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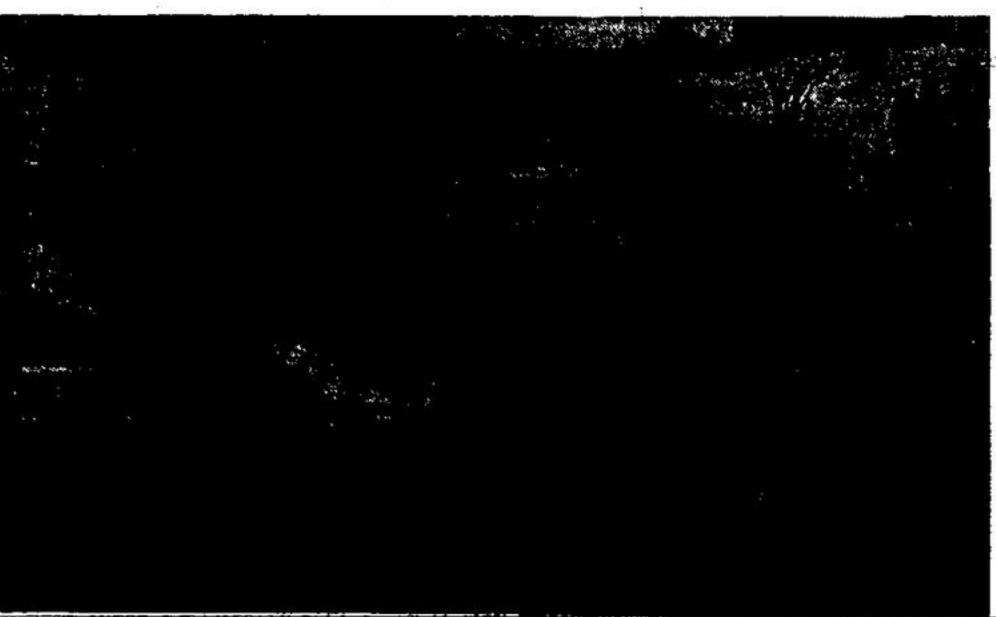
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Eight Home Print Pages-Six Cents



LEVELLED BY FLAMES THURSDAY, the home of Harold Michie is shown here in ruins. Mr. and Mrs. Michie and their three sons escaped the blaze which claimed all their clothing and most of the household articles. The fire is believed to have started from an overheated stove. Shortage of water hampered the efforts of the fire fighters. Two brigad is were summoned to the blaze.



FIRE EARLY FRIDAY MORNING completely destroyed the home of Clarence Dodds, west of Speyside, 15 hours after a house owned by Harold Michie, south-east of the Dodd's home, went up in flames. A boarder in the Dodd's home, George Davis, is shown here pointing to the ruins after the blaze. Mr. Davis discovered the fire and roused Mr. and Mrs. Dodds and their six children.

14 Forced into Snow, Rain as Fire Levels Two Area Homes

Historical Items Revealed at W.I.

The monthly meeting of the Acton Women's Institute was held on of Mrs. E. Holloway. Main St., Ac-+ seconds to spare from a fire in the ton. Mrs. R. L. Davidson was in home of Clarence Dodds three charge of the meeting. The roll miles west of Speyside. Six childcall was responded to by each one ren were saved, ranging from four displaying some historical treasure years to 19 years when George and telling its history.

of the past," was given by Mrs. roused the family. George Lantz, who prepared a fine paper on the history of the town, home, was wakened by choking the 1954 tax bills. ticle on the comparison in age for the light. Power had failed values-18 is old enough for most and the house was in darkness. He things, but not old enough to have roused Mr. and Mrs. Dodds. sleep- will be utilized regularly for day- ed jewellery, with a few hammered a vote in this country. Mrs. George ing downstairs, and started to wa-Fryer and Mrs. Earl Lambert add- ken the children.

An invitation to attend the Worl Day of Prayer service was given by Mrs. William Denny and the folk school in Halton was commended by Mrs. R. L. Davidson

economics section.

