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PLAN SERVICE SUN. BEFORE CROWNING

\$1,568 BILL THIS YEAR REPLACES \$5,600 REFUND RECEIVED LAST YEAR

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Waterworks Accounts	
Dept. of Lands and Forests	10.00
Storey Pump & Equipment Co. cylinder head	421.00
Whitham's Garage	75
Sutherland-Schultz	150.00
Williams Supply Co.	9.91
Thompson Motors, account	13.05
P.U.C. hydro accounts	291.77
Equipment Marketers Ltd.	6.90
Wallace & Tiernan Ltd.	7.46
Bell Telephone Co.	8.60
	\$229.44
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Express and Trans	10.07
Wipers and Waste Prod.	16.60
Acton Free Press	13.48
Canadian Line Materials	16.25
Sungano Co. Ltd., repairs	42.40
Thompson Motors, account	2.10
L. W. Agar, coal	94.30
Acton Woodcrafts, account	79.87
Highway Garage, account	25.30
Harvey Palmer, cleaning	17.00
F. Terry (postmaster) post	100.00
H.E.P.C. of Ont., chart	6.00
Jas. B. Kearney Corp.	49.93
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W.I. Seeks Change Narrow School Hill

Mrs. Charles Jones opened her home Thursday evening, March 5, for the regular meeting of Limehouse Women's Institute. The roll call, "A proverb" was answered by 12 members and three visitors. After singing "Beat the drum for the blind," and repeating the Mary Stewart collect, the president called on Mrs. S. Kirkpatrick to give her report on hall activities.

Mrs. J. S. Noble reported on flowers and fruit sent to sick and a parcel sent to a family in England. A letter expressing thanks and delight at the contents of the parcel was received from the mother of the family.

Mrs. Wm. Mitchell gave a report of the library and Mrs. J. Roughley reported on work of the financial committee for the month. A cheque was held in February at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Spitzer, proceeds of which are to go toward fencing and beautifying the piece of land at present, "unsightly ground" in the centre of the village.

Mrs. E. Sanford, Mrs. Roughley, Mrs. Frank Brown, Mrs. W. Mitchell and Mrs. A. J. Smethurst were appointed as a committee to interview the Esquering council in the hope that something will be done to improve the school hill. This hill has always been somewhat dangerous and now is too narrow. With a corner half-way up, members felt it is certainly anything but safe for present traffic.

Most of the children from Gibraltar school travel this way to and from school and the ladies, especially those with small children attending school, feel it would be desirable to have something done about it now than to wait until a serious accident has occurred. There have been two accidents on this hill recently and the W.I. would like something done to it before a more serious one happens.

Mrs. Harry Brown, convener of citizenship and education called on conveners of standing committees each to give a two minute report on their work.

Twenty dollars was voted to the musical festival, Mrs. James Noble moved a vote of thanks to the hostesses and her assistants and the meeting closed with "God Save the Queen" after which Mrs. Jones and her aides, Mrs. Charles Meredith and Mrs. E. Sanford served lunch.

Writes of England Tells of Acton There

Writing from Hayton, England, Miss Helen Lamb tells us that she receives the Free Press within two weeks of publication date and is kept in touch with the home town news. She was especially interested in the items about Acton, England, and went to visit the town from which the Acton in Canada took its name. Miss Lamb tells us it is an industrial town and a bit smoke-begrimed.

Big preparations are being made for the Coronation. Decorative materials are now on sale and Miss Lamb anticipates going to London to see part of the parades and other events connected with the great occasion. Miss Lamb is on the staff of the Laverpool School of Occupational Therapy.

City Dweller Boosts Small Town

33 Braemar Ave. Toronto Ont. March 10, 1953
Mr. G. A. Dills, Acton Free Press, Acton, Ont.
Dear Arlo:

I really don't think that folks ever appreciate a small town unless they have been forced, by necessity, to live in a big city.

My all too short stay in Acton during my happiest periods that I have ever known I found that I had made more friends than I could believe possible in so short a time and when I say friends I don't just mean nodding acquaintances. I mean people that were honestly glad to see you.

I found that if you were willing to contribute your services to the community, you received an honest appreciation which is all the reward anyone should need.

My wife and I were exceedingly regretful at having to leave Acton and our friends, and we are looking forward to the time when we will again be able to be a part of the community.

I can assure you that we will follow Acton's progress through the medium of the "Free Press" and wish the town continued prosperity.

To our friends, we would like to say many thanks for a happy but too brief a sojourn in Acton.

