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## News of Acton and the District

### Drowning Narrowly Averted

A drowning accident was narrowly averted in Fairy Lake on Thursday evening last. When Melvin Hall was fishing off part of the old radial bridge, he fell into the water. Jack Holmes, who was with him, dived in and managed to bring him to the surface, but he was too heavy for him to get to the shore. Mr. Allan Kirkness happened to be there and assisted Jack in the rescue. It was some little time before the lad was brought around and had it not been for the prompt action of his rescuers Fairy Lake would have claimed another victim.

### Well-known Brampton Athlete Dies

George Sproule, veteran star of lacrosse in Brampton district, died on Monday, in his 44th year, as he underwent an operation in the Toronto General Hospital. He had been ill only a few days. Known across Canada as a lacrosse player and athlete, he was the first to hold the famous Murphy Memorial Trophy, presented in 1930 for the player adjudged most valuable to his team and who displayed the most gentlemanly and sportsmanlike conduct on the field. His playmatehood with the Brampton Eyclors extended from 1909 to 1931. Surviving are his widow and three daughters, Helen, Beatrice and Margaret.

### Splendid Band Concert

While rain affected the attendance at the Sunday evening concert by Acton Citizens' Band, there was a splendid program and it was enjoyed. Bandmaster B. Mason was in charge. The program was varied and the selected selections included made it a most appropriate concert. The numbers rendered were "Old Hundred"; March, "Canada, Land of Liberty"; overture, "The Troubadour"; waltz, "When I Grow Too Old to Dream"; "Grand Sacred Polka"; march, "Corn Huskers"; sacred selection of three hymns; overture, "Golden Gate"; also "Vladimir" march, "Wide Awake"; serenade "Oythleria"; "God Save the King".

### Knox W. M. S. Meeting

The monthly meeting of Knox Church Women's Missionary Society was held at the home of Mrs. A. J. Murray on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. George Murray, the President, opened the meeting with prayer. A hymn was sung, after which Mrs. H. Allison read the scripture lesson for the day, which was followed by a prayer by Mrs. W. Thompson. After the business part had taken place Mrs. Annie Somerville gave a very interesting talk from Rebecca E. Springer's book, "Intra Muros," meaning "Within the Walls of Heaven," which gave much food for thought and was enjoyed by all. Miss Lizzie Orr sang a solo very sweetly, and at the close of the meeting Mrs. Murray invited the ladies to tea on the lawn, where a social hour was spent and several old favorite hymns were sung.

### Tragic Motor Fatality

General sympathy is felt here for Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Mann, of Ferguson, in the sudden death of their eldest son, Saturday evening when he stepped from behind a parked truck on the Guelph-Fergus highway, and was struck by a motor car. He was nineteen years of age. The accident occurred about one mile north of Freeton, toward Guelph, and the young man was thrown a distance of about fifty feet, resulting in injuries that caused instant death. He suffered a fracture of skull, a fractured neck and a fracture of the left leg. The victim apparently failed to note the approach of a car, driven by Donald McCatnon, 109 Dowling Avenue, Toronto, and walked directly into the path of the oncoming machine. An inquest into the circumstances surrounding the accident was ordered by Coroner Dr. Hopper, of Waterdown, to which taken the body of the young man was taken. The deceased was a noted Ferguson athlete and was a star lacrosse performer. His death has cast a deep gloom over sports circles in his home town, where he was very popular. He was a general favorite among the teen-age boys and lacrosse players, and had been tending the St. Catharines-Fergus lacrosse match that day. The funeral was held on Tuesday when members of Ferguson Thistle Hockey Team acted as honorary pallbearers at the service, which was conducted by Rev. A. O. McDonald, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, assisted by Rev. Duncan Littlefair. High tribute was paid to Hughie Mann for his keen sportsmanship. While only a junior, he had, through his outstanding ability, risen to senior ranks, and had before him an exceptionally bright future, which was not confined to sport alone. A native of Acton, Mann went to Ferguson to live 15 years ago. The pallbearers were: Lorne Campbell, Austin Todd, Frank Robertson, Fred Smith, Rowe Magwood and Walter Henderson. Interment was in Belyade Cemetery.

