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Ten Home-Print Pages—Five Cents

Intermediate Group Has Seven Teams For This Season

At the executive meeting of the O. H.A. last week the grouping of Intermediate and other groups were drawn up. Group 4 Intermediate is the one in which this community is interested and it has seven entries with two of them A and five B ratings. It comprises Acton, Milton, Ferguson, Georgetown, Oakville, Army in B group and Oakville and Brampton in A group. Convenor is N. B. Hill of Georgetown.

Another item of local hockey interest was the O.H.A. decision to allow Lorne Evans of Milton, who played last year with Acton, to play for his home town. Evans left Acton after the baseball season closed to play with the Halifax Crescents who have released him.

REV. W. G. LUXTON NEW RECTOR OF ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH

Rev. W. G. Luxton, rector of St. Andrew's Anglican Church at Hamleton Beach and St. Matthew's Church at Aldershot has been appointed rector of St. Alban's Church at Acton and St. John's Church at Rockwood. He will take up his new duties early in 1948.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Mark 53rd Wedding Anniversary at Home

On the occasion of their 53rd wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Mitchell, Campbellville were at home to their family, friends and neighbors.

Mr. Mitchell was born at Durham and will be 83 years young this month. Mrs. Mitchell was born at Carlisle and before her marriage was Annie Watson. She is also nearing her eighties. Both enjoy good health. Mr. Mitchell is one of the hardy original pioneer stock. He built 45 loads of hay this summer, helped with the harvest as well as other farm work.

They have three children: Lorne and George, both of Toronto. There are four grandchildren and two great grandchildren. The family was all home and had dinner together, after which they presented them with an electric mantle radio and a bed lamp.

In the evening their friends and neighbors showered them with congratulations and a lovely electric table lamp. The evening was spent in games after which a hearty lunch was served and with the singing of "For they are jolly good fellows" and "A Happy Welcome to All" a lovely evening was brought to a close.

EARLY ISSUES FOR THE HOLIDAY WEEKS EARLY COPY PLEASE

The Free Press will be issued next week on Wednesday, the day before Christmas. This gives business men a splendid opportunity of sending Yuletide greetings to our 4500 readers. We'll be glad to show you a fine lot of suggestions. The cost is very moderate.

BUT it's also a day earlier in the week so that advertising messages should reach us on Saturday of this week. The latest time for illustrations is Saturday noon. We can use type display advertising up until Monday at four o'clock.

All news copy or classifieds must be in Monday or Tuesday at four in the latest for all items. The Free Press will be in the mail on Wednesday after noon.

The Same Next Week
The same schedule will be observed the following week so that the editor and staff can enjoy the New Year holiday like other folks.

War-time Houses Start Occupancy Early in January

Seems to us every young married man we meet these days plans to get a home in the new War-time Housing Subdivision. We hope there are enough to go round because most of these young men are returned soldiers who two years after the war is over haven't been able to get the home they fought for.

It will come as good news then of progress made on these fifty houses. Some of the houses will be ready for occupancy early in January, we are informed. The last outside framework of the fiftieth house went up on Monday. Chimneys on Monday were finished on all, but eight and those should be completed this week. Plumbing has been installed in sixteen of the homes and the septic tank installations are in over half the buildings.

That's the good news for these young married couples. By spring these fifty houses will all be homes.

THE EQUAL OF ANY PRINTING SECURED IN CITY OR ELSEWHERE

Last week the Free Press commercial printing department delivered a good sized order to a town over 400 miles from Acton and in writing our customers, we said it seemed a long distance for a small town printer to be delivering their products. This was the charming reply we received: "May I say the work is equal to any I have had done either in Toronto or elsewhere. If in future we have any work to do, it will be a pleasure to submit same for quotations." We certainly appreciate that letter and the Christmas greetings that accompanied it to the editor and staff.

United Woman's Missionary Society Installs New Officers

The Christmas meeting of the United Church W.M.S. was held at the home of Mrs. Chas. Mason on Tuesday of last week with Mrs. Caldwell presiding. The devotional period was taken by Mrs. B. Mowat, who had prepared a very helpful program. The candle lighting was by Mrs. J. Lamberton, Mrs. F. Cleave, Mrs. R. L. Johnston, Miss Ruth Nelson and Mrs. G. M. McDonald.

Sales were contributed by Mrs. B. Veldhuis, Mrs. L. Pickering and Mrs. A. Kerr. How Christmas is kept by various lands was told by Mrs. A. T. Brown, Miss D. Simmons, Mrs. J. Bell, Mrs. G. Rognavaldson, Mrs. B. Veldhuis, Mrs. G. A. Dills, Miss M. Z. Bennett, Miss Ruth Nelson and Mrs. Caldwell. The collection will be sent to Rev. George Dzong, a Christmas gift from the Society.

