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Last Session of 1935 Acton Council

Year End Accounts are Passed— County Rate Same as Last Year

At the regular meeting of Acton Council on Monday evening, Councilors J. E. McMillan, F. J. McCutcheon were present and Reeve C. H. Harrison presided. The twenty-fifth report of the Finance Committee recommended payment of the following accounts:

General Account	
R. J. Ramshaw, Clerk and Bailiff, fees	48.00
H. M. Pettit, Treasurer County of Halton, C.M.R. consulting	289.10
H. M. Pettit, Treasurer County of Halton, Mill Street surfacing	530.15
H. M. Pettit, Treasurer County of Halton, County Rate, 1935	8,629.62
H. M. Pettit, Treasurer County of Halton, Hospital Accounts for 1935	456.10
Roy F. Smith, engineer's fees re road	40.00
Tyler's Transport, work on road	3.50
Jack McMillen, repairs at Arena roof	2.00
Bell Telephone Co., four services and charges	13.10
Georgetown Lumber Co., supplies	6.97
Mrs. H. L. McDonald premium on Arena	170.00
A. T. Brown, supplies	1.50
\$10,200.00	

Murray Memorial Fund	
R. R. Y. Watson, balancing	\$14.00
J. B. Mackenzie, supplies	5.90
Georgetown Lumber Co., supplies	85.17
\$105.07	

A letter from the Insurance company carrying the policy on the shoe factory building suggested that the lower basement windows be boarded up to prevent entrance to the building. Council decided it was not advisable to do this for a few weeks as prospective tenants were viewing the premises.

Another letter was also received from the Hewlson Co., re endorsement of the insurance policies on the shoe factory building.

A letter from St. Michael's Hospital gave notice of the admittance of a patient. Council disputed the claim, as the individual was not a resident of Acton.

Council decided they could not make repairs to the house belonging to Mrs. Campbell, as they were not responsible for the damage claimed.

The Clerk was instructed to make inquiry from the County Council re snow fence on the Mill Pond road.

The Clerk was instructed to insert a notice in The Free Press regarding strict enforcement of the snow shovelling by-law.

A letter from the Secretary of the Acton Branch of the Canadian Legion acknowledged receipt of the arrangements for the care of the Soldiers' Memorial plot. These arrangements were satisfactory.

The matter of clearing the snow from Mill Street was discussed briefly by the Council.

THE HIGH SCHOOL "AT HOME"

Teachers, Pupils Parents and Friends
Enjoy Annual Gathering Last
Thursday Evening.

Pupils of Acton High School, teachers and friends gathered last Thursday evening at the Town Hall, where the annual "At Home" was the feature. It proved a social evening, with the premier attraction of dancing and music by Amy Frank's six-piece orchestra.

The play presented by the pupils on this occasion, "Kidnapping Betty," was a delightful presentation. Full of good clean comedy and wit, with plenty of laughs and the happy climax, when all parties are contented with the outcome. It delighted all. The parts were all well taken. Pupils taking part were Irene McLean, Helen Hreen, Eitz Swackhamer, Helen Lamb, Fred Turner, Howard Norton and Charles Henderson.

During the evening Principal MacTae was remembered by the rugby team by presentation of a gift, on their behalf, by Gerald Parqeter; Miss Murlimer, by the basketball team, presented by Esther Taylor; and Miss Bell, by the baseball team, presented by Kay Chapman.

Refreshments were served during the evening and when the Home Waltz and National Anthem brought the evening to a close it was conceded by all to have been most enjoyable.

THE EVENING MEAL DIGESTER

He had been fishing, but with bad luck. On his way home he entered a fish market and said to the dealer, "Hurry, stand over there and throw me five of the biggest of those trout."

"Throw 'em? What for?" asked the dealer in amazement.

"I want to tell the family I caught 'em. I was a poor fisherman, but I'm no liar."



