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## Power Lines and Hydrant Levels Asked for No. 25

### Engineer To Be Consulted So That Lines May Conform To Highway Requirements

The regular meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Tuesday evening. All members were present and Chairman C. M. Hansen presided.

A letter from the Trans Canada Heat-Jacks Ltd., made enquiry regarding the painting of the water tank. This firm was to be notified that the painting of the tank had been deferred till spring at the request of the Council.

The insurance bond was received from the H.E.P.C. of Ontario covering the Public Liability and Property Insurance carried by the Commission.

A letter from the U.R. Fidelity Insurance Co. in regard to the damage caused when a tree fell on the line at the tennis court, this summer, was read. The insurance company claimed that a high wind was the cause of the tree falling and that it was perfectly sound, so it was an act of God. The Commission maintained that there was no wind the night the tree fell and the tree was not in good condition. The insurance company was to be notified of this fact.

The office staff complained of the lighting in the office. The lighting division of the H.E.P.C. was to be asked to make a survey of the lights in the office.

The division engineer of Highway 25 was to be contacted in regard to the filling in of a hollow in front of Mrs. Grindell's home on Main St. If considerable fill is to be made the fire hydrant will have to be raised in accordance with the fill. At the present time the fire hydrant is too low. Arrangements were also to be made in regard to the changing of the hydro line to the spring and the cost appertaining to the proper parties.

The policy recently taken out for burglary and theft insurance was to be returned as an error had been made on the amount of coverage.

Superintendent Lambert reported that a representative of the Fearless Pump Co. had been in town and inspected the new pump. A mistake had been made in shipping certain parts and the right parts will be sent shortly, when the pump can be installed.

Superintendent Lambert also reported that a truck had damaged a fire hydrant on Main Street near Superintendent Wilson's house. The party was known and damages will be collected.

The following accounts were paid for payment.

Hydro Department	
Whitham's Garage, gas	\$ 6.20
Maaco Electric, supplies	25.92
McDonald Electric, supp.	79.06
Jas. R. Kearney, supp.	111.25
Minneapolis, Honeywell, supplies	5.80
Can Line Materials	86.10
Express and Transport	3.21
	\$317.64

Waterworks Department	
Power and heat at spring	\$51.13
Can Brass Co. Ltd.	80.48
Williams Supply Co.	40.22

## SCHOOL PRIZES ARE AWARDED BY THE LIMEHOUSE INSTITUTE

There were fifteen members present at the regular meeting of Limehouse W.I. on Thursday, October 6th, held at the home of Mrs. S. Wright.

Mrs. E. Miller was in the chair and owing to the absence of Mrs. J. Ellery, Miss R. Stull acted as secretary. The roll call was my first home. Only four of those present had had their first homes in Esqueving, three were in England, two in Scotland, one in U.S.A. and one in Germany.

Two minute reports were given by convensors of standing committees, also current events were given. Mrs. Smithurst gave the report of the Area Convention held at Guelph in September. School gardens, girls club activities and fair committee reports were given by Mrs. S. Glady and Mrs. Brown.

It was decided to send \$10 to U.E.F. for overseas parcels also the members were asked to bring to the next meeting, articles suitable for a Christmas parcel for the Honor family in England.

The Limehouse W.I. donated books as prizes for the boy and girl at Gibraltar school and at Henderson's school. (7th line) whose attendance, cleanliness and punctuality rated highest in the school. Lillian Asken and Billy Sanford of Gibraltar school were the winners in their school and at 7th line school Jimmy Forbes and Eileen and Diane Shelburne (tied) were the recipients. The meeting closed with the national anthem after which Mrs. Wright served tea.

## THE MATTHEWS-BEAN WEDDING IN TORONTO AT BISHOP STRACHAN CHAPEL

In the chapel of Bishop Strachan School, Toronto, the marriage took place of Mary Louise, daughter of Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Harvey G. Bean, to Mr. David Graham Matthews, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. G. Matthews. Rev. Canon J. E. Ward officiated with Dr. Healey William at the organ.

The bride wore a graceful gown of blue ivory satin, with fitted bodice and full skirt forming a cathedral train. A collar of Honiton lace from Belgium finished the square neckline, and a matching satin headpiece held her long veil. Her flowers were Joanna Hill roses and she carried a Carrickmacross lace handkerchief sent from Ireland.

