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Highway Holiday Tragedy For Happy Acton Home

Mrs. Earl Davidson Died as a Result of Injuries After Car Collision North of Rockwood—Mr. Davidson and Two-Year-Old Granddaughter are in Hospital in Guelph and Toronto

This entire community was shocked to learn of the tragic highway accident on Saturday, the death resulting of Mrs. Earl Davidson, and the serious injury to Mr. Davidson and the little two-year-old granddaughter, Cheryl Price. About 2:30 Saturday afternoon Mrs. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Price and daughter Cheryl started on the fatal trip to spend a holiday at Sauble Beach. The two younger sons Donald and Jackie had started earlier in the morning on their trip to the holiday cottage. The car had reached the intersection of Highway 24 and No. 69 County road just north of Rockwood when it was in collision with a car driven by Col. J. A. McIntosh, of Galt. The Davidson car was struck on the left side.

Mrs. Davidson suffered injuries from which she passed away a half hour after admission to the Guelph General Hospital. Mr. Davidson received head injuries and lacerations and several broken ribs. Little Cheryl was the only occupant of the rear seat to be seriously injured. She was taken to Wellesley Hospital in Toronto by police ambulance where an operation was performed on Saturday evening and her progress since has been favorable. Mr. Davidson is making progress toward recovery but will be in hospital for a week or more.

The two boys who had started earlier for the beach were reached there on Saturday night by police and returned home.

Col. J. A. McIntosh, of Galt, driver of the second car involved, sustained injuries to his leg and possible fractured ribs, while his wife suffered similar injuries, and their daughter Nancy was out about the legs.

Both vehicles were badly damaged and it is doubtful if the car of Mr. Davidson can be repaired.

Mrs. Davidson was a woman who will be missed in the community as well as in her home. Besides her husband she leaves one daughter, Mrs. Gladys Price, and three sons, Douglas, Donald and Jack. In their sad bereavement they have the sympathy of a wide circle of friends.

Mrs. Davidson was an active worker in the Presbyterian Church, the Ladies Auxiliary of Acton Branch of the Legion, and the Scout Mothers. The family have been residents of Acton for many years and are highly esteemed. The funeral on Tuesday afternoon was at the Johnstone and Rummey Funeral Home with service conducted by her Minister Rev. J. M. Anderson. Here many friends gathered in tribute to her life and sympathy with the bereaved. Many floral tributes also bore testimony of esteem. Last-minute arrangements were made in Fairview cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. W. MacIntosh, J. McHugh, J. Greer, G. Mussell, Rep. Hoare and M. Maxwell.

BANNOCKBURN INSTITUTE HOLDS ANNUAL PICNIC

The Bannockburn Institute annual picnic was held on July 23 at Bannockburn school. Following is the program with list of prize winners:

Up to 5 years—Girls: Carol Goodwin, Leslie Ann Duly, Wayne Russell, Jimmie Ross.
6 to 8 years—Girls: Edith Thompson, Marjorie McDonald, Doree Fred Thompson, Winston Worsley.
9 and 10 years—Girls: Carol Veronique, Bill Somerville, Allan Ingle.
11 to 14 years—Girls: Doris Thompson, Evelyn McDonald, Bob Sandy McLaughlin, George Cross.
Plate Race—Mrs. R. L. Davidson and Bill Moffat, Mr. R. Goodwin and Elsworth Evans.
Three-Legged Race—Doris Thompson and Arlene Gibson, Joan Matthews and Evelyn Braida.
Kicking the Shoe—Bill Moffat, Doris Thompson.
Clothes Peg Race—Mrs. H. Jobley and Mrs. R. Goodwin, Mrs. W. Thompson and Frank Thompson.
Eidest Institute Member—Mrs. S. H. Lindsay.
Other items of interest included horse shoe pitching and baseball. Lunch was served by the ladies, and a short period of dancing was enjoyed.

VARIED PROGRAM AT JULY MEETING GREENOCK INSTITUTE

The July meeting of Greenock W.I. was held on July 20 at Grand View farm home of Mrs. Hugh Reid with Mrs. A. McKeown presiding. 18 members answered the roll call "Where I would like to spend my vacation".

As this was the first meeting since the annual meeting held at Speyside the report was read by Mrs. J. Hemley and Mrs. H. Reid. Two good reports were received of a grand meeting held.

