## Acton Couple Lost Lives in Northern Ontario Storm

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Norton Died Winter Canie at Storm After their Boat Capsized Last With Storm Land but had no way to Light On November 15th Fire-Bodies Found Three Days Later

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

The tragedy occurred on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Norton operated a tourist comp which had been purchased during the past two years. They planned to spend the winter months in southern Ontario and had gone across the lake on a last trip to close one of the camps ten miles distant and on the return trip were caught in an early winter storm. The boat capsized but Mr. and Mrs. Norton were able to reach shore and Howard was able to assist Mrs. Norton to a

but lack from the share-line-It would appear that Howard went to the lake's edge to see if there was anyone else on the lake and then returned to his wife who he had covered with his windbreaker before leaving. Just within reach of her he collapsed in the winter storm.

On Wednesday the bodies were found. Attention of the searchers was attracted to the spot by the barking of the faithful dog they had with them. The boat was found on the lake that was ice-rimmed. The couple were within four miles of their main camp which they had at-

tempted to reach. They were without means of lighting a fire and drying their water OFFICERS ELECTED sonked clothing and the temperature at that time was 12 to 15 degrees above zero with a heavy wind blowing.

When the searchers failed to secure any clue to the couple's whereabouts, Mr. Norton was notified here and he started on the journey north to aid in the search. Before reaching his destination a wire informed him of the tragedy and he returned home.

liam R. and the late Mrs. Norton, A.- | ed by the reports of the different conton. He was born at Unity, Saskat- venors. A very lovely letter from chewan thirty years ago. He spent Miss Nellie Anderson, missionary in when long freight trains are split and his bbyhood days in Acton and attended Acton schools, when his parents moved here from Toronto. thanks to all members of the W.M.S. Bright and joy!al, he was a young who gave the books that were sent to man who had friends in every section her. of the community.

and attained the rank of Flying Of- were appointed a nominating commitficer and Navigator. He served his tee to secure the officers for the comcountry with distinction until the ing year, 1948. The following are the

close of hostilities. In January, 1946 he married Peggy ist camp hear Sloux Lookout

land found real enjoyment in Can- Miss McDougall. ada's great northland and the camp was making splendid progress.

ica and a sister Marjory of Acton re- Supply, Mrs. W. Masales; Press, Mrs. main. Howard's mother died sixteen Cordiner; Correspondence, Mrs. F. whole community.

Hill and the brother in Mansfield, Mrs. M., Allison. Nottinghamshire, England, the beare enroute to Canada.

as did on Tuesday afternoon assem- principal, sent a request asking each ble at the Johnstone and Rumley Funeral Home to pay tribute to those bright young people and to show sympathy with those who have been so

sadly bereaved. Rev. Louis Pickering of the United Church was in charge of the funeral service and was assisted by Rev Capt. John Anderson of Knox Church, Floral tributes that filled every space about the two caskets also bore tes-

timony of esteem and sympathy. Cook, B. D. Rachlin, G. McCutcheon, United Church was held at the home Chas. Waterhouse, Ed Footitt, W. of Mrs. R. R. Arnold on Tuesday ev-Near, F. VanWyck, Dr. A. J. Buch- ening with Mrs. E. J. Caldwell presid- NOVEMBER MEETING anan, Alvin. Lorne, John and Lloyd, ing. Norton. Interment was made in Fairview Cemetery, Acton.

### PREVAILING HARITS

of the personnel manager in a large J. Symon and Mrs. J. Bell. for this rather novel bit of office home. ---- equipment he explained that it was a relief to have something around! Waiters in London's Lyons' rest- | henediction and a delightful lunen J. Van Goozen. A very bountiful the School Room of the Church, Sat- conveyor belt and chute to the reasking for a raise.

The delightful full days of October and early November gave way to the anow and blustery weather of winter on Saturday last and since then this district has had a blanket of snow

over most every place. It started in earnest on Saturday morning to give the taste of a real snow storm. By noon the snow was packing and roads were shppery. By mid afternoon cars were getting into difficulty and sanding operations were started on the hills. Snow continued until Sunday. The highways have cleared but there is still plenty of winter about and indications that the most beautiful autumn on record has come to an end.

## PRIZE WINNERS AT MEETING FRIDAY OF

The Dublin Community Club met on Friday night, Mar. - Hth at the school with a good attendance.

