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Acton Pupils Stood High at the County Musical Festival

Took First and Second Places with Two Choir Entries and First for Double Trio — Soloists Won Three Firsts and Two Seconds — Two Trophies Won Permanently — Keen Contests in Three Day Event Held at Burlington — Rural Schools of District Did Well.

The Halton County Musical Festival has grown from the first one, when one evening was sufficient for the judging, until now it requires two days and two evenings. This year there were 324 entries for the various events. These were made up of solos, duets, trios, or quartets and choirs up to sixty persons. The festival has been responsible for a great deal of the advancement in musical training in the Public Schools, and this year its program had a place for High School pupils as well.

From the inception Acton School has made a good showing each year. The death of Mrs. M. R. Moore, whose work was always so noteworthy was a loss that was felt would be hard to overcome. Miss Hunt, who succeeded her, has done remarkably well in spite of the fact that ill health has also handicapped her work. The experienced and capable assistance of Mrs. Gowdy, as accompanist, and the experience of other teachers on the staff and pupils and the diligent work were all factors in the success attained.

The events were all well attended and the accommodations provided by Trinity United Church for the holding of the festival was splendid.

Acton School was first for the Girls' Double Trio; second for the Junior Choir and first for the Forty-voice Choir. The entries for the Boys' Choir and the Sixty-voice Choir had to be dropped, owing to the illness of Miss Hunt prior to the festival. Permanent possession of two of these trophies is now held by Acton School.

In the solo classes, Billie Vincent won first prize; Betty Gibson and Joyce Desautel, first and second in their class; Sammy Brunelle, first; Olive Rogers, first; and Gordon Gibbons, second.

To Gordon Gibbons goes the Mrs. M. R. Moore Memorial prize for the most points won by an Acton pupil at the festival.

Limehouse School, it will also be noted, continued to make a good standing in the rural school classes. Dublin School also took part for the first time this year, and its fifteen-voice choir took fifth place, with 77 points, and only four below the winning choir. Pupils from that school also won individual awards.

The following is a complete list of prize winners and the marks obtained at the festival:

Thursday Evening
Adjudicator—Mr. Slater
Boys' Duets, "The Trout"—Ronald Gates and Allan Hall, Burlington Central, 81; Robert Early and John Stricker, Georgetown, 78; Ronald Auton and Jack Early, Burlington East, 75.
Girls' Duets, "Where the Bee Sucks"—Jacqueline Pleadman and Dorothy Weaver, Burlington Central, 81; Joan Hale and Irene Young, Georgetown, 78; Diane-Moreland and Gerarda Clark, Strathcona, 77.

15-voice Boys' Choir, 3-4 rooms, unison—"By the Banks of Allan Waters"—Strathcona, 82; Burlington East, 76.
Urban Solos, boys under 14, "Where'er You Walk"—Paul Campbell, Burlington East, 80; Alan Hall, Burlington Central, 78; Robert Arnold, Oakville, 76.
25-voice Mixed Choir, 3-4 rooms, two part, "Come Now, Sing with Me"—Strathcona, 82; Burlington East, 77.
Girls' Double Trio, "Song of May"—Acton, 75; Oakville Central, 73; Georgetown, 71. In addition to the medals, a cup was also presented to the winners, which becomes the permanent property of Acton School.

Friday Morning
Adjudicator—Mr. P. G. Marshall
Rural Choir, maximum 15 voices, unison—"The Little Spinner"—Palermo, 81; Boyne, 80.
Rural Choir, maximum 20 voices, "Come Soft and Lovely Evening"—Limehouse, 80; Lovellville, 78.
Rural Solo, boys under 8, "Itsy Apple"—Stanley Hopkins, Palmer's Corners, 80; Clarence Ford, Osnagh, 78; Jimmie Davlin, Osnagh, 77.
Rural Solo, girls under 8, "It Must be Spring"—"Gloria Bennett, Zimmerman, 80; Betty Ford, Fisher's Corners, 77; Ruth Cox, Nassagaweya, 76.
Rural Solos, boys under 10, "Woodland Fairies"—Bert Barber, Fisher's Corners, 81; Norman Wood, Palermo, 80; Cecil Peer, Fisher's Corners, 76.
Rural Solos, girls under 10, "Growing"—Edna McIntosh, S. S. No. 10, Macquhart, 80; Frances Brundage, Palermo, 78; Doris Cox, S. S. No. 10, Esqueping, 76.

