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John Moles Heads Acton Fall Fair Society For Year

John E. Moles, popular Acton district farmer, was elected president of Acton Fall Fair at the annual meeting here Saturday afternoon. Mr. Moles, whose scientific farming methods have attracted wide interest in this area, succeeds Mac Sprowl, 1953 Fall Fair president and recent Lord Nuffield scholarship winner. ★

Other officers elected Saturday to guide the local Fair in its 41st year are: R. Everdell, vice-president; C. S. Denny, second vice-president; Mrs. C. W. Swackhamer, secretary-treasurer.

Directors for 1954 are: M. Sprowl, G. Leslie, F. Kentner, F. West, S. Morrison, B. Watson, G. Wallace, M. Medill, J. Dennis, C. Aitken, S. Griffin, M. McCullough, W. Thompson, L. McEnery, C. Sprowl, E. Johnstone, T. Hemsley.

Breakdown of Finances

Presented at the annual meeting, the treasurer's statement noted a 1953 balance of $1144.04. It was pointed out that midway receipts were down by about two-thirds less than 1952. Total receipts amounted to $5,810.84, including the 1952 balance carryover of $1131.07, while total expenditures were tabled at $4,666.80, the statement showed.

A breakdown of 1953 revenue shows: grants, $1764; membership fees, $77; entry fees, $25; admissions, $1931.77; midway, concessions, etc., $275; rentals, $10; sale of materials, including advertising, $488; interest, $9; 1952 balance, $1131.07

Expenditures in 1953 are itemized as follows: prize money, $2137.53; items for grant, $160; miscellaneous, $20; attractions, $387; miscellaneous prize expense, $423.97; maintenance and operating, $1185.01; capital expenditure, $353.29.

Capital expenditures of $353.29 represent the entire money spent to repaint the grandstand and buy materials for new and enlarged pens. Work was done voluntarily by members of last year's executive.

Discuss Reports, Plans

Reports of delegates to district meetings and reports from each department of the Fair by the director in charge were heard by the members. In a discussion of plans for improvement and projected plans for the 1954 program, it was generally agreed that work to book a midway should be started earlier this season.

Dates for the 1954 Fall Fair were announced as September 17 and 18

In his retiring address, President Mac Sprowl briefly reviewed the year's work, mentioning particularly the pen building and painting accomplished last year. He thanked the officers and directors for their support and endeavors. Mr Sprowl was tendered a vote of thanks by C McKeown for his efforts in 1953

Honorary directors of the Fall Fair this year are A Robinson, L O Johnston, J J Stewart, Dr F G Oakes, W A Woodburn, G Oder, R L Davidson, A Swackhamer, G Somerville, R R Parker. Associate directors are W Lanham, N Braida, C McIntyre, M Symon, L McLean, L Garner, C Thompson, C Davidson, F Williamson.

Winter Revives In Mid-week Snowfall

Optimistic weather watchers who figured on a spell of January thaw after last week's light falls and snow-sinking temperatures were let down this week. After early week weather of an indifferent sort, Wednesday played host to one of the season's plushest snow storms.

Acton and district residents awakened to find a billowy blanket of the thick white stuff all over ground which had previously showed signs of melting away. It was a quiet unruffled morning, white but one shaking and stirring in the wake of only gentle winter wind.

Before long the heavy wet snow was piling drifts at strategic side walks and roads. Acton's snow removal equipment was out early and by the time mobile residents were ready to head to work, most roads were navigable. Before long pedestrians were leaving the deepening sidewalks and venturing with autos for moving room on the roads.

Visibility was difficult and remained so all day Wednesday despite morning weather reports that the blow would subside in four-five hours. One motorist driving into town remarked the snow blowing across the highways in gusts made driving hazardous.

For all the vampire Old Man Weather kicked up Wednesday, no auto mishaps on town streets were reported by local police.

Father Of B. C. Nuffield Winner at Sprowl Home

Vernon Ellison, father of K. E. Ellison, who won the Lord Nuffield scholarship with Mac Sprowl in England in April, was a visitor at the Sprowl home this week. Mr. Ellison, vice-president of the British Columbia Federation of Agriculture and owner of a large pure-bred Hereford herd, was on his way to the Canadian Federation of Agriculture anhual meeting in London.

Music for Ballet, Gymnastics Heard

Music Study Night in Acton Y.M.C.A. last Saturday evening, held in co-operation with the Acton Music Study Club, featured a brief review of ballet and recordings of "The Sleeping Beauty." Mrs. R. Arnold, president of the Music Study Club, was in charge of the meeting in the Y lounge.

