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FINE FAIR HELD DESPITE CHILLY WINDS



PLASTERED WITH PIE are these entrants in the Acton Fall Fair pie eating contest. A piece of raisin pie held flat in each hand hampered manoeuvring and the judges' warning not to drop a single crumb resulted in many grimaces before two pieces each were downed. Nine boys entered the event, no girls feeling able to cope with the generous slices. Joe Jany, second from the left, was prize pie eater. His official timing was 1 minute, 24 seconds, which certainly doesn't allow for the recommended number of chews per bite. The pie eating contest was held on the platform facing the grandstand on Saturday afternoon.

—Free Press Photo

Cold Hands Prove Warm Hearts at Acton Fall Fair

Acton Fair for 1950 was another successful event in all respects except the weather. Saturday's cool winds and fall temperature were not conducive to a record or an enthusiastic attendance, but the exhibits were good in all classes, the attractions were appreciated, and the thousands of folks attending enjoyed the show presented.

The arena exhibit was one of the finest seen here. The judge in the homecrafts section remarked that it was one of the best displays she had seen. The building was well filled with exhibits and in addition merchandise displays by Earl Van Norman, Hassard Radio, Manning Electric, Acton Home Furnishings, Nicol Memorial, E. Davies, Modern Plumbing and Heating and J. G. Jordan Electric.

The Arena Show
The arena show and the big midway in operation on Friday night drew a good crowd. The arena was filled when President Walter Linham welcomed the visitors and expressed appreciation of the loyalty and work of his fellow officers and directors and the co-operation given him by everyone in the 1950 event.

Mr. R. R. Parker was in charge of the show which proved well planned and pleasing to the audience. The appearance of the 11th Field Artillery Band with their drill and precision marching drew rounds of applause. Recognition was made of the faithful service of Mr. Chas. McKeown, who has been a director of Acton Fair for over thirty years. President Linham presented him with the Agricultural Society's Certificate of Merit for the years and Mr. McKeown replied suitably.

The saddle horse classes were again a feature of the arena show and entries were over a wide territory with many fine performances. The open performance class saw a local horse, Rocky, owned and ridden by Lorne Masales, take the top place among nine entries. Second place was won by Mischievous of Alameda Farms, Brampton; third by Grenada, owned by Wm. Bowler, Brantford and fourth by Symphony of Alameda Farms, Brampton.

In the open hunter class, Dr. Chassells Toronto won first with Golden Slipper taking first; Rocky second; Symphony third and Flying Saucer, owned by Dr. Chassells, taking fourth.

The high jump was the closing event with Black Velvet in first place; Symphony second; Flying Saucer third and Grenada fourth. The vaudeville attractions were Buddy Herrick, a master juggler and balancer, who had a full bag

AUTHENTIC SCOTCH OUTFIT WORN BY BOY 75 YEARS AGO WINS NORMA SINCLAIR PRIZE

Free tickets to the theatre were awarded last Monday night to those attending the show in Scotch costume. Seven year old Norma Sinclair of Willow St won for her authentic outfit, which was owned by the late Mr. Symon of Acton. He wore it as a boy in Scotland about 75 years ago.

Miss Elma Bruce, who left her home near Edinburgh, Scotland for Canada three months ago, received double guest tickets for wearing her dress Stewart tartan skirt.

The foyer of the theatre was specially decorated in Scotch style for the occasion.

Eerie Light Causes Many Conjectures Of Bombs, Hurricanes, Last Judgement

What was it? It looked as if the sky had jaundiced. The eerie light descended just after church time Sunday and got worse instead of better as everyone seemed to wait for whatever was going to happen to for goodness sakes, hurry up and happen.

An atom bomb landed on Toronto? We realized then that even if it were that, we had already missed our chance of jumping under the nearest table and pulling the most available cover over us, as we were instructed. We certainly didn't want to pull the tablecloth out from under our Sunday dinner anyway.

