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MARRIED 50 YEARS AGO Mr. and Mrs. Alfred F. Marshall, R.R. No. 4, Acton, were honored by friends and relatives on the happy anniversary, Monday of this week. The couple received telegrams of congratulations from Premier Leslie Frost, Alexander "Sarky" Bes, M.P. for Halton, Prime Minister John Diefenbaker, and an inscribed scroll from the secretary of the government. They have resided in the Acton district for the past 28 years, since moving from Toronto, where they settled after coming from England.

Couple Marks Golden Wedding Acton Area Residents 28 Years

Married 50 years ago in Goring on the Thames, England, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred F. Marshall, R.R. No. 4, Acton, celebrated the happy occasion of their anniversary on Tuesday, October 21.

Arriving in Canada two years after their marriage, the couple first settled in Toronto, after a 13-day boat trip across the Atlantic Ocean.

The couple embarked on the Royal George, but had to be transferred to a smaller ship when going into Southampton Harbor, the Royal George rammed the dock. Mr. Marshall recalls their second experience of the sailing. When at sea, their ship struck an iceberg and although the damage was slight and no one was injured all passengers received a scare.

While in Toronto, Mr. Marshall was employed by the C.N.R. as a clerk and was stationmaster at Georgetown on the old Radial Line.

After coming to Acton, the couple settled at their present home. He worked at the Wood Combining for 13 years.

Mrs. Marshall, the former Margaret Dover, expressed amazement at the progress made in Acton during their stay here and noted how much healthier the climate was in the rural area than the city.

"We have had been blessed with good health," remarked Mrs. Marshall.

Have Hobbies

A favorite pastime of the bride is crocheting, knitting and she delights especially looking after flowers and potted plants.

Handicapped slightly, with paralysis in one foot, Mr. Marshall's hobbies are curtailed to looking after a few chickens, which he says he enjoys doing.

Board Plans Review Of Malton Situation

Serious consideration to some solution to relieve the Malton situation was recommended by acting chairman J. Hurst, Acton, when the North Halton Urban Board met in Milton Wednesday evening.

After a lengthy discussion on the serious effect a slowdown of the Malton plant would have on Acton, Georgetown and Milton, members agreed to review the situation and suggest each council investigate the possibility of arriving at some solution or recommendation.

Secretary J. McGeachie reported a recent conversation with C. B. Keith, Bell Telephone manager, regarding dispensing with toll charges between the three towns. The board agreed to request Mr. Keith to attend an Urban Board meeting to offer an Urban Board meeting. Opinions regarding the metering of water, for and against, were heard and it was agreed the only possible way to conserve water was the use of meters.

It was suggested to Milton that metering would prevent a possible increase in water rates.

The board set the date for their annual banquet to be held on November 28.

Two Rabid Foxes Killed in Orton North of Acton

Two cases of rabies in foxes were reported this week in the Orton area, 15 miles north of Acton, by Dr. F. G. Oakes, Acton veterinarian.

Dr. Oakes noted that a fox attacked two dogs on the farm of Peter Watson, R. R. 2, Orton. The dogs killed the fox.

On the farm of Harvey Nodwell, R. R. 1, Orton, two Nodwell children were followed by a fox frothing at the mouth. The children ran home to notify their father. The fox followed the children to the house and was shot by Mr. Nodwell.

The two carcasses sent to the laboratory for tests proved positive, reported the Acton veterinarian.

That Precious Hour

That precious hour of sleep, lost by many residents last April, when the clocks were advanced to Daylight Saving Time, will be gained back on Sunday, October 26, when once again the clocks are turned back one hour to comply with Standard Time.

Officially the time change takes place at 2 a.m. Sunday morning but no doubt many a timepiece will be altered late Saturday.

Halloween faces are appearing in the windows of stores. The big night for the kiddies is a week from Friday.

Year's Financial Report Indicates Board Faces \$1,759.65 Deficit

A deficit amounting to \$1,759.65 faces the Acton Parks Board it was learned Tuesday evening at a meeting when town clerk J. McGeachie presented the financial report, to date.

In presenting the financial statement, the clerk pointed out the 1957 bank balance showed a credit of \$1,314.21. Combined with total receipts, donations and town levy, receipts amounted to \$10,626.98, the clerk stated.

It was noted in the report, that labor charges at the park amounted to \$682.26, building costs and supplies \$8,966.04 and maintenance and supply costs, \$471.25, making total disbursements, \$10,359.51.