Yours sincerely,
Charles E. Wood



MURRAY McPHAIL was guest speaker on Agricultural Night at Acton Rotary Club this week.

Ella Jany First In Public Speaking

At further public speaking eliminations held last Thursday evening, March 5, at the Howard Wigglesworth school in Georgetown, Ella Jany of Acton placed first of 11 contestants. Of the five who took top place, three were from Acton.

Judith McCumber of Georgetown was awarded second place. Shirley Mason of Acton came third and Raymond Braida of Acton and Carolyn Biehn of Georgetown tied for fourth.

Judges were Mrs. Alex Orr of Acton, Mrs. J. Ellerby of Limehouse and Rev. John Smith of Georgetown. They reported that marks to the top four were very close, ranging from 80 to 82, with only fractions of marks making the difference.

Ella Jany, who is 10 years old, spoke on her trip to Canada from Hungary, as she had previously in competition at the public school here. Shirley Mason again spoke on the Union Jack and Raymond Braida again spoke on Horatio Nelson.

Quite a few from Acton attended the Esquering and Nassagaweya eliminations. Winning contestants will soon compete against public speakers from the south of Hutton to determine the county champion.

Parish Lads, Dads Men's Club Guests

On Friday, March 6, the Men's Club of St. Alban's Church held a "Dads and Lads Night." Over 100 men and boys were present and enjoyed food, fun and fellowship.

The main purpose of the night was to interest those men in the congregation who might enjoy the activities of the Men's Club. It also gave an opportunity for the fathers and sons of the parish to get together and enjoy themselves as fathers and sons who belong to the church.

After the supper, prepared by the St. Alban's Guild, a short talk was given by the rector to explain the reason for a Men's Club and to reveal the fact that the Men's Club had sponsored the night in order to reach as many men as possible and to try and interest them in the Club. The next meeting of the Men's Club was announced and all men of the parish were invited to attend. It is hoped that the Men's Club will soon be as active and attractive as the women's organizations of the church.

A program of movies and songs was presented after the rector's remarks and the whole evening was over by 9 p.m. in time to get the "younger men" off to bed—much to their disgust.

GREET MORE MEMBERS AT COUPLES MEETING

Highlights of the third meeting of the United Church Friendly Couples' Club held Wednesday last week in the Sunday School room were songs, a devotional period, discussion on present income tax collection and refreshments.

Presidents Rae and Velma West presided for the business period when it was decided no membership fee would be established but silver collections would be taken at the monthly meetings. The presidents also welcomed those who had not been able to attend the first meeting.

Heading the program group, Ed and Marie Bilton were masters of ceremonies for the recreation period.

Drumhead Service Marks Coronation

A drumhead service will be held in Acton on Sunday, May 31, to mark the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. Acton coronation celebration committee decided at a meeting in the town hall on Thursday, March 5. The committee, under chairman Dr. A. J. Buchanan, considered decorations, flags or other souvenirs for the school children, the possibility of an artillery gun drill, school choir and massed adult choirs.

They expressed the hope school children would parade and that teachers would emphasize the importance of the event. A parade marshal will be installed at the station, it was agreed.

J. Goy was appointed treasurer of the committee.

Representatives present at the meeting were L. Weick, council; Mrs. Angell, secretary; Mrs. H. Johnston, Legion Ladies' Auxiliary; Mrs. D. Price, Scout and Guide Mothers; Tom Nicol, Acton C.I.'s club; J. Goy, Rotary club and John McHugh, Legion.

It was agreed to ask the A.O.U. co-operation of the school board, O.D.E., scouts, club, guides, brownies, Y.M.C.A., W.I., Ministerial association, Phalanx club, firemen and the Friendly Circle. Representatives of all organizations were to be asked to attend the next meeting to-night (Thursday).

Chairman Dr. Buchanan urged that every citizen help to make the program a success. Tom Nicol assured the meeting the band would do anything it could to help provide music. The Lorne Scots band was to be contacted to see if they could attend the parade and service.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Claims Example For Future Councils

Dear Mr. Editor:

I read with interest your report on the 1953 tax rate for Acton which you have described as a "Sunshine Budget."

I would like to make a few comments on some matters which you appear to have overlooked and therefore trust that you will be good enough to provide the space in your valuable paper.

There is a 13 mill tax reduction for 1953. The taxpayers know that there was an automatic 11 mill reduction due to the 1951 deficit of \$25,337.21 having been paid up out of 1952 taxation. That leaves 2 mills of a reduction to be explained.

