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## \$9,800.61 Credit in Hydro Bill Last Year's Power

### Largest Credit in History of Hydro Here—New Equipment to Provide for Load

Acton Public Utilities Commission met in regular session on Tuesday evening. Chairman C. M. Hansen presided with Reeve F. J. McCutcheon and J. R. MacArthur being present.

A letter was read from the H. E. P. C. of Ontario explaining the plan for changing from 25 to 60 cycle for the Waterworks Department. The local Commission pays one-third of the cost and the rest is assumed by the H.E.P.C.

Superintendent Lambert was instructed to order 25 water meters for installation in the new buildings being erected in Acton this summer.

It was reported that the gate on the line leading to the spring property had been broken beyond repair this past weekend. The gate had been twisted and bent as though hit by a car or truck. A new gate was to be purchased.

Superintendent Lambert was to make arrangements with Mr. D. H. Lindsay for the supplying of water service to his mill property. Extra help was to be secured when needed for the installation of long water services.

Superintendent Wilson reported on the changing of power lines near the Mill and Main Streets district. A larger transformer was to be installed near this district to help carry the power load.

The thirteenth power bill of the H.E.P.C. was presented and showed a credit of \$9,800.61 in favor of the Acton Commission. The details are as follows: Cost of power purchased, \$1,301.45; Share of Operating and fixed charges, operating, maintenance and administrative expenses, \$1,021.73; Interest, \$134,28.86; Provision for Renewals, \$2,988.01; Provision for Contingencies and Obsolescence, \$10,087.21; Provision for Sinking Fund, \$342.77; Total \$53,163.63; Deduct cost of power to companies, \$1,483.17; Total cost of power \$51,680.47; Amount of accounts rendered at interim rates, \$6,481.07, leaving a credit of \$9,800.61. This is the largest credit in the history of Acton Hydro.

A new billing machine for the office was discussed at this meeting, but no action was taken.

The list of arrears was checked and final notices were to be sent to all those in arrears.

The following accounts were paid for payment:

Hydro Department	
Bell Telephone, services	\$ 11.32
H.E.P.C. power	4779.04
Can. Line Materials, supp.	11.33
Packard Elec., supplies	320.00
C.G.E., supplies	16.19
Line & Cable Access, sup.	20.30
Sangamo Co., supplies	30.64
Can. Westinghouse, supp.	275.00
Federal Wire and Cable supplies	244.40
MacDonald Electric, supp	11.32
F. Terry, postage	16.00
Mr. H. Palmer	12.00
Express & Transport	3.83
Shop or Tools of Canada supplies	21.25
	\$5,772.62

Waterworks Department	
J. B. Macdonald & Son	\$94.30
Hennett and Wright	43.22
	\$137.52

## Minister of Labor Speaker at An Acton Meeting

Hon. Charles Daley, Minister of Labor for Ontario, was the chief speaker last Thursday evening at a meeting in Acton Town Hall of the Progressive-Conservative Association. Mr. Stan Hall, member for Halton, also addressed the gathering. Mr. Ted Tyler was chairman for the meeting. Prior to the meeting the Acton Boys' Band provided a program of musical numbers.

## STORE FRONTS THOUGHT MORE IMPORTANT THAN FIXTURES

Chain store executives and independent retailers consider store fronts the most important single subject for improvement when a store is modernized, according to Hardware and Metal and Electrical Dealer. Department store executives on the other hand would place store fronts fourth on the list, store fixtures first.

## Holiday Crash on Mill Street With Cars Hit Head On

A holiday crash occurred on Mill Street on Monday evening when cars driven by Norman Wallace and Wm. Nellis of Acton met head-on near the Frederick St. corner. It is said the car driven by Wallace was on the wrong side of the road and heading for the curb and when Wm. Nellis attempted to avoid a crash Wallace came back on the road. It is also said the Wallace car was weaving along in traffic as it went up Mill St. The Nellis car received the most damage to radiator and front grill. Constable Grant Allan investigated the accident.

## TENNIS CLUB STARTS SEASON WITH SOCIAL TOURNAMENT

The tennis season was officially opened at the Acton Lawn Bowling and Tennis Club last Wednesday, May 19.

