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Community Hall Opened by Esqueusing Township

Council Chambers and Fine Assembly Hall Part of New Building

Citizens of Esqueusing Township might well be proud of the fine building which was officially opened last night in Stewarttown. It is indeed a credit to the planning of those officials of the township who are responsible for its erection.

Esqueusing Council acquired a 3-story brick building on the site of the Community Township Hall early in 1925. Before that time, the Township business had been conducted in a frame building across the road on the Tracy property at the corner. The purchase price of the building was \$1200 and at that time it seemed a high price. The building had been used as a general store and also as an implement shop. The name of the original builder of the building has been forgotten by most residents of Stewarttown.

The present building is 46 feet wide and 120 feet long. It is divided into two sections 46x60 with a fire-wall between. The rear is for housing the machinery of the Township and it also contains the hot water boiler for the steam heating. A well has been dug in the floor which has a flow of 41 water. The depth of this well is only six feet. An electric pump is installed which supplies water to the kitchen and heating system.

On the left as you enter the building from the front is the Council Chamber with a vault built into the room. The assembly hall is approximately 30'x60' and has a stage at the back end with two dressing rooms on either side. The walls of this room are finished in natural birch plywood with a masonry ceiling. The hall is large enough to accommodate 200 persons. At the side of the hall and immediately behind the Council chamber is a well equipped kitchen with ample cupboard space, a sink and as soon as it can be procured, an electric stove. The kitchen is 16' x 20'. An outside door gives access to the kitchen with a serving door opening into the assembly hall. Immediately back of the kitchen, toilets have been installed.

Timbers of the second and third stories of the original building have been used in the building of the garage section of the building. A parking lot has been procured, immediately to the north of the building and this has been levelled and gravelled for the parking of cars.

The members of the present Council who are Warden George Cleave, Deputy-Reeve George Currie, Councilors Geo. Leslie, Craig Reid and Wilfred Bird are to be congratulated on the enterprise which has given Esqueusing Township one of the finest Community Halls in this district. Of course, Clerk Isaac Bennett has had quite a lot to do with the erection of this fine edifice. It is estimated the cost of the building will be in the neighbourhood of \$20,000. A large proportion of this cost will be collected in subsidies from various departments of the government.

Periscope-eyed files that can swing their eyes around a corner have been brought from Africa to the American Museum of Natural History.

Large Group Gather To Officially Open Esqueusing Hall

Wednesday night a large group gathered in Esqueusing Community Hall to officially open the building at Stewarttown. Guests speaker of the evening was Mr. J. A. Carroll, of the Department of Agriculture, who was introduced by Warden George Cleave who commented briefly on the assistance given by Mr. Carroll in the remodeling of the building.

Mr. Carroll stated that, as we progress in machinery so should we progress in our social life. It was his aim to see that people had access to facilities that would allow them to have a good social life. The speaker complimented the people in rural areas on their ability to meet in gatherings that included all ages. Mr. Carroll, in conclusion said, "It gives me great pleasure at this time to officially declare Esqueusing Community Hall open."

Warden George Cleave, chairman for the evening, introduced the three ex-reeves of Esqueusing that were able to be present. Messrs Leslie, Wilson and Nelson each briefly congratulated the Council on their fine achievement. Mayor Gibbons of Georgetown brought greetings and congratulations from his town which appreciated its good neighbors in Esqueusing.

The members of the present council each spoke, thanking the people for their co-operation and expressing their pride in being the instigators in the erection of this Community asset.

Warden Cleave introduced the committee empowered in care for the administration of the building. Mrs. Lawson, Stewartville, W.I.; Mrs. Cunningham, Ashgrove, W.I.; Mr. Brown, Federation of Agriculture; Mr. Alexander, Junior Farmers; Mr. Reid, Esqueusing Agricultural Society; Mr. Currie and Mr. Cleave, representing the Council. The chairman on behalf of the council turned the management of the hall over to Mr. Alexander, president of the Committee.

Dancing concluded the memorable event as the Esqueusing Community Hall was launched on its program for Community development.

KNOX Y.W.A. PRESENTS GIFT TO MRS. J. M. ANDERSON

The October meeting of the Knox Y.W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. G. W. Mansley with the president, Mrs. F. Anderson in charge. The scripture lesson for the evening was taken by Marguerite Roszell, after which Mrs. O'Hara led in prayer. Mrs. J. Sinclair gave a very interesting chapter of the Study Book. Mrs. G. Bowen rendered a solo which was enjoyed by all.