I note that you report a "better than 20% reduction in Municipal expenditures." Let's see how that statement adds up and how the 2 mill reduction was effected.

The 1952 tax rate was 64 mills. The Auditor's report shows that 11 mills of the 64 was used to pay up the deficit of the previous year, 1951. That left the 1952 Council only 53 mills to work on for the year. They not only kept within their budget of 53 mills but finished up with money in the bank, a surplus of \$2,843.74. As this surplus represents about one and one-fifth mills, it is therefore apparent that the 1952 Council operated on 51 and four-fifths mills. According to the records, the spending amounted to \$123,371.

For 1953 the Town plans to spend the proceeds of the tax levy, which amounts to \$122,547 according to the item in your paper, plus the \$2,843.74 surplus inherited from 1952—a total of \$125,391 or 52 and one-fifth mills. Compare the 51 and four-fifths mills spent in 1952. I ask you Mr. Editor, is that a better than 20 per cent reduction in Municipal expenditures, as reported in your paper of March 5th? It should be quite obvious that Municipal expenditures for 1953 are slightly up and not down.

I have no quarrel with the mill rate for 1953. I believe that Council has done a good job in establishing the rate at 51 mills in view of the increased demands for school and police purposes but I know that your readers will be interested in the facts that I have set out here.

I have the Town Auditor's Reports which show deficits in every year from 1945 to 1951, totalling over \$2,000, and I think it is a matter of interest to the citizens of Acton that there was a surplus of \$2,843.74 in 1952, the first surplus in seven years. The Statutes of the Province of Ontario say that a Council must not spend any more money in one year than is provided for in the budget. The 1952 Council adhered to that law. It is to be hoped that an example has been set for the future.

B. D. RACHLIN.
March 9, 1953

EDITOR'S NOTE—REEVE R. J. HARVEY AND COUNCILLORS E. TAYLOR AND C. ROGNVALDSON WERE THE 1952 MEMBERS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

County Establishes Fund For Registry Act Surveys

A special fund was established by Hutton County Council to assist municipalities who found it necessary to make surveys of properties according to the Registry Act. A full length debate was necessary before a recorded vote was taken. The resolution appropriating \$2,000 for this work was carried by 17 to seven.

It was disclosed by H. C. Moore, Inspector of Legal Offices, that the province would pay 25 per cent of the cost if the county would also pay a similar percentage. It was further stated the balance of the cost would be paid for by the municipality and the ratepayers in the area equally.

Reeve Bob Shannon, Burlington, said he approved of the idea, but objected to the county having to share in the cost of an expenditure which he termed, "municipal level." Other members felt the citizens in the county should not be required to pay for something other municipalities were asking relief from.

Mr. Moore said it was found that there were a great many errors in surveying and describing boundaries in Hutton. Hutton is not alone in this matter, similar conditions are found in every other county and many of them are taking advantage and having surveys made which can be properly described in the Registry Office.

He pointed out that the village of Bronte had embarked on such a survey at a cost of about \$3,000. With the government paying 25 per cent, and the county a similar amount, it would assist materially in the financial problem. He said the county's share could be taken out of the revenue which the Registry office turned over to the county. The local registry office turned over to Hutton the sum of \$14,000 last year.

Mr. Moore paid high tribute to Miss M. Field, the local registrar. "She knows the work thoroughly and is an extremely valuable person to the county," he stated.

The resolution sponsored by Reeve E. Ford and Deputy Reeve H. Marshall, Trafalgar, stated in part: The village of Bronte and the township of Trafalgar have applied to the Inspector of Legal Offices for the preparation of a Judge's plan re subdivision pursuant to the Registry Act. It is the custom of the Legislature to bear 25 per cent and the county 25 per cent of the cost. Therefore the county of Hutton will appropriate \$2,000 for the preparation of such plans.

Mr. Moore disclosed the Inspector of Legal Offices could order such a survey and the costs would be apportioned by the Judge's order.

A R. Service was spokesman for a delegation of nine members of the Hutton Federation of Agriculture. He said there were two items which they wished to bring to council's attention.

He said the first was county roads. "Our organization has received many complaints about the condition of our county roads. We drive off good roads in the adjoining counties to roads which are not good here. We wonder what can be done to bring our roads to compare with those of other places and we would urge council to commence this year."

"Secondly, we would like the county to go forward with a weed spraying program along the county roads. Our townships are doing their part and we hope the county will do theirs," he concluded.