The clerk noted an outstanding receipt amounting to \$30 left a credit of \$333.37.

It was stressed however that outstanding accounts owed by the board amounting to \$2,115.02, left a deficit of \$1,759.65.

Accept Report

After careful consideration of the report, board members voted to accept the report, stressing that in view of the considerable expense this year in building a new change station the deficit was quite understandable.

Take Over Arena

Following considerable discussion board members agreed to assume full responsibility of the arena providing council turned the arena over to the board for their supervision and complete control.

Board members agreed that a suitable grant for maintenance and repair would have to be considered by town council.

F. J. Tyler, suggested that if the arena was controlled by the Parks Board, possibilities of a full time employee by the board to supervise the park summer and winter, could materialize.

Suggest Lifeguard

A letter from an insurance agency, gave a brief outline of insurance rates for the park, regarding swimming and recreation activities. It was suggested in the letter however that the board give careful consideration to employing a full time lifeguard during the swimming season.

Correspondence from the Acton Y's Men's Club informed the board the club was fully covered with insurance at the park while operating classes in swimming under supervision of a qualified instructor. Accounts amounting to \$34.50 were approved for payment.

County Committee to Review Main Street C.N.R. Crossing

A brief discussion by members of Halton County Council followed submission Tuesday of a request from Acton to have railway crossings at an underpass installed at the Main St. C.N.R. crossing.

Heavier Traffic

Deputy-Reeve Bill Wilson explained the recent fatality and the problem of trains hidden from view to the east of the crossing. He pointed out that a new industry was being opened north of the tracks and the increased traffic to the industrial district seemed to warrant more protection for motorists.

Driver Acquitted In July Accident

Robert Emmertson, Acton truck driver, was Tuesday afternoon acquitted of all charges resulting from a truck crash, in which two persons were killed and five injured last July.

Rummage Sale

The Daughters of Knox held a very successful rummage sale in the church basement Saturday afternoon. Home taking was also sold.

Bogus \$20 Bills

Corporal Roy Mason, of the local O.P.P. Detachment, this week issued a warning to all merchants and residents to be on the alert for bogus American \$20 bills.

The corporal asks any person obtaining information on the suspects to pass it on to local authorities, in order that a thorough check can be made.



NOT JUST A MAN'S HOBBY, woodworking classes of the night school are drawing the attention of a few young ladies. Seen working at a project in the workshop, at the Acton High School, are Betty Lemon, sanding some wood, and Mrs. Lois Manning putting the plane to good use. Last year many a lady learned the hobby during the course.

Acton Voters to Ballot in December On Band Grant, Dissolution of P.U.C.

Acton voters this December will vote on the dissolution of the Acton Public Utilities Commission and the awarding of a half mill grant to the Acton Junior High School following Acton Council's approval of the plan.

Further design work on the proposed industrial sewage treatment plant were stopped after a committee of the design had pending an agreement.

Acton's plebiscite by law that if approved by the electors would replace the present public utilities commission with a hydro-electric commission responsible only for the operation of the hydro department was passed with only the margin covering the advisability of a three or five non-hydro commission.

Recommend Five Men

The Public Utilities in a letter recommended a five-man commission rather than the proposed three man commission and council accepted the suggestion after recognizing the difficulty of conducting business if one member was absent.

The possibility of an increase in water rates, some plans, was noted by Councilor Guy when he explained the award and water committee had been reviewing figures with the auditor and trying to bring up something for 1958, something that would pass the town more revenue.

Councilor Brown

He explained a new 1958 rate schedule for the town will be decided by the council and the rate will be charged up from prospects of the rate.

Councilor Guy also reported the new Churchill Road will be very close to completion and could be completed any day with the loan and the contractor was cleaning up some prospects of the site.

He noted it might be necessary to make the connection soon since the national contract of the present supply was expiring.

Getting Hungry

The party responsible for the break in stopped at the home of Postmaster and Mrs. Frank Terry on Queen street to satisfy their hunger when they consumed the better part of a half dozen chicken from the refrigerator.

Having indulged in which on the evening, the members were found on the road and the report of a good war, medical taken.

Two More Entered

Constable Hartness received two more calls from the homes of Mrs. and Mrs. Jim Ingles of Arthur Street and Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Hickey of Montvale Hill, where their homes had been entered and ransacked.

