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ANOTHER INDUSTRY LOCATES IN ACTON

Assessment Compromise Flatly Refused by Council

Council discussed at some length, on Monday, the County equalization suggestions and the basis upon which they were made and settled their position by very definite resolutions. The following resolution was passed: "That this Council refuse to accept the compromise assessment as proposed by Mr. Cleaver and that Solicitor Leatherland be instructed to notify Mr. Cleaver to this effect and be it further resolved that our members on County Council do all in their power to have the equalized assessment throughout the County completed by next year."

Ladies' Aid Plan to Hold Turkey Supper

The September meeting of the Knox Ladies Aid was held at the home of Mrs. Wm. McLeod, Main St. The President, Mrs. F. McCutcheon, was in charge of this important business meeting. Mrs. Cameron Leishman read a Scripture lesson from the Psalm and Mrs. R. H. Armstrong lead in prayer. The Anniversary Supper was arranged for with the menu featuring turkey and all the trimmings. Table convivers were appointed with Mrs. A. J. Buchanan and Mrs. F. How to be the table supervisors with Mrs. Geo. Somerville and Mrs. S. Matthews as program committee.

Following the business period Mrs. F. Anderson conducted an educational quiz to the enjoyment of all. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Cameron Leishman, convener and her committee in serving refreshments. Mrs. A. J. Buchanan expressed the vote of appreciation to all and members were invited to the home of Mrs. J. Dennis for the next meeting.

CAMPBELLVILLE Village Loses Two Residents in Week

Mr. Alex Reid who resided on the homestead with his brother, Kilian and sisters, Jane and Mrs. M. Moore, passed away on Saturday at his home.

Funeral services were held on Monday afternoon with the Rev. B. Fryan of Morrison in charge. Pallbearers were David Fraser, Jno. Howard, William McLaren, William Buck, John Gilmour, and Lloyd Crawford. Interment was made in the old Presbyterian Burying Ground.

Mr. Charles Mainprize, a resident of this village for the last five years and in his 42nd year, passed away in Milton Hospital on Monday. He was an employee of the C.P.R. and suffered a heart seizure. His wife and daughter, Joyce, aged 2, who reside here, survive. Funeral was on Wednesday afternoon from the Little Funeral Home in Galt.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Inglis and Mr. and Mrs. George Inglis and family spent the week-end in Rochester with relatives.

A good number from here attended Milton Fair on Saturday.

LIMEHOUSE Garden Group Have Social, Slides, Talk

Miss Ruddle arranged an afternoon of sports events at the school on Friday afternoon. Pique lunch was served by the garden committee. In the evening a social was planned by the garden committee of the W. I. in the Hall. Dorothy McDonald and Neil Benton obliged with piano number and Professor Kingsbury of O.A.C. showed slides and lectured on potato culture. The children's garden produce was on display and prizes were awarded as judged by Mr. Bruce Fargher of Acton. Lunch was served at the close.

The vegetables on display would in some cases, put the town fair to shame. The W.I. deserve credit for sponsoring this garden work among the school children.

Recent visitors include: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lane and daughters of Toronto with Mrs. E. Lane.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Gray and daughter and Mr. Wm. Gray of Bradford with Miss Ivens and sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Greenlees and daughters of Campbellville with the A. W. Bentons on Sunday.

Mr. Harold Karm motored to Montreal for the funeral of his brother in law, Mr. John Monro who was killed in a motor accident here on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. McVey were guests at the Maxwell VanCamp wedding in Epworth United Church in Toronto last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Meredith and Mr. and Mrs. E. Karm and children visited Mr. and Mrs. J. McGowan and Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Smithurst, Barrie on Sunday.

Communion services were conducted by Rev. A. Calder on Sunday. In view of this, Rally Day will be observed on October 8th with Sunday School and church services combined at 2:30 pm. D. S. T.

Mrs. E. Miller and Mrs. Smithurst attended the W.I. district directors' meeting in Milton on Monday where the former was a delegate.

New Industry Fills Last Empty Factory

Acton has acquired another industry to add to its 18 manufacturing plants now in production here. The A. P. Greene Co., with head offices in Missouri, has acquired the plant on Wallace Street formerly operated by the Armaco Co. Workmen have already started getting the plant cleaned up and ready for operation. Electricians and plumbers are renewing equipment. The A. P. Greene Co. are manufacturers of fine brick, crucibles and other ceramic products and have branch offices in every province of the Dominion. In 1945 they constructed a new plant in Weston. A new line of products recently manufactured has crowded the Weston plant and it has been decided to make this line in the Acton plant to relieve pressure in Weston buildings.

Mr. G. Barber will be manager of the Acton plant and he and Mr. O. Hill, Vice President and General Manager at Weston, have been in Acton and started the men at clearing the plant for operation. This is a big task since in the three years that the plant has been out of operation much of the equipment has been stolen and vandalism and destruction of property has been a disgrace to the town. It is estimated over 1000 window panes are broken, small motors have been taken, wiring has been maliciously cut and property damage through out has been terrible. It is the plan of the new company to improve the grounds and buildings. A considerable portion of land goes with the buildings and will allow for a railway siding to the plant.