Sixteen players took part in the tournaments and winners were Messrs. Blow and Adamson, with Mrs. M. Bradley and Sam Brunelle as runners up. A half dozen tennis balls were presented as 1st prize.

Refreshments were served afterwards in the club house by the ladies of the tennis committee to which everyone was indebted for an enjoyable evening.

## GIRL OPERATOR SAVED CATHEDRAL IN AUSTRALIA

From "The News" published at Adelaide, Australia gives an interesting account with pictures of Miss Pat Kenney, a seventeen year old telephone exchange operator who saved the St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral from destruction by fire. When she visited the cathedral to pray she found flames sweeping the east side of the building. She dragged a hose from the courtyard garden and extinguished the blaze without aid.

Miss Kenney was born in Acton, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kenney, residents here for several years. She is a niece of Mr. Patrick Kenney of Acton.

## PUBLICITY HINTS GIVEN AT MEETING GREENOCK W.I.

Mrs. Gordon Leslie was hostess to Greenock W.I. on May 19, when 16 members, 5 visitors were present with the Pres. Mrs. A. McKeown in charge of the meeting.

Scripture was read by Mrs. C. McKeown. The motto was taken by Mrs. J. D. Bell "our school teacher." Let us make the place fifty-fifty for woman—current events by Mrs. C. Allen. The business part took the form of a discussion, about raising the membership fees to 50c a year. It was thought best to let them remain as at present. It was decided to buy some cups and a hot plate to use in the school for social evenings. Members of the Institute are having a sale of house plants and other articles in the fall to raise funds.

Mrs. B. Johnston, the Secretary, read the report from the time our Institute was organized. Our thanks go to Mrs. J. Whitham of Acton for printing our programmes for the year.

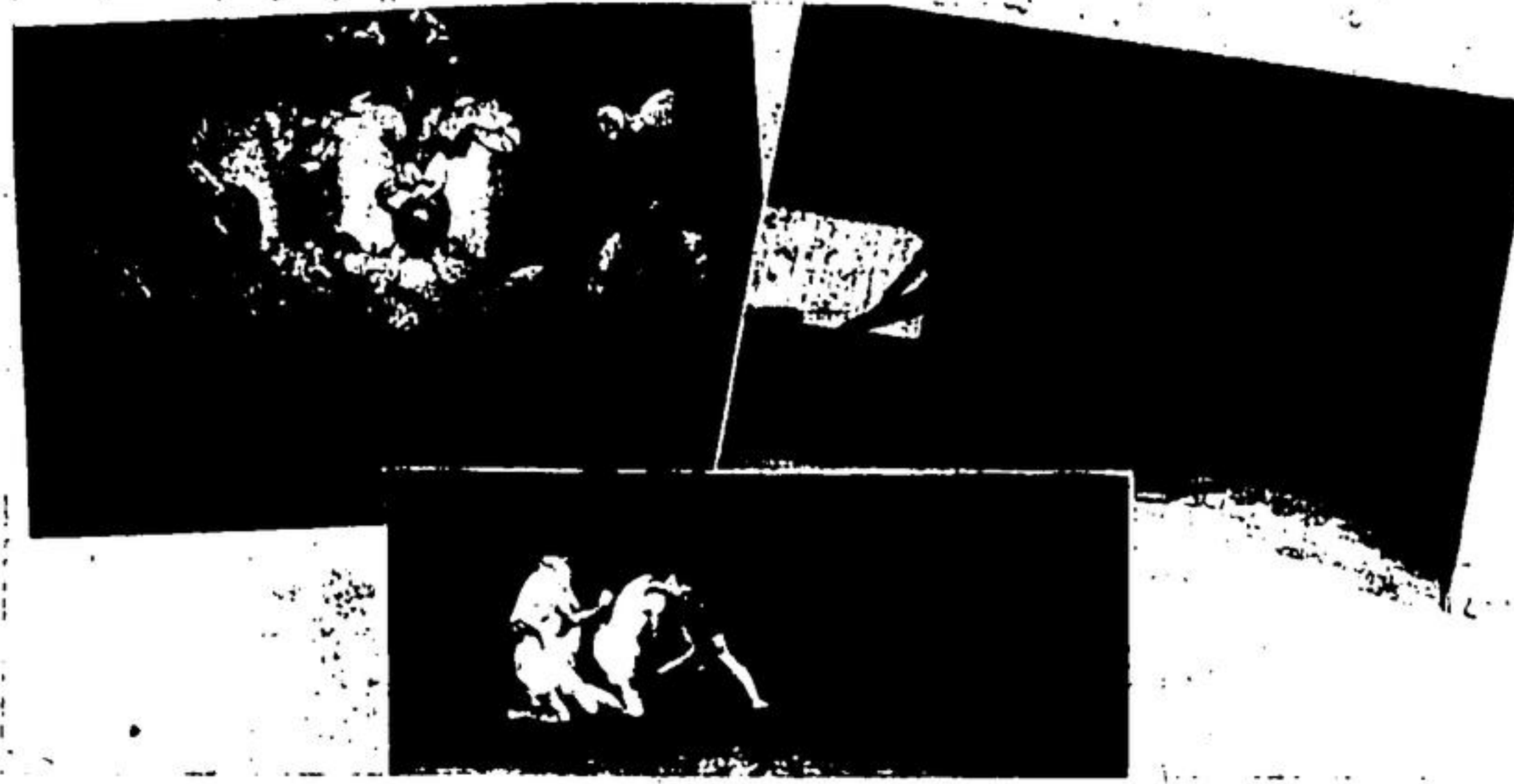
Mrs. T. Hensley and Miss Elva Pearen, Mrs. H. Reid were appointed delegates to attend the annual to be held on June 2 Mrs. W. Ballentine of Mimosa W.I. as guest speaker, gave a very interesting paper on Publicity, giving a number of helpful hints for Reports, stressing the fact to be sure and spell names correctly and put first name or initial of those taking part and try to make your report as interesting for those distant as well as those present. Keep report brief. Report meetings promptly and don't write reports were read by Sec-Treas. and adopted every meeting. That is taken for granted.