Given in marriage by her father, she was attended by Mrs. Bill Livingston, matron of honor, and Miss Anne Scott, flower girl, both wearing mushroom crepe. Mrs. Hugh McElroy and Miss Doris Black, in toast shade. All had matching crownless hats, and carried light and dark bronze pom-poms. Mr. L. R. H. Matthews was groomsmen for his brother, and the ushers were Messrs. Larry Bean, Bob Carveth, Ian Pirrie and Don Cole.

The reception was held at the granite Club, and among the guests was Col. Leon Backelard, O.C. of the Belgian School of Artillery at Braschatte, Belgium. After a motor trip through New England, the couple will live in Toronto.

## Miss Duffy and Miss Anderson

### Address I. O. D. E.

Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. meeting for October was held on Tuesday evening with the Regent Mrs. Alex O'preending.

Full activities are numerous and include a film to be sponsored by the Chapter at the Roxy Theatre. Memorial Day plans for parade and service—also decorating of the soldier's graves in the cemetery— which the Chapter does each year.

Keen interest is being taken in the annual bazaar. Lucky draws of many kinds are planned and a surprise package Christmas Tree will be a new feature.

The November meeting will take the form of a shower of good used clothing and canned goods to be sent to Europe and Britain. Mrs. Buchanan introduced the two guest speakers for the meeting, Miss Audrey Anderson, Public Health Nurse for Halton County and Miss Duffy, Child Welfare Worker also for Halton. They gave a tremendously interesting talk on their work; how it can be worked together and just how thoroughly the health plan in our country is starting in at the source and giving aid and assistance where most needed.

Group Five served lunch and the evening closed following a jolly social period.

Sweden has been neutral in war for 150 years.

## Progress Made on New Halton Home for Aged

### By-Law Passed To Enter Agreement With Architects—Inquiry In Purchase of Whole Farm at \$25,000—Acton, Milton and Nelson Have Now Assessment Operating This Year — Good Progress in County Reported — Campbellville Request Succeeded

Written exclusively for The Acton Free Press and The Canadian Champion

Progress regarding the new home for the aged and responsibility arising from evictions were chief topics at the regular monthly meeting of Halton County Council, held at the County Buildings in Milton, Tuesday afternoon.

A by-law was approved permitting the county to enter into an operating agreement with the architects who were engaged to make plans for the new home. Reave J. T. Armstrong, chairman of the building committee read a report stating the committee met with officials of the Ontario Welfare Department and Mr. Fairfield the architect. He said it was decided to learn of the number of old-age pensioners resident of the county as well as the number of older people in municipalities who would plan to enter the establishment, before the architect would proceed with drawing plans. He also said a further inquiry was made regarding a purchase price of the entire farm owned by I. Mann, and that this was set at \$25,000.

Council approved of a recommendation made by the Negotiating Committee, that the Halton committee along with Peel County committee and members of the Legislature for both counties interview the Minister of Welfare in connection with coming to a satisfactory agreement of severance between the two counties. Both Halton and Peel have jointly operated the present home at Brampton for a great number of years. Mr. Chambers said both committees met on October 6 and came to the conclusion nothing could be satisfactorily arranged until the Halton home had been erected.

It was felt by members that the Department might not subsidize Peel for Halton's equity in the present home, therefore Peel might be forced to erect a new home of their own and both counties would share equally of whatever disposition would be made of the present buildings and land.

The Warden, Mrs. Mary Pettit, thanked the members of both committees for their work, "I ask you to accept my personal thanks for your efforts," she said. Continuing she praised members of Peel Council and the board for their co-operation with Halton through the years. "Even now that comradeship continues and I am sure it will continue for years to come."

Frank Thompson, superintendent of the Halton C.A.S. addressed the council in connection with evictions where a family is evicted by court order. He said in many cases no neglect was shown, but just events of circumstances.

In many cases finances are not the object, but just a case of the shortage of accommodation. He felt that if his department stepped in it might be some time before the family could be brought together again.

"However I can assure you, our department is at all times ready to (Continued on Page Five)

## Parent's Night Attended By Many At High School

Many parents availed themselves of the invitation last night to visit Acton High School and meet the Principal and staff and get acquainted. Known as Parent's Night it proved a fine evening of combined school interests.