At the close of the meeting, on behalf of the members, Mrs. Inglis presented Mrs. J. M. Anderson, with a vase, as a token of their friendship. Mrs. Anderson replied briefly and thanked the girls for their gift. The committee in charge served a dainty lunch and a social half hour was enjoyed by all.

THE MORTGAGE GOES UP



Last Thursday night Acton Y's Men's Club celebrated the completion of a project started three years ago when they finished payment on the floor laid in Acton Arena for summer dances. The obligation assumed by the individual members has been met and picture shows the mortgage going up in smoke while the club really enjoys this fine. Acton Free Press Photo

ESQUEUSING'S NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE



Officially opened last night at Stewarttown was fine new community centre for Esqueusing Township. It provides headquarters for the township municipal offices, Council Chamber and assembly hall and all necessities for a gathering place for all the township in a social way. Complete description and a report of the opening last night are given in another column. Lower left shows Council assembled in the Council Chamber while lower right Clerk Isaac Bennett and Reeve Geo. Currie are seen at the door to the Council Chamber. Free Press Photos

Y's Men's Club Stage Halloween Children's Party

Plenty of Fun at Arena with Prizes and Halloween Treats

The witches, hobgoblins, ghosts and all that goes to make up the colorful pageantry of Halloween met at the Town Hall on Saturday evening, despite the heavy fog. Even the members of the band were dressed suitably for the occasion. Led by Bandmaster Mason, the gathering paraded to the arena where the Y's Men's Club had prepared to receive the children of the town.

There were numerous classes for the costumed figures, divided into school groups. The various winners were as follows: Preschool Katharine Kirkness, Ricky McKay. Grade 1 and 2 Rose Mary Skilling, Peter Canham. Grade 3 and 4 Brian Thorarinson, Don Brown. Grade 5 and 6 Marilyn Marks, Joe Jany. Grade 7 and 8 Joyce Palmer, Wayne Arble. High School Lorraine Roszell, Bob Rumley. Adults - Sheridan Tomph, Bella Roszell. Best Bandman - Emmerson Baxter, Mel. Blow.

Two motion pictures which were very appropriate for the occasion, were shown, "Teddy Bear at Play" and "Western Marshes." Numerous other stunts were put on for the entertainment of the guests by members of the "Y" with George O'Donoghue at the mike. President John Greer of the Y.M.C.A. Board acted as master of ceremonies. All classes for the costume events were well filled and the judges had a difficult task in selecting the prize winners among so many worthy of prizes.

Approximately three hundred well filled grab bags were passed out to the children along with a rousy, red apple. At nine o'clock the last child had received his treat and the show was over for another year.

The Y's Men deserve a lot of credit for undertaking this yearly event and citizens who support the party with donations find that it really pays off in having the children entertained on Halloween night.

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LADIES' AID OF KNOX CHURCH MEET AT MANSE

Mrs. John Anderson was hostess to the Knox Ladies Aid for the October meeting. The president Mrs. E. McCutcheon presided. The Bible-reading was taken by Mrs. Geo. Lantz. The business period included final plans for the Anniversary supper. All convenors reported on their work the past month. All repeated the Lord's Prayer in unison to conclude the business meeting.

Musical numbers were given by Mrs. W. J. Hall on the Auto Harp and the two numbers by the Ladies' Quartette of Mrs. R. L. Davidson, Mrs. W. J. Hall, Miss Bella Ross, 1 and Mrs. E. Anderson were "Whispering Slopes" and "The Church in the Wildwood."

Mrs. Geo. Somerville on behalf of the group gave a farewell message to Mrs. John Anderson and presented her with a personal gift of remembrance. Mrs. E. J. Hayward, convener of the month with her group leaders served refreshments and a social time was enjoyed. Mrs. A. J. Murray was appointed convener of the November meeting.

Baptist Church Marks 106th Anniversary

Rev. Frank Patch of Hamilton Was the Guest Preacher

Acton's oldest church, the Baptist Church, celebrated its 106th Anniversary on Sunday, October 31. The guest preacher for the occasion was Rev. Frank Patch of Wentworth St. Baptist Church, Hamilton. Special music was provided by the Baracca Male Quartette of Preston, consisting of Chas. Spencer, Gerald Coons, George Pollard and Ed Clements.

