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Acton Minor Ball Club

Organized at Meeting Last Night — E. E. Barr is President

The Acton Minor Ball Club held their third annual meeting in the Town Hall last night. Mr. E. E. Barr, the President, occupied the chair. The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which were adopted, and the officers elected for the coming year were as follows:

Honorary President—W. A. Storey, President—E. E. Barr, 1st Vice-President—G. Masales, 2nd Vice-President—L. Atkinson, Secretary—Treasurer—A. White, Executive Committee—Joe Kentner, B. Bayliss, L. Masales, Patrons—J. E. Strubrock, B. D. Rachlin, Wm. Arnold, B. G. Arnold, E. J. Hamard, Elliott Bros., H. S. Holmes, G. A. Dills, J. Wood, Dr. E. J. Nelson, A. T. Brown, Dr. A. J. Buchanan.

The Treasurer's report showed expenditures of \$97.31; receipts and donations, \$75.10; a balance owing of \$22.21.

The foregoing statement was adopted and a considerable discussion on methods of raising money to clear the debt took place. It was decided to sponsor a concert of local talent in the Town Hall on April 22nd. A committee was formed to make arrangements.

The Minor Club hope that the people will continue their support of last year, when the team won the Halton County League and got into the O.B.A.A. play-downs. All the players and Committee are requested to be at the Town Hall on Monday evening, at 8:00 p.m., for a meeting in line with the concert.

In Marble Halls While in Ottawa

Another Game That is Played in the Dominion and Witnessed by the Editor

Hockey was over locally but the editor witnessed another diversion while on a visit to Ottawa last week. The surroundings were even more pretentious than an artificial ice arena, but it had its similarities of matching wits by two opposing factions. A visit to Ottawa for a board meeting of the Directors of the Weekly Newspapers' Association found us with the business concluded about 5:30 p.m. The opportunity of visiting the House of Commons and listening to the debate was a chance we could not miss.

A visit to Mr. Hughes Cleaver, representative for Halton County, was all that was necessary for the arrangement. As a matter of fact it was the pleasure of the editor to have dinner in the dining room at the buildings with Mr. Cleaver. Then the next day an article in the press told how all the members were being crowded out of the dining room and being forced to wait, owing to so many others being desirous of eating here. While the place was comfortably filled, we've been in plenty of eating places where the elbow room was less, but few where the service was better.

In the evening we filled the inner man at a downtown restaurant, and found here, being served, a number of members of the House; Dr. Blair and Mr. Oldstone, of neighboring ridings to Halton, and others. On the way back to the Parliament buildings, Dr. Blair gave some enlightenment on his proposal to find a more humane way of punishing murderers from this world into the next than by the present approved way of hanging by the neck until they are dead. We agreed that surely there is a better way—in this day and generation, and commended Dr. Blair on his introduction of the matter.

Before the session was a short period, in which Mr. Cleaver found time to show us about it. It is some years since we visited Ottawa and the Parliament buildings were not on