover, Miss Jean Matheson, Miss Helen West and Miss Jessie Coles.

Speakers following the supper were Reeve C. L. Kirkness, Rev. Mr. Wallace, Lt. Col. Halcantyne, D.S.O., A. J. Padbury, President of Acton Branch of the Legion, Rev. L. B. McPherson, Secretary S. A. Veterans, W. J. Gould and C. Hill, President of the S. A. Veterans.

The church parade formed at the Town Hall and led by Acton Boys' and Girls' Band paraded to Mill Street and paused at the soldiers' monument where Reeve Kirkness on behalf of Acton accepted a wreath which was placed at the base of the monument.

The Baptist Church was filled for the service and services of the United Church was withdrawn and Rev. Mr. Foshury attended and assisted in the service. Mr. Chester Plank also assisted in the service. Musical numbers included a solo by Miss Jessie Coles, a male chorus by Messrs. C. Kirkness, W. Burton, A. Robinson, W. Coles, G. Muscalle and Ted Hansen. A violin solo by Comrade Young, a native of West Indies who fought in West Africa 1898 and South Africa 1899-1902, a quartette number by Messrs. C. Kirkness, Ted Hansen, W. Coles and Geo. Muscalle of that rousing "Comrade's Song of Hope."

The sermon was by Capt. McPherson, who based his remarks on the parable of the Good Samaritan and "Who is Thy Neighbor?" He urged all to forget petty jealousies and be good neighbors. Division among veterans, church and nations was not bringing a better world. He urged a forgiving spirit and a living Christianity and warned that if our way of life is not altered we will have another war in which man will exterminate himself.

Reforming again after the service, the parade returned to the Town Hall and their special bus for Toronto. The Boys' and Girls' Band again gave the stirring marches for the parade. The veterans were most appreciative of the service given by the Band under Mr. C. W. Mason and regret that an opportunity was not made to express their thanks publicly before they returned to Toronto.

FIRST YEAR SHOULD NOT DISCOURAGE ALL WHO DID NOT WIN

Last week we received a letter signed "Six Home Owners, Discouraged" asking us either to make a comment on its criticisms or publish the letter. Since it is unsigned we cannot publish the letter but we do our best to clarify the points asked. The letter is in reference to the Garden Improvement Competition of Acton Fair.

Yes, the original plan was to have one lot of prizes for the most improvement shown this year. However, when details were finally completed, it was too late to show any improvement in gardens this year. Therefore, this year's prizes were awarded for the best gardens found at the time of the visit of the judges and the awards made on that basis.

Next year's competition is explained quite fully in the 1946 Prize List. Only those gardens entered during the period stated, namely from now until June 1st, 1947, will qualify. If the discouraged ones will read the announcement in the Prize List we believe you will be quite encouraged. Enter your six gardens and you'll be surprised the encouragement you will receive. Of course the full benefit to the community will not be realized this year or next, it is hoped that 3 or four years will make Acton noted as a beautiful town.

MRS. D. H. LINDSAY HOSTESS FOR MEETING WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The Women's Association of Acton United Church met last Tuesday at the home of Mrs. D. H. Lindsay when Mrs. Agar presided and Mrs. R. I. Johnston had charge of the devotional period. Quilting will start as soon as materials are available. Mrs. Lindsay was assisted by Mrs. N. McNabb and Mrs. W. J. Beatty in serving lunch and a social time was enjoyed.

TORONTO MOTORIST IN COLLISION WITH TRAIN ON CROSSING HERE

On Friday night Harry A. Mann of 82 Mortimer Ave., Toronto was in collision with a train on the C.N.R. track at the Mill Street crossing in Acton. It appears Mr. Mann did not see the train on the crossing and crashed into the side of it.

He sustained injuries to his face, chest and both legs and after receiving medical attention he was taken to the city by another motorist. The car was badly smashed up. Chief Hydrop investigated the accident.

Friends will regret to learn that Mr. Dan Taylor is ill in the General Hospital in Guelph. All hope for him a prompt recovery.

THE ARENA SHOW

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AMONG THE PRIZE WINNERS AT ACTON FAIR



(1) Shows Mr. Ed. Pearson with the Grand Champion Shorthorn Bull from his herd of Shorthorns at the Fair. Mr. Pearson has been a prize winning exhibitor for many years. (2) Is an action shot of Mr. Stewart Holding on Killarree as he clears the hurdle in one of the Jumping Classes. Mr. Holding is another well-known exhibitor at Acton. (3) J. McNay of Georgetown with First Prize Road Team in 154 and over class. (4) Barton Job, R.R. 1, Acton with a Prize Winning Suffolk in the Sheep Classes.

LOST ALL TOES ON ONE FOOT WHEN CAUGHT IN MACHINE

While working on a farm near Balford last week Chas. W. Burgess had the misfortune to have his foot caught in a corn cutting and lost all five toes on the left foot. He was taken to hospital in Guelph. He had just received his discharge from the army in August after serving overseas for some time.

Coming Events

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

Bazaar and Afternoon Tea in the United Church on October 19th. auspices of the Friendly Circle.

Acton L.O.L. 467 will hold a euchre in the Hall at Crewson's Corners on Thursday, October 11th. Cars will leave Elliott's Store at 8 o'clock. Everybody welcome.

Willard's Ontario Panorama Radio Show Broadcast by Gordon Sinclair and Alan Savage, Town Hall, Acton, October 18th at 8 p.m. Admission 25c and 15c. Proceeds Ladies' Auxiliary Canadian Legion. Acton Boys' Band and musical numbers by the school children.