In keeping with the old trad to ion, Mrs. Earl Lambert gave reading on St. Patrick and the Irish Mrs. James Wilds conducted a quiz with conundrums with Mrs. Earl Jordan and Mrs. George Lantz winning the awards

Following the singing of "Faith of Our Fathers," all remained for a half hour of social fellowship ever a cup of tea

Third Grade Seed 'Trash' Group Told

J. Greve, zone forester, and J. E Whitelock agricultural repress the possibility of a former re- have started from an everheated entative, spoke to a crowd of freshment stand being moved to stove where the pipe passed about 125 in Stewarttown Hall on the site as a temporary accommod- through a partition the fire swept Tuesday evening when the Esques- lation. ing Federation of Agriculture

sponsored a social evening Mr. Groves showed a film referestation and a second was shown on safety

Mr. Whitelock addressed the group on seed grain referring to the Seed Fair to be beld next could escape. week-end. He declared that some farmers in the county were sowing third grade seed or "trash" quoted figures from tests

ident, presented a wallet to Mac on Thursday night and was com-Sprowl on behalf of the directors pletely destroyed in the fire while Gowland farm nearby. The wallet, hand tooled by Mrs J a television set and refrigerative! Partially covered by insurance. Mrs. Bagnall. Two voting delegates lishments will hike their price for Reid, second for contralto solo; Faye L. Ellerby, featured maple leaves were saved along with several the fire chief roughly estimated the were to be present from each adult patrons from 50 cents to 60 Garner and Mary Reid, first for and the initials MS. Mr Sprowl small items of furniture. All cloth- loss at between \$8,000 and \$9,000, parish. leaves shortly for the British Isles ing was lost. on a scholarship.

Two fires within 15 hours left 14 people homeless in driving snow ed. Night school classes have been ulations, were not included in the and Bob Coon with an assist for the storms and high winds last week as flames levelled two district farm homes, claiming nearly all the contents. A fire at the home of Harold Michie, one mile east of No. 25 highway on the sideroad south of Glenspey Mushroom Co., at about 10:20 a.m. Thursday, completely levelled the

storey and a half house. Just 15 hours later, at 1.45 a.m. Davis, an employee at the Beard-The topic of the day, "Stories more Co. for nearly 50 years,

Mr. Davis, a boarder at the Doda's Mrs. E. Smith contributed an ar- fumes, he explained, and reached

ed some helpful hints in the home Donald 19, Mervin 17, Ivan 14 Faye 13. Eileen 10 and Linda 4 were taken from the beds as an alarm was phoned to the Million brigade from the burning house

"Lost Everything" Mervin got out without shoes and while running around in the cold snowstorm his feet were frozen and he suffered a cut foot that !

required statches "I lost everything and so did the family" George Davis said, recounting how he had only minutes nothing but ashes and few items stage of the auditorium. Among to don a pair of trousers and old boots before escaping "Five minutes more and we would have a." been in there," he said. A prized watch presented to Mr. Davis by ance but the contents were not the Beardmore Co. for 40 years service at the time of the empary anniversary in 1943, was damaged

almost beyond recognition. with relatives and neighbors with ter hampered efforts. Believed to

Mr Davis and Mr. Dodds both praised the prompt arrival of the Milton brigade despite the hampering ley reads and blinding snew Neighbers with buck to helped delay the sweeping flames until all carried leaving the nearby barr

Nothing but Ashes

Fire, Mr. Dodds explained, seem-He ed centred in a woodshed recently converted to a back kitchen. A rew R L Davidson first vice-pres- deep freeze unit had been installed

Thursday afternoon at the home Friday morning, nine escaped with Machine Speeds Up Town Tax Billings

ility to billing and accounting op- floral centrepiece, ceramic box and erations in the municipal office, ar- earrings. rived in time this week to handle

not only in the computation of tax pamphlets from the government. to-day accounting.

Town clerk J McG schie est mates the tax bills, which usually take around three weeks to prepire, will be completed in about three days after the machine starts

Another advantage the machine features is its ability to detect er-From or inconsistencies in recording was not on the curriculum figure for totalling

house with partial basement in the rums were identifiable The fire marshall's office is investigating the cause of the fire

The house was covered by in ur-\$8,000 to \$9,000 Loss

called for assistance from Georgetown brigade to fight the The family is at present living Michie fire where shortage of wa-

> fanned by high winds. Chief A. E. Clements explained that with the Georgetown truck carrying water the Milton truck was able to use all the water this

boys, John, Ken and George, are temporarily living at the G C Rite hall.

