

Safety stickers given at playground roadeo

Constable Peter Campbell of the Acton O.P.P. detachment was on hand Monday afternoon to inspect bicycles and hand out safety stickers to children with bicycles during the playground program roadeo.

Previously, Constable Campbell had instructed the children on bicycle safety and made an appointment with the kiddies to return during the roadeo. He handed out safety stickers to children whose bikes were in a safe condition, as well as book-marks to everyone taking part.

OBITUARY

Former band master Charlie Mason dies

Uniformed members of Acton Citizens' Band are to form a guard of honor this afternoon (Thursday) at the funeral of their former bandmaster, Charles William Mason, who passed away in Guelph General Hospital on August 7. Although ill since January, his condition deteriorated rapidly for the previous four days.

Mr. Mason was 88 years of age. He is survived by his wife, Sadie Guinn Mason, at their Willow St. home; daughter Mrs. William E. Ramsden (Eleanor), Buffalo, New York; grandchildren Rev. Dr. W. E. Ramsden Jr. and Mrs. Charles P. Derner, Buffalo, and three great grandchildren.

He was the last of a family of eight children of William Mason and Isabelle Switzer Mason. Brothers and sisters who predeceased him were Bert Mason, Amos Mason, Frank Mason who died at the age of 13, Mrs. Maude Agnew, Mrs. Ida McIntosh, Lottie and Hazel Mason.

Mr. Mason was born at Lisgard, Ont., on July 10, 1878. A retired glove manufacturer, he had moved to Acton from Kitchener about 40 years ago.

He used to recall that when he was living in Gloversville, N. Y., he was one of the band members who met Teddy Roosevelt when he returned to Washington from the Spanish-American War. Boston baked beans were served to the band, he remembered.

In 1899 in Acton, he married Nellie Jane Boyd, who died in 1930.

Funeral service is to be held at the Rumley - Shoemaker Funeral Home on Thursday afternoon (today), conducted by his grandson, Rev. Dr. Ramsden of Buffalo, and his minister, the Rev. Dwight Engel.

Funeralbearers are George Mason, Toronto; Howard Switzer, Hillsburgh; George Switzer, Etobicoke; Louis McGill, Owen Sound; Charles Derner, Buffalo and Charles Kirkness, Acton.

Acton Citizens' Band in uniform is to form the guard of honor and act as flower bearers.

Interment is in Fairview cemetery.

Acton's band was founded in 1875 by John Hill, and one of John Hill's "boys" was Charlie Mason. Mr. Mason took over the band when it had almost ceased to exist with a group of about 25 young boys in the early 1940's.

The Boys' Band became the Boys' and Girls' Band and its crowning achievement came when it placed first in its class at the C.N.E. in 1947. Charlie noted with justifiable pride that from this group came a veterinarian, a doctor, two lawyers, two Ph.D.s in science, two chemists, a newspaper editor and a Lieutenant - Commander in the Navy, to mention a few. The others, too, have become worthy citizens with a priceless legacy of training.

Some of them stayed with the band, organizing it into its present form.

When Mr. Mason retired as bandmaster, he continued as an active playing member of the band until about two years ago.

Mr. Mason has said, "One of the greatest studies in the world is music. It follows you and helps you make friends wherever you go."

A member of the charter executive of the Golden Age Club when it was first organized a few years ago, he was naturally chosen as convener of the musical program.

Another of his hobbies was gardening and his garden was a place of unusual beauty. He was active and alert and interested in town affairs until just recently.

Two permits during month

After climbing to a value of \$1,085,600 for the first six months, building in Nassagaweya Township slackened off during July.

During the month of July, only two permits were issued—one for a residence valued at \$10,000 and the other for a garage valued at \$1,000. Permits issued during the first seven months of the year now total \$1,096,600.

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District farmer funeral Wednesday

A district farmer, William Robert Watson of R. R. 1, Acton, passed away suddenly at his home on August 8.

Funeral service was held at the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home on Wednesday afternoon, August 10, conducted by the Rev. Dwight Engel. Funeralbearers were L. Marsden, Ross Gordon, W. Lashby, D. Moffat, M. Moffat and Mansell Nellis. Interment was in Ebenezer cemetery.

Opinions vary with school pupils now that the holiday period is fast drawing to a close. Three young boys on Monday were picked up hitchhiking along the highway. When asked jokingly if they were going to Guelph to purchase school books, they replied almost unanimously, "Might as well be back at school, there's nothing else to do."

A combination of recent rains and lawn sprinklers have freshened up several lawns enough that home owners have brought out lawn mowers to trim the grass.

The fund to preserve the Guelph birthplace of Lt. Col. John McCrae, writer of "In Flanders Fields", is moving slowly toward its goal. It stands at about \$12,000 now, about \$4,000 below the goal.

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Free Press news in brief

—Work bees at the band hall are continuing during the summer. Some of the younger players are helping paint this week.

—Many are returning from their holidays, sun-tanned and ready for work.

—Farmers who were hoping for rain a few weeks ago, hoped it would hold off early in the week as they started threshing their grain crops.

—The big Steam - Era show will again be held in Milton on Labor Day weekend.

—Several duffers have been driving golf balls at the grounds at the high school and M. Z. Bennett school. They report getting in a few swings before the Acton-Legion Open-tourney later this month.

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—Only 25 more days till school starts.

—Milton O.P.P. are still investigating the Campbellville post office safe cracking.

—Not too many residents returning from holidays have reported any great catches of fish.

—Action park is crowded on Sundays and holidays—but with people from out-of-town. At their meeting Monday, one of the parks board members remarked Acton residents are not taking advantage of their free stickers.

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Swim classes in Georgetown

More advanced swimming students to the number of 18 are being driven each morning to Georgetown pool for lessons there. Since there weren't enough to hire a bus, mothers are taking turns driving.

The early hour of 9 a.m. was the only time the out-of-town pool was available for outsiders. The wading pool here is too shallow for these learners.

The second swimming course at the wading pool in the park ends this Friday.

The pool will remain open for free swimming until school opens. Playground leaders will take turns supervising.

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Still seeking century farms accept entries to Aug. 26

The "Century Signs" program of the Halton Junior Farmers has been re-opened and anyone in Halton with a century farm who has not registered earlier this summer has until August 26 to apply, the H.J.F. executive announced this week.

Century signs will be supplied by the Junior Farmers of Ontario, through county groups to owners of farms who are direct descendants of those who held the property in 1867. The Juniors hope to be able to help mark thousands of farms in Ontario which have remained in the same family for 100 years.

Earlier this summer the Juniors asked for applications and were swamped. They collected 82 before the deadline. However the Ontario organization, learning some landowners may have been missed, has re-opened the application period and Halton Juniors hope any missed earlier will apply now.

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