

PROPOSE FIRE HALL FOR WILLOW ST.



GRASS FIRES gave firemen two calls on Good Friday when the flames got beyond the residents and the brigade was necessary to control the spread. The first call at about 11.30 a.m. was to the Armstrong farm on the fourth line. The second call was to the end of the Crescent, an annual event. Firemen returned on Monday evening with the equipment and burned off the whole area to prevent a recurrence.

RECOVER STOLEN CAR NEAR GLEN SEVEN CRUISERS IN 35 MINUTE CHASE

A car stolen in Milton was recovered 35 minutes later three miles north of Glen Williams by provincial police with the chase involving seven police cruisers and some road blocks.

At 3.30 a.m. Sunday, April 5, the car of Edgar Cairns was reported stolen from Sarah St. By 4.05 a.m. Constable Wylie of the Acton detachment Provincial Police had recovered the stolen car after the driver stopped and fled into a roadside bush.

The car was undamaged when recovered and cruisers circled the bush until daylight. Barnes searched and bush scoured but the driver of the stolen car was not found.

HALTON DEBATING TEAM IN FINALS JUNIORS HONOR DAVE PELLETTERIO

Halton debaters Eleanor McKeown and Earl Snow won the fourth round of the inter-county debating competition last Thursday evening, April 2, in Milton high school auditorium and will proceed into the finals.

Following the debate between Halton county and Hastings county, a presentation was made to Dave Pelletterio, the president of the Ontario Junior Farmers, who has long been active in junior farmer work in this locality.

The auditorium was well filled for the program, which was presided over by Harold Tyrrell, president of the Halton Junior Farmers. Resolved that volunteer charity should be discontinued and replaced by contributions raised through general taxation, was the subject of the debate. The Halton debaters upheld the affirmative and Marilyn Parkes and Kay Homan of Hastings county, the negative. The official judges were G. A. Warlow, director of publicity, Ontario Agricultural College, John Eccles, director of public relations, Ontario Agricultural College and L. H. Skuce, public school inspector of Halton.

According to Mr. Warlow, who gave the judges' decision, all four debaters were to be commended for their able presentations but in their opinion, the Halton debaters had substantiated their statements and arguments to better advantage than had the negative. Consequently, the decision was unanimously awarded to the Halton debaters.

Mac Spoford reviewed the work of David Pelletterio has done on the local county and provincial level. Speaking in appreciation, Dave Pelletterio said he had been given every opportunity at home to take advantage of junior farmer work. "I can't recall having undertaken any junior farmer project that I have regretted after I completed it," he said. "It is a real pleasure to have served this year as Ontario president. The gifts will be lasting remembrances of my junior farmer work in Halton county."

The presentation of a desk set and lamp was made on behalf of the Halton Juniors by Howson Ruddle, second vice-president of Halton Juniors, assisted by Wilma Sinclair, president of Milton Junior Institute and Betty Price, president of Brookville Junior Institute.

Musical numbers, which rounded out the evening's program, included a vocal duet by Miss Anne McLaughlin and Miss Marjorie Fountain of Acton; a violin trio by Ben-

ALL OF ACTON'S CHURCHES MARK EASTER WITH SPECIAL SERVICES

Good Friday and Easter, of basic importance to those of the Christian faith, were marked by special services in all of Acton's churches last Friday, Saturday and Sunday. As well as special messages and music, there were two cantatas presented by local church choirs. Bouquets of beautiful spring flowers added to the significance of sermons and hymns on the theme of the resurrection.

Friday morning, services were held in St. Alban's Anglican church, Knox Presbyterian church and the United Church.

At the Easter Sunday morning service at St. Alban's Anglican church, the junior choir was present and sang an anthem, directed by Mrs. Ralph Price. The choir sang an anthem, with Mrs. F. G. Oakes at the organ, at the morning and evening services. Rev. Ralph Price gave special Easter messages on both occasions.

A bouquet of white flowers had been placed on the altar and flowers in vases along the windows of the church.

Pastor Dwight D. Patterson of Acton Baptist church also presented timely messages to the congregation with "The Resurrection" his topic at the morning service. The Lord's Supper and baptism were observed.

At the morning service, Mary Reid and Helen Landsborough sang a duet and in the evening, Clarence Reid a solo. Charles Landsborough, the regular organist, accompanied them.

"The Victorious Christ," a cantata by the choir, was presented at Knox Presbyterian church on Easter Sunday evening. E. Hansen directed the choir and presided at the organ. The cantata took the place of the sermon, with Rev. H. H. Armstrong reading the Easter story between selections by the choir. Solos were sung by Miss Bella May Russell, George Mustelle and Mrs. J. Davidson; duets by Mrs. Davidson and Miss Inez McLellan and Miss Roszell and Miss Isabel Anderson; a quartette by Mrs. Davidson, Miss Anderson, Mr. Musselle and Ken Mann.

At the morning service, there was special music and a timely message by Rev. Armstrong.

Father Corrigan led the stations of the cross at St. Joseph's Church on Friday afternoon with the choir singing the traditional Stabat Mater with an accompaniment. Veneration of the cross was also observed and a sermon preached on the immense tragedy that took place on the first Good Friday.