Friday Afternoon
Adjudicator—Mr. G. D. Atkinson
Rural Solo, girls under 16, "Hedge Roses"—Isabel Stephenson, Limehouse, 78; Alfreda Rogers, Zimmerman, 74; Margaret Breckon, Milton, 73.
Piano Solo, under 12, "Musical Box"—Norma Marcellus, Milton, 81; Muriel Stephenson, Limehouse, 80; Malcolm McDuffee, Milton, 78.
Piano Solos, under 10, "Early in the

Morning"—Shirley Sargent, Bronze, 77; Shirley Brown, Strathcona, 75.
Junior Choir, up to Second Book, 25 voices, unison—"The Ladybird in the Fields"—Milton, 82; Acton, 81.

Urban Solos, boys under 8, "Robin Redbreast"—Billie Vincent, Acton, 78; Kendall Hancock, Burlington Central, 77.
Urban Solos, girls under 8, "May"—Betty Gibson, Acton, 80; Joyce Desautel, Acton, 78; Helen Marcellus, Milton, 77.

Urban Solos, boys under 10, "All the Birds Have Come Again"—George Grassie, Strathcona, 80; Sammie Brunelle, Acton, 78; Teddy Crawford, Burlington Central, 77.
Urban Solos, girls under 10, "Come Little Leaves"—Barbara Nixon, Milton, 80; Mery Clinton, Burlington Central, and Marjorie Smellie, Burlington Central, tied, 77; Maxine Wilson, Milton, 76.
Friday Evening
Piano Solo, under 16, "Two Sources"—Helen McGowan, Mt. Pleasant, 75; Joe Hartley, Bell's School, 74.

Solo, High School girls, under 17, "Yellow and Blue"—Betty White, Milton, 82; Muriel Smith, Burlington, 81; Kathleen Gilbert, Oakville, 80.
Solo, High School boys, unchanged voices, "Jesus, Joy of Man's Dying"—Harold Myers, Oakville, 81; Robert Gray, Burlington, 80.
Piano Solo, under 21, "Ecclesiastes"—G. Murray Hall, Burlington, 83; Kathleen Gilbert, Oakville, 72; Norma Stephenson, Limehouse, 70.
Soprano Solo, High School girls under 21, "Little Damozel"—Willie Price, Georgetown, 84; Georgina Gault, Milton, 81; William-Dick, Milton, 76.
Contra Alto, girls under 21, "The Star"—Doris Beasey, Georgetown, 85; Kathryn Dewar, Milton, 80.
Tenor Solo, High School boys under 21, "Sylvia"—Robert Cox, Milton, 80.
Baritone Solo, High School boys under 21, "The Old Road"—Alex. MacNabb, Milton, 80; Roy Neill, Besante, 77; Brock Mumferd, Oakville, 76.
High School Orchestra, "March Militaire"—Burlington.

