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Hughes Cleaver Halton's Liberal Representative

Only Name Presented to Capacity Convention Last Thursday

Hughes Cleaver, of Burlington, was chosen Liberal standard bearer for the Halton riding at the forthcoming federal election on June 30th. Mr. Cleaver has represented Halton for the Liberal party continuously since 1935.

Mr. Cleaver's name was the only one presented to the convention delegates which crowded the Milton Town Hall to capacity, last Thursday night.

"Through the years I have honestly tried to fulfil the obligations you have entrusted me with, and as soon as the election is over I will continue to help all in the county regardless of their political beliefs," Mr. Cleaver promised in his acceptance speech. Paying tribute to the Prime Minister, he said, "he is the best man to go into the highest circles in the world, and he will receive the highest respect of anyone."

Warning the electors not to be deceived by wild promises he urged them not to allow the country to go into the chaos it did following the election of the Conservative government in 1931. "If you had a Tory or a C.C.F. government we would have tens of thousands out of work. They told us following the war, depression would strike, and men and women would be out of work all over the country, but by careful planning that didn't come about," he said.

Mr. Cleaver charged the Conservatives with stealing the Liberal platform, in respect to social legislation, tariffs and taxation. "They now advocate family allowance after opposing it when first introduced, and repudiated their stand on tariffs to the stand Liberals have taken for years."

"The Liberal policy has been one to pay its way, and since peace was declared the government has refunded \$1,500,000,000 of the national debt." Opposing the Conservative plan to provide old age pensions for those 65 years without a means test, Mr. Cleaver said it would cost the country an estimated \$3,000,000 extra. He favoured a scheme for a contributory system. The speaker assured the audience that as soon as provincial agreements were approved, people of Canada would enjoy health insurance, hospitalization and an old-age pension plan.

"Hughes Cleaver is one of the ablest members of the House of Commons, both in committee, in caucus and on the floor. He is equal to any member in the House," said Hon. Humphrey Mitchell taking the place of Hon. C. D. Howe, who was unable to be present.

Referring to the recent charges regarding North Star planes used by Trans-Canada Airlines, the Minister declared, "They have never been in an accident yet, and that is more than any other airline can boast of."

"I am not an aviation expert. Neither is George Drew, who has been making charges. But just examine the record of these North Stars in operation, and you will find there has yet to be a single accident."

He said Canada need not fear any economic collapse if given good government. "There is no other country in the world that is better off than Canada. The Liberal party has been fortunate in their leadership, and also fortunate in the leadership of the opposition. There has been much more progress in the last generation under this Liberal leadership than at any time in the history of the nation."

Continuing, he said, "I maintain we will have a boom — give this country good government and there will be ample work for everyone in the next generation."

Placing the name of Hughes Cleaver before the convention delegates Murray McPhail said, "we are fortunate to have Hughes Cleaver in Halton representing us at Ottawa. It is an opportunity we can't do without. He is a representative that no person in the opposition can find criticism."

MAY MEETING OF KNOX CHURCH W.M.S. HAD VARIED PROGRAM

Knox Presbyterian Church W.M.S. held their meeting in the class room of the Church in the evening of the 18th of May. The meeting was in charge of the Home Helpers of the W.M.S. The President, Mrs. H. Mainprize opened the meeting with a short reading.

The worship period was taken by Mrs. F. McCutcheon and Mrs. W. Watkins who read the Scripture lesson alternately and prayer was made by Mrs. D. McLellan.

The Ladies Aid Quartette composed of Miss Bella Rossell, Mrs. F. Anderson, Mrs. W. Hall and Mrs. B. Davidson sang "Let the lower lights be burning."

A very interesting letter from a missionary lady in British Guiana was read by Miss Isabel Anderson. The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and adopted. Rev. Mr. Armstrong then gave a very interesting address which was much enjoyed by all.

The Society was then favoured with a duet by Miss B. Rossell and Miss Isabel Anderson. Rev. Mr. Armstrong closed the meeting with prayer. A very dainty lunch was then served by the Home Helpers and a very pleasant half-hour spent.

Various Subjects On Agenda of High School Board

Salaries and engagement of teachers occupied much attention last Friday night when the North Halton High School Board met in Acton. Accounts amounting to \$10,126.41 were passed for payment.

Insurance on schools and equipment were more adequately covered. The motion presented at the last meeting regarding a selection of a central site came up for discussion and an amendment was carried that a committee meet with the Department of Education officials with a view to establishment of a school adjoining Acton. This committee will include a representative from each of the municipalities in the district. The motion was not voted upon as requested by the Acton members of the Board.

