

# The Acton Free Press.

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## News of Acton and the District

### Electric Line Gone

The old electric line from Guelph to the Naval bridge has been completely dismantled and the crew and equipment doing this work have removed from Acton. Cookville will now be the centre for collecting the remainder of the equipment. The crossings have been filled in and the sidewalks laid where the tracks had been, and soon the line will be only a memory. Bridges and all have gone, including the bridge on Fairy Lake. The station house and freight shed have not yet been removed in Acton.

### Fall From Tree

While erecting a temporary electric line for the Greenock School re-union, Mr. J. N. Reid, had a bad fall from which his escape of serious injury was miraculous. He was bringing the line through a tree when the branch against which he was leaning broke and he fell fifteen feet to the ground. He narrowly missed striking the fence and landed in a pile of stone along its edge. His back was badly wrenched, an ankle was injured and a cut on his chin required several stitches to close the wound and he received other painful bruises.

### Rev. G. R. Easter Ordained

A gathering of great local interest was the ordination last Thursday evening of Rev. G. R. Easter, who for the past two years has been the beloved pastor of Acton and Georgetown churches. There was a large attendance from Acton and the churches of the district. Delegates were present from the churches of the Guelph Association. The ordination ceremony was conducted in the evening with Rev. W. S. Watson, Cheltenham, as moderator and Rev. E. G. Dale as clerk. A forceful sermon was delivered by Professor M. L. Orchard, McMaster University.

## CAR AND MOTORCYCLE COLLISION

### Two in Hospital as Result of Crash on Dominion Day on Mill Street

Jack Hurst and Miss Helen Hillman, of Guelph, the victims

Jack Hurst and Helen Hillman, both of Guelph, were seriously injured on Monday afternoon in a collision on Mill Street by the motorcycle they were riding and a car, driven by Charles Franklin, of Acton. Hurst suffered a dislocated left hip and bad bruises and cuts, and Miss Hillman has a compound fracture of the left leg and bad head and face injuries. Both are confined to the hospital in Guelph. Mr. Franklin, or none of the occupants of the car, were injured.

The accident happened about 6:30 on Monday afternoon. Charles Franklin was proceeding east on Mill Street, returning from Elora. It is said he intended to make a left turn from Mill Street to John Street. Jack Hurst and Miss Hillman were going west on Mill Street, riding a motorcycle. The impact between car and motorcycle occurred, apparently, about six or eight feet from the curb. The front of the motorcycle struck the left fender and bumper of the car. Hurst was thrown to the roadway over the front of the machine, and Miss Hillman onto the sidewalk.

Traffic Officer Howell and Chief McPherson are investigating the accident. Reports from the hospital indicate that both patients are making favorable progress and will, their injuries are painful, they are not serious.

Considering the fact that it was a head-on collision, the machines are not badly damaged. The front wheel and tire of the motorcycle were broken. On the car one end of the bumper was broken, the left fender and head lamp were broken.

## The Re-union at Greenock School

### Former Pupils and Friends from Far and Near Gathered at Dominion Day Function

One of the largest and most unique gatherings of its kind ever held in this district was the Re-union held at Leslie's School, Section No. 8, Erin Township, on July 1st, when well over 1,000 persons assembled at the school grounds to celebrate the diamond jubilee of the present and up-to-date school building, which compares favorably with the modern present day schools, despite its sixty years of service; and also to meet each other again and enjoy a day together in the happy surroundings of their school days.

At the annual school meeting, held on December 20th, 1934, it was decided to hold a re-union this summer. A committee was appointed, consisting of Chas. McKeown, John Allan, Fred Johnston, J. E. Pearson, Thos. McCutcheon, who immediately began to prepare a list of all former pupils and teachers, which ultimately resulted in bringing a great number, from many parts of the Province of Ontario, and one family from Montreal, Quebec; and one family from Buffalo, New York.

At one o'clock p. m., D. S. T., the guests began to arrive, and shortly the beautiful school site, with its complete circle of cleared land, was covered with automobiles, which were also completely encircled by the beautiful virgin woods for a background, making a picture which is not easy to excel.

The Sports Committee carried out a wonderful and varied program of baseball, homeshoe pitching, races and games of all kinds, for which prizes were donated, and were contested with all the enthusiasm of which the happy group were capable.

