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## Acton Debentures Bring \$104,135 for 2 3/4 % Issue

Applications Now Available For War-time Housing—Bowling Alley, Restaurant and Taxi Licenses Sought—Delegations of Builders Express Disapproval of War-time Housing—Hospital Charges for Indigents Mount up—More Land to be Annexed to Town.

Councillors C. Cook, W. Coan, J. H. Creighton and R. M. Aylsworth were present on Monday evening when Acton Council met in regular session and Rev. F. J. McCutcheon presided.

Mr. E. Jennings made inquiry regarding regulations in establishing a bowling alley above his garage on Main Street. The Clerk read a by-law that had been drafted last year, but had not been passed, which covered bowling alleys and pool rooms. Mr. Jennings had room for six alleys in his building. He was willing to take out a license immediately, but did not want to make the building changes required unless assured a license was likely to be granted. Council expressed a willingness to grant a license provided his plans met with the approval of the building committee and the fire regulations.

Mr. Allan Leishman, Sr., felt an error had been made on the assessment of a house was constructed. Mr. Leishman complained that similar foundations were not assessed for a like amount. Attention was called to the amendment to the Assessment Act which required the assessment of all buildings, according to the work done on them. Council decided to write the Municipal World to get an interpretation of the act. The majority of partially completed buildings had been assessed.

Mr. Henson of Georgetown, requested a license to operate a restaurant in Acton. Council assured him if he complied with the town regulations, the license would be granted.

Mr. Clarke of Georgetown, requested a taxi license for Acton. The vehicle had been inspected and the license fee paid. He was requested to show the Chief of Police his proper insurance coverage. The license was issued after the insurance card was produced. The by-law to amend the by-law to permit taxi-cab drivers to obtain a permit from the Chief Constable was read as required and passed. This will allow an additional driver for each licensed cab.

Fire Chief Douglas Dawkins and H. L. Ritchie on behalf of the Fire Brigade requested arrangements be made for the installation of a telephone in the Town Hall so that the Fire Brigade could find out where alarms are sent in from. It was explained that an attachment could be put on the fire siren so that it could be started from the telephone office and when the receiver was taken off at the hall, central control in the Fire Brigade of the location of the fire, lifting the receiver would stop the siren. The Brigade was instructed to write the Bell Telephone Co. and make inquiries on a system that could be installed and had been explained some time ago.

The Brigade were empowered to secure a part of a nozzle which had been lost at one of the fires recently. Council agreed to subscribe for a Firemen's Magazine for each member instead of paying expenses to the Volunteer Firemen's Convention.

Messrs. J. Leishman and J. McMullen were present in connection with War-time Housing. They felt that greater benefit to the community would be to have permanent homes erected by private contractors. Mr. McMullen gave several objections to this type of house. The matter was discussed from many angles. Council inquired if War-time Housing was abandoned what the local builders could offer to replace the shortage. Mr. McMullen felt these houses would not be in the best interest of the community. Council expressed the opinion that erection of War-time Housing would not affect those who wanted homes of their own. The need was in Acton for both types of homes, houses to own and houses to rent.

Mr. Hugh Graham asked if Council had decided yet if water mains could be laid to his lot on the Hutt farm. Council agreed to check on the result of Donald Inspection in this district regarding construction through rock.

A notice from Toronto, General Hospital regarding an indigent patient was considered and admitted by Council.

A letter from Hughes Cleaver, M.P. for Halton stated he had noted Acton was going ahead with War-time Housing and offered any assistance he could give to the municipality. The Clerk was instructed to reply.

The Clerk reported receipt of application forms from War-time Housing and the request that for the press.

## Y's Men Wear 'The Green' Monday For Trip to Guelph

On Monday night last, the Acton Y's Men's Club visited the Guelph Club for the evening. Since it was St. Patrick's Day all Acton members wore "The Green" in the form of neck ties which were all the same in style and shade.

The evening started off with supper, a speaker and following that, a session of bridge with some of the Guelph members.

It was quite a night for Acton in Guelph since the Badminton Club were the playing guests of the Guelph Club, both events being conducted under the same roof at the same time. This provided plenty of action especially for a few of the Y's Men who also play on the Acton Badminton team.

At a recent meeting of the Acton Y's Men's Club, plans got under way for the summer dances in the Arena. Bill Clayton was appointed chairman and he in turn selected men from the club to be responsible for certain portions of the work. Bill is looking forward to a good year for the summer dances, which will be held one night a week instead of two as last year.

