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School Children to Attend Meeting County Council

Appointments made to Children's Aid Society—and Committee Named to Work with Building Committee on County Home Improvement Grant of \$100 to Music Festival

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Arrangements for the annual Public School children's visit to the County Council, appointments along with routine business, featured at the regular monthly meeting of Halton County Council held at the Court House on Tuesday afternoon.

Council heartily approved of having the school children make their annual visit to council at the next meeting. Many members felt it was one of the best forms of municipal education afforded the visitors. Reeve McLaren, in voicing approval, stated: "I was very much impressed last year and believe the visit is of vital interest to them."

Ray Smith, County Engineer, who has supervised and made arrangements in previous years informed the members notices had already been sent to the schools announcing this yearly feature.

Council gave its approval to a motion presented by deputy reeve W. S. Hall that prizes ranging from \$10 to one dollar be given for the best essay written by a pupil attending the meeting.

Members were in accord with Reeve McLaren's observation that council were pleased to see Reeve P. W. Chambers, Oakville occupying his regular place at the council table since his recent illness.

Grant of \$100 was made to the Halton Music Festival Association, while an appeal from the Canadian Deaf Scholarship Fund was filed.

Council approved of a recommendation made by Deputy Reeve W. S. Hall that the county grant for the public health unit be set at \$20,000, which was half of the budget estimated by the Medical Health Officer. Mr. Hall said that half of the estimated \$41,200 expenditure would be borne by the provincial government.

Reeve Mrs. Mary Pettit and Reeve William Vansickle were appointed as Halton's representatives to the Children's Aid Society from May 1, 1948 to April 30, 1949. Reeves McLaren and McCutcheon and Deputy Reeve Hall were approved as a committee to work in conjunction with the Building Committee of the Halton-Peel home for the aged.

Wardens Cleve explained to the members that certain work had to be done at the building at Brantford according to the findings mentioned in the Fire Marshall's report. He said architects were to meet with the Board on Wednesday to consider making these adjustments which would include a master plan to include future expansion.

Council regretted that Reeve W. H. Biggar had to leave when he was informed of a sudden illness of Mrs. Biggar.

Council gave its approval granting the usual liability insurance to the General Accident Insurance Company on a basis of \$50,000; \$100,000 public liability and \$10,000 property damage. The premium was fixed at \$403.05.

Accounts authorized to be paid included: agriculture and reforestation, \$14.98; county buildings, \$659.11; finance, \$1,447.52; education, \$5,874.80; county roads, \$14,077.98; hospitalization, \$3,193.50; printing, \$188.97.

The Executive Halton Junior Farmers



Gordon Leslie, Miss Janey Keen, Miss Evelyn Pelletier, Miss Edna Aitken and Cameron Wilson at the Halton Junior Farmers' At Home at the Brant Inn last Thursday.

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MRS. GORDON AGNEW SPEAKER AT MEETING UNITED CHURCH W.M.S.

The Easter Thank Offering meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Acton United Church was held in the S. S. room on Tuesday evening with Mrs. E. J. Caldwell presiding. The devotional period and Christian Stewardship were taken by Mrs. L. Pickering. Solos were contributed by Mrs. McLean and Miss D. Simons. An invitation was extended to attend an Indian pow-wow to be presented by C.G.I.T. girls in the S. S. room May 5th; also from Miss Bennett to attend the Mission Band Thank Offering meeting. The offering was dedicated by Mrs. Caldwell. Mrs. Moore requested clothing suitable for a bale.

Mrs. B. Mowat introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Gordon Agnew who gave a very splendid and descriptive talk on conditions in foreign lands. Mrs. Agnew has had many years of experience in China. She has been home on furlough since 1940 and is hoping that a way may be opened in the very near future for them to return to the mission field they love so well. This talk was enjoyed by all in attendance. A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Agnew and those who had planned the meeting and all who had taken part.

A number of the ladies were guests of Knox W.M.S. and enjoyed a talk given by Miss I. Anderson, who has just returned from South America. Sixteen of the W.M.S. ladies attended the W.M.S. Presbyterial held in St. Paul's United Church, Milton.

GEORGETOWN "FIFTY-FIFTY" CLUB VISITS ACTON CLUB

On Wednesday evening, April 14th the "Marco" Club of the United Church played host to a similar group the "Fifty-Fifty" Club from Georgetown United Church.

The evening got underway with a sing song conducted by Joanna Ridler. Don McLean led in a short devotional period and was chairman for the following program. Piano solo by Mrs. Grant Macdonald; reading by Norma Bean; two very fine vocal solos by Harold Baxter.

