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Insurance, P.U.C. Responsibility Discussed at Regular Meeting

Actonians Trapped By Flood at Falls

Mr. and Mrs. J. Flynn, Miss Beryl Flynn, John Kirkwood and Miss E. Hawthorne were in Niagara Falls on Tuesday when they were caught in the storm and ensuing flood there. The car was stalled in water which occasionally came in through the car doors. They ate lunch in the car as there was no way of leaving.

They have first-hand reports of the storm which left a trail of damage running into thousands of dollars. Taxis had a busy time taking passengers across flooded highways. One car was completely submerged and cement sidewalks were in places. The stairs down to the flower plaza along the falls were barricaded. Motels were flooded, water being a foot or more up to the doors.

Lights were all off and candles were put into action—any size and color.

The electrical storm was "terrific," they report, lasting for hours. The rain came in torrents. One funny sight was a man coming down the highway with a boat on a trailer. The Acton visitors could not see the trailer—only the boat. In places the grape vines were completely submerged. It was some experience, but "no one was complaining," the Actonians said.

'Pages of the Past' To Appear as Book

Scheduled for publication early next year, "Halton's Pages of the Past," currently appearing in instalments in this newspaper, will appear in book form and be sold in limited edition.

Recently questionnaires were printed with several instalments. Inquiries, received from points as far away as Los Angeles, Vancouver, Montreal and Cochrane, indicated there would be sufficient interest in a compilation of the historical articles in warrant publication in book form.

While quantities printed will be sufficient to supply anticipated demand, it is important that those wishing a compilation of these popular "Pages of the Past" articles should notify this newspaper office as early as possible.

The book, to be entirely produced by the Dills Printing and Publishing Co. Ltd., will be sold in a limited edition.

Author is Gwendolyn P. Clarke, R.R. 3, Milton, who writes a regular column in the Acton Free Press and produces articles for national circulation publications. Mrs. Clarke's "Pages of the Past" appears every week on Page Three of this paper.

One Active TB Case Found in Halton

Of nearly 300 x-rays taken at free chest clinics throughout Halton county during the first six months of this year, one active case of tuberculosis was discovered requiring sanatorium treatment.

An official of the Halton County TB Association said, however, that "numerous" cases of tuberculosis in mild or inactive forms were discovered, which require constant medical follow-up.

Mrs. M. E. Lunau, executive secretary of the association said that the regular monthly clinic for the Acton district is held at the Guelph Hospital, Dr. Joseph Lee of the Mountain Sanatorium is in charge of the clinics.

Mrs. Lunau explained that the actual discovery of tuberculosis or traces of the disease made at the clinics represents only a portion of those actually detected every month.

"We, of course, rely heavily upon the family doctor who discovers symptoms or traces of tuberculosis in his own office and refers them to our clinics," Mrs. Lunau said. "We do not take these cases into consideration when compiling the attendance and findings of our clinics."

Mayor May Match Plowing Prowess

Rumour has it that Acton Mayor Tom May may be showing his prowess against that of other municipal officials in the May 1st Plowing Contest at Waterloo on Oct. 10.

Officials of the International match approached Acton's mayor while in town recently to arrange for passage of a permit caravan through Mt. Pleasant.

The caravan to follow a route into Waterloo in advance of the plowing match will pass through Acton as well as many other districts.

Unfortunately the name of William Smith was omitted as a plowbearer from last week's obituary of the late Jonas Massey.

Free Press Wins Three Awards In 1954 C.W.N.A. Competitions

Editorial, Layout and All-Round Honors Presented at Convention

Competing against newspapers from the Yukon to Newfoundland, the Acton Free Press this week garnered three awards for excellence in its circulation class, increasing to 11 the prizes won in recent C.W.N.A. better newspapers competitions.

The awards accepted this week by Editor G. A. Dills at the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association convention in Toronto, were: The Hugh Savage Shield for best all-round paper, Second; The Printer and Publisher Special for best front page, First; The John W. Eddy Memorial Trophy for best editorial page, Third.

