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Chairman King Leaving Commission

Has Served for Fourteen Years—Breakage of Street Lights is Excessive

At the monthly meeting of the Acton Public Utilities Commission on Monday evening, Commissioners B. O. Arnold, E. H. Harrison were present and Chairman I. G. King presided.

The Chairman reported that the Highway Garage had made arrangements to improve the water installation at the garage to keep it from freezing.

The Secretary was, by motion, instructed to transfer \$500 from the Waterworks Account to the General Account of the Corporation.

The Secretary was also instructed, by motion, to dispose of Dominion of Canada bonds, maturing in 1940, through the bond department of the Bank of Montreal. Sale of this bond was in accordance with the arrangements made at the time the rebate had been made. The Secretary was instructed to sell the \$1,000 Province of Ontario bond, maturing in 1941, at a later date, when the funds were required to maintain the bank account.

By motion, the Secretary was instructed to pay the following accounts:

Hydro Department	
Bell Telephone Co. services	\$ 5.05
Symon Hardware, supplies	8.75
Tyler's Transport, express	1.58
H. E. P. C. of Ontario, September power	3,016.75
Acrow Pape Press, supplies	5.83
H. E. P. C. of Ontario, insurance	9.70
Macdonald Electric Ltd., supplies	338.59
O. N. R. and transport, express and freight	13.65
British American Oil Co., gasoline	45.00
E. P. Phillips Electrical Works, wire	282.27
Robbins & Myers Co., repairs	4.50
Canadian Line Materials Ltd., supplies	11.85
Wagner Electric Co., repairs	21.70
Johnstone & Rumley, supplies	21.70
	\$3,784.93

The arrears of accounts were checked by the Commission and instructions issued for their disposal.

The Secretary was instructed to write in reply to a letter from the Ontario Commission regarding the continuance of the range campaign that the reason for discontinuance was the necessity of investment in line improvement as advised by the Ontario Commission.

Another letter gave the explanation of the Superintendent of the excessive breakage of street lights, especially on Bower Avenue, the park entrance and the Crescent bridge. The Secretary was instructed to notify the Council of this condition for the attention of the Chief of Police.

Chairman King, at this last meeting that he would attend, expressed his pleasure at the conduct of the work and the co-operation he had received. The Commissioners expressed regret at his removal and hoped that he would soon return to Acton again. Mr. King has been a member of the Commission for fourteen years. Arrangements were made for the conduct of the work until the end of the year, when the vacancy would be filled. Mr. King will take charge temporarily of an electric plant at Massey.

By motion, Commissioner I. G. King was granted leave of absence for November and December meetings and Commissioner Harrison will be Acting Chairman.