Mr. O. E. Robbins, Principal, addressed the parents asking co-operation and offering help where required with all pupils. He told of the aims and problems of the school and suggested how all could work together to achieve the most in the High School course. Movies were shown, a singing enjoyed and an opportunity provided for parents to talk with the teachers and a visit in the school. Luncheon and a cup of tea were served in a social hour in conclusion when a number of the pupils assisted.

## BIBLE OF ACTON'S FIRST POSTMASTER AMONG SOUVENIRS

A couple of historical items of interest came to our attention recently and being to attention the need for a local museum to retain such items. The family bible of the late Robert Swan, bearing the date 1842 was one of these items. Robert Swan was Acton's first postmaster and it was he who named the town, Acton. The Bible was published in 1839, and is now in the possession of Mr. Frank McIntosh, who loaned it to us.

Another item which has much interest was one of the famous red Army jackets which were supplied the volunteers in the Fenian Raids. This coat is grifting the worse of the years but we have had the cleaners at work on it and it is fairly well preserved. We doubt however if many of the present day men could wear it. Those were the days of summer waist-lines.

These and other historical articles should be preserved but just where or how, will be a matter for some group which is aroused to establish an historical society. In the meantime Frank has the Bible but he gave us the coat. If there's an old boy's reunion next summer, it would look swell on the drum major.

## KNOX SO-ED CLUB FIRST MEETING OF THE FALL SEASON

The So-Ed Club of Knox Church opened their fall and winter activities on Wednesday evening of last week when the theme "Thanksgiving" pervaded the program. After the reading from the 89th Psalm, Clarence Coles led in prayer of gratitude.

Mrs. A. J. Buchanan spoke of the origin and significance of Thanksgiving Day in a very interesting and instructive manner. A charming film depicting a day in a colonial household was shown. A box of fruit, which was won by Mr. M. Coles in a contest, formed a table decoration. Readings by Mrs. F. J. Hassard and Miss Marguerite Roszell and a solo by Miss B. Roszell were much appreciated. The singing of the Doxology preceded the enjoyment of doughnuts, coffee and grapes.

## Approval Given Zoning By-Law Has No Opposition

Approval was given by the Ontario Municipal Board to a zoning by-law for Acton following a hearing of the Board in the Town Hall on Tuesday morning.

The by-law, which divides Acton into four zones for the purpose of building restrictions suitable to the various sections. A study of the by-law which is available in printed form and which was furnished every property owner, may appear to put in some arbitrary clauses, but if they are viewed in the light of the town as a whole, they will be found very reasonable. Building in Acton is going ahead rapidly to protect present buildings and improve future development the by-law should meet the need.

There were no objections registered at the hearing Tuesday, but some citizens asked for clarification of the by-law and a location of the zones.

## DUBLIN COMMUNITY GIVE GIFT SHOWER TO YOUNG COUPLE

Friends in the Dublin Community held a miscellaneous shower of gifts for Miss Jessie Brina and Gerald McLeod at Dublin School on Wednesday evening of last week. The event was in honor of the marriage of this young couple which took place on Saturday. A number of useful and beautiful gifts were presented when Gladys McIsaac and Eida Fryer on behalf of the group conveyed the good wishes of all.

Mr. Chas. Cutts was the very capable master of ceremonies for a program which included a horn solo by Annie McIsaac; instrumental by George Fountain; piano solo by Crawford Douglas; instrumental duet by Mrs. O'Rourke and Crawford Douglas; Dublin Ragtime Band; Violin Solo by Mrs. O'Rourke, singing led by Mrs. G. Robertson and a mock wedding.

Following the program several spoke and extended good wishes to the young couple. Lunch was served and dancing enjoyed to music by George Fountain, Stewart Elliott, Mrs. O'Rourke and John Black with Mr. Jordan as floor manager.

## DO IT AGAIN

On a dark and stormy night the trainman was signaling to the engineer when he accidentally dropped his lantern to the ground. Another man passing by tossed it back to him on top of the boxcar, on which he was standing. In a few minutes the engineer came rushing up "Let's see you do that again!" he gasped in astonishment. "Do what?" "Jump from the ground to the top of that boxcar!"