Miss Elva Pearen read a paper on Wellington Co-operative Medical services. After some discussion it was left over until another meeting when more literature is received. Miss Elva Pearen was appointed secretary.

Mrs. R. McKeown took the motto "Kind Words Cure Many Ills" which was well given with many interesting points. This was the Home Economics meeting and was in charge of Mrs. C. McKeown as convener. The program consisted of solos by Miss Mary Reid, Mrs. R. McKeown, with Mrs. H. Reid as pianist. Miss Muriel Allen played the piano and sang. Mrs. E. Patterson gave a reading. Mrs. C. McKeown gave a paper on "Use your oven" and how to can fruit, vegetables and meats in the oven. By doing a few jars while preparing your vegetables or fruit for a meal you soon have quite a few jars done, which is quite a help for a busy farm housewife and your cellar soon is stocked with jars. She added a warning to be sure and have water in your pan for the jars or it might take 6 months to clear your oven. The report of the booth at John Idling's sale was given which added some more funds. Lunch was served by the hostess and her assistants.

A letter of thanks was read from Mr. John Idling and Mr. Jack Leslie for boxes received while in hospital also from Mrs. J. Whitham for remembrance for her printing programs.

FALL FAIR DATES FOR 1948 EVENTS OF THIS DISTRICT

The list of Fall Fairs and the dates upon which they will be held has been issued by the Agricultural Societies Branch of the Department of Agriculture. Here are some of the dates in which our readers will be interested:

| C.N.E. Toronto | Aug. 27-Sept. 11 |
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| Acton | Oct. 1-2 |
| Milton | Sept. 24-25 |
| Georgetown | Sept. 17-18 |
| Mount Forest | Aug. 24-25 |
| Durham | Sept. 27-30 |
| Fergus | Sept. 13-14 |
| Barrac | Sept. 16-17 |
| Braosebridge | Sept. 17-18 |
| Caledon | Sept. 17-18 |
| Cooksville | Sept. 17-18 |
| London | Sept. 13-14 |
| New Hamburg | Sept. 17-18 |
| Shelburne | Sept. 14-15 |
| Galt | Sept. 23-25 |
| Lindsay | Sept. 21-22 |
| Orangeville | Sept. 21-22 |
| Aurora | Sept. 28-29 |
| Arthur | Sept. 28-29 |
| Waterdown | Sept. 28-29 |
| Markham | Sept. 30 Oct. 1 |
| Bilton | Oct. 1-2 |
| Stratford | Oct. 2nd |
| Brampton | Oct. 7-9 |
| Finch | Oct. 9 & 11 |
| Grand Valley | Oct. 9-11 |
| Rockton | Oct. 9 & 11 |
| Bresswater | Oct. 9-11 |
| Woodsbridge | Oct. 9 & 11 |

NEW TADPOLE-SHAPED AIRCRAFT WING

Tests of a new tadpole-shaped aircraft section, which on a large scale would be able to hold fuel and passengers, was announced by Sir Ben Lockspeiser, chief scientist of Britain's Ministry of Supply. Sir Ben, who has just returned from the first Commonwealth Aeronautical Council Conference in Australia, said the wing had been designed in Britain and would soon be flown on a glider by the Royal Australian Air Force under the United Kingdom-Australian reciprocal aeronautical research scheme. The wing is designed with a suction system to counteract drag. It is about three times as thick as a conventional airfoil section and would be particularly applicable to the "Ding wing" type of aircraft. It has already been tested out in flight in Britain.

Spencer Husband Joins Over Ninety Group in Acton

On July Saturday Mr. Spencer Husband, Willow Street, joined that small group who have attained their ninetieth birthday. Mr. Husband has been a resident of Acton for over forty years coming here from Kilbride. He was for many years an employee of Beardmore & Co. He is still quite active and is a regular caller at the Post Office every morning. We join with other friends in extending congratulations to this newest nonagenarian and wish for him many more birthdays. He is among the oldest subscribers to the Free Press and while his eyesight is not good, Mrs. Husband keeps him informed of the local interest each week.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HELD AT CHURCHILL

A daily vacation Bible School was held from July 26 to July 30, at the United Church, Rev. O. R. and Mrs. Flindall were in charge of the school which was attended by 30 pupils. The children came from the local district for the most part, although there were visitors in the community who also attended. Visual education in the teaching of the Bible was used throughout. Outlines of Bible pictures, and other pictures which would illustrate a Bible truth were distributed to the children daily, and then they were asked to print the appropriate verse, and to colour these pictures with crayons.