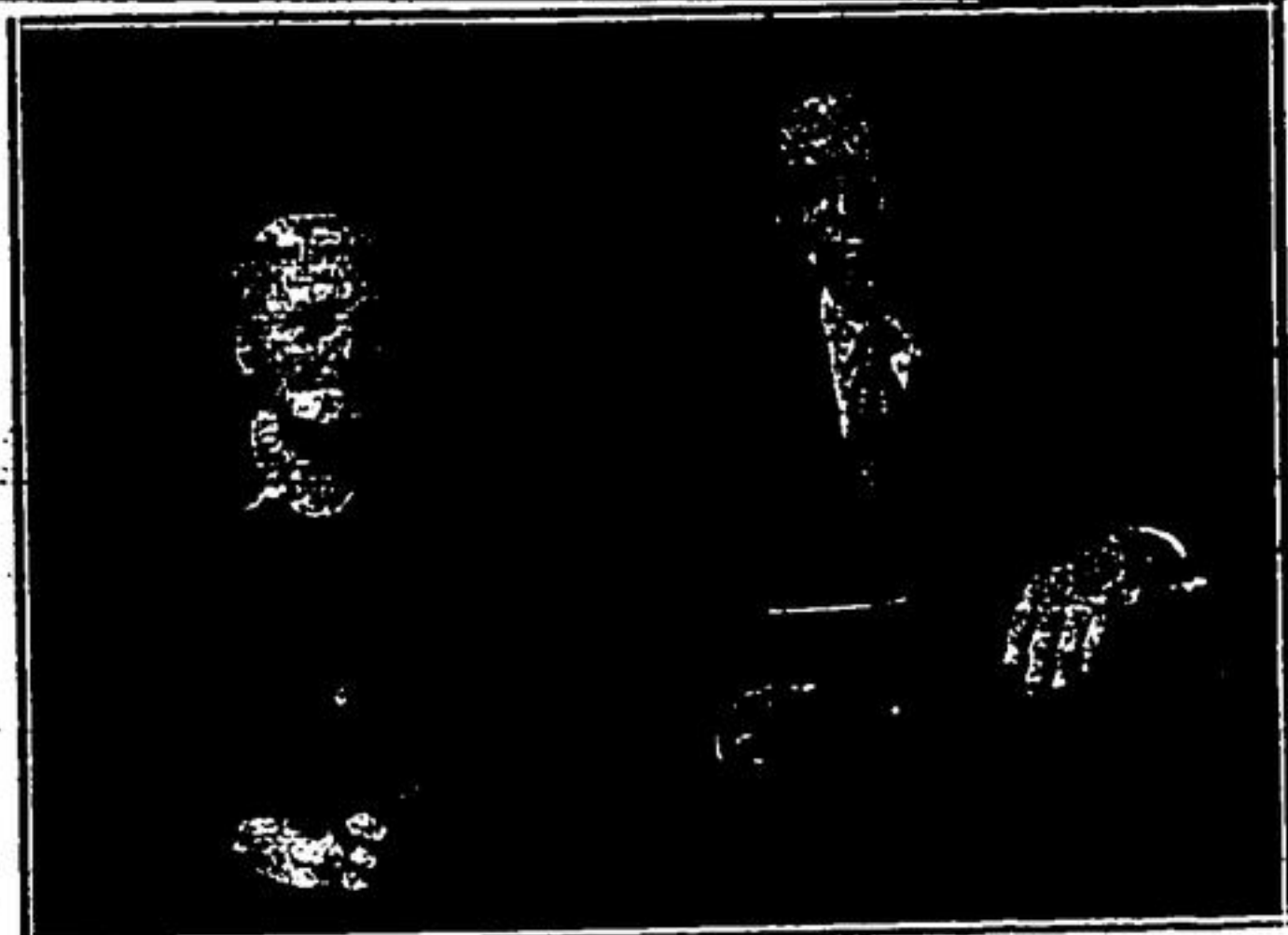
LOCAL ROBBERY

Office of Acton Machine Co. Ransacked and Both Schools Entered on Monday Night

Some time during Monday night burglars broke the locks on the rear door of the Acton Machine Co. warehouse and entered the building. The safe, which was unlocked, was pilfered of \$12.00; three fountain pens were taken and many other small items in the office stolen. Three of the spark plugs in a car in the building were taken and the interior of the car ransacked for other loot.

The locks on both the High and Public Schools were also broken and these buildings entered. While the thieves went through the building for loot, little was taken.

Night Constable Harrop noted some suspicious circumstances during his rounds and was able to furnish details that are being investigated by Chief Constable and Provincial Constable Spearman.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN MARSHALL
Of Nassagaweya Township, who on Monday Observed Their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Mr. Marshall Has Been for Over Fifty Years Actively Connected with Nassagaweya Council

GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall, Nassagaweya, Pass the Fiftieth Milestone—Years Connected with the Nassagaweya Council

Surrounded by all the members of their family, enjoying good health and with congratulations showered on them by a host of friends, Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall observed the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage at their home on the Guelph Road, in Nassagaweya Township, on Monday.