Merry Merry Merry Christmas

Christmas Messages from Acton Pastors

[Editor's Note—With this issue of THE FREE PRESS coming on Christmas eve, it seemed only fitting that the ministers of Acton should give a Christmas message to our readers. We therefore requested that of each minister a Christmas message and we are pleased indeed to present these messages to our readers.]

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

In a few days it will be our privilege to celebrate, again, the greatest event in the history of mankind—the birth of our Lord, Jesus.

Men of to-day would do well, not only to behold Him as their Saviour, but, also, to heed the lessons He teaches. Nations and individuals riding on the waves of suspicion, hatred, jealousy and greed; and by craftiness trying to gain advantage over others, should learn meekness, forgiveness, justice—love.

The story of the star leading thoughtful men across the wilderness to Bethlehem is the analogy of the magnetic drawing of the Infinite, leading wakeful souls through the deserts of materialism, idolatry and imperfect Theism, appealing to the instincts of human conscience—on over the sand of things created that slip through darkness to the oasis of incarnation—the highest demonstration of the character of God.

Take your place at the manger and behold the Saviour of mankind—Hear the angels best sing: "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, good will toward men." Then, with the lowly shepherds, humbly kneel and worship your Lord. To all—A Happy Christmas.

E. MILTON MORROW.

CHRISTMAS, 1935

Do you remember the wish that I wished you a year ago—of course you do. It was the same as the year before. Why do we remember it? Is it custom or is there in us something that yearns for the happiness of others and ourselves? I have found this happiness wherever there are lovers of life itself, amused by the call of a bird, or the scuttling of a small beast, worshipping of the sun's glory and the white magic of the moon, the thrill of a sunset, the fragrance of flowers, and above all among people forgetful of their own cares, having dedicated their souls, with a fire of love, to some work they do for love's sake. This is the message of the Christ Child. This is the message that I bring you to-night. The world just now is too much haunted by anxiety—fear of the future, fear of poverty, fear of war. Do not be so much afraid. Face this life of yours with laughter, confidence and a spirit of fellowship toward all men. I do not pretend to you that life is easy. But much of its suffering is due to yourselves and not to any grudge of fate. Do not forgive my frankness—to you at your own fears, hatreds, intolerance greed and naughtiness.

I want to remind you on this Christmas that life is still good if you make it so. Forget your cares so that the children may laugh. Forget your fears and be merry, for their sake. You will find happiness in their delight. "Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." And because we know beyond a shadow of doubt that He shall not fail, and His purpose of peace and goodwill be accomplished in the earth, we send you this message. May the spirit of Peace and Goodwill be yours at this season, and the abiding presence of Him Who is the Prince of Peace be with you all the days. So a Merry Merry Christmas to you all. Why not?

H. L. BENNIE.

THE SPELL OF CHRISTMAS

The spell of Christmas has fallen again upon our busy world. All the year round, little as it thinks of it, that world pays its homage to the fact of Christ and His lowly cradle at Bethlehem; for there is not a newspaper or a cheque or a letter that does not carry it upon it, and thereby bears its witness to Christ. The civilized world reckons its time from that first Christmas Day. "Not only our friendships and our reading but even our commerce bears that hidden name upon its records.

But who, when he writes "19—", ever thinks what these figures mean? On Christmas Day, however, it is different. The hum of industry dies down, the office and the shop are closed, there is even a truce in political affairs, and our world stands still for a little. In the busy year this is the hour of the angels. The joy of the child is the gladness of home, and the simple delights of the children, the angels and shepherds and the Christ Child, of the beautiful Old Story somehow do not seem so very far away.

The first note of the Christmas message is Joy. "Fear not, behold I bring you good tidings of great joy" were the words of the Herald Angel. The joy of the child is the gladness of home, and the simple delights of the children, the angels and shepherds and the Christ Child, of the beautiful Old Story somehow do not seem so very far away.

The joy of Christmas is the joy that Christ imparts to us deeper than this. This deeper and more lasting joy is a mark of the early Christian Church. To this day it is the same. Victorious joy is the fascinating mark of all those who go the second mile in consecration, who make their allegiance to Christ a more dynamic thing than most nominal Christians do. Keep your eyes open this Christmas and you see someone about you who has the real Christmas joy and who has it all the year. Ask him about it! He will be glad to tell you. It is the gift of Christ and for you.