## Won from Guelph Lost to Georgetown

### Brilliant Saturday Game Eclipsed by Exhibition of Wednesday Night—Play-off Position Assured

ACTON 9 — GUELPH 7  
Acton finally came out of their batting slump and knocked the offerings of Bob Cooke, of Guelph, for thirteen solid smacks, including 2 home runs and four triples, to win a 9-7 decision from the Peacocks of that city. Bill Waterhouse and Bob Anderson both had circuit clouts, with a mate on the paths, and Terry, Fred Waterhouse, Norm Morton and Tyler each had triples. Guelph collected ten hits from "Lefty" Morton, but they were all singles and seven errors in the field accounted for six of their runs.  
It was a good game to watch, with lots of hitting and men were on bases in practically every inning. Guelph started off before Acton and plugged out four singles in the second, and three errors, helped them to shove across three runs. In the second, Tyler knocked out a triple then scored on Fred Waterhouse's single, to give Acton a lone counter. In the third Guelph got another tally, and added one more in the fifth to take a 5-1 lead, but the locals kept fighting and started knocking the ball all over the lot.  
In the second half of the fifth Acton cut Guelph's lead by two runs when Tyler walked and scored along with Bill Waterhouse when the latter put one clean over the fence for a circuit clout. In the sixth Acton had tied it up when Fred Waterhouse tripled, and then Bob Anderson hit the fence for another home run, and brought the crowd to their feet. In the seventh two bingles by Bill Waterhouse and "Bud" Morton put Acton one up, but Guelph tied it up in the first of the eighth, when Robinson drew a walk and scored on singles by Cooke and Haddock.  
However, another batting spurge by the local boys accounted for three more runs. Walters got on when he was hit by a pitched ball; then Norm Morton came through with Acton's fourth triple, to score "Minute"; a single by Tyler scored Norm, and he was good-bye for Mr. Cooke. He retired left field and "Lefty" Hammond finished the game. He struck out two men, but Terry collected a single from him to score Tyler and give Acton a three run lead before the side was retired.  
Guelph only scored one in the ninth when Kaine drew a pass, and stole second. Manning then hit one to right field, that looked like a sure out, but Tyler dropped it and Kaine scored. However, the side was retired before any further damage was done.  
The box score:

GUELPH		AD		R		H		P		O		A		E	
Haddock, 2b	5	0	1	3	1	0									
Ridley, cf	5	2	0	3	0	0									
Clarke, rf	5	0	1	0	0	0									
Kaine, lb	3	1	2	8	1	0									
Manning, ss	5	1	2	0	1	0									
Lehman, c	4	0	1	0	2	0									
V. Robinson, 3b	4	2	2	0	4	1									
Hammond, lf	4	1	0	1	0	0									
Cooke, p	4	0	3	1	2	0									
30		7	10	24	11	1									

ACTON		AD		R		H		P		O		A		E	
Terry, lf	4	0	2	3	0	1									
R. Morton, 3b	5	0	1	2	2	1									
Holloway, lb	3	0	1	0	0	1									
F. Waterhouse, as	4	1	1	0	0	1									
Anderson, c	4	1	0	1	0	2									
Walters, 2b	3	1	1	0	4	0									
N. Morton, p	4	1	1	2	0	0									
Tyler, rf	3	3	2	0	0	1									
W. Waterhouse, cf	4	2	3	3	1	0									
34		9	13	27	9	7									