When operations start it is estimated about 15 men will be employed with about four key employees coming to Acton and the remainder to be secured locally.

Occupation of this building means that Acton has not a single factory building vacant. Council has however acquired information on many industrial sites in view of this demand for establishment of industry here and the plans companies already here have for expansion and possibly new buildings.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR Lack of Sewage In Subdivision Scored

To the Council of Acton: Is the Acton Council practicing discriminatory measures or not? In the surface it looks very much so when they evade putting sewerage into the Wartime Housing which is part of the town and if that doesn't point to discrimination what does? I don't believe one councillor can deny it. What is wrong gentlemen are you ashamed of the men who fought so you and all of us could live in peace and security?

This isn't the only incident that has been slipped in our faces. The rise in rent came and not one of you raised a voice in our favour. You knew you had us behind the eight ball because we can't find anywhere else to live. We asked for the roads to be looked after, twice this year you have practiced the new wonderful practice. It sure must take a great effort even to do that next, a culvert has been broken in my driveway for a year and a half without any success. I have asked over that period for a replacement but one word from a council member on the crescent and the repair is done in a flash. I wonder how the mayor would like water lying in front of his house every time it rains, and children playing in it a road way for police. I think.

Gentlemen, before I finish I must state I was only to one council meeting and the way it was conducted was a disgrace for men in your position. As the minutes were being read and here I must say you should supply a loud speaker for the clerk or he may be taken for imitating a baby learning to talk. No one was listening but was in conversation. It is nice to see them pair off to talk. I don't think meetings are ran that way.

In future, the very near future, I hope the veterans part of town (the Wartime Housing) gets a little thought in this well kept town of Acton.

J. Ayles

Rockwood Band Proves Organization Is Justified

Although Rockwood is one of the smallest villages in Ontario to have a band, the quality of music produced by the Community Band certainly does not suffer in proportion to the population of Rockwood. Four years ago Bandmaster Sidney R. Ecott of Guelph started from nothing to build the band that has proven such a success.

Backed by the Community Club and all the citizens of Rockwood from the beginning the band had many difficulties at first. Instruments were hard to get but very luckily 20 horns were finally found. Almost all second hand, several of them had just been lying unused.

Council Fixes Pay Of Rate Collector

At the October meeting of Ex-acting township Council held on Monday night, a by-law was passed fixing the salary of the collector of rates for the township. County Engineer Roy F. Smith was present when a tender for building a culvert was opened. Council accepted the tender of J. C. Duff Limited of \$2,900.00 for 14' culvert of 92 cubic yards to be built at Lot 19, Con. 10 and 11, township of Esquesing.

The following accounts were ordered paid: Bell Telephone Co. \$7.00, G. C. Brown road supt. 5.00. The following sheep claims were ordered paid: George Currie 2 lambs 47.00, Spencer Wilson valuator 8.00. Relief accounts of \$25.80 as presented by the relief officer were to be paid and the treasurer was instructed to pay road accounts as presented by the road superintendent to the amount of \$1,275.11. The road superintendent is to be instructed to advertise for tenders for plowing snow in the township this winter.

NASSAGAWEYA S. S. NO. 7

Rev. A. Armstrong Speaker on Sunday

Anniversary services were held in Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church, with large congregations at both services. Rev. R. H. Armstrong of Acton was the guest speaker and gave two impressive sermons. Eden Mills Presbyterian Church choir led in the morning service and Lowville quartette assisted the choir in the evening. The music rendered by the choir and quartette was enjoyed by the congregations. The church was beautifully decorated with autumn flowers and ferns. A turkey supper followed on Monday night and an excellent program was provided by the ladies choir of Aberfoyle United Church.

The many friends of Mrs. George Robinson are sorry to hear she is confined to bed through illness.

Mr. Peter McLean met with an accident which dislocated and broke his right shoulder. All wish he may soon be in good health again.

Several from the district attended Milton Fair on Saturday. Silo filling is the order of the day.

The Rockwood Musical Society has been formed so that the group may legally receive grants. The president is Mr. Frank Dav, the vice-president, H. Hosking, and the secretary-treasurer, J. H. Gibb. Bandmaster Ecott, who trained the Flora band and then the Guelph Junior band before taking on the Rockwood group is certainly proud of the 35 instruments they have now and the 27 regular band members.

Tenders Called For Man To Collect The Mail From Proposed Six Letterboxes

After two years of negotiations for six post boxes to be placed at convenient spots in town for mailing letters, action is finally in evidence. Tenders for a man to pick up the mail from these boxes is a very welcome sight.

Heartly encouragement to anyone thinking of taking on the job. There's a fine future for you with security, steady pay, retirement plan, unemployment insurance and a finer future for all the other Actonians who have been trudging through sleet, snow, rain, wind and mud year after year to get to the post office to mail a letter. They didn't particularly want to write in the first place. It's been hard.

