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Council Concur with Legion That Nov. 11 be Holiday

Recreation Committee Appointed to have Charge of Operation of Arena for This Winter Season—Appointment Made to Free Library Board to Fill Vacancy—Legion Granted Use of Hall for Saturday Night Dances

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

Mr. C. Leishman, on behalf of the Acton Branch of the Legion requested rental of the Town Hall for dances every Saturday night. Council granted this rental for the season. This also included rental for New Year's Eve. Representatives from Acton Recreation Committee interviewed Council regarding operation of the arena for the winter season. Requirements for repairs were drawn to the attention of Council. Painting of boards, cleaning of light reflectors, new floor in hockey dressing room and painting of reserved seat section were among the suggestions offered. It was also suggested that the Recreation Committee manage the arena for the season instead of Council which would avoid a great deal of the present confusion. It was felt an arena manager should be appointed who would have full authority.

A motion was passed appointing the Physical Fitness and Recreation Committee in charge of operation of the arena for the ice skating season of 1946-47. All receipts are to be made payable to the treasurer and no expenditure of more than \$50 to be made without consent of Council. All vouchers are to be approved by chairman of the committee before being submitted to the treasurer and all tickets are to be procured from the treasurer. Arena manager to be approved by Council before appointment is confirmed.

The sound equipment for the arena was to be checked and Councilor Benson was to procure an estimate to be presented at next Council meeting. Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

Thompson Motors, account	\$ 55.59
Whillier and Co., forms	3.56
Dr. D. A. Garrett, examinations	10.00
E. S. Cooper, Bd. of Health	5.45
E. S. Cooper, supplies	5.60
Acton Free Library Board, grant	500.00
C. L. Kirkness, selecting jurors	1.00
E. E. Harrop, selecting jurors	1.00
C. F. Leatherland, selecting jurors	1.00
C. F. Leatherland, salary disbursements, etc.	148.18
Fred Hillson re Halloween Party	10.00
J. W. Masales, Recognition Day prize	5.00
	\$746.38

The observance of November 11th was discussed and it was learned most of the industries in town and other centres were working that day. Later members of the Legion met with Council and requested that November 11th be made a public holiday in Acton and that all industries and business places be asked to close that day. It was pointed out that Georgetown and Milton were holding their service on Sunday, November 10th and Guelph was observing a public holiday on November 11th. The Canadian Manufacturers' Association said that in general industry were working on that day. The Legion felt a start should be made and November 11th should be a holiday in Acton each year. Council decided to proclaim a holiday for Acton and request observance as such.

The resignation of Rev. F. Thomson as chairman of Acton Free Library Board was received owing to his removal from Acton. Council expressed appreciation of his services on the Board and appointed Rev. A. W. Forsbury as a member of the Board to fill this vacancy.

Treasurer Turner gave a report of the municipal finances as at the present date.

OCTOBER MEETING BANNOCKBURN W.I. AT MRS. RUSSELL'S

The October meeting of the Bannockburn Women's Institute was held Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. D. A. Russell with a good attendance.

A talk on the work of the Children's Aid was given by Mr. Thompson of Milton which was very much enjoyed. A solo was contributed by Mrs. A. Kerr. The meeting closed with the National Anthem after which a bountiful lunch was served by the hostess. A vote of thanks was moved to Mrs. Russell for the use of her home and her hospitality.

Young and Old Enjoyed Halloween Arranged by Y's Men

The Halloween celebration carried out by the Y's Men's Club made a splendid event for all the children and seeing their pleasure and under splendid leadership, instead of idly wandering about town, gave pleasure to not only the older folk who attended, but to those who stayed at home.

The four to six o'clock gathering of Halloween talents gave the children a grand opportunity for door-to-door singing and for the boys Philip McCrystal and Russell Artie collected the most tickets and Carol Tyler and Jean Palmer won the girls' prizes. The ghost walk or parade started from the Park at 7 o'clock and chaperoned by their hands with weird music and some discards, wended about the streets and up the alleys. The cats were ousted from their favorite rendezvous, but everyone had lots of fun and the folks in costume were as numerous as the costumes had variety.

Back to the park and around the arena it made a parade that filled the whole circle and caused the judges some deep thinking to pick the winners. But here are the lucky ones:

Costume Boys: Brian Thorarinson, Jack Davidson, Bill Masters.
Girls' Costume: John Cameron, Shirley Wilson, Ross Morton.
Bestest Girl's Costume: Marilyn Sigsworth.
Toughest Boy: Gregory Barr.
Most Original Costume: Mervyn Kinread.
Funniest Costume: Ronald Anderson.
Sweetest Little Girl: Madeline Ryder.
Mystery Boy (Chester Rafka): Found by Donald DeForest.
Mystery Girl (Ionna Papillon): Found by Helen Somerville.