In memory of Mrs. Thos. Watson, a life membership certificate and pin were presented to Mrs. L. Agar by Mrs. Watson's daughter, Mrs. G. M. McDonald. Appreciation of the honor was expressed by Mrs. Agar.

The installation of officers was conducted by Rev. L. Pickering. Mrs. Pickering was received as a member of the Society. In recognition of her regular attendance and faithful performance of her duties a potted plant was presented to Mrs. Caldwell by Mrs. A. T. Brown. Cards are to be sent to the sick and shut-ins.

Thanks for a successful meeting were extended to Mrs. Mason and all who had assisted.

SOCIAL NIGHT AND MUSICAL PROGRAM AT DUBLIN CLUB

Dublin Community Club met at the school on Friday. Mr. Steele took the chair for the following program:
A solo by Grant Sobey, violin solo by Stewart Elliot, solo by Roy John Anderson, cornet solo by Chas. Lamb, dishonourable piano and vocal solo by Mrs. Robertson. All joined in singing "The more we are together" and "Auld Lang Syne." Lunch was served and a social time spent.

Acton Debentures Bring Good Price and Demand

Issue of 2½ and 3% Brings Nearly Par—Arena Appearances Have been made—Plans for new Roxy Theatre Submitted to Council—Admission for Hockey Games is Raised to Meet Added Expenses—Session Adjourned at Midnight to Meet Again and Complete Business Next Week

Acton Council met in December session, the last scheduled for 1947 with Councillors Aylsworth, Creighton, Coon and Cook present and Reeve F. J. McCutcheon presiding. Council's elect Fred Davison and Alex. McSae were also present.

Mr. V. B. Runley of the Cemetery Board conferred with Council regarding arrangements for giving part-time employment to the caretaker of the Cemetery. The present caretaker who was unable to get a house in Acton could not do the work in the winter. Council agreed to co-operate and hire an extra man who would do the cemetery work and the crematorium and other winter work for the caretaker. A decision of cases was arranged.

Mr. R. L. Gregory submitted duplicate plans of the new Roxy Theatre, which was under construction. Plans had been furnished the Municipal Office. The entire structure was of steel and concrete with a stone front. Seating capacity was 400 or more. He planned to convert the present theatre building into two stores when the new building was completed.

Mr. Gregory made an offer to the Corporation to sell the seats from the old theatre building for use in the Town Hall auditorium. The new building would have all new seating, wider and more widely spaced. Council approved the plans. Mr. Gregory said it was expected the new theatre would be opened in February.

Council discussed several accounts of indigent patients which had been outstanding for some time.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:
The Canada Valve and Hydrant Co. \$194.50
Fred Stewart, trucking 23.75
Acton Public Utilities, various services 211.06
Tax Collector of Esquimaux, taxes 13.37
Thompson Motors, account 56.13
Bell Telephone Co., services 15.71
The Acton Free Press, printing and advertising 28.69
Dr. D. A. Garrett 27.00
C. G. Riddell, gravel 642.25
Thos. Cutting, trucking 23.75
Jones & Van Gils 14.16
E. P. Bowman, fees 14.00
The Municipal World, supplies 4.43
Balance of School Grant 19.81
Armstrong, Anderson & Co., fees 1129.67
\$2418.58

A report on the collection of Dog and Poll Tax was presented. The cases were in the hands of the Bailiff for collection and much progress had been made. Further action was advised on the few outstanding.

A letter from the Board of Transport Commissioners gave notice they would be in town to discuss the complaints at Main Street Crossing. It is understood the C.N.R. would be required to put sufficient fill for a sidewalk and the guard rail was to be replaced on Main Street north. The matter of building a subway at Bower Avenue was also taken up when the officers were here and also the blocking of C.N.R. crossing on Mill Street. The cost of a subway would be approximately \$8000 to be paid by the Corporation of Acton. Blocking of the crossing could be stopped if complaints were filed.

A letter from the War Assets Corporation on enclosed an agreement in principle for the sale of the land on which part of the arena was built. Sale price was \$25 and the agreement was approved and instructions given for its execution.

Mr. J. P. Royston discussed with Council the admission charge for hockey games. Neighboring towns (Continued on Page Five)

WON TOP HONORS FOR SHORTHORNS AT ROYAL WINTER FAIR

Mr. S. G. Bennett, whose farm is just north-east of Acton on the seventh line had outstanding exhibits at the Royal Winter Fair this year with Shorthorn cattle. Scotsdale Aspirations was acclaimed the Grand Champion Shorthorn Bull at the Fair and also won the Silver Challenge Cup donated by the Shorthorn Society of the United Kingdom for the best Shorthorn, male or female, at the Fair.