Holy Saturday ceremonies were held on Saturday morning to prepare for Easter Sunday. On Sunday Father Corrigan sang a solemn high mass and gave an Easter message to an overflowed congregation. The altar, in contrast to the bareness of Passion Week was bedecked with flowers.

Acton United Church choir presented its cantata, "The Thorn Crowned King" Easter evening, under the direction of organist and choir leader Miss Olive Lampard. Solo parts were sung by Miss Dorothy Simmons, Mrs. E. Veld-

Acton, Hillsburgh Present Dramas

Acton Baptist church was the first to present a drama on Monday evening when Acton and Hillsburgh B.Y.P.U.'s presented their entries in the Guelph Association Drama Festival.

Acton presented "The Light in the Window" in true "Victorian" setting, complete with oil lamps and photograph albums.

The play outlines the important effect "Aunt Hope", who knows the real value and joy of Easter, can have on those who visit her.

The cast was as follows: Aunt Hope, Lill Wagner; Nina, Wilma Chapman; Edna, Fay Garner; Jeremy, Clarence Reid; Jane Loring, Marjorie Landsborough; Shucky, David Cooke; Jim Barnes, Charlie Landsborough; Emily, Mary Reid; director, Jean Garner and make-up, R. R. Parker.

Hillsburgh's presentation, "Vengeance is Mine," had a modern setting. It was the story of a business partner who swindled his business partner out of several thousand dollars and later repents.

Both plays were well received. The value of sacred drama cannot be estimated and in this first effort, Hillsburgh and Acton groups are to be commended. D. L. Patterson was chairman and Mr. Benson Jones gave the benediction.

DUBLIN W. I. HOLDS EUCHRE ON SATURDAY

An enjoyable euchre was held on Saturday night at the parish hall under the sponsorship of Dublin Women's Institute. The winners were: ladies' first, Mrs. P. Kennedy; second, Mrs. F. H. Allan; consolation, Mrs. C. Thomson; men's first, Alfred Fryer; second, H. Allan; consolation, D. Moffat. Lucky door prize was won by Mrs. George Lantz. A lovely lunch was served by the ladies at the close.

THREE FIRES WITHIN HALF A DAY FRIDAY

Three fires within just over 12 hours kept Acton firemen busy on Friday last. At 2 a.m. the sprinkler system at Baxter Laboratories set off the fire alarm, but firemen could discover no blaze when they arrived at the plant.

At 11.30 a.m. the brigade was called to put out a grass fire on the fourth line. Another grass fire at the end of the Crescent caused the fire alarm to be turned in at 2.30 p.m. Friday afternoon.

The population of Ontario is 11 persons per square mile.

Youngest Speaker In Competition

The youngest competitor among 10 from all over Ontario, Ella Jany of Acton was awarded \$10 in the public speaking competition at the King Edward hotel in Toronto on Monday, although she did not place among the top three winners. Ten-year-old Ella again spoke on her trip to Canada from Hungary. Each of the six girls and four boys was then given a choice of subjects on which to give an impromptu speech. Halton county's representative chose to speak on what she did at camp, amused the audience with her account and drew enthusiastic applause.

The judges awarded first to a 14-year-old boy who was born in Scotland and lived in Pakistan before coming to Canada. Placing first and second were two boys who were also older than Ella.

The \$10 awards for all the other competitors were given by the Trustee and Ratepayers' Association.

Competitors were urged to compete again at the Canadian National Exhibition and the Acton girl plans to enter.

Mrs. Florence McCaffrey was chairman for the competitions, held during the teachers' convention in Toronto.

Several in the audience congratulated Ella after the program. She has a natural and pleasing way of speaking and was heard in Acton recently when she introduced the public school's operetta. She was selected as Halton county's public speaking champion on March 24 in Milton.

Plan Groundwork 60 Cycle Change

W. Miller of the conversion staff of the H.E.P.C. of Ontario has been in town to lay the groundwork for the conversion to 60 cycle power from the present 25 cycle power next summer. It is hoped that a meeting can be arranged with council and the commission to plan for the changing over of the motors which operate town services.

It was decided that an underground cable be installed to the new workshop on Alice St. for services.

Arrangements were made to prepare the hydro meters for the changeover to 60 cycle.

Insurance on the garage was placed at an amount of \$10,000 with the Braeken Insurance Agency.

Secretary J. McGenchie reported that according to the auditor's statement, a deficit on the operation of the sewage plant for 1952 amounted to \$773.56. This amount was transferred from the waterworks' account to the sewage account.

A letter was read from Engineer Anderson giving the capacity of the sewage plant as 250,000 gallons per day of 250 B.O.D. The plant is now operating at 160,000 gallons or 64 per cent. of capacity. Other information from the engineer will be forwarded as soon as possible.

Superintendent Lambert reported that a plugged sewer main on Wilbur St. had been cleaned last week.

Channels have been cut in the floor of the sewage disposal plant for the establishment of drains from the parking glands on the pumps.

