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ACHIEVEMENT DAY WINNERS whose awards were presented at the annual Achievement Day dance of the Halton Junior Farmers, are shown here following the trophy presentations in Milton town hall on Friday evening of last week. In the back row from the left are Norman Bird, high judge on dairy cattle; Barry Archer, high judge on sheep; John Willmott, high judge on swine; Don Johnson, high coach and Sandy Buchanan, champion judge. In the front row are Dave Pelletier, high judge on horses; Bernice Wilson, high girl in the 4H Homemaking club, winning a trip; Jean Patterson and Barbara Cunningham of the debating team; and Don Matthews, high judge on beef cattle.

County WI Museum Started Near 1935

This newspaper is indebted to Mrs. George Agnew, Martin St. Milton, who sheds new light on the date the showcase — first efforts toward a Halton County Museum — was set up in the county buildings. Recently a feature article was published recalling some of the history of the case, the articles inside, and told of the original intention of county Women's Institutes to create a museum. At that time, from information the writer of the article was able to find, it was believed the case was installed in the county house foyer about 1927. Mrs. Agnew refers to the minutes of county council on May 2, 1935 and this section: "A resolution was passed providing for the placing of cabinets in the lower hall entrance to the court house to permit the showing of antiques and other interesting historical articles. This action was the result of a request from the county Women's Institutes last year asking for the starting of a county museum."

Soccer Club Rides Over Lynden 3-1 Wednesday Night

Acton Soccer Club gained two more points Wednesday night in their battle for first place by beating Lynden Rockets three goals to one, in Lynden.

The game was even in the first half. Acton players had the disadvantage of a low sun shining in their eyes and very little good soccer was seen.

Lynden opened the scoring after 30 minutes of play when C. Rosenberg pushed one past Calder after a long scramble in the goal mouth. A few minutes later Slaven scored for Acton from a penalty shot after a handling offence.

After the change-over, Acton took charge of the game. The ball seldom moved out of Lynden's half and when it did was immediately returned. The press paid off about midway in the second half when Cliff Sutton pushed the ball through a jumble of legs and passed the goal keeper to make the score 2-1.

The last goal came just before the final whistle. Davies took a free kick from just outside the penalty area, the ball hit the crossbar, rebounded to Bottomley who sent in a shot which gave Symen Shoeman no chance at all.

Bill Taylor, playing in his first game for Acton, combined well with Bottomley on the right wing. Acton will be at home on Saturday to meet Galt Greenwhites who are considered one of the strongest teams in the league.

Acton — Calder, Schipper, Hall, Nolan, Davies, Soke, Taylor, Bottomley, Van Dam, Slaven, Sutton. Lynden—Schoeman S., Rosenberg (J.), Van Dyk, Schoeman (C.), Deelstra, Brink, Siock, Schoeman (R.), Schoeman (J.), Rosenberg (C.), Schoeman (J.), Loosdrecht, Horen-dyk, Schoeman (H.).

Thumb Print Used As Court Evidence

A print of his thumb which was found on a piece of glass from a window that had been broken, was used as evidence in the case of Robert A. Bengard, 20 of Toronto, on a charge of breaking and entering with intent to commit an indictable offence. He was sentenced to serve three months in the county jail, at court in Guelph this week.

There were no other prints found in the garage and nothing had been stolen when entry had been gained to the garage early in the morning of April 22. In his own evidence the accused admitted breaking the window and seeking shelter from the cold weather inside the building. He denied there had been any intent to steal.

G. Griffin Marks His 92nd Birthday

In good health and able to be about daily, George Griffin of R.R. 2, Acton, celebrated his 92nd birthday on Friday, June 4. A family party was held to mark the occasion when special guests were Mr. Griffin's son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Griffin of Indiana. Mr. Griffin lives with another son, Arthur Griffin. Still active, the nonagenarian especially enjoys car rides. He received many cards and congratulations last week. Highlight of the family party was the usual birthday cake, served with ice cream.

\$15,000 Fire Loss At Drayton Garage

Two fire brigades were summoned to prevent high winds from spreading the blaze when the garage of a former Actonian, Roy Lambert, was completely destroyed at Drayton last week. Mr. Lambert, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lambert of Frederick St., had operated the garage for the past five years. Loss was estimated at \$15,000 partly covered by insurance.

Run Scoring Spree In Seventh Inning

With a total of eight runs in the seventh and final inning, Wednesday evening's softball game in the park was studied with scoring. The Tiger Cats defeated the Panthers 13-9.

Wayne Marshall pitched for the winners and Halliday for the Panthers. Line-ups—Tiger Cats: Marshall, Clarence Fatt, Terry Masales, Dennis Gibbons, Ray Pasma, David Fleming, Pat Churchill, Marshall, Ross Swackhamer.

