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Robert Leavens Electrocuted at Ajax Plant Here

Cable on Which he was Operating Made Contact with High Voltage Line

Robert C. Leavens, an employee of Ajax Engineers at the Acton plant was accidentally electrocuted at 1.30 p.m. last Friday when the cable on the winch he was operating made contact with the 550 volt line on the electric crane. The accident happened when Mr. Leavens was operating the winch that opens the large door to allow the crane to take loads to the railway siding. In some manner a bar from the doors came in contact with the power line of the crane and contacted the steel cable attached to the winch. It formed a direct connection to Mr. Leavens who was operating from the ground. Employees who heard his call were unable to shut off the power or do anything to save him. Dr. W. C. Kenney was called but Mr. Leavens was beyond help before he reached the plant. An inquest was held here last night.

The Coroner's Jury making inquiring last night after hearing several witnesses gave the following verdict:

"We the Jury find that Robert Leavens met his death at the Ajax Engineering Co. at Acton on Friday, August 20th at approximately 1.25 p.m. by electrocution through accidental means. We also feel that the deceased should have exercised greater precaution in the execution of his duties."

Coroner Dr. G. E. Syer presided and Crown Attorney Dick conducted the inquiry. The Jury were Wm. Benson, foreman, G. Rogan, Wm. G. E. Syer, R. McEachern, D. Manning and E. Marks.

Robert Leavens has been a resident of Acton for the past ten years. For 24 years he resided in Saskatchewan. He was not married. Born on the town line about a mile north of Acton he was a son of the late John and Sarah Leavens. Of the family one brother Richard of Fonthill and a sister Mrs. Lyle Smith of Parry Sound remain and to them sympathy of all is extended. Mr. Leavens has resided for the past year with Mr. and Mrs. John Williamson.

The funeral was held on Monday afternoon and many friends attended the service at the Johnstone and Rumley Funeral Home. Rev. Chas. R. Gower conducted the service. The pallbearers were Messrs. John Williamson, Geo. Ritchie, Samuel Snow, Chas. Spliers, Reg. Wilson and W. J. Coan. The flower bearers were Henry Cripps, Jerry Pargeter, Murray Bauer and Chas. Barber. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery, Acton.

Among those from out-of-town attending the service were: Mr. Fred Leavens, of Welland; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Leavens, of Stoney Creek; Mrs. Henry Ford, Fonthill; Mrs. Kay Little, Welland; Miss Edna Leavens and Mr. Richard Leavens of Fonthill; Mrs. Lionel Smith, Mrs. Wm. Hall, Hector Smith, Gordon Smith and Miss Francis Smith, all of Owen Sound.

Floral tributes included those from the following: Mr. and Mrs. John Williamson, Office Employees Ajax Engineers, The Lambert family, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Landsborough and family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Leavens and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Smith and family, Harry, Charlie and the boys, nieces and nephews from Welland and Fonthill, Employees Ajax Engineers.

ACTON CITIZENS TO BE C.N.E. GUESTS ON SATURDAY

Citizens of Acton who have been invited to be guests at the Canadian National Exhibition on Saturday include Reeve and Mrs. F. J. McCutcheon, Mrs. Amos Mason, Mrs. J. C. Matthews, Mrs. R. L. Davidson, Mrs. R. N. Baird, Miss Marguerite Ryder. During the Fair the Directors of the C.N.E. entertain various groups of guests as representatives of their community in a fine neighborly way.

IDENTIFICATION

Sentry: "Halt! Who goes there?"
Voice: "Canadian."
Sentry: "Advance and recite a verse of 'O Canada!'"
Voice: "I don't know it."
Sentry: "Proceed, Canadian!"

Acton Company \$1000 Scholarship For Young Man

Some fortunate young man in Acton or district has a real opportunity under an announcement this week by the Wool Combing Corporation of Canada.

The company has decided to sponsor one employee or son of an employee in a 3-year course at the Provincial Institute of Textiles in Hamilton and has earmarked for this purpose \$1000.00 per year, for the 9 months of the course. These 3-year courses are designed for youths looking forward to employment in technical positions in the Primary Textile Industry.

To qualify for the scholarship the prospective student should:

(a) Have the Ontario Secondary School Graduation Diploma or evidence of completion of any school course, together with adequate industrial experience.

(b) Be 21 years of age, or less, with the exception of ex-servicemen whose age limit will be increased by the length of his service in the armed forces.

