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Acton Couple Lost Lives in Northern Ontario Storm

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Norton Died From Exposure in Northern Storm After Their Boat Capsized on Lake Vermilion—Reached Land but had no way to Light Fire—Bodies Found Three Days Later

This community was indeed shocked to learn of the tragedy last week near Slouk Lookout, Ontario, in which Mr. and Mrs. Howard Norton died from exposure after the motor boat they were in capsized on Lake Vermilion.

Winter Came at Last With Storm On November 15th

The delightful fall days of October and early November gave way to the snow and blustery weather of winter on Saturday last and since then this district has had a blanket of snow over most every place.

PRIZE WINNERS AT MEETING FRIDAY OF DEBLIN CLUB

The Dublin Community Club met on Friday night, Mar. 14th at the school with a good attendance. The business part of the meeting was taken by Doug Macpherson, the president.

OFFICERS ELECTED AT NOVEMBER MEETING KNOX CHURCH W. M. S.

The annual meeting of Knox Presbyterian Church W. M. S. was held in the class room of the church on November 13th, 1947. The president, Mrs. Blow, was in charge.

The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and approved, followed by the reports of the different committees. A very lovely letter from Miss Nellie Anderson, missionary in British Guiana was read by Mrs. H. Mainprize.

At the October meeting of the W.M.S., Mrs. E. Barr and Mrs. Buchanan were appointed a nominating committee to secure the officers for the coming year, 1948. The following are the names submitted by the committee:

UNITED CHURCH W. M. S. NOVEMBER MEETING AT MRS. R. R. ARNOLD'S

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church was held at the home of Mrs. R. R. Arnold on Tuesday evening with Mrs. E. J. Caldwell presiding.

The devotional period was taken by Mrs. A. T. Brown and Miss N. Williamson and the study book by Miss Bennett, Mrs. Agar, Mrs. Pickering and Miss D. Simmons.

Walters in London's Lyons' restaurant recently met in an effort to abolish tipping.

Lost Lives in Northern Ontario



Mr. and Mrs. Howard Norton who died from exposure near Slouk Lookout after their boat had capsized in Lake Vermilion. Searchers found the couple within four miles of the camp where they had collapsed after the terrific struggle in lake and after reaching land. The funeral was held in Acton on Tuesday afternoon with interment at Fairview Cemetery here.

Brief Session of The County Council Held on Tuesday

Discussion of Communications Occupied Most of Session

Exclusive for the Canadian Champion and the Acton Free Press. Halton County Council held a short meeting at the court house in Milton, Tuesday afternoon. Discussion of communications occupied most of the session.

Council approved of a resolution from Perth County requesting the Dominion government to see fit to increase the maximum valuation, on which compensations paid for grade cuts, to sixty dollars for young cattle and one hundred dollars for cows.

A motion was passed that the wardens and clerk be authorized to sign any necessary plans and to take any other steps required for the expropriation of land required for the straightening and reduction of the grade on County Road No. 3 opposite lot 29 in Esequing.

The clerk was instructed to advise the Department of Reform Institutions and the County Sheriff if it is the wish of the Council that the apartment in the Court House now occupied by the caretaker of the County Buildings be designated as the gaoler's apartment and that the brick building formerly occupied by the gaoler as a residence be placed under the direct control of this council to be used for such purposes as this council may, from time to time, designate.

Bills passed at the meeting included: finance \$1332.59; county buildings, \$1,587.52; printing, \$124.98; hospital accounts, \$768.75; agriculture and reforestation \$408.18; county roads, \$4,518.59; a total of \$8,740.61.

SCOUT AND GUIDE MOTHERS' ASSOCIATION NOVEMBER MEETING

The Scout and Guide Mothers' Association held its November meeting at the home of Mae Wilds on Tuesday, November 11 with twelve members present. The usual reports were given. It was decided to send a food box to Mrs. Milton in England.

Brings Back Fine 170 lb. Black Bear From Northern Hunt

Trophies of the hunting season are coming back with the hunters, but Wilmer Watkins is so far the only one in this district to bring back a fine black bear. He and Ed Jennings were hunting at Maynooth in Hastings County. Wilmer brought home a two year old bear weighing 170 lbs., while Ed brought home a fine deer.

MANY ITEMS OF INTEREST AT MEETING SCOTCH BLOCK W. I.

The November meeting of the Scotch Block W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. H. Stark on November 13th with the president in the chair. A donation of clothing was to be sent to Oliver Beck, who had the misfortune of losing his home by fire.

The convenor of historical research was in charge of the program. Mrs. H. McChie favored with a solo. A paper on "Esequing in the by-gone days" was given by Mrs. A. Hume. Current events were given by Mrs. Agnew. An instrumental was rendered by Miss Mary Joyce.