At the morning service the quartet sang, "The Day is Bright" and "Strong Arm of God." In his opening remarks, Mr. Patch complimented the Church on reaching this milestone and suggested that on anniversary occasions we should bring together forward and backward views, take stock and plan for the future.

The theme of Mr. Patch's talk was "What if your prayers were answered?"

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New Chancel United Church is Dedicated

Weeks of Work by Congregation Show Fine Improvement in Church Interior

An impressive service of dedication was held in Acton United Church on Friday evening, October 23rd, when the church was reopened for regular church services after a period of renovation during which time a new chancel arrangement of seating was brought into effect and a semi-chancel suggestion was given the front of the sanctuary. This work mostly done by voluntary labour under the supervision of the minister has been in progress for many weeks during which period the congregation had been holding their Sabbath services in the school rooms. The appearance of the new design reveals what can be done to improve and modernize the interior of many churches with care and forethought, and those present at the service of dedication were profoundly persuaded of the changed appearance. The new design provides accommodation for upwards of 40 choir voices and the spacious chancel adds dignity and awe to the effect of the whole. The chancel and steps to the choir, the centre aisle of the church and the steps to the chancel have been carpeted in a rich beautiful and quiet design in deep shades of red, while velvet drapes in matching shade screen the console of the organ.

On the Friday evening of the dedication the sermon was delivered by the Rev. E. E. Hallman of Kitchener, Minister of the Zion Congregation of the Evangelical United-Brethren Church of North America. In a forthright message Mr. Hallman spoke of the place and need of the church in the society of today and the suitability of adorning and fashioning the House of God that it might appear the object it is—a house of God, the place of prayer. As society changes and the world with its problems moves on the Church too must ever be on the march capable of service in every day, and generation. Other clergy were present taking part in the service and the prepared responses of the people were a challenge to the dedicating of the members of the Body of Christ to Christian service.

On Sunday morning, October 31, the Church was officially reopened by the regular service conducted by the minister. The sermon subject was Christ the Foundation, with text chosen from 1 Corinth 3: 11. "For other foundation can no man lay than is laid which is Jesus Christ." A large congregation was in attendance, the choir providing appropriate music. Mrs. Russell of Unionville was the guest soloist. Next Sunday morning the first communion in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed in the newly renovated Church.

A U.S.A. tenor named McCormack, who possesses the highest range man's voice known in a century, will sing roles in "The Puritans", an opera discarded for lack of a tenor able to take his higher notes.

Curling Rink Walls to be Repaired for Skating Use

Magistrate's Court Remands Case Fifth Time

For a fifth time Len G. Adams, alias, Brunell and Sloan was remanded when he appeared at a special sitting of Magistrate's Court here Saturday morning.

Adams is charged with robbing while armed, the Bank of Nova Scotia of approximately \$105,000 cash and bonds on July 8th, 1947. While the crown was prepared to continue with the preliminary hearing at the special session, defence counsel John G. White asked the court for another week's remand. "I understand the crown has already asked for three and I would like some time to prepare a defense," he said.

Mr. Dick refused to consent to granting of bail for the accused when asked for by Mr. White. Magistrate Kenneth M. Langdon remanded Adams to November 3.

NOVEMBER MEETING DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE CHAPTER I.O.D.E.

The November meeting of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter, I.O.D.E. was held at the home of Mrs. Siers, with the regent, Mrs. N. Baird, presiding.

It was decided to send a donation to headquarters in aid of shipping charges to Britain, instead of the usual food parcels this month. Group four, had on display, their donation of clothing for babies and small children to be sent to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in England. The various articles were very beautiful as well as useful. A Christmas gift will be sent to the Chapter's adopted school in the north.

At the December meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. R. M. Melton, a special feature will be an address by Mrs. L. I. Skuce, Provincial Education Secretary for the order, after which there will be a sing-song of Christmas carols.

Mrs. Blow read an article on Education and after discussion it was decided to give a donation to the Acton Public Library.

The musical program was given by two High School girls, Yvonne Brunelle, singing two delightful solos and Lorraine Mullen with piano solos. Mrs. D. McLean expressed the appreciation of the members to the girls for their enjoyable entertainment.

Hospesses serving refreshments were Mrs. Long, Mrs. J. Leishman, Mrs. W. Coles and Mrs. Irwin.