HONORS CONFERRED AT MASONIC SESSIONS ON MEN OF DISTRICT

Neil A. McEnchorn of Waterloo, was named district deputy grand master of the Wellington Masonic district, at the annual sessions of the Grand Masonic Lodge of Ontario, held in Toronto. William C. Drury of Arthur, was named district deputy grand master of that district. W. C. Ford of Georgetown, last year's district secretary of Wellington district was named a grand steward, while similar honor was conferred on George Jacob of Kitchener in the same district.

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Grenke scored Milton's first in the fifth. An error by Masales, a stolen base, a pushed ball and a single by Rusk pushed him home. Fourth of the visitors made an outstanding catch at centre as he went back deep for R. Brush's long drive.

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August Session Esqueuing Council Held on Monday

Deputation Asks for Widening of Road—New Subdivision at Glenwilliams

The regular meeting of Esqueuing Township Council was held on Monday evening August 2nd. Deputy Reeve, George Currie, Councilors, George Leslie, H. Craig Reid and Wilfred Bird were present. Reeve George E. Cleave presided.

A deputation of ratepayers from below Norval on Concession 11, attended the meeting, asking that road be improved by widening sharp curves on road. Council agreed to meet members of Chinguacousy Council, when meeting can be arranged.

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THE LAMB-SNYDER WEDDING AT FIRST UNITED IN HAMILTON

In First United Church, Hamilton, on July 24th at four o'clock, a double ring wedding took place when Margaret Jean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus H. Snyder of Fergus, formerly of Campbellville, was married to Mr. Ivan Erskine Lamb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. McLaughlin of Hamilton.

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An opportune eighth inning splash by the Counting Toward scored four runs and was actually the only time they assumed command. Prior to this it was exclusively Acton, but the 5-2 lead they created did not suffice as two bingles and two hits went all the way for four runs in the eighth.

Seven errors contributed mainly to the loss suffered by the locals. Practically all Milton runs were scored on or as a result of infield bobbles. The four hits notched by the Red Caps were hardly adequate to win, but with errors adding then it was a different story.

Local Farmer is Trampled by Bull No Serious Injury

Archie McDonald, son of Mr. J. D. McDonald had a narrow escape from serious injury on Monday when he was knocked down by a bull on the farm on the Fourth line. After knocking Mr. McDonald down the bull trampled him on the chest with his front feet. Treated by Dr. W. G. C. Kenney following the accident it was found he had escaped without any broken ribs but he is badly bruised.

MRS. J. H. SMITH WILL BE NINETY ON SATURDAY

Mrs. John H. Smith, for many years a resident of Acton, but now residing with her daughter, Mrs. Cochrane at 34 Alma Street Kitchener, will on Saturday, observe her ninetieth birthday. We join with other friends in this home community in extending birthday congratulations to this nonagenarian.

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Half-Way Mark on Citizens' Share Reached

Hartley-Shields Re-union Held at Crawford Lake

On July 24th, the Hartley-Shields family Re-union was held by Crawford Lake. Ninety nine members registered, as contrasted with approximately 150 last year, but the drop in attendance was thought to be largely due to excellent harvesting conditions.

Under the supervision of Hartley Anderson and Perry Walls, a varied program of sports was well carried out. Following this a basket lunch was served, and this in turn was followed by a business meeting conducted by President Roy Walls of Hamilton. At this time there were elected Mr. Hartley Anderson, Campbellville, President; Mr. Joe Hartley, Milton, Secretary; and Mrs. Helen Shaw, Toronto, Treasurer.

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\$5-215.00 Has been Pledged of the First \$10,000 Objective to be Raised by Individual Subscriptions of Wage Earners and Citizens—Help the Carriers Complete Objective This Month by Having Your Pledge Ready when they Call

This week the first list of subscribers to the Acton Community Swimming Pool has been compiled and is published below. The workers have in the month had a big task. Sometimes six calls were necessary before citizens could be contacted. It all meant extra work for voluntary workers. It is desired to finish the job this month. There is still a lot of work to be done. Please be ready to give your decision when the canvasser calls or better still go the other half-way and contact your worker, go to the bank or Public Utilities Office and complete your pledge or donation.