Another newspaper published by the Dills Printing and Publishing Co. Ltd., The Canadian Champion, Milton, also received an award for merit in a higher circulation class. The Champion won third in The Charles Clark Cup section for the best all-round paper. Editor Dills accepted this award also at the presentation ceremonies in Toronto's Royal York Hotel.

In all, six awards went to three newspapers of Halton County's

weekly publications, three to the Free Press, one to the Canadian Champion and two to the Oakville-Trafalgar Journal.

This year's honors bring to 11 the number won by the Free Press since 1941, in competitions sponsored across Canada by the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association on behalf of its 523 member papers.

In the all-round paper scoring the Free Press was judged second on basis of 25 points for front page, 25 for editorial page, 15 for community news, 10 for local and general news pictures, 10 for advertising presentation and 10 for typography and presswork.

To tie for third with the Creston (B.C.) Review in the editorial page honors, the local paper was scored by judges on the basis of 10 points for local interest, five points for general interest, five points for originality and appearance and five points for features.

The first place best front page award won by The Free Press was judged on basis of 10 points considered for news (local) five for

headlines, five for layout and five for general appearance.

The Free Press competed in the 1,001 to 1,500 circulation class, entering on distribution figures verified by the Audit Bureau of Circulations, of which it is a member. Both papers published in Halton County by the Dills Printing and Publishing Co. subscribe to A.B.C. standards.

Last year The Free Press won the Hugh Savage Shield when it was adjudged the best all-round weekly in its circulation class. Award was made at the 1953 C.W.N.A. convention in Saskatoon.

In 1941-42 the Acton paper placed first for the best all-round paper, first for the best front page and third for the editorial page in the 500 to 1,000 circulation class. In 1939-40 competition, the paper won first for the best front page and third for the best editorial page. In 1942-43 contests, The Free Press placed third for the best all-round paper in the 1,000 to 2,000 class, and in the 1950-51 competitions placed third for the best front page in the 1,000 to 2,000 class.



FREE PRESS AWARDS were accepted in Toronto this week by Editor G. A. Dills, shown here, in presentation ceremonies during the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association convention. The Acton paper won three awards in 1954 competition in Class IV.

Rector Appointed By Bishop Bagnall

Rev. Evan H. Jones of the parish of Port Maitland and Cayuga has been appointed by the Bishop of Niagara the Rt. Rev. W. E. Bagnall, as the rector of the parish of Acton and Rockwood. His duties here will commence October 1.

Rev. and Mrs. Jones will take up residence in the rectory shortly before that time.

St. Alban's church, Acton and St. John's church, Rockwood, have had as their rector, Rev. Ralph Price, who is moving from Acton next month.

Passing motorists are surprised and delighted to discover a field of multi-hued gladiolus in bloom beside the highway between Acton and Milton.

Television Kitchen Interview Setting

"Come Into My Kitchen," a Kitchen television program, had as its guest in the studio-kitchen this week G. W. McKenzie of Acton. Mrs. Violet Servey, whose regular show it is, didn't include the Acton public school principal in her cooking but more adept at school teaching — but interviewed him during the last part of her program.

Mr. McKenzie told the viewers of the district about Y's Men's clubs and the Acton Y's Men's club in particular. The show is seen at 4:15 on Thursday on channel 12.

Mrs. McKenzie and Catherine watched in the large studio as Mr. McKenzie and Mrs. Servey chatted informally. They had not prepared what they would say.

Of incidental interest is the fact that Mrs. Servey is the aunt of Harry Otterbein of Acton!

Brothers Charged After Puslinch Man Struck Down Near Nassa.

An 18 year old railway worker, Beverly Stewart, R.R. 1, Puslinch was charged with motor manslaughter in Guelph yesterday following his arrest in connection with the death of George Hardie early Sunday morning on the Wellington county road line near Nassauville township.

His brother, 23-year-old Donald Stewart, a member of the Canadian armed forces, was charged on a lesser count of giving police false information.

Father of two young children, George Edward Hardie, 26, of R.R. 1, Puslinch, was struck down early Sunday morning as he walked along the narrow boundary line road between Wellington and Wentworth counties near Nassauville township and was instantly killed.

The two Stewart brothers first reported the accident as district police began an intensive search for the hit and run vehicle. They informed police they found the body of the dead.