Seventeen applications were received for the position of principal of the Acton School but these could not be dealt with at this meeting which did not adjourn until after midnight.

ROXY MANAGER GEO. ROBINSON IS ADVANCED TO CITY

Mr. George Robinson who has been the very energetic manager of the Roxy Theatre here for a year has been advanced to the management of the Odessa in St. Thomas and leaves within a few weeks to assume the new position.

Mr. Lewis Miller of Kitchener will be the manager of the Acton Theatre and Mr. C. J. Pritlove, of Guelph, will be the projectionist here.

Mr. Robinson came to Acton just when the new theatre was opening and has energetically advanced the Roxy until it is one of the most popular entertainment centres of the district. Best wishes follow him for continued success in St. Thomas.

Softball Series For Acton Park This Summer

Spectators at Industrial League softball fixtures of two years ago found a familiar sight in Acton park on Empire Day when Force Electric and Junior Farmers played the first of a series designed to revive the game in Acton. Force Electric shaded the Jr. Farmers 6-5 in the opener.

A schedule has been drawn up and will be published next week. Meanwhile, games slated for this week pit Beardmore's against Baxter Labs on Friday (to-morrow) might and on the following Tuesday, Force Electric meet Baxter's.

The softball diamond has been promised a much needed face-lift and should be in fine shape for league games if immediate action is taken. Two years ago the league functioned smoothly, as fans can recall, but the diamond wasn't exactly the smartest in the district. This year, officials of the newly formed effort are confident that a first class season is in reserve for fans.

Opening Ball Game Won by Acton 8-7

Hamilton Recreational Put Up Close Contest that Had Local Fans Worried — Sam Snyder Was on Mound with Scott as Catcher — Big Crowd at First League Game

Acton fans had better suppress their emotions if they are to witness many more games of the type played here on Monday last to usher in the 1949 baseball season. Matt Tyler's Intermediate charges rose to the occasion by posting their first win at the expense of Hamilton Recreational, an all Japanese entry, 8-7 but they had to extend themselves to quell a determined effort to quell the visitors.

Until Sam Snyder whiffed Wally the poked-faced 7th batter in a hectic seventh inning, 500 odd spectators who witnessed the seven inning twilight affair were about willing to settle for a tie particularly since what could be the winning run was on the first sack. However, our Sam was in rare shape and sent the crowd home happy with his fifth strike victim.

Prospects for a stellar season are unquestionably in order as a result of Acton's win. Last year they failed to emerge victors on opening day, consequently a mediocre season. But this year's apocryphal title is on the hunt for another title. They resume the schedule on Saturday in Georgetown.

The Acton Club were never headed after constructing a three run lead in the second frame. Third baseman "Red" Ryder smashed a home run to start proceedings off and Robinson and Scott followed home in that order. As later events were to prove it was the second inning splurge that won the game. Two wild heaves by Seki and Diku catcher and short-stop respectively sufficed to bring in both Robinson and Scott. Seki's erratic throw to first was the main blow. He a split second previously dropped Snyder's third swing and made the throw necessary. It was off the target so far Snyder romped to third while the latter two made the plate.

In ensuing innings the Acton club counted in every frame. The bottom half of the third saw Ryder's bat boom again, this time with a ringing triple to centre, pushing in two more runs. Rees centre fielder misjudged Ryder's hit by running in instead of back for the sphere. Unfortunately po one hit Ryder home.

In the top half of the fourth, Rees connected twice, one a triple. A free ticket and a wild throw combined for three runs. Acton compromised with one in their half. Masters boarding on the 1st sackman's miscue and going home on an identical error chalked up to the short-stop.

A hit and an error by Waterhouse permitted another run for the visitors in the 5th. Acton rang up another in their half on Scott's rousing triple and a subsequent single on Snyder's part.

Off two bingles in the sixth Rees ran their fifth run over. Waterhouse singled and Masales puled out a three master to the race track, for Acton's eighth and final run.

Come the seventh and the visitors were still three runs behind. But Vehuda was issued a pass. Vishmu singled, Shimku took a pass while Seki knocked in two runs with a well placed bingle. With the tying and winning run on base and two out, Snyder whiffed Wally retiring the side.

Shintani hurled a sparkling game limiting Acton to seven hits. He showed an assortment of pitches that baffled the locals at times. Acton left seven men on base while Rees stranded a similar number.

