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MILL, MAIN WORK TO START MONDAY



COMPETING BOWLERS at the Acton greens on Saturday were representatives of the district. The Halliwell-Trebles Tournament is an annual event and in the top picture Alex. Halliwell, of Mimico, presents the trophy to Ed. Cooper, Nelson Tilbury and Roy Campbell of Port Credit, members of the winning team in the day's competition. An Acton rink took second prize and in the bottom picture Alex. Halliwell presents a silver dish to Skip Tom Watson, W. Chisholm, and Bert Mowat of the second place rink. —Staff Photo

Rockwood Woman Killed In Car-Truck Accident

Mrs. Thomas McBride, 72-year-old resident of R.R. 2, Rockwood, was almost instantly killed Tuesday afternoon shortly before 5 o'clock when the car in which she was riding was in collision with a truck in Nassagaweya township. Her husband is in Guelph General Hospital with chest injuries, severe lacerations to the head and arms, several fractured ribs and shock.

The accident occurred at an intersection of the Moffat road at No. 3 schoolhouse about one-half mile east of Moffat and five miles southeast of Eden Mills.

The McBride car was in collision with a truck which, police say, was driven by Charles Mitchell of R.R. 2, Campbellville, a feed and grain dealer there. The truck driver was uninjured and his two small children, riding in the truck, escaped with minor hurts when they were hurled against the windshield. The children, Janet aged 8 and Ross Mitchell aged 5, bumped their heads against the glass but were not otherwise injured.

The new car, struck broadside by the 3-ton truck, was pushed 36 feet, police said.

According to details available, the McBride car was proceeding north-east and made a right turn onto the Moffat road at the school house. The truck was apparently going in the opposite direction and the vehicles collided broadside. The McBride car was pushed along the road and into a ditch. Neither vehicle overturned, it was reported.

Coroner Dr. G. Sver pronounced death when Mrs. McBride was severely crushed in the collision and died of internal injuries.

The body was removed to the McClure Funeral Home, Georgetown.

Provincial Constable A. McNiven of Milton investigated. It is not known if an inquest will be held into the death of Mrs. McBride.

Survivors of the Rockwood woman include her husband and four daughters, Mrs. Mary Hunter, Oakwood Ave., Toronto; Mrs. Jack Tost, Georgetown; Mrs. Jean Job, Milton and Mrs. Wray Bessey, Georgetown.

PICTORIAL ISSUE OF 1918, MEDALS, JACKET WORTHY MUSEUM DISPLAY

During the past few weeks, several interesting items of World War I have come under our observation. Mr. A. C. Patterson allowed us time to peruse the bound pictorial numbers of the Montreal Standard issued at the time of the war's end. It was most interesting—especially the photographs of war equipment in comparison with that of today. Noticeably missing are pictures of planes, and tanks and mechanized equipment in the war of 1914-18.

Personages who were headlined in the news have passed on. Barracks are tumbled grounds and cavalry and infantry were the bulk of the fighting forces thirty years ago.

Then came to our attention the 1914-1918 war decorations and records of another Acton soldier

who lies over in Flanders fields. Corp. J. L. Moore's parents have since died and these treasures cherished by them for so many years have come to the Free Press office. Perhaps that is fitting in view of the fact that Corp. Moore served his apprenticeship, as a printer in the Free Press office before enlisting for overseas service.

We will place them with a wide variety of early pictures of Acton folks and other items of local historical interest. Some day Acton should provide a museum for such cherished items.

We also have to add to the collection one of the red-jackets that the Canadian soldiers wore at the time of the Fenian raids and which should be under glass for preservation.

Honors To Pianists From Conservatory

All nine of Mrs. W. Gowdy's piano pupils who tried recent Royal Conservatory of Music examinations in Guelph were successful. Following are the results:

Grade 1—Honors, Judy Mason, Ella Jany, Marilyn Rogwaldson, Marilyn Woods, Jane Mason; pass, Mary Lou Creighton.

Grade 2—First class honors, Matreene Kluge; honors, Marjorie McDonald.

Grade 7—First class honors, Denise Cules.

In grade 2 theory examinations, Denise Cules was awarded first class honors and Elaine Hufnagel honors.

Among other district piano pupils who passed are Helen Lay on with pass in grade 2, Norma Cunningham with honors in grade 1, Donna McMillan with honors in grade 1 and Frank Bean with honors in grade 1.

Bowling Play-offs Begin In Milton

Acton bowlers played Oakville on Monday night in Milton in the first round of the District No. 9 Lawn Bowling play-offs.

B. Veldhuis and D. Lippin won over the Wm. Anderson pair in the Doubles competition, with the score 20-16.

A Buchanan, skip, T. Watson, W. Chisholm and M. Nunkomez were defeated in the Rinks competition, 25-14.

Dick Bean lost out to M. Imeson in the singles game, 21-11.