The business part of the meeting was taken by Doug. Macpherson, the president. After a game af progressive euchre was enjoyed. Prizes were The County Council won by the ladies, Mrs. Geo. Somerville, Mrs. L. Mullin and Miss M. Cutts and the men to Stew. Elliot, Errol Sprowle and H. Cudden. Travelling prize went to Mrs. Steele and S. Elliot. The committee for the next meeting are Mrs Steele, Mrs. Macpherson and Errol Sprowle.

### 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 re-Howard Norton was the son of Wil- ports were read and approved, follow-British Guiana was read by Mrs. H. Mainprize, in which she expressed her

At the October meeting of the W.M. In 1943 he enlisted in the R.C.A.F. | S. Mrs. E. Barr and Mrs Buchanan names submitted by the committee:

Honorary President, Mrs. John An-Hill of Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, derson: President, Mrs. Blow; 1st England and the young couple came Vice President, Mrs. John Anderson; back to Canada and with his partner, 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Geo. Lantz; George Moore, also a member of the Secretary, Mrs. H. Mainprize; Treas-Band Leaders, Mrs N. McEachern, The young bride of 22 from Eng. Mrs. Robert O'Hara, Mrs. Spellvogel, & of beef.

Secretaries: Home Helpers, Mrs. C. Hansen, Mrs. D. McLellan; Welcome Besides his father, one brother Har- and Welfare, Mrs. F. Anderson; Literry of Bogota, Colombia, South Amer- ature, Mrs. McLean, Mrs. Buchanan; years ago. In their tragic bereave- Wright; Library, Mrs. R. P. Watson ment they have the sympathy of the and Mrs. A. Robinson; Glad Tidings, Miss H. Wallace: Pianist, Mrs. A. To the parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Smith and Miss H. Wallace; Program

After the names of the officers teavement is indeed a heavy one. The were-announced, Mrs. Blow gave a loss of an only daughter who had short talk and thanked the Society come to a new land and passed away for appointing her pres'dent for anso young and under such tragic circ-lother year. Mrs. R. M. McDonald umstances is a severe blow. They gave a reading entitled "Thy Kingwere unable to reach Acton before dom Come" and also offered a prayer. the funeral on Tuesday afternoon but Prayer was also offered by Mrs. A. Joe, Mrs. George Lantz and Mrs. Seldon do so many friends gather, Robt. Patterson. Mr. C. Stewart, member of the W.M.S. to contribute a can of meat and a chocolate bar to be sent overseas.

The meeting was brought to a close with prayer by Mrs. Blow.

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

The regular monthly meeting of the The pallbearers were Messrs. Herb. Woman's Missonary Society of the

> Mrs. A. T. Brown and Miss N. Wil- sociation held its November meeting liamson and the study book by Miss at the home of Mae Wilds on Tues-Bennett, Mrs. Agar, Mrs. Picekring day, November 11 with twelve meinand Miss D. Simmons. The nominat-, bers present. The usual reports were

organization who insisted in keeping. The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Eva. Kirkness was appointed Thursday, November 13th, when No admission. a large bowl of goldfish on his desk. Mrg. Pickering. A vote of thanks Badge Secretary. It was decided to Mrs. Howard Switzer and Jack Stew-When someone demanded a reason was given to Mrs. Arnold for her send out election papers to be filled art were highest scorers. Calvin , The ladies of Group No. 2 of the ator is one ton of whole or filleted

abolish tipping.

## Lost Lives in Northern Ontario



Mr. and Mrs. Howard Norton who died from exposure near Sloux Lookout, after their boat had capsized in Lake Vermillion. Searchers found the couple within four miles of the camp where they had col'acsed after the terrific struggle in lake and after renoning land. The funeral was held\_in-Acton on-Tuesday afternoon with interment at Fairview Cemetery here.

# Brief Session of 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 communications occupied most of the sess on. The Transport Commiss'on approved plans to place two flash lights and a bell signal at the 8th line crossing at Oakville as a safety measure but the railroad did not think it necessary. They consider the crossing safe enough if due care is used by motorists. According to W. S. Hall the crossing is unsafe standing on the sidings waiting for through trains to pass. "The view 's blocked and one can't tell if a train is coming," he stated.

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 cattle, to sixty dollars for young cattle and one hundred dollars for cows. The said valuations to apply on any The refreshment convenor informed and all cattle tested for T.B. on or af- the members about the banquet to ter January 1, 1947.

R.C.A.F., secured shares in the tour- urer, Mrs. R. M. McDonald; Mission | ulation of \$40 and \$60 did not seem | refreshment committee to what the fair compared with present day pric- menu would be. The roll call, "a

> den and clerk be authorized to sign any necessary plans and to take any other steps required for the expropriation of land required for the H. Michie favored with a solo. A straightening and reduction of the lot 29 in Esquesing.

