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## Three Schools Participate in School Meet

Milton Pupils Won the Trophy For Most Points On Friday

The annual Public School Athletic Meet for North Halton in Acton Park on Friday saw students of Acton, Milton and Georgetown keenly contesting the various events and endeavouring to secure points for their school in this fine event. There was keen competition, good spirit and friendly individual rivalry for all the events. Milton pupils won the greatest number of points and gained possession of the trophy for their school this year with Acton coming second and Georgetown third. Cliff Sutton, physical director of the Acton Y.M.C.A. started all the races. Following are the results of the various events:

Int. Boys 75 yards—Donald Foster (M), Geo. Smethurst (A), Bill Skilling (G)  
Int. Girls 50 yards—Muriel Bristow (M), Joyce Denham (G), Marlene Ralph (G)  
Sr. Boys 100 yards—John Debeauille (G), Jack South (M), Terry Brush (M)  
Sr. Girls 80 yards—Dorothy Williams (G), Dolly Kelman (M), Dorothy Oates (G)  
Int. Boys 220 yards—Jim Harris (M), Geo. Smethurst (A), Ross Morton (A)  
Int. Girls 100 yards—Ruth Brazier (M), Marlene Ralph (G), Diane Harrison (G)  
Sr. Boys 320 yards—Don Anderson (A), Terry Brush (M), Douglas Vaughan (M)  
Sr. Girls 110 yards—Dolly Kelman (M), Frances Lemon (M), Dorothy Oates (G)  
Int. Boys R. Broad—Don Finn (M), Bob Coon (A), George Gibbs (G)  
Int. Girls R. Broad—Muriel Bristow (M), Helen Mills (M), Joyce Denham (G)  
Sr. Boys R. Broad—Bob Sales (M), Don Anderson (A), Douglas Vaughan (M)  
Sr. Girls R. Broad—Dorothy Williams (G), Jean Palmer (A), Helen MacDonald (M)  
Int. Boys R. High—Don Finn (M), Paul Lawson (A), Bob Coon (A)  
Int. Girls R. High—Ruth Brazier (M), Joyce Palmer (A), Maxine Ryall (G)  
Sr. Boys R. High—Lawrence Rayner (G), John Debeauille (G), Jack South (M)  
Sr. Girls R. High—Jean Palmer (A), Leona Conn (G), Jeanne Telford (M)  
Sr. Boys Shot Putt—Bob Sales (M), Lawrence Rayner (G), Cameron Malby (G)  
Boys Relay Race, Milton, Georgetown, Acton.  
Girls Relay Race, Milton, Georgetown, Acton.

## NEW STEEL ROOF ON BAPTIST SHED AT SATURDAY BEE

At the request of some of the farmers of this district, a committee of officers of the Acton Baptist Church recently decided to repair the only church shed left standing in the town for the convenience of all farmers who make Acton their business centre and have occasion to come to town by the horse drawn vehicle. The committee arranged a bee for last Saturday for the men of the Church to remove the remaining old shingles and put on a new steel roof. With the very able assistance of a few from other communities the job was completed by Saturday evening. The committee very gratefully acknowledges both the financial and manual assistance of all who helped, especially those from other denominations. It is hoped and requested that cars and trucks will not be parked in this shed, but that it will be left only for the convenience of horse owners of the district.

## Soldiers' Memorial Soon Ready For Unveiling

The Soldiers' War Memorial Committee is glad to inform the citizens of Acton that work on the monument is progressing nicely. It has been cleaned and sanded and looks like new. The new wing columns will soon be erected in place and ready for unveiling on Remembrance Day. The committee appreciates the personal interest shown in this undertaking by John Nicol, a former Actonian, and wishes to thank those who have contributed to this project. There is still need of financial support to this worthy cause. Mr. Wm. Clayton is the treasurer, and will welcome your donation to finish this Memorial to Acton Sons who paid the Supreme Sacrifice in World War II.

## SHOWER FOR BRIDE HELD AT DUBLIN SCHOOL RECENTLY

Friends of Meave Breen and Walter Darty gathered at Dublin School on Thursday, September 30, to shower the young couple with good wishes and gifts. Everyone enjoyed the song stylings of Miss Muscalle and Miss L. Mullin. When the many attractive gifts were opened, thanks and congratulations were exchanged. After a delicious lunch, Dorothy O'Rourke's orchestra furnished dance music.