Panthers: D. Lindsay, Halliday, B. Dawkins, D. Ruddick, B. Churchill, K. Ranney, J. Hoare, B. Greer, Gerald.

The softball games for boys 10, 11 and 12 years of age will be held Mondays after supper and Wednesdays after school, it has been decided.

Members earlier decided not to purchase the machinery accident insurance policy outlined at the previous meeting by R. F. Bear.

Hydro superintendent D. Mason reported trouble with a new water heater tank sold to a local resident by the P.U.C. The tank required repairs amounting to \$4.90 and since it was a new unit the commission agreed to be responsible for the repairs.

After Mr. Mason mentioned he does regular readings for the H.E.P.C. at its sub-station and has been doing this for years, Mayor Tyler suggested the secretary write the Hamilton office with a view to charging for this service. Other members readily agreed with this action.

The hydro superintendent said his department had been requested by Bell Telephone officials to adhere to the right-of-way entitlement held by the company near Lindsay's mill.

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Hydro Accounts Petty cash, exp. trans \$ 6.25

Juveniles Defeat Georgetown 6-4

Acton's juvenile baseball team started the O.B.A. season off on the right foot with a 6-4 victory over Georgetown here in a twilight fixture Tuesday night.

An early 4-0 Georgetown lead was overcome in the fifth inning when the local lads chalked up four runs to take the lead and hold it. Ross Morton capped the rally when he poked a single out that scored three runners.

Cunningham hurtled the distance for the Acton crew while Harrington pitched for Georgetown. Both pitchers gave up seven hits with Harrington whiffing eight batters to Cunningham's seven.

Bill Skilling, the Acton short stop, was top batsman for Acton with two hits in three trips to the plate while John Creasey walloped a triple for the locals' longest blow of the game. For Georgetown Webster banged out two hits in three trips, one of them a triple that drove in three Georgetown runs in the top half of the third.

Both Acton and Georgetown are Juvenile B teams, with the other two teams in the group being Oakville and Port Credit.

Georgetown 103 000 0-4 7 1
Acton 000 141 x-6 7 2
Umpires—Schultz, Morton.

Georgetown—Harrington p, Ritchie 3b, Tinslock 2b, Webster c, Frestone ss, Breen 1b, King rf, Norton rf, Turner cf, Gibbs cf, Beckel lf, Priest lf.

Acton—Healey 2b, Arbie lf, Hurst lf, Lawson 1b, Cunningham p, Skilling ss, Fleming rf, Morton rf, Coon cf, Creasey 3b, Mason c.

Let Contract For Township Garage

At a special meeting of Nassagaweya council Monday, members awarded a contract to construct a new township garage at Brookville to Len Ariss, Guelph, at a submitted tender price of \$10,911.

A total of 12 tenders were reviewed by council with submissions ranging as high as \$18,928. The garage will be used to store equipment and machinery owned by the township. It is expected work will start next week on the 66x43 foot structure and be completed in September of this year.

Y.M.C.A. Board Reviews Activities

"Our Y, as it builds character and develops especially among its boys and girls physical and educational attributes, is certainly a force for good in our rapidly growing community," G. W. McKenzie, president of the Acton Y.M.C.A. board declared in his annual report, as chairman of the year-end meeting on Thursday evening, June 3, Mr. McKenzie presided during a series of reports which indicated a most successful year and looked forward to a fuller slate of activities and larger enrolment beginning next fall.

Difficulties were faced squarely by the general secretary of the past year, D. H. Schull, as the address of the group of 40 in the Y lounge. He noted the obstacles to be overcome by a newcomer in this country and referred to the abundance of organizations in the town. (Mr. Schull's full address is published in this issue of the Free Press on page seven.)

The future was of prime importance to Mr. Schull as well as to the chairman of committees.

The report of the nominating committee was read and the members of the board for the coming year appointed. Remaining on the board are Walter Woodburn, Mansell Nellis and Jack Ridley; the new members are Ken Knox, W. Wilson and Jack Heron. Two other members will be named later. E. Footitt will also be a board member.

As the new president of the Y's Men's Club.

Speaking for the program committee, Ken Allen summarized the year's activities, referring to 25 weekly activities including 45 program hours, the 18 groups organized and 23 special activities that had been high spots of the past year.

He especially asked the support of adult members for new events such as the card room, education meetings and badminton club.