## Pay Roll Theft in One Department at Beardmore Plant

Office Ransacked and About \$1000 Stolen in Few Minutes on Friday Night

About \$625 of the payroll of Beardmore & Co. was stolen from a foreman's office at the plant here on Friday night. Robert Turner, warehouse foreman had the envelopes on his desk and had left the office for only a few moments to distribute the pay envelopes when the theft was made. Distribution of the pay had been started by Mr. Turner earlier than usual that night and before the theft a number of the department envelopes had been handed out.

The thieves were apparently familiar with the procedure of issuing the pay and evidence in the office showed they had hurriedly pulled out the drawers of the desk where the money was usually located. On this occasion, however, Mr. Turner had the envelopes on top of the desk. Three of the envelopes were left lying on the desk indicating the hurried departure.

Cecil Crapp, a factory employee, saw two men, apparently youths, run across the yard about the time the money must have been taken. Mr. Turner said it had been too dark for Crapp to identify the men or obtain a description.

Police are investigating and several were questioned but all were cleared.

## Two Injured When Cars Collide on Second Line, Monday

Mrs. Alvin Fisher, Acton, was taken to Guelph General Hospital, with possible fractured leg and chest injuries, result of a traffic accident on the Second Line, about three miles north of Acton Monday evening. She had been a passenger in a car driven by her son, Harvey Fisher, 24, of R. R. 3, Acton.

Also hurt was Playford Lehman, 14, R.R. 3 Acton, who had head injuries, but did not require hospital treatment. He had been a passenger in her son, Harvey Fisher, 24, of R. R. 3, Acton.

Provincial Constable Phil P. Seibert investigated the accident which occurred about 7:45, Monday. He found that Johnston had been driving up the hill; Fisher, downward. The automobile wheels caught in ruts, and could not be stopped in time to avoid the crash. Damage to the cars was estimated at \$600.

## MARCH MEETING OF KNOX W.M.S. AT MRS. BUCHANAN'S

Knox Presbyterian Church W.M.S. held their meeting at the home of Mrs. Buchanan on March 13th. The meeting opened with reading and prayer.

The mission study was on India, taken from the 2nd Chapter of the Study book. Mrs. Buchanan was in charge, assisted by Mrs. E. Barr, who read about the Hindus and their customs, and Mrs. Hassard who read about the Bhils. Mrs. McCree's reading was about the Moslems and Mrs. Allison read about the Christians. The devotional period was conducted by the President who read a portion of Scripture and prayer was then made by Mrs. D. McLellan. Responsive reading was taken by Mrs. Davidson and Mrs. Cordner. A period of meditation was conducted by Mrs. Blow who gave a Scripture reading.

The business of the meeting was arranging for the Easter Thank offering meeting. A daily lunch was served and a social half hour spent and a hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Buchanan for the use of her home.

## REGULAR MEETING KNOX Y. W. AUXILIARY AT MRS. S. SINCLAIR'S

The regular meeting of the Knox Young Women's Auxiliary was held on Wednesday, March 12th at the home of Mrs. S. Sinclair with Mrs. F. Anderson presiding.

The Scripture reading was taken by Mrs. E. Marshall and Mrs. A. K. Mann. The President then gave a brief talk on the text for the evening, "Hallowed be Thy Name," followed by a prayer by Mrs. J. Ingles.

Following the business, Mrs. Blow, guest of the evening, brought greetings from the W.M.S. The Study Book was given by four girls, Mrs. F. Anderson as interviewer, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Ingles, Mrs. Mann and M. Rossell as India girls who had become Christians.

Following the closing items a social time was spent.

## THE SEEBACK-ASHTON WEDDING SATURDAY IN TORONTO CHURCH

Spring flowers and ferns graced North Parkdale United Church for the marriage Saturday of Thelma Pearl Ashton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ashton to Woodrow Alexander Seeback, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Seeback. Rev. Milton Sanderson officiated. Mrs. J. Arnold Raymond played wedding music and accompanied the soloist, Mrs. Arthur Cockshutt. The bride wore a blush satin gown, on princess lines, with fitted bodice, full skirt and sweeping train. A crown of the satin with flower trim held her long veil and she carried pink roses and lilies. Mrs. G. Rogvaldson, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, with Ruth Pronk, niece of the groom, bridesmaid and Marilyn Rogvaldson, flower girl. The senior attendants were dressed alike in confetti pink crepe with long skirts. Marilyn wore a pink taffeta dress with hand embroidery and a band of rascals and for-get-me-nots. The attendants had coiled hair of matching material studded with crystal beads. All carried nosegays of snapdragons and lilies. Stanley Seeback was groom's man, and John Seeback, the bride's mother received in a hero blue ensemble with hat of blue and pink, roses and corsage of iris and sweet peas. The groom's mother assisted in pearl gray with black accents and a corsage of red roses. For the wedding trip to Montreal, the bride travelled in a ciel blue wool crepe dress with muskrat coat and brown hat.