All afternoon and evening Mr. and Mrs. Marshall were at home to their friends, who called in numbers to offer congratulations on this occasion. It was a great joy to them that all their children were with them on Monday, Mrs. Roy Ridd, Guelph; Mrs. Truesdale, Puslinch; Mrs. Nelson Anderson, Nassagaweya; and Mr. Norman Marshall, Eden Mills. And the nine grandchildren were also present.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall were married at Barrie Hill, in Eramosa by Mrs. Marshall's brother, Rev. M. H. Scott, assisted by Rev. Angus McKay, and of those attending the wedding a half century ago, there were present on Monday Mrs. Scott widow of the officiating minister, of Ottawa; Mr. Jas. W. Eramosa; and Mrs. Annie Scott, Brantford.

Mr. Marshall is a daughter of the late Henry Scott, of Eramosa. Her mother was the first white child born in that Township and the second in the County of Wellington.

For over fifty years Mr. Marshall has been actively engaged in the Council work of Nassagaweya. He has served as Councillor, Reeve, and for the past 24 years as Clerk. Ebenezer Church has also had the benefit of their help and untiring efforts. Mr. Marshall was Superintendent of the Sunday School for forty years, and each Sunday yet conducted the Bible Class. He has held practically all of the offices in the church.

Mr. Marshall's busy life has been ably seconded by his helpmate, who has been active in the women's organizations of the church, the Women's Institute, and other local societies. Mrs. Marshall was, until a few months ago, the Papez Press correspondent for Eden Mills, and it was the newsy items from her pen that our readers enjoyed each week from that community. A few years ago she edited and compiled historical data regarding Barrie Hill. At the time of the hundredth anniversary of Ebenezer Church, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall compiled a very complete history of the church, which was published in connection with the event.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall have had a busy life. They have served, and are still serving, their community well. It was, therefore, small wonder that the occasion of this fiftieth wedding anniversary was taken advantage of by their friends to visit them and extend congratulations and wish for them a continuance of happy and useful years to the next milestone, the diamond wedding anniversary. The register contained the signature of hosts of these friends.

THE EVENING MEAL DIGEST

"But, officer," she protested when he ordered the removal of her small car from the parking-place she had selected, "it is in nobody's way and, after all, this is only a cul-de-sac."

"It doesn't matter," the constable replied, "what kind of a car it is. You can't have it here, Miss."

"Did you hear the awful shriek that engine gave as it new by?" asked a motorist as he approached a railroad crossing.

"Yes. What caused it?" rejoined his companion.

"I presume the engineer had it by the throttle."

A Selection of News Items

Citizenship Night

Mr. E. E. Barr gave a very interesting talk on "Citizenship" at the weekly meeting of the United Young People's Society on Tuesday. "The Uplifter" was read by Editor Jack Reid and Messrs. G. Maslett, N. Gibson, R. Parkinson, and Ted Clifford contributed quartette numbers on the program. The meeting was in charge of Tom Nicol's Citizenship Group.

Bengal Lancer Settling Taken in Real Locals

Rhapsodized in scores of books and lusty soldier songs, the steep, carved sides of India's historic Khyber Pass have at last been used as motion picture background. "The Lives of a Bengal Lancer" has materialized from this interesting print of Francis Yeohs-Brown's adventurous novel. The elaborate Paramount film spectacle, showing the gallantry of the "Gregory" Troop, with Gary Cooper, Francis Tom, Richard Cromwell, Sir Guy Standing, C. Aubrey Smith, Monte Blue and Kathleen Burke in important roles.

Guelph Men Charged with Slabbing of Asshole

As a result of what police declare was a drunken brawl on Sunday night, in St. Patrick's Ward, Guelph, Wesley Palmer, is in the Guelph General Hospital with knife wounds, and Reginald and Edward Mallott, brothers, are in custody in the police station. The two men were arrested Monday afternoon after a statement had been given police by Palmer. The three men are all colored and, according to Palmer's story, the Mallott brothers were fighting, and when he intervened, he was stabbed by one of them in the curious "Frankie" kidney. He was not considered in a serious condition.

"Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch"

One of America's immortal classics, "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," has been made into a charming, absorbing and delightful photoplay, by Paramount, and will be shown Thursday and Friday at the Gregory Theatre, Acton, with Pauline Lord, W. C. Fields, Zasu Pitts in the feature role. Adapted from the play by Alice Hegar Rice and Anne Crawford Flexner, the film also incorporates several elements of the book which has delighted millions of readers, young and old, for nearly two generations. All of the unforgettable episodes from the story are here; the annexation of "Cuby" in the curious "Frankie" kidney; the hilarious theatre party, Miss Harty's wedding and the tragic death of little Jimmy.

Local Militia Conduct Military Manoeuvres

Milton Agricultural Park was the scene of military manoeuvres on Saturday, when over 200 of the Lorne (Scottish) Rifles assembled for the annual general inspection by Brig. Ekinis, D. O. C., M. D., 2, assisted by Col Frank Chappell, V. D. O. C. Twenty-five companies from Acton, Burlington, Georgetown, Oakville and Milton went through their drills under the command of the following officers: A Company, Lieut. Heathcote, M. M.; and Lieut. B. Miller; B Company, C. D. Chisholm; C Company, H. H. Miller; D Company, Captain J. R. Barber; Signals, Lieut. C. T. Sharpe; stretcher bearers, J. H. Nesditt. The pipe band, under the leadership of Pipe-Major McCarroll, and the Brass Band, led by Sgt-Major Perrott, gave a splendid performance as the boys went through their drills in a manner which proved exceptionally fine training. Following the inspection, a banquet was held in the Armories, and military enthusiasm waxed high as the boys continued their celebration by dancing to the music of Lehman's radio orchestra, of Oakville.

Better Facilities Urged for Gaol

Adequate Bathing Facilities are Required—Water Has to be Heated in Kitchen

The October meeting of the Halton County Council was held in the Court House, Milton, on Tuesday. The Warden was in the chair, and all members present, with the exception of Mr. Duncan Campbell and Mr. McEwen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, after which Mr. M. A. Campbell, Secretary for the Halton Education Association, addressed the Council, requesting that the Council give a grant to help the depleted finances of the Education Association. Mr. Campbell pointed out many ways in which the Association had been instrumental in saving the County considerable expense, particularly in promoting fifth form work in rural schools, which included vocational work for both boys and girls. Mr. Campbell reminded the Council that the society had not appealed to the Council for financial assistance since 1930, but the time had now come which found them badly in need of funds. It was finally moved by Mr. Thorpe, seconded by Mr. Harrison, that a grant of \$20 be given to the Halton Educational Association.—Carried.

Correspondence was read by the Clerk, after which Council adjourned to await the reports of the Committees.

Council resumed in Committee of the Whole to consider reports of the Standing Committees, with Mr. Harrison in the chair.

County Buildings

In connection with the above, a letter was read from the Deputy Provincial Secretary, following a recent inspection of the County Buildings by the Provincial Inspector, Dr. Hestall. His report recommended that certain changes and improvements must be made in the gaol. Straw ticks should be discontinued and regulation springs and blankets used instead, water supply and adequate bathing facilities be installed, an office within the gaol should be placed at the disposal of the Gaol Warden, and grill-type doors were an absolute necessity.

Dr. C. K. Stevenson, goal surgeon, addressed the Council in regard to the above recommendations and explained to the Council how the suggested improvements were vitally necessary for the efficient carrying out of his duties. According to the Act, prisoners must be medically examined within twenty-four hours of their admittance and for this purpose they must be brought from the gaol to his office in the Court House, which was hardly advisable, since the prisoners should not be taken from the gaol. Some system of running water was urgently needed and better bathing accommodation provided for the prisoners—one common bath was all that at present was provided, hot water for which must be heated in the kitchen and carried to the bathroom.

Mr. W. J. L. Hampshire, Sheriff, also spoke in regard to suggested improvements. He pointed out to the Council that these improvements had been advised by the Inspector year after year, and little, if any, notice had been taken of them. He felt the time had come when some action must be taken by the Council and urged that grill doors be installed in order that the Turnkey might have a clear view of the gaol corridors. This, Mr. Hampshire, pointed out, was absolutely vital for the safety of the Turnkey and gaoler.