The post office department had promised the boxes and just this week at council meeting, a letter was read from Hughes Cleaver, stating he was still continuing his efforts to have the post boxes become a reality. It looks as if they really will be appearing before too many months and will most certainly be an asset to those who feel that an occasional brisk constitutional is by no means an absolute essential for health, not even when combined with the business of posting a hasti-note or two.

An official from the government has scheduled the boxes to be placed at the corner of Main and Queen, at Victoria and Mill, on Main near Bower Ave., at the telephone booth in the wartime housing, at Agnes and Maria and, surprisingly enough, at the corner of Mill and Arthur. Government employees are supposed to be pretty clever but this one will have to be a downright genius to get a box at the corner of Mill and Arthur.

There'll be a lot less excuse for writing letters when the boxes eventually arrive but there's a drawback to everything.



PICTURED MEMBERS of the Rockwood Community Band are as follows: back row, left to right, Jack McIntosh, Doris Jennings, Martin Bauer, Centre row, left to right, Norm Thomas, Peggy Penfold, Ruth McLaren, Edith Royce, Sheila Hosking, Elbert Robson, Proven Wylie, Bruce Hosking, Ronald Ecott, John Harris, president, and bandmaster Sidney Ecott. Front row, left to right, Thelma Thatcher, Wayne Hosking, Forbes Coll, Victoria Waller, June Coulson, Leona Bolton, Lillian Jennings, Anita Jennings, David Bauer, Alleda Bacon.

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"Somebody's Got To Do It" -- Somebody Did -- Show the Beauty of the Familiar

On the cover of this month's Maclean's magazine is a most striking painting that commands attention. An art catalogue might say that it was painted in large spots of color with streaks of sharply contrasting hues. The picture is of a farmer guiding his plow up a hill behind his team.

On the left is a tree aflame with autumn yellow and orange, its stark branches piercing the warm foliage in several places, a professional critic would continue. The summer white of one mass of clouds is immediately complemented by an ominously dark snow cloud, both independent units against the sky of a brilliant blue.

The familiar looking farmer, appears over the crest of a hill with the team, one horse white, the other black. The small farmhouse on the left continues the theme of blended contrast with its white walls and black roof.

In the distance bright colors cut into the dark distance of a sharply contoured hill. The painter has used bold strokes to picture a most vivid and realistic landscape.

Realistic? Yes, indeed, although the foregoing critic's jargon may obscure the fact! The painting was actually done at a farm at Lowville just a few miles away and the scene is one that everyone has undoubtedly seen duplicated many times in this part of the country.

The artist is Adrian Dingle, who lives near Cooksville. "While I was painting," he reports, "the farmer left his team and ambled over every time he came around. I was unused to such attention and it unnerved me, particularly since the farmer said nothing. Just looked over my shoulder and grunted each time he came to inspect my work. Finally, as I prepared to pack up for the day, he took one last look, sighed and said, more to the horses than to me, 'Well, I guess somebody's got to do it.'"

W.A. Serve After Dedication Service

The monthly meeting of the Woman's Association of the United Church was held at the home of Mrs. E. Lambert on Tuesday, with the President, Mrs. J. Wilderspin, in the chair. The devotional period was taken by Mrs. F. Cleave, and the roll call was responded to by the word, "Peace". Plans were made for the dedication service on Thursday night, after which lunch will be served by the ladies. Several plans are under way for raising funds for necessary work to be done by the Society. The meeting closed with the repetition of the Mizpah benediction. Mrs. Lambert, assisted by Mrs. Thetford, Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. F. Kentner served a lovely lunch, and a social time was enjoyed.

Baxter Players Are Softball Champs

Last Sunday afternoon Baxter Lab took the Acton softball championship by defeating Force Electric twice by the scores of 6 to 5 and 5 to 3 in a best-of-three final series. As the scores indicate, both games were close all the way. Mike Cox plucked the first game for Baxter's and Monty Root did the toizing for Force's. The only home run of the game was hit by Fred Cooper when he clouted a long one into left center field with none on. In the second game Dude Lindsay limited Force's to seven hits while Fred Cooper allowed 8 hits. Sam Snyder was the outstanding performer for Baxter's, collecting three for four and playing brilliantly at short stop.

Dublin W.I. Choses 2 Area Delegates

Dublin Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. M. Anderson for their September meeting with Mrs. W. Watkins in charge. Singing of the Institute Ode, and repeating the Mary Stewart Collect opened the meeting. Roll call was answered by telling "What I did for home improvement this summer." The minutes were read and approved. Plans were completed for the exhibits for Acton and Milton Fairs. Mrs. W. Watkins and Mrs. C. VanGozen were chosen to attend the Area Convention of the Women's Institute to be held in Stratford in October. Mrs. Dennis read a paper on "Community activities and public relations" and also conducted a contest. Lunch was served and a social hour enjoyed.