## Y Activities Have Keen Interest For All Groups

Off with a flying start the boys and girls departments, ages 10 to 17, of the Y.M.C.A. report large attendance and vigorous participation at all gym classes since the opening last Monday. The midget boys and girls classes ages 10 to 12, are showing great satisfaction in the variety of training and mass games in their program, many of which are new to them. The Junior boys and girls are displaying a keen desire to improve their basketball prowess and are enjoying the finer points of gymnastic vaulting. The intermediate girls have been slow at responding, but hopes are high for an improvement of this situation at an early date. The intermediate boys, however, are showing no mild interest in the new horizontal bar and boxing equipment purchased by the Y this year. The group is also showing delight at the prospects of gleaming the full rules of basketball during the coming year. The young men's and women's department will be getting under way this week and will feature gymnastics, calisthenics, boxing, weight training, basketball, volleyball and several other special interest activities, according to the members' preferences. The Badminton Club held their opening night and election of officers on Monday. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all and included badminton, table tennis, and a tasty lunch. Don Ryder was elected president of the club and an active season is predicted. Playing nights are to be Monday and Wednesday at 9 p.m. The Penguin Club executive held a meeting on Monday and plans are under way for an initial dance on Friday, October 28th. 80,000 yearly growth of population is overclouding Malta.

## TOP CONTESTANTS FROM SCHOOLS



Here are the athletes who won the greatest number of points for their schools at the North Halton Public School Athletic Meet in Acton last Friday afternoon. Back row is Bob Sales, of Milton, John Debeauille, of Georgetown, and Don Anderson of Acton. In the girls' events, Dorothy Williams, of Georgetown, Jean Palmer, of Acton, and Ruth Brazier of Milton were the top athletes for their respective schools.

## Great Interest Aroused When New Assessment Figures Are Announced

Citizens Fill Council Chamber and Hallway As Over Forty Appeals Are Heard On The New County Assessment—Approval Soon On Acton's Erection As a Town—Provincial Police Will Take Charge In Acton November 1st—E. Harrop Becomes Town Superintendent To Take Many Duties Off Council's Shoulders—Two Nights To Complete Council Business This Week

The biggest crowd to ever attend a Council meeting in Acton in our thirty years of municipal reporting was on hand Monday night when Acton Council met as a Court of Revision on the 1950 assessment. Mr. Rogers, County Assessor, and Mr. Harrop, Assessor for Acton were present. All the Council was present.

The Council Chamber was filled and the hall outside had many who could not get into the room. As one citizen was heard to remark, "My, if only we could get a crowd like this on Nomination night wouldn't it be fine?" We agreed and we also might comment that never did we see so many appeals dealt with so quickly. The Court sat from 7:30 and at 11:55 the last ratepayer gave his reasons for thinking he was wrongly assessed. We might also add that by this time only three ratepayers were still present as the Court closed.

Reeve Jones gave a brief synopsis of the new assessment and explained that the whole assessment picture had been changed and the assessment of Acton doubled, therefore citizens could expect a lower rate. With the same expenditure as last year the mill rate should be half of that last year. No decisions would be reached at this hearing but evidence heard and decisions given as soon as possible.

Mr. W. J. O. Oakes appeared for the Anglican Church. The rectory had been raised from \$1000 to \$2000 assessment. In view of the fact that the Parish Hall was used only for church purposes it was understood that there would be no taxes on this part of the building. This had been agreed upon by a former Council but was not carried out. Total assessment was \$3,025.

Robert Marshall felt he was overassessed at \$2049. He told of the rock on his land that made his property less valuable. His 1949 assessment had been \$700.

George Simpson had his assessment raised from \$950 to \$2216. The house was 90 years old. He submitted other properties for comparison. In each case Assessor Harrop produced the record on which the assessment was made, gave the figures and the method of securing the assessment.

E. Braida's farm property was \$6,000 with buildings against \$2400 last year. His store property was \$1770 against \$1800 last year. The Reeve pointed out that on this last

property Mr. Braida would have much lower taxes and actually had a decrease.

Ralph Chandler had \$1900 this year against \$800 last year.

Miss Kate Littly was not present. Her assessment of \$1758 was higher than the other half of the same duplex. Mr. Harrop pointed out the comparison house had more depreciation allowed.

John Williamson at \$108 was assessed more than he had paid for the land. It was on the same rate as all others in that zone.

Herb Dodds had moved buildings from his property to the township and this would have adjustment in the supplemental assessment.

Douglas Price's house at \$2450 was too high. Last year it was \$1000 on an uncompleted building. He was satisfied if the mill rate was cut in half.

Hugh Graham said land at \$415 was too high for the nature of rocky land. Mr. Rogers felt this should be re-examined and possibly adjusted.

Fred Kertner felt his assessment of \$3,085 from \$1250 of last year was not in keeping with the general increase.

