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THREE MEMBERS OF ONE FAMILY died late Sunday night when their one-and-a-half storey home near Hornby was destroyed by fire. The bodies of Emerson Laver and his two daughters were removed from the charred timbers only six feet from where the group stands at left, and only a few moments after this picture was taken. Firemen were unable to control the wind-lashed flames which levelled the structure less than an hour after the fire started. Mrs. Laver and three sons managed to save themselves before being trapped.

Father, Two Sisters of Acton Woman Die in Hornby Fire

Funeral rites for the father and two sisters of an Acton woman were held in Hornby's St. Stephen's church Tuesday, two days after Emerson Laver and his daughters, Beryl, 18, and Linda, 6, perished in the wind-lashed flames which charred and levelled their Hornby-area home in less than an hour.

Spinning Wheel from Area Is Shown in Hobby Show

The Canadian International Hobby and Homcraft Show, open this week in Toronto and billed as the showcase of all the weird and wonderful gadgets Canadians are making in kitchens, basements and garages, has a local interest.

Esqueuing Council Agrees on Twp. Tax Refunds, Write-offs

Tax refunds, transfers and write-offs occupied Court of Revision business of Esqueuing township councillors at their regular meeting in Stewarttown last week.

The treasurer was ordered to refund taxes as follows: J. J. Thompson, building removed, \$67.41; A. J. Ruddell, building burned, \$107.74; Wm. Hyatt, building burned, \$12.60; Wm. Schenk, wrongfully assessed, \$16.53; George Brown, building removed, \$6.31; Campbell Sinclair, lease ended on U.C.C. land, \$18.43; Harry R. Brown, 1953 taxes overpaid, \$2.00; John Norton, 1952 taxes overpaid, \$10.

The \$5.38 business tax of John Perry, whereabouts unknown, was written off. Taxes from 1948 to 1953 inclusive on property which can not be found (assessed to Mrs. A. M. Ballantine) was written off at \$29.39. The Upper Canada College land assessed to Arthur Shalin on the 1953 Roll was transferred to the exempt class. Taxes on the parish hall normal, for 1953, were written off.

Road Maintenance Tenders The road superintendent was asked to advertise for tenders to supply, crush and deliver approximately 15,000 cubic yards of gravel on township roads in 1954. Tenders are to be in the hands of the road superintendent by 12 noon, March 1, 1954. The road superintendent was also instructed to advertise for tenders for the hourly use of a dump truck. Also for the use of a front end loader, to be bid on a load basis. Bidders to be at the call of the road superintendent when required.

Road accounts of \$4,916.08 were ordered paid. The treasurer was instructed to return the tender cheque of D. Barclay Jr. Mrs. F. Thompson was appointed to the Esqueuing Community Hall Board to replace Mrs. V. Pickett.

Pass Regular Accounts Nine claims for 26 boxes destroyed in Esqueuing township were ordered paid, a total of \$78. The treasurer was also ordered to forward payment for the following accounts: H.E.P.C., Brampton, Ontario, street lights \$30.88; George C. Brown, extended premium on treasurer's bond to cover tax collector \$7; Municipal World, nine subscriptions \$18; I. M. Bennett, registration of births and deaths, \$6; A. W. Benton, stamps \$4; Bell Telephone Co. services \$11.30; Municipal World, supplies \$11.2; Ontario Hospital, Woodstock maintenance of indigent to March 31, 1954 \$45; Ontario Municipal Board, order to debenture, \$5; Globe and Mail, ad. to debentures, \$15; Toronto Star, ad. to debentures, \$11.70; K. C. Lindsay, paid Mrs. H. Beaumont for stereographic work and charge to debenture account \$5.

Funeral Rites For Nassagaweya Man A life-long resident of Nassagaweya township, David McPhedran passed away suddenly at his farm home at lot 16, concession 5 on Sunday, January 31. He was in his 72nd year. Mr. McPhedran was born on this farm and had spent his life here.

Funeral Rites For Nassagaweya Man (Continued) Besides his wife who was before marriage Miss Jane Frank, he leaves two sons, William and John of Acton and one daughter, Mrs. John Dowe (Katherine) of Toronto. One brother Robert of Erin township also survives him.

The funeral was held on Wednesday last week with service at the Victor Rumley and Son Funeral Home conducted by Rev. J. A. Sutherland. Interment was in Ebenezer cemetery.

The pallbearers were Stan Robinson, Grant McMillan, Wilfred Kennedy, Jack Wilson, George Job and Harold Bell. Flower bearers were Ernest Fisher, Oscar Locker, George Dredge, Harry Woods and Neil Martin.