**SUMMARY**  
Home runs, Anderson, W. Waterhouse; 3 base hits, Terry, Tyler, P. Waterhouse, N. Morton; stolen bases, Ridley, Kaine, Terry, R. Morton; sacrifice hits, Terry; struck out, by Cooke, 5; by Hammond, 2; by Morton, 6; walked, by Morton, Kaine 2, Lehman, V. Robinson; hit by pitcher, by Cooke, Holloway, Walters, Tyler; left on bases, Guelph 9, Acton 5; earned runs, Guelph 1; Acton 7.  
**Batteries** — Cooke, Hammond and Lehman; Anderson, and Morton.  
**Score by Innings:** R H E  
Guelph 0 0 0 1 1 1 7 10 7  
Acton 0 0 0 0 0 0 13 13 7  
Umpires — Chisholm, Milton; Hester, Guelph.  
**NOTES**  
Acton made a nice finish, after trailing by 5-1.  
Thirteen hits is the most Acton has had for a long time. In fact, it is the most they have had in twelve games. The first game in Guelph they got 19 safeties. The second game against Georgetown produced 15 bingles. Then they hit the skids and never had a real batting spree until Saturday.  
There was a poor crowd on hand for the game. However, you couldn't expect anything else, the poor brand of ball (Continued on Page Five)



POINTS OF INTEREST IN ACTON'S BIG 3-DAY CELEBRATION  
The Park Entrance and Arena will be Points of Interest — They have both been erected since the last Big Celebration and Visitors Who have not been Back Since then Will Notice a Big Improvement in these and Other Park Features

## Various Items of Local Interest

### Foot Injured

While at work in dismantling the old radial line at Lambton last week, Basil Mellon had the misfortune to have his left foot badly crushed. The accident happened when his foot was caught between a rail and a tie. One bone was broken and another bone of the foot cracked.

### Getting Ready for the Fair

A meeting of the Directors of Acton Fair was held last evening, when the prize list was changed and approved, and other matters pertaining to the Fair arranged. The prizes in the horse classes and some other departments have been improved and raised. Other changes will make this year's list particularly attractive.

### Five Women Hurt in Fergus Smash

Five people were injured late Sunday evening when two cars collided at the junction of the Orangeville-Fergus Highway and the tenth concession. Miss Anne Campbell, instructress at the Girl's Training School, was thrown through the windshield of the car she was driving when it collided with a car driven by R. Waler, of East Garafraxa. She was badly cut about the face. Her car rolled over twice. Her passengers, three girl pupils from her school and Mrs. Brown, of Galt, were scattered over the road. The five women were taken to hospital at Orangeville by Roy Pierce, of Orangeville, who happened to be passing, after first aid treatment by a Fergus doctor.

### Orangeville Lacrosse Star Drowned

Following a fishing expedition to Melville Pond, four miles south of Orangeville, on Thursday last, Ross Robertson, well-known lacrosse player, was found drowned that evening in four feet of water near shore. According to the victim's watch, which had stopped at 6:21, he would have been in the water about an hour, but no one saw him fall over the board. He was born in Orangeville, 26 years ago, the only child of Jesse Robertson, electrician and plumber. After graduating from High School, he entered business with his father. His first played lacrosse as a member of the Midway Dufferin Club, and as he grew older, played on the Juvenile, Junior, Intermediate and Senior Teams. Always in condition, he could play an entire game at top speed without a substitute, and few could stop him. As a goal keeper for the hockey team in that town he was an outstanding star. He was a member of the Melville Trout Club, and spent much of his leisure time on the pond, where he was drowned. During his career as a lacrosse player, he had received offers to play elsewhere, but remained loyal to the Duffs. He was not married and only his parents survive.

