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## New Plan to Sound Fire Siren for Telephone Calls

Council Ask Meeting with War-time Housing Officials to Speed Erection of New Homes—Armaco Workers Ask Council's Help in Securing Information Regarding Acton Plant—Approval Given for Road Extension of \$5,177.36 this Year

Councillors J. H. Crighton, R. M. Aylsworth, Wm. Coon and C. L. Cook were present on Monday evening at the regular session of Acton council and Reeve F. J. McCutcheon presided. Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

Shovel work on lawn mowers	\$5.00
P. L. Wright, insurance	141.50
C. Bates, levelling dump	32.00
H. W. Baxter, Bd. of Health supplies	2.75
Acton Free Press, adv.	3.00
H. E. McKeown, re arena	560.84
W. D. Talbot, supplies	25.50
D. A. Telephone Co., services	5.51
Dr. D. A. Garrett, MOH treatment for 41	41.00
Elliott Bros, supplies	.30
Roofers Supply Co., Ltd.	19.80
J. B. Mackenzie, cement	37.50
Thompson Motors, service	36.40
Geo. Hamilton, tile	7.50
Acton Public Utilities Com., various services	213.66
Acton Free Press, printing	96.93
Francis Hankin, Co., Ltd., lengths of pipe	1030.24
City of Guelph, ambulance	10.50
	\$3160.82

The reeve reported that the county department was willing to surface and grade that section of north Main Street for the Corporation when the workmen were doing the county section. Council decided to have the work done and pay the equity for the construction.

Inquiry was made regarding Clarke Bros, handling an agency in connection with their taxi stand and the application of the transient traders' license fee.

Messrs. S. Sinclair and Jas. Roberts on behalf of Armaco Co. employees asked Council if council would find out if the plant was to be opened in Acton again. They felt this was in the municipality's interests. Council felt that this was a difference between labor and management in which they had no power to interfere and expressed sympathy in the unfortunate situation.

Notification was to be given to those who had not paid for water service installations before proceedings were taken for collection of the amounts owing.

Fidelity bonds on the Municipal Treasurer were to have attention and clarification by the clerk with the assurance company.

Arrangements were made for a telephone service in the fire department to sound the fire siren from the telephone office. Firemen could when answering ascertain the location of the fire on telephone calls. The telephone service would cost \$350 monthly.

The Ontario Municipal Board gave details concerning the application of Acton for annexation of the land for War-time Housing and the clerk gave detail of conversation with officials. The clerk was requested to have Mr. Hoose come to Acton to get all the details settled and work on the project started. A meeting was to be arranged for this week if possible. Council felt building was being unnecessarily delayed by lack of coordination of plans.

The Department of Highways gave approval of the expenditure of \$5,177.36 on roads and streets in Acton this year. Of this amount the department will pay the municipality \$2,588.68.

Correspondence was read regarding the securing of copies of maps of the village and prices were given from various firms. It was decided not to get the plans until the annexed section could be included. When this is available the clerk is to secure the most suitable plan.

A resolution was passed authorizing the treasurer to refund the taxes paid which had been adjusted at the Court of Revision.

The reeve reported several complaints regarding dogs running at large and council requested that Chief Harrop proceed with prosecutions of those owners of dogs who were not complying with the law.

## Bands, Baseball Dancing in Big Day Saturday

Saturday will be a big day in Acton and it's to be hoped the weather is fine because these out-of-door functions depend so much on good weather. Highlight of the longest day in the year, is of course the Band Tattoo when about a dozen bands of the district will assemble, hold a big parade and present a spectacle in the park that only music, pageantry and color can make possible.

There'll be massed band numbers, flags of all nations, the grand march, past under the flags and fireworks. It's a spectacle that can't be seen often in small communities and will draw a big crowd from the countryside.

Then of course in the afternoon, there'll be an Informal League Baseball game with those old rivals of Georgetown as the opposing team and that's not set on that.

In the evening the Park Pavilion will have the usual Saturday night dance. That is gaining in popularity and drawing many young and not so young folks to this fine floor.

Yes, Saturday is a big day in Acton.

## Acton-Georgetown Play 4-All Tie Last Night's Game

Snyder on the Mound for Acton Puts in Good Performance Dude Lindsay Hit Scoring Two

It was a tilt deluxe last night in Georgetown, one of those special brand of baseball games which gives the sport such a popular note with the masses.