The teams:
Hamilton — Shimba, 2b, Vehuda, 1b, Diku, ss, Vishmu, cf, Shimku, lf, Hoshimoto, rf, Seki, c, Yamamasa, 3b, "Wally" batted for "Roy" in 7th, Shintani, p.
Acton — Masters, st, J. Waterhouse, 1b, Jordan, lf, Masales, 2b, Foutitt, cf, Ryder, 3b, Robinson, rf, Scott, c, Snyder, p.

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Hamilton 000/311 2-7 8 4
Acton 032 111 x-8 7 4
Summary — Home runs—Ryder; triples — Ryder, Masales, Scott, Shimku; Doubles — Shintani; bases on balls issued by Snyder—5, by Shintani—5; strike-outs by Snyder —5, by Shintani—7; double plays—Shimba to Diku, Diku to Vehuda.

In 1870 aluminum, which is today a commonplace in every Canadian kitchen, was so valuable that Emperor Napoleon had a state dinner service made of it.

LIBERAL CANDIDATE



Hughes Cleaver who has represented Halton for several years in the House of Commons was the unanimous choice as candidate for Halton at the Liberal convention held in Milton last Thursday evening.

Good Attendance Annual Meeting Children's Aid

The annual meeting of the Children's Aid Society of the County of Halton was held in the Sunday School room of St. Paul's United Church, Milton, on Wednesday evening, May 11th. There was a splendid attendance representing all parts of the County, as well as a number of neighbouring Societies, the Provincial Department, and the Protestant Children's Homes in Toronto.

The highlight of the evening was an address by Sybil Bennett, K.C., President of the Peel County Children's Aid Society, who was introduced by Mrs. G. E. Elliott. Miss Bennett stressed the need for study and understanding in making decisions on which an entire life future may rest. She deplored the lack of control and authority in the family today, and went on to say, "If there is no respect for the family, then there is none for society, law or government." She urged parents to emphasize spiritual values in order to help their children set worthwhile standards and develop wholesome attitudes toward family living.

The Superintendent G. F. Thompson, presented his report, drawing special attention to some of the main facts contained therein and clarifying on them. He spoke of the many changes in recent years in social legislation, program, and policy, referring particularly to the emphasis which is now placed on the protective services and the effort to keep the family intact. Mr. Thompson paid tribute to the Society's foster parents and mentioned the vital need for more foster homes.

Miss Duffy, social worker, who joined the staff last September, expressed pleasure and satisfaction in her work with the Society. Miss Duffy and Mrs. Jim McDougall provided a pleasant interlude.

Mr. William Deans, President of the Society, opened the meeting with a brief word of welcome following a prayer by Rev. James Blair. Mr. B. Beaumont, Director of Child Welfare for the Province of Ontario, extended greetings on behalf of the visitors present from outside points.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, William Deans, Georgetown; Vice President, E. D. Mahon, Campbellville; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Edna Gortler, Milton; Directors, Charles L. Kirkness and G. W. McKenzie, Acton; Mrs. W. A. Weaver and Mrs. L. J. Lee, Burlington; Dr. C. G. Reid, Georgetown; Mrs. M. E. Nixon and Rev. E. J. Phinn, Milton; Mrs. Cameron Hillmer and W. Allan Campbell, Oakville; Mrs. George Leslie, Esquimaux; Mrs. Velma Norris, Nelson; and W. G. Mackenzie Robinson, Trafalgar. County Council Representatives: Mrs. Mary Pettit, Freeman; and William Van Sickle, Campbellville.

At the close of the meeting refreshments were served by the Mr. and Mrs. Club of the United Church, and a pleasant social hour enjoyed.

Purchase of car insurance from the government is compulsory in Saskatchewan whether your car is already privately insured or not.

Golden Wedding Anniversary by Acton Couple

On Saturday, May 21st, Mr. and Mrs. J. Massey Sr. quietly marked the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. Many friends and neighbors called during the day at the home on Young Street and tendered congratulations and best wishes for many more happy, healthy years. In the evening the neighbors arranged a surprise celebration and had a most happy time.

We and Mrs. Massey were married in England in 1920 and came to Canada in 1922, first settling in Bracebridge. During all his years in Canada, Mr. Massey has been employed with Beardmore and Co. They have resided in Acton since 1922.

An incident that seemed to fit into the occasion extremely well was related by Mr. Massey. On Thursday while in Guelph he attended the auction of fine jewelry at Savage and Co. That day a door prize of a diamond ring was given away and Mr. Massey was the fortunate winner and the present for the bride of fifty years ago was promptly solved by the bridegroom.

We join with other Acton friends in wishing them many more happy years together.

FRIENDS SHOWER GIFTS ON MISS CHEW BRIDE OF WEEK

Miss Frances Chew was entertained at two miscellaneous showers last week in honor of her marriage which takes place this Saturday.