A set of sewer rods was, by motion, ordered to be purchased and also a wheelbarrow for the work at the sewage treatment plant.

The commission discussed the stoning of the area between the road circle at the sewage plant and also the yard of the pump house on Main St. north. It is felt that stone in these places would greatly improve the appearance.

The commission sanctioned the arrangement of Superintendent Lambert in installing a lateral at Mr. McKnight's residence on Guelph St.

Receive Sketch Plans For Proposed Fire Hall

Sketch plans for the proposed new fire hall were presented at the regular meeting of Acton council on Monday night in a seven hour session that adjourned at 2.15 a.m. Plans called for a building 30 by 65 feet, facing on Willow St next to the town hall. The building would be designed on one floor, to accommodate two fire trucks and auxiliary truck, drying rack, bunk room, furnace room and wash room. No price was available on the construction of the hall shell but an estimate of \$10,000 was advanced.

The Planning Board recommended the town hall property as the preferred site over an Alice St. lot. The Board pointed out that the Alice St. location lacked sufficient space. The town hall lot was easily accessible and centrally located.

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Ask Return Rent Control

Councillor Greer inquired how rent controls could be placed back on in Acton. "I was led to believe rents weren't going up but some of them have gone pretty high," he commented.

A motion "that we write the Department and ask that rent controls be applied again in Acton," was defeated on a 5-4 vote.

Lights or Not

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Hill Safety

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Councillor Greer also asked the road committee to investigate whether a sign pointing to Acton Elizabeth Way.

Review Town Insurance

The Finance Committee reported on a review of town insurance and recommended an exit be constructed from the basement room of the Y.M.C.A.; an increase in the contents of the town hall from \$2,000 to \$5,000; an increase on library books from \$6,000 to \$10,000; an increase on the arena from \$12,000 to \$20,000; and an appraisal of the town hall and Y.M.C.A. be made.

Longer Evenings

Council passed the by-law approving Daylight Saving time to start April 26 at 2 a.m. and continuing until September 27 at 2 a.m. Clocks move back one hour to put this time into effect.

Spring Improvements

The Public Utilities Commission asked if the town would haul bone and material to stone the yard inside the fence. The town agreed to do the hauling for the P.U.C. when town equipment was not otherwise employed.

Fencing at the park was to be viewed by the park committee and a recommendation returned on whether it should be repaired or removed on one side of the track.

It was agreed that fencing originally scheduled for the sewer pumping station could be put around the Main St. well property as was recommended by the P.U.C. This move was approved as the fence was on hand and no additional cost to the town would be involved.

Chairman of the road committee was asked to contact the chairman of the P.U.C. and try and have the site of the new well landscaped rather than stoned, so it would be more attractive.

Old, Old Problem

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John Greer, industrial convention	\$24.47
E. S. Cooper relief med.	3.96
L. W. Agar, relief coal	5.25
Leider's IGA Market relief food	17.47
Roy's Taxi, hospital trip	4.50
Elliott Bros, relief food	28.00
Gypsum, Lime & Alabaster, crushed stone	22.75
Acton P.U.C. hydro	333.96
Thompson Motors	154.65
Acton Free Press, advt.	64.97
MacSwain Motors, gas	2.28
McEachern's Garage, fire truck	6.75
Dominion Hotel, dinners	10.50
Walter Ketterer, use of saw	19.00
W. D. Talbot	40.32
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Watson Dairy Bar, lunch	8.80
Halton Man Co., repairs	3.75
Dept Hwy., maintenance	253.91
C. E. Hickey and Sons	2.00
4th Div Court, clerk and bailiff's fees	8.00
Ont. Provincial Police	924.92
	\$1,972.99

Funeral Services In Acton, Ingersoll

Funeral service was held at the Victor B Rumley funeral home on Saturday, April 4, and at the Keeler and Guthrie funeral home in Ingersoll on Monday, April 8, for William H. Garner who died at his home in Acton on Friday, April 3. Interment was in Ingersoll rural cemetery. Mr. Garner was in his 73th year.

He was born in Ingersoll, Ont., the son of the late William and Esther Garner. He moved to Avon, 34 years ago where he resided until three years ago, when he moved to Acton.

He was a member of the I.O.O.F. of Ingersoll for 53 years. In Acton, he attended Acton Baptist church.

Left to mourn his loss are his wife the former Frances Corless, two daughters, Mrs. Gordon Rowan (Leila) of Toronto and Mrs. Carl Huggill (Jean) of Ingersoll, two sons, Lorne and Bill of Acton. He is also survived by three sisters, Mrs. Georgina Knox of Walkerville, Mrs. L. Gregory of Ingersoll, and Mrs. Scott of London; a brother, Arthur Garner of Edmonton; and 11 grandchildren.

The disastrous fire which swept Ottawa in 1900 rendered more than 50,000 homeless, destroyed more than \$10,000,000 worth of property.



SEMI-FINALISTS of the Ontario Junior Farmer debating contest are Halton County representatives Eleanor McKeown, Acton, and Earl Snow, Milton. The team defeated the Hastings county entry on Friday of last week and will meet Lambeth county debaters for the championship in Guelph on April 27.