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CANADA'S PRIME MINISTER VISITS ACTON AND WELCOMED BY THRONG

Tuesday morning's memorable event in Acton is shown in the above *Free Press* pictures. For the first time in the history of this community a Canadian Prime Minister paid a visit and spoke to the citizens in their own community. Mr Hughes Cleaver, Halton's aggressive member arranged the visit hurriedly on Monday and had Mr St Laurent speak at Acton and Georgetown in his constituency before returning to Toronto to the big rally in that city.

Upper left shows a small section of the crowd at Acton station and during the half hour wait were entertained by Acton Boys' and Girls' Band. Upper right picture the Prime Minister addressed the audience and judging by the smiles on the faces of Mrs St Laurent and his granddaughter the charming Miss Louise Samson and the hearty chuckle of Hughes Cleaver the camera caught one of the moments when Mr St Laurent's witticisms had brought smiles to all faces. In the lower left picture the editor of the *Free Press* G A Dills was among those citizens who had the honor of meeting Hon and Mrs St Laurent on this visit to Acton. Lower left shows Mr Cleaver with little Margaret Wilson who presented flowers to Hon and Mrs St Laurent from the Acton Liberal Association. Reeve Theron Jones looks on the group as the crowd surged back and forth on the platform awaiting the train arrival. The centre picture shows Canada's Prime Minister as he waved a farewell to the Acton audience and the Band played O Canada.

Pictures by The Acton Free Press

Prime Minister Made Brief Visit and Address in Acton Tuesday

Big Enthusiastic Gathering Augumented by School Children and Acton Boys' and Girls' Band Gave Sincere Receptiton to the St. Laurents—Greeted by Reeve and Mrs. Jones and Halton's Member, Hughes Cleaver — Spoke to Audience Which Jammed the Station Platform and All Points of Vantage

One of the biggest gatherings ever to accord a welcome to any visiting dignitary at Acton station greeted Prime Minister Hon Louis St Laurent and Mrs St Laurent and their daughter and granddaughter when their train made a brief stop at Acton on Tuesday morning. Citizens and school children, the aged and the babies stood in the broiling sun for over an hour until the train arrived from the west and greeted the Prime Minister with an ovation that was as sincere as the greeting Mr St Laurent gave to one and all on his brief visit.

The Public School children were given a holiday and marched to the station and the Boys' and Girls' Band was on parade and at the station to make the reception complete. The train was delayed over half an hour owing to the station reception which greeted the Prime Minister at Guelph.

On arrival in Acton little Margaret Wilson presented a beautiful bouquet of flowers and the Prime Minister thrilled the little lass when he told her that Mrs St Laurent always received the flowers, but he always received the kiss.

Mr Hughes Cleaver, member for Halton, introduced to Mr and Mrs St. Laurent, Reeve and Mrs Theron Jones, chairman of the Acton School Board Mr Thomas Jones, Mr Norman McEachern and Editor G A Dills. But the faces of the visitors were wreathed in special smiles when they met Mr W. J O Oakes who spent his early days in Compton County, the home of the St. Laurent's. There's nothing quite equal to meeting friends from one's home community. Mr. Oakes has kindly loaned us a picture post card showing the Main Street of Compton Quebec as it appeared thirty-five years ago when they both knew it best. Along the street can be seen the Village store operated by the Prime Minister's father in this little community of 500 or 600. Perhaps it is the memory of these boyhood days that has made Canada's Prime Minister so anxious in his tour to meet the people from so many of the small towns of this great Dominion.

The Prime Minister's address was brief and non political. It was good to see such fine young Canadians to follow along in governing Canada. It was a great thing to have freedom of choice and get the kind of government we want. If you don't like the government there is freedom to choose another. In Canada we have freedom of choice.

Mr St Laurent said he believed in the majority rule and he felt that if the majority of children present signified they wanted a holiday for the rest of the day, the Board Chairman and members would be obliged to take recognition of that majority vote and grant a holiday. The ovation which this received left no doubt of the majority in the matter and the Prime Minister said he was pleased to note that in this vote at least there was no disgruntled minority.

As the train pulled away the Band played "O Canada" and the St Laurents and Mr Cleaver waved greetings from the platform. The whole event was hurriedly arranged so successfully in such a short time. The party was also scheduled to stop in Georgetown in the Halton riding and that evening the big Toronto meeting was booked for the Maple Leaf Gardens.

North Halton to Meet on School District Plans

The proposal of redecorating at Acton School was approved in general and tenders were to be called for painting the corridors and two rooms, and the chicken house and tool shed at Milton School, when the North Halton High School Board met at Milton on Monday night.

Mr Lethbridge was re-engaged as teacher of music at Milton School and was appointed as representative of the Board to the Music Festival Association.