The mx room frame constructed practically all the clothing was lost. speakers addressed the large group changes appears elsewhere

Council Tables 1954 Budget, Sets New Tax Rate at 59 Mills

Girls' Group Leads **Evening Worship**

world day of prayer service was conducted in Knox Presbyterian church last Sunday evening by the Daughters of Knox at their meeting for March. The women of the Protestant churches of the

town held their service last Friday. Elizabeth Jany, president of the girls' group, conducted the specially prepared service, reading aloud while Norma Wilds performed a candlelighting ceremony. Guest soloist for the service was

Miss Gwen Little of Brampton, who sang the Lord's Prayer, Beside Still Waters and, after the! ficulties if their weekly paper benediction was pronounced by Rev. Armstrong, a third selection called the Benediction. Special music was also sung by

the choir. E. Hansen was at the Rev. R. Armstrong gave a message to the girls which was also Proposal is Voted appreciated by the good congreg-

ation. He stressed the need to give of onesself before receiving spiritual benefit. The Daughters of Knox sat together at the front of the church. Ushering were Barbara Ander-

son, Patsy Smethurst, Shirley Mason and Phyllis Barnes. Following the service the Daugh ters of Knox gathered at the home of Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Buchanan all classifications of merchants. for a social time and to meet Miss Little.

Night School Shows Plastics, Paintings

The auditorium of the Howard It was pointed out by association ton and Georgetown.

Mayor Jack Armstrong of George-

had been good and expressed pleasure at the exhibits. He mentioned we can get." he added. rumours heard about night held in Milton for the past four win- | poll. ters; this year for the first time there were additional classes at Acwas about 50 in each town.

exhibits in the auditorium. In the case were three oil paintings, two ger floral pieces by Mrs. E. Lasby and Miss M. Mainprize of Acton, and the third a landscape by Mrs. L. Masales The lown's new Burroughs sen- of Acton. With these were shown somatic billing machine, designed ceramic candlesticks with an acorn to add greater efficiency and fac- motif in brown and gold, a rose

Ceramic Pieces Shaped

Crafts circled the auditorium, The \$4,000 machine will be used with Mr. Minshall also showing 100 countries throughout the world hydro and waterworks bills, but! The metaleraft display highlightcopper trays. There was a small display of hand carved leather.

Ceramic pieces had been both shaped on a wheel and hand moulded. Some were glazed; some featured a combination of clays. Jewellery was again attracting special at-

Two box looms were set up to show a further craft, although it About 50 canvasses were brought

from the two art classes held in Acion throughout the winter Mostly framed, they stretched across the the noteworthy canvasses were two representative landscapes by George

Amber, rose and ruby shades of plastic made an attractive display from Acton Some plastic lambs were complete with shades; other Milton chief A E Clemert items made were candlesticks, trays, the salt and pepper shakers and dishes Several carloads attended from I Acton and spent a pleasant evening discussing the crafts with friendly teachers and fellow students.

through the trame stucco house Parish Delegates At Annual Meeting

Delegates from Actor and Bock. men who attended the annual sacations of Anglican churches Iburning embers toward that build. Hamilton on Tuesday and Weianday of this week The marine The 50-cent haircut, something Young People from Hilsburgh, Chel- Les Duby thanked him began with a service in Christ's of the less-expensive past for most

You would not be reading this issue of the Acton Free Press if it were not for the helping hand of our neighbor, the Georgetown Herald. Part way through this week's first run, a gear difficulty stopped the large newspaper press.

Despite the efforts of staff members and two press experts from Toronto, working straight morning, the press could not be fixed in time. Our many thanks to the Herald who allowed us to use their press to complete printing this issue. We trust our readers will understand our difarrives a little later than usual.

Although a numerical majority of Acton's retail merchants have indicated favor of Friday night store hours over Saturday night Black's Hornets edged Frank Holopening, the necessary 75 per cent. endorsement of the proposed new hours has not been signified by Edward Molody who counted seven

the local retail merchants association, was taken to determine the Bill Johnston with two goals, Barry attitude among businessmen about new hours proposal. Of 31 merchants asked to vote. 24 favored the Friday night opening and eight voted against it. One was non- ers.

a new by-law passed.

man for the brief program was Dick favor of the new hours, Mr. Brad- Smethurst each potted one. Licata, the Georgotown night school ley indicated those who are ag-

After results of the poll were

"That they may have light" was-

the theme of World Day of Prayer

services which were held in over

last Friday, March 5. In Acton.

women from the four Protestant

congregations gathered in the Un-

by Miss M. Z. Bennett.

sted church for the program led

In thousands of localities, women

united in prayer on the first Fr.

day in Lent, using a service pre-

pared by Dr. Sarah Chakko of In-

dia. Dr. Chakko, who was the

principal of Thorburn college

Lucknow, died in January th.

The opening prayer was give

ov Miss Bennett and further pray-

ican, Presbyterian Baptist and

United churches, Mrs W Denny.

Mrs. R Price. Mrs F Cleave Mrs.

Mrs. E. J. Hassard.