As at 31 May last, Canada's population reached 12,883,000 with Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia, in that order, showing the greatest increases.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or other Events, under this heading, are charged, as per page here, with a minimum charge for any announcements of 25c.

Acton Girl Guide and Brownie Cookie Day, this Saturday, November 6th.

Progressive Euchre, at Dublin School, November 12th, 8:30 p.m. Ladies Provide.

Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. Annual Bazaar and Baking Sale, Saturday, November 20, Acton YMCA.

I.O.L. Halloween Masquerade at Crowson's Corners, cancelled last week on account of bad weather, will be held this Friday.

Halloween Masquerade, Euchre and Dance, Crowson Corners Hall, Friday, November 6th. Auspices of Acton I.O.L. 467 Good prizes, refreshments. Admission 25c. Ladies provide.

Variety Fair, Fish Pond, candy, sale of work and baking, tea with door prize, Friday evening, November 5th at 8 p.m. Saturday afternoon, 3 p.m. Parish Hall. Under auspices of St. Alban's Guild.

Knox 103rd Anniversary Services Sunday, November 7th at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Annual Turkey Supper and Concert, Monday, November 8th, 6-8 p.m. Adults \$1.00, Children under 14, 50c.

\$2129.01 Taxes Yet To Be Collected—Supplies Ordered for Winter Season—Council have Conferred with Cemetery Board Re Chapel

Acton Council met in regular session on Wednesday evening with Councilors A. McIsaac, W. J. McLeod, and Deputy-Reeve W. J. Coon being present. Reeve F. J. McCutcheon presided.

Town Foreman Kirkness requested eight rolls of snow fence for places about town. This permission was granted.

The question of plowing snow at night was discussed. A motion was lost to have the necessary lights installed on the truck to plow the snow at night.

A delegation was present to discuss with Council the possibility of having the youngsters play hockey in the Arena this year. The idea behind this delegation was to get a certain number of hours allotted to the youngsters each week. It was decided that a meeting be held of those interested in the team along with the Arena management so that a program could be drawn up to the benefit of all concerned.

The report of the finance committee was passed as follows: County Hall, grading \$ 6.00 Jones & Van Gils, High School 1615.13 Y's Men, Halloween 10.00 E. P. Bowman, surveying 3.00 J. McCutcheon, selecting Jurors 5.00 E. E. Harrop, Jurors 5.00 F. J. McCutcheon, Jurors 5.00 High School Board 756.69 Small Children, clothing 1831.99 Can. Legion, wreath 10.00 H. J. Leachman, 11.00 F. L. Wright, insurance 770.25 S. Elliott, gravel 374.40 Municipal Work, stationery 1.11 Hollowell's Poles 11.25 F. G. Mellor, bulldozing 19.56 P. Stewart, wood 65.00

\$5,431.32

A special meeting of Council was held recently with the Cemetery Board to discuss the building of a Chapel and Crypt. It was felt that to erect and equip a suitable building would cost approximately \$15,000. The Cemetery Board had gone into the possibility of erecting such a building and had viewed a number of buildings which have been erected for this purpose. It was felt that the most suitable and it should be built after the style of a church. The furnishings would likely cost three to four thousand dollars. Council felt that a start should be made in laying away a portion of the cost so that eventually this building could be erected. The matter could be discussed with next year's Council so that money could be laid aside. It was also felt that donations may be received that would help the cost.

Council discussed the fixing of the sills on the Curling Rink. It was decided to meet at the Arena on Thursday to decide what was needed to make this building safe for use.

Council again discussed the installation of no parking signs in front of Dr. Kenney's office. It was decided not to install these signs.

The Clerk was instructed to order 50 yards of sand for the street. A motion was passed proclaiming Thursday, November 11th a Day of Remembrance and that a letter be sent to the industries requesting their co-operation in allowing any one who wish to attend the services between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

A hospital account was accepted by Council for an inmate of an industrial school. A contract was renewed with Imperial Tobacco Co. for the time clock in the Arena. A letter from the fire Underwriters asked about fire alarms and water supply during the power blackouts. This was to be checked with Fire Chief Brown at once.

Clerk McCutcheon reported that the total outstanding taxes remaining unpaid are \$2,129.01 and after next meeting orders will be issued for their collection.

Council issued instructions that the Band must comply with regulations and present their books for checking.

AUSTRALIAN HONEY

During the current financial year Australia will supply the United Kingdom with 10 thousand ton of honey.