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OBITUARY

Life-Long Citizen, Alfred Bauer Dies

Resident of Acton for sixty-seven years and well-known citizen, Alfred Bauer passed away on Friday, May 10th at the home of his brother, Arthur S.L. Acton. He was in his eighty-third year and was born at Peltsburg, a son of the late Henry Bauer. There are three remaining members of the family, John and Jacob of Acton and Mrs. John MacArthur of Brampton.

For many years, Alfred Bauer was an employee of Bessemer and Co. and many remember him when he was with the C.N.R. and for years operated the steam pumps which kept the stand pipe full for the locomotives to take on water. He was a member of Acton Fire Brigade for years and the engineer who operated the old steam fire engine until it was replaced by motorized equipment. He could always be relied upon to have the old steamer ready for firing as soon as the alarm was sounded. Many of us who met him each morning on his walks to the post office miss his cheery good morning.

He was a member of St. Alban's Church and the funeral service on Monday was in charge of the rector, Rev. R. E. Price. Many friends attended in tribute to Mr. Bauer and sympathy with the members of the family. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. R. Agar, W. G. Middleton, Geo. Holloway, J. K. Gardner, Chris Swackhamer and A. M. McPherson.

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Eramosa Council Disallows Appeal

The council of the township of Eramosa met at a Court of Revision on May 5 in Rockwood Town Hall with the reeve presiding. An appeal was considered against a supplementary assessment of \$450 on a dwelling in the village and after some consideration, the appeal was disallowed and the assessment confirmed.

A business tax of \$13.20 was ordered struck off the arrears ledger, as well as some 1948 and 1949 dog tax amounting to \$10.00.

The court then adjourned and convened for general business. The treasurer reported having received an additional government subsidy of \$268.27 on road expenditure for 1951, and presented a budget for 1952 which was accepted by council.

A by-law setting the mill rate as follows was then passed: township 44 mills, Rockwood police village 47 mills, part exempt 44 mills, Eden Mills 44.3 mills, part exempt 42.3 mills.

A by-law to acquire certain lands within the township from Mr. Hugh Sampson, for public purposes, was passed.

A motion was passed declaring the clerk-treasurer and collector, a permanent employee under the Unemployment Insurance Act, and a donation of \$5.00 was voted to the Rockwood Horticultural Society for special prizes at the annual show.

An agreement was reached between the owners of lots 10-11 and 12 in the 5th concession and the township concerning a ditch, the council assuming 45 per cent. of the cost of the improvement.

The collector presented the tax arrears ledger showing outstanding taxes of \$5,223.57 and reported the response received from the letter sent ratepayers on April 15. Messrs. Kingsbury and Oakes then moved that the collector be instructed to notify all ratepayers who neglected to reply to the letter sent them on April 15, that unless some reply is received forthwith, indicating the time taxes owing will be paid, that legal action if necessary will be taken to collect them. The motion carried unanimously.

Accounts amounting to \$1,023.86 were passed for payment, and council adjourned to meet June 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Contest Winners Compete In June

The Osrington Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Norman McKenzie for the May meeting. There were 13 members and four visitors present. The president, Mrs. D. G. Robertson, brought the meeting to order and the Institute Ode was sung and the Mary Stewart Collect read in unison. The roll call was answered by an exchange of flower slips.

The minutes and the correspondence were read by the secretary, Mrs. Norman McKenzie. It was decided to wait until fall to plan about Singer sewing lessons.

Doris Fines was elected to help the committee make out the year's program. Mrs. Harold Smith offered her home for the next meeting.

to be held in the evening as scheduled for the summer.

Doris Fines gave a report of the activities of the girls' garden club up to the present time and Mrs. Gordon Aitken reported on "The club girl stands on guard." Mrs. Wm. Glasford, Mrs. McFee and Mrs. Bert Weeks were judges of the contests, the winner of each to compete at the District Annual at Mimosa in June.

The following were successful: banana layer cake, Mrs. Dan Winter; whole wheat muffins, Mrs. Elmer Fisher; tea apron, Mrs. D. G. Robertson.

God save the Queen was sung at the close of the meeting and lunch was served by the hostess and her assistants, Mrs. Tansley and Mrs. Buck.

NASSAGAWEYA S.S. NO. 7

Ladies' Aid, W.M.S. Hold May Meeting

The W.M.S. and Ladies' Aid of Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church were entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Robinson on Tuesday evening.