Many in town couldn't help but wonder if the day of judgement had come and wished they had paid more attention in church. You couldn't help but think of several minor sins of the last few days so perhaps the imminence of judgement would be a good thing every once in a while. But not too often. Scientifically-minded people in

Pair Capture Youth From Reformatory

Tom and Bob Lazendy, R. R. 1, Acton captured a youth who had escaped from Guelph Reformatory last Saturday night at their house near Crewson's Corners. The two men who are employed at the Wood Combing plant, had just arrived home from Guelph in their car about 9 p.m. and were preparing to leave again when their father heard a noise outside.

The pair dashed out to investigate and saw two figures jump from their car, run down the yard and over the fence. Although one man got away in the darkness, Tom luckily caught the other youth and sat on him while he waited for his brother to come back.

While Tom Lazendy drove to Acton for the police, the captured youth waited in Lazendy's home. He said he was James MacKay 16, of Toronto and that his companion was James Teskey of Woodstock. They had been hiding in a cornfield watching the house since early morning and tried to make a get away in the car by starting it with a tin foil.

Acton police contacted Guelph provincial police since the Lazendy family live just over the border in Eramosa Twp. The police took MacKay back to the reformatory.

When he was caught the youth wore only a flimsy inmate shirt and work trousers and was quite cold.

Church Celebrates 112th Anniversary

The Rev. E. W. Bentley, M.A. of St. Thomas was the guest speaker at Churchill United Church 112th anniversary services last Sunday. Rev. Bentley was the student minister at the church 35 years ago.

In the morning his topic was "The plain speech of God" and in the evening he spoke on "The stillness of God." The regular minister, Mr. W. Gibbs, was in charge of both services. Mrs. W. Gibbs and Mr. McDougall of Millburg were the soloists with the church choir assisting.

Both services were well attended with Ballinacree and Millville churches cancelling their own services so members could attend.

Mr. John Smith formerly of Acton and now of Galt has attended Churchill anniversary regularly for 64 years and this year was no exception.

Present Awards At Rally Day Service

The annual Rally Day Service was held in Knox Church on Sunday morning. The Sunday School children gathered in the auditorium of the church for the service. Mr. Clarence Coles, superintendent presented the awards to the children who had successfully memorized the scripture passages and had attended church and Sunday School services regularly.

Rev. W. I. McElwain, M.A. of Nova Scotia was the guest speaker choosing as his theme "I will build my church." In the evening Mr. L. Sutherland of Knox College, Toronto had charge of the service. Rev. R. H. Armstrong, M.A. was conducting anniversary services at Nassagaweya Church during the day.

OBITUARY

Young Acton Man Dies Very Suddenly

This community was indeed shocked to learn of the passing on Tuesday of Kenneth A. Mackenzie, a prominent business man here for the past few years and younger son of Mrs. and the late J. B. Mackenzie.

Ken, as he was familiarly known about town, was around as usual until late last week when he became suddenly ill. Taken to St. Joseph's Hospital in Guelph for treatment, he was found to be suffering from poliomyelitis and in spite of the best treatment, he passed away Tuesday afternoon. He was 33 years old.

Besides his wife, formerly Lois Aikens of New Glasgow, N.S., he leaves two small children, Jack and Margaret. His mother, Mrs. J. B. Mackenzie, one brother, Sam and two sisters, Misses Jean and Margery also survive him. To all of these so sadly bereft, sympathy of a host of friends in town and district goes at this time.

Kenneth Alexander Mackenzie was born in Georgetown and received his education there and at Pickering College. During the last world war he served with distinction in the Royal Air Force for five years and attained the rank of Pilot. Upon his discharge in 1945 he came to Acton to reside, managing the Acton building, lumber and coal business established by his father, which he took over entirely following his father's death three years ago and has successfully expanded.

He was a fine type of young citizen who took a keen interest in Acton and its progress. He was a member and past president of the Y's Men's Club, a member of Walker Lodge A.F. and A.M. and of Acton Branch of the Legion. Citizens of Acton share with the family the loss sustained in this bright young life. He had just moved to a fine new home built the past year on Lake Ave.

Mr. Mackenzie attended Knox Presbyterian Church and the private funeral service yesterday afternoon at the Victor B. Rumley Funeral Home was conducted by Rev. Mr. Armstrong. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery, Acton.