DR. SCHOFIELD WAS GUEST SPEAKER AT KNOX SO-ED CLUB

Knox So-Ed Club met last Wednesday evening with a very good attendance. The president Miss Isabel Anderson, presided. The Scripture Lesson was taken by Mrs. E. J. Hassard and Mrs. Robt. O'Hara led in prayer.

PRIZE WINNERS IN EUCHRE CONTEST OF ACTON JUNIOR FARMERS

Acton Junior Farmers held a very successful euchre at Lorne School on Thursday, November 13th, when Mrs. Howard Switzer and Jack Stewart were highest scorers.

School Debentures Sold To Bear Interest at 2%

Four Mile Strip On No. 25 Now Open for Travel

The last culvert on the newly constructed section of No. 25 Highway has been completed and filling and grading is now being done. The culverts at the entrance to farm homes are being laid.

PARENTS IN COURT BECAUSE CHILDREN NOT AT SCHOOL

Two Halton County families found it doesn't pay to permit their children to stay home from school or deny them an education, when they appeared in County Magistrate's court a week ago, charged with that offense.

In reprimanding the parents, the court said it had no desire to add costs of fine and court to the already high cost of living "but it is your duty to see that the children continue school until 16 years. If you are brought before me again on this count a fine will be imposed, the court ruled.

In the charge against Mr. and Mrs. George DeForest, Chief Canning said their daughter had not been to school since last November. Previous to that he had given her a six week permit.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gaeton, Essequing Twp., also charged with a similar offense said their son would rather work on a farm than go to school.

LARGE LEMON IS PRODUCT OF HOME RIGHT IN MILTON

A lemon that weighs 14 lbs and measures 14 1/2 inches one way and 13 inches around is a product not of California, but of Milton. It was grown by Mrs. R. B. Galbraith and the editor saw it.

Coming Events

- Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or other Events, under this heading, are charged 10 cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 30c.
- Dance, Brookville Hall, Friday, November 21st. Al Watson's Orchestra. Admission 50c.
- The United Church Sunday School Christmas Entertainment Wednesday, December 17th.
- Euchre and dance, Every Thursday, L.O.L. Hall, Crewson's Corners, 8.30 p.m. Refreshments. Good prizes. Admission 25c.
- See "Aunt Susie Shoots the Works" 3 act comedy, Limehouse Memorial Hall, Friday Nov. 28, 8.30 p.m. Admission, 35c and 15c.
- Nassagaweya Federation of Agriculture Progressive Euchre and annual meet'g, Brookville, November 27th, at 8.30 p.m. Ladies provide lunch.
- Movie of Highland Light Infantry will be shown in the Sunday School Room, Knox Church, on Friday, Nov. 21, at 8 o'clock. Everyone welcome. No admission.
- The ladies of Group No. 2 of the W.A. United Church, will hold a sale of baking and home-made candy in the School Room of the Church, Saturday, November 29th from 3 o'clock to 5.30. Mrs. Wilderspin, convenor.

Hydro Commission Request \$1180 for Municipal Part of Service—Clerk Leatherland asks Council to Consider Resignation—Appointments to High School Board to be Made at Last Meeting

Councillors Aylsworth, Creighton, Cook and Coon were present Monday night at the session of Acton Council and Reeve F. J. McCutcheon presided.

Mr. J. F. Royston of the Athletic Association gave a financial report of the activities of the Baseball Club. The Association had planned to give each player a windbreaker at a total cost of \$295 but felt Council might desire to make this presentation.

The Reeve and Treasurer were authorized to borrow on this \$29,000 issue to cover expenditures already made in War-time Housing project.

The Treasurer was instructed to apply all monies payable by the corporation to those in arrears of taxes against the taxes owing.

Clerk Leatherland told Council that he would be unable to continue his duties as Clerk of the municipality and asked that Council consider the matter with in the month.

The tax collector was instructed to write off the tax roll an amount of \$6.45 charged in error against William Stadden.

S. Sinclair and H. McKay	\$ 12.00
fill and labor	6.58
C. E. Hickey and Sons, AFB	4393.48
D. A. Wendover	20.36
Acton Free Press	36.86
Bell Telephone	267.24
Thompson Motors	2672.54
National Iron	46.67
Acton Garage	50.00
E. Braider; dump	2.00
Symon Hdwys., AFB	8.00
E. Coles, d. v. court	231.08
Acton Public Ut. Comm.	35.00
H. Ritchie, expense	39.50
H. Hinton, rings	37.40
Roofers' Supply Ltd., signs	248.64
Acton Free Press	707.39
Municipal World	1.99
F. L. Wright, insurance	10.00
Acton Branch Legion	10.00
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	\$8,766.77

FLOATING FACTORY

The first trawler to assume the proportion of a factory ship has just been launched from a shipyard at Ardrossan, Scotland. Fish caught by this vessel—the Fairfree—will be filleted, quick-frozen and packed at sea within a few hours of being caught.