The hands got together and supplied music while the judges pondered. A milk parade was not in prospect of anything. Milk Borden did or did not do, but each child consumed a bottle of chocolate milk. Then there were apples aplenty and popcorn and all over in time for three boys and girls to get home by nine o'clock and a very fine and sane Halloween.

So successful was it that we think the Y's Men will have plenty of support in maintaining their program each year. The Club appreciated the co-operation of children, Band and Business Men, who contributed to its success.

SOCIAL EVENING OF THE ACTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mrs. Wm. Evans was hostess to a shower party sponsored by the Acton Women's Institute, for Mr. and Mrs. Grant McMillan and Miss Donna who had recently lost their home by fire. After a pleasant social time together the guests were presented with gifts for pantry or kitchen, also gift parcels of bedding from Woodside Red Cross and Bannockburn W.I. and a check from the Acton Branch. Mr. and Mrs. McMillan both expressed their appreciation for their useful gifts. Lunch was served by the hostess and her committee of helpers.

REV. MR. PICKERSGILL SPEAKER AT MEETING NASSAGAWEYA W.I.

The October meeting of the Nassagaweya Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Russell Elliott. The Roll Call was answered by "How can I help a stranger to be a good citizen."

Mrs. F. Rinehart and Mrs. Padbury were appointed as delegates to attend the convention in Guelph. An invitation from the Campbellville W. I. to hear Ethel Chapman, was gladly accepted.

Arrangements were made for our eucharistic parties. Mrs. Rinehart gave a very good report of the meeting held in Milton. At this meeting Mrs. Hayes of Georgetown, discussed with the delegates, "Community Activities." This was the subject chosen for our co-operative program for this year.

Rev. W. Pickersgill was the guest speaker and he gave a very interesting talk on "Citizenship." The meeting closed by singing the National Anthem, after which a dainty lunch was served by the hostess.

I.O.D.E. Reports Financial Success of Bazaar and Tag Days

Mrs. Anos Mason opened her home for the November meeting of the Duke of Devonshire chapter I.O.D.E. and there was a splendid attendance.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and adopted. The flower and card convener told of several of the members being ill. The results of the recent Tag Day for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind sponsored by the Chapter were indeed gratifying. \$132.08 being realized for this worthy cause. The final amount cleared at the annual bazaar was \$287.00 and the Tag day held by the Chapter at Acton Fair netted \$102.00 for the Post War work. Plans were made for Remembrance Day.

Mrs. F. S. Blow read the address given by Mrs. Hyland New at the National Annual Meeting held in May at Winnipeg. This was followed by an educational quiz called "Do you know?" ably conducted by Mrs. Mainprize and responded to by several members. It proved both interesting and instructive. The regent Mrs. Matthews called upon Miss Linda Stewart who played two very fine musical numbers and Mrs. Norman Baird expressed the appreciation of the members to Miss Stewart. At the close of the meeting tea was served by the hostesses of the evening, Mrs. McNabb, Mrs. Kirkness and Mrs. Aylsworth.

AIRMAN'S GRAVE IS LOCATED AND WORD SENT FAMILY

Mrs. Alex Mann has received word that the grave of her brother, Sgt. Kenneth Buck, who was reported missing and presumed dead since May 1943 has been located at Westergate, near Leuwarden in Holland. This is the first word the family have received since 1943 and establishes definitely the fact of his death, when his plane crashed at that time.

BOILER AIR FLEET

REGINA (CP) A third Norseman aircraft has been added to the resources department's air fleet for northern Saskatchewan. Resources Minister Phelps announced. The department also has several smaller aircraft at its disposal.

Acton Boy Scouts Have Entertainment Parents and Friends

First Acton Troop of Boy Scouts held an evening last Friday in Knox Church which had many unique features. Special guests on this occasion were Mr. Frank Irwin and Mr. Fred M. Mann of Provincial Headquarters, Toronto.

The program was presented in the Knox School Room and parents and friends of the Scouts made an appreciative audience. Doug Davidson had four knotting teams in competition and Carl DeForest won the event. Mrs. R. Spiegl on behalf of the Scout Mothers made the presentation to Jack Mainprize of the silver trophy for contributing the most toward Scouting in Acton during 1944 and Doug Davidson a similar award for 1945.

A badge presentation was held with further Scoutmaster Rev. Forbes Thomson presenting the badges to Scouts Bob Tyler, Ron Sall, James Dills, Monte Hanney, Fred Kuringer, Don Davidson and Bob Rowles.