The third chapter of the study book was given by Mrs. W. Kennedy. Mrs. N. Barlow, Miss Dina McMillan and George Robinson rendered three beautiful solos at the meetings that were enjoyed by all present.

Two car loads of ladies made plans to attend the spring rally in Elora on Tuesday.

Dainty refreshments were served by Mrs. Robinson at the close of the meetings.

A special Mother's Day service was held in Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church on Sunday.

The Sunday School started the first Sunday in May. Mr. Ed Dredge is the new superintendent and several new teachers and officers were installed at a very impressive service on Sunday.

SWISS WARRIORS

Switzerland is traditionally a peaceful country in the heart of a continent torn by wars. But the Swiss are no pacifists. In a current Reader's Digest Max Eastman says they are nation of warriors, fortified, provisioned for a siege, armed to the teeth. They could mobilize in 48 hours an army of 800,000 — twice the size of the army of France.

POUNDRING THE BEAT

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Hockey is strictly for males, you will agree, if you've seen any of the lacrosse practices down at the arena. The B-Hives have practice sessions every Tuesday and Thursday night as they prepare for their opening game. Nineteen hopefuls were on hand Tuesday and they served up an inter-squad game for the benefit of onlookers which reduced the sport to what it is — a hard, fast moving spectacle reminiscent of crowd pleasing hockey.

Unlike Ferguson, Brampton and a few other isolated centres, box lacrosse has never been played in Acton except for odd exhibition matches. We think before the season is finished, however, there will be some pretty hot lacrosse fans in our fair town. The way the B-Hives are shaping up under the experienced hands of coach Milt Burrows, veteran lacrosse player and referee from Brampton, they should kindle the spark that could make Acton a hot-bed of interest for many years.

Milt's biggest headache at this point is picking a team from the heads of players trying out. They've come from all over the country in an effort to land a spot on the club's roster. Incidentally, they're all young fellows; lacrosse is not an old man's game.

Acton fans will recognize a few of the faces who are trying out with the "Junior" Beaumont, the Glen Williams boy who stars with Georgetown Raiders, Larry Tailfeffer, one of the few local boys trying out, Bill and Joe Louth, Johnny Haines, Zeke McCandless, Frank Clark, Bob Leslie, Doug Townsend, Arnie Hazel, Bill Cunningham, Walt Alexander, Bob Wilson, Phil Randall, Tom Havel, Norm Young, Jim Foster, George Beatty and Russ Findley.

Enio Scisuzzi, the Milton boy who plays hockey with Indianapolis Capitals and Detroit Red Wings in season, is also expected to line up with the Acton club, although he has appeared for a practice yet.

An exhibition game is being arranged to give Acton fans a preview of what they will see during the season. Watch for it soon.

Acton girls' softball team opens the season here on Monday night when they play host to the Brampton club. The game is away at 6:45 and will go the full nine innings.

The local girls have been practicing diligently for several weeks and they expect to make an auspicious debut. Four Georgetown girls have also been brought to the Acton team and if permission is forthcoming from the league brass for them to play without changing the club's status, they will be included in the line-up.

The softball diamond at the park is having a manœuvre and weather permitting will be in good shape for the opener. Loads of clay have been brought from Streetsville to fill in the infield, which, as you'll recall, was badly in need of repair.

Tossing for the Acton girls on Monday will be Grace Cross. There will be no admission charge, at least until the regular schedule. To allow fans to show their appreciation someone will pass the hat.

Amos Mason generously responded to the club's plea for financial backing by donating a substantial figure to the club treasury. The schedule which was to have been ready this week will have to be re-drafted as Palermo, a late entry, withdrew. Palermo's departure leaves only Acton and Streetsville in the Intermediate "C" bracket.

BEAT BITS

Baseball circles in the county are inquiring why Acton failed to file an Intermediate entry this year. Our prompt reply is, "Too lazy" and it has the desired effect. Georgetown is rejoicing since they anticipate using five or six Acton players to bolster their squad this term. Included in their quest are Owen Masales, Mel Jordan, Ab Robinson, Sam Snyder, and Lorne Masters.

It was only three or four years ago the Ferguson paper was accusing Acton of being a two sport town (hockey and baseball) and its fans guilty of cramming all their enthusiasm into the short span of these two sports. Now the locale has changed. Now it's lacrosse and ladies' softball that are the major sporting attractions. Who said something about a one horse town?

