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Biggest Year in History Reported by Acton Fair Directors

Gate Receipts and Prize Money Reach New High—Howard Switzer 1947 President

Directors heard reports of record days at Acton Fair of 1946 when the annual meeting of Acton Fair Directors was held on Saturday afternoon. Gate receipts were \$1771.35 this year with \$230 additional returns from the Fair night dance. The auditor's report presented by Mr. A. T. Brown showed total prize money paid of \$1967.57.

Mr. Arthur Swackhamer in his opening remarks paid high tribute to the late C. Woodhall, who had died suddenly in December. Mr. Woodhall had been one of the first directors of Acton Fair when it was organized in 1912 and had served faithfully ever since. He had been president and honored with the Provincial certificate awarded for outstanding service to Agricultural Society. A resolution was passed by the Board expressing their sympathy to the family and appreciation of his work. The Secretary was to forward a copy to the family.

Reports on various fair departments were given and were very satisfactory. Some branches had outstanding exhibits and others had declined but on the whole a satisfactory exhibit was reported.

It was unanimously decided to hold the 1947 Fair on Friday and Saturday, October 3rd and 4th.

Delegates to the Fairs Convention in February are the President and Mrs. Switzer, the Secretary and Mrs. Swackhamer and Mrs. Geo. Somerville. The affiliation fees were ordered paid.

New members added to the Board of Directors were Messrs. R. R. Parker, John Gray, Clarence Reid and Fred Kentner.

In retiring from office, Mr. Arthur Swackhamer, president for 1946, expressed appreciation of the co-operation and help of all officers in making the past year so successful. A motion by the directors expressed appreciation of Mr. Swackhamer's conduct of the year's work and the splendid leadership he had given.

Officers for 1947 elected by the new Board which met immediately following the annual meeting are: President—Howard Switzer. Vice-President—Elwood Johnston. Sec. Treas.—C. B. Swackhamer.

The meeting also discussed appointment of a Fair manager to relieve the Secretary of some of his onerous duties. (Continued on Page Four)

Early Morning Fire Stopped by Prompt Response of Brigade

A fire last Saturday morning about 2:30 a.m. occurred in the three family frame house at the corner of Main and Church Streets which would have been serious except for the promptness and efficiency of Acton Fire Brigade. The fire originated in the building in the upstairs apartment occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Buchanan Jr. and a 12 year old stepson. It was discovered by Hector Lambert, who with Mrs. Lambert and their three children occupies one of the other apartments.

Firemen responded quickly and the blaze had made considerable headway when they arrived but they had it under control in a few minutes and kept fire damage to the one room but other parts were damaged by water. The whole damage is estimated at \$500. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spreng and family also occupy an apartment in this building. Owner is Mr. L. Starkman. The entire building received smoke damage but none of the other occupants were forced to leave their premises. Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan were badly overcome and were helped to another apartment for the night. It is said that this is not the first fire to have started in this apartment but others had not gained such headway. The police are investigating these statements and the fire of last Saturday morning.

COMMITTEE NAMED RE OFFICERS 1947 DEVONSHIRE CHAPTER

The January meeting of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. was held at the home of Mrs. James Symon with a good attendance in spite of inclement weather. The regent, Mrs. Matthews presided.

The routine business was taken care of followed by the reading of 2 letters of thanks. One was from the Teacher of the Chapter's adopted school gratefully acknowledging the Christmas gifts sent to her pupils. A letter from Mr. Cameron Stewart, principal of Acton High School was also read expressing the appreciation of the staff and pupils for the scholarships donated by the Chapter. The Empire Study topic for the evening was taken by Mrs. Wolfe who read Dr. Charlotte Whitten's article on Ontario taken from the Christmas issue of "Echoes."

Mrs. Barr ably occupied the chair in charge of nominations for the officers for 1947-48. The nomination committee was chosen as follows: Mrs. Mainprize, Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Whitham. After the closing ceremony the hostesses Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Drysdale and Miss Wallace served lunch.

Tanners With 9 Players Hold Georgetown to 5-4

Regular Scheduled Game will be Played on February 6th—Tuesday Game Exhibition Affair as Death and Illness Cause Absence of Regular Players—Big Crowd See Good Game in the Georgetown Arena on Tuesday—Elores Came To-night is also Postponed

Georgetown and Acton came to an understanding that the game scheduled for Tuesday night was purely an exhibition of hockey between the two squads representing the respective towns. It was due to the inability of the Tanners to ice a complete squad of players that the scheduled game reverted to the status of an exhibition. Mrs. Marzo, mother of three of Acton's star players, passed away on Tuesday morning.