Readings by Mrs. T. McCutcheon, Miss Elva Pearen, a contest "House Plants and Perennials" by Mrs. E. Patterson and was won by Mrs. T. Hensley and Mrs. A. D. Bridges. We were pleased to have as a visitor Mrs. A. D. Bridges of Victoria B.C., a former resident of E.M.

Mrs. A. Thompson on behalf of the W.I. thanked Mrs. Ballentine. Lunch was served by the hostess and her assistants.

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## 1948 ANNUAL Y.M.C.A. DISPLAY



Above are some of the pictures from the 1948 Acton Y.M.C.A. Annual Display in the Arena last Thursday evening. Upper left shows the nursery group of bundles; Upper right is the young man's display called Silver Statuary; while the lower centre shows the three survivors in the King of the Mat struggle.

## Acton Drop First Game In Milton by 8-4 Score

### Locals Will Need to Brush Up to Cope with Youthful Crowd from County Town—Georgetown Here on Saturday for Opening Game in Acton

The task at hand, defending the Ontario Intermediate crown they so decisively won last year, is going to be an arduous one for this year's edition of the triple A baseball club. That is hardly an assumption, but rather an established fact after viewing the opening game at Milton on Monday afternoon which Milton won by 8-4.

Although they smashed eight hits off the starting Milton hurler, Marshall by name, the triple A number of ducks stranded on the bases, lacking that additional polish to bring them over the plate Milton's youthful club were reticent about leaving players on the sacks and timely hitting, coupled with some very fleet base running gave them the necessary edge.

## More Bonds of Campbellville Bank Robbery Found

Almost \$15,000 in stolen bonds and securities was found in Guelph—part of the loot of a \$200,000 hold-up of the Bank of Nova Scotia at Campbellville nearly a year ago.

Interest coupons clipped to date on most of the bonds led police to believe that they had been placed only a short time ago in the vacant lot where they were found.

A few weeks ago a large quantity of bonds were discovered on a bridge in Montreal. A Hamilton boy playing on a lot found a cache of bonds, securities and war savings certificates stuffed into a piece of an old inner tube.