Council finally decided that it be left to Mr. Irving, Chairman of the County Buildings, to make inquiries as to the estimated cost of the suggested improvements and report to the Council.

Finance

This Committee recommended payment of the following accounts: Mothers' Allowance \$632.00 Old Age Pensions 952.50 W. N. Robinson, subway account 75.00 \$1,660.49

The Committee also recommended that an increase of \$200 in salary be given to the Superintendent of the House of Refuge.

Good Roads Committee

A letter was read from the Hydro Power Commission asking settlement for the balance of account owing them. This account went back to the year 1930, when a stretch of road from the Hoyne to Streetville was being widened and improved and it was alleged by the Hydro Commission that approximately eighty poles had been damaged by construction work on the road. Cost of poles, labor and board for the men was estimated at \$1,188, for which the County was billed fifty per cent. The Council, however, only paid \$250. The Hydro Commission were now willing to make certain concessions and asked that the balance of the amended account be paid—\$176.44.

The Committee recommended that this amount be paid and the account closed. The Oakville subway tangle was also satisfactorily disposed of. The Special Committee appointed at the last Council meeting submitted their report and recommended that the sum of \$2,016.64 be paid to the Canadian National Railway, being 30% of the amount spent by the railway company at Oakville, and that

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Various Interesting Items of News

Garage Improved

Mr. Alex. McInane is making rather extensive improvements at the Highway Garage on Main Street West. A new front is being put on the building and rest rooms and storage rooms are being constructed in an addition at the rear of the building. The appearance and facilities of the premises are greatly improved by the addition.

Ladies' Night at the Y.

Last evening a group from Guelph Y. W. C. A. visited Acton and demonstrated gymnasium work for the girls and young ladies. A splendid evening was held under the group leaders of the girls' work, finishing with group games, in which all participated. There was a splendid attendance. The visitors were served refreshments and entertained before returning to the city.

Bannockburn Institute

The regular monthly meeting of the Bannockburn Women's Institute was held in the form of a social evening at the home of Mrs. Fisher, on Wednesday evening, October 16th. After the business matters were discussed, the following program was given: Instrumental by Miss Margaret Brown; reading by Mrs. Fred Anthony; violin selection by Harvey Fisher. Lunch was then served and the remainder of the evening spent very enjoyably in dancing.

Essay Winners

In the essay contest conducted by the Canadian Legion in Acton High school, winners were announced this week by the judges. Jean Bennie won the first prize and will receive the bronze medal. Her essay will be entered in the Zone competition. Charles Henderson and Patricia Harrop won honorable mention. The subject was "How Can Canada Best Contribute Toward World Peace?" The prize winning essay will be published in The Papez Press at a later date.

I. O. D. E. Dance

The dance sponsored by the Lakeside Chapter of the I. O. D. E. on Friday evening proved a most enjoyable social gathering. There was a splendid attendance and the hall decorations were very attractive. Novelties and noisemakers contributed to the jolly occasion. The music was by Ramsey's six-piece orchestra. Prizes were won by Mr. and Mrs. Chris Taylor, for the spot dance; Miss Isabel Bruce and Mr. James J. Adams, for the dummy dance; and Miss Mary McEwen had the lucky chair.

Broadcast of Visiting Educationalists

On Thursday, October 24th, at 8:30 P. M., E. S. T., there will be a national broadcast from Quebec, over the Canadian Radio Commission stations, in which all the Directors of Education Visiting Canada, under the auspices of the National Council of Education, will take part. Dr. Smart, of Acton, England, will be one of the speakers on this broadcast. This will be a final message before sailing on October 25th by the Empress of Britain. Major P. J. Ney, the Executive Secretary of the National Council of Education, will also participate.

Appointed Editor of Oakville Star

Reginald Pitt, formerly with the Oakville Record and Kingston Whig-Standard, has been appointed editor of the Oakville Star, according to an announcement made by L. E. McMaster, owner of the paper. Mr. Pitt will assume his new duties immediately. Starting his newspaper career as waterfront reporter for the Whig in 1928, he became suburban editor but allowed himself to be diverted into commercial pursuits. Unable to get the printer's ink out of his veins, however, he re-entered the newspaper field with the Oakville Record in 1933, remaining with them until his recent appointment.