Names of candidates are now being submitted to the manager and the classes start on September 7. The Company also undertakes to make arrangements upon the completion of each annual course for the student to obtain further experience in a textile plant during the summer months.

LIMEHOUSE W. I. PROVIDE PROGRAM AT DUBLIN MEETING

Dublin Women's Institute met in Dublin School for their August meeting and had as guests the members of the Limehouse Women's Institute. Miss Robertson was in charge of the meeting.

Mrs. George Robertson was appointed delegate to the Area Convention in Guelph. Mrs. C. Van-Goozen was made convener of the Fall Fair exhibits.

A donation of \$2.00 was given to Acton Fall Fair. Mrs. Robertson welcomed the Limehouse guests and Mrs. Millar was chairman for the following program. Reading by Miss Charlotte McCullough, "Experience of an Irish Lady and Hospitalization"; piano solo, Mrs. Mulder; Reading, Miss Winnie Ivens, Several Poems by Edna Jacques; Sing-Song, Carry me back to Old Virginia, Home on the Range, Seeling Nellie Home; Hat designed, Mrs. Batkin; Singing, O Canada. Mrs. Pearl Kennedy conducted a quiz contest won by Miss E. Roberts and Miss Charlotte McCullough. Hearty applause by the Dublin ladies showed their appreciation for the splendid program.

Lunch was served and a social time enjoyed.

The Agricultural Show at the Canadian National Exhibition has no equal anywhere. Every new development to aid the farmer is on display as well as the products of farm, field, garden and dairy from all over this Dominion.

Transfers, Reports and Routine Items at Utilities Meeting

The regular meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Tuesday evening. Chairman C. M. Hansen presided with Reeve F. J. McCutcheon and J. R. MacArthur being present.

Superintendent Wilson reported that the three lights were installed on Beardmore Crescent as ordered by Esqueping Township.

A transfer of \$1,000. was made from the Waterworks Account to the general account of the corporation.

Superintendent Lambert reported that the shingling on the Pump House had been completed.

A leak in the Watermain at the Bowling green would be fixed shortly.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Bell Telephone Co. of Canada, Services	\$14.39
Packard Electric Co., Ltd., Supplies	21.30
Canadian Line Materials Ltd., Supplies	22.02
Grand and Toy, Ltd. Supplies	16.00
Acton Free Press, Supplies	13.88
Canadian Chromalox Co., Ltd., Supplies	2.98
Canadian Westinghouse Co., Ltd., Supplies	10.01
McDonald Electric Co., Ltd. Supplies	39.85
Express and Transport	1.60
Mrs. H. Palmer	12.00
	\$153.91

ACTON'S NEWEST INDUSTRY IS A FOUNDRY



Above is a view of the new Blow Foundry at Acton which commenced production this month and is now making castings for the adjoining Acton Machine Shops and the general trade. It is newly equipped and at present gives employment to about 8 men. But production will soon be stepped up. It is located east of the C.N.R. tracks and adjoining the plant of Acton Machine Shops.

Lower photo shows a scene inside the foundry where a workman is making a casting and pouring the molten metal into the moulds. The new foundry will greatly assist in production of the Blow Punch Presses made by the Acton Machine Shops.



Acton Loses on Saturday In Final of Group

After Giving Milton a 4-0 Defeat Last Week, the County Town Boys Pile up a 5-0 Win to Clinch the Group—Season is over for Acton Early this Year

In as much as Acton Intermediates shut-out Milton last Thursday night 4-0 to again deadlock the series at two games each, the fifth and deciding contest was a virtual repetition of the fourth with Milton turning the tables on the locals 5-0 and copping the County "C" crown in front of a large audience on the County Town diamond last Saturday.

Acton conceded defeat only in the ninth and final inning of the fifth encounter when they went down gracefully before a sparkling pitching job by Murray Grenke, ace righthander of the Red Caps, who restricted our boys to five solitary bingles. The "Cow-boy" as he is known for marked physical contours turned in a game that with slight alterations would have passed for southpaw Don Ryder's display the previous Thursday when he set Milton down with five hits and successfully shut them out. Ryder hurled the first performance but a lack of hits on the part of mates coupled with an attack of acute erroritis, dimmed any hopes fans had of advancing into Ontario play-downs.

Do Your Strains

It's mothballs for triple A uniforms, now unless they intend staging an exhibition contest or two for the benefit of those who envisioned baseball still being played at fair time, Milton proved to be, if not the better club, one that can deliver in the "clutch." Acton fans wish them every success.