There is still about half of the \$10,000 objective of the citizen's share to be raised. It can be done if everyone gives the best possible. If you are short of cash it makes no difference. Your pledge can be made for six months and paid as you desire within that time. The work on the swimming pool cannot be started before next spring. Your cash will not be required until then, but the committee must be assured of funds before the work can be started.

The \$10,000 citizens' objective must be assured before the canvass of the business men and manufacturers can be started. This phase should be completed this month.

Here is the first step. An honest effort has been made to compile a correct list. If there are errors they will be promptly corrected if called to the attention of the committee.

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| Adby H. P. | \$10.00 |
| Agnew R. | 10.00 |
| Alger K. M. | 10.00 |
| Anderson F. | 10.00 |
| Anderson J. M. | 10.00 |
| Anderson R. | 10.00 |
| Andrews H. G. | 10.00 |
| Archie H. | 10.00 |
| Ashley C. | 5.00 |
| Atkinson T. | 10.00 |
| Ayles, J. | 10.00 |
| Allen G. | 10.00 |
| Allen W. | 10.00 |
| Bailey H. | 5.00 |
| Bayliss G. H. | 10.00 |
| Bennett M. J. | 10.00 |
| Bilton G. | 25.00 |
| Black D. J. | 10.00 |
| Blanche R. | 5.00 |
| Braida A. | 10.00 |
| Brown A. T. | 1.00 |
| Brown F. | 10.00 |
| Brown G. H. | 5.00 |
| Bradshaw J. | 10.00 |
| Bristow V. | 10.00 |
| Brown G. | 4.00 |
| Baird R. N. | 50.00 |
| Braida E. | 10.00 |
| Brown G. | 10.00 |
| Brown O. R. | 10.00 |
| Bowman G. | 10.00 |
| Benton G. W. | 15.00 |
| Blanche W. | 5.00 |
| Bayless A. J. | 10.00 |
| Beavers W. | 10.00 |
| Bennett M. Z. | 10.00 |
| Bilton G. | 10.00 |
| Blickley E. A. | 10.00 |
| Blanche W. | 5.00 |
| Braida N. | 10.00 |
| Brown B. | 10.00 |
| Brown G. | 1.00 |
| Burton W. | 10.00 |
| Bradshaw J. | 10.00 |
| Dean R. | 25.00 |
| Bradley M. | 10.00 |
| Braida R. | 10.00 |
| Brudelle J. S. | 20.00 |
| Bellamy H. E. | 10.00 |
| Binnie P. | 5.00 |
| Blow J. | 5.00 |

Nassagaweya Sets Rates of Taxes For the Year

Nassagaweya Township Council met on Monday, July 26th, in the Council Chamber, with Mr. W. M. VanSickle, Reeve presiding.

Mr. Hitchcock was present at this meeting to discuss the question of a Deer Hunt in the Township. The matter was left over till the next meeting.

Accounts amounting to \$7,100 and the Road Superintendent's Voucher for \$13,000 were ordered paid.

A By-law to set the rates to be levied for the year 1948 was given the required readings and passed.

A By-law was also passed setting the rates for the School Area and the remaining School Sections.

The question of dog tax was discussed but no action was taken at present.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the Clerk of Puslinch Township asking their Council to meet the Nassagaweya Council at the Townline, corner connecting County Road at Lot 14 Nassagaweya, to inspect the road.

A resolution was passed as follows: That the Resolution of July 26th, 1948, Re: purchase of Knatchbull Hall be changed to read \$10,000, instead of \$100, the same to be used as a Polling Station.

Council adjourned to meet on August 30th, 1948 at 8:00 p.m.

SAILOR TALK

Navy Wife: "When we were first married you said 'I had a shape like a beautiful ship.'"
Husband: "Yeah, but your car has shifted."

Barn Dance at Claude Pickett's Farm, Seventh Line, 1 1/2 miles north of Harnby, Tuesday, August 10th, Modernaires Orchestra Admission 50c. Bif

Knox Church dinner, Tuesday, August 10 at 7:15 p.m. in the Church. Sponsored by Ladies Aid. Tickets may be had from any member before Monday noon. Tickets 50c.