## Benefit Game on Saturday, North and South Tilt

### Tickets Now On Sale For Clash Between Two O. B. A. Semi-Finalist Teams

Tickets are now available for the exhibition baseball game on Saturday afternoon between Oakville, O.B.A. Senior A semi-finalists and Acton, O.B.A. Intermediate A semi-finalists. The Oakville club very generously agreed to come to Acton to play this game with all proceeds to go to the Baseball Benefit fund for the family of the late Rod Ryder. They are arranging their own expenses. We also understand that all supplies for the booth operated on that day have been donated by various firms and under the operation of Ernie Coles, proceeds are also to be turned over to the fund. You'll get double value for your baseball ticket on Saturday when these two fine teams meet and all proceeds are donated to the benefit fund. Be sure to get your tickets for Saturday's game and have plenty. With a good generous game it will swell the fund which has now reached over the \$300 mark.

Here is the standing of the Benefit Fund to date:

Previously acknowledged	\$287.75
Anchor	2.00
A Friend	5.00
Mrs. E. Davies	2.00
A Friend	1.00
Acton L.O.B.A. 1101	5.00
G. H. P.	3.00
Fan	5.00
Mrs. K. Surbey, Vancouver	10.00
Mrs. F. Sayers, Vancouver	5.00
Anonymous	10.00
Elliott-Broc	20.00
Acton Women's Institute	5.00
	\$348.75

## GOOD NAME WON EVEN IF JUNIORS LOST IN PLAY-OFFS

Baseball season has merged into hockey but some of the recollections are pleasant. Acton Juniors were beaten out by Simcoe in the play downs, but the boys apparently won a good name in their out-of-town visits and that's very important to the future of the boys and the good name of Acton. Dr. Birtz received the following letter from Bruce Pirrie, Manager of the Simcoe team.

September 22, 1949  
Dr. George A. Birtz,  
Acton, Ontario  
Dear Dr. Birtz:

It was very kind of you to write me expressing appreciation for your treatment while in Simcoe. I can assure you that we also enjoyed the series with Acton and the sportsman like manner in which your team and the officials conducted themselves, both on and off the playing field.

I am sure that we did not deserve to win by so large a margin in the final game and I could have wished that your fine young pitcher had been in more nearly his usual form. I agree that he is a good prospect and we will follow his career with interest.

Thanks for your suggestion about an exhibition hockey game. None of our teams have started to practice as yet, even though we have ice in the arena. I will be glad to advise our junior club officials of your suggestion and no doubt they will get in touch with you at a later date.

I am sending you copies of this week's Reformer. Again thanking you for your generous co-operation during our recent series and with best personal regards, I remain,  
Sincerely yours,  
Bruce M. Pearce

## Tag Day for the Overseas Parcels Netted \$127.77

The October meeting of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter, I.O.D.F., was held on October 14th at the home of Mrs. Schroeder. The newly appointed Regent, Mrs. J. W. Wolfe was in the chair. Several letters sent by recipients of food parcels which had been sent to Scotland were read.

The proceeds of the Tag Day "Food for Britain" conducted by the chapter on Fair evening and day amounted to \$127.77. This amount was forwarded to Headquarters for Overseas parcels.

The Secretary of the Chapter was asked to order a wreath for the cenotaph on November 11 as on previous years.

Dr. Schofield was invited to come to an open meeting of the Chapter to be held in November to show his pictures and give an address on his recent trip to Europe.

The convensors of the various committees of the Bazaar. All spoke saying that the members had many generous contributors to their tables and they were planning for a splendid bazaar.

Miss Pearl Smith spoke briefly to the members telling of the symbolism of their badge and what each symbol specified. She also read a recipe for an I.O.D.E. pie.

Mrs. Cook recently returned from South Africa spoke of her experiences and displayed many interesting souvenirs. Two new members were enrolled and welcomed into the Chapter. Mrs. Evans moved a vote of thanks to the guest speaker.

Lunch hostesses were Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Masales, Mrs. Irwin and Mrs. Whitham.

## THE DAVIDSON-BLACK WEDDING ON SATURDAY IN TORONTO CHURCH

Doris Joan Black, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest G. Black, Toronto, became the bride of Rega Davidson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Davidson, in Yorkminster Baptist Church, Toronto, on Saturday evening. Dr. C. C. Knapp officiated. Given in marriage by her father, the bride was gowned in blue satin fashioned with an Elizabethan collar and bouffant skirt with winged drapery sweeping into a train. A satin-brim headdress held her fingertip veil of tulle and she carried lilies, "mums and heather from Scotland. The attendants, Mrs. Gunnar Lie, Jean MacKinnon and Jole Love, wore gowns of dawn rose satin with matching brim headdresses. They carried white mums and Ivy. Walter MacNeil was groomsmen, and G. H. P. ushers were Dr. Stuart Vandewater, Graham Matthews, Frederick Moore and David Black. Mrs. Black received in midnight blue crepe with a corsage of lilies. The groom's mother assisted in dove grey with a pink velvet hat and corsage of pink roses. They will reside in Quebec city.