Mr. Hardie, who was returning from a party was struck by a vehicle said to be travelling at a high rate of speed at about 1 a.m. Sunday morning. He had a fractured skull and multiple fractures.

Mr. Hardie was born in Erin, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hardie, who now reside at Guelph Junction. He moved to Puslinch with his parents as a child and resided there until his marriage in 1948 to Miss Edna Meservey. Following his marriage he resided in Waterloo for a time before returning to Puslinch to make his home.

Mr. Hardie was well known as a sport enthusiast and for a number of years was a member of the Amateur baseball team.

Surviving besides his wife and parents are two sons, Thomas four and Donald one, two sisters, Mrs. Harvey June Hodgins and Miss Vera Hardie of Guelph, and four brothers, Delmer, William and David of Guelph Junction and John of Acton.

Acton Soccer Team Swamps Kitchener

Acton Soccer team had things all its own way last Saturday, when Kitchener City came to town and lost by 12 goals to one.

Kitchener played the first 30 minutes of the game with only nine men on the field, but this cannot be blamed for the runaway score as Acton scored five goals during this period and seven while the visitors were at full strength. The home team was on top all the way but with the little opposition shown by Kitchener there was little exhibition of goal scoring.

Kitchener's only goal came late in the second half, after Acton had scored their 12, from a penalty kick taken by Renwick.

Scorers for Acton were: Smedema (4), Allen (3), Bottomley (2), Sutton (2), Fish (1).

Acton are at home again this week to meet the German Canadians from Hamilton and with four points hanging on the outcome of this game it must be won for the Acton players to retain their lead in the race for promotion.

Acton's New Int. 'B' Nine Spills Brampton A's 7-2 in Exhibition

Acton's newly formed Intermediate B baseball club showed they might have something to say about the O.P.A. championship this season when they whipped the Intermediate A Brampton nine 7-2 in an exhibition at the flower town on Tuesday night.

Led by the booming bats of Owen Masles and Paul Lawson, who each contributed a towering home run to win the Acton club really surprised Brampton, a club which finished in fourth place in the Halton County league with nine wins, six losses and two ties in 17 games. It was Acton's first game after a month of practices and manager Matt Tyler had over 20 players in uniform.

Southpaws Harry Lawson and Mel Jordan handled the pitching reins for Acton allowing only one hit

each. Brampton used three pitchers in an effort to subdue the Acton bats but the locals besides the two home runs got a rousing triple from Tom Masters and a raft of singles from his mates. Acton got one run in the first inning, two in the third and four in the fifth to tack up the winning margin.

Playing for Acton were Harry Lawson and Mel Jordan as pitchers, Harold Townsend and Ross Morton behind the plate, Paul Lawson on first, Owen Masles and Bob Heatley on second, Lorne Masters and Bill Skilling on short, Bill Quinnell and Scotty McCristall at third, Gib Jordan, Don Anderson and "Spike" Scott in left field, Bob Bruce in the centre garden and Lloyd Robinson and Greg Barber in right field.

The Brampton club returns to Acton tonight (Thursday) for the second game of the home and home exhibition series. Meanwhile the Acton club awaits word from the O.P.A. regarding their first opposition in the Intermediate B playdowns. Acton has a bye. Officials of the local clubthink Milton may be the team they will be called on to meet.

Large Food Market To Open Main St.

Renovations are under way this week in the Main Street building formerly occupied by Plastomers Ltd. Remodeling is being done by Ledger's IGA who, as the new occupants plan to open a modern, 5,000 square foot food market early this fall.

Acton's newest commercial venture is owned by Jim Ledger, proprietor of Ledger's IGA who in April, 1952, opened a grocery store at the corner of Main and Main streets. The new supermarket will occupy the entire lower floor of the building.

Design, Paint New Board at Cemetery

Worthy of note and something of a novelty and necessity, is the nameboard at the Grove Cemetery, Orton, designed and painted by Mrs. John McEachern and Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Nevils.

It bears the name "The Grove Cemetery" in large letters on one side and the following beautiful verse written on the reverse side facing the cemetery proper.