Underdenominational Fireside in Church Over 40 young people from Acton and district gathered in Knox Presbyterian church Sunday night for an interdenominational fireside meeting. Ernest West—Kitchener and formerly of Acton addressed the group on the subject "A United Christian Front".

Prior to the meeting Jim Green led in hymn singing. Call to worship was given by Mary Reed and following a hymn, Joy Peal read the scripture prayer was conducted by Fred Gordon.

A duet was sung by Peggy and Frances Oakes. Taking part in a Dutch musical were Alice Spikman, Clarence Spikman, Annie Gils, Jean Klooster and Dick Timmerman.

Charge Youths In Fairy Lake Thefts

Two Acton youths, now serving Reformatory sentences of one year definite and one year indefinite for thefts last month, were charged this week in connection with the disappearance of goods from two Fairy Lake cottages.

From the cottage, owned by J. Reid, on the west side of the lake, two fishing rods and a pair of binoculars valued at a total of \$60 were reported stolen. Two pairs of skates, valued at \$30 were also reported stolen from a store house owned by J. Jaque. Police said this week the two thefts had been charged to Sidney Oakley and Clarence Sheppard.

Oakley and Sheppard are presently serving terms in Guelph Reformatory after their arrest January 26 and conviction for the theft, reported January 25, of a shot gun and revolver, valued at \$25, from the home of H. Dodge, R. R. 4, Acton.

Vandals caused approximately \$2,200 damage to property owned by J. McGibbon, Georgetown, in Stewarttown, police reported this week. All windows were smashed and doors torn off in the vacant house, police said, and several garden tools were thrown down a well.

No serious damage was reported when a train and truck were in collision this week at the Check Line in Esqueuing township. Driver of the truck was C. McDonald.

Disappears in Flames Mrs. Laver recounted how her husband roused her after detecting smoke in their ground floor bedroom and half pushed her to safety. After disappearing behind smoke and flames to search for the children, Emerson Laver was not seen again.

Mrs. Laver woke her three sons in one of the upstairs rooms by breaking a window. They jumped to safety just as the roof caved in. The two daughters who perished in the flames were in one of the upstairs rooms. Location of the bodies indicated the floor had given way before they had an opportunity to flee. Beryl had celebrated her 18th birthday on the preceding Thursday.

Another daughter, May, 19, was out at the time of the fire and returned home shortly after a married daughter, Mrs. June Elliott, Acton, rushed to the scene. The Milton rural brigade attended the fire and used the available water supply to keep the flames from the nearby farm buildings. Not a timber of the Laver home was left standing when the brigade arrived. The house was completely levelled before flames were controlled.

OBITUARY Hold Acton Service For Linton Kenney Many Acton friends learned with deep regret of the sudden passing on Sunday, January 31, of Linton Kenney at the Wellesley Hospital in Toronto. He had been ill only a few days. He was the eldest son of Mr. John and the late Mrs. Kenney and was born in Acton and attended Acton schools. For the past 30 or more years he has lived in Toronto, his home being at 7 Bury Place.

OBITUARY Native of England, John Rowles Passes A native of London, England, and a resident of Acton for the past 36 years, John Rowles passed away suddenly at his home 24 Main Street, North, on Friday, January 29. He was born at Heathfield, England, in 1878. He came to Canada in 1911 and resided in Milton prior to coming to Acton. He was an employee of Beardmore and Co. for over 25 years.

OBITUARY Funeral Rites For Nassagaweya Man (Continued) Besides his wife who before marriage was Miss Sarah Ann Higgins, he leaves one daughter, Millie, at home, and a son, John, of Toronto. Four grandchildren and six great grandchildren also survive him, and a brother and sister in England. Last year Mr. and Mrs. Rowles quietly marked their 50th wedding anniversary.

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Planning Board, Committee Proposes Classifications in Annexation Zones

At a joint meeting of the town Planning Board and Council's industrial committee Wednesday night, areas included in the proposed annexation region were reviewed by the ten-man group and tentatively classified for residential, commercial or industrial use.

Contingent upon a verdict favoring the proposed annexation following the hearing February 23, the board and industrial committee considered specific designations of the following zones:

Zone 4 for heavy industry. This zone is in the eastern parcel, south of Highway 7, running to the southern boundary.

Zone 3, covering a depth of 396 feet north of the Highway a 200 foot depth east of the third line, running to the northern boundary and a large area west of the third line, was tabbed a commercial and light industrial area.

Zone 1 was considered a residential area but could include commercial and light industrial use under certain restricting exceptions. This zone is also in the east parcel, north of the Highway and north and east of the strips of Zone 2 which border the highway and third line.

The group discussed other zones located in the southern and western parcels, but no specific classifications were proposed for these areas Wednesday.

Earlier in the meeting, it was pointed out that the Board should have its intentions in full accord in order to make the best presentation of the town's case, for annexation. A later resolution named T. Jones as the Board's representative at the hearing.