## Three Injured When Returning from Game in Waterloo

When returning to Acton from the hockey game in Waterloo last Wednesday night, occupants of a car driven by Gordon Bilton, Acton, were injured and the car smashed when it left the road and overturned. The accident happened a few miles east of Kitchener on No. 7 Highway.

Gordon Bilton sustained a broken leg; Keith Robertson, head lacerations and Lawrence Yule cuts and concussion. These three were treated at the Kitchener-Waterloo Hospital. Other occupants of the car, Mr. and Mrs. W. Tennant, Miss Lois Fryer and Miss Betty Turner escaped with a bad shaking up and returned to Acton by car.

## REGULAR MEETING OF UNITED CHURCH W.M.S. AT MRS. R. L. JOHNSON'S

The regular monthly business meeting of the Women's Missionary Society was held at the home of Mrs. R. L. Johnson on Tuesday with Mrs. E. J. Caldwell presiding.

The Devotional period was taken by Mrs. R. L. Johnson, Mrs. A. T. Brown, study book by Mrs. G. Macdonald, assisted by Miss E. Hawthorne, Mrs. J. Bell, Mrs. A. Dills, Miss M. Z. Bennett, Mrs. N. H. Wilson, Mrs. F. Cleave and Mrs. B. Mowat. Mrs. A. Kerr contributed a solo. The guest speaker for the Easter meeting will be Miss Jean Miller, who is returning to China in a very short period. A very hearty vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Johnson for her home and all who assisted.

## Tanners Win First Game From Peach Kings by 3-2

### Halton Baseball Executive Hold Meeting in Milton

Only two clubs were represented at a meeting of the Halton Baseball executive, held at Milton, Tuesday night. Acton and Georgetown who are still in the hockey running, do not seem to be ready for the summer sport.

The Oakville and Milton clubs, who were represented, decided both intermediate and juvenile teams would be entered in the county O.B.A. series. Delegates to attend the O.B.A. annual meeting being held at Kitchener April 10th were chosen. For Milton Bruce Fitzgerald and Alec Cooke; for Oakville, Ollie Johnston and Jas. Black.

### THE NICOL-CORBETT WEDDING SATURDAY IN TORONTO CHURCH

Saturday afternoon at Yonge Street United Church, Toronto the wedding took place of Eleanor Marion Corbett, younger daughter of A. J. Corbett and the late Mrs. Corbett, Mount Forest, to John Nicol, Jr., son of John Nicol and the late Mrs. Nicol, formerly of Acton. Rev. S. M. Beach officiated. The bride given in marriage by her father, was attired in a tea rose crepe dress with yoke in self-color and turquoise blue. The matching bonnet was faced with the blue satin and she wore a corsage of pink carnations. The bride's sister, Mrs. G. M. Harris, matron of honor, wore a powder blue wool dress, with navy accessories and a corsage of pink roses. The groom was attended by Albert Mills, Acton.

The reception was held at the King Edward. Among the guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carr, and Miss Joyce Carr, Perth; Mrs. W. H. Corbett, R. D. Corbett, Mr. and Mrs. Marie Im Armstrong, all of Toronto, Christine Nicol and Albert Mills, Acton; and Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Harris, Chatham. For the going away costume the bride wore a gold ensemble.

### JOHNNY GRAY WAS SPEAKER AT SCOUT-GUIDE ASSOCIATION

The March meeting of the Scout-Guide Mothers' Association was held at the home of Mrs. G. Bradshaw, with the Vice-President, Mrs. E. Jennings, in charge. After a short business session the meeting was adjourned to listen to talk on "Recreation" by Mr. Johnny Gray of the Y.M.C.A. His talk was greatly appreciated by the members who would like to take this opportunity to thank him once again for his kindness and co-operation.

At the close of the meeting, Mrs. Bradshaw served a light lunch.