"When for a while we part, That we shall still be joined in heart, And one day meet again."

Expect Less Polio

Only one illness from poliomyelitis has been reported in Halton county this year. This occurred in a boy at a summer camp in the north end of the county during July and there was no paralysis.

The highest number of cases is usually during August and September so it is expected that there will be very few illnesses from poliomyelitis this year.

Boy Falls Through Railing, Breaks Leg

Two-and-a-half year old Johnny Seelen, young son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Seelen, is in the Toronto Sick Children's hospital this week under treatment for a serious injury caused by a fall through the wooden railing over the Church street bridge.

The lad was playing on the bridge Friday when he tumbled between the railings, two wood crosspieces and rolled down a 10-foot embankment.

At the Toronto hospital the boy was found to have a compound fracture of the leg. It was indicated he will be in hospital for eight weeks.

The day the misfortune occurred Mr. Seelen's parents, who had been visiting at the Church street home, had expected to start the return journey to their own home in Holland.

New H.S., Changed P.S.

Tots to Teenagers Switch School Classrooms

It's back to school on Tuesday September 7, and this year all the pupils from the wide-eyed tots in the kindergarten to the sophisticated of grade 13 are looking forward to a school year which will be the best the town has ever had.

For the high school students a sparkling new school is being prepared for the first day. Furniture is arriving regularly. The conversion which is necessary for the school, bringing new 60-year equipment will arrive about a week before school starts.

In the beautifully redecorated school there will be several classrooms including the new commercial room and library with office, nurses' room and staff room.

The largest enrollment in Acton high school's history is expected by the new principal, E. A. Hansen, when he takes over his duties in just a little over a week.

For the first time shop work classes will be held in Acton for the high school boys. Monday afternoon grade 9A will take over the

large sunlit shop on Wednesday grade 10 and Fridays grade 9B Tuesday and Thursday afternoon boys from Georgetown high school will take shop work here. The teacher is H. Brown of Milton.

Other firsts at the new high school include individual lockers, sliding blackboards for more writing space, unique "fontain-type" wash basins.

Outdoor Plans, Too

Planned for later is a quarter-mile track on the school grounds with a rugby field. "One of the first big events of the school year is the inter-school field meet and Acton is again among high in the rugby department."

At the public school the last few years have featured change after change as the classes grew. A record high enrollment is expected by principal G. W. McKenzie, who again this year is prepared for the growing young population of the town with more classrooms than ever before.

Five classrooms of public school

children have overflowed from both the original public school and the new public school into the old high school building. Intercommunications systems and new sidewalks connect the school proper and the newly-located classes of Mrs. Black, Miss Brada, Mrs. Allen, Miss Watkins and Mrs. Turner in the old stone building.

There will be 17 classes at the public school and 13 at the high school, there will be some innovations this year.

New Subjects

Home economics arts and crafts and manual training have been added to the curriculum for the lucky students who will enrol after Labor Day. Elmer Smith, who took a summer course in manual training, will teach the grade seven and eight boys in the Scout Hall workshop near the school.

Mrs. Watkins following a summer's study, is now qualified to teach home economics to the girls of the two top grades. A special room is now the "arts and crafts" room, where Ralph McKeown will

practice what he has learned during the summer in his special course. Crafts—now added to the standard "art" in the school—allows for the children who cannot draw but can work with their hands.

Mrs. Gamble and Mrs. Alger also look arts and crafts to benefit their work in junior grades. Miss Brada and Douglas Davidson took courses in physical training and Mrs. Reed a course in primary methods.

All the floors in the old high school have been sanded during the summer vacation. The old desks from the high school are being put to use throughout the public school and only one new room of desks was needed. The original public school is being painted this week.

About 80 have already enrolled for the kindergarten and more are expected to register on the first day of school.

Clean tidy fresh with paint and new materials, Acton's schools are ready for an outstanding year.



PRIZE GLADIOLI surround L. Thornton, Limehouse, whose entries won a silver tray in the Guelph Horticulture Society's recent show. Mr. Thornton had the best spike in the show and won most points in the gladiolus section. His award and flowers are on display in the window of Benton's Store, Limehouse.