Mr. Rogers, County Assessor, at this juncture offered a further explanation of the new County assessment. The entire County is being re-assessed on this standard basis. Acton, Milton and Nelson will use the assessment this year. He felt it was unfair to compare assessments in other towns not yet completed on this basis. It was now assessing on 100 per cent of normal value and 17 Counties in Ontario are now using this modern method.

The object was not to increase taxes but rather to adjust the load fairly. Council had certain funds to raise by taxation and if the assessment is high the mill rate would be low. He had reviewed much of Mr. Harrop's work and felt he had adhered very closely to the rules set out for this modern and efficient system.

Mr. Robert Anderson had a total of \$2750 on the land and buildings which she felt was too high.

Wm. Benson felt a discrepancy in his property in comparison with similar buildings.

Alex McIsaac felt the measurements on his garage were inaccurate and did not compare with

## FELL IN STAIRWAY IN ACTON HOME, SUFFERED BROKEN BACK

Mr. Joel Leslie had the misfortune to suffer a broken back when he fell through an open stairway at the house of a neighbour of his Mr. J. E. Pearen. Mr. Leslie with his brother, Harvey Leslie, of Aylmer, was looking over the new home Mr. Pearen is building when he fell in the open stairway. At the General Hospital in Guelph, it was found Mr. Leslie had suffered a broken back.

## Historical Main Street Bridge Goes For New Highway

In the program of improvement on No. 25 Highway the construction company started work in Acton on Tuesday. Transferring grades in the several hills and gullies of three blocks will help but the big construction program in this section will be the rebuilding of the bridge over the creek on Main Street. The old bridge is being demolished and foundations laid for a new structure that will be 60 feet in width. There will be no diversion of traffic we understand and a Bailey bridge will carry traffic while the new structure is being built.

The old bridge was built in the summer of 1900, forty three years ago and caused quite a municipal controversy at the time. Council authorized a bridge 40 feet in width but it was widened to 45 feet by the Reeve of that time who owned the property adjoining the creek. The Council sessions argued about the bridge issue and the Reeve offered to pay for the extra costs incurred by the five foot width. The election which followed its construction had as its theme, "How much did the Main Street bridge cost?"

Of one particular Council meeting the Free Press report says, "Altogether the occasion was one which must have made Monk and Doraell turn over in their graves from sheer horror. Seriously it was very regrettable."

And it was all over this Main Street bridge now being demolished to make room for a bigger and better one, after 43 years of service. Don't recall that it ever was settled just how much it cost back in 1906.

## INTERESTING ITEMS AT OCTOBER MEETING OF ACTON INSTITUTE

The regular monthly meeting of the Acton Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Lazenby with Mrs. Davidson, president, in the chair.

Donations were made to the Salvation Army and the Red Ryder Trust Fund, and gift parcels are to be sent to patients in the sanatorium. The roll call was answered by various ways of neighboring. The motto, "Courtesy Costs Nothing but refunds good dividends" was given by Mrs. Hunter who also had current events and told of a spectacular auction in Westlock, Alberta. The topic of the meeting was taken by Mrs. Maddock on "Rural towns no longer quiet" and appreciations of small towns by Mrs. Drysdale.

Mrs. Hunter concluded the program by a recipe for happiness. A contest was enjoyed on girls and boys favorite names, Mrs. Robbins getting the highest number correct and winning the prize. A dainty social hour was enjoyed and served by the committee of the month.

## Fall Raspberries and Big Mangolds In Local Crops

These are the days of harvest and many unusual crops and out of season production. Ellsworth Evans brought in a nice branch of luscious raspberries he had plucked and J. H. Price Willow Street reports a nice individual picking with blossoms and green berries on the same and this is mid October.

Then there's the big growth in some localities. Albert Shultz, a neighboring farmer has a big crop of mangolds and some big ones too. There are plenty of these in the field that weigh 20 and 22 lbs. but the grandpas of them all is one that tipped the scales at 31 lbs. and was hollow in the centre. Just imagine what the weight would have been if it had been solid.

—A depression in No. 25 Highway at Lot 7 Esquevas was the cause of a service truck crashing the guard fence and breaking off a couple of posts last Thursday afternoon. The depression is still unrepaired and in dangerous condition.

## Oakville Oaks Dropped 3-2 In Benefit Baseball

Sturdy Oaks Felled by Acton A's Saturday—Leader Handcuffed Best Batsmen

Oakville Senior A semi-finalists, Oakville Oaks met Acton A's Int A semi-finalists, here, on Saturday without benefit of reinforcements in a benefit game designed to swell the funds of the Baseball Benefit Fund for the family of the late Bud Ryder, star Acton player who met death in a tragic accident last month. In a nip and tuck affair with both clubs showing mid-season form Acton shaded the Oaks 3-2 in nine innings.