Renovations and alterations incurred an annual expense this past year, J. Greer explained as he gave the financial report. Total expenditures were \$8,854.05 as compared to \$4,450.95 in 1953. Total receipts were \$7,641.52; in 1953 they totalled \$4,527.34. There is a bank balance of \$227.53 as of May 31. J. Greer gave the report in place of the finance committee chairman, Gordon Oder, who has moved from Acton. The auditors were C. Rognavaldson and S. Eisen.

Mansell Nellis, speaking for the building committee, also referred to the expense of needed renovations. Shower and locker rooms were relocated, a new room added, and the building redecorated. He mentioned the contribution of the Y's Men's Club of \$900 toward the innovations.

The president of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Mrs. J. Hurst, outlined their past year's program including catering the nursery school, donations and fund-raising projects.

Y membership the past year, totalled 417, with the largest number in the bantam class. This includes members of the Phalanx club, Y's Men's club, Ladies' Auxiliary, Nursery class and adults.

During the year, Rev. R. Miles resigned as secretary and J. Polec resigned from the board. Other members were G. McKenzie, president; C. Sutton, treasurer; W. Woodburn, M. Nellis, J. Ridley, G. Oder, J. Greer, J. Moles, K. Allen and L. Garner.

A film "Northern Autumn" was shown by Elmer Smith and refreshments were served, by the Ladies' Auxiliary.

First of Season's Open Air Concerts

The first two open-air concerts of this spring were both held last Sunday by Acton Citizens' band.

The band opened the season at "The Breezes", R.R. 1, Acton, by playing to carloads of picnickers and those enjoying the swimming and boating facilities of the summer camp. The resort was opened recently by J. Jocque.

In the evening, the band gave an impromptu concert at the bandstand in the park playing a variety of selections for over an hour. Bandmaster A. Perrott conducted both the concerts.

Low Tax Arrears

Outstanding in Monday night's routine presentation to council of the town's financial statement to the end of May were two figures among the long columns of debit and credit.

Arrears in municipal taxes, collected to that date, total \$2,774.64. Only \$1,789.33 remains unpaid in taxes assessed prior to this year.

Clerk J. McGeachie remarked that few towns this size enjoy so low an arrears figure.

Two Films, Music Meeting Features

Films on Jamaica and Bermuda and musical selections by local music festival winners were highlights of the June meeting of the Duke of Devonshire chapter Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire.

Mrs. C. Rognavaldson was hostess. \$35 was voted for Decoration Day and members were asked to take part.

Mrs. Bert Mowat gave an interesting talk on Indo-China. In conclusion, Mrs. Mowat gave splendid suggestions for a new Canadian flag. Toys purchased for the Eskimos in R.C.M.P. Constable Fryer's territory were on display. The winners were announced in the I.O.D.E. sponsored Empire Day contest and the prize winning books and essays shown.

Members accepted with regret the resignation of the regent, Mrs. Robbins, but wished her happiness in her new home.

Col. Barber of Barber's Travel Agency, Georgetown, with the assistance of G. W. McKenzie, showed two films of the B.O.A.C.

Crawford Douglas, district music supervisor, introduced some of the prize winners of the Halton Music Festival. The children delighted the members with their singing of the prize winning selections.

Accident Victim Known in District

One of the two members of the RCAF who were killed in the crash of an RCAF Harvard training plane near Penhold, Alberta, Friday, has been identified as Flying Officer Douglas Melville Couvert, 20 of Erin, who besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Couvert, Erin district farmers, is survived by a three weeks old sister whom he has never seen and a 13 year old brother.

The dead pilot was only named instructor at the Penhold flying base on May 5 of this year. He joined the RCAF on August 7, 1952 and the same year he graduated from the Erin high school.

Born in Toronto, Flying Officer Couvert received his public school education in that city, prior to moving to the Erin district when his parents took up farming. He is well known in the Ballinastad area.

He trained at RCAF bases in Centralia, Portage La Prairie, McDonald, Manitoba and Trenton.

The other victim was Flight Cadet Svend Jark of Haderslab, Denmark.

Guild Sees Films On Eskimo, Indians

The June meeting of St. Alban's Guild was held in the Parish Hall with the president, Mrs. C. Cook, in charge. Reports were given by the secretary and treasurer. Arrangements were made to prepare sandwiches for the Sunday school picnic. The annual strawberry party was planned for later this month.

A discussion was held on work for the fall bazaar and a donation is to be sent to All Saints' Hospital, Aklavik.

The meeting was closed with the Mizpah benediction. A gift was presented to a member who is leaving town. Rev. Price showed three interesting films on the life of the Eskimos and Indians in the north and western Canada. Lunch was served.