"They are definitely from Campbellville, of at least a large portion of them," said Assistant Inspector of Detectives Walter Hagman.

About \$100,000 of the loot is believed recovered so far. Some of the \$12,000 in cash was found after the arrest of a suspect in a tourist cabin near Hamilton shortly after the robbery.

The bank in Campbellville was held up on July 12, 1947 by three men who had painted their faces as disguises. A fourth man drove the getaway car.

## MAY MEETING OF BANNOCKBURN W. I. AT MRS. W. ROSZEL'S

The May meeting of the Bannockburn Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. W. Roszell. Arrangements were made for the District Annual at Ebenezer Church.

Plans were made for making a baby's layette. The meeting ended with a lovely lunch served by Mrs. Roszell and a social half hour was spent.

Acton—Masters 3b; Morton; if 5; Stewart; if; Masales; Lindsay; Footitt; if; Hailan; if; Robinson; if; Lappierre; if.

Milton—Rusk; if; Evans; 2b; S. Fay; if; K. Clement; if; Stover; if; Marshall; if; Grene; if; Bilco; if; C. Fay; if; Melanag; if.

Umpire, Whiteman; Base Umpire, Dave Brush.

## 100 Asked to Attend Meeting in YMCA To-Night

On Tuesday night representatives of Acton industries held the presentation of the committee on the Acton Swimming Pool, offered suggestions and joined in a round table conference of the project at a meeting in Acton Y.M.C.A. at which G. A. Dills presided. The suggestions and information of the committee are being compiled in a complete report to be presented to the general meeting next week.

To-night (Thursday) invitations have been sent to over 100 retail business men in Acton, to sit on a similar conference of the project and hear the report and offer suggestions. On Monday, May 31st, representatives of the various organizations of Acton have been invited to meet with the committee to discuss the project. Representation at these meetings will have a bearing on the report to be handed in. On Monday night there was a fine gathering and discussion. Information regarding other pools, costs, sizes, location and other items were on the agenda.

## Golden Wedding Anniversary of R.L. Johnstons' Couple Have Spent Half Century in Acton and District—Many Friends Called

Over 200 friends and relatives took advantage of the opportunity on Monday to call on Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Johnston at their home on W. Main Street and offer congratulations on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary and to wish that they will enjoy many more happy years together. Many messages of congratulations were received, all of them cherished but especially the one from His Excellency and Viscountess Alexander, from Rideau Hall, Ottawa. Mrs. J. C. Smith of Winnipeg also conveyed congratulations by wire.

Richard L. Johnston and Virena Ramshaw were married at Kincardine fifty years ago by Rev. Geo. McKay. The young couple settled on the farm or the First Line in Esquewauk and farmed here with success until twenty years ago when they came to Acton where they have been esteemed residents.

Mrs. M. C. Overholt of Toronto received the guests with her parents and Mrs. Roy Johnston and Mrs. J. C. Matthews welcomed the callers. Little Virena Johnston and Merle Overholt attended the floor and Madeline Ulrich was in charge of the guest register. Mr. Robert Sly gave piano selections during the day.

Pouring tea during the afternoon and evening were Mrs. John Easterbrook; Mrs. F. S. Blow; Mrs. L. Pickering; Mrs. L. E. Hamelin; Mrs. Ernest Near and Mrs. A. L. Bridges. Those assisting Mrs. Overholt in serving the guests were Mary Pettifer, Margaret Blow, Joyce Deserault, Netta Evans, Muriel Robinson, Mrs. John McPhail, Mrs. Harry Murray and Mrs. Jas. Adamson. Mary beautiful flowers and plants decorated the home, most of them the gifts for the golden wedding event.