The upper stratosphere opened wide and dropped buckets of H₂O on Acton and Georgetown fans as they struggled to gain entrance to the Georgetown arena on Tuesday night. Fans were treated to a spectacular display of hockey by a small squad of Tanners who held the Papertown to five goals with a team composed of regulars and Juniors and minus the services of three Marzo brothers. The final score was 5-4 in Georgetown's favor but they won only through a fluky goal. Before the game opened the crowd were told of the arrangement and tribute and sympathy to the Marzo brothers was observed in a minute's silence.

The black, green and white of the Tanners flashed back and forth until ends, broke up plays of the Georgetown sextette and scored goals. All this was accomplished with a scant nine players in uniform.

Georgetown imagined they would swoop through the Actonians with gracious ease and what a surprise when they found such dogged obstacles who not only blocked the majority of their moves but went out on forage of their own through the Georgetown defense.

In the first period, Beaumont rapidly found the only counter, and put Georgetown ahead as the Tanners attempted to organize a system in which they could give everyone a rest with the three other players interchanging. Chris and Riddall were the only penalty holders in this period and each received minors.

The second period was listless until Lindsay counted Acton's first goal to tie the score. Play became more interesting from there on in as Georgetown attempted to gain a lead. Russ Brush played about the full 20 minutes this period and what a game he played—rushing, blocking, checking and bouncing. Brush had the green and red of the Papertown fearing for their lives everytime they managed forage. Evans was also a bastion of defense as he smothered loose pucks in protecting arms.

But it was in the third period that the game broke through into full bloom and here is where we should readily hand orchids to the Tanners. Gibson broke the ice at 3:21 to put Georgetown ahead 2-1. Hardly had he scored when Lindsay twinkled the light at 6:25 on a hard drive from the blue line. Furiously the lads from the Mercantile League stormed Evans anxious to blot out the shame of another tally from a tired squad.

Finally at 10:46 Gibson pushed one behind Evans to make it 3-2. Acton broke through the Georgetown defense and hammered shots at Rhodes until 15:55 brought down the house as he tied the score. Lindsay made his evening's fate into a hat trick about a minute later to put Acton in front by 4-3 score.

The reserves that the Papertown ice won the games for them and held up their morale. If the Tanners could have had player relief Hurst and Murdoch would not have scored in the dying minutes to forge ahead and win by 5-4. Wait till we meet on even terms in the postponed game!

Lindsay played a standout game for Acton followed by every other man on the ice wearing the black and green. Three stars would be impossible to pick and so we salute the 1947 Tanners.

Line-ups were:
Acton—Evans G. Brush RD. Riddall LD. Gillespie C. Lindsay RW. Goy LW. alternates Kentner, Townsley and Baylis.
Georgetown—Rhodes G. Patterson LD. Chris RD. Murdoch C. Hurst RW. Gibson LW. alternates Ferrit, Ward, Bertwhistle, Bradbury, Beau.

Youngest Industry Adds Another Unit To Acton Factory

Micro-Plastics Limited, Acton's latest industry has just received another new extruding machine and it is being set up alongside the first machine put in the plant which is now in operation 24 hours a day on orders received by the Company for its products. It will be some weeks before the new machine is in full operation. It will double the present capacity of the plant. Provision is made for the present building for another machine when the company progresses further. New power lines have been installed for the equipment.

Nassagaweya Boy Killed When Roof of Barn Collapsed

Mother Dies from Shock Twenty-Four Hours After Son's Death

An unfortunate accident saddened the home of Andrew Laing, who lives three miles north of Moffat last Friday night when the youngest boy, Billy, was almost instantly killed when he was pinned beneath tons of snow and ice as the roof of his father's barn collapsed. An older brother, Leonard, 15, escaped injury and death as he dodged into the barn granary.

Billy and Leonard were in the stables doing chores about five thirty Friday night. As they entered the driveway of the hay mow portion of the barn, they suddenly heard a creaking, snapping sound. Leonard made a grab for his brother and called "It's coming down." The older boy was unable to reach his brother as he dashed out the front doors at the moment the roof collapsed.