A demonstration of types of music for rhythmic exercises and creative dances was presented in the gymnasium with Y secretary Dick Schmull at the piano. Showing the type of gymnastics taught to music were Mrs. J. Hurst, Mrs. W. Field and Mrs. Schmull.

OBITUARY

John Morton Dies At Home Saturday

The community was indeed shocked on Saturday morning to learn of the death of John R. Morton at his home on Frederick Street. He had been at work as usual at the Beardmore plant and after coming home, became suddenly ill and passed away. He was in his 70th year.

In years of service, Jack Morton was one who had been with the Beardmore Co. the longest time. He had served 49 years with the company. Born in Toronto, he was employed with the company there and 21 years ago came to Acton when the cut-sole division was moved here. For many years he was in charge of the cut-sole department.

In earlier years Jack Morton was well-known for his athletic activity. He played baseball and has quite an array of awards he won in amateur sport in earlier years and he was also a keen follower of all sports.

Married in Toronto in 1911 to Miss Jessie Jaffray, he is survived by his widow and two sons, Russell and Norman, both of Acton, six grandchildren. To all of these sympathy of many friends goes in their bereavement.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon with service conducted by Rev. R. H. Armstrong of Knox church. Many friends gathered at the Victor Rumley and Son funeral home and a great number of floral tributes also bore testimony of esteem. Interment was in Fairview cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. Robert Sly, Adam Hall, Fred Turner, Adam Jaffray, Frank Wright and James Wood.

Floral tributes included those from Mr. Turner, C. Withers and J. Newton, Elizabeth Fränk and Tina Jones, Beardmore Employees Association, Miss Wilkin; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Chisholm, Foreman's Association, Harry and Flo Charles and Marg Waterhouse, Mrs. Kate Jaffray and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Salt; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Beatty, Mr. and Mrs. Coon, Vera, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Cooke and family, Local 479 Beardmore and Co., the Mortons of Buffalo, N.Y., John Ritchie and family, Mary Lefebvre and Les Crimps, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Esen, Holloway family, J. and James Wood, Mary and Archie Dewar, Dorothy and Jim Lord, Rene and Henry Young, Edna Acton and Roy Jaffray, L. Rae Vance and Jo Tobin, Earl and Rae Marshall, Bruce and Ann McNeven, Mick and Char Holmes, Bob and Lil Marshall, Ch. Jaffray family and Jack Wright family, Toronto, Jimmie Directors and staff Beardmore Co., Mr. and Mrs. Ted Tyler, Mr. and Mrs. G. Green and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Agnew, Matt and Edna Tyler and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. Deele's, William and Joyce Jaffray, Malcolm and Ken Jaffray, Ann and Angus Laing, Sally and Tom Christie, Rose and John Jaffray, Toronto.

Actonian Directs Farce For Guelph Little Theater

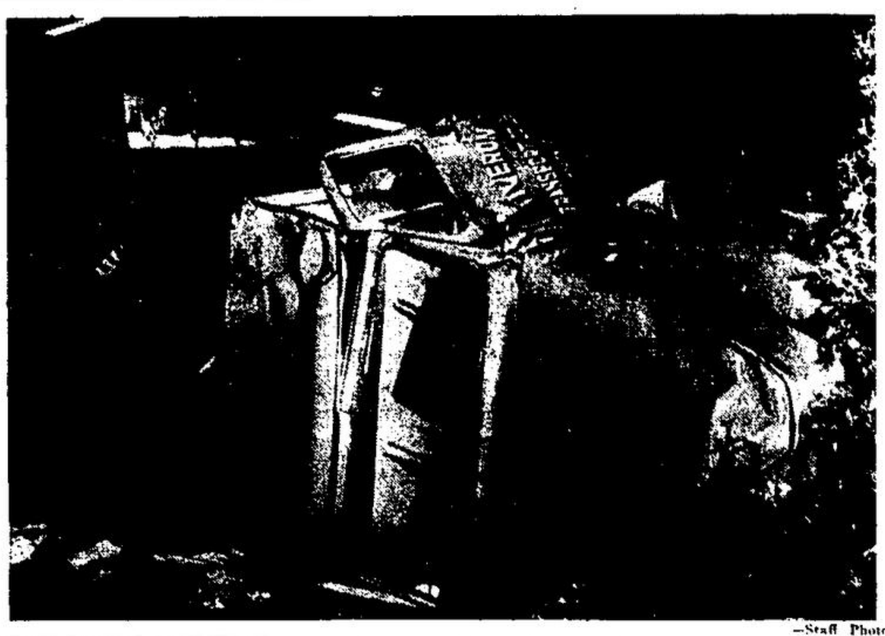
"See How They Run," a farce comedy was presented by the Guelph Little Theatre group last Saturday. Monday and Tuesday was directed by Kathleen Franklin, who just recently moved to Acton. Mrs. Ted Franklin brought theatrical experience with her from England where she was active in amateur theatricals.