Garnet McKenzie introduced Mr. F. Thompson, who has charge of Halton's Children's Aid Society. He gave an interesting and instructive address on the aims and achievements of the society in the county. Ken Ridler thanked Mr. Thompson for taking the time from his busy round to come to Acton as guest speaker. Following this all took part in a recreation period conducted by Howard and Donald Switzer. This was interrupted by an innocent Georgetown being made the victim of a joke which resulted in the necessity of a mock trial provoking much mirth and hilarity.

Delicious refreshments were served by the committee in charge. To bring a very enjoyable evening to a close both Mr. Todd of Georgetown and Mr. Pickering of Acton spoke briefly referring to the worthwhileness of such get-togethers.

Explanation Asked County Assessment by Business Men

County Assessor Agrees to Give Examples at Meeting on May 3rd

Acton Council called a special meeting on Tuesday evening to which heads of industries of the community were invited. The purpose of the meeting was to secure an understanding of the new county assessment system.

County Assessor Rogers, Mr. M. R. Sloan and Mr. R. T. Hunter of the Municipal Board were present and Mr. Sloan gave a review of the assessment system of Ontario and the effort now being made to bring about equalization without the present costly and delayed methods. Mr. Sloan pointed out that it required from three to five years to put a county plan in operation. There are 13 of the 38 counties in Ontario now under the county system. The new plan did not take away any of the privileges of appeal to a court of revision, a county judge or the Municipal Board. The whole county would adopt the system as a unit and no municipality would have the plan before the whole county was organized.

The question and answers period which followed Mr. Sloan's remarks developed a lively controversy and the answers were not conclusive. Mr. Rogers then agreed to return to a meeting on Monday, May 3rd and bring concrete examples of the county assessment system, especially in its effect on commercial and industrial buildings.

The bed of the English Channel will be explored to prove that Britain was once part of the mainland of Europe.

The puma, or cougar, believed extinct there for 100 years, has reappeared in New Brunswick.

The old Brantford home of Pauline Johnston will be preserved as a haven for aged Indians.

600 Attend the Halton Junior Farmers' At Home

Event Held At Brant Inn In Burlington Acclaimed Greatest Success

The third annual "At Home" of the Halton Juniors held at the Brant Inn, Burlington, on Thursday evening of last week, was voted by many as the most successful of any yet held. Approximately six hundred were in attendance and numbered among these were guests from Oxford, Brant, Norfolk, Waterloo, Wellington, North York, Peel, York, Northumberland and Simcoe Counties. Wesley Down of Milton, president of the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario, brought greetings of his organization, as did also Ross Beattie of Simcoe County, vice-president of the same organization. C. D. Graham, Deputy Minister of Agriculture for Ontario brought greetings from the Ontario Department of Agriculture and extended congratulations to Halton Juniors on their excellent program.

The patrons and patronesses of the evening were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Graham of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. MacLaren, of Georgetown; Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Merry, Hornby; Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Heatherington, of Campbellville and J. E. Whitelock, Milton.

President Cameron Wilson and his fellow executive of the Halton Junior Farmers are to be congratulated on the high standard of their party and the able manner in which they had attended to the many details necessary in the staging of such an event. The music of the evening was supplied by Merv. Himes Orchestra, of Galt.

COMEDY PLAY DREW GOOD CROWD IN ACTON FRIDAY

A good audience attended the presentation last Friday evening of the three act comedy "While the Sun Shines". The event was staged by the Georgetown Dramatics Club under the auspices of Acton Y's Men's Club.

The portrayal is a war-time story of England and was written as a morale stimulus for the British people under war conditions. All characters were well played although many of them were rather dull.

The cast is made up as follows: Horton, J. C. McBride; the Earl of Harpenden, I. N. McLennan; Lieut. Mulvaney, Walter Cook; Lady Elizabeth Randall, Lena Emms; the Duke of Ayr, and Stirling, H. J. Newman; Lieut. Colbert, Art Rishland; Mabel Crum, Pat Darlington. The action passes in the sitting room of Lord Harpenden's Chambers in Albany, London.

GREENOCK FRIENDS HONOR NEIGHBORS WHO ARE MOVING

On Friday evening a group of neighbors and friends gathered in Greenock School to honor Mr. and Mrs. Bill Johnston and family prior to their departure from the community.

Ralph McKeown was chairman for the brief program which consisted of vocal solos by Clarence Reid, chorus selections by the pupils of Greenock School and a reading by Mrs. Tom Hemley. Elva Pearen read the address.

After the reading of the address, the Johnstons were presented with a chair and an end table. Bill expressed appreciation for the gifts. Tom McCutcheon, Fred West, Gordon Leslie and Ralph McKeown spoke briefly.

Following the presentation lunch was served and a social period was enjoyed.