Mrs R Robbins a solo

R Costerus, Mrs. H Helwig and

Mrs. B Veldhuis and Miss Dor-

church, under Miss M Z. Bennet:

It was held last year in the Ang-

lean church and will be in the

Bap's: church next year under

Three More Last Outposts

Of 50-Cent Haircut Fall

the direction of Mrs Helwig.

committee of ladies from each the accident.

ers by representatives of the Ang-

Acton Congregations Unite in Prayer

With Women of Over 100 Countries

Press Breaks Down on expenditure estimates, members passed a by-law-setting the current mill rate at 59. This is required to raise \$147,673,25 which is \$24,050.57 more than the \$123,622.68 raised by 51 mills in 1953.

through until 4 a.m. Thursday | deficit, Johnny Mullen's Rockets, total. captured the coveted Pee Wee Oscar with a 3-0 win in the second 501,686.54, compared with \$2.424game of the total goal series in the | 884.80 last year. The \$76.801.74 asctown league champlonships on ent is due mainly to residential Tuesday night. Also winners in a construction, conversion and rengreat comeback were "Twitter"; novation, it is learned. Holmes' Spitfires in the junior divi-

> scnior division. Jim Fleming's team captured the first game of the Pee Wee finals by a 4-2 score but John Mullen's Rockets whitewashed them 3-0 on goals by John Hoare with two and Terry Masales with one. This is the first 70; 8.23 mills; 14 cents on tax dolyear a trophy has been awarded to lar. the Pec Wee winners. It was donated by Acton Creamery and the Rockets will be the first names inscrib- dollar.

In the junior division games, Reg. mes' Spitfires 4-3 in the first game but thanks largely to the scoring of goals and an assist in the series, the Last week a poll, conducted by Spitfires captured the crown, although it took overtime to do it. Stewart and Bob Coxe with one each, led the Hornets in the first meeting while Ed Molody bagged two and Don Wilds one for the los-

Make Last Period Bid

Tucsday's game saw the Spitfires Wrigglesworth school in George- chairman C. W. Bradley that 75 make a last period bid that tied the town was colorful with displays of per cent. of all classifications of score, and the round and finish up art metal ceramics leather craft retail merchants in the town must with a 7-5 win. Edward Molody finding a means of eliminating and plastics Tuesday evening, when be in favor of the proposal in order scored five goals for the winners. \$300 deficit of estimated expenses about 150 examined the work done to be in a legal position to have plus notching an assist while George in Halton night school classes at Ac- the present by-law rescinded and Oakes and Don Wilds each notched one. For the losing team, Bill John-While approximately 80 per cent. ston was the spark with two goals town welcomed the group and chair- of the merchants polled signified while Bob Coxe, Stu McDonald and

Senior division games followed representative. Mrs. W. Beatty is ainst Friday night opening are in the pattern of the Pee Wees and the a position by their classification to junior division. Ed. Footitt's Flyers D. Minshall reported attendance block the proposal. "We want as shaded Reg. Black's Buzzers 4-3 in near to 100 per cent. approval as the first game on a hat trick by Bob Wahlman and one by Bill Coon i Confectionary stores, barber while Heatley with a goal and an school next year and admitted he shops and garages, which come assist, Baxter with a goal and an didn't know what would be arrang- under different opening hours reg- assist and Tom Oakley with a goal

However, on goals by Don Deforstudied and discussed at last Mon- est, Emmerson Baxter, Russell Arbic ton and Georgetown. Attendance day night's meeting of the assoc- and Wayne Arbic the Buzzers won iation, a committee was named to the round by one goal with a 4-2 In the corridor of the school a dis- furher groundwork for the hours decision on Tuesday. Bill Coon and play in a trophy case introduced the change proposal. Members of this Bob Wahlman scored for the losers, committee are S. Eisen and J. Led- the latter on a pass from Martin

No More Grace

The long arm of the law will

stretch longer next Wednesday to

collar all owners and operators of

automobiles who are, after that

date - which happens to be the

17th of Ireland - found without

1954 licenses. One week later,

March 24, will be the last date for

truck license renewals, Authori-

jies state that up to midnight of

These dates is definitely, but, def-

initely, the last extension time for

Snow, drifting across the road,

dent. Mr Kron was travelling north

extent of approximately \$350 PC.

