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\$750,000 BUILDING BOOM HITS ACTON



CELEBRATING 55 YEARS of married life, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Menzies are seen here in their picturesque garden at home in Campbellville, where they have lived for their 55 years together. Mrs. Menzies has been a correspondent for the Canadian Champion in Milton for over 20 years. Mr. Menzies, formerly a blacksmith, sometimes helps farmers by doing woodwork. —Staff Photo

OBITUARY

English Born, Wed Mrs. R. Blanch Dies

Funeral service was held in Acton on July 16 for the late Mary Churchill Blanch, Willow St., Acton, who passed away in Guelph General Hospital on July 13. Mrs. Blanch was born in Brighton, England in 1878, was married on Christmas Day at Hove, Sussex in 1903 and came to Canada with her husband in 1911. Rev. Luxton conducted the funeral service. Pallbearers were J. A. Gibbons, W. Turner, E. Footitt, R. Footitt, S. Matthews and E. Landisborough. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery.

Removal by the death of her husband, Richard Henry Blanch, a daughter, Mrs. E. Vaechnina, Red Lake, Ont., and a son, W. C. Blanch, Acton. She also leaves five brothers: William, Toronto; Charles, Bowmanville; Robert, Bowmanville; Fred, Oshawa; and Ernest, Merrittton, and four sisters: Mrs. Rose Sheppard, Toronto; Mrs. Mabel Barnes, Oshawa; Mrs. Ada Hill, Merrittton and Mrs. Lillian Reader, Toronto.

Mrs. Blanch had two grandsons W. Knight, Acton and Paul Gibbons, Red Lake.

CITIZENS' BAND GIVES VARIED CONCERT IN WARTIME HOUSING AREA

A much enjoyed concert was played by the members of the Acton Citizens' Band on Sunday afternoon in the Wartime Housing. The group was under the direction of Bandmaster A. Perrott.

A good crowd, sitting on the grass, in cars and on porches of the nearby homes in the district, listened to a program of varied music for over an hour.

It is expected that regular band concerts will be held in different parts of town for the convenience of the audience.

The history of the slot-machine—to-day's "one-armed bandit"—goes back to 200 B.C., when the ancient Egyptians had them in primitive form.

WELL KEPT HISTORIC ATTRACTION WORTH A TOURIST'S SHORT HALT

Acton's Pioneer Cemetery, tucked behind Knox Presbyterian Church doesn't attract any tourists passing through. And very few Acton people bother to take a second look at the white stones in the enclosure as they walk down Knox Ave.

But the Pioneer Cemetery has been taken care of, the grass cut and flowers planted. With the white stone, cool grass and bright spots of the blossoms, the old cemetery is actually a lovely place.

In Wellington County, pioneer cemeteries are under the care of a special committee. In Acton, it is evidently one man who has undertaken to tend the plots—W. J. O. Oakes, Knox Ave. Mr. Oakes, a former councillor, is still work-

Campbellville Pair Married 55 Years

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Menzies of Campbellville celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary by visiting relatives in Weston. They were married near Guelph Junction on June 30, 1896, with about 45 attending to witness the home ceremony.

Mr. Menzies was born in Campbellville, and has lived there all his life. He was a blacksmith and now does woodworking jobs for the farmers in the district. Mrs. Menzies, the former Evangeline Graham, was born in Erin.

Of the couple's attendants at the wedding, two are still living, Maude Menzies, the sister of the groom of 55 years ago and Robert Elliott, lately returned from the west, who now lives with Dr. Lucas in Milton. Their wedding trip was to Goderich.

Church news and correspondence from Campbellville have been regularly received for 20 years from Mrs. Menzies for the Canadian Champion, so many readers of her news items will join in forwarding congratulations.

Magistrate's Court Has Routine Cases

James Baynton, Campbellville, was fined \$100 and costs under a new section of the criminal code in Magistrate's Court on Friday of last week in Acton Town Hall.

Mr. Baynton was charged in connection with an accident in Acton June 23rd when his car skidded up on the sidewalk, just missing three-year-old Jack Black who was sitting on his tricycle at the corner.

The charge against Baynton was changed from drunk driving to one under the new section of the criminal code.

A charge of careless driving against Joseph Davies was dismissed and he was fined \$10 for failing to have a permit.

A Harris was fined \$10 and costs for being drunk in a public place.

Erin School Area Board One Meets

The regular school meeting of Township School Area of Erin No. 1 was held at Osprey School on Wednesday, July 11, with all members of the Board present.