G A Dills a member of the deputation which interviewed the representatives of the Department of Education in Toronto recently made a rep rt to the Board. He stated that the Department would give no approval to the erection of a new school at Acton. The central school for the district was still in approval with the department and could be erected at a cost of from $1000 to $1200 per pupil of enrollment. It might be that schools taking pupils up to Grade 10 would be maintained in the three towns but for the grades above that, one central school was the answer to the problem. Arrangements had been made for department officials to attend a meeting to be held in Stewarttown on July 7th, when Georgetown would be represented and the whole plan discussed.

The tender of Mr A. H. Tufford for building cupboards at Milton School was approved at a cost of $250.

Accounts amounting to $7,699.19 were approved for payment.

Social Evenings Are Held in Acton in Pre-Election Week

Political gatherings in Acton in this campaign have taken the form of enjoyable social evenings in Acton Park Pavilion and have been well attended. On Wednesday of last week the Acton Progressive Conservatives held a dance and during the evening Miss Sybil Bennett, K.C., the Halton candidate, addressed the meeting.

Last night the Acton Liberal Association provided a social evening with cards and prizes for the half-dozen or so winners, a plentiful lunch and several Irish songs by an Irish tenor from Toronto. Mr. Hughes Cleaver, the Liberal candidate, briefly addressed the audience.

GIFTS SHOWERED ON MISS HELEN McEACHERN BRIDE OF THIS WEEK

Miss Helen McEachern was entertained at her home, Monday evening in honor of her marriage on Saturday. About forty friends attended. After a short program, Helen opened her many lovely gifts and thanked her friends for their thoughtfulness. Lunch was served, bringing an enjoyable evening to a close.

WOMEN'S MISSION CIRCLE OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH AT MRS. H. HELWIG'S

The Women's Mission Circle of the Acton Baptist Church held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs Herb Helwig on Tuesday evening, June 21st. An interesting report was given by Mrs C R Gower on the Women's section of the Jubilee Convention of Ontario and Quebec held in Toronto, June 9th to 15th. A business period was held in which plans were made for a picnic some time in August.

After closing the meeting with prayer a short social time was enjoyed by all.

Graduating Class Entertained at Banquet Here

Miss M. Z. Bennett Speaker at Event Arranged by the Home and School Association

Last Thursday at 6.30 p.m. the graduating class of Acton Public School was entertained at a banquet sponsored by the Home and School Association. Some thirty six students, parents of the graduates, supper served in the Y M C A. Mr Cunningham, Mrs Hunter, Mrs Gazett, Mrs Cook and Mrs Baird were the committee in charge of the event catered by Mrs Oakes.

Guest speaker for the occasion was Miss M Z Bennett, former principal of the public school, who gave a very timely address entitled "Boy or Girl Wanted". Each student was presented with a crest with the initials "A P S 1949" by Mr R R Parker and Mr R Chandler. Mrs Baird, representing the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I O D E presented the prizes for the outstanding students during the year to Faye Dawkins and Bill Coon. Empire Day award winners were Maureen McCristall and George Wale. Mr Les Duby provided the entertainment.

Miss Bennet was presented with a lovely necklace on behalf of the children, and Principal Mackenzie with an electric mantel clock. The Home and School Association plan to make this an annual event.

As an added treat to the graduating class, the students went by bus to Toronto on Friday morning and visited the museum, had lunch at Queen's Park, visited the Parliament Buildings and at 2.30 o'clock toured the *Toronto Star* building.

Two Wins By Acton's Junior Club This Week

22 Acton Runs Against 7 Opponent Runs in Two Games Blow Pitches His First Game Down Strong Oakville Club

Scoring nine runs in the first four innings Acton's Junior entry in the Halton County Juvenile circuit overpowered a highly regarded Oakville club 9-4 last Saturday to take a firm grip on first place. With a heavy onslaught on starting pitcher Philbrooks offerings the locals banged out ten hits paving their second win in two starts.

Oakville on the other hand were savaged for eight five bagles from another gleaming mound performance from John Harry Lawson. With the aid of three Acton errors they did manage to tack up four unearned runs but they were hardly sufficient to keep pace with the heavy barrage loosed by the Acton lads in the first four innings.

[illegible] Herbert [illegible] a right hander. The roof nearly was effectively stymied the Acton drive to [illegible] at his expense. He settled down and whiffed eleven batters in the remaining innings. However Lawson had no trouble with Oakville and the threat was no real threat to swing the comfortable lead.

Townsley, Tyler, Salt and Kentner sparked the Acton club at the plate with two hits apiece. Backstop Harold Townsley's contribution were prodigious drives that wight and Kentner also hit two masters with Salt's clothes line drive hitting the scoreboard in centre field.