## Nassagaweya to Assist Acton Fair

### Grant Made to Directors — Arrangements Made for Renovation of Telephone Poles — Accounts Passed

Accounts passed by Nassagaweya Township Council at the regular meeting on Monday of last week were as follows:  
Relief ..... \$ 76.33  
Municipal World, supplies ..... 4.65  
Acton Fair Passes, printing ..... 9.79  
D. Edge, Soldiers Memorial ..... 5.50  
Clerk and Treasurer, auditing assessment ..... 10.00  
J. Marshall, postage and express ..... 7.13  
Jan. W. Moffat, postage and supplies ..... 18.10  
Ken. Cox, transporting men ..... 9.75  
Purbes Bros., transporting men ..... 13.44  
Dr. Black, transporting men ..... 30.00  
J. P. Kitching, sheep killed ..... 20.00  
P. Rinchart, weed convention ..... 5.00  
Road Superintendent, relief work ..... 233.80  
Road Superintendent, Township vouchers ..... 1,164.98  
A grant of \$20.00 was made to the Acton Fair Directors.  
The Bell Telephone Company's offer to move the poles, opposite lots 20 and 21, concession 6, was accepted, the Council bearing half the cost.  
Council decided to charge private individuals for the use of the stone crusher of the man caring for the machinery.  
The Treasurer was instructed to purchase a quantity of amusement tax tickets for Township Hall entertainments.  
Council adjourned, to meet July 31st, at 7:30 p. m.

### Record Holiday Travel

Exchange of visitors between Canada and the United States is greater than ever, and the large movement of visitors to Canada from the United States on Independence Day, July 4th, is a striking illustration of the freedom of travel between these countries. At three leading ports of entry—Windsor, Niagara Falls and Port Erie—33,859 automobiles and almost 117,000 persons were admitted in one day, according to returns received by the Department of Immigration and Colonization. The movement through border points on July 4th was the largest since 1929 and in some cases the largest in history. An all-time record was created at the port of Windsor, where 12,850 automobiles and 41,478 persons were admitted. If the automobiles admitted at this port alone were mustered out in one monster parade with one hundred feet of highway allowed each vehicle they would form a giant procession of almost 244 miles in length, and would stretch from Windsor to Toronto. At Niagara Falls the movement was the largest since 1929, consisting of 8,200 cars and 30,700 persons. Admittances at Port Erie were also the largest since 1929, amounting to 13,800 cars and 44,800 persons.

## News of Acton and the District

### Was Prize in Orange Parade

The float of the Country School House, entered by Acton L. O. L. in the Orange parade at Oakville on Friday, won the silver trophy awarded for this entry. Acton Orange Lodge and Loyl True Blues turned out in good numbers and participated in the Orange parade at Oakville.

### Birthday Party

A very happy birthday party was held at the home of Mrs. J. E. Pearen, in honor of her mother, Mrs. J. W. Leslie. After doing justice to sumptuous dinner, a social time was spent, and although not in the best of health, Mrs. Leslie was able to enjoy the day. Among those present were her four sisters and one brother, also a cousin, Mrs. Hunter, from Toronto. All hope she may be spared to enjoy many more years.

### St. Swithin's Day

Monday was St. Swithin's Day and pretty well, and legend has it that rain will fall the next forty days in succession. The next day, however, proved that there isn't much in the legend, and records of other years prove the legend is nothing more than a legend. The popular superstition is said to have originated in the fact that the removal of St. Swithin's body from an outside grave to the interior of Winchester Cathedral in the year 971 A. D. was delayed by heavy rains lasting for forty days.

### The Eclipse of the Moon

The eclipse of the moon on Monday night was very clear and watched with a good deal of interest by many. The sky was clear for most of the time and the phenomenon could be easily witnessed. The round bulk of the earth was timed to appear in silhouette on the moon's face at 10:15 p. m., E.D.T., and to blot out the sun's rays in whole and in part for some 3 1/2 hours or more. Science's time table set 12:00 for the beginning of the total eclipse and 1:50 a. m. for the end—one hour, 41 minutes for the wide black cone of the earth's shadow to blot out completely the day's rays. An hour later and the big aperture was timed to a conclusion, the earth and moon passing out of the uncommon conjunction for another extended whirl around their terrestrial orbits. Scientists determined that the moon was to enter the earth's shadow at a point 226,000 miles in space, with the black cone of shadow extending another 534,000 miles beyond this point.

### THE EVENING MEAL DIGESTER

President Trump (successful at last): "Thanks, lady. Is there anything I can do by way of return?"  
Housewife (shortly): "Yes—don't!"