The investigation officers reported a hand with the imprint of a shoe was seen on the chair left behind and all leads are being followed up and a thorough check being made into the break-ins.

Open Pigg Banks

At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Bantam on Goodfield Road, the family's approximately 100 pigs found in their back yard, belonging to their daughter, Loretta and Betty Ann, caused a fuss from the premises as a half dozen of the residents reported to police.

Shooting of Mailboxes Is Scored by Residents

Hunters practicing with guns on mailboxes, signs, trees and poles in the Napanewitz township district are alarming farmers. They are signs of wanton destruction upon almost daily.

Most recent episode saw a one-year-old mail box at the R. R. 3, Moffat farm of John King, riddled so fully by shotgun pellets that the owner will have to replace it before winter weather comes.

According to R. J. Laking of Campbellville, a neighbor, he saw three men in a car across the road from the mailbox early Saturday afternoon. Later in the day Mr. Laking came along the road again and saw the almost new mailbox gaping open from the blast. Shells were found around the place where the car was sitting, leading him to believe the men either shot from the car or standing beside it.

Other mailboxes in the area have been peppered with holes, and signs especially those warning about hunting licenses and forbidden.

Cousins Born Within Hour

In the hospital within one hour, three boys were born to baby Mrs. Jim Kennedy.

Mrs. Kennedy, the former Edna Kennedy, came to town from Kitchener, Ontario, where she is being treated for tuberculosis. She was admitted to the hospital on October 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy's daughter, to be called Bettina Marie, is their second child. They have a son, 12 months old.

Mrs. Kennedy is being treated for tuberculosis in the hospital.

Bottle Blitz

A bottle blitz will be staged in Acton by the Local Boy Scouts and Wolf Cubs on Saturday, November 21.

All residents will be notified by telephone Friday in their town. The bottles ready for pickup on Saturday.

The two sectors soon learned they were to be in the hospital. The boys and the girls in the same room.

The Gilbert boys weighed in at night pounds, two ounces, and five ounces. The Kennedy baby weighed seven pounds, seven and a half ounces, and is dark.

Police Investigate Six Break-ins Within Four Hour Period Friday

Working with practically no clues, Acton and Guelph O.P.P. officers are investigating a series of break-ins in local homes over the last weekend, when approximately \$4500 in cash and a number of articles were stolen within a four-hour period.

In each case, the homes were entered by cutting forcing a window or rear door, and the bedrooms ransacked, reported Constable G. P. Detachment.

The first report was received from Mrs. Cyril Bishop, 20 Wellington Place, who told police she was downtown shopping between the hours of seven and eight when the break-in occurred.

Upon returning home, the family noticed the back door to their home was open and their pet collie was out in the yard.

They found the kitchen cupboard open and in the bedroom several drawers had been found open and the contents strewn around the room.

The Bishop reported nothing missing as far as they could tell.

Number Two

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Joe, 211 Mill Street, were greeted with a bitter home when they returned from shopping Friday evening.

Upon closer scrutiny of the bedroom contents, the Joe's found a few two dollar bills, a lady's wrist watch, and \$11.00 belonging to their son, Michael, missing.

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215 Registered At Night School

With registration the highest ever, Acton night school classes evening into cheerful activity Monday and Tuesday evenings. The student number about 215, men, women and children, as they pursue hobbies and interests.

For the first time this year, the registration topped 200. Late registrations caused the high figure. The committee agreed to pay for a case, up until registration closed, to fit in the latecomers.

Even classes, evening and night evening, are being held on the evenings to accommodate the newcomers.

Reg. today night school of the school was an indication that the school had a full house. The school will be in session for the year.

My guess is that the school will have a very successful year. It is well attended and the students are very interested.

Missor, who suggested the registration should be up to 200, estimated the total enrollment.

40 Minute Discussion

It is a 40 minute discussion before a group of local property holders, in the form of a meeting, on the Churchill Road and the town.

In a 40 minute discussion with council members, the water works property passed the group and he was speaking on the city. It was pointed out some council had.

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THE METALCRAFT COURSE at the Acton High School this season during the night classes has proven quite popular with many enthusiasts. Pictured above are four of the ladies taking the course as Fran Leyland gives instructions. Left to right are, Mrs. Leyland, Mrs. O. Puncheon, Mrs. M. Baxter, Mrs. F. Lambert and Mrs. H. Price. Quick to catch on, the many ladies taking the course are already well on the way in completing their first assignment.