"I was able to get into the granary when the whole room seemed to fall all around us," the boy recalled. "Billy was unable to get through the two doors which seemed to separate as a portion of the falling roof pinned him face down to the ground."

The father who was not at home at the time of the tragedy, blamed the heavy blanket of snow and ice on the roof as cause for the accident. His mother said she was preparing supper when she heard a crashing sound come from the barn. She said she arrived at the gate as the roof crashed. "I called and called, but there wasn't a murmur," she stated.

Dr. K. V. Waller, Rockwood, who was called, said the boy died from suffocation, caused as the roof pinned his body and face in hay and straw surrounding the doors.

Following an investigation by Provincial Constable E. R. Lemon, Crown Attorney W. I. Dick and Coroner Dr. George E. Syer decided an inquest was unnecessary.

Further sorrow was added to an already sorrowing family when Mrs. Andrew Laing, mother of Bobby, collapsed and died immediately, within 24 hours of her little boy.

Shortly after many of her friends had left Saturday evening, Mrs. Laing collapsed. Her daughter Willis thought it was merely a fainting spell but she never rallied. The doctor said it was caused by sheer exhaustion and shock," the daughter added.

A double funeral service was held in Eden Mills Presbyterian Church last Tuesday. Service for Billy was to have been held on Monday, and later the family decided a joint service would be held.

Billy's school, S. S. No. 4, Nassagaweya, and friends from the surrounding countryside gathered to pay tribute to the sorrowing family. School pals of the boy bore him to the grave while other children were flower bearers. They were Clarke Moore, Jack Gilbertson, Lloyd Ramsay, George Hewer who assisted with freeing Billy's crushed body, Donald Early and Garnet Norrish. Neighbors who were pallbearers for Mrs. Laing were John Milne, Herbert Gilbertson, Thomas Amos, William Black, Stanley Norrish and Elms Easterbrook.

Rev. R. W. Pickering, minister of Eden Mills United Church, and Rev. William Eden Mills, Church conducted the joint service. Interment followed in Eden Mills Cemetery.

Mrs. Laing was born at Turtle Mountain 40 years ago. She came east when 12 years of age and has resided in the district since. Surviving besides her husband are two daughters, Lilla, Willis and two sons, Leonard and Fred. Also surviving is her aged father John H. Whyte who resided with his daughter, Mrs. Charles Klugsbury of Campbellville.

Fined for Drinking While at Dances In Acton Town Hall

In police court at Acton on January 7th, Chas. Vateman was fined \$20 and cost, a total of \$37 on a charge of having liquor in a place other than a dwelling-house, namely at Acton Town Hall.

On January 14th, Gerard Dechono was fined \$10 and costs, a total of \$12 for the same offence. Reason for the difference in fines was given by the fact that Vateman was one of the Acton members in charge of the dance in the Town Hall. Another charge was dismissed since the accused was not actually seen drinking or in possession of the bottle. The charges were laid by Chief Harrop.

FORMER ACTONIANS MARK THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. George Brlater, formerly of Acton celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the home of their son in Toronto over the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hill and Mrs. W. Cole, Acton, visited them on this occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Brlater also have one daughter, Mrs. Riddall, who resides in Cobourg. They were residents of Acton for many years when Mr. Brlater was caretaker of the Bowling Greens and tennis courts. We join with other friends in extending congratulations to these former residents and best wishes for many more happy years together.

MISSION CIRCLE FORMED BY UNITED YOUNG LADIES

At the home of Mrs. Caldwell, Knox Avenue, last Friday night a number of young ladies of the United Church met to organize a mission circle. After the devotional period and program, officers were elected as follows: Miss Dorothy Simmons, president; Miss Florence Saunders, vice-president; Miss Muriel Ralston, recording secretary; Miss Shirley Elliott, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Douglas Priestley, treasurer; Miss Olga Lockie, pianist. Afterwards Mrs. Caldwell served a light lunch.