She was active [illegible] Elora.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin moved to Acton in November. Mr. Franklin is associated with Morris Plastics Limited. They have one son, Ne[illegible].

The play was directed by Philip King and was produced by Gordon [illegible] from Acton attending.

Also [illegible] the production was Peter Durham, an employee of Beardmore and Co. Ltd., in Acton although his home is in Guelph.



—Staff Photo

WINTER DRIVING CONDITIONS were at their worst this week as wind-swept snows swirled across fields and roads Wednesday, blocking lanes and causing highway motorists to seek shelter in the face of poor visibility and treacherous drifting. Last week icy road conditions were partly responsible for an accident on the western edge of town where a large tractor trailer transport, shown here, jack-knifed and rolled over twice. Driver of the stove-laden truck was taken to hospital with cuts and bruises.

Appoint Acton, Esquesing Men to Chair Positions in N. Halton High School Board

George Cleave of Esquesing was the unanimous choice for chairman of North Halton District High School Board at the inaugural meeting held in Georgetown on Monday evening. In his remarks, Mr. Cleave thanked the board for the honor and pledged his best in the conduct of the board business. He welcomed the new members to the board and asked for full discussion on all matters and prompt decisions so that meetings would not be unnecessarily late.

W. J. Coon of Acton was the unanimous choice for vice-chairman for the year. The striking committee to recommend committees for the year was named as Messrs. Pickett, Carbert, Brown and Dills.

The recommendation was accepted and the following are the committees for the year, with the first named as committee chairman:

Finance and management—Dills, Beaumont, Hall, Carbert and Mills.

Transportation—Brown, Cook and Masterman.

Property—Pickett, Forgrave and Cook.

Building—Coon, Carbert, Hall, Masterman and Brown.

Change in Procedure

A change in procedure was made that the secretary-treasurer be the board's treasurer of accounts payable for the month. For January these amounted to $10,219.51.

Correspondence regarding electrical requirements for the new school was read. The board's consultation with hydro officials advised that all 60-cycle be installed in Acton as ordered and that all equipment be used until 60 cycle is available in Acton. For Georgetown dual frequency equipment and bus motors were recommended and the change was made.

The annual rental of Acton YMCA gymnasium for the school was approved at the regular fee of $500.

The board agreed to close the schools on the afternoon of February 25 to allow teachers to attend a conference.

The secretary reported the average attendance for the public schools in the district for 1952: Esquesing 411.97; Nassagaweya 242.93; Acton 372.24; Georgetown 544.25; Milton 353.04.

The board approved a grant of $50 to the Halton Music Festival and authorized the officers to borrow up to $50,000 to meet current expenditures. The inspector's report on the three schools was received and filed.

In a motion, the board expressed appreciation of the services during the years of Dr. C. A. Martin, who has been a member since the inception of the district and has contributed much to the district educational matters.

Approve Budgets

The budgets of the three principals were presented and tentatively approved. Mr. Woods of Milton presented a budget of $2,470, Mr. Lambert of Georgetown presented one of $1,785 and Mr. Robbins of Acton one for $1,625.

Principal Lambert drew attention of the board to the fine standing of the Georgetown Cadet Corps. The Georgetown pipe band received their group and will up in personal standing. The new trophy presented by Sid Silvers of Georgetown for the girls' relay team was also shown to the board.

The matter of using tape recordings in the school was brought forward by Mr. Robbins and referred to the property committee for a report.

Members of the board were all present at the meeting. They are, Messrs. N. H. Pickett and John Hall, Milton, W. J. Coon, G. A. Dills and Claude Cook, Acton, Dr. J. B. Miller, E. Forgrave and Fred Masterman, Georgetown, Ross Carbert, Nassagaweya, George Cleave, Arthur Beaumont and George Brown, Esquesing.

WINTER WEATHER may have its physical unpleasantries but just as well it is responsible for striking visual attractions. Winter, framed in a state of snow-bound beauty, is depicted in this photograph taken by a creek only two hundred yards from down-town Acton.

Runnymede, Knox Church Choir, Ministers Exchange

Last Sunday evening the choir, organist and minister of Runnymede Presbyterian church, Toronto, were guests of Knox church in Acton while the Knox choir, organist and minister took part in the service at Runnymede church.

About 25 from Acton travelled to Toronto and enjoyed supper in the church before the service. Rev. R. H. Armstrong preached and E. Hansen accompanied the choir in two anthems and Mrs. J. Davidson and George Musselle in a duet, "The Holy City."