High School Girls' Duets, "Bendemeer's Stream"—Willie Price and Doris Beasey, Georgetown, 87; Georgina Gault and Kathryn Dewar, Milton, 85; Norma Stephenson and Ruth Davis, Georgetown, 80.
High School Chorus, two part, "Rolling Down to Rio"—Milton, 81; Burlington, 80.
Saturday Morning
Adjudicator—Mr. G. D. Atkinson
Rural Solos, boys under 12—"A Merry Lad the Farmer's Boy"—Maurice Ross, S. S. No. 6, Nelson, 80; George McLaughlin, Tansley, 76; Harold Clements, Bell's School, 75.
Rural Solos, girls under 12, "Have You Seen my Dollie"—Helen Conder, Palermo, 80; Wanda McLaughlin, Dublin, 78; Mary Peart, Fisher's Corners, 77.
Piano Solo, under 14 years, "Tambourine"—Dorothy Wilkinson, Oakville, 81; Jack Roberts, Burlington Central, 76; Leone D-Grot, S. S. No. 12, Trafalgar, 74.
Rural Solos, girls under 14, "My Garden"—Marion Gault, Limehouse, 81; Muriel Stephenson, Limehouse, 78; Helen McGowan, Mt. Pleasant, 77.
Rural Solos, boys under 15, "The Meeting of the Waters"—Willfred Johnson, Limehouse, 80; Lovon Norton, Limehouse, 76; James Peet, Fisher's Corners, 76.
Saturday Afternoon
Urban Solos, boys under 12—"The Miller of the Dam"—Alex. MacNabb, Strathcona, 81; Gordon Gibbons, Acton, 80; Douglas Cole, Georgetown, 80.
Urban Solo, girls under 12, "Good Morning, Merry Sunshine"—Joan Marcellus, Strathcona, 82; Betty Pevek, Burlington East, 81; Joan Hale, Georgetown, 76.
25-voice Boys' Choir, unison, "Danny Boy"—Burlington Central, 80; Milton, 78.
Urban Solos, girls under 14, "Sunbuz"—Charlotte Brown, Oakville Central, 78; Ruth Sergeant, Milton, 77.
40-voice Choir, two part, "On a Little Silver Moonbeam"—Acton, 85; Burlington Central, 83.
Urban Solo, girls under 16, "Good Morning, Brother Sunshine"—Olive Rogers, Acton, 80; Ella White, Milton, 75; Doris Simpson, Burlington East, 75.
60-voice Choir, three part, unaccompanied, "Dear Land of Home"—Burlington Central, 84; Milton, 82.

At the conclusion of the festival, Inspector J. M. Denyes expressed his appreciation of the admirable work done by the adjudicators, and also for the splendid training given the children by the teachers. He complimented Mrs. P. G. Russell, who was responsible for more than two-thirds of the total number of entries, and their splendid showing.

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Various Items of Local Interest

Dismantling Radial Railway

C. N. R. workmen have completed this week the construction of a temporary switch connecting the old electric railway with the C. N. R. siding at the Beardmore plant. Acton will be the central point for collecting the steel from the abandoned electric line and here it will be transferred to the C. N. R. line for shipment to storage. The work of salvaging the copper line has been finished and workmen are now lifting the rails and clearing the road-bed.

Details Being Arranged

A meeting of the Provisional Board of Directors of the Acton Y. M. C. A. was held on Tuesday evening. Details in connection with the completion of the building and some items of equipment were discussed. The public lavatories will not be opened for a few weeks yet, until the floors are finished and fittings installed, such as toilet racks, soap containers, etc. As soon as equipment can be arranged and the fitting up of the quarters for Y. M. C. A. purposes accomplished, a formal opening and dedication of the building will be held.

Wellington

Estimated expenditures on roads throughout Wellington County for the year 1935, total approximately \$166,000, according to the annual report of County Engineer Keith, presented to the County Council. Mr. Keith pointed out that the amount was virtually the same as the preliminary estimate drawn up at the January session, and is on a similar basis. It was decided at that time, he said, that no hard top road would be laid this year. Since the County is anxious that the County Road be no higher in 1935 than last year, he suggested that if it was regarded as essential that any permanent road be laid, the estimates be cut in some other respect.

Address on Astronomy

The regular weekly meeting of Knox Guild was held on Monday evening. The scripture lesson was taken by Mr. Louis Brownlow, and Rev. H. L. Bennie led in prayer. Master Norman Wright rendered a piano solo, and Miss Elizabeth Orr favored the Guild with a vocal solo. The program for the evening was in the hands of the Educational Committee, and an outstanding speaker on "Astronomy," Mr. John Marsh, of Hamilton, gave an address on "Travelling Through Space." Some very effective slides were shown, and Mr. Marsh's address proved very educational and interesting. A vote of thanks was forwarded to Mr. Marsh by Mr. L. Brownlow, and this was followed by the closing hymn, "The Meeting of the Waters," which was sung in unison.