The Christmas scene closes with the shepherds hurrying to Bethlehem with their wondrous news. They returned glorifying and praising God. They told everyone they met the good news, the glorious tidings that a Saviour had come. Andrew tells Peter, and John brings his brother James. Whenever and wherever the principle is put into effect the Church goes forward.

There are several forward movements abroad in the Church to-day. The great thing for each of us, can we be contented in. If we have had an experience of Christ that means anything to us, let us tell others about it. That is what the shepherds did at the first Christmas. That is what you should do at Christmas, 1935. I pray that this may be your best Christmas so far.

E. BRILLINGER.

A MESSAGE OF CHRISTMAS

To-night is the eve of the great feast of Christmas and our Lord has been born to the world. God sent His only begotten Son into the world to become a child among men in order to lead men back to God. And from the manger He preaches to us. He comes in the form of a child to impress upon us, our first lesson that of such is the kingdom of heaven, and that it is only the pure of heart that shall see God. But the most important lesson is our boundless duty to love God above all, and our neighbor for God's sake. When he reads the apparently helpless infant is the Infinite God, the Eternal.

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A Selection of News Items

Won Cushman

Mr. H. McClelland 209 Oak Street, Toronto, was the winner of the Lakeside Chapter I.O.O.F. cushion. The lucky number was 123, and the drawing was held at the Gregory Theatre on Saturday evening.

Car Skidded

While motoring between Waterloo and Kitchener on Monday, Mr. and Mrs. John Moore and Mrs. E. J. Hussard had the misfortune to suffer minor injuries when their car skidded and hit an electric light standard. The front of the car was rather badly damaged. Mr. Moore received a cut on the nose and all the occupants were rather badly shaken up.

Baptist Sunday School Christmas Treat

On Wednesday evening last, the annual Christmas supper and tree for the Sunday School children of the Baptist Church was held with supper being served in the basement. A short program of Christmas recitations was given by several of the scholars. From the Christmas tree, in the class room, Santa Claus, who was in a very jovial mood, distributed the presents to the scholars.

Rural League

The following are the starting dates of the Acton Rural League schedule. The complete schedule will be published next week. It will swing into action on Monday, January 6th, with three games. Watch for the complete schedule in next week's paper. On January 6th, Jones' Boys meet Dublin; York Road are opposed by Brookville and Rockwood and Limehouse clash; on January 10th, the opponents are: Lorne Rifles vs. Lorne Farmers; Everton vs. Eden Mills; Rockwood Farmers vs. Dublin.

A Veteran Mailwayman

Mr. H. S. Holmes, of Acton, who just a short time ago celebrated his eightieth birthday, is now observing his sixty-fifth anniversary since entering the service of the C.N.R. For fifty-six years Mr. Holmes was in the active service of the C.T.R. and C.N.R., and for the past nine years has been a pensioner. He is enjoying the best of health and is about town every day, with just as much spring in his walk as when he was agent at the C.N.R. station here nine years ago. His friends extend congratulations.

Halton Holstein Breeders Make High Records

Two hundred and twenty-one Holsteins completed R.O.P. records during October, according to the Holstein-Priestian Association of Canada. In the fifteen classes reported, Ontario breeders won six. Three of the six Ontario wins came from Halton with Victor Lawrence, of Merton, leading two classes with daughters of Korydake Abberkerke Lad Sylvia; Marlo Tansen Hengervold produced 494 pounds fat from 13222 pounds milk as a four-year-old and Tessa Walker Pontiac produced 445 pounds fat from 13,132 pounds milk as a senior two year old. In the four year olds M. J. Brown's Jemina Queen Sylvia led the way with 496 pounds fat from 13,943 pounds milk. These are real achievements and we congratulate both breeders on their successes.