MRS. P. COOK MARRIES C. MASON IN TORONTO CHURCH JUNE 30

At Perth Avenue United Church, Toronto, the Rev. Charles Jay officiated at the marriage of Mrs. Prudence Cook of Toronto to Charles W. Mason of Acton, on Saturday, June 30.

The bride's sister, Mrs. Blanche Brooks, attended this bride and Bert Smith, Toronto, was best man.

After the wedding, a reception was held at the home of the bride's son, F. H. Cook of Toronto.

Friends from Acton and Kenmore attended the wedding.

Big Mixer Tumbles At Mill St. Corner

A two-ton cement mixer tumbled on its side Wednesday evening at 5 p.m. in front of Hargrave's Service Station as it was rounding the corner from Young St. to Mill St.

Owned by Curran and Briggs of Toronto, the machine was being hauled by a truck driven by Stewart Denyes of Toronto.

The hitch between the truck and mixer was partially broken and caused the mixer to tumble.

"When I looked around I saw the rear wheel in the air and stopped just before it fell," the driver said.

Oddly enough the mixer was on its way to Stratford to work on street improvements there.

The mixer was righted by a derrick and left town later last night. It was not seriously damaged.

Pump House Motor Operates at Spring

At the regular meeting of the Public Utilities Commission Tuesday evening, Superintendent Lambert reported that the chlorine hose at the spring had broken and water had come in contact with the motor. The motor had been removed and taken to Guelph, where it was found that the windings had been badly burnt.

The motor for the new pump house on Main Street was installed at the spring property and is now pumping. The other motor, when repaired, will be installed at the new station as these motors are interchangeable.

A letter from the H.E.P.C. stated that the insurance rates would increase from \$22.45 to \$24.32 if the coverage were increased from 40 20 2 to 100 50 10.

The Commission ruled that no water service would be made available to trailers. A check is also to be made and the by-laws enforced, regarding hydro service and the obtaining of water for trailers as these are not permanent dwellings.

Superintendent Lambert reported that these new water and sewage laterals had been installed in the past two weeks.

A man-hole cover on Main St. which has been giving considerable trouble because of when trucks hit it. The levelling of the base and fitting of the cover is to be taken up with the manufacturer.

Superintendent Mason was instructed to order two 60 cycle 25 KVA transformers. These will be used in parallel until such time as the cycle change is made and then will be split giving two transformers for service.

It is expected the new street lights will be installed and in service before the curbs for the new road surface are laid. The standards have arrived and through the thoughtfulness of Deputy Chairman J. T. Ware have been painted an aluminum color. It is expected they will be installed next week.

Hydro Accounts

Elliott Bros. \$ 230
H. G. Barlow and Co. 312
Workmen's Comp. Bd. 236.31
Acton Free Press 12.34

Highway Garage 10.10
Powerlite Devices Ltd. 1018.09
Canadian Lime Materials 25.50
D. H. Howden and Co. 14.05
Wm. McDougall and Son 33.25
Northern Electric Ltd. 342.41
Petty Cash 6.54
Guelph Sand and Gravel 10.88
A. Vine 1012.50
Acton Woodcraft 1.70

\$3329.78

Waterworks Accounts

M. McMillan, labour \$46.00
Acton P.U.C. Hydro 59.60
J. B. Mackenzie and Son 1.00
Standard Chemical Co. 47.12
Canadian Brass Co. Ltd. 60.77
National Iron Corp. Ltd. 3.50

\$218.08

Sunday Schoolers Picnic At Guelph

Last Saturday afternoon about 2 o'clock a busload and several cars set out from Acton to the Old Mill, Guelph for the annual Sunday School picnic of the Presbyterian Church. Swimming was first enjoyed by the group.

Tom active before and after supper to be counted and all too busy during supper to count, the people attending were roughly estimated at between 100 and 150.

After supper, which had been arranged by a special committee, a program of sports and games directed by Doug Davidson got underway. As well as a baseball game there were horse-shoe, pitching, novelty races and races by speed provided fun and prizes.

Another successful church picnic ended shortly after 7 in the evening when the bus and cars started for home.

Old Mill Setting For Annual Picnic

The Old Mill, Guelph, was the scene of the postponed United Church Sunday School picnic last Monday afternoon. The few drops of rain that fell did not dampen any of the fun of the swimming, the supper which followed, or the regular season of races.

A second bus was secured for the trip home since about 130 attended travelling in private cars as well as the bus.

A baseball game was another feature of the picnic.

WELLINGTON GROUP RECLAIMS CEMETERIES AS MEMORIAL TO PIONEERS

Nearly 50 pioneer cemeteries in Wellington County are to be reclaimed, beautified and publicized under the direction of a special committee. Many of the old cemeteries are reported to be badly in need of repair.

The plots will be fenced off with only one entrance and the grounds will be cleared of weeds. The grass will be cut, bushes trimmed and ground levelled.

Each reclaimed cemetery will have a sign explaining it is a pioneer cemetery maintained as a public memorial.

Removal or re-establishment of stones is directly under local authority.