Mr. Bennett's exhibits also carried off first in the Senior Bull Calf class and another animal won second in the Junior Bull class.

Christmas Parcel Appreciated by Pupils of School in England

Last month the teachers and pupils of Acton High School sent a 200 lb. parcel to Sutton's Secondary School at Hornchurch, Essex, England as a gift to bring joy to the students and teachers of that school. It contained packages of tinned meats, milk, jam sweets, etc. This week Principal Stewart received the following letter from Headmaster C. Lovett:

Sutton's Secondary Boys' School, Hornchurch, Essex, 9th December, 1947.
C. A. Stewart, Esq., Principal High School, Acton, Ont., Can.

Dear Sir,
Your letter of November 20th came as a most pleasant surprise, and has been followed by an export bill of lading from the Canadian National Railways, so that at present we are in a condition of some excitement in view of the promise of good things to come.

It is really rather fitting that we have these few days of waiting before receiving your gift, as it enables us to dwell on the very kind feelings which evidently moved your colleagues and younger friends in your school to make the gift. The name of Canada stands very high in our country, both for efficiency and fraternity; but there is something so homely and friendly about the gesture which your students and teachers have made that it comes as a most encouraging reminder that the goodwill and help so obvious during the most difficult days of the war is still very much alive.

Perhaps I may defer writing further at the moment—for I think others beside myself will wish to write in due course when we may be able to interest you concerning this School—except to add to our thanks our very cordial good wishes for the coming season and to express the hope that this message from all at Suttons may reach you in time for all concerned in Acton to feel that their action has emphasized to us in Hornchurch how real and widely spread the members of the family in this tradition of ours that Christmas is a time of kind acts as well as of goodwill.

Yours sincerely,
C. Lovett, Headmaster

OFFICERS CHOSEN FOR RUTH NELSON MISSION BAND 1948

The Ruth Nelson Mission Band of the United Church held their Christmas meeting on Thursday, December 11th. The following officers were elected for 1948:

President, Chrissie Lamb; Vice-Pres., Barbara Joan Baxter; Secretary, Virginia Johnston; Treasurer, Richard Maclean; Church-warden Secretary, Elvina Richardson; World Friend Secy., Joyce Laxson; World Friend Secy., Ann Johnson.

A candle lighting service was held when Polsh, German, French, Negro and Canadian carols were sung. The chapter of the study book was read by Mrs. Bennett. Frankie Bean and David Cullen sang a duet which was enjoyed by all. The meeting closed with the M. Zeph benediction.

Acton Industry Installs Large New Equipment

Another Acton industry is busy this week making a new installation for increased production. Saturday morning a big derrick hoisted a stainless steel tank of good proportions into midair and placed the new equipment through an opening in the roof at Haxton Laboratories, where other similar installations not so large are alongside. It has since been built into the building.

This installation, while the most spectacular, is only one of several in the plant that are being made at the present time to increase production at a high standard for this local plant.

MISS T. VELDHUIS GUEST SPEAKER AT THE DUBLIN INSTITUTE

Dublin Women's Institute held their Christmas party and regular December meeting at the home of Mrs. C. van Gozen. Mrs. Robertson had charge of the meeting. Roll call was answered with a donation of food to be sent to England and Scotland.

The guest speaker was Miss T. Veldhuis who is visiting her brother and sister in Acton and Dublin. Miss Veldhuis was a matron of a hospital in Holland which was taken over by the Germans, who demanded everything. With pictures she made her story very real and gave us a very vivid description of how these people suffered and of the many things they were deprived of to appease the Germans.

An exchange of gifts among the members was enjoyed. The committee served a hot lunch and enjoyed a social hour.

Children's Aid Received \$248 in Response to Appeal

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of The Children's Aid Society was held in the Society Office, Milton, on the evening of December 11th, with the President, Mrs. M. E. Nixon in the chair. Accounts for the month of November amounting to \$861.82 were passed for payment.

Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. Mary S. Pettit, Mr. E. D. Mahon and the Superintendent were named as delegates from the Society to attend the Regional Conference to be held in Guelph on January 16th, 1948. On motion, the Board favoured an increased Provincial Grant to Children's Aid Societies as financing will be one of the main topics of discussion at this Conference.