> The clerk was instructed to advise the Department of Reform Institutions and the County Sheriff It is the shire moved a vote of thanks to all wish of the Council that the apartment in the Court House now occupied by the caretaker of the County very enjoyable afternoon to a close, 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 GUEST SPEAKER AT used for such purposes as this council KNOX SO-ED CLUB . may, from time to time, designate. Council members were invited to inspect repairs and changes made at the iday evening with a very good attend-

questing a grant was held over so on was taken by Mrs. E. J. Hassard December 17th. that any money may be included in and Mrs. Robt. O'Hara led in prayer.

the budget for next year. Bills passed at the meeting included; finance \$1332.59; county buildings, \$1,587.52; printing, \$124.98; hospital accounts, \$768.75; agriculture and reforestration \$408.18; county roads, \$4,518.59; a total of \$8,740 61.

### SCOUT AND GUIDES MOTHERS ASSOCIATION

The devotional period was taken by! The Scout and Guide Mothers' As-The Christian Science Monitor tells, ing committee is Mrs. F. Cleave, Mrs. given. It was decided to send a food box to a Mrs. Milton in England. The meeting closed with the Mizpah solations went to Molly Cutts and C. of baking and home-made candy in cartons the filleted fish are taken by | Jennings.

## 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 County. Wi'mer brought home a two year old bear weighing 170 lbs., while Ed brought home a fine deer.

The bear has been much admired as it hung 'n front of the Acton Garage and it will remain there until to-night/when it will be skinned and

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

Scotch Block W.I. was held at the work on a farm than go to school. home of Mrs. H. Stark on November

A donation of clothing was to be Bail was set at \$300. sent to Ol'ver Buck, who had the misfortune of losing his home by fire, was remanded for examination. The Social Welfare committee was to have charge of this. The finance convenor notified the members that there had been 12 boxes of food sent to the needy in Britain. She gave the names to which they were sent. which they are to cater on November It was agreed that the present val- | 25th. It was left in the hands of the happy memory of your early days" A motion was passed that the war- was responded to by all members

The convenor of historical research was in charge of the program. Mrs. paper on "Esquesing in the by-gone grade on County Road No. 3 opposite | days" was given by Mrs. A. Hume. Current events were given by Mrs. Agnesy. An instrumental was rendered by Miss Mary Joyce. Miss Hamp-

who took part in the programs The National Anthem brought a after which a lovely lunch was served.

## DR. SCHOFIELD WAS

Knox So-Ed Club met last Wednes- Admission 50c. A letter from the Male Choir re- erson, presided. The Scripture Less- Christmas Entertainment Wednesday, F. L. Wright, insurance Mrs. Gordon Bowden rendered a solo, period followed.

Dr. Schofield of the O.V.C., Guelph 'mission 25c. was guest speaker and he delighted the audience with his mimicable style as he recounted his experiences and 3 act comedy, Limehouse Memorial observation of his recent tour of Hall, Fr day, Nov. 28, 8.30 p.m. Ad-Great Britain and the continent. Fol-mission, 35c and 15c. lowing the closing hymn, Rev J. M. Anderson pronounced the benedic-

#### PRIZE WINNERS IN EUCHRE CONTEST OF ACTON JUNIOR FARMERS

the evening's entertainment.

## 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.

The new road built at the entrance to Milton to avoid two sharp turns is nearing completion and a top surface of crushed stone is being put on. The barricade at the Speyalde entrance has been removed and while the road is rough and muldy, it is desire to make this presentation. The passable. Caution all along the new construction of four miles is required by those who use It.

#### 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. Charges against both families were adjourned sine die on the parent's undertaking they would see to it the children would attend their respective schools.

In reprimanding the parents, the court said it had no desire to add costs of fine and court to the already one in this district to bring back a high cost of living "but it is your duty | fine black bear. He and Ed Jennings to see that the children continue were hunting at Maynooth in Hastings school until 16 years. If you are brought before me again on this count a fine will be imposed, the court

> 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. for 98.27. In her defense Mrs Deforest told the court she needed the girl at home and could do with her assistance perman-

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gaeton, Esquesing Twp., also charged with a sim'lar The November meeting of the offense said their son would rather

J. R. Kidd, Georegtown, charged 13th with the president in the chair, with fraud, was remanded a week.

Stanley Metzner, a mental case,

### LARGE LEMON IS PRODUCT OF HOME RIGHT IN MILTON

A lemon that weighs 14 lbs and measures 1414 inches one way and 13 he would be unable to continue his inches around is a product not of duties as Clerk of the municipality and California, but of Milton. It was asked that Council consider the matgrown by Mrs. R. B. Galbraith and ter with'n the month.

the editor saw it. This lemon came from a blossom which was in full bloom the second live Committee informed council that week in February. There is now an- appointments to the North Halton other green lemon on the tree the High School Board must be made at size of the ordinary lemons which the last council meeting of the year. are imported and is the ordinary size of the store variety. This one began to develop in June.

## Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Conerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, to cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of soc.

Dance, Brookville Hall, Friday, November 21st. Al Watson's Orchestra.

ance. The president Miss Isabel And-! The United Church Sunday School

Euchre and dance, Every Thursday, "I'm a Pilgrim". A short business L.O.L. Hall, Crewson's Corners, 8.30 p.m. Refreshments. Good prizes. Ad-

See "Aunt Susie Shoots the Works"

culture Progressive Euchre and at- been launched from a shippard at nual meeting, Brookville, November Ardossan, Scotland. Fish caught by 27th, at 8.30 p.m. Ladies provide this vessel-the Fairfree-will be lil-

will be shown in the Sunday School two pound block of quick-frozen fil-Acton Junior Farmers held a very Room, Knox Church, on Friday. Nov. successful euchre at Lorne School on '21, at 8 o'clock. Everyone welcome

to 5.30. Mrs. Wilderspin, convenor. Lot 150 tons.

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 Meet-

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

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 baseball statement showed \$174.33 on hand. Any recognition Council sees fit will be appreciated. Decision of Council was deferred.

Mr. Denny asked permission to sell refreshments at his taxi stand after midnight and that a permit be issued -allow this The by-law was not changed but Mr. Denny was to get a

etition-from-other operators. Lorne Lee explained to Council-that\_ he had londer and equipment to remove snow from Mill Street. He was at present working part time on sewerage constructions. Council dec'ded to engage his service until the end of the year at \$4 per hour when the 1948 council could take advantage

of the \$3.50 contract rate offered. The Clerk reported approval of the Municipal Board on Wartime Housing issue of debentures for \$29,000 which will bear interest at the rate of two end a half per cent, for the first ten years, and three per cent, for the last

five years. The Reeve and Treasurer were authorized to borrow on this \$29,000 ssue to cover expenditures already made in Wartime Housing project. Six bids were made for the \$5000 issue of school debenture bonds. These bear interest at two per cent. and were sold to Midland Securities

The Clerk reported that County Assessor Rogers had cancelled his appointment with Assessor E. Harrop and requested that Mr. Harrop attend the assessors' course in Toronto or, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Mr. Harrop was unable to attend on such short notice and Mr. Rogers was asked to come to Acton as

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

against the taxes owing. A letter from the Hydro Commission requested the amount of \$1,180 for the municipality's share of expenses of treasurer, office, tax col-

lector, etc. Clerk Leatherland told Council that

A letter from Mr. L. L. Skuce, secretary of the School Area Consultat-

Accounts were passed for paymentas follows: S. Sinclair and H. McKay, \$ 12.00 fill and labor E. Hickey and Sons, AFB 1393.48 D. A. Wendover Acton Free Press Bell Telephone 267.24 Thompson Motors 2612 54 National Iron 46,67 Acton Garage E. Braida, dump 50.00 2.00Symon Howe, AFB 8.00 E. Coles, d'v. court Acton Public Util. Comm 231.08 35 OO 1 H. Ritchle, expense 39.50H. Hinton, rings Roofers' Supply Ltd., signs 37.40 248.68 Acton Free Press 1.89 Municipal World 707.39 Branch Legion! Acton

\$8,766,77 The tax collector was instructed to wr te off the tax roll an amount of \$6.45 charged in error against Wilham Stadden.

## FLOATING FACTORY

The first trawler to assume the Nassagaweya Federation of Agri- proportion of a factory ship has just leted, quick-frozen and packed at sea within a few hours of being caught. Movie of Highland Light Infantry | Specially-designed traysgive a handy lets which, placed in cellophane bags and sealed, are not touched by hand again until bought by the consumer. Production of the Fairfree's refrigerin and returned at the next meeting. McIntyre won the door prize and con- WA. United Church, will hold a sale fish per hour. Packed in 42-pound that would open its mouth without aurants recently niet in an effort to was served by Mae Wilds and Edith lunch followed by dancing concluded urday. November 29th from 3 o'clock fr gerated hold which has a capacity