Refreshments were served after church under the direction of the Young Peoples' Society.

Rev. A. Currie gave the evening message at Knox in Acton. Supper was served to the visiting group of about 40 by the Ladies' Aid. Coffee was served after church in the Sunday school room by the Evening Auxiliary.

Good congregations attended both services.

EVERTON

New Occupants In House and Garage

Mr. and Mrs. Van Buskirk, Ennotville have purchased Mrs. McAllister's house and moved in. Mrs. McAllister has taken up residence in Guelph.

Mrs. Percy Smith has sold her service station and house to Mr. Allan Hume, Guelph. Mr. and Mrs. Hume get possession February 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Jestin and Bobby visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Kingsbury and Catherine, Brucedale.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Robertson have moved into their new house, built in the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bye and family, Burlington are visiting a few days with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Benham and Willa.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Harry Hortop in the passing of her uncle, Mr. Alex Kirkwood, near Aurora.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Alton on the arrival of a son January 12. Ian James.

PUC to Look into Meters Sustaining Low Reading

Investigation of domestic water meters which, over a period of two billings showed marked consumption decreases that could be attributed to questionable causes was last week recommended by local Public Utilities Commission members.

Prompting this decision was a hearing of the complications which arose as a result of reportedly improper water meter connections in an Acton house owned by E. Coles. Colin MacColl appeared before the Commission to explain his knowledge of the meter's location after piping changes were made in the house over a year and a half ago.

During Mr MacColl's explanations he and waterworks superintendent J. Lambert became involved in a prolonged trade of opinion on meters, lead-ins, service connections on water pipes and relative locations and placement methods of such equipment in a house.

Any Other Cases ?

After the Commission sifted relevant facts from the verbal exchange between Mr. MacColl and Mr. Lambert discussion prevailed on possible amounts of water used and the manner it was drawn during the time the meter was operating in questionable fashion.

As Mr. MacColl left he remarked to Chairman F. G. Oakes: "I did not hook pipes in front of the meter, and I'd like you to put that in the paper."

E. Tyler asked Superintendent Lambert if he knew of any other cases in town where there was reason to question the meter reading; if so, how many and in what homes. Mr. Lambert replied 16 meters showing low consumption had been checked and of that number eight appeared as correct readings.

Is there any possibility, Mr. Tyler queried, of any of the other eight cases having service connections in front of the meter? Mr. Lambert answered: "Not to my knowledge now," and amended that there may be one which has been tampered with and it is to be investigated further.

Right to Check Meters

The commission noted that by law the waterworks department may check meters in any home at any reasonable hour, and agreed the meters mentioned by Mr Lambert should be investigated. Following a suggestion by Mr Tyler, the members also authorized the investigation of any other meters which, over two billing periods, show a marked or unusual decrease in consumption.

In connection with reading meters, the matter of back-calls made by both hydro and waterworks employees came up for discussion. Mr. Tyler, deploring the expense the PUC is caused by repeated back calls, suggested cards be left to be filled out by the householder and a penalty applied if the cards are not returned by a stipulated date.

Secretary J. McGeachie and chairman Oakes pointed out there would be considerable difficulty involved in this. Hydro superintendent D. Mason cited some typical problems the men encounter in trying to complete readings by the end of the month.

To Refill Hydro Users

After considering action which might be taken, Chairman Oakes suggested back calls be made between 5 and 6 p.m. or early evening when householders are more apt to be home. The employee doing the overtime would be allowed to come into work later the following day. A resolution adopting this proposal was passed.

Mr. McGeachie revealed that town industrial and commercial hydro users are to be rebilled for December power consumption after it was learned recent rate increases should not have been effective until January 1. To rebate the December increase to commercial users, a rebate of about six cents on the majority of bills would mean in split billing and clerical costs an expense of about 20 cents to the PUC, Mr. McGeachie explained.

"I would like to see it rebated," Mr. McGeachie stated. "In order to avoid complaints he added, the domestic users should properly get credit too even though it is a very small amount." After short discussion on the matter, the Commission agreed to apply a credit on the domestic bills for February-March consumption.

Praise From a Citizen

Turning to reports and general business, members discussed contract terms for George Somerville for sludge removal. This was held over for further attention at the next meeting.

Hydro superintendent Mason reported two lights installed on Mill Street and that the High School board is to study the matter of there being no proper provision for transformer placement at the new school.

Mr. McGeachie remarked that a local woman had called the PUC office recently to thank the town for installing a street light near her residence.