Every year about 200,000 sons and daughters of Canadians reach 21 years of age and full status as citizens.

Plan to Eliminate Poles on One Block

The regular meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Tuesday evening. Rev. E. W. Bentley and Commissioner J. T. Watt were present and Bob MacArthur presided.

Plans are being formulated to do away with the poles on the north side of Mill Street between Main and Willow Streets. Experiments are to be obtained by Supt. Wilson for placing a pole in the rear of the business places so that all wires will be off the poles in this block with the telephone company's lines attached to their poles. There are at present no street lights on this side of the street.

Prices were submitted for a fast road to be placed at the front end. One of a suitable size was ordered to be purchased.

Notice was received of a meeting of the Accounting Division of the H.E.P.C. to be held on Thursday. The meeting is in St. Catharines and is for the whole of western Ontario. It is impossible for Secretary McGeachie to attend this meeting as Miss Walker is on an annual holiday.

Supt. Lambert reported that children had filled a valve box on Crescent Street with sand and stones and finally made off with the cover for the valve. Through the good offices of a citizen the top had been recovered. The valve had to be dug out to put it in working shape again.

The hydrant at Agnes and Main Streets was reported out of service. This hydrant has to be moved caused by the opening of this street through to Main. The levels and line of the roadway are to be obtained from the engineer before the hydrant is placed in service.

The placing of a hand rail at the office steps was discussed. Secretary McGeachie was to write the Y.M.C.A. Board for permission to install a hand rail.

A check was to be made with Consolidated Engine for the relief valve to be installed at the spring during the repairing of the water tank.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Hydro Department	
Can Gen Electric	\$13.69
Can Line Materials	174.60
Line & Cable Access	37.63
Electric & Pole Line Ind	96.35
Ajax Engineers Ltd	17.50
McDonald Electric	19.14
Garfield Glove Co	15.26
James R. Kearney	106.35
H.E.P.C. of Ontario	7108.52
Tilley's Ltd	1.90
Addressograph	1.21
A Cook	1.55
Whitman's Garage	17.30
Bell Telephone Co	27.15
Acton Free Press	38.45
Petty Cash	14.48
	\$781.22

Waterworks Department	
Can Brass Co	\$42.14
Wellace and Tiernon	4.54
Northern Electric	143.00
Mueller Ltd	93
Can Valve & Hydrant	13.40
Standard Chemical	39.00
	\$243.01

Rootin' Tootin' Broncho Busters Beat The Cold On The Fair Merry-Go-Round

It was a great day for the kids. Excitement of fair warmed them and they didn't seem a fraction as cold as the adults. The midway features that were designed especially for the younger set were certainly well patronized.

The ponies did a fine job by treating the dude riders most carefully. It is quite understandable that they should stop occasionally for a nibble of grass—after all, everyone else was getting taffy apples and candy floss.

Miss Sharon White, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer White of Hespeler, thought it was just about time for her to find out what a merry-go-round was like so she did. Her father wanted to come too so he let him. They chose a fancy carriage for the ride and when he got off, Mr. White said it was the best day he'd ever had. "But it's chilly!" Sharon didn't say anything. She was still looking at the merry-go-round.

Brian, 6 and Bruce, 4, sons of

Council Agrees to Return To Daylight Saving Time

At the sewer meeting on Monday evening those present were Councilmen J. Hargrave, J. Greer, R. Thompson, Deputy Mayor W. J. McLeod and Rev. E. Bentley. Mayor A. Mason presided.

The following motion was passed, sponsored by Taylor and Hargrave. Resolved that we return to Daylight Saving Time on Tuesday, September 26th at midnight. So we can conform with the outside industry and the surrounding towns and to stay on till Toronto goes back to standard time. Carried.

MR AND MRS A. J. MURRAY ARE GIVEN LAMP, BOUQUET ON FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Murray of Guelph, Ontario, celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary at their home on Sunday, September 24, 1950, with friends and members of the family present. They were presented with a bouquet of roses and a table lamp to mark the occasion. A family dinner was held in the evening in Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray have two daughters and one son and five grandchildren.

