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OBJECT TO BUILDING AND ASSESSMENT

Intermediate Team To Represent Acton This Year

In spite of strong interest in the hockey play-offs a small group gathered in the town hall Monday evening to discuss Intermediate baseball prospects in Acton this year. There is every indication the Halton County Baseball Association will continue to expand and the men were determined Acton would file a contending team. Elected to the committee were Fred Dawkins, Ray Mason, Eddie Ryder, Dr. Frank Oakes, "Tinny" Mazales and Mat Tyler, who have been instrumental in forming some pretty fair clubs in seasons gone by.

No decision was made regarding the classification of the Intermediate this year. The past two seasons have seen Acton in Int. "A" baseball. Last year Oakville ousted the locals in a thrilling semi-final series that went the route before the Oaks wrapped it up. Oakville, later missed the Ontario title by a mere whisker.

Immediate plans in the Halton County Baseball Association seem to favour an eight-team Intermediate circuit, divided into two divisions of four teams. The first division would be composed of Acton, Fergus, Hespele and Oakville, all playing Int. "A". The remaining four clubs, Milton, Waterdown, Georgetown and Oakville Braves would be in an Int. "B" category. Milton and Waterdown reverting to Int. "C" at the conclusion of the schedule. However, nothing is settled or will be until a meeting of the Halton Association in the near future.

Intermediate plans in Acton will depend largely on the player situation. If enough talent can be found in Acton, the club would be unwise to play in anything but Int. "B". If there's a player shortage and they can be found relatively close then it's likely Acton will again be in the strong Int. "A" loop.

Minor baseball will be sponsored by the Acton Minor Sports Club again this season. This organization will definitely sponsor a Bantam team and possibly a town league along lines similar to the four team hockey loop that was such a success this year. At least one other club will be under the guidance of the Minor Sports club. It will play in an out-of-town league. Other entries will depend largely on what talent is available.

Further plans for the younger ball players will be made at a meeting of the Minor Sports Club executive and any others interested in the near future.

Winners In County Show Announced

Following are the scores in the 75 bushel Oat Club under the auspices of Wellington County Crop Improvement Association in 1950. Fields were scored in the 1950 growing season and the seed sample was scored at the recent Seed Show.

Geo. C. Burt and Son, 92-775, Callan J. Aiken, 96-629, Gordon A. Leslie, 91-5, John Haggarty and Son, 91-5, E. Griffin and Son, 92-775, Victor Haggarty, 91-5, Wm. Elliott, 87-25, Wilson Sutton and Son, 92-775, Alan Fowler, 92-775, Marshall Day, 92-775, Roy B. Whitmore, 92-775.

Total of 1,000 School Children Compete In Music Festivals Of Four Townships

The Township Music Festivals were held last week with a good attendance of parents and pupils. Mr. Edson Brethour, Director of Music for Toronto schools, was adjudicator for all three festivals.

There were a few cancellations in all townships from sickness but a total of 1,000 rural school children took part. Two from each class were chosen to go to the County Festival in Knox Church, Milton, on May 10th. The executive of the Festival is very grateful to all organizations who have made donations as it makes it possible to hold all the Festivals without an admission charge.

Mr. Rath, assistant inspector during Mr. Skuce's absence, was present at all the rural festivals and expressed Mr. and Mrs. Skuce's wishes for another successful festival.

Nelson Festival was held Monday afternoon, April 9th in Lowville United Church with Mr. E. McKinnon as chairman. There were only the six rural schools competing.

Y-So-Ed Club Holds Inaugural Meeting

The first regular meeting of the newly formed So-Ed Club was held at the Y Wednesday evening, with the program mapped out in feature areas that, the committees hope, will be maintained by the members.

Organization meetings for the group were held on Wednesday, April 11 and last Sunday. The group is patterned after Y So-Ed clubs (Social-Educational) and will fill the gap left by the end of the Triple-T Club's activities for Y members.

It is planned to have a speaker for the first part of the program, and chosen for the first meeting Wednesday was Mr. O. Robbins, principal of the high school, who showed moving pictures of the 1950 Stanley Cup finals.