The Young Ladies Sodality of St. Joseph's Church, of which Frances is president, met at the home of Miss Patry Duval on Tuesday, May 17th, and showered Frances with many lovely gifts. A dainty lunch was served and the best wishes of the members extended to the bride-to-be.

Mrs. C. Lindsay and Miss Irma Kentner were joint hostesses at a shower on Wednesday evening for Miss Chew at the home of Mrs. Lindsay. A large number of friends attended and Frances was the recipient of a host of gifts. A lovely lunch brought the enjoyable evening to a close.

NEPHEW OF FATHER MORGAN CELEBRATES MASS AT ST. JOSEPH'S

On Sunday, May 22nd, Rev. Fr. Francis Morgan, of Hamilton, newly ordained priest and nephew of Rev. Fr. J. Morgan, Acton, celebrated High Mass at St. Joseph's Church. The altar was decorated with white lilies and cut flowers. After Mass, Fr. Morgan was presented with a purse and address, which was presented by R. J. Braids on behalf of the parishioners. Father Morgan thanked the congregation for this pleasant surprise and gave each individual parishioner his blessing.

Addition Made By Federal Grant To Health Unit

The federal Department of Health has made a large grant to the Halton County Health Unit. This grant will allow the Health Unit to institute an extensive dental public health program. The federal funds will cover the entire cost of this project and there will be no expense to the county.

This project will be begun with the re-opening of schools in September. Dr. B. J. O'Meara will head the Division of Dental Public Health. Dr. O'Meara is a graduate in dentistry from the University of Manchester and in dental public health from the University of Toronto. He served in the Royal Navy during the war and has done extensive work with the Canadian Red Cross Society.

A dental nurse trained in public health will join the Unit staff and a mobile examining room housed in a trailer will be provided. The program will be entirely preventative in character and treatment will not be provided. Each school child in the County will be examined each year and recommendations for treatment made. As the project is developed, it is hoped to also examine pre-school children at the various towns of the county.

By a concentrated educational program it is hoped that children may be brought under early, continuous dental care and by that means, it may be possible to produce dentally healthy adults.

This is a positive approach to one of the major public health problems. Dental ill-health is one of the greatest problems today.

A SUPER BUSY WEEK AT THE FREE PRESS

This has been a rather hectic week in publishing and printing at the Free Press. Printing of Dominion Voters' Lists must be done this week and ready before May 30th. That meant setting and printing thousands of names and not only working on Victoria Day but many other extra hours for the entire staff.

The new addition to the Free Press building is ready for occupancy in fact is being partially occupied now. Only some cleaning up and painting remains to be finished by the contractors Jones and VanGils. We plan to move machinery and equipment into the new quarters on Saturday of this week and of course this entails not only the moving but the electrical connections for every machine and the lighting and the hope that the moving of the machines does not affect their delicate operation.

Yes this is a super-busy week at your printing office. In a few weeks we hope to be back to normal and will welcome visitors to the plant but just now we're a bit unsettled and in no condition to receive visitors.

Nassagaweya Is Planning For the Centennial in July

Invitations are now being sent out for the Nassagaweya Centennial to be held the last three days of July. A program permitting plenty of re-union time is being arranged and all events will be held at Brockville and in the Townshipp Hall.

Perhaps the most comprehensive history of any of the Municipalities of this County is in the course of preparation and will be available at the re-union. This history will include the book written by Joshua Norrish on the early days in the Townshipp, copies of which are highly prized by the few who possess them and find ready sale at \$5 per copy. The history will detail the story of the Townshipp from its early days until the present and give facts since divulged in the search for authentic data. There will be pictures of the Townshipp Hall, of Mr. Norrish and reeves of the Townshipp still living. A limited number are being printed for the Centennial occasion.

Other features will be announced in connection with the Centennial, but right now Nassagaweya folks are planning a welcome home that will be typical of that Townshipp.

COMMUNITY PICNIC AT BANNOCKBURN MONDAY NIGHT

On Monday night the community gathered at Bannockburn School to enjoy a picnic sponsored by a farm forum committee including the teacher, Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Morrison, R. L. Davidson and W. G. Moffat. Some people played baseball, while others pitched horseshoes which was played by floodlight when darkness fell. Indoors, the winning euchre players were Mary Matthews and Bill Moffat, while Evelyn and Bill McDonald were the best crokinole players. Ping pong also provided further amusement. Lunch was served to bring the picnic to a close.

TORONTO VISITORS ARE ENTERTAINED BY ACTON BRANCH L.O.L.