If this sequel to the regular season was any indication of the gulf between Int A and Senior A, in the eyes of fans it is now practically non-existent, because Acton had little trouble downing the highly touted Oaks.

Bill Leader was too much of a puzzle for Oaks heavy artillery as he set them down inning after inning, hitless. Both runs Oaks scored were unearned and came in the second inning when Footitt muffed a long fly into centre that indicated a two run rally after another error was charged to the infield.

Mark Pollock, a much improved hurler since he delivered for Oaks in the Halton County, kept A's bingles well spaced. Acton counted one in the first frame and a brace in the eighth to get the margin.

Footitt placed a timely single to centre in the eighth with Scott and Leader on to score both runners.

There were some fast plays executed by both clubs in cutting down runners. Ronastetter, A's speedy short stop was in fine fettle and came up with a display of peerless fielding. Wallens, the Oakville batsman, was the sparking of the visitors. Eric Teletka, formerly of Milton, smashed out the longest ball of the game but Footitt went way back to gather it in.

Oakville were without Al Yarnell their veteran mentor and first-string pitcher. The old pro indisposed to Oaks in crucial games in their campaign was indisposed as was Milne, a strong hitter who is in hockey togs.

Fine autumn weather brought out quite a number of fans to the game and all were impressed with the calibre of both teams.

## THE HOME PAPER INTRODUCES ACTONIANS MANY MILES AWAY

When Miss Wanda Rutledge went to Denver Colorado as a nurse in the hospital in that city she didn't know any Actonians lived there. But Nelson Bauer, who left Acton 35 years ago still takes the Free Press and noticed that Miss Rutledge was in Denver. Very thoughtfully he called the hospital registry and invited Miss Rutledge and her friend Miss Ruxton to visit them in their home. "Really people here are just wonderful" writes this Actonian to her parents.

## 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 5c.
- Penguin Club opening dance Friday, October 28th, Acton Y.M.C.A.
- Dance Cedar Valley Cowboys, Paradise Gardens every Tuesday Old time dancing Admission 50c.
- Hallowe'en tea and bazaar, Saturday October 29th, United Church S. S. room. Atupices Friendly Circle. 15-2
- Dance, Cedar Valley Cowboys, modern and old time dancing, Acroferly Hall, Friday, October 21 at 9 p.m. Admission 50c.
- Lakeville Chapter I.O.D.E. Annual Bazaar, Saturday, November 19th. Tea, homemade baking, fancy articles. Special draws.
- Hallowe'en Party, Woodside School Thurs. evening, October 27. Games and dancing. Ladies please bring lunch. Admission 25c. Children free.
- Bazaar and rummage sale, homemade baking, penny sale and tea table in the Y.M.C.A., October 22nd at 2:00 p.m. under auspices of Acton Legion Auxiliary.
- Euchre, Legion Hall, Saturday, October 22nd, 8:30, p.m. sharp. Auxiliaries Ladies' Auxiliary. Admission 35c. Door prize. Everybody welcome. 14-2

## Benefit Fund Gets Real Boost From the Game

The Baseball Benefit Fund for the family of Rod Ryder got quite a boost this week as a result of the Saturday game with Oakville. The total gate was \$340 and the booth proceeds were \$21. There just weren't any expenses in connection with it. The Oakville Club came up and like real sports paid all their own expenses and bought admission tickets to go into the game. Mr. Sanford used his P.A. system to drum up the crowd on Saturday and the answer was "No Charge". The O.B.A. sent three umpires and they paid their own travelling costs and gave their services. In this instance the gross gate was the net gate and it was a generous one thanks to the fans.

More donations are in from in and out of town and the fund has reached \$755.25. So here it is to date. If you want to make it to \$1000 you'll have to hurry and get it in next week so that it can be closed by the end of October.

Previously acknowledged	\$240.75
Rickey	1.00
A Friend	5.00
J. H. Crighton	5.00
F. C. Dawkins	5.00
Louitt Family	5.00
Little Linda James	1.00
Altar Society, St. Joseph's Church	5.00
Anonymous	5.00
Fan	2.00
King Edward Hotel, Guelph	2.00
A Friend	2.00
Ruby and Boyd Clark	5.00
Fan	2.00
Total Gate Receipts Beneficial Game	340.00
Booth Proceeds, E. Coles	21.00
	\$755.25