An advertisement in this issue inserted by the Minor Sports Club announces a practice for all boys 17 and under who would like to play baseball this summer. First practice is tonight (Thursday) at 6:30 p.m. and again on Saturday afternoon at 1:00 p.m.

1,000 CRAB TREES

Nearly a thousand flowering crab trees have been planted along the Barrie Highway from Wilson Avenue north in Toronto to intersection of Queen's Highway No. 7, out of income from \$100,000 trust fund set up by the late Thomas Foster one-time Mayor of Toronto.

He directed trustees to place that income at the command of the Province, through the Department of Highways, for planting trees on arterial highways approaching to Toronto. The Foster estate trustees have been asked if planting may not be extended along the Toronto Interceptor Highway.

Tost Trophy Is Given Acton Team

The Sheeney Tost trophy, prize of the Georgetown Industrial hockey league, was formally presented to Baxter Laboratories hockey team on Wednesday evening at a dinner in the Station Hotel. Team Manager Harold Kinread presented the trophy to Jack Stewart, the team's playing captain and Kerwin McPhail, coach.

Jerry Candler, piano - accordion; Rino Braida, violin and Johnny Graham, guitar, were the Baxter trio which supplied the entertainment.

The club treasurer, Ed Hufnagel, presented his report, which showed an amazing improvement in the club's financial position. Club president, "Sonny" Rogvaldson ably expressed himself. "Nothing pleases me more than to take this trophy out of Georgetown. No league officials were able to be present at the banquet. Other speakers who expressed themselves briefly were Jack Stewart, Kerwin McPhail, Harold Kinread, Bill Benson and Ray Everdell.

Sub-goalie Charles Beatty came in for his share of the honors as club president Sonny Rogvaldson spoke of George's loyalty and support to the team.

The Sheeney Tost trophy, which has left Georgetown for the first time will be on display in the Free Press window.

OBITUARY

Former Banker Buried In Acton

Funeral services were held at the Victor B. Rumley Funeral Home here on Saturday afternoon for Frederick A. MacLean, a retired manager of the Bank of Montreal, who had spent several years in Acton and was well-known here. Mr. MacLean left Acton in 1916 and was manager of branches of the bank at Watford, Chesley, Weston and Tilbury. He retired in 1948 while manager at Tilbury, which by coincidence was the branch in which he started his banking career. He had been in ill health for some months. Services were held in Tilbury on Friday evening and in Acton, the service was conducted by Rev. R. H. Armstrong of Knox Church and the Masonic service by his brethren of Walker Lodge A.F. and A.M., with which he had retained affiliation since his initiation in the Lodge here. Services in Tilbury were conducted by Archdeacon Deacon.

F. A. MacLean was born in Petrolia and was 42 years in banking, starting with the Merchants' Bank, and for 35 years he occupied managerial positions in his banking career. In earlier years, he was active in sports and many of us can recall his participation on the ball diamond. Later he maintained his interest by holding offices in hockey, baseball and bowling club in every community in which he resided. In Tilbury, he was treasurer of the Lions Club for nine years. In Weston, he was chairman of the Library Board.

He resided in Acton for eight years and it was here he held his first position of bank manager. He was manager here from 1912 until 1916 when he was transferred to Watford. He visited Acton frequently and many friends here will miss Mac and share with his wife and son the loss they have sustained.

Surviving is his wife, the former Gertrude Johnstone, of Acton; one son, William Donald, of Toronto; a sister, Miss Dena MacLean, of Windsor and two grandchildren. He was a member of Darrel S. Moffat United Church, Tilbury and Walker Lodge, Acton.

Interment was in Fairview Cemetery, Acton. Pallbearers at the service in Tilbury were Messrs. Rhyas, M. Sale, W. D. West and R. B. Turner of Windsor; L. L. Odette, G. S. Richardson, H. C. Hassard, H. B. Thomas and N. C. Anderson, of Tilbury. Bearers at the service in Acton were Messrs. Neil McNabb, John McClure, R. Wor. Bro. Dean Leslie, V. Wor. Bro. Wm. Cooper, V. Wor. Bro. Frank McIntosh, W. Bro. H. L. Ritchie and W. Bro. E. J. Hassard.

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One day the old gentleman was hauling his hay crop to the home barn. Joe Dickson was helping. In loading the hay out at the farm a dosing well-developed garter snake was loaded with a coil of the new mown hay. On the trip over Main St. it became lively and, seeking a place of refuge, ran up the pant-leg of Joe's blue jeans.

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