## Y.M.C.A. Opens Season With New Secretary

### Welcome To Cliff Sutton At Social Night—Many Improvements In Building and Equipment

Many citizens availed themselves of the opportunity last Thursday evening to meet the new Secretary, Cliff Sutton at the Y.M.C.A. and enjoy a delightful social evening and incidentally to see the new look in building and learn something of the program for the season. They learned of the plans but all the improvements were not yet complete in the "new look." Those improvements they did see brought expressions of delight.

The social room has been entirely refurnished. The ceiling is now painted white. The wall material is all new with upper half in varnished ply wood. A heavy chair rail and base board surrounds the lower section of masonry and this is in red with green trim. You wouldn't know the social room now. It's so bright and cheerful. We understand that Mr. J. H. Creighton supervised the Y.M.C.A. Club who did the entire job of carpentry and painting. It's a credit and an acquisition. A new rail on the stairway is also an improvement.

The main entrance hall is now covered in red battleship linoleum. The Secretary's office has a new counter with filing space underneath. On Tuesday, workmen were putting up new equipment in the gym which included a punching bag and some other bare for gym classes.

Secretary Cliff Sutton outlined some of these in his sketch of the program on Thursday. He asked the cooperation of all in the community work and promised a program for all age groups. Friends also had an opportunity to meet Mrs. Sutton. The new Secretary was introduced by O. Rogvaldsen, Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Cards were enjoyed on Thursday evening in the social room; sound pictures were shown by Ted Hansen and a mirth provoking evening was the appearance of Bob Redford, of Toronto, who presented limitations of many Hollywood stars.

A delightful lunch was served and dancing was enjoyed to music supplied by Mr. H. Arble with his record player. Thursday was a fine start for a good Y season.

## NEWLYWEDS RECEIVE SHOWER OF GIFTS AT MASSAGAWEYA EVENT

Massagaweya Township Hall saw a capacity crowd to honor Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Storey upon their recent marriage.

Mr. Calvin McIntyre called Mr. Arthur Diamond who read an address after which they were presented with a china cabinet, a kitchen couch, a card table and two cushions. The presentation was made by Mr. Alex Walde, Mr. Douglas Anderson, Mr. Horace Hlythe and Mr. Chas. Fatt. Melvin and his bride both replied thanking all for the gifts and invited all to visit them. Several friends were called on to express the wishes of the community at large for long life and happiness. A beautiful lunch was served after which the evening was spent in dancing.

## Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, at 2c per line, with a minimum charge for any announcements of 2c.

Dance, Rockwood Hall, Tuesday October 18. Hank Hamilton and his 6 piece Orchestra, 9-1. Admission 50c.

Dance, Cedar Valley Cowboys, Modern and Old Time Dancing at Paradise Gardens, Guelph, Tuesday October 18th, 9 p.m. \$1.00 a couple.

Euchre, Legion Hall, Saturday, October 22nd, 8.30 p.m. sharp. Auspices Ladies' Auxiliary. Admission 50c. Door prize. Everybody welcome.

Bazaar and rummage sale, home-made baking and tea table in the Y.M.C.A., October 22nd, at 2.30 p.m. under auspices of Acton Ladies' Legion Auxiliary. 14-2

St. Alban's Guild is holding a Variety Fair, Friday evening and Saturday afternoon, November 4 and 5. Candy, home made baking, sale of work, fish pond for young and old, lucky tub, tea with door prizes.

## BOTH OVER NINETY



Mr. John H. Smith, formerly of Acton, who marked his ninetieth birthday yesterday at the home of his daughter in Galt. Mr. Smith attended and enjoyed both the Acton and Edin Fair, this month and met many of his friends. He is a Life Member of Acton Fair, and was one of the directors on the first board 35 years ago. We join with other friends here in congratulatory and good wishes for many happy birthdays. Belated congratulations also go to Mrs. Smith who celebrated her ninety-first birthday on August 7th.