A. Y. P. A. Meeting

Last Thursday the Cardinal Group presented a devotional program. After the business was finished, all joined in the singing of the A. Y. P. A. song, "A Trio, Ada Elliott, Olive Rogers, Barbara Taylor, sang 'O Love Divine.' Alice Taylor read a few poems by Willhelmina Stutch; Mrs. Anderson gave a recitation, "My Ships"; Messrs. Rogers and Webster sang a duet, "Jesus, Saviour Pilot Me"; after which a number of Bible pictures were shown by six members of the Cardinal Group. Barbara Taylor then read a quatrain poem, woven around the Lord's Prayer. E. Taylor and Olive Rogers sang a duet, "Santa Lucia." The last number was a play, "Easter Dawn," a dramatized version of the Easter story. The characters were: Mary, Anne Holmes; Mary Magdalen, A. Taylor; Peter, H. Rogers; Jolly, E. Taylor; John, Olive Rogers. The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

The Silver Jubilee Celebration at Acton

The Acton program adopted by the Council for the observance of the Silver Jubilee of King George V. began on May 20, should prove very fitting. Some details prior to the publishing of the program will give all a general idea of the plan. The parade will form at the Town Hall at 10.15 a. m., and proceed to the Park. After the units have taken their places a color party of Acton Legion will take the colors to the stand and ex-Warden A. Mason, representing Lee-Harrison and the municipality, will speak. The invocation will be by Rev. C. L. Poole, and the address by Judge Munro, of Milton. Valedications and assurances of continued loyalty to King and country will be put as a resolution in the usance and later called to His Majesty. The benediction by Rev. H. L. Bennie will bring the service to a close. It is expected that the school children will be presented with a memento of the Silver Jubilee occasion. In the evening the Legion banquet will be held in the Town Hall. These are only the highlights of the arrangements in later.

Early Payment of Taxes Encouraged

By Nassagaweya Council — Insurance Policies Renewed — Accounts Passed

Accounts passed by Nassagaweya Council, at the meeting on April 18th, were as follows:
Municipal World, supplies \$ 3.22
P. Rinehart, Weed Convention 6.00
J. H. Simpson, Weed Convention 1.00
C. Gargill, wood for Hall 24.90
Relief accounts 329.36
Medical relief 203.63
M. Wakenfield, work on road 6.25
Roads and bridges 197.75
D. Irving, inspecting sheep killed 2.00

The Clerk was instructed to notify outside physicians that after the 15th April, all indigents in the municipality needing medical attention would be cared for by our own Medical Officer of Health.

Council decided to insure against accidents on the highways with Lloyds, represented by Mr. Alexander Moore, premium \$141.00; also Workmen's Collective Insurance, premium \$50.00.

Council, to encourage early payment of taxes, offers to pay interest at 6 per cent. per annum, beginning on June 15th.

The Clerk was instructed to write the Secretary of the Dental Association of Ontario, regarding the impossibility of many of our people paying the present high fees, and suffering through lack of attention.

General Interest News

The Festival Tribute

The Halton Musical Festival program this year contained the following tribute to Mrs. M. R. Moore: "Mrs. Moore's name is pre-eminent associated with the teaching of music in the Acton Public School. She was singularly devoted to her work in music and loved it sincerely. Though always in charge of a large Primary class as a grade teacher, she found time for the thorough supervision of the subject of music throughout the school. Successful in the highest degree, she inspired her pupils to efforts leading to superior achievements, and their brilliant performances at successive Festivals will not soon be forgotten. Mrs. Moore passed away in August of last year. Her example will ever remain an inspiration to lovers of music."

Easter Thank Offering Meeting

The Easter Thank Offering meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church was held last Thursday afternoon in the church. The President, Mrs. Barber, had charge. A prayer service was led by Mrs. Alex. McDonald, previous to the opening of the meeting. Reports were given by the Secretary and Treasurer. "An Easter Service of Worship" was conducted by Mrs. Barber; scripture reading by Mrs. Chas. Mason. Easter hymns were sung. Mrs. C. C. Spolight and Mrs. M. Nelson read alternately the 24th Psalm. Mrs. J. K. Gardner rendered a solo. Mrs. (Ray) Aitken, of Ballinfad, was the guest speaker. Her message was "Our Duty Towards Missions," and the need of prayer was specially expressed. Mrs. Barber closed the meeting with prayer.