The only persons to leave the park with finger nails not worked to the bone seemed to be the players. Only their gloves saved them from shame. But the fans! Everyone, including the scribe, was literally on edge.

Countenances varying with the changing count, through eight grueling innings of what we would call real ball. An extra frame, the scribe didn't soothe frayed nerves any too well either, considering the excitement.

First Georgetown would tie the score, then Acton would try an identical trick. This was working nicely until the seventh inning. Both teams were "seven steven", three runs for Acton and a similar amount for the Georgetown when an extra-innings was deemed necessary to select a winner.

Apparently, both squads had played the "saw-saw" until it was seeping into the blood streams for the final frame ended in a 4-4 deadlock. Both teams snatched one run in those dying moments.

Influencing the trend of play tremendously, Sam Snyder stationed on the mound for the Triple A club, hurled one of the finest games we have ever seen the right-handed pitcher. Striking out six of Georgetown's batters, he aided his own cause again by picking up several of the opposition's weak drives, which had strength enough to approach beyond the batter's box. Altogether the combined total of put outs for Snyder totalled 13.

A major portion of the total, Patterson, the one and only slinger the Credit Valley squad possesses was, in his usual stance on the rubber, catching six strike outs in his diploma four of them to one certain Acton player.

## Free Press Now Member of Audit Bureau of Circulation

This week the Acton Free Press was admitted into membership in the Audit Bureau of Circulation, Chicago, Ill. and copies of the initial audit have been received. Application for membership was made over a year ago. The Free Press is the first newspaper in Halton to take this step and make available for advertisers a complete breakdown of its circulation figures. These figures are prepared by the Bureau's auditors from a complete survey of all ads. We will be glad to furnish any advertiser with a copy of the initial audit.

The Audit Bureau of Circulation is recognized as the authentic measure of circulation of daily newspapers and magazines and recently about 100 weekly news papers in Hamilton have been admitted into membership. Rules of membership and compilation of figures are very strict and cover every phase of interest to advertisers. The circulation of the Free Press is growing steadily. Under the regulations of the Bureau only subscriptions paid in advance are counted. We must adhere strictly to our policy of discontinuance of subscriptions in arrears to maintain our membership.

## FAMILY PARTY MARKS FORTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McKeown had a pleasant surprise Thursday afternoon when their two sons and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Roy McKeown, Dale and Barrie of Freeman and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McKeown, Joy and Carol, York Mills, gathered at their home to celebrate their fortieth wedding anniversary. After a delightful supper the grandchildren presented them with gifts to mark the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. McKeown were married in the parsonage, Georgetown, on June 12, 1907 by Rev. Mr. Cook. Their honeymoon was a trip by horse and buggy to Owen Sound and Mount Forest visiting relatives and friends on the journey. They do not remember meeting a motor car on the way. Mrs. McKeown was formerly Miss Robeha Townsend of Terra Cotta. Their married life has been spent on the farm on the second line, Erin Township.

## Figures and Facts Now Available on 1946 Municipal Items

The Auditor's Report for 1946 is now in the hands of Clerk Leathers and copies are available to rate payers at his office of the Treasurer or at the Free Press office, without charge.

It's an interesting little booklet if you are interested in Acton finances. It tells about the \$69,757.45 administered by the council—about Acton's indebtedness; the administration of the Waterworks and Hydro systems; the School Board; Cemetery Board; Library Board; Public Health Nurse Committee and Physical Fitness and Recreation Committee.

You can find out why your taxes are required and what was done with your money. You'll see why council had to raise more money than was originally estimated for and why there was a deficit of \$6,479.46.

It's a statement prepared by chartered accountants of your business for the past year. We suggest you secure a copy and find out about your town's business. A little perusal will answer a lot of your questions not by surmise but by actual figures and facts.

## FROM LOCAL STREAM



Mr. D. G. MacDonald, Acton, shows the 22 inch trout he landed last Saturday in a stream near here. It's a fish story with the Free Press. Photo by Free Press.

## Halton Juniors Hold Achievement Day in Milton

Jessie Wingfield, Robert Alexander and Douglas Currie Win Championship Trips

The annual Achievement Day for Halton Junior Homemakers and the Livestock Judging Competitions for Halton Junior Farmers was held in Milton and district on Saturday, June 14th.