\$1,584 For Oiling 11 Acton Streets

Church, Bower, Frederick, Elgin, Knox, Park, Mill south, Wilbur, John, Wilbur and Marjorie Streets now have a coating of oil.

Sprayed on last week by the Municipal Spraying and Oiling Co. at a cost to the town of \$1,584.

Approximately 8,000 gallons of oil were used in the program and the substance took two or three days before it was sufficiently dry. Citizens are now reporting their approval although housewives gasped when they saw the black tarry substance being tracked into their houses.

All town streets did not receive an application because of the cost and council expressed a feeling that the heaviest travelled streets should receive the spraying.

Town Purchases Cement Eliminate Paving Delay

Negotiations were completed at 9 p.m. this morning for an early start on Mill and Main streets paving and improvements, when K. J. Beamish Co. announced to Acton council that the contractor would start work Monday morning on laying the curbing, raising 28 catch basins and raising the man holes. Frantic negotiations have been made this week following the report at Friday's regular council meeting that the contractor would not start work until October.

Bus, Car Collide As 13 Miss Injury

Thirteen people narrowly missed death and serious injury Friday evening at the first line west of Acton when a bus and car both travelling east were in collision.

An early model Ford car driven by John Kociuk, R.R. 2, formerly proprietor of a shoe repair in Acton, was driven 150 feet into the left ditch as he attempted to make a left hand turn. Mr. Kociuk lost part of an arm in an accident at the Wood Combining Corporation. He was returning from his job in Guelph.

The bus, skidded to the right ditch, missed a pole support by a foot and a half, scamed into a six-foot ditch and remained upright. The passengers were let off the bus and the driver backed up, then drove out of the sloped ditch.

One witness said the bus driver, John H. Cooper, 232 Woburn Ave., Toronto, was thrown from his seat by the impact but retained his hold on the wheel and stopped the bus.

Damage to the bus was slight but the 10 passengers and 2 drivers were shaken up although not injured.

Damage to the car was extensive. The left side was badly smashed, the front wheel was twisted, windshield broken, door handles clipped off and fenders and part of the hood torn.

Constable A. McNiven of the Milton detachment Provincial Police investigated the accident.

Laurie Ritchie Escapes With Bruised Foot In Collision With Car Sun.

Ten-year-old Laurie Ritchie escaped serious injury Sunday night at approximately 8 p.m. when she was in collision with a car driven by R. B. Reid of R. R. 1, Norval.

The accident occurred just in front of McCutcheon's store as the driver was going north on Young St.

The child suffered a bruise on the left foot.

Defective Brakes Cause Of Accident

John Bocink, R.R. 3, Acton, was charged with having defective brakes on his car following an accident in Guelph last Friday afternoon. The car ran into the back of a bicycle, owned by Kay Miles of the Y.W.C.A., supervisor of the summer playgrounds, at the corner of Wyndham and MacDonnell Sts. The cyclist had stopped for the red light.

The rear fender of the bicycle was damaged.

Mr. Atkinson was to secure the feeling of surrounding residents and approach council at a later date.

The Planning Board recommended council refuse the application of Lee Can for permission to open a laundry on the corner of Willow and Church Streets. The building is on a half lot and the owner,

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MORE BACHELORS IN TOWN GIRLS, BUT CANINE POPULATION DROPS

There are more eligible bachelors in town this year but the dog population has decreased, according to the half-yearly financial report submitted by town treasurer McGeachie at council on Friday evening.

In 1950 poll tax brought in \$345 but this year \$380 has been collected from the over-21 unattached males. Dog tax on the other hand brought the town \$582 in 1950 and this year the figure has fallen to \$400.

Taxes estimated at \$81,339.35 will be paid this year and already the treasurer has received \$55,720.31 on lands, buildings and business. To pay expenses as they go along, the town borrowed \$20,000

until enough taxes were collected to cover expenses.

Town receipts in the first half of 1951 totalled \$66,951.54 not including the bank loan which brings the total to \$86,951.54. Disbursements totalled \$73,045.72.

Estimated expenditures for the year are set at \$135,037.00. This is the figure on which the 43 mill rate is set. In the first half of the year \$73,045.72 has been spent.

Money gained by the town is estimated at \$44,388.48 which leaves \$90,648.81 to be raised by taxation. A surplus of \$660.74 will be raised by the 43 mill rate on the assessment of \$2,134,171.

But there are still more bachelors and less dogs in town.



NARROWLY ESCAPING DEATH and serious injury, 12 bus passengers and John Kociuk were involved in an accident at the first line west of Acton, Friday evening. Attempting to make a left hand turn north from No. 7 highway, the car was struck by the bus following it. Shown at the left is the ditch where the bus stopped. Missing the supporting pole by a foot and a half the bus careened in the six foot ditch with one side part way up the bank. The driver, John Cooper, Toronto, backed the bus up and brought it out of the ditch under its own power. Shown at the right is the '35 Ford driven by John Kociuk as it came to rest in the left ditch 150 feet from where it was struck. Staff Photo