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APPROVE CONSTRUCTION JUNIOR POOL



200 YOUNG CHICKS perished in the brooder house fire that called Acton fire brigade to the farm of Walter Lewandowski on Monday about midnight. Firemen arrived too late to save the building as flames had already whisked through the small frame structure. A driving shed about 50 feet away was saved as sparks blew in that direction. An overheated brooder stove is believed the cause of the midnight blaze. Dalton Barber, a neighbor, phoned in the alarm.

YOUNGEST PUBLIC SPEAKER WINS HALTON COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Competing with public school pupils from each county in Ontario next week will be Ella Jany of Acton, Halton county's champion in public speaking. Ella Jany, the youngest competitor, met seven other Halton pupils Tuesday evening, March 24, in Milton high school auditorium. She was there declared the county champion.

Ontario competitions will be held at the Royal York hotel, Toronto, on Monday, April 6, in conjunction with the teachers' convention during Easter week.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Fund Closes, Report \$1831 Contributed

Dear Mr. Editor: The local committee of the European Flood Relief Fund would appreciate an opportunity of reporting, through the medium of your paper, to the citizens of Acton and vicinity on the conclusion of our Campaign.

Band Concert Nets Flood Relief \$58

When a crowd of 350 attended the band concert and variety program in the Roky theatre last Sunday evening \$58 was raised for the flood relief fund. Joe Hurst began the program with a short talk or flood relief. He introduced the master of ceremonies, Bob Redfern, who announced the different numbers throughout the program.

Fun between musical numbers was provided by Mr. Redfern with jokes and imitations; he also gave several vocal selections.

Inspector L. L. Skuce, in announcing Ella Jany had received the highest marks from the judges, said he had never heard a younger Canadian speak so nicely.

Esquing Festival Winners Selected

Esquing township music festival preliminaries to determine contestants to compete at the Halton County Festival were chosen on Tuesday, March 31 at Stewarttown Hall. Three were chosen in vocal solo and duet classes and two in choir classes and contestants were not placed first, second and third.

Following are the winners selected by adjudicator Frank Holton, A.C.M.E. of Brantford: solo, girls seven and under, Karen Bridgen, Donna Rennie, Mary Baker; solo, boys seven and under, Jeffrey Nurse, Wayne Bowen, Raymond Carter; solo, girls nine and under, Cathleen Susnowski, Marilyn Wilson, Joyce Rennie; solo, boys nine and under, Chris Canham, Ronald Arpa, Murray Eyre.

Plan Safety Tape For District Bikes

To protect the lives of night-bicycling youngsters in the area Acton Rotary club will apply reflective strips free on all bikes brought to the Public School grounds on Saturday morning, April 18. Supplies are on hand for 100 bicycles.

Safety strips will be applied free on bikes red strips for the front fenders and silver for the front forks and handlebars. The strips reflect auto headlights brilliantly at night due to their coating of 30,000 microscopic glass spheres on a reflective plastic film.

Euchre, Penny Sale Has Many Winners

The Scout and Guide Mothers held a euchre and penny sale at the Scout Hall on March 27 with 17 tables of euchre. A very enjoyable time was had by all in spite of the blackout when Mrs. J. Bradshaw played the piano for a sing song.

Knox Ladies' Aid Honors Late Queen

The monthly meeting of the Knox Ladies' Aid was held in the classroom of the Church on Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. F. J. McCutcheon presiding.

An Easter hymn was sung, followed by the Lord's Prayer. Mrs. A. J. Buchanan read the Easter story to open the devotional services. A period of silence was observed in memory of the late Queen Mrs. E. J. Hassard concluded with prayer. Mrs. R. L. Davidson gave a reading, "The root of the Ladies' Aid work lies with the individual member" and a poem, "It isn't the church it's you."

A society lady who had few duties to perform visited a specialist to complain of her insomnia. "So you can't sleep at night," the doctor dutifully queried. "I don't say that," the lady retorted haughtily. "I can sleep through the night very nicely, but along about 10 o'clock in the morning, all I do is toss and turn."

Longer Week-end For Paper's Staff

That the staff of this paper may take advantage of the long week-end, our office will be closed on Saturday morning as well as Good Friday.

S. G. Bennett Heads Royal Winter Fair

S. G. Bennett, head of Beardmore and Co., was elected president of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair for its silver jubilee year, at the annual meeting held last week in the Coliseum, Toronto. He succeeds P. L. Whytock. Mr. Bennett has been the vice-president for two years.

As well as heading Beardmore's in Acton, Mr. Bennett is vice-president of Canada Packers, a director of the Dominion Stores Chartered Trust, Phoenix Assurance, Canadian Bronze and several other companies.