Waterworks Accounts

Thompson Motors 250
Crane Ltd 20 06
Gutta Percha and Rubber Ltd. expanded 41 46
Acton P.U.C. electric operations for April 284 82
Highway Garage welding 150
Bliton and Perry Ltd 650
cutting 883 44

Watson Dairy Bar lunch 250
Ajax Eng. Ltd. clear fir rough 33 60
H. G. Barlow and Co. 17 47
Tot's Garage, gas 5 00
Northern Elec 248 71
Red Line Chemicals 18 50
Pitney-Bowes of Can. Ltd., quarterly min. 18 00
Line and Cable Access. fees 188 25
Whitman's Garage, gas 13 55
Grand Valley Metermen's Assoc. fees 3 00
MacDonald Elec. connections and lamps 23 99
Powerlite Devices 25 00
H. Palmer office cleaning 20 00
H.E.P.C. of Ont. consumption mds. freight: chgs 9430 82
W. D. Mason, trip to Big water Inn. 73 00

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Sewer Extension Bid Proves \$9,500 Below Cost Estimate

A Galt construction firm, submitting a tender which was nearly \$9,500 below the engineer's construction cost estimate on the Warren Grove sewer extension, was this week awarded the contract for the work on a bid of \$14,827. Of the four tenders opened by council Monday night, this figure was the lowest. The highest bid was \$71,188.40.

The contractor is George Shultz, Galt. Other bids opened by council were: Fred Price Construction Co., Oakville, \$19,298; Dundas Construction, Toronto, \$24,355; Wainwright Construction, London, \$71,188.40.

Construction cost estimate on the job, made by R. V. Anderson and Associates, was set some time ago at approximately \$24,275. Last month council sold debentures for \$30,000 to cover all costs in the extension.

Decision to award the contract to the Galt firm was not made Monday night, but was put to formal motion and by-law Tuesday night when council convened in special session after gathering information on the bidder under consideration.

Work is expected to start before the end of June and it is the design of council to have the extension completed by September 1.

Award Sidewalk Tender

Council opened other tenders at Monday night's meeting, calling for the replacement and repair of sidewalks on Hill St. between John and Eight Streets.

By motion council accepted the lowest tender, from J. B. Mackenzie and Son Ltd., for \$1,372.80. Other two tenders on the work were submitted by J. E. McMullen, \$1,921.10, and by Armstrong Bros., Brampton, \$1,601.06.

Following reading of the minutes, Clerk McGeachie reported agreement reached for purchase of recommended equipment by the two townships in the fire area. No amendment for the trailer camp by-law is yet ready, he continued.

Progress is being made favorable to the town's insistence an elderly resident is eligible for Halton Manor admittance, Clerk McGeachie related, and evidence to support the town's claim will be presented at the next meeting of Manor officials.

No Interest at Dundas

Councillor J. Hargrave reported there was little or nothing to interest the Acton council representatives who attended the Rural Municipalities meeting in Dundas recently.

County weed inspector T. Bradley, following a request, was told the town had already named a man, works foreman A. Kirkness, to cooperate with the weed inspector in local control. Mr. Bradley thanked council, answered a few questions and briefly stressed the importance of weed control through spraying and other early attacks on infestations.

Doors at the local arena which had hitherto caused council worry over their unlocked condition are now all locked, councillor L. Week reported, and added that only the switch box remains unfastened.

Nothing definite or official had been heard regarding the annexation hearing date, the clerk said. It was thought a hearing on the revised annexation bid by the town might be granted by the Department on or around June 15.

Study Financial Statements

Clerk McGeachie also informed council that the engineer hired to look after the work of three towns—Acton, Milton and Georgetown—is presently established here. The engineer, K. R. Simmons, is required to live in one of the three municipalities.

Council accepted responsibility for one indigent patient and held two other applications over for investigation. Members also noted a pension adjustment, for a patient in post sanatorium care, which effected a saving to the town on payments for this public charge.

After reviewing a schedule of engineering fees sent by R. V. Anderson Associates, council studied the municipal financial statement to May 31 of this year, comparing disbursements and receipts to date with budgeted allowances.

One item was questioned briefly but council generally expressed satisfaction with the statement. Particular pleasure was expressed to members when clerk McGeachie called attention to the low arrears standing.

Notification was given council that September 16 had been set for H.E.P.C. public relations officers to meet with members of the P.U.C. and town department men to view a film on conversion.

Council held a brief discussion on subdivision policy regarding the town's share in service expense with potential subdividers. Particular emphasis was laid on outlay recoverable through taxation on local improvement extensions.

After the police report was read, Mayor Tyler said Cpl. R. Mason requested authority to buy a speed trap device at a cost of about \$78. Speeding in town could be reduced, the mayor suggested, through use of one of these devices. Council agreed and endorsed the request.

The county's equalized assessment

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