The Junior Homemakers, under the leadership of Miss Mary Irvine, County Home Economist, made their displays and staged their demonstrations in the Milton Town Hall. Both the displays and demonstrations centred around the two projects conducted by the Junior Homemakers during the past year. These projects were as follows: (a) Dressing up home grown vegetables, and (b) Cottons may be smart.

The afternoon program was followed with keen interest by many Senior Institute members and Senior Homemakers.

At the same time, 61 Junior Farmers, with Agric. Rep. J. E. Whitehead in charge, judged the following livestock classes: Holsteins, M. T. Watson, Parsley, Yorkshires, M. T. Watson, Orville Watson and Erwin Gunby, Tansley, Shorthorns, Gordon Brecken and Son, Bronte, Clydesdales, Valley Crest Farm, Jersey, M. C. Beatty, Milton; Southdowns, Meldrum and Frank Stark, Milton. In all, 10 classes were judged and oral reasons given on 5 classes by each of the 61 contestants.

The official judges were R. Miller, Georgetown on the Shorthorns; G. Walker, Ontario Live Stock Branch, Toronto on the Holstein and Jersey classes; Elgin Senn, Federal Live Stock Branch, Toronto on the Yorkshires; R. S. Beatty, Agric. Rep. for one Round, newly appointed Assistant Representative for Halton and Peel Counties on the Southdowns.

In the evening, the announcement of awards and presentation of prizes took place in the Milton Town Hall, with Cameron Wilson, First Vice-President of the Halton Juniors, acting as chairman. The awards were as follows:

Junior Homemakers, Championship Trip to the H. Club Congress at Chicago, Jessie Wingfield, Georgetown; Bank of Toronto Trophy and special for the winning inter-township team, Esqueping Township, the team members being, Mae Wingfield, and Eleanor Stark, Georgetown, and Donna Dagnis, Hornby; Ashgrove Women's Institute Special to the High Beginner, Joan May, Hornby.

Junior Farmers, Norval Junior Farmer Challenge Trophy to the high competitor of the combined Seed and Livestock Competitions, Ward Brownridge, Georgetown.

Championship Trips to Washington, D. C., Robert Alexander and Douglas Currie both of Georgetown.

Palemo Junior Farmer Challenge Trophy, to the coach of the winning team, Robert Alexander, whose team members were Stuart Alexander, and Robert Lawson of Georgetown and Hugh Cunningham, Norval.

Bank of Nova Scotia Trophy, to the winning inter-township team, awarded to Ward Brownridge, Fraser McNabb and Bob Lawson of Georgetown.

Dr. Anderson Trophy to the Junior Club with six members having the highest aggregate scores on the combined March and June Competitions, won by Norval Club, their representatives being, Ward Brownridge, Fraser McNabb, Bob Alexander, Douglas Alexander, Douglas Currie and Wm. Alexander.

Donald Robertson Trophy, to the High Man in Horses, Gordon Altin, Freeman.

Duncan Campbell Trophy to the High Man in Beef Cattle, Douglas Alexander, Georgetown.

The Baronsdon Trophy to the High Man in Dairy Cattle, Robert Lawson, Georgetown.

The Mason Knitting Trophy to the High Man in Sheep, David Peletier, Milton.

The Thos. Blacklock Trophy to the High Man in Swine, Keith Mowry, Milton.

## Wreckage of Car in Friday's Fatality



The wrecked car in which Mr. Neil Patterson, well known resident of Acton, was fatally injured last Friday. It rolled over in the ditch and struck a telephone pole before stopping. Photo by Free Press.

## Acton Man Killed When Car Crashed Friday at Noon

Neil Patterson, Resident of Acton For 45 Years, Died of Injuries Before Reaching Hospital

Neil Patterson, resident of Acton and district for the past forty-five years and well-known citizen died of injuries received on Friday about noon when the car he was driving rolled over in the ditch and crashed into a telephone pole. Mr. Patterson was returning from his garden on Highway 25 about three miles south of Acton when the accident occurred.

In his seventy-sixth year, he was not in good health and it is thought he suffered a heart attack while driving. The car careened along the ditch for 200 feet, rolled over and broke off a telephone pole. The accident occurred just north of Stewart Elliot's residence on the east side of the highway. There was no one else on the one-way road and there were apparently no witnesses to the accident.

First to reach the wreckage were Mrs. Elliot and Mr. Stan Fay of Milton. They found Mr. Patterson in a semiconscious condition and the car so badly smashed that it required five men to get him from the wreckage.