Guelph Strike is Ended by Provincial Mediation

Two days of mediation on the part of the Provincial Department of Labor brought an end to the seven-day strike at the International Lumber Iron Company in Guelph. The plant has been at a complete standstill since the employees walked out last Wednesday. Louis Pine, Industrial Standards Officer of the Department of Labor, who was responsible for bringing about the agreement between the management and strikers, announced that the terms of settlement would mean a wage increase for the workers, ranging from 25 to 40 per cent. The firm also agreed to recognize a shop committee composed of employees in any future dealings with the workers. Close to 200 workers were affected by the tie-up.

Early Closing By-law for Oakville

Oakville merchants and their clerks may have some time for recreation if a by-law, now under advisement by the Town Council, there, is given approval. No longer will vendors vie for consumer favor until the first few hours of a Sunday morning, nor the ambitious store-keeper remain open an hour or two after his competitor during the week. In the hope of obtaining last-minute business, Acting on a petition signed by 15 Oakville merchants, the Town fathers, at a meeting Monday night, instructed Solicitor Alex. Chisholm to frame a by-law compelling all but drug stores, garages, restaurants and hot dog stands, to close at a reasonable hour. Ten-thirty is suggested as the Saturday night deadline, with six o'clock deemed late enough for all other afternoons, except Wednesdays, when merchants will get a breather with a 12.30 p. m. closing hour.

News of Acton and the District

Baseball League Sanctioned

Last Thursday night delegates from Guelph, Brampton and Georgetown, attended a Baseball League meeting at the Dominion Hotel in Acton. Mr. Smith, of Gell, President of the O. B. A. A., and Mr. Scott, of Kitchener, were present. The new group has received the sanction of the O. B. A. A. The local League was appreciative of the support accorded by the officials in coming to Acton, and a schedule will be drawn up shortly.

Brookville Junior Institute

The regular meeting of the Brookville Junior Institute met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Frank on Monday evening, April 18th. Owing to the absence of the President, the Vice-President, Evelyn Storey, took the chair. The meeting opened by singing the Institute Ode, followed by the roll call, which was answered by "Something we have in our homes our grandmothers did not have the opportunity of having." After the business, Mrs. Evelyn Simpson gave a very interesting paper. It was decided the next meeting would be held in the form of a social evening. A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Frank for the use of their home.

Farm Women's Club Meet

The Acton Farm Women's Club held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. George Somerville on April 10th. The President, Mrs. T. Storey, occupied the chair. The meeting opened with "The Maple Leaf," followed by the Lord's Prayer. The roll call was answered with "Suggestions for Housecleaning." After the business part of the program, the following selections were enjoyed by all present: Reading, "A Horse or a Mustang," Mrs. Brownlow; duet, "Musicians Hall and Davidson," accompanied on the piano by Mrs. H. McCutcheon; paper, "War on Dust and Dirt," Mrs. Braden; auto harp selection, Mrs. Hall; piano solo, Miss Margaret Somerville. The biblical contest was won by Mrs. Davidson, with Mrs. Wesley Murray second. The meeting closed with the National Anthem, after which a dainty lunch was served by Mesdames Somerville, Murray, McGregor and Brownlow, who were the hostesses for the day, and a pleasant half hour was spent in a social way.

Halton and Wellington Agree on County Line Maintenance

The spring session of the Wellington County Council opened at the County Court House, Guelph, on Tuesday, to consider the estimates for the year, and also to discuss the work to be done on county roads. Warden Sims McLean, of Eramosa Township, presided, and in his opening address declared county roads had wintered well and the county would be spared the usual heavy expense. The amount due the Department of Highways for work done in 1934, plus the amount withheld for 1933 work, amounted to \$39,701.69, but this is offset by the amount due from the Department for 50 per cent. of last year's work, approximately \$44,297.43. An agreement with regard to boundary line maintenance has been entered into with the Halton County Council, the Warden declared, and requested that a by-law confirming the agreement be passed. The same is necessary with regard to the Grey County boundary lines, he said.