Choir Christmas Cantata

On Sunday evening, at the services of the United Church the choir presented the Christmas cantata, "The Christmas King." It was under the direction of Choirmaster Bert Mason and was a splendid presentation of the Christmas story. Solo parts were taken by Miss Ruth Gibson, Mrs. J. K. Gardiner, Mrs. H. P. Mowat and Mr. Dan Taylor; duet by Miss Gibson and Mr. Ted Clifford; and quartette by Miss Gibson, Mrs. J. O. Matthews, Mr. N. Gibson and Mr. D. Taylor. Miss Fern Brown and Mr. R. Arnold played the accompaniment. The cantata included the following selections: "Prepare Ye the Way"; solo, "Far Over the Silent Eastern Hills"; solo, "Following the Guiding Star"; solo, "Fear Not for Behold I Bring Good Tidings"; solo, "Hark the Song is Ringing Still"; obligato solo, "Away in a Manger"; duet, "Patrol Lord Jesus"; quartette, "There is Room in My Heart for Thee"; concluding with the selection by the full choir, "Worship the King." Dr. Morrow gave a brief address at this service.

Various Interesting Items of News

St. Alban's Men's Club Social

The social night of St. Alban's Men's Club on Friday at the Parish Hall had a splendid attendance and proved quite an enjoyable event. Prize winners were Mrs. G. W. Benton, Messrs. P. Rawlings, Joe Kentner, W. McEln and Fred Crewson.

Middle's Christmas Money to Pay Fine

Charles Noble, Port Credit, narrowly escaped a sentence of ten days in the Peel County jail for creating a disturbance in the streets by being intoxicated and received a scathing lecture from Magistrate Bull. Noble admitted that he was on relief. "When will you have the money to pay these costs?" the magistrate wanted to know. "I'll have it on Tuesday," Noble maintained. "I suppose that the money was what was to have bought a few Christmas presents for your children?" the magistrate enquired. Noble admitted that such was the case.

A Record Mail This Year

This Christmas mail this year at Acton Post Office has set a new record for volume. On Monday morning, in spite of a staff of extra helpers, and an hour's work in distributing the mail, the tables and shelves were piled high with letters and parcels. It required almost three hours to sort the two morning mails on Monday, and the mails all through the season have been exceedingly heavy. Actonians have, however, through this extra Christmas rush, received the usual service from behind the wickets and only those who saw the stacks of mail realized the extra duties.

J. S. Beck Appointed to Milk Control Board

Reorganization of the Ontario Milk Control Board, providing for the appointment of an additional member in J. S. Beck, former Mayor of Brampton, was announced last week by Hon. Duncan Marshall, Ontario Minister of Agriculture. Under the new arrangement, J. T. Houtek will succeed John MacFester as chairman, with the latter remaining on the Board. It is understood that Mr. MacFester asked to be relieved of the chairmanship, but Mr. Marshall persuaded him to remain on the Board. The re-arrangement will take effect January 1st.

Good News From Santa Claus

Santa Claus is working full time again and his bag of toys for distribution in Canada on Christmas (to-morrow) more will be practically as heavy as it was in Christmas of 1929. According to the Department of Trade and Commerce, imports of dolls and toys into Canada during the first ten months of 1935 exceeded the million dollar mark. This was the largest figure for such imports since 1929 when the total was \$1,200,000. Production of Canadian-made toys is far in advance of pre-depression years, indicating that the total amount spent for toys in Canada this year will be even greater than in 1929. Exports of Canadian toys this year to the end of October amounted to \$460,036, compared with \$45,724 in the corresponding period of 1934 and \$24,080 in 1929. Imports of dolls and toys into Canada during the first ten months of the present year amounted to \$1,021,224, compared with \$89,805 last year. Dolls accounted for \$95,560 of the 1935 imports, and came mostly from Germany. Great Britain supplies Canada with the largest number of juvenile construction sets and the United States sends most of the mechanical and other toys. Canadian-made toys are sent to 24 different countries, most of them going to the British market.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, at cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 5c.

Skating on Christmas Day. Afternoon 2.30 to 4.30; also in the evening.