"Plans have been made to hard top roads in the northern part of the county," Reeve S. J. Norris said.

Accounts totalling \$53,835.44 were approved and ordered to be paid. The Department of Highways are to be advised that Hutton spent \$227,903.65 and request the statutory grant on this amount.

The reforestation committee reported they were making further investigation into certain property in Nassagaweya for reforestation purposes. Council approved of the Hutton Health Unit budget amounting to \$57,065 for 1953.

Hunters will not find it so profitable to collect for bounty, council decided, when they reduced the fee paid by the county from \$5 per fox to \$3. Deputy Reeve Wilfred Bird sponsoring the motion, said other counties were only paying the small sum and he felt Hutton's foxes to be in excess. The new ruling will be effective March 15.

Council estimated it would cost \$1,500 to engage the services of J. B. Coombs, municipal consultant, to assist with the county equalized assessment plan. He had recently completed work in Nelson and Trafalgar and it was felt his knowledge throughout the county would be of great assistance in striking the equalized assessment by-law this year.

A by-law to engage a county weed inspector was read twice but held up on the third reading so names could be suggested and an investigation by the agricultural committee. They will make recommendations at the next meeting.

District Inspector George Meadows, Ontario land and forest department, urged council to approve of an open deer season this year. He told members deer in southern Ontario were becoming a menace, not only to highway traffic but to the agricultural industry as well. He further pointed out one life had been lost in Hutton and another quite recently in western Ontario, where a deer caused a motor accident. "It is not only the traffic hazard but the unseen damage they do as well in wood lots and in the farmer's fields. I would suggest a four day open season throughout southern Ontario. This would reduce the number materially," he stated.

Acton Flood Relief Total \$1,364.83

I.O.D.E. Chapter Officers Installed

The new slate of officers of Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. was installed by honorary regent Mrs. J. H. Creighton at the meeting on Tuesday evening in the Legion hall. The new regent, Mrs. G. McKenzie, then took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Future projects were discussed in the regular business session. Mrs. H. Otterbein introduced Mrs. R. Parker, who gave two humorous readings, one of Uncle Remus and the other by Stephen Leacock. Mrs. Parker was thanked by Mrs. D. Ryder.

Colored slides of a trip to California and Mexico were shown by Mrs. Lorne Garner, who was later thanked by Mrs. H. Helwig.

A cup and saucer and bouquet of flowers were presented to the retiring regent, Mrs. R. Bean, by Mrs. S. Norton. Mrs. Bean expressed her thanks to the chapter. Refreshments concluded the meeting.

Display, Program End Night School Sessions

Referring to the Hutton county night school classes held for the past 12 weeks in Milton, J. E. Whitelock, Hutton's agricultural representative, called the project "one of the best jobs of its kind in the 13 years I have been here, in bringing rural and urban people together." Mr. Whitelock addressed a crowd of about 600 at the open house of the night school Tuesday evening in Milton high school auditorium.

The large crowd which attended from all parts of Hutton inspected exhibits of splendid work done under instruction in the classes and enjoyed a brief program.

Mr. Whitelock revealed that 66 per cent of the 472 who enrolled were from the county, with 34 per cent from urban centers of the county. Average attendance at all the season's classes was 80.5 per cent, which he termed "very satisfactory." Attendance showed a marked increase from the two previous Hutton night schools, but despite this success, neither Mr. Whitelock nor Lloyd Mitchell of the community programs branch of the provincial government could assure the interested crowd that classes would be held again in Milton next winter.

Reading the average attendance in each course, Mr. Whitelock pointed out that the highest percentage was in weaving with 93 per cent attendance.

A T. Woodley acted as chairman for the program, welcoming the crowd, seated and standing wherever there was room in the auditorium.

Several fashion shows were much enjoyed as groups modelled the clothes they, or their mothers, had made. Over 15 children were charming, displaying the results of the children's clothing class, introduced by Mrs. Taylor. Small girls later modelled smoked dresses.

Mrs. Morwick introduced the elementary clothing display and Mrs. Kimberly, Mrs. Dixon and Mrs. McConchie the advanced clothing.

Warm full length coats costing \$15 and \$16 were highlights of the tailoring class fashion show, when about 20 displayed well-fitted suits and coats. Mrs. Taylor commented.

Mrs. A. Elliott played the piano as the class members modelled.

Lloyd Mitchell spoke briefly, explaining that there were 20 night schools in Ontario; the general policy was to have one in a county.

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