Coming Events

- Announcements of Meetings, Conventions, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, in cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 25c.
- Euchre, Friday, January 17th, Parish Hall, 8 p.m. Auxilices St. Alban's Guild. Admission 25c.
 - The Scout and Guide Mothers' Association is sponsoring a St. Patrick's Dance in the Town Hall on March 14th.
 - Guelph male choir concert, Wednesday, January 22nd, 8:15 o'clock, 1947. United Church Acton, Admission 50c.
 - Dance, Brookville Hall, Friday, January 17th, auspices of Nassagaweya W. I. Good orchestra. Admission 35c.
 - There will be a congregational meeting in the Presbyterian Church, January 22 at 8 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a call for a minister.
 - Dance to Bob Martin and his orchestra, Town Hall, Acton, every Saturday night. Dancing 8:30 to 12:00. Admission 50c. Auxilices Legion. 77
 - Old time and modern dance, Town Hall, Acton, Friday, January 25th. Gib Jordan and his orchestra. Lucky door prizes \$3 and \$2. Admission 50c.

Acton Industries Ask for More Electric Power

C. M. Hanson Chairman of Public Utilities Commission for 1947

The inaugural meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission for 1947 was held on Monday evening. Commissioners C. M. Hanson and J. E. MacArthur and Heave P. McArthur were present. Their usual duration of office was subscribed to.

On motion of MacArthur and McCutcheon, Commissioner Hanson was appointed chairman and J. E. MacArthur deputy chairman.

The Commission joined the Ontario Municipal Electric Association and made arrangements to attend the convention in March at Toronto.

Instructions were issued Superintendent Wilson to disconnect all subscribers in arrears as per a motion passed last year—that all in arrears ten days after disconnection were to be cut off without further notice.

Mr. J. Reid and Mr. Brown of Micro-Plastics were present to discuss the installation of a 2200 power line to run a new machine they are installing. Temporary installation of transformers was to be made until such time as it is decided if more load will be needed to operate the factory and then transformers will be ordered to take care of the future demand.

It was decided to order 25 new water meters to take care of replacements and new installations.

Supt. Wilson reported that Baxter Laboratories had requested between 10 and 12 more horsepower. As the transformers feeding this plant were loaded to capacity, new ones were to be ordered to install in the power bank feeding this industry. The ones now in service will be used to improve the power service in other parts of the town.

Superintendent Wilson reported that last year there were 30,238,600 gallons of water pumped at the spring to supply the town, approximately 2 million more than last year.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Hydro Department	
Bell Telephone Co. of Can. services	\$11.92
J. K. Gardiner, permits	8.00
Acton Free Press, adv.	4.35
Highway Garage, gas, oil, etc.	181.37
Irving Smith Ltd., mdse.	9.95
Can. Chromalox Co. Ltd., mdse.	2.00
Force Electric Prod., mdse.	85
Line & Cable Accessories, mdse.	72.10
Federal Wire & Cable, supplies	213.50
MacDonald Electric Ltd., supplies	9.75
Symon Hardware, supplies	28.70
Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co., supplies	12.01
Packard Electric, supplies	243.50
Miss Fern Brown (patmistress), stamps	15.60
Transport and Express	2.78
O.M.E.A. membership	20.60
Reservations	20.60
	\$93.44
Waterworks Department	
W. H. Cunningham and Hill	\$10.21
Power and heating at spring	\$7.19
	\$7.30

OAKVILLE

Naval Headquarters has announced the promotion of Commander (Acting) Captain Hugh F. Pullen, O.B.E., R.C.N., to the rank of Captain. Capt. Pullen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pullen is Director of Naval Reserves at Naval Service Headquarters, Ottawa.

Scene of Tragedy Near Moffat



A nine-year-old boy, Billy Laing, died almost instantly when the roof of his father's barn at Moffat, collapsed and pinned him beneath tons of ice, snow and timber. His brother Leonard, escaped injury by running into the granary of the barn. Photo shows Leonard pointing to the spot where his brother was pinned beneath a portion of the roof. —Photo by Ross Pearson

INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE STANDINGS

	P	W	L	Pts
Georgetown	3	3	0	6
Acton	2	2	0	4
Papertown	3	2	1	4
Orangeville	4	2	2	4
Milton	3	0	3	0
Elores	3	0	3	0

Early Morning Saturday Fire



Acton Fire Brigade gave a prompt response last Saturday morning about 3:30 to confine a fire to one upstairs room of an apartment on Main Street. Fire Photo shows firemen fighting the blaze through the window as smoke pours from the opening and hampers their work.