Rural Exhibit to Have Place

According to an item in The Globe the other morning, consideration is being given to a place for rural school art, following a suggestion by Miss Margaret E. Grindell, whose home is in Acton. The item reads: "The one-room rural school at Brimington, in Waterloo County, comes a place for parity with the urban schools in the art, mapping and modelling displays at the Canadian National Exhibition. Miss Margaret E. Grindell, the teaching staff of the Brimington School, writes to the Exhibition to say: 'While attending the Exhibition I have been struck by the absence of art from rural schools and felt that we should have a chance to show our work. We spend many hours on art in various branches. Will you please give us just a chance?' Dr. N. S. McDonald, District Inspector, Toronto Public Schools, who has been actively identified with the displays by Toronto Schools at the Exhibition, is much interested in the request from the Brimington school, and will see adequate sufficient space in the Education Building for that exhibit, as well as any that may come from other rural school sections."

THE EVENING MEAL DIGESTER

"Aunt Sue, if you had your life to live over again, what would you do?"
"I'd get married before I had sense enough to decide to stay an old maid."

Uniformity of Store Hours Desired Daylight Saving By-Law Passed

Business Men's Association Request Passing of By-law to Regulate Hours — Majority Favor Uniformity — Program for May 6th Approved by Council — Annual Grant Provided for Band — Condition of C. N. R. Crossing to be Taken up with Railway Officials and Highway Department.

At the regular meeting of the Council on Monday evening Councillors J. E. McMillan, F. E. McCutcheon and A. Mason were present, and Reeve C. H. Harrison presided.

The Municipal Officer reported regarding arrangements that had been made in the Pioneers' Cemetery.

Councillor Mason reported an interview and inspection on the Y. M. C. A. building, and that the matters taken up were under consideration by the contractor and architect.

A delegation from the Acton Citizens' Band requested that the Council consider the annual grant to the Band at this time. Council agreed to give this matter their consideration. Permission was given the Band for the use of the Town Hall on May 28th, for a Sunday evening concert, without charge.

Mr. J. Wood, on behalf of the Business Men's Association, presented a petition requesting that the Council pass a by-law regulating the closing of shops within the municipality. It was pointed out the plan was to try to get uniformity in hours and create a better feeling among the merchants of the town. The present arrangement was very unsatisfactory to all and was confusing to merchants and customers. The petition was signed by 18 merchants.

The Clerk was instructed to secure a copy of a similar by-law in force in other municipalities and the Association was willing to endeavor to secure additional signatures to the petition, which would make the passing thereof obligatory by the Council.

The by-law providing for the adoption of Daylight Saving time in Acton during the summer of 1935 was given the required number of readings and passed by the Council. By this enactment Daylight Saving time comes into effect in Acton from midnight on Saturday, April 27th, to midnight, September 2nd, at midnight.

The Clerk reported receipt of a cheque for taxes from the Canadian National Railways, less the penalties. It was agreed to accept this amount on account, but in no case to allow evasion of the penalties provided by law.

Mr. B. G. Arnold presented a proposed draft of a program for a fitting observance of May 6th. The organizations had all consented to co-operate. The service will be held in the morning of that day, commencing at 10.15. Council expressed approval of this plan. Councillor A. Mason was requested to take charge of the arrangements. Council expressed appreciation of the work of the committee.

On behalf of the Acton Branch of the Canadian Legion, Mr. Arnold requested use of the Town Hall for the banquet to be held the evening of May 6th, under the Legion auspices. The permission was granted.

Mr. M. Brown requested a permit for building a garage. The matter was delegated to the attention of the Municipal Officer.

Mr. B. Hinton was present regarding his poll tax assessment, and also assessment as a tenant. It was pointed out that the poll tax levy was for the previous year, when the double assessment had not been made. Council pointed out that the by-laws must be enforced. Attention was called to the condition of the sidewalk on Mill Street. Council agreed that this sidewalk was to be repaired this year.

Mr. W. F. Mooney requested payment of the balance of his account on the new building. The Council pointed out that this account could not be paid until sanctioned by the architect and the work was satisfactory. Mr. Mooney said Mr. Mahoney had agreed to be present at this meeting and settle the matter. Council considered they could not make payment until the architect's approval was secured.

The matter of checking the list of arrears of taxes was left over until a later meeting.