Acton L.O.L. entertained members of Orange Lodges from Toronto on May 17th at the Hall at Crosson's Corners. The Toronto members initiated a class of candidates for the Acton Lodge. Bro. Jas. B. Chalmers was presented with an honorary membership certificate. A social period followed.

HALTON COUNTY BASEBALL Intermediate League Standing

| Team | P | W | L | F | Pct. |
|------------|----|---|---|---|-------|
| Acton | 11 | 0 | 8 | 7 | 1.000 |
| Milton | 11 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 1.000 |
| Fergus | 11 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 1.000 |
| Hamilton | 10 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 1.000 |
| Georgetown | 10 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 1.000 |
| Waterdown | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1.000 |

THIS WEEK'S SCORES

| Team | Score |
|----------|--------------|
| Acton 8 | Hamilton 7 |
| Milton 4 | Waterdown 2 |
| Fergus 7 | Georgetown 2 |

PLASTIC HOUSEHOLD GLOVES

Plastic household and garden gloves with napped linings which are soft, flexible and moisture-absorbent said to be durable and long wearing are reported in The Financial Post. Lining absorbs perspiration and reduces ability of heat to penetrate gloves making hand comfort possible in hottest dishwasher. Neoprene covering not affected by hot water, cleaning soaps or kitchen grease, makers claim.

New Equipment Discussed by Utilities Comm.

Suplt. Charles Wilson able to Attend Meetings Again — No Lines to be Constructed Over Private Property

The regular meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Thursday evening last. Chairman C. M. Hansen presided. A letter was read from the H.E.P.C. of Ontario stating that an automatic switch was being installed in the sub station. This switch will close the line in two seconds, instead of the present one, which takes a minute in case of a charge of lightning or other causes which should interrupt the power supply.

They asked that the superintendent check to see that no industrial users would be affected by the change. A letter was read from the A.M.E.U. giving details of business carried on and promising a regular bulletin or A.M.E.U. affairs.

Mr. T. Seynuck asked that power be installed in his new house back of Mill Street East. He was willing to sign an agreement to be responsible for any damage to private property which has to be crossed. Mr. Seynuck was to be informed that when Council informed the Commission that this property had been taken over as a street the service would be installed as no lines can be installed over private property without the permission of the owner.

Mr. E. G. Tyler was present to request that a meter be installed in the Conservative club rooms on Mill Street until after the election. This request was to be given attention. A request from Mrs. R. Sly to move a pole in front of their driveway was discussed. It was pointed out that it was a Bell Telephone pole and therefore up to the telephone company to move the pole, although the Commission has a joint lease.

A request from Mr. A. Young for a light on Wilbur Street was turned over to Council for their attention as street lights cannot be installed without the sanction of Council.

Superintendent Lambert reported that six new water services had been installed the past two weeks. Only one occupied house in Acton row uses a well for their water supply.

Superintendent Lambert reported on the progress being made in repairing the waterline through on Main Street. He was to contact the streets and walks department of Council for instructions on proceeding with the repairs.

Superintendent Wilson, who had returned to his familiar place at the Commission table was instructed to get universal controls for water heaters and street lights to be ready for the changeover to 60 cycle power. This changeover is tentatively scheduled at present for the summer of 1953.

It was decided to advertise for tenders for the addition to the pump house at the spring.

| Department | Amount |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Bell Tel. Co. services | \$16.00 |
| H.E.P.C. of Ontario, power | \$21.44 |
| J. B. Mackenzie & Son | 40.83 |
| MacDonald Electric | 9.42 |
| Sangamo Co. Ltd. | 133.15 |
| Federal Wire and Cable | 100.26 |
| Express and Transport | 1.35 |
| Mrs. H. Palmer | 12.00 |
| Postage | 16.00 |
| | \$5,180.45 |
| Waterworks Department | |
| Acton Auto Body | \$3.50 |
| J. B. Mackenzie & Son | 48.75 |
| B. D. Rachtin | 0.25 |
| Canadian Brass Co. Ltd. | 17.04 |
| | \$78.54 |

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 25c.

Don't forget Local 38 meeting tonight, Legion Hall, 8 p.m. sharp.
Help make the Mile of Money Saturday, June 4th for the Lakeside Chapter I.O.O.F.
United Church W.A. tea, sale of baking and home-made candy, Saturday, May 28th, in Sunday School room, 3-6 p.m.
Kidd Baker's Radio Cowboy Show will be appearing at the Masonic Hall in Campbellville on Monday, May 30th for the last appearance of the season. Show starts 8:30. Adults 50c, Children 25c. Dance after show.