The power meter at the lift station was reported by waterworks superintendent Lambert to be "creeping." Action is to be taken to have this rectified. Mr. Lambert also reported one employee from his department off work with an injured foot.

The commission reviewed accounts totaling $345.15 for hydro and $[illegible] for water, also noted outstanding accounts for merchan-

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Local United Church Has 'Family Night'

Acton United church annual meeting a 'family night' attended by over 160 adults and children was conducted in the church Sunday school room last week following a congregational supper.

After tables were cleaned clear, thanks to efforts of Rev. E. A. Currey's organization of workers and children were sent upstairs to the church auditorium where they were entertained with movies, business session of the meeting was conducted by chairman W. Woodburn.

Reports of the various organizations and church departments were presented in abbreviated form. Previously approved by the official board of the church the complete reports were available in mimeographed form.

Presentations were made during the meeting of a purse to Mr. Currey and flowers to Mrs. Currey. In appreciation for his services as janitor, Gordon Lambert was presented with a gift. The pastor and his wife were praised for their work in the church and an invitation was extended Mr. Currey to spend another year as minister.

Movies, shown by O. Robbins, group singing and vocals were enjoyed by the members and adherents. Mrs. W. Ballentine and Miss Ena Jennings entertained the audience with readings. Solos were sung by Mrs. R. Robbins and duets by Mrs. B. Veldhuis and Miss D. Simmons.

Churchill WA Plans Supper for Workers

Churchill W.A. met at Ballinafad manse last week with Mrs. Russ as hostess. Ten members braved the icy roads to be present.

Mrs. W. Swackhamer had charge of devotions. Mrs. A. Kerr took over for the business and Mrs. Russ read the official installation of the officers who were duly installed.

In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. D. Williamson took the minutes. Plans were discussed to raise money towards the new Sunday School room, also to serve the first supper to the men who worked gratis at the church for many days. Plans were made to honor Mr. Arthur Swackhamer who owing to poor health, retired as Sunday School superintendent after 34 years of faithful service.

Special prayers were asked for one member, Mrs. Bernie McArthur, who is fighting for her life in an iron lung in the Kitchener hospital.

Marriage Is Solemnized In Baptist Parsonage

The marriage of Rosemary Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Martin of Acton, to L.Cpl. Alfred Norman Turner, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Turner of Windsor, took place on Saturday, January 16, in the Baptist parsonage. Pastor Ray Costerus, assisted by Rev. R. H. Armstrong, officiated.

The couple will reside in London where the groom is stationed.

Displays, Music, Supper, Guest Speaker Give Variety To Annual Y Parents' Night

Parents whose children have been attending the various classes at Acton YMCA enjoyed a roast beef supper as part of the program during the annual Parents Night at the Y last Friday. About 45 were served supper prepared by the Y Ladies' Auxiliary and afterwards heard Cecil Brown, general secretary of the Hamilton YMCA, speak on the backgrounds and principals of the Y.

About 70 gathered in the gymnasium after the supper to see displays of exercises, games and drills.

Before supper was served the nursery class held its demonstration under the direction of Mrs. Schmull. The young tots acted out the story of Sleeping Beauty to music.

The mystic symbol of the YMCA was the subject of the address given by Mr. Brown of the Hamilton Y. As he spoke of the meaning of the Y crest he fitted together the different parts until the complete crest, which was fluorescent, glowed in the dark. Dick Schmull introduced Mr. Brown and Jack Greer thanked him.

Gathered in the gymnasium the parents and friends of young Y members now augmented by others who arrived after the supper, first enjoyed selections by the choir of the Christian Reform church. About 25 choir members sang hymns under the direction of Mr. Schenk in both English and Dutch. Mr. Schenk was a well known conductor in Holland and was in prison camps in Holland and Germany during the war. He came to Canada about seven years ago and lives in the district.

A cowboy story, an imitation game, was the contribution to the program of the bandams. Mr. Schmull played the piano for the men.

The tigers and juniors took part in ball games, dance exercises and basketball.

Spectators sat around the sides of the gymnasium during the demonstrations.

John Moles acted as chairman for the evening.

Township School Area Board Meets

At the January meeting of the Nassagaweya Township School Area Board, Stanley Robinson was elected chairman and Charles Brown was vice-chairman. New members are Horace Boyd and John McDougall. School reports for Stewart Bennett were tabled for tenders.

Miss Audrey Forrester was appointed secretary-treasurer, accepting the same salary of $850.

The music teacher, Charles Douglas, with Miss Joyce Dress of Georgetown, were present to discuss the possibility of the Nassagaweya School Area participating in the Halton County Music Festival. Favorable decision was reached with a $40 grant voted.