Among the guests from out of town attending were: Dr. and Mrs. Howard Hamelin and family of Ottawa; Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Hamilton, and family of Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Elwell Hamelin and family; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hamelin; Mrs. Ernest Near; Mrs. John Easterbrook; Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Overholt and family; Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith, all of Toronto; Mrs. R. J. Smith, Hamilton; Mrs. A. D. Bridges of Victoria, B.C.; Mrs. E. McMahon of New York; Mrs. Geo. Leslie, Guelph; Mrs. Dyer and Roy Rockwood; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dick, Brampton; Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Leslie, Georgetown; Mr. Dean Leslie; Mr. and Mrs. Gus Ramshaw and Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Ramshaw, Milton; Mr. and Mrs. John McPhail, Campbellville; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Nellis, Eramosa; Mr. and Mrs. E. Pearen and Miss Elva, Erin.

## BRITAIN TO RECRUIT SKILLED WORKERS FROM AWAY

Britain is offering jobs this year to 100,000 skilled workers from abroad. They will be given work in mining, textile making and agriculture. Certain unskilled artisans will also be accepted for training. This is revealed in the report of the International Manpower Conference held in Rome earlier this year which was published by His Majesty's Stationery Office.

## BAD GUESSERS

The democracies have been notoriously bad guessers when it comes to deciding the probabilities of peace or war. We've missed out twice, and we may miss out again, but at least the third time we oughtn't to be caught flatfooted. One of the troubles with us is that we don't want to waste a lot

## Y.M.C.A. Annual Display Shows Fine Direction

### All Groups Combined Present Good Program in Acton Arena

All groups of Acton children participated in the annual display last Thursday night of Acton Y.M.C.A. When the Y's Men's Club have their dance floor installed the arena makes an ideal place for this event. There was a good attendance, parents friends and children and under the direction of the m. of c. Mr. B. Parker, the event went off with precision and real circus fanfare and of course Y.M.C.A. director Johnny Gray was in the back ground throughout the show.

The nursery class had the bundles in their songs, games, etc. under the direction of Mrs. Gray. The Junior girls gave an exercise and drill that was colorful and precise. The Intermediate boys showed the toughest part in the King of the Mats and blind boxing.

The Intermediate and Senior groups presented some hilarious relay races. A group of High School girls under Mrs. A. Orr presented an Indian Club drill.

"Silver Statuary" was the title for an assisting group of young men from Georgetown who gave a series of artistic and realistic poses depicting various groups. They were very effective and well done. Interspersing the events, a couple of clowns from West End Y.M.C.A. added to the circus touch with their acts.

The girls tumbling and pyramid group was a display of good training and fine physical condition, and floor hockey by the senior boys brought out the spirit of competition and some reminder of winter sport.

The senior girls Scandinavian folk dance number was very pretty and well presented as was also the item put on by the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Girls under the caption of the "Family Waltz."

There was another circus side to the event when the Intermediate boys presented their "Fouring Circus" a group of four different attractions all presented at the same time. The young men's group and High School boys concluded the display with some advanced tumbling and vaulting box drill. It was a display that all enjoyed and brought an appreciation of the fine work the "Y" is doing in Acton. Music was supplied by Mr. H. Arble with his amplifying system.

During the display, Mr. John Greer, president of Acton Board of Directors briefly addressed the audience, thanking them for their splendid support and urging all to back the Y.M.C.A. in their program for the young people of Acton and district.

## JUNIOR FARMERS GIVE MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER TO COUPLE

On Thursday evening, May 20th, the members of Acton Junior Farmers' and their friends met in Lorne School to give Ralph McKeown, and Eleanor McDougall a miscellaneous shower.

Kerwin McPhail, chairman for the evening, opened the program with O Canada followed by solos by Ab Alton, reading by Jean Harris, solos by Ralph Thompson and Harry Stewart, duets by Freddie Gordon and Bill Somerville and a solo by Mr. William McDonald. The address was read by Donaldia Switzer and the young couple received a host of gifts.

Eleanor and Ralph made very fitting replies and best wishes were extended by Messrs. Chas. McKeown, R. L. Davidson, Gordon Leslie and Chas. Binnie and all joined in singing. "For they are jolly good fellows."

Lunch was served and a short period of dancing was enjoyed.

## Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, concerts, or other events under this heading, are charged, in cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcements, of 50c.

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Barn Dance, Claude Pickett's barn 7th Line, 1 1/4 miles north of Hornby, Tuesday, June 1st. Modernaires Orchestra. Admission 50c. See display ad elsewhere in paper.