## Juveniles Providing the Real Baseball

### Monday's Game Had the Fans Talking — Acton Is Head of the Group—Win Twice

On Thursday, July 11th, the Juveniles continued their winning ways by taking Bronte into camp, at Bronte, by 6-6. Percy Elliott pitched his first game for Acton and gave a good account of himself, allowing Bronte 4 hits. Rod Ryder led the hitters, with 3 out of 4.  
Score — R. H. E.  
Acton ..... 112 230 0-0 0 0  
Bronte ..... 003 000 0-6 4 3  
**Batteries** — Elliott and Leatham, Woods; Pollock, Osborne and Plummerfeldt.  
On Monday, July 15th, at the Park, the Juveniles again won, this time taking Milton into camp for the second time in a week, by 4-3, in 7 innings. Again Elliott went in to pitch, and he slow balled Milton to death. He struck out 8 batters and allowed 6 hits, in 6 innings. Hector Lambert pitched the last innings. He struck out 2 batters and made the other hit to Ryder, at third, to end the game.  
Score — R. H. E.  
Milton ..... 000 012 0-3 6 3  
Acton ..... 010 12-4 4 1  
**Batteries** — Ezzard and Andrews; Elliott, Lambert and Woods.

On Wednesday night, July 17th, the Juveniles went to Milton and this time Milton turned the tables, 4-0. Ezzard pitched real ball for Milton. He struck out 13 batters and allowed 6 hits. Mickey Holmes, Lambert and Don Ryder pitched real good ball for Acton, striking out 10 batters between them and allowing 8 hits. The Acton boys had a few scoring chances but they could not get hits when needed.  
Score — R. H. E.  
Acton ..... 000 000 0-0 5 0  
Milton ..... 020 200 -4 8 0  
**Batteries** — Mickey Holmes, Hector Lambert, Don Ryder, Woods, Harvey Lambert, P. Holmes; Ezzard and Andrews.

### LEAGUE STANDING

	P	W	L	P.C.
Acton	9	7	3	.777
Milton	8	5	3	.625
Oakville	7	4	3	.570
Bronte	8	0	8	.000

### ACTON'S REMAINING GAMES

Thursday, July 23rd—Oakville at Acton.  
Thursday, July 25th—Acton at Oakville.  
Tuesday, July 30th—Bronte at Acton.  
The Juveniles have been playing a real brand of ball and deserve the place at the top of the heap. They have fought for the place at the top of the League and the Monday night game had the fans talking for the youngsters. The support accorded them has been pretty good, and with the fight and baseball ability they are showing, they are deserving of the patronage of fans—perhaps more so than some of the other games.

### A COUPLE OF SHOYS

Some fans think that it might be a good thing if a place was made in higher company for some of these youngsters—in other words, there should be some voluntary retirements to give them a chance.  
Monday's game was close and came real inside baseball was used to keep Acton on the top side of the score.

### T. R. FREE AREA APPROVED

By Majority of Farmers in Halton and County Likely to be Included in Plan — Other Counties also Approve  
During the past few weeks, the proposal that Halton become a part of a T. R. Free Area has been a subject of considerable discussion amongst the cattle owners of the County. Under the auspices of the Live Stock Improvement Association, meetings have been held in all parts of the County, to explain the plan, which is offered by the Federal Health of Animals Branch. In order to ascertain the wishes of Halton cattle owners, petitions have been circulated and many of these are now completed. Judging by those which have been handed in, well over the necessary two-thirds will be secured. Similar results are being secured in other Counties, where cattle owners are also considering the Restricted Area Plan. We note, according to a newspaper report from Northumberland County, that well over 90% of the cattle owners have signed the petitions. This speaks well for the plan, in view of the fact that Northumberland County adjoins Prince Edward, which has been a Restricted Area since 1927. Prince Edward cattle owners are well satisfied with the results and hence their neighbors in Northumberland are anxious to have the same privilege.  
The canvas in Halton will, it is expected, be completed during the current week. The officers of the Live Stock Association (Continued on Page Five)

## A Selection of News Items

### Injuries Prove Fatal

Injuries which he received more than two weeks ago when an automobile crashed into a telegraph pole, proved fatal on Monday to Charles Tobow, of Guelph, Ferdinand Hauck, driver of the car, is charged with reckless driving. An inquest has been ordered.