On the part of Acton it was a sharp contrast to the championship club of the last year. Seemingly plagued by undeterminable obstacles to regain their form, they showed only brief glimpses of what was termed "potent" last semester. But they did prolong the best of five series with Milton to its limit, which is fitting tribute.

Matt Tyler, the players, officials and all concerned deserve commendation for the 1948 baseball season. They'll be back next year for another stab at the silverware which rarely is awarded to the same club consecutively.

Records indicate that this is the first time since the post-war resumption of the Halton County League a Milton Int. club has entered the Ontario play-downs. With Acton ousted in their capacity of defending Ontario titlists, the road to Ontario honors looks considerably smoother.

Acton 4 — Milton 0

Acton won the fourth game of the series by bunching their hits while Don Ryder port-sided to victory. Clamping a five hit restriction down Ryder led the bases on two occasions—but when the chips were down, he worked better. The closest Milton came to scoring was Grenke's and Rush's sojourn on third base.

Marshall was nominated to hurl at the outset for Milton. He had to be relieved however, in the third inning after Bob Footitt raced home from second base on Jack Waterhouse's single to left centre chalking up Acton's first run. Grenke allowed only one additional run, it in the fifth when Masters boarded on Melanson's wild throw and romped to the home sack on Bill Waterhouse's safety.

Milton pulled off two double plays during the fourth and fifth. Gervais's throw to second arrived before Masalski slid back to the sack off J. Waterhouse's screaming drive that seemed destined to go for a hit. A stellar catch by Gervais whose fielding eye improves with condition settled the issue.

Three consecutive singles failed to notch a run for Acton in the sixth. First Ryder, then Masters and finally Morton slashed out singles. Ryder was nipped at second by a snap throw from Stover and Masters and Morton didn't pass the second sack.

The game was called at the end of the eighth due to poor visibility. Darkness descended like a heavy curtain curtaining any further play.

Box Score

	R	H	E
Acton	0	2	1
Milton	0	0	0

Milton 5 Acton 0

A three run surge in the bottom half of the third and singles enabled Milton to blank Acton in the fifth and deciding game. Although they managed only seven hits from Don Ryder's offerings, they were bunched nicely into three innings. Errors in the third (Continued on Page Five)

Motorist Crashes In Mill Street Block on Monday

John H. Hutchinson, aged 67, of R.R. 1 York Mills, escaped personal injuries but damaged his car by \$115 when he crashed over the sidewalk on Mill Street on Monday morning and skidded along the side of the Starkman block before the machine stopped. It went between two signs but clipped off the steel standard of the highway marker.

The Hutchinson car was following a large truck on the highway on Main St. going east. It is believed Mr. Hutchinson was unfamiliar with the road and attempted to pass the truck on the intersection and when the truck turned was forced to cut ahead or collide with the truck. Fortunately no pedestrians were struck and most of the damage was to the motorist's car. Chief Harrop investigated the accident and charges may be laid.

FALL FAIR DATES FOR 1948 EVENTS OF THIS DISTRICT

District	Event	Date
Acton	Fall Fair	Aug. 27-Sept. 11
Milton	Fall Fair	Sept. 24-25
Georgetown	Fall Fair	Sept. 17-18
Mount Forest	Fall Fair	Aug. 24-25
Durham	Fall Fair	Sept. 9-10
Fergus	Fall Fair	Sept. 10-11
Barrie	Fall Fair	Sept. 13-14
Bracebridge	Fall Fair	Sept. 16-17
Caletown	Fall Fair	Sept. 17-18
Cooksville	Fall Fair	Sept. 17-18
London	Fall Fair	Sept. 13-19
New Hamburg	Fall Fair	Sept. 17-18
Shelburne	Fall Fair	Sept. 14-15
Galt	Fall Fair	Sept. 23-25
Lindsay	Fall Fair	Sept. 21-25
Orangeville	Fall Fair	Sept. 21-22
Aberfoyle	Fall Fair	Sept. 28-29
Arthur	Fall Fair	Sept. 28-29
Waterdown	Fall Fair	Sept. 28-29
Markham	Fall Fair	Sept. 30-Oct. 2
Bolton	Fall Fair	Oct. 1-2
Streetsville	Fall Fair	Oct. 2nd
Brampton	Fall Fair	Oct. 7-9
Erin	Fall Fair	Oct. 9 & 11
Grand Valley	Fall Fair	Oct. 5-6
Rockton	Fall Fair	Oct. 9 & 11
Teeswater	Fall Fair	Oct. 5-6
Woodbridge	Fall Fair	Oct. 8, 9, & 11

DUTCH DAIRY INDUSTRY

The Minister of Agriculture of the Netherlands in a statement issued in May expressed the opinion that the Netherlands as an exporter of butter is unable to compete on a cost basis with Denmark and New Zealand. Milk producers were advised to concentrate on the production of cheese, condensed milk and allied milk products, for which good returns were obtainable in export markets.