Attention was given to possible effects of restrictions contained in the town's present zoning by-law and applied to a larger area. It was noted certain restrictions of the existing by-law would be necessary if the whole annexation bid is upheld.

Shortly before the meeting adjourned several members of the board and committee deplored the tendency of landowners to demand unrealistic prices for local land viewed by men who are considering bringing new industry to Acton. This condition is one member remarked.

Mass Sung Here For Late A. Mulholland

A daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Mulholland, pioneer of this district, Miss Annie Mulholland, passed away at her home in Acton Sunday, January 31 after a few days illness.

She had lived here all her life as a respected and well-liked citizen of the town. She was a faithful member of St. Joseph's Church.

Surviving Miss Mulholland are three sisters, Irene in their Church St. home, Mrs. M. Traynor, Agnes and Mrs. S. Reilly (Cassidy) both of Owen Sound, also two brothers, John, Port Arthur, and Jim, Georgetown.

First Meeting Held By Ballinafad WMS

Because of the snowstorm the last week in January, the Ballinafad W.M.S. held its first meeting of the year February 2 at the home of Mrs. W. Cassidy with the new president presiding.

Miss Hills took the devotional. The theme was "The church—the image of the kingdom." The call to worship was from Psalm 24: 9, 10. It was explained how important the doors and gates were to the Hebrew people in the walled cities of Palestine. A hymn was sung, followed by scripture reading and prayer.

After the reading of the minutes, business was disposed of and work of the past successful year was reviewed. The committee membership secretary, Mrs. Hills, took note of the visits made and cards sent to sick and shut-ins. In the absence of the literature secretary, she also took note of the books read during January. More missionary books were given out.

Mrs. Hills and Mrs. F. W. Shortall had charge of the topic, which told of work done in many countries. They stressed how the mission work depends on those back home.

A splendid reading on stewardship was given by Mrs. Shortall. A season of prayer was followed by a Bible quiz. The meeting closed with a hymn and prayer.

Officers for 1954 are: president, Miss B. Hills; first vice-president, Mrs. R. Warner; secretary, Mrs. H. Hills; treasurer, Mrs. N. Bus; associate members secretary, Mrs. F. W. Shortall; Christian citizenship, Mrs. Shortall; supply Mrs. D. Ferguson; community friendship, Mrs. H. Hills; literature and Missionary Monthly, Mrs. Warner; stewardship, Miss Hills; Mass of Grace, Evelyn Auxiliary and Baby Band, Mrs. N. Sinclair.

OBITUARY Public Entitled to Know... More than 10,000 tons of iron ore per day, some from Canada and some from the U.S. are required for the blast furnaces of Canada's expanding steel industry.

More Meter Trouble for PUC

Attention to responsibility over meter irregularities in the house owned by E. Coles, was reviewed by a sub-committee of the meter problem.

After the minutes were read Mr. Lambert asked, "I'd like to know who's responsible?"

Chairman F. G. Oakes suggested there was some discussion about just who was responsible. Mr. Lambert questioned further about partial bills of the meter's illegal section.

Mr. Tyler stated, "I believe Mr. McCall left the last meeting with the idea he was not responsible."

Agreement prevailed that the meter had been installed where provision was made then. Mr. Tyler commented, "We can only go by what we were told at the last meeting. I'm speaking sides and I don't think the Commission should."

Annual Meeting For Farmers, Institute

Acton Junior Institute and Junior Farmers held their annual meeting at the home of Anne McLaughlin Tuesday. After the business at hand, Mrs. J. E. Ellerby took the chair for the election of the officers for the Junior Institute.

Art Bennett, associate agricultural representative, conducted the Junior Farmers election.

The following officers were elected for the Junior Institute: president, Marion Portie; secretary, Evelyn McDonald; Doris Thompson, Junior Farmer officers, elected were: past president, Calvin Sprout; president, Fred Williamson; vice-president, Bill Sumner; secretary, Burt Watson; directors, Charles Thompson, Bill Thompson, Ralph Langford, Lawrence Hensley; press reporter, Don Matthews.

Following the election a joint meeting was held. Harold Tyrrell, county president, showed slides dealing with the Junior Farmer provincial camp. Later a social half hour was enjoyed.

St. Alban's Guild Plan Spring Bazaar

The regular meeting of St. Alban's Guild was held in the Parish Hall last week with the president, Mrs. C. Cook, in the chair.

The meeting opened with the Guild prayer and the secretary and treasurer gave reports. Three new members were welcomed into the Guild. Plans were discussed for the year's work and a date was set for the spring bazaar.

The meeting was closed with the Mizpah benediction and lunch was served by the hostesses in the evening.

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