OSPRINGE

Nine Euchre Tables Benefit W. I. Work

Mrs. Alvin Fisher and Mrs. Calvin Evans were joint hostesses at a delightful euchre party at the former's home on Thursday evening in aid of the Women's Institute Cards were in play at nine tables with prizes for high scores going to Mrs. W. J. Jackson and Mr. Gordon Robertson. Dainty refreshments were served at the close.

Recent guests with Mr. and Mrs. George D. Robertson included Mr. and Mrs. Harry Alton and daughter Mrs. Striker, all of Penetanguishene.

Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Brown and Gail spent a few days last week at Wasaga.

Mrs. George Young and Miss Ada Currie attended Wellington County Historical Society Convention at Harrison on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Stewart spent Friday in Hamilton where they visited Mrs. Stewart's sister, Mrs. Rennieck, who recently underwent an operation. Friends will be pleased to learn Mrs. Rennieck was progressing favorably and expected to leave the hospital shortly.

Mrs. Miller of Erin and Mr. Arnold Leitch, R.N., of Hamilton, spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leitch.

Mrs. Bruce Sr. of Whitewood, Sask. is visiting with her sons, Ward and Byron and their families. Mrs. Mary Hurren of Erin spent Sunday with Mrs. G. Sunter and Miss E. Ballic.

Friends are sorry to learn that Mrs. Walker, mother of Mrs. James Struthers was removed to the Guelph General Hospital last week suffering from a stroke.

Mr. Elgin Brown resumed his studies at the O.A.C. on Tuesday.

The motion was to fight forward for various reasons, including the fact that since some industries were reverting to Daylight Saving Time, the women would have to get dressed at two different times.

Mrs. R. Cross had advised the clerk that only one lateral had been installed in a double house on Church Street. The sewer inspector said this was being taken care of.

Frank Crump reported that a number of sewer installations had been made without permits being procured. Fast contractors have been warned that no laterals are to be installed without first obtaining a permit.

The matter of installing a lateral to the arena was discussed. This is being left in the hands of the Property Committee.

Deputy reeve McLeod made one last appeal for the installation of sewers in wartime housing. The council reviewed the offer made by National Housing and what it would cost the town to lay sewers to these houses. No action was taken at this meeting on the installation of sewers to the subdivision.

A complaint of a large rock sticking up through the road surface on Sennie Street was brought to the attention of town foreman Kirkness.

Council decided that no more digging machines should be removed from the town until all the sewers are laid. There are now only two machines left in town and Council did not want the frost to come this fall before the job is finished.

Council discussed at some length the grading of the road to the sewage plant and the removal of earth from the property.

Arrangements were made for Reeve F. G. Tyler, Deputy Reeve W. J. McLeod and Councilor J. Greer to meet a delegation from an industry which desires to locate in Acton. This meeting is to take place on Thursday evening in the clerk's office.

The Road Committee are to look into the matter of private entrance for properties where the streets are being replaced after sewer installation.

Councilor B. Thompson brought up the possibility of securing fire proof storage space for the Halton Union Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co. This is for storing their records etc.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Chester Plank Dies in Rockwood

The village and community were saddened by the sudden death of Mrs. Chester O. Plank on September 19th. While able to be up and around her home and the store, she had not been in her usual good health for some time. The funeral took place Thursday with service at her late home, conducted by Rev. Chas. Gower, assisted by Rev. John W. Oliver of the United Church.

The funeral was largely attended by friends and relatives from a distance including those from Toronto, Hamilton, Brantford, Troy, Brampton, Dunnville, Dundalk, Sundridge, Barrie, Orillia, Elora and Waterloo.

Pallbearers were Messrs. H. Reid, F. West, A. B. Root, George Bayne, C. Stovel and C. McKeown. Many beautiful floral tributes bore silent testimony to the high esteem in which the deceased was held. Flower bearers were her nieces and nephews. Interment took place in Rockwood Cemetery. The sympathy of the community goes out to the bereaved husband. She also leaves three sisters, Mrs. Nicol (Beale), Winnipeg, Man.; Mrs. J. Wylie (Henrietta), Toronto and Mrs. A. Barber (Gertie), Guelph and one brother, Mr. Donald Laing, Guelph.