Reeve Harrison asked leave of absence for the next meeting of the Council, and Councillor A. Mason was appointed Acting Reeve during his absence, and for the conduct of the balance of this meeting.

The Council agreed to make the usual grant to the Acton Citizens' Band of \$100 for 1935.

The Clerk was instructed to have the telephone at the Arena discontinued.

The eighth report of the Finance Committee recommended payment of the following accounts:

General Account	
Bell Telephone Co., services	\$ 12.88
Municipal World, advice	50
Acton Public Utilities Commission—street lighting	149.42
Town Hall lighting	4.31
Pump House lighting, etc.	75
Arena, water and light	39.25
Power at spring	19.24

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MASONIC OFFICIAL VISIT

Walker Lodge, in New Quarters, Were Hosts to Visitors from Neighboring Lodges — Banquet and Memorable Night

Upwards of 200 attended Walker Lodge meeting on Monday night on the occasion of the official visit of District Deputy Grand Master R. W. Bro. G. McEwen. Visitors from all neighboring lodges were present and even the fine new lodge quarters were taxed to capacity on this occasion to accommodate the gathering. Grand Lodge, officers and Pastmasters were present in goodly numbers.

It was the first gathering since Walker Lodge has moved into the new quarters, and the visitors were all impressed and very complimentary of the facilities of Walker Lodge.

Another unique event on this evening was the fact that the candidate was a son of a Past Master of Walker Lodge, Mr. William Wilson. During the evening W. Bro. H. L. Ritchie was presented with the Past Master Jewel, the presentation being made by R. W. Bro. McEwen. The work of W. Bro. Darby and the officers of Walker Lodge was the subject of high commendation by the representative of Grand Lodge.

Following the lodge work a splendid banquet was provided. This was served in the new gymnasium of the Y. M. C. A. building, which provided an ideal place for such a function. W. Bro. C. Darby was toastmaster, and presided over the most list, which included "The King," "Grand Lodge," proposed by W. Bro. Sims McLean, and responded to by R. W. Bro. McEwen, of Drayton; "The Visitors," proposed by Bro. George Gordon, and responded to by W. Bro. M. W. Muir, of Perth; W. Bro. Cuthbert, of Speed Lodge, Guelph; W. Bro. Large, of Guelph Lodge, Guelph; W. Bro. E. Harrop, of St. Clair Lodge, Milton; W. Bro. Findlay, of Guelph Lodge. A brief silence was observed for the brethren who had passed on, and to honor their memory. The Junior Warden's toast, by Bro. V. H. Rumbley, brought the occasion to a very happy close.

In all the addresses the visitors were very complimentary of the new quarters and facilities provided by the new building in Acton.

Variety of News

Poor Crop Prospects

The conditions of fall wheat, clover fields, etc., at the present time is a matter of deep concern to the farmers. The heavy frost when the fields are unprotected has been damaging to these fall crops and indications are that they have in most cases in this section been badly winter killed. In addition, the lack of moisture is a serious factor and unless the summer season is a comparatively wet one the crops from farms hereabouts will be very light.

An Improved Roadway

Work on the second line roadway has now reached a point two miles south of Acton. Most of the rock cutting and levelling of small hills has been completed. The narrow roadway through the swamps has been rock-filled from the cuts and is widened out. The dangerous curves below Speyside were eliminated in the work carried on last year. This road has been carefully been greatly improved and the work of the County Council is deserving of praise. Another feature that has been appreciated during the work is the fact that the road has been quite passable during operations and kept in a comparatively good condition.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts of Other Events, under this heading, are charged, to cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 25c.

Remember the pageant, "The Easter Guest," at Knox Church Good Friday evening.

Barncomburn Women's Institute are holding a Dance on Thursday, April 26th, at Woodside School. Good music. Admission 25c. Lucky draw on quilt.

Acton Liberal-Progressive Association will hold a meeting in the Council Chamber on Monday evening, April 22nd, at eight o'clock. Mr. T. A. Blakelock, M. P. P., and Mr. Hughes-Cleaver, Liberal-Progressive candidate for Halton, will be present to discuss matters pertaining to the Dominion election with the Association members of Acton.