Prince Phillip in addition to being the king's son-in-law, is also his aide-de-campe.

Newest Industry for Acton is Now in Operation

Blow Foundry Now Producing Castings for Machine Shop and Trade

Acton's newest industry, the Blow Foundry started production this month with a staff of eight men and when the full capacity of the foundry is reached, the staff will be about fourteen employees. The plant is owned by Mr. Kenneth Blow, manager of the Acton Machine Shops. It was formerly operated in Peterboro but Mr. Blow after a few years of operation decided to build in Acton and in this town erected a new building 75x40, east of the C.N.R. railway and at the rear of the Acton Machine Shops. Some of the equipment was brought from Peterboro but much of it is new. It is equipped with a five ton electric crane and has cupola furnace and elevator.

Castings for Blow Processes and other work of Acton Machine Shops will be made and also castings for the trade when the plant is in full operation. There is a fine core oven and an automatic moulding machine included will later be put into operation at the plant. Acton welcomes this newest industry and the aggressiveness of its manufacturers such as Ken Blow who with other members of the family are carrying on so splendidly the fine business established by the late Fred S. Blow.

Modern Stores Continue to Add Acton's Business

Two Open This Week and Another Scheduled for Next Week

That one new double store on Mill Street has made quite a change in the business section. Last week Carroll's Groceries opened in the new premises and patrons were quite pleased with this modern arrangement.

This week (to-day) the Ros-Ann shop opens in the store adjoining. It too is a very modern store with recessed entrance from the street and two long show windows particularly adapted for displaying the ladies' wear to be carried by this store. New fixtures of the most modern design and a fine lighting arrangement make the interior very attractive. The floor is maroon tile. In connection with the opening of this ladies shop—a fashion show is being held tonight at the New Roxy Theatre.

This week yet another business opens on Mill Street. It's Vic Bristow's Photography studio. Quarters in the building next to the Y.M.C.A. have been renovated for this work which is a new service for Acton and should meet a need here.

Next week the Maher Shoe Store plans to open a new store in Acton in the store vacated by Carroll's. This week workmen are remodelling the store front, refitting the interior and arranging for new modern fixtures for this store with a tentative opening date for next week-end but particulars to be announced later.

The past year or so has seen a lot of changes on the Mill Street business and a fine rebuilding and renovation of many of the buildings. Every line is represented in the activity and Acton now has a very fine and modern shopping district not only in the downtown section but in stores serving various sections of the community. We hesitate to enumerate them lest some be overlooked but, at least ten buildings are either new or have had extensive alterations for retail business here in the past two years.

Second Case of Polio Reported in Halton County

The second case of poliomyelitis within a week has been reported to officials, Dr. James Mather, medical officer of health for Halton revealed.

Peter Campbell, 12, of R. R. 3, Sarnia, was stricken while visiting his uncle Roy Agar, of Acton. The young lad was removed to Hospital for Sick Children, at Toronto for treatment. Dr. Mather reported paralysis had not developed.

While this is the second case reported to officials, Dr. Mather said the sickness was not contracted in our county. In the first instance, the little girl was stricken while in Toronto and the case of the boy, illness had developed before reaching his uncle's home.

While the Medical Officer of Health felt there would not be a serious outbreak to reach the proportions of an epidemic in Halton, he urged all parents to follow the simple rules, published in these columns a week ago, and report illness to the family physician.

How can a boy or girl capitalize on his or her freckles? Well here's one way: There is a prize competition to ascertain who has the most freckles and the biggest ones to be held at the Canadian National Exhibition this year. The "Ex" is now receiving entries.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, to cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcements of 25.

Dance in Brookville Hall, Friday, August 27th. Admission 40c.

Midnite dance, Acton Park Pavilion Sunday midnite, September 5th. Bob Martin's Orchestra. Admission 75c. 11-3-b

Barn Dance at Claude Pickett's Farm, Seventh Line, 1 1/2 miles north of Hornby, Tuesday, Aug. 31st. Modernaires Orchestra. Admission 50c. But