Sundridge Team Appreciated the Sportsmanship

Had the following note this week from Marvin Church, Sec. Treas. of the Sundridge Beavers, which we think fans and citizens will appreciate as much as we did. We might explain the personal paragraph at the end of the letter by telling readers that Marvin Church's mother is a native of Acton and was before marriage Miss Hannah Plank. We know she could thoroughly enjoy a win by either team. But here's the letter:

Sundridge, Ontario, 17th April, 1948
Mr. A. Dills, Acton Free Press, Acton, Ontario.
Dear Mr. Dills:

I am enclosing the amount to cover six copies and postage of the edition covering the Acton vs. Sundridge hockey game.

We have seen a copy and the hockey club and citizens extend sincere thanks for the splendid write-up and congratulations. We appreciate the sportsmanship and co-operation experienced with the Acton hockey players and officials.

Mother and Dad asked me to relay their respects to you and your family. We haven't just quite pinned Mother down as to whom she was actually rooting for.

Thanking you for the papers.

Yours truly,
Marvin Church, Sec. Treas. Sundridge Beavers

DUNCAN WALDIE HONORED FOR WORK IN AGRICULTURE FAIRS

The social night arranged by Acton Fair on Monday proved an enjoyable and well attended function in Acton Town Hall. About forty tables of progressive euchre were in play and suitable prizes were awarded the contestants.

Officers of neighbouring fairs brought greeting and spoke briefly: Mr. J. A. Elliott, president of Milton Fair and Mr. Craig Reid, Mr. Stan Hall, member for Halton also addressed the gathering.

Recognition of outstanding service to agriculture was made to Mr. Duncan Waldie when President Edwood Johnson presented him with the award of the year and certificate of Agriculture Societies.

The Debonaires Orchestra supplied the music for dancing and a delightful lunch was served.

C. M. HANSEN MADE DIRECTOR SAFETY ASSOCIATION

C. M. Hansen of Beardmore & Company Ltd., Acton, was elected a director of the Leather, Rubber and Tanners Safety Association at the annual meeting in Toronto. This is one of the ten divisions of the Industrial Accident Prevention Associations, the concern of which is Ontario's 1947 record of 168,767 workers injured who required medical care.

ACTON ROTARY CLUB MEETS TUESDAYS AT ACTON Y.M.C.A.

Acton Rotary Club dinner meeting was held on Monday in the Legion Hall with President Amos Mason in charge. Entertainment was provided by George Mason with his bag of tricks and feats of wangle. It has been arranged that the regular meetings will be held on Tuesday at 12.15 p.m. at Acton Y.M.C.A.

Acton "Y" Boys Do Well on Toronto Visit

Last Saturday evening, a group of twenty-five Acton boys representing two of the boys' classes in the Acton Y.M.C.A. visited the "Don of floor hockey" at West End Y.M.C.A. in Toronto. West End 'Y' has always been the centre of floor hockey in the city and have been instrumental in setting up a city wide floor hockey league. It is interesting to know all these details because you will better appreciate the handicap the Acton boys played under when you think in terms of the floor hockey experience these Toronto boys have had, coupled with the fact that the West End 'Y' floor is just about twice as big as the Acton floor. The Acton players went down feeling that even if they didn't win, the experience of playing in the city would be worth the trip.

But they did win a game and if they gained nothing more from that trip, the happy feeling they got from winning that game was sufficient. The intermediate boys' group from Acton lost their game against the West End 'Y' team, who are now playing off in the city championships in that group. The score, 11 to 2.

The senior boys from Acton who played against a team of their own age won with a score of 7 to 2.

Line-up for the intermediate boys: in goal, Tom Statham; defence, John Cunningham, Ron Mason, Jack Pink and Chester; attack, forward line, Bill Skilling, Grant Withers, Ross Morton; second line, Bill Spielvogel, Wayne Arbie, Hartley Deforest.

Line-up for the senior boys: in goal, Bill Hutt; defence, Ron Anderson, Doug Aitken, Bob Rumley, Bob Snyder; on the forward line, Ray Hutt, Leo McGillway, Scott McCristall; second line, Don Anderson, Gregory Barr, Joe Rafter; spare, Jack Davidson.

Outstanding on the winning team was the work done in the net by Bill Hutt when he amazed the Toronto boys with his skill. Ron Anderson and Doug Aitken were tops in their defensive play and their scoring ability and many times during the game Leo McGillway and Scott McCristall were just too fast for the Toronto boys on their attacks around the West End net.

The transporting to Canada of overseas war brides is completed.

The old Brantford home of Pauline Johnston will be preserved as a haven for aged Indians.