Local Young People

and took part in the Guelph As-

fourth for piano solo.

new licenses.

othy S.mmons sang a duet and was held responsible for the acci-

Collection taken is to be used at the time of the mishap. The car,

The service was arranged by a George Moore, Milton, investigated

Final draft of Acton's 1954 budget was tabled at a special meeting of council Monday night when, after a short session of last-minute paring Largely responsible for higher

laxes this year are education costs which account for six mills of the Acton Hockey Titles which account for six mills of the ers will be dunned to pay \$61,977.60 Decided on Tuesday this year for operational and debhigh and public schools. This cost Coming from behind a two goal garners 24.7 mills of the 59 mill

Total assessment for 1954 is \$2,-

Breakdown of the \$147.673.25 to sion and Reg. Black's Buzzers in the be raised by taxation is as follows. shown in categories of general or departmental expense, the number of mills required and portion of the tax dollar used:

Breakdown of Expense General administration-\$20,506.~

Maintenance of public buildings -\$2,575.00; 1 mill; 2 cents on tax

Fire department-\$2,173.95; :87 mills; 1 cent on tax dellar.
Police — \$8,068.75; 3.2 mills; 5

cents on tax dollar. Roads-\$11,800; 4.8 mills; 8 cents on tax dollar.

Garbage - \$4,800; 1.9 mills; 4 cents on tax dollar. Relief, indigent patients-\$2.442,-

50; 1 mill; 2 cents on tax dollar. County - \$11,775; 4.7 mills; 7 cents on tax dollar. Public school - \$50,727.60; 20.3 mills; 34 cents on tax dollar.

High school-\$11,250; 4.4 mills; 8 cents on tax dollar. General debentures - \$21.553.75; 8.6 mills; 15 cents on tax dollar.

Prior to establishment of the 1954 rate, council was confronted with over estimated receipts, based on the 59 mill rate. Concern was expressed by several members over the higher rate and how estimates had to be kept to the bare minimum to hold the rate to 59.

Drop Hydrant Rental Commenting on increased costs the town was required to shoulder, Mayor E. Tyler said, "I've never

seen it so bad as this year." In a move to erase the \$300 estimated deficit and balance the budget, members fixed their attention on \$3,000 charged annually by the

P.U.C. for hydrant rental. The \$3,000 item was examined for some time, with opinions freely aired on why or why not the town is required to make an annual payment, Mayor Tyler observed that the people of the town are being charged rental on something

they've already paid for. After the subject was exposed to considerable talk, which several times detoured into discussions of the P.U.C.'s function and responsibility to the town, working hours of waterworks employees and a brief review of wages paid town employees, members decided to do away with the \$3,000 hydrant

Following this decision, the budget draft was revamped to allow for increases on various items of expense which had previously been cut to an insecure minimum in order to strike 59 mills. .

Dads, Lads Night Planned by Guild

Regular meeting of St. Alban's Guild was held last week after the Ash Wednesday evening service. The president, Mrs. C. Cook, was in the chair Thirty-one members were

Acton Man Escapes The secretary, Mrs. W. Coon, and treasurer, Mrs. G. Candler, gave their reports. A convener and help-An Acton motorist. Henry Kron, ers volunteered to work at the dinwas shaken up but escaped serious her for the Dads and Lads night to Rev E. A. Currey addressed the injury Saturday afternoon when his be held later this month group on the theme of the world car went out of control on High-

The meeting closed with the Mixday of prayer. "That they may way 25, one mile south of here, and pah benediction and lunch was skidded into a ditch against a tree, served by the committee in charge.

D. D. Gray Shows for Christian literature throughout a 1951 model, was damaged to the Films of Europe

Colored films of his trip to England, Scotland, Germany, Switzerland, Holland, France and Belgium were shown by David Gray Thursday evening of last week in

was sponsored by the Men's Club of Compete in Festival St Alban's church The Interesting A few members of the Acton Bap- films were taken shortly before the tist Young People's Society journey- Coronation and Included shots of

ed to Preston last Friday evening decorations Clinton Taylor, the president of sociation Baptist Musical Festival, the club, introduced Mr. Gray and

tenham, Guelph, Stratford, Kitchen-Mr Taylor was in charge of the church cathedral in Hamilton barber shops in other towns and er. Georgetown and Acton entered meeting for the first time as presi-Meetings were held in the Scottish cities, has at last given way to the the various classes for competition. dent. Other new officers are vicemarch of higher prices. Come Ap- Winners from Acton were Faye president, George Paul; secretary-Delegates were welcomed by rul 1. Acton's three tonsorial estab- Garner, first for soprano solo; Mary treasurer, George Hargrave.

In a business meeting preceding cents. On the same date new hours duet; R. Costerus, second for tenor the showing of the films, plans for a Very few items were saved and Reports were given and guest will take effect. A notice of the solo and Helen Landsborough, Lads and Deds night to be held later this month were discussed.