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Oakville	200-010 010—	4	5	4
Acton	422 100 000—	9	10	3

Acton Juniors consolidated their hold on first place last night by trouncing Brampton 13-3 in the flower town. Smashing twelve hits from Doug Aitchison, former Acton boy, they racked up their third win in as many starts. Meb Blow hurled the route permitting a meagre seven hits in his first pitching job. Ron Salt contributed three solid base hits, one a double, to lead the attack.

		R	H	E
Acton	411 200 5—	13	18	1
Brampton	020 001 0—	3	7	3

Council See Fire Pumper and Swimming Pool Site

Held First Part of Monday's Meeting in the Park when Pumper's Capacity was Shown—to see Engineer Regarding Sewage Plans — Building By-Law and Annexation Settlement are Approved

Acton Council in a regular session convened at the Park on Tuesday. The Volunteer Fire Brigade demonstrated the action of the imported pumper for the benefit of Council. Pumping water from Fairy Lake the firemen were able to keep four fog nozzles supplied with a heavy stream of water. Applying two straight nozzles streams of water were shot forty to fifty feet in the air. The initiation exercises of this organization were also displayed.

Meeting in the park with the Swimming Pool Committee also the Council discussed the possibilities of the various sites. The Committee is to submit a draft plan to the Council before a final decision is made.

Roy Goodwin requested special parking privileges on the Main Street adjacent to or within reasonable distance of his office. He presented approval granted by those affected in the matter. Council left the matter in the hands of the Road Committee.

Accounts were passed as follows:

Bell Telephone	$14.85
Thompson Motor	20.08
County of Halton	7110.87
	$7,165.80

J. Stewart discussed with the Council the erection of a fence on his property adjacent to the Wartime Housing. Mr Stewart felt that he had a suitable fence on this line providing the tenants of the subdivision did not tamper with it. Council promised to contact the Wartime Housing Corporation regarding this matter.

Discussing the decision of the last meeting to dismiss the engineer the clerk referred to the agreements with him. It was felt advisable for a deputation to interview Mr Anderson.

The by-law providing for the construction and extension to the Waterworks pumping station was passed.

Permission was granted Malvalie Iron to hold their picnic in the park on August 13 provided they would be clear of the park by seven p.m. This was done to insure that there would be no interference with the Band Tattoo also scheduled for that evening.

Acton Junior Ball Team was granted permission to carry on their activities in the Park.

A letter was received from Mr J H Boulton regarding the sewers on the property adjacent to his on Arthur Street. Council hand the matter over to the Weed Inspector to deal with it.

Councillor Holmes was appointed

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PARK GARDEN PARTY PROVIDED GOOD EVENING DESPITE THE WEATHER

About the only night with unsettled weather conditions this month greeted the Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. garden party last Friday. It didn't rain to stop the event but it just kept management and the people attending in doubt. But there was a goodly crowd who was convinced it couldn't rain and enjoyed the evening and the entertainment provided.

Acton Boys' and Girls' Band paraded before the event and presented a fine concert program. Russ Creighton brought a fine group of professional entertainers from the city. The group included the comedian, a mountain singer with guitar, a magician and a dance and acrobatic artist. Russ Creighton also gave some old time fiddle numbers and made a well rounded program.

The refreshment booth was recently stocked and while prices were most reasonable there was just more than could be sold in one such night. It was a fine event and all enjoyed.

MR. F. HELSON WAS SPEAKER AT MEETING BANNOCKBURN INSTITUTE

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TWELVE PAGES OF LOCAL NEWS AND PICTURES THIS WEEK

This week's issue of The Free Press runs to 12 pages 84 columns of local and district news and advertising. We're an hour or so late in our die of papers too owing to the fact that we had planned on ten pages and only found this afternoon that to include all the news, pictures and advertising it must be twelve pages.

So here it is, bigger, later and we hope you'll like it. The editor will be two hours late arriving in Buffalo to-night for a newspaper convention too.

Coming Events

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The Ladies of St [illegible] are holding a Bake Sale [illegible] June 25th in the Parish Hall. 50-2

[illegible] Sports in Acton July 1st. Afternoon and Night Dance in Acton Rotary Club Plan [illegible] for July 1st in Acton. 50-3

Dance Cedarvale Courtesy Western Dance Band Aberfoyle Hall Thursday, June 30.

Rockwood Hall, Friday July 1st, 9 p.m. Admission 50c.

Garden Party Erin Township Farmers' Federation, Thursday, June 30 Hillsburgh Park. Arena if wet. Conducted by Charles Jackson of Hamilton. Comedy program. 50c and 25c.

The Acton Y M C A. has been successful in making arrangements with the West-End Y in Toronto for acceptance of applications from boys 8 to 15 years of age to attend the camp at Norval. Vacancies are available for the period July 4 to 18 and August 15 to 29. For information Phone Bill Benson, Jack Greer or Garnet McKeenie.