## "Dooney" Evans in Goal was Outstanding in Third Period as Grimshy Pressed to take the Lead—Teams as evenly Matched as Score Indicates—First Defeat for Grimshy and Toughest Battle of Season for Tanners—Witnessed by Over 1500 Fans Here Last Night

In one of the bitterest fought battles that ever the populace of Acton viewed, Acton Tanners edged the Grimshy Peach Kings by 3-2 at the local arena last night, in front of over 1500 spectators. In the goals-to-count round which will be renewed in Grimshy again on Friday night Acton carries a one goal lead—a very slight margin when you consider the next meet is to be on the stamping grounds of the Peach Kings.

A faster skating squad than any we've seen yet this season, the Peach Kings couldn't equal the three goal pace set by the Tanners in the second period, mainly because of a terrific effort by "Dooney" Evans in the final period when he stopped more shots than a pet coon has fleas. Every break Grimshy had, failed miserably when Evans emerged from every scuffle clutching the wee rubber disc until even the Peach Kings wondered why Richard wouldn't open the door that "Dooney" door we mean.

If we divide the game into three stanzas, the first, second and third periods, we'd call the initial one "Even-Steven", the middle twenty, Acton's and the final chapter, Grimshy's. For it worked just like that. No goals were counted by either team in the first frame and only three penalties were handed out, but both teams missed chances when they were close in. Townsley and Kentner drove right through the Peaches, slicing them until the juice ran, both had shots on goal but neither scored.

The second period saw Acton run up three goals before the time clock had passed the 35 minute mark. Minus the services of "Dude" Lindsay, who suffered hurts to an already dented knee, the Tanners out-foxed and flashed past the Peach Kings via, Ilo Marzo who tallied the first Acton marker, Norm Morton who clinched the second and "Sonny" Townsley, the third bearer of glad tidings to the Acton fans. Ilo swooped into the starboard dasher, lost the puck, regained it and shot from an angle to make it 1-0 for Acton in the opening minutes of the second session. At the 10:07 point, Goy pushed a puck to Morton who bulged the cords for a second goal. Watching the Tanners run up a lead didn't appeal to the Peaches, so they headed for the opposite end with vengeance gleaming from every eye. Their play broke on the rock-hard Tanner defence and first thing you know, Ilo Marzo, Gillespie and Townsley were pushing in the third period. Acton after a beautiful passing play clear through the opposition. "Tearing hard" the marg goals was as close as Acton got for every time Morton was clear some Grimshyte would do a likey-split for Norm's hickory, grasping it as if it were Lana Turner instead of an old shillelagh.

Grimshy finally connected with only a few seconds left in the period. Hale got the goal with Hutchinson in ga the assist. All this happened from a melee around the Acton net and Evans just didn't have a chance on it. This goal seemed to spur the Peaches on, for at 3:20 in the third stanza they added a second goal on a lovely play by Kemp who assisted Kulman in scoring.

Evans was key man for the Tanners all through the last period as (Continued on Page Five)

## Some Winners at Halton Seed Fair & Bacon Show



Winners of trophies and special prizes at the Halton Seed Fair and Bacon Show held at Milton last Friday and Saturday. From the left, they are: Ward Brownridge, Georgetown, won the Halton Cream and Butter Company's trophy for having the highest score in judging bacon sides and potatoes, and also having the highest number of points in the Junior Seed Fair. Wilfred Leslie, Georgetown, the T. Eaton Special for having the Grand Champion side of bacon. Fraser McNabb, Georgetown, special prize for having the highest score in the Junior Judging Contest, and was also winner of Junior Section judging bacon sides and potatoes. Gordon Hurren, Campbellville, won top honors for judging grain in the Junior section. George Wilson, Georgetown, the Strathcona Orchard's trophy for having the highest score in judging small seeds and naming forage plants. Douglas Currie, Georgetown, Senior Champion in judging grain. Fred Nurse, Georgetown, the T. Eaton special for highest score in Seed Fair. Photo by Ross Pearson.

## Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts or other Events, under this heading, are charged, in cents per line, with a minimum charge for announcement of 10.

L.O.L. Euchre and Dance, Thursday, March 20th in the Hall Grosvenor Cottages.

Rockwood Community Club Dance in Rockwood Town Hall on Friday, March 21st. Admission 25c.

"Municipal Government" will be the topic for discussion at the Citizen's meeting at Lorne School on Tuesday, March 25th, sponsored by Junior Farmers.

St. Alban's W. A. cordially invites the ladies of the town to hear a talk by Miss Ballantyne on "The Story of Handicrafts," sponsored by Robin Hood Flour, to be held in the Parish Hall, March 27th at 3 pm. Tea will be served. Silver collection.