Owing to illness, Mrs. Hutt of Acton who has been operating a Reception Home for the Society has found it necessary to give up, therefore it was decided to again advertise for a Reception Home conveniently located within the county.

As no response had been received to a former advertisement for a Social Worker, it was decided to again advertise in the local and city papers.

In response to a recent appeal, the receipt of \$248 and several bundles of clothing is gratefully acknowledged. At the end of the month there were 69 Child Protection cases open, 9 of which were new during November; and 97 children in the care of the Society—one adopt on being completed during the month.

PRESENTATIONS AT CHRISTMAS MEETING FRIENDLY CIRCLE

The Christmas meeting of the Friendly Circle of the United Church was held at the home of Miss M. Z. Bennett on Wednesday, December 10. The program was under the leadership of Jacobus McDonald's group and took the form of a Christmas party. Mrs. Bennett was presented with a lovely purse and glove and Miss Ruth Nelson a new pair of slippers.

A hearty lunch including new cranberry and candied oranges brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

Concluding Meeting Nassagaweya Council Monday

Rosa Carbert Chosen to Represent Township on North Halton School Board

Rosa Carbert was chosen to represent Nassagaweya for a two year term on the North Halton High School Board at the final meeting of Nassagaweya Council held at the Township Hall Monday night.

On a motion of William Vansickle and Storey, council approved of instructing the tax collector, Charles Darby, to return the tax roll December 31 with a list of all taxes in arrears. The collector was to also prepare a list of lands in arrears which may be posted at the tax sale. This list is to be presented to the council at the next meeting. It was decided.

Council approved of a motion by Robertson and Ellenton that the road superintendent's voucher sixteen for \$413.32 be paid. The hydro account for 21.65 was also ordered paid.

On motion of Vansickle and Storey, the Police village of Campbellville will be paid \$375. The Township of Eramosa \$207.14. Nassagaweya's share for 1947 \$110.

Council also instructed the tax collector to cancel \$76 as uncollectable taxes. It was explained the bulk of this amount was in dog taxes, with many people moving from the community.

The following accounts were approved: James W. Moffat, \$15.10; J. Kingsbury, \$22.55; L. Crawford, \$2.00; L. W. McMillan, \$47.50; Acton Free Press, \$7.56.

Council heartily approved of a resolution made by Councillors Robertson and Ellenton, that a vote of thanks be made to each official for their co-operation during the year and their efficient services to the taxpayers.

A second resolution approved by members was their appreciation of the efficient and courteous manner in which the reeve, Lloyd Crawford conducted the council during 1947.

In reply the reeve outlined his work in the county council and called on each of the members to say a few words, before their term of office expired.

On motion of Ellenton and Robertson council adjourned.

DECEMBER MEETING ACTON JUNIOR FARMERS AT LORNE SCHOOL

On Thursday evening, December 11, the Acton Junior Farmers met in Lorne School with their president, Kerwin McPhail in the chair.

The meeting was opened all singing "O Canada," followed by the minutes, roll call and general discussion. Edna Samerly was then called forward and acted as chairman for a splendid program. Guit and mouth organ selections by Ab Altun; reading by Edith Turner; duets by Mrs. Early and Jean; Carousing Relay conducted by Edna Nellis; Saxophone solos by Leslie Swackhamer; Guitar and Vocal solos by Sidney Speers.

A very delicious lunch was served by the committee, Donna and Howard Switzer, Bob and Lillian Marshall. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing to the strains of music provided by Mrs. Early, Mansell Nellis and Charlie Roemer.

DECEMBER MEETING KNOX W. M. S. HELD AT MRS. R. M. McDONALD'S

Enos, President of W.M.S. held their meeting at the home of Mrs. R. M. McDonald on December 11th. Owing to illness, the president, Mr. Blay, was unable to be present at the meeting and Mr. John Anderson, 1st vice president, took charge and opened the meeting with a short reading from the Bible. The Christmas card was sung, prayer was then offered by Mr. E. Barr.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read and approved. A request for money of \$200 was made in order to meet the allowance for the year. Mrs. Ella Roszell presented with a well rendered solo. A poem was read by Mrs. H. Spillwood and Mrs. John Anderson gave a reading. Mrs. Hollinger gave a Scripture reading and Mrs. Buchanan also followed with a reading. Prayer was offered by Mrs. John Anderson.

A very hearty lunch was served by Mrs. McDonald and her helpers, and a pleasant social time was spent.



HURRY! HURRY! He's on His Way --- Christmas is just a week from To-day --- Five Shopping Days

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 50c.

Christmas Community Band Concert by Acton Boys' and Girls' Band, Tuesday, December 23rd at 8 p.m.