A hobby period is scheduled to follow, with the first two subjects tried out, archery and bridge. The groups will be changed depending on the wishes of the members.

After this, dancing and lunch were enjoyed by those present. Committees named at earlier meetings were, steering committee, Al Spanton; program committee, Wilma Thompson, Janet McCarvell; membership and promotion, Roy Kirkness, Bob Rumley; lunch committee, Jackie Chew, Patsy Duval.

Trafalgar Tax Rate Set at 40.8 Mills

Trafalgar Township council, at a meeting held on April 16th, struck a tax rate of 40.8 mills for 1951. This is an increase of 1.1 mill over 1950. The estimated budget for 1951 was set at \$257,371.51, an increase of \$27,789.14 over last year. The total township assessment is \$6475,475.00. The tax rate is broken down as follows:

	1950-mills	'51-mills
Twp. rate	39.7	40.8
County rate	1.1	1.2
High School	0.8	0.8
Gen. School	2.3	2.2
Public school area	9.3	11.0

Georgetown Again The Lone Dissenter

A meeting of the Board of Arbitration on the apportioning of the 1951 of the North Halton High School District made a ruling on Monday, that the cut would be levied on the basis of the new assessment figures which have been completed in the three towns and two townships.

Georgetown council, under advice from their assessor had not accepted the former recommendations as given by the Board.

Under this ruling the following will be the all time of the levy on the District High School:

	% of Portion	Total 1951 Levy
Acton	14.95	\$1,124.74
Milton	14.75	\$6,032.94
Georgetown	23.79	\$9,730.41
Edouard	33.28	\$13,611.95
Nassagaweya	13.23	\$4,411.24
100	\$40,901.23	

In view of the fact that the municipalities had spent considerable effort in compiling these revised assessments it was their feeling that this was the fairest division of the costs. Under this new ruling of the Arbitration Board Acton assumes \$153.81 more of the costs than under the previous ruling. Milton's share is \$73.81 more and Georgetown will pay \$568.81 more than under the arrangement they refused to accept from a previous meeting of the Board Nassagaweya Township benefits by paying \$349.33 less and Edouard will pay \$561.63 less.

The resolution covering the directive was, of course, not approved by the Georgetown assessor. Neither would be second a resolution that the 1950 percentages be adopted.

The costs of the Board of Arbitration amounting to \$330 for meals and travelling were assessed to the North Halton School Board. The Board of Arbitration is composed of the assessors of the five municipalities with the county assessor, Ford Rodgers, as chairman and Assessor F. Crump of Acton, secretary.



DIRECTOR OF RYERSON Institute of Technology's School of Graphic Arts in Toronto, Edward Parker, addressed the members and guests of the Acton Rotary Club last Tuesday at their supper meeting.

Institute Director Addresses Rotary

Guest speaker at the Acton Rotary Club on Tuesday was Mr. E. Parker, of the Ryerson Institute of Technology, Toronto, who gave Rotarians and visitors a glimpse of this newest phase of educational opportunity in Ontario and also the important place of the graphic arts in industrial and community life.

Mr. Parker is director of the School of Graphic Arts, a journalist of wide experience and training, an enthusiast for the promotion of opportunities and the broadening of knowledge of the young people of Canada. Ryerson Institute has only been in existence as a school of Technology since 1948 and yet its dozen or so courses are attracting young people from all over Canada, the United States, South America and European countries until its present buildings are taxed beyond their capacity and many students are denied its facilities.

Mr. Parker's address was one that all those who were privileged to hear thoroughly appreciated and all thanks of the club was extended by President George Mason. The speaker was introduced by Jim Dills who is a student at Ryerson. Members of the staff of the Free Press were guests at this meeting to hear Mr. Parker.

President George Mason outlined the duties of club members in connection with the gigantic Bingo being planned for next month. Mr. Amos Mason, who has been in Florida for the winter, was welcomed home by club members. In spite of his absence from Acton his Rotary attendance was still maintained by attending clubs wherever he happened to be.