The following accounts were ordered paid: Teachers' salaries for June, \$1,467.70; Janitors' salaries, \$132; receiver general, \$78.00; Vida Scott, supplies, \$2.35; picnic, \$10; Rita Shortall, \$1; Ralph McKeown, supplies, \$3.75; picnic, \$11.30; Teresa Austin, picnic, \$5.01; Myrtle White, picnic, \$5.50; Norma Lovell, picnic, \$3.25; H.E.P.C., S.S. 10, \$12.30; S.S. 1, \$4.34; S.S. 4, \$13.34; S.S. 5, \$11.07; S.S. 7, \$10.06; S.S. 8, \$12.50; S.S. 13, \$9.40; Merriman's Store, \$14.43; travelling library, loss of 3 books, \$2.75; Bert Berry, salary, \$50; stamps, \$3.

CLEANER? THIRSTIER? TOWN USES MORE WATER SO FAR THIS YEAR THAN LAST

The amount of water pumped at the spring from January up until this week totals just about two million more gallons than last year, figures show. Already this year, 29,400,000 have been pumped; last year's figure at the end of July was 27,855,600.

The summer months May, June and July show a marked decrease however, due to the heavy rains. The lawns, watered most conscientiously by nature this year, do not need the hosing which required a considerable amount of water in previous years.

In January, February, March and April of 1951, the number of gallons is considerably increased, however, March was the peak month this year, with 5,171,900 gallons compared to last year, 3,915,400. This increase is due to the flushing of the sewers.

Water was scarce last summer with the level of the spring low. The rain has enabled the upper consumption demand to be filled without necessity of conservation appeals as were made last year.

The amount of water available in town will be doubled when the new Main St. pump house begins operation, and then, rain or shine, Acton will have enough water.

The lightest wood of any Canadian tree species is the eastern cedar. Its weights about 19 lbs. per cubic foot, oven-dry weight. The heaviest is white oak which weighs 49 lbs. per cubic foot.

N.H.H.S.D. Asked To Defer Building

A copy of a motion from Esqueping Council was read to the North Halton High School District Board at their meeting Monday evening, July 10. This motion recommended that the Board defer any building program until the county assessment was stabilized. Esqueping representatives were the only board members who had discussed the building program with their council.

Acton members had secured detailed information on building in other centres and suggested a visit to the new Orangeville school. The secretary was to make arrangements for this tour if possible on Friday evening. Copies of the information secured by Acton were given to the Secretary and other members of the Board present.

An account for an Esqueping Board meeting, Hamilton, June 29th, was discussed at some length. Both the Hamilton and North Halton buses passed the farm. The Board by motion agreed to pay the fees from January to June 1950 but denied responsibility for tuition fees at any date from September 1950 when Georgetown school was more accessible.

A letter from the Secretary of Georgetown Public School Board asked if any space was available in the High School Building for a class until such time as their new public school was completed. No room was available.

A letter from Acton School Board notified the Board of sewer connections and installation of new lavatory fixtures and the approximate cost of these installations.

No action was taken on the request of a tenant officer for an adjustment in salary from \$50 and mileage to a straight \$100 per year. Accounts passed for payment amounted to \$3,223.99.

The Board also sanctioned insertion of the usual advertisement in the local papers notifying parents and teachers of the courses available in the various schools of the district.

Approval was reserved on the equipment bought for the Georgetown school.

Present at this meeting were Messrs. Buchanan, Coon, Dills, Schenk, Beaumont, Cleave, Behn and Milne and Chairman Ross Carbert presided.

The term "goodbye" is a corruption of "God be with you".

Assembly Report Given Auxiliary

The Senior Auxiliary W.M.S. of Knox Church held their summer meeting at the home of Mrs. W. Masales on Thursday, July 12th.

After the devotional period which was taken by Mrs. Lantz and Mrs. E. W. Smith, a short business meeting followed and a collection received for the supply quota. Rev. R. H. Armstrong, who was a commissioner at the General Assembly recently held in Ottawa, gave a very interesting and informative address on how the whole assembly functioned and the part the Women's Missionary Society played in the general plan of the missionary work of the church.

W.M.S. Meeting Topic "Trinidad"

W.M.S. Meeting, Monday, July 16th, was held at the home of Mrs. M. Z. Bennett. The topic of the last regular meeting held at her home on Tuesday evening, July 10, was the devotional period was taken by Mrs. Bert Mayall and then part of a paper, "Trinidad, our oldest mission station and developments" were taken by Mrs. A. Dills, Mrs. J. Thompson, Mrs. D. Simmons, Mrs. E. A. Curry, Mrs. T. Cleave and Mrs. J. Lambert.

The book shelf reading was from St. Mark's gospel; the Septuagint reading was announced as the book of Romans.

Mrs. F. Cleave, the community friendship convener, reported several calls on sick and new people in town.