Halton Flounders Achieve High Standing at International Match

The International Flounder Match, held at Caledonia last week, broke nearly all previous records. Many of the classes attracted between forty and fifty entries. Competition was, therefore, keen and notwithstanding unfavorable soil conditions, some excellent ridges were turned by the plow boys. Halton was well to the fore in a number of classes. Harold Pickett, of Hornby, won Premier Mitchell Hepburn's tea service, emblematic of the championship in stable. Ray Blacklock, of Campbellville, placed sixth in third class stable, which attracted forty-five contestants. In the Inter-County competition, the Halton team, composed of Stanley Fuller, Hornby, Donald McNabb, Georgetown, and Ray Blacklock, Campbellville, placed fifth in a competition which brought entries from seventeen different counties. In this competition Stanley Fuller placed twelfth amongst the fifty competitors. All of which speaks well for keen competition at the Halton Match, which is to be held November 1st on Wm. Moore's farm, Equestrian Township.

The Anniversary of United Church

Large Congregations and Splendid Discourses and Music Feature Eleventh Anniversary

Beautiful fall weather and the features which make anniversaries very special occasions drew large congregations at both the morning and evening services of the United Church last Sunday, and



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Acton, Ontario

the eleventh anniversary will be remembered as a very memorable occasion. The flowers, music and sermons were features of pleasure and interest.

It was a very happy thought that prompted the action of having the new minister of the congregation, Rev. Dr. E. M. Morrow, preach the anniversary sermons. It enabled the visiting friends from other congregations to meet him and hear his messages.

At the morning service Dr. Morrow took his text from the second chapter of first Corinthians, 14th verse: "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

There is a great principle laid down for us—mutual adjustment. There is a universal medium through which God communicates with the children of men. The great individuals who have made achievements have been those who saw the unseeable—who walked by faith and caught the spiritual vision. Modern instruments of wonder were trivial to the spirit that God has placed in man. Every soul must be in tune with the Infinite to receive his messages.

What do we mean by the Holy Ghost? queried the speaker. What was the still small voice that Elijah heard? What was the voice in the burning bush? What is the voice that has spoken to myriads of men and women through the ages? Our Father is the first person; Jesus the second and the Holy Spirit the third. Prayer is the tuning in with the Infinite. Is our lack of adjustment with God not what is wrong with our world? Why is it that after 2,000 years since the coming of Christ that nations and individuals war against one another? Tune in with God is the great secret of getting a realization of God in our lives.

At the evening service the congregations of Knox Church and the Baptist Church joined on this anniversary occasion and Rev. H. L. Bennie assisted with the service.

Dr. Morrow chose the third and fourth verses of the fourth chapter of second Timothy for the basis of his evening address: "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." His subject was, "Our Jazz Generation."

We are living in a period which seems rebellious against law and order, said Dr. Morrow. He would define jazz as "that tendency in modern life which defies recognized law." In nature it has invaded poetry with its jumble of words; art, with its cubist and futurist work. We even have jazz statesmanship.

It is an unbounded trek back to savagery. It seeks to undermine the walls of civilization. Jazz has come into the teaching of religion and we have jazz theology. If this teaching is correct, what anchor have we for the soul? Just as jazz sees only in man an improved beast, so it sees in Jesus only an improved man. It does violence to the Christian faith and principles.

But it will wear out, just as the anvil wears out the hammer. The speaker said he had faith in the young people of the day. The world had never possessed better young people. He was not a pessimist. In the midst of all this jazz of life we are entering on a new era. The young men and women are coming back to God and the things that are real. Man is more than an animal. He has the divine spark within him that marches on to eternal destiny. We are going to bury the jazz and go on to better things.

The music by the choir and soloists on this occasion was indeed of a splendid order. The choir, under Mr. Bert Mason, rendered the anthem, "We Give Thanks."