Ladies' Aid Holds Annual April Tea

The annual April Tea of the Protestant Ladies' Aid of Osnaburg was held on Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. A. Bullock with twenty ladies in attendance.

The meeting opened with the hymn "Oh Spring of the Living God" and the devotional was taken by Mrs. George Grundy. The Study Book on "India and British Guiana" was taken by Mrs. Gordon Aiken and Mrs. G. Suter. The minutes were read and approved.

A report on religious drama was given by Mrs. B. Bruce and a committee appointed to arrange for a sacred concert in May. Mrs. Harris reported that Miss Hamill will come and speak on handicrafts. The secretary was appointed to contact Miss Edna Jackson of Toronto in putting on a program in the near future.

The following program was given, scripture questions by Mrs. J. Struthers; solo, "Christopher Robin Struthers" by Mrs. Byron; Bruce reading, "He was Scotch and so was I" by Mrs. Ward; Bruce solo, "Miss Audrey Grundy; contest, "Animals on sea and land" by Mrs. J. Struthers.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer after which refreshments consisting of salads, breads, biscuits, maple syrup, and candy were enjoyed by all.

Toronto Speaker Addresses W.M.S.

Knox Auxiliary W.M.S. held the Annual Spring Thank-offering meeting in the church on Thursday, April 12th with Mrs. Mainprize presiding. Out-of-town guests were present from Boston Auxiliary and from Dunn Memorial Church, Long Branch.

Mrs. Arthur J. Cherry of Toronto, secretary for Christian Literature on the Council Executive, spoke of the importance of this branch of W.M.S. work, and presented her subject in a very pleasing manner.

The worship service was conducted by Mrs. R. M. McDonald and Mrs. R. H. Armstrong. Solos were contributed by Mrs. Jno. Davidson of Acton and Mrs. Ward of Long Branch. Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Shannon also contributed a duet with Miss Margaret Brown at the console of the organ.

OBITUARY

Funeral In Guelph For Thomas Kilty

Funeral services were held for the late Thomas McHullum Kilty, whose death occurred on Tuesday, April 5th at his residence, 72 Kathleen St., Guelph. The funeral took place at 2:30 on Saturday from the McLaughlin and Ross Funeral Home to Woodlawn Cemetery, with Rev. Crawford Smith of Knox Presbyterian Church officiating.

The pallbearers were William Ford, George Meadows, Frank Dillow, Harvey Jestin, William Withers and Kes Van Gozen.

Thomas Kilty was born in 1870 at Whitefield, Wigtownshire, Scotland. Coming to Canada later, he farmed in Nassagaweya Township for many years until ill health overtook him twelve years ago. Since then he has lived in Acton and Guelph.

Surviving are his wife, the former Margaret Withers, four daughters, Mrs. R. C. Gortof (Annie), of Ladysmith, B.C.; Mrs. J. Ridgevay (Margaret); Mrs. W. J. Stremble (Lily); and Sadie of Guelph; two sons, Thomas and William, Toronto.

Building, Altering Now Require Form

A by-law to regulate the erection and alterations of all buildings in the township of Nassagaweya was given the required readings and passed at a meeting of Nassagaweya council on April 12. Under this by-law, a permit must be obtained from the clerk of the township before the erection or alteration of any building is commenced.

An agreement was made with the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. for work to be done on the crossing of Lot 7, Con. 1-2, Nassagaweya.

The clerk was instructed to write to the Department of Lands and Forests regarding damage to the road at Lot 17, Concession 6-7, caused by beaver placed there by the Department.

METAL WORK CLASSES COMMENCE LAST TUESDAY VARIOUS ARTICLES FINISHED

A new sound from the Arts and Crafts room in the Y attracted those from other parts of the building on Tuesday evening. Looking in the door they found the first session of the metalworking class in full swing, under the direction of expert craftsman Andrew Fussell of Toronto. A similar class was conducted in the afternoon.