After the Christian stewardship account by Mrs. J. Thompson, Miss Bennett took the worship service. It was reported that Mrs. S. Red was a patient in Guelph General Hospital and that Mrs. James Moore was able to be home again after hospitalization.

Sympathy was extended to Mr. Wesley Allan and Mrs. R. Allan whose mother, Mrs. Akitt, died recently.

Mrs. Burns, assisted by several ladies, served a light lunch. Tea was poured by Miss Bennett.

A vote of thanks was given to Miss Bennett and to all who assisted.

Several of the W.M.S. ladies attended the W.M.S. meeting in Rockwood and the following week in Ballinfad.

Public, Private Projects Reach 3/4 Million Mark

A building boom to the estimated extent of more than three-quarters of a million dollars is sweeping Acton as public and private projects are racing to completion. Periodic heat and rain have hampered building activities but the construction is continuing. Public projects under construction include the \$227,000 public school addition, a \$41,000 road improvement contract, the \$125,000 sewerage system, a \$1,000 water pumping station and the installation of new Mill St. lighting facilities. Private individuals are constructing additional houses in new sections of the town and garages are also being erected.

Barn Struck and Destroyed In Storm

Struck by lightning in the heavy electrical storm early this morning the barn, shed and silo on the farm of Glen Jennings at Lot 14, Con-

cession 4, Esqueping Township, were completely destroyed. Also lost in the fire were the hay crop, 500 hens, 5 bull, some pigs and the farm dog. The farm implements which were in the barn were also lost. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

Mr. Jennings has resided on the farm over 20 years. The bolt of lightning which brought the damage appeared to break right in the building and immediately it was a mass of flames. The building carried lightning rods and these were apparently in good condition before the fire. Fire broke out about 2 o'clock and Milton Fire Brigade responded to a call for assistance, but found too much headway to be of any assistance.

Three Cars Crash But No One Injured

No one was injured in a three-car collision on No. 7 highway east of Acton Sunday. Harvey Murray, Toronto, was driving a panel truck which sideswiped a car driven by Jack Howard, Oshawa, going in the opposite direction. A third vehicle crashed into the Howard car as it stopped suddenly in front of it. This last car was driven by James Hornell, Milton.

UNDERGROUND TANK BIG FIND FOR WORKMEN RECAALS MILL ST. GARAGE

Mill St. repairs continue to bring to light many evidences of former business operations now forgotten by citizens. Latest of these underground finds was a gasoline tank on Mill St., used when Lou Atkinson operated a garage and had curb gasoline pumps in front of the building now converted into a double dwelling house. Mayor E. Tyler also started his transport business at this stand and occupied the premises.

Putting in a new water service necessitated either removal of the gasoline storage tank, scheduled on the roadway or going beneath the tank to make the house connection. It was decided removal of the tank was in the best interest since the steel tank was directly over the water main and would be in the way if any repairs were necessary at any time. Pipe from the installation had just been cut off and left below ground level.

Augmenting Acton's low water supply will be the new well source drilled last year north of town on Main St. A brick building to enclose the pumps and apparatus is built but the roof has not yet been put on. This supply divides the present amount of water from the spring south of town.

Pipe connection to the water main will be made in Sept. Lambert renews the necessary connections on Mill and Main Streets before resurfacing.

Steel light standards to be erected on the main street are all positioned now after some delays. The bases are being completed and it is expected the standards will be erected soon possibly this week.

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ADDITION TO the Acton Public School is making progress and quickly taking shape. Seen in the top photo is the section workmen are trying to have completed for school in September. It includes the boiler room and a classroom and joins the old building with an inside passageway. In the lower photo the steel beam structure is shown, the front part of which, will be the auditorium included in the new addition. Plumbing is to be completed before the cement floor is laid.

GLORIOUS 12TH DOWNPOUR SOAKS BAND; ROADS MUDDY THEN, TOO

As the skies dropped buckets of water last Thursday on the Glorious Twelfth the editor couldn't help being reminded of a similar date thirty years ago when the weather acted in just such an unsuitable manner. We were playing in a combined Acton-Milton band for the Orange lodges with such then-known bandmen as John Hill and Herb Brown from Acton and Billy Dewar and Dick Collins from Milton.

The band led the parade of the faithful to the station and even then the notes of "Hose Sons of William" and "Orange Feather" were getting terribly blurred and the drum head very tight from the

downpour. The big march was in Brampton that year and while we know our roads here are deplorable just now we still recall that slippery clay that remained after the rain ceased in the afternoon thirty years ago.

But rain or shine the Glorious Twelfth still remains — only parades aren't so big and the brass bands aren't so plentiful. Suppose part of the blame goes to the auto which is much more used than the legs and can make quite a showing in a procession. And it's more suitable to all weather conditions, which remain unchanged in this part of the country.