The following is the list of winners in these events:

Girls, 8 years and under—Mae Spiers, Shirley Cottrell.

Boys, 8 years and under—Reggie Spiers, Kerwin McPhail.

Girls, 12 and under—Helen West, Isabel Swackhamer.

Boys, 12 and under—George Robertson, Archie McPherson.

Girls, 16 and under—Marion Leslie, Audrey McIntyre.

Boys, 16 and under—Gordon McKeown, Harvey Lambert.

Young Ladies' Race—Audrey McIntyre, Marion Leslie.

Young Men's Race—Bob Marshall, Bill Hodgins.

Married Ladies' Race—Mrs. Duncan McMillan, Mrs. J. J. Stewart.

Married Men's Race—Grenville Masales, Alfred Winters.

Elopement Race—Bob Marshall and Audrey McIntyre.

Boys' Shoe Race—Donald Wansborough.

Girls' Shoe Race—Bella Rossell.

Time Race—Mrs. Neff.

Relay Race, boys—Chester Murray, George Braw, Bert Mitchell.

High Jump, boys—Bill Murray.

Egg Race—Laura Johnston, Bill Finlay.

The afternoon program was conducted by Chairman Charles McKeown, who welcomed the guests with kindly and hospitable greetings; excellent Scotch dancing by Misses Isabel and Margaret McDonald, of Hillsburg; well rendered solos were contributed by Mrs. Will Bhek, Rockwood, and Miss Helen McMurphy, Brampton; interesting reminiscence addresses were given by ex-teachers Miss McDonald, Mrs. Hindley and Mrs. O. Raine; and ex-pupils Messrs. John Bennett, Roy Wansborough and G. H. Denton.

Letters conveying kindly greetings from those who were unable to attend were read by Miss Jean Barber, present teacher, as follows: Ex-Teachers, Mary McParlane March, Toronto; Euphemia Currie Midgley, Three Hills, Alta.; Rev. Hector McLean, Toronto; Archie McIntyre.

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THE EDITORS OF THE ACTON FREE PRESS  
Top right, J. H. Hacking, founder, 1875-77. Top left, S. W. Galbraith, 1877-78.  
Lower left, Right Rev. Dr. T. Albert Moore, 1877-78. Lower right, H. P. Moore, 1879-1927.  
Centre, G. A. Dills, Present Editor, 1927-1935

## The Free Press 60th Anniversary

### Correspondents Entertained on the Birthday Occasion on Friday Last

This is the sixtieth birthday of The Acton Free Press. It was first issued on July 2nd, 1875. To mark this diamond anniversary occasion we have reproduced photographs in this issue, pictures of the five editors, the present staff, the office buildings and most of our staff of regular rural correspondents. We have tried to make the occasion one in which we can all become better acquainted.

It was with this in mind that last Friday afternoon we asked our rural correspondents to gather with us and get acquainted with The Free Press office, staff, editor and each other. They came and the enjoyment of the occasion seemed mutual. Many of them had never met each other, and we must admit that our acquaintance with some was by correspondence.

The party were shown the plant of The Free Press and the various machines, linotypes, presses, saws, etc. in operation. Photographs were taken, which were necessarily two, as it seemed impossible to have all present at the same time. Following the visit to the office, the party and staff were entertained at tea at the home of the editor and Mrs. Dills. The family was rather larger than the home would accommodate, but the weather man was kind and allowed the function to be held out-of-doors. On behalf of the gathering Mr. John Marshall moved a vote of thanks which was seconded by Mr. R. W. Johnson. The editor replied, expressing the pleasure at the gathering and the appreciation of readers of the weekly correspondence that was so faithfully furnished.

Following the serving of supper the party were guests at the Gregory Theatre at the showing of "The Whole Town's Talking."

The photographs appear on the correspondence page. We regret that Miss M. Cheyne, of Hillsburg, and Mr. G. T. Wilson, of Nassagaweya, both faithful correspondents, were unable to be present. Mrs. G. P. Clarke, who writes "The Chronicles of Olinger Farm" each week, has been ill and undergone an operation at Galt Hospital, and was also unable to be present. Their absence was regretted. We visited Mrs. Clarke in Galt the day following and all will be pleased to know that her progress is satisfactory and she hopes to return home to-morrow (Friday) although it will be some time before her recovery is complete.

The correspondents were very kind in their comments of the party this week in their correspondence. Much as we regret it, modestly demanded that the pencil of censorship had to deny these kind references appearing in print.

Just a word about the history of The Free Press. It was founded on July 2nd, 1875, by the late Joseph Hacking, a newspaperman of wide experience. After

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## CHAIRMAN KING APPOINTED DELEGATE

### To the Convention at Elgin Inn by Public Utilities Commission

Frank Holloway Engaged as Supply Secretary

The monthly meeting of the Public Utilities Commission was held on Friday evening, with Commissioners B. G. Arnold, Reeve C. H. Harrison and Chairman L. G. King present.

Mr. Frank Holloway made application to supply for the Secretary during the holidays. The application was accepted, and he was engaged for the two weeks.

Resolutions for foundations and moving of the workshop on Willow Street were received and the Secretary was instructed to forward the amount of cost of removing to Mr. Mason.

The Secretary was instructed to have the typewriter repaired as at estimate furnished.

The Commission was requested to place an electric refrigerator on display, but this was not felt fair to the local dealers, and the Commission did not entertain the proposal.

Chairman L. G. King was appointed as delegate to attend the annual Hydro convention at Elgin Inn, July 4th to 6th.

The Secretary was, by motion, instructed to pay the following accounts:

Hydro Department	
Canadian National Railways, poles	\$ 97.50
E. Harrop, truck insurance	38.20
C. N. R. and Transport, express	75
McDonald Electric Ltd., supplies	20.73
J. R. Kearney Corporation, supplies	19.70
J. B. Mackenzie & son, lumber and screens	13.40
Acron Press, advertising	6.51
W. D. Talbot, on range campaign	35.82
Jos. N. Reid, on range campaign	110.00
Y. M. C. A. Board, rent 1 month	25.00
	\$462.76

## Liberal Candidate Chosen in South Wellington

South Wellington Liberals at a representative convention in the Guelph City Hall auditorium, Saturday afternoon chose R. W. Gladstone as candidate for the forthcoming Federal election. The meeting, which attracted a gathering of some 600, was addressed by Colin Campbell, M. P. for Prince-Albert, and Dr. J. H. King, M. P. for South Wellington. Ten names were entered in the nomination, but all withdrew with the exception of two and Mr. Gladstone was selected as standard-bearer on the first ballot over J. B. Mitchell, prominent Guelph manufacturer.

## THE EVENING MEAL DIGEST

Zoe: "I hear you stayed in a haunted house last night. What happened?"  
Moe: "About twelve o'clock a ghost came through the wall just as if there was no wall there."  
Zoe: "And what did it do?"  
Moe: "I went through the other wall the same way."

## Ministry of Eight Years Closed Sunday

### Rev. C. L. Poole, B. D., Delivered Farewell Sermons to Acton Congregation Prior to Removal to Ridgeway

Last Sunday Rev. C. L. Poole, B. D., closed his pastorate of the Acton United Church and gave his farewell sermons to the congregations. For eight years he has been the beloved minister of this congregation. The regard in which he is held is shown by this length of service to his people. It is the longest pastorate of any in the history of the church. In church life and in the community Mr. Poole has been a powerful influence for good and his years of labor here can be looked upon as full of fruit.

On Sunday morning the last sacramental and baptismal service was held. It was a most impressive occasion. In the evening the congregations of Knox Church, St. Alban's and the Baptist joined to hear the farewell message. Rev. Mr. Bennie and Rev. E. Brillinger were also present with their congregations. It was a fitting tribute to the years of residence of Mr. Poole in Acton. During the service Mr. George R. Poole sang a solo and Mrs. Poole and Mrs. H. Mowat took solo parts in the anthem by the choir. The part of this family in the life of the church was indeed a full one.

Mr. Poole's closing text, "What Shall I do with Jesus, Who is called the Christ?" The termination of a pastorate was not an ordinary event and there was no more fitting question than this text. In the period of over eight years there was an accumulation of events, but out of them all came that searching question. He had mingled with all our various occasions—some joyous and happy and others of deep sorrow. Such was the variety of a minister's life. In the midst of all occasional comes that searching question, "What Shall I do then with Jesus, Who is called the Christ?"

Christians cannot in these days be driftwood. As in all ages, those who have made a mark in the world are those who have stood up against the common tendencies. What are we going to do with the spectre of war. It is a pagan custom and has miserably failed. We need social rebellion against evil and this question searches every heart. Ministers may come and go, but that question always remains.

In his remarks following his sermon Mr. Poole paid tribute and thanks to the faithful of the congregation, the choir, organist, leader and members. His association with the fellow ministers had been pleasant and very congenial. He also expressed appreciation of The Free Press and its work in the community.

Mr. Poole felt that no town had better facilities than Acton for the development of its young people. It would be a serious loss to the town if the young life of the community, the happy relationship during the pastorate here and the good patronage were all things that he and Mrs. Poole and George regretted to leave, but they hoped to carry on the work in the new charge. Mr. Poole appealed for the kindly human help for his successor, Rev. E. Milton Morrow. He is a good man, but he needs the help of all to make his ministry successful.

## Won Two Scholarships

The recently announced first year results of Varsity showed that V. E. P. Soliman won two scholarships. The awards are the First Alexander T. Fulton Scholarship in Science and the Jean Wallace Scholarship in Science.

This student took first standing in the honor class in Science in the year "Torrie" Soliman is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Prick and friends here join with others in extending congratulations on his splendid showing.

## Buildings Occupied by Free Press

The building on the left was the original Free Press Office and later used as Acton's Post Office. It is now occupied by Evans' Meat Shop. The other picture is the present home of The Acton Free Press.

## A Selection of News Items

### Change of Pastorate

In the Alberta Conference, Rev. J. Halston Brown, B. A., brother of A. T. Brown, and whose ordination was referred to in a recent "Twenty Years Ago" summary, has been stationed in Turner Valley, near Calgary. He has been some six and half years at Conson, east of Lacombe, and is leaving with many expressions of regret, including a china set to Mrs. Brown, and other mementos to the boys.

### Postponed Ball Games

Changes in the baseball schedule and the dates for playing postponed games were arranged by the League Executive last week. Acton will play at Guelph on Monday, July 8th, instead of Saturday. The June 8th game, Guelph at Brampton, will be played July 15th. Brampton will play a double header at Georgetown on July 13, and Georgetown will play Guelph a double feature on July 20th. This takes in all the postponed games to date.

### Three Big Days for Acton

At a meeting on Tuesday evening the Acton Ball Club and Acton Citizens' Band took the initiative in staging a big three-day event for Acton for Civic Holiday week-end. The proposed plans call for a ball game and the gathering to start on Saturday afternoon, and a band tattoo and program for Saturday night. On Sunday a home visit in the churches in the morning, and in the evening a monster community service in the arena, preceded by a parade of all the local organizations. Monday's program calls for a callithumpian parade and ball game in the morning; a program of sports, baseball and races in the afternoon and topped off by a garden party in the evening. It should be a real home gathering of those from far and near at Acton on those days.

### Bus and Car Collide at Oakville

Twenty-eight passengers escaped with a shaking up and a few minor cuts when a Detroit-bound bus collided head-on with a car in front of Ballymore, home of the late Col. W. E. Eaton, near Oakville on Saturday. The car was driven by Hugh S. Wilson, prominent Oakville horse trainer, who was taken to the Toronto General Hospital with injuries which are not believed to be serious. All of the bus passengers continued their journey on a relief coach. The right front side of the bus engine was badly smashed and the bumpers and shock absorbers, shattered. Parts of the Wilson car were scattered along the road. John Cassidy, Yonge Street, Toronto, had swerved his bus to the left to avoid a rear-end collision with a car which suddenly slackened its speed in front of him. Mr. Wilson, eastbound on his way to play in an Oakville riding and Polo Club tournament, jammed on his brakes, but too late to avoid the crash.

## Coming Events

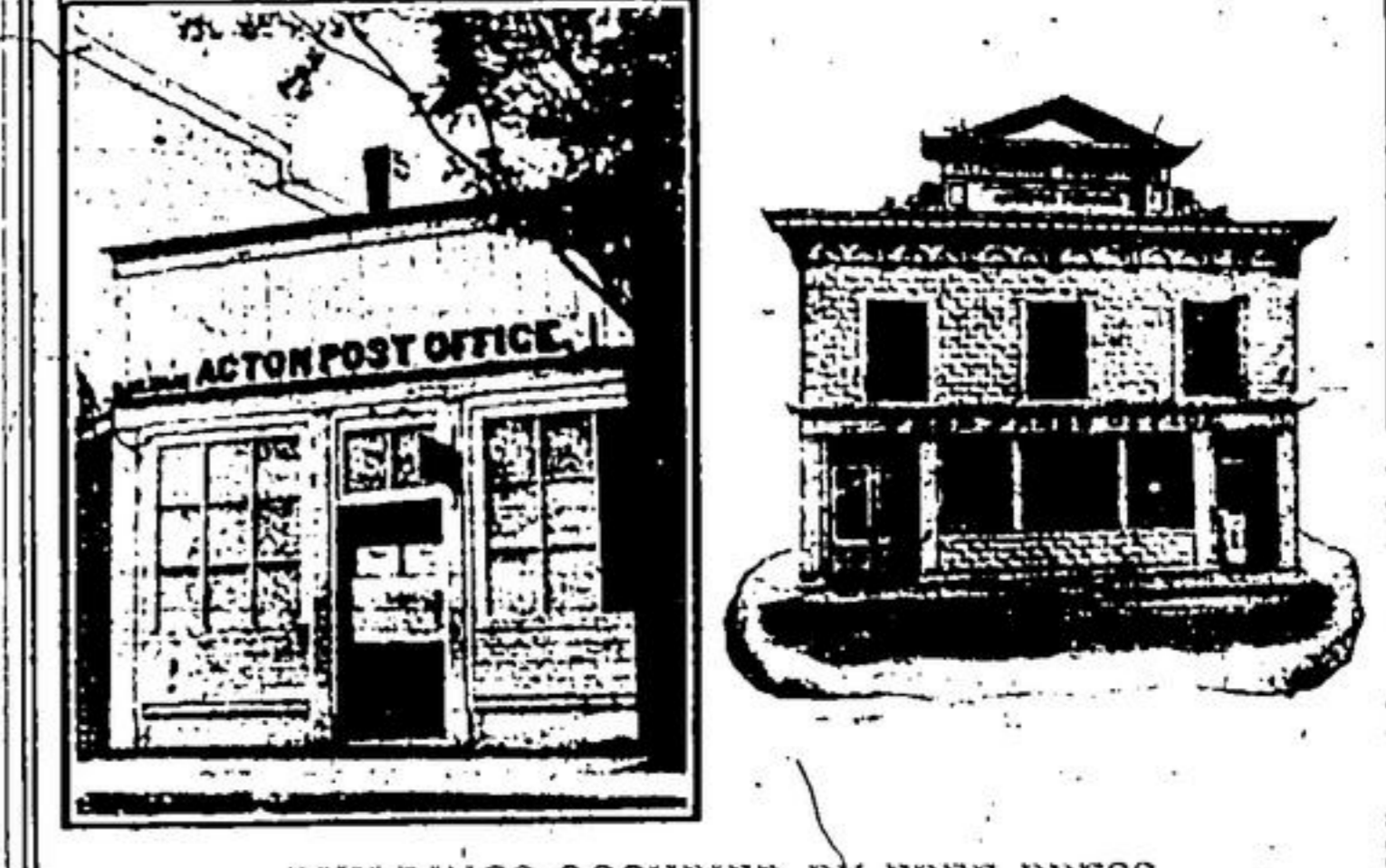
Announcements of Meetings, Concerts or Other Events in this section are charged, to cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 25c.

St. Alban's Church is planning a Lawn Social and Dance on the church grounds Thursday evening, August 8th.

Garden Party under the auspices of the Women's Association of the United Church, Rockwood, on July 10th (Wednesday) in Exhibition Park there. Program given by Halpy Cousins Concert Company, of Elmira. In event of rain, the program will be given in Town Hall.



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Seated—G. A. Dills, Editor; Miss M. S. Nelson



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