Although for most of the members, it was the first try at hammering and moulding metal articles made Tuesday included cast: ash trays, bowls, trays, earrings and bracelets with each making three or four articles.

Mr. Fussell supplied all the tools for the metalworking and brought along copper, aluminum, brass and even sterling for the class to try. Mr. Fussell is a full-time metal worker, and has a studio in Toronto where he gives lessons.

Several who followed the sound of hammering to the class this week intend to come to the session next week. Youngsters, too were closely watching the quick moulding of useful and attractive articles.

School Building Motion Defeated in North Halton

North Halton High School Board on Monday night voted down a resolution to build a second High School to serve the district by a vote of 5 to 3. Of the eleven members present at the meeting only eight voted on the motion. The three members voting for the resolution were the members from Acton.

An amendment sponsored by Georgetown representatives was not considered to be an amendment and was withdrawn. It read, "An amendment to the motion before the Board that the new High School for North Halton High School District referred to in the motion be placed in an adjacent to the Town of Georgetown."

Silver-Wood W. I. Meets April 12th

The April meeting of Silver-Wood W. I. was held on Thursday, April 12 at the home of Mrs. A. Still. Mrs. E. L. Miller presided and the meeting opened with "O Canada" and the Mary Stewart Collect. Mrs. G. Sinclair presided over the installation of Officers.

The roll call was answered by each of the eighteen members present naming an official of Halton County and his office. Miss R. Still reported on the district director's meeting held recently at Milton.

Current events were read by Mrs. E. L. Miller and the motto "The children of to-day are the citizens of to-morrow" was given by Mrs. H. Bell. Miss L. Moore took charge of the discussion on citizenship. It was decided to pay the expenses of two delegates to the convention in Guelph on May 3 and 4.

A social half hour followed. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. K. C. Lindsay.

Urgent Fire Calls Radioed by Police

Urgent messages concerning fires will from now on be relayed through the radio facilities of the Provincial Police. Fire Marshall W. J. Scott recently informed Ted Lauder, the chairman of the county's fire committee.

This assurance sets a precedence that it is expected, will be followed throughout the province. The mutual fire aid plans and civil defense programs need this link which has now been formally made. Fire Marshall Scott said that fire chiefs would be advised in their next quarterly bulletin that they would be able to take advantage of the provincial police assistance now that the precedence was set.

Local police have already received instructions to relay urgent messages.

For 50 years Canada has maintained one of the world's largest and best fisheries research institutions, the Fisheries Research Board.

Limehouse Man Stakes Mining Claim On Barren Tukarak Island, Hudson Bay

An extensive iron deposit is freshly staked out on one of the Belcher Islands in Hudson Bay by four men, one of them C. A. Foster of R. R. 4, Acton. Mr. Foster returned last week from Tukarak Island where 10 claims were made by the party in what one of the men called "the most barren, the most terrifying country I have ever seen."

Mr. Foster, who was born near Leamington, was a public school teacher and then took a course in mining in Michigan. He has lived on his farm on R. R. 4 near Limehouse for about six years.

Mr. Foster is a veteran of over 50 years in various branches of mining, travelled north with W. J. Sainsbury, the owner of the Manitou Hotel, Centre Island, Toronto; his son, Dan, a student in mining engineering at the University of Toronto and the leader of the party; prospector and tailor Sam Sainsbury.

The four friends flew north from Rouyn-Quebec and the plane left them on the island. For two days they were forced to stay in their tent by bad weather but completed staking before leaving. Bad weather again swept over the barren

country, forcing the plane down. The men spent that night in an Indian encampment.

Mr. Sainsbury discovered the deposit in 1915 but did not stake it out as there was no demand for iron deposits and it would have been impossible for him to mine it.

Actually, it's still impossible for the men to operate their own mine, even with public subscription. It was estimated, for instance, that the cost of developing another iron deposit in Labrador would be about \$225,000,000. The group hopes for the backing of the Canadian or American government or possibly private steel companies.

Mr. Sainsbury reported a good harbor site—better than that at Churchill—about half a mile away. There are also many spring water lakes around the orebody.