A tenderfoot Scout was made a member of the troop in an investiture ceremony that was very impressive by Scoutmaster E. Grishow and Mr. F. Irwin. Between the items the audience enjoyed a sing-song with Messrs Hartley Coles and Jack Mainprize giving the leadership and the pitch. A skit arranged by Geo. Elliott presented an educated horse that not only walked but talked and answered questions.

Acton Scouts regret to part with their war-time Scoutmaster, Rev. F. Thomson. Recognition of the splendid service and leadership he had given for four years was made when Doug Davidson read an address and on behalf of the troop Jack Mainprize presented Scout bookends to Mr. Thomson. In his reply Mr. Thomson assured the boys he had enjoyed his work and association with them and hoped that they would meet him in Hamilton from time to time.

The climax to the evening was a bounteous banquet served by the Scout Mothers in the Church basement. Speakers following the banquet were Mr. Frank Irwin who brought a song from the chief Scout and introduced Mr. Fred M. Mann of Toronto. He brought a message of inspiration to all Scouts and a story of two Scouts and their trustworthiness and qualities which made them just a bit different from another boy who hadn't taken the Scout obligation.

Mr. Ellis Rogan was Master of Ceremonies both for the program and at the banquet table. He expressed the appreciation of the Troop to the Scout Mothers and all others who had helped make the event so successful. The National Anthem brought the evening to a close.

COUNTY BREEDERS BUY AND SELL AT ALL-CANADIAN SALE

Dr. Chas. N. Blanshard, Freeman, received \$300 for an open yearling heifer at the All-Canadian Sale held October 28 at Oakville. The purchaser was G. K. Harper, Hamilton.

W. S. Hall, Oakville, paid \$750 for a bred heifer from James R. Henderson, Portsmouth, Ontario and Max Greenberg, Freeman, paid \$500 to Arthur Lockhart, Woodstock, also for a bred heifer.

Harry Robinson, Main Street, brought the Free Press a nice bunch of sweetpeas from his garden to-day and says he has had plenty of bloom right along.

1946 Halton County Match An Outstanding Success

A WEATHER PROPHECY THAT WE HOPE IS ABSOLUTELY CORRECT

A citizen who prefers to remain anonymous has made a weather prediction which we hope to think will be correct and time alone will prove its accuracy. He predicts the mild weather will continue until December 20 when winter weather will set in and the cold will remain steady for some time.

Acton School Board Approves of District Plan for Schools

Arrangements Made for Use of Y.M.C.A. Gymnasium by School Pupils

The November meeting of Acton School Board on Tuesday evening had Trustees J. Chapman, Dr. F. G. Oakes and L. Lovell present and Chairman G. A. Dills presiding.

Principal Stewart of the Continuation school introduced the subject of salary schedule but this was ruled a matter for the attention of the 1947 board when the budget for the next year is made up. Mr. Stewart also introduced a plan that could be made for pupils to attend the Royal Winter Fair on Tuesday the 19th, as guests of the Fair. The Board approved of the arrangements. A list of supplies was also approved for the School.

Principal McKenzie of the Public School told of plans under way to have grade 8 pupils visit the Ontario Museum and the Parliament buildings in Toronto. Dates had not been set but the Board approved of this educational visit to Toronto.

Mr. McKenzie also told the Board of the Acton Y.M.C.A. directors in granting to every public school pupil, free membership in the Y.M.C.A. The only provision was that the membership be used by the students throughout the year.

The public school staff were also arranging to hold two afternoons next week when parents were invited to meet the teachers and see the pupils at work in the classrooms on Wednesday and Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the times parents are invited to meet the teachers in Acton Public School next week.

A gardening plot was to be made on the school grounds and the trees replanted along the boundary fence of the C.N.R. tracks. The property Committee are to arrange a hand rail for the sidewalk along the grade to Willow Street.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

Evan Jones, cutting grass	\$20.00
Highway Garage, repairs	1.10
Globe Hall, adv.	3.68
National Stationers, supplies	5.25
MacMillan Co., books	7.01
J. B. Mackenzie, supplies	12.24
Brantford Stationers, supplies	15.53
Copp, Clark, books	4.80
Longmans, Green, books	1.76
Ont. Safety League, renewal of Safety Lecture	16.00
Heintzman, music	3.86
Clarke, Irwin, books	.78
E. Cripps, repairs	2.25
Watson Dairy, milk K.P.	23.62
Free Press, supplies	11.53
J. H. Goy, cartage	3.76
Bell Telephone Co., phone	3.10
Public Utilities Commission, light and water	30.43

A car of coal was ordered for delivery on November 15th.