Grading of Property at Wartime Sub-Division

Ilio Marzo Is Most Valuable Player on Team

This year the O.H.A. is presenting to each intermediate club a trophy which is to be awarded the most valued player on the local team. Last week Acton Intermediates, at a meeting of the players, almost unanimously chose Ilio Marzo, speedy left winger as the player to get the award on the Acton team. All the signed players were entitled to cast a ballot. The result has been forwarded to the O.H.A., who will shortly send the trophy to Ilio. We believe fans will agree with the choice made by the team themselves. Ilio gave everything he had in every game and it was a lot.

BUSY BEES BRANCH APRIL MEETING HAD MANY ITEMS

The April meeting of the Busy Bees W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. Elmer Cox. Roll call was answered with a crochet edging handkerchief. The minutes and financial statement were read by Mrs. Cox. The box social of the month receipts were \$32.75 and receipts from the booth at the sale were \$10.00. The report from district directors' meeting was given in the absence of Mrs. Davernport by Mrs. J. J. Kennedy.

Five dollars were donated toward the musical festival and \$3.00 for the girls' trip. \$15 is to be sent to the crippled children and \$15 to the Sick Children's Hospital. Mrs. Oscar Locker read a splendid paper on citizenship. She spoke of our attitude toward and treatment of immigrants entering Canada. She also reminded members of the privileges of being a citizen and ended her paper by repeating the Institute Ode.

"A goodly thing it is to meet, In friendship's circle bright, Where nothing stains the pleasure sweet. Nor dims the radiant light, No unkind word our lips shall pass, No envy sour the mind, But each shall seek the common good of all mankind."

Under her program, Mrs. Stephenson Cox read a poem "Mother's Day" and Mrs. David Henderson a humorous reading "Men." The ladies took time out at this point for a sing song when O Canada, Pick up your troubles and Silver threads among the gold, were chosen. Mrs. Cox conducted an advertising contest in which Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Locker tied. Mrs. Wm. Allison gave a reading "A Stranger Here."

Several things were discussed arising from the district directors report but were left over until the annual meeting in May. Mrs. Cox served a lovely lunch and a social half hour was spent. Three guests attended this meeting.

Newspaper want ads grew from a rush of appeals for return of goods lost in the Great Fire of London, 1666

Gross Receipts at Arena This Year Were \$4,846.35—Assessment and Other Matters Dealt With at Last Night's Meeting of Acton Council

Acton Council met in regular session last evening with Councilors McLane and Davison, Deputy Reeve Coon present and Reeve P. J. McCutcheon presiding. Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

Bell Telephone Co., serv.	\$ 25.68
Acton Pub. Util., serv.	248.17
Thompson Motors, truck account	39.97
G. McLellan, cinders	14.00
Dr. Garrett, V D treatments	10.00
	\$337.92

Mr. Wendover was present to discuss removal of fill at the wartime housing subdivision. He submitted a price of \$10 an hour for the large carry-all machine and \$7 an hour for the smaller machine or 65¢ per yard.

Fred Mellor also gave an estimate on the cost of moving approximately 4500 yards of earth. The price would run from \$1600 to \$2000 moving it by trucks.

It was decided to have Mr. Wendover do the work with the carry-all grader as it was felt this was the most economical method to do the work.

Mr. J. R. Lelshman was present regarding assessment and taxes on his lots in the new subdivision. Some lots shown in the registry

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Coming Events

Don't miss the Halton Male Choir, Acton United Church, Monday, May 3rd. Audiences Marco Club.

Come to the Junior Farmer's Annual Dance in the Town Hall, Acton, on Thursday, April 29th. Music by the Merry-makers. Lucky door prize. Admission 50¢.

Women's Institute Concert at Greenock School, Friday, April 30 at 8.30 sharp D.S.T. Play by Brantford ladies, film board pictures and other program. Admission 35¢ and 15¢.

Euchre and Dance under auspices of Progressive Conservative Club of Nassagaweya Township, Brookville Hall, Friday, April 23rd 1948. Admission 35¢ per person. Lunch provided.

The annual meeting of the Acton Lawn Bowling and Tennis Club is being held at the Y.M.C.A. Monday, April 26 at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served and all those interested in the activities of the club are cordially invited.

The Halton Male Choir will present its 1948 Spring Concert in St. Paul's Church, Milton, on Wednesday evening, May 5th at 8.15 p.m. Assistant Artists: Helen Mott, Elocutionist. Admission 50¢. Tickets obtainable from any member of the Choir.

Receiving at Junior Farmers At Home



Here is shown some of those who welcomed the guests at the Junior Farmers' At Home at Brant Inn last week. Receiving were Mr. and Mrs. Alex. McLaren, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Heatherington, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Merry, Mr. J. E. Whitelock, Miss Anne Allan, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Graham, Mr. Cameron Wilson, Miss Norma Brown.

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