At his 600 acre Esquing township farm, Mr. Bennett has developed a prize-winning Shorthorn herd which have ribbons from the Royal and Chicago.

Add Building For Beardmore Dept.

Beardmore and Co. are making an extension to their present plant of a building 70x100 feet. The addition is on the south-east section just off No. 25 Highway and adjoins the present warehouse of the company.

Mrs. M. Pinney C.C.F. President

The Co-operative Commonwealth Federation in Halton County held its annual meeting on March 25 at the Farmers' Hall in Milton. After the minutes and treasurer's report had been read and accepted, the following executive were elected to office: president, Mrs. M. Pinney; vice-president, E. Adamson; secretary, J. McIntosh and organizer, T. Cooper. Bert Shane was appointed liaison officer to maintain a contact with other ridings and J. Alexander was appointed the riding's delegate to the provincial council.

Council Approves Application For Annexation of Township Land

By-law 981 was unanimously passed on Monday morning at a 9 a.m. session of Acton council. The by-law is to authorize application to the Ontario Municipal Board for the annexation of certain lands now in the Township of Esquing in the County of Halton as herein described to the Municipality of the Town of Acton.

200 Chicks Lost In Country Fire

When a brooder house at the farm of Walter Lewandowski, R.R. 1, Acton, burned to the ground on Monday night, 200 two-and-a-half-week old chicks were lost in the blaze. Sparks from the fire flew onto the roof of the driving shed 50 feet away and the nearby house, but did not ignite the buildings. Although a farm pond near the farm was available for ample water supply, the firemen were able to extinguish the blaze with hose from the pumper. The brooder house was a total loss.

Suffers Bruises, Cuts in Accident

Mrs. Emily Hayden, R. R. 1, Campbellville, suffered multiple abrasions over her entire body, multiple lacerations of her face, scalp and legs and bruised ribs, when the car she was driving ran off the Guelph Road five miles north of Campbellville, struck a steep bank and rolled over on Saturday afternoon.

Prominent Citizen, W. Van Sickle Dies

Nassagaweya Township lost one of its most prominent and loyal citizens when William M. Van Sickle passed away last Wednesday evening at the Wellesley hospital in Toronto. He had been in ill health since the first of the year but his sudden death was a shock to the community and a wide circle of friends.

W. H. Mainprize Has 96th Birthday

Born on a farm in Huron County on March 31, 1857, William H. Mainprize as Acton's leading nonagenarian this week celebrates his 96th birthday. Employed for 33 years with the Beardmore Co., Mr. Mainprize worked as an engineer at their plants in Bracebridge and Acton, coming to Acton some 40 years ago.

Award \$4,300 Contract For Junior Swimming Pool

Contract for the construction of a Junior swimming pool in Acton park was awarded on Tuesday night to Jones and Van Gils at a price of \$4,300. Two tenders were received, the other from J. B. MacKenzie and Son and the lowest tender was accepted. The Secretary reported that a number of contractors had viewed the plans but did not submit prices when it was found only the one pool was to be built at the present time.

Acton Flood Relief Total \$1,831.42 (fund closed)

Jack Greer Named To Head Y's Men

The report of the nominating committee, presented at the meeting of Acton Y's Men's club on Thursday evening, March 26, showed that Jack Greer will be the next president of the group. Mr. Greer said he was very proud to accept the presidency. Other officers to be inducted at the next meeting are secretary, J. McGuehrie; treasurer, T. Jones and Sergeant at Arms, J. Calder. The officers will be inducted by district governor E. Knill. The report of the nominating committee was presented by J. Creighton.

Colored slides showing the progress of a story before it is read in the newspaper were shown by Jim Dills. He explained that the Free Press is one of 750 weeklies serving over four million readers weekly. He told of Claxton's introduction of printing to England in the 15th century, and of the Gutenberg Bible, the first book to be printed with mechanical devices.

It was announced that 2,000 stamps had been turned over by the children of the Y.M.C.A. to the Bishop's fund.

Auxiliary Studies African Religions

Mrs. John L. Davidson, Young St., was hostess for the March meeting of the Knox Evening Auxiliary. Mrs. Alex Mann presided and was assisted in devotional period by Mrs. O'Hara, Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. McKnight.

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The area in the annexation plan includes all the Beardmore and Wool Combing property not presently in the town south, as well as the town spring and sewer disposal plant. On the north the boundary if approved, would include a lot owned by J. Stewart, one owned by T. Seynuck and the settlement of houses on the third line including part of the R. Vise farm.



WILLIAM MAINPRIZE spent his 96th birthday quietly at his home on Mill St., Acton, on Tuesday. Mr. Mainprize came to Acton over 40 years ago when the town's streets were being lit by municipally generated power.

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