A resolution was passed approving of the School District for Acton in the northern Halton Section and the Secretary was to secure the required forms. The Secretary was also to arrange a meeting for this month at which Inspector Skuce and Inspector Wm. Stewart could be present. The Secretary was to invite Milton and Georgetown Boards to this meeting and the School Board of Eramosa and Erin Townships and any municipal officials who might be interested in the discussion. The Acton Board after careful study were unanimous in approving the district plan for secondary schools.

Messrs R. Bean and J. W. Wolfe of the Y.M.C.A. Board were present to discuss use of the gymnasium for physical training. The problems of both boards were brought out and the Y.M.C.A. representatives pointed out that it was their desire to make full use of the building regardless of the rental involved in such things as school work. It was decided to pay \$80 for the two months of this year with the matter to be dealt with by the 1947 Board for the three months of next year that the gymnasium is to be used.

Arrangements were made for the Safety League program to be presented in the Town Hall on November 22nd.

3000 Attended Event Last Thursday at Farm of Wm. Near — Prize Winners are Announced — C. D. Graham, Ontario's Deputy Minister of Agriculture Speaker at Banquet in Evening

Upwards of three thousand spectators thronged the farm of Wm. Near, Equestrian Township, for the annual Match of the Halton Plowmen's Association, on Thursday last. Here, under ideal conditions, in one field, fifty seven contestants, 24 with walking plows and 33 with tractors, turned some of the best ridges seen in many a day, according to mould-board authorities. The Halton Match is generally recognized as one of the most outstanding matches held in the Province, and this year's event under the direction of President W. J. Robertson and Field Manager Ross Segsworth and their fellow directors was generally admitted as the best all round match ever held in Halton.

True, in pre-war years there have been larger entries, but when one takes into consideration the size, soil conditions, quality of work, the machinery show and demonstrations, the lunch and banquet arrangement, and last but not least, the efficient management, it was difficult to find anything which could have been improved on. One of the new features was the attire of the directors in white coats. This was a decided improvement, both from the standpoint of the plowboys and the management.

In short, the 1946 Halton Match ran like clockwork and the ridges were finished, the judges had made their decisions, and the prizes were posted, before the spectators had to leave for the evening chores.

In the open Junior class with walking plows, eight of Central Ontario's top plowmen vied for top honors with the veteran, Bob Brown of Galt again getting the decision.

Perhaps the highlight in the plowing from a Halton standpoint, was the showing of Charles Hunter of Equestrian Township. This seventeen year old lad not only won his class for Halton boys under 17 years, but also was declared the winner of the Esso Champion Tractor Special for the best tractor ridge turned by a Halton plowman. The same contestant also won the Bank of Nova Scotia Special for the best ridge in Class 6, and the Bank of Commerce Special for the best tractor ridge by a Halton contestant.

The youngest contestant in the field was 12 year old Billie Grace, of Freeman, who won both the Special for the youngest contestant, and also was fifth in his own class. The Strling and Dynes Special for the best ridge turned by Ford-Ferguson equipment was won by Leonard Lister of Hornby.

Wm. Barrie of Galt, and John Harrop of Beachville, two of Ontario's best authorities on plowing were the judges and both were loud in their praise of the Halton match.

In the Horse Show ring, Max Fosterstone, well known horseman of Freeman, officiated and his selection for the Nelson Robinson Special went to a well matched, and well dressed team of Percherons owned and exhibited by Roy Livingstone of Woodbridge.

However, over in the adjoining field was perhaps the outstanding feature of the day in the opinion of a large percentage of the crowd of spectators. Here under the chairmanship of Stanley Hall, Halton's member in the Ontario legislature, the machinery committee staged a great show of modern farm machinery and labor saving equipment. Here too with the aid of amplifying equipment, they staged a full afternoon's program of demonstrations. These included a demonstration by the King Paving Co.

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Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Sports and Other Events, which are charged in advance, are published with a minimum charge for the announcement of an event.

Euchre and Dance Limehouse Memorial Hall, Friday, November 15th. Cards at 8:45 sharp. Admission 35c. Lunch.

The ladies of St. Joseph's Church are holding a Sale of Baking and Fancy Articles in the Town Hall, November 9th.

Be sure to be present at the Preaching Mission, Wednesday, Nov. 13th, till Sunday, November 17th. All Welcome.

Dance Brookville Hall, November 8th, Bloomsbury Orchestra, under the auspices of Nassagaweya W. I. Admission 35c.



Although one of three brothers competing at Halton Ploughing Match won the Salad Trophy and a trip to England, an older brother was runner-up in the same class. They are the Ferguson brothers of Nassagaweya. John, on the left, the youngest, won fourth prize in the class under twenty while Don, centre, was runner up in the special class. Harold is seen on the right. A fourth brother, Robert, will compete in the county event, next year they said. —Ross Peaton Photo.