Dr. W. G. C. Kenney of Acton was called and gave medical attention before he was taken by ambulance to Guelph. Mr. Patterson failed to survive his injuries and shock and passed away before the ambulance reached the hospital. It is not likely an inquest will be held. Provincial Constable Ray Mason investigated the accident.

Neil Patterson was a son of the late William Henry and Mary Jane Patterson and was born near Milton. At about forty-five years ago he came to Acton and opened a meat market at the corner of Mill and Main Streets. He was a splendid business man and his trade grew. He built the stone slaughterhouse and cold storage plant, just west of town and remodelled the block where the Bell Telephone Office and Eisen's Store is now located.

After several years in business he operated a farm in Nassagaweya and conducted a market garden. A few years ago he moved to Acton and has made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Donald McGregor, John Street. He had a couple of small plots in which he raised garden produce.

Keenly interested in sport in Acton, Mr. Patterson in the early days was a staunch supporter and helper in developing the games in the community. He had many friends who regretted his sudden death. Two brothers remain, William in Northern Ontario and Calvin of R. R. 5, Milton.

The funeral service was held on Monday afternoon at the Johnstone & Bunley Funeral Home and was conducted by Rev. John Anderson, Minister of Knox Presbyterian Church. Interment was at Campbellville Cemetery. The pallbearers were, Messrs. Bowman Nunn, Edward Ryder, F. M. Intosh, Robt. Leggett, J. Gilmore and John Williamson.

## ACTON OWNER HAD WINNER IN DOG SHOW AT UNIONVILLE

Rosalie of Orchard Manor, owner of Lawrence Wood, Boxer Avenue, was winner of three awards at the Progressive Kennel Club of Canada all-breed dog show at Unionville on Saturday, June 14th. The prizes included a first for the best Canadian bred female, second for the over 45 lb. class female and reserve winner for the best female.

## Baxters Are Big Threat in Local Softball League

In the two games of the local Softball League there were two surprising upsets. Last Thursday Baxter's pounded out a 13-0 victory over the last year champions, Canadian Wool. Scotton won the route on the rubber for the Laboratory with Masters on the receiving end. This duo appear to be the strongest batteries in the entire league. The delivery was splendid and the back stopping nothing short of grade A, in fact not even 750 Lindsay could catch a softball on the highway that night.

Lindsay and Aylsworth batted and caught, respectively for the Canadian Wool, but couldn't smother the potent bats of the Baxter squad. So far, Baxter's are building up the league with no other team showing any promise of administering a defeat.

Last Monday in a grueling game of spills and thrills, Tannery Union pulled a win from under the noses of the favored Force Electric team. Although it took them 10 innings to do it, they did it by 10-9.

Scotchman, the triumphant hurler for Local 26 while Josque pitched for the Force team. The Union Brothers came from behind when Force's looked weak, to tie the count and force the 10th frame. It was a pastover from then on, for the Tannery.

## New Actonians Come to Acton With Industry

Six new residents came to Acton last week to make their home and to play an important part in Acton industrially. They are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jany, Joseph J. Ellzabeth and Gabriella, and Mrs. Jany, of Budapest Hungary. When alterations are completed they will occupy the home formerly owned by Mrs. John Mowat Sr. on Main Street, but until then are residing at the Lequignon Hotel.

Mr. Joseph Jany is a graduate of the University of Stuttgart and has specialized in chemistry in the production of fine leathers. He was in charge of the plant of Mauthner Co. of Budapest where there are 1000 employees engaged in the production of high quality fine leathers. Mr. Jany comes to Acton to Beardmore Z. Co., where he will be in charge of new lines which the company plan to add to maintain and enlarge their present production.

Until a few years ago, Beardmore & Co. manufactured and processed only heavy leathers. Lately they added fine upper leathers and have developed a product that stands at the top of the trade for quality. They now plan further types of fine leathers for the plant in Acton in order to maintain it at its present high level of employment and increase its scope. Mr. Jany and his family will be welcomed to Acton and citizens will hope they grow to like our community as we who have been here for so long, like Acton.

## Coming Events

Annual Meetings of Meetings of the various clubs and societies will be held on Tuesday, June 24, 1947.

Benefit dance to be held at Brookville Hall on Tuesday, June 24, 1947.

The Acton Tennis Club will hold a round robin next Wednesday, June 25th at 7:30. All players take notice.