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News of Acton and the District

Peel County Continues "White Glove" Record

Mr. Justice McTague received the traditional pair of white gloves at the hands of Sheriff P. S. Hutchinson on Monday when no criminal cases appeared on the Assize Court docket, continuing the record held since 1932. The Judge congratulated the County on its record. A settlement of \$1,000 was reached in a civil action between W. R. Wattman, of Brampton, and Earl Sims. Wattman's son, Allen, was struck by Sims' car and his leg broken, several months ago.

A Case of Local Interest

A case of interest locally was settled in the Hamilton Court last week. St. John's Church, Ancaster, is not entitled to payment of \$20,000 from the estate of the late Dr. T. D. J. Farmer, formerly of Acton, for a parish hall and endowment. Mr. Justice Jeffrey held in a judgment given Saturday. The suit of the church against Toronto General Trusts Corporation, executors, was heard in Supreme Court earlier in the week. The court's "reserved judgment" as to costs against plaintiff. Mr. Justice Jeffrey expressed a desire to relieve the church of costs, declaring that the wardens were justified in bringing the action. The will of the late Dr. Farmer provided for payment of \$20,000 to the church, but the bequest was not to be fulfilled, according to the will, if the estate depleted in value below \$17,000. The testator included a clause in which he explained he wished to be just to his family before being generous. Plaintiff claimed that a statutory declaration given by Dr. Farmer constituted a contract. The defence showed that the estate was reduced to \$120,000 and held there was no contract. "Personally, I think that it is a great hardship if the church does not get costs," observed Mr. Justice Jeffrey, adding that the testator was deeply interested in his church. H. A. F. Boyd appeared for plaintiff and said there would be no appeal. J. R. Cartwright, K. C., represented defendant.

Amateur Night

The first meeting of Knox Guild for the season was held on Monday night, with the Past President, Miss Y. Bruce, in the chair. The scripture was read by Miss Jean Bennie and Mr. Bennie led in prayer. The new officers for the year were then installed and the President, Mr. Jos. Hurst, took the chair. The program was in the form of an "Amateur Hour," under the capable direction of Messrs. Charles Kirkness and Jos. Hurst, and the following program was presented: A cornet duet, by Messrs. Chas. Landsborough and Lloyd Easterbrook; a brass quartette by Messrs. Norman Gibson, George Simpson, Lloyd Easterbrook, and Charles Landsborough; a vocal solo by Mr. Clarence Henderson; piano duet, Messrs. Harvey Hassard and Jack Graham; vocal solo, Mrs. Allen; instrumental, Jack Blow, Martin Hassard, Norman Wright; mouth organ selections, Norman Wright and Wm. Hall; impersonation, Mr. Wm. Burton; reading, Mrs. G. Desrosiers; interview, by Rev. H. L. Bennie; vocal duet, Jack McMullen and Bill Matlocks; selections by the Sunday School Orchestra; violin selection, Vernon Agnew; vocal solo, Frances Chisholm; vocal duet, Besse Rawlings and Laura Hall.

"Major" Kirkness made some very interesting remarks between these numbers. Ballots were distributed at the end of the program and a vote was taken as to the best number. This was won by Mrs. Desrosiers, and the second prize went to Norman Wright, Jack Blow and Martin Hassard, for their instrumental. The meeting closed with a hymn and the repeating of the Athanasian benediction.

Coming Events

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

November 20th and 21st will be Amateur Nights for Acton and District.

Watch next week for full particulars. Audiences Acton Hockey Club.

Knox Church, Acton, Anniversary Powl Supper on Monday evening.

Supper served from 6 to 8 o'clock. Good musical and literary program.

The Dublin Women's Institute are holding a Halloween Concert and Masquerade in Dublin School on Friday, November 1st, at 8.30. Admission 25c. Everybody welcome. Lunch provided.

The Acton Y. F. Y. P. O. and the Chevro Club are holding a Beach and Dance in the Legion Hall, Wednesday, October 30th, at 8.15. Prizes will be given for euchre. Music supplied by Lamebois Orchestra. Admission 35c, tax included. Ladies providing sandwiches, free.