### Melons Collide

Mr. George H. Bishop, of Acton, and W. H. Stephenson, of Guelph, figured in a motor collision on Sunday evening in Guelph, with considerable damage to both cars resulting, but the occupants escaping injury. The accident occurred on the Eramosa Road, when Stephenson cut in from Perth Street and apparently became confused and crashed into the side of Bishop's car. The front of Stephenson's car was wrecked beyond repair, but Mr. Bishop has been able to have his car repaired. Stephenson assumed responsibility for the accident.

### "Life Begins at Forty"

If you have been saving up laughs, prepare to shed them now, for Will Rogers' latest comedy, "Life Begins at 40," featured at the Gregory Theatre on Friday, contains a bundle of hilarious situations that will act as magnets to the laughter chains within us all. This breezy comedy, suggested by the Walker B. Pitkin book hit, is described as a hilarious fun feast that works into a pandemonium of mirth. The hilarious Will is cast as a country editor who proves that the way to get a kick out of life is to put a double kick into it. Rogers stampedes excitement into his own town, tries his hand at match-making, leads an army of veteran hill-billy hog-callers into battle, fights a frolicsome duel, using wisecracks for every pistol bullet of his adversary.

### Beaumont Leads League Hitters

With the splendid average of .516, Beaumont, Georgetown slugger, is leading the hitters in the Tri-County League, according to figures released by officials of the circuit, which includes teams from Acton, Brampton, Georgetown and Guelph. The batting average, including games to the end of June, follows:  
AB R H P.C.  
Beaumont, Georgetown 31 4 16 .516  
McMahon, Georgetown 23 7 10 .435  
Kilne, Guelph 28 8 12 .439  
Ward, Georgetown 23 3 9 .391  
Brown, Guelph 27 17 14 .375  
Allison, Brampton 8 2 3 .375  
F. Leander, Guelph 27 4 10 .370  
Morjan, Brampton 30 7 11 .367  
Wheeler, Brampton 21 3 7 .333  
Ridley, Guelph 30 0 10 .333  
Text, Georgetown 12 0 4 .333

### "Jack Powers" in a New Role

Stepping along with the enthusiasm and vigor of a two-year-old, Jack Powers, veteran gray pacer, owned by Jim Hillis, of Guelph, added a touch all his own to the big Orange parade in that city on Friday last. Jack Powers, twenty-seven years old, and veteran of a hundred race tracks, came out of his retirement on a farm, and was ridden by County Marshall Wesley Fletcher, of Drayton, in the big parade. Jack stepped lightly, with the grace and ease which sent him around the oval track between the shafts of a sulky so many times in the past, and to indicate that he retained his old energy, he wore a martingale from the bit to the breast-plate. He was a prominent horse on the tracks of the district for many years, and once, in our recollection, won a heat in the races at Milton, even after the driver had been thrown from the sulky.

### Milton Couple Observe Golden Wedding

Looking back over half a century of Canadian farm life, Mr. and Mrs. David Kenney, of Milton, marked the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding on Monday, with numerous friends and well-wishers paying their respects. Although the date of their anniversary is July 27th, the happy couple celebrated the event on Monday, as their son, Charles Kenney, is with them from New York City on a holiday. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kenney can clearly recall many incidents of their early married life in this district. While many changes have occurred in the world about them during the past half century, this venerable old couple still retain some of the pioneer traits which marked the Ontario pioneer of 50 years ago. Mrs. Kenney, the only child of the late Mr. and Mrs. Clarkson, has lived in Milton all her life, and tells many interesting facts about the earlier days of the town. At the age of 26 years she married David Kenney, who had gone to Milton from Acton two years prior to the marriage. Mr. Kenney was born in Ireland, but when he was two years old his family emigrated to New York, where they lived for some time before moving to Acton. After going to Milton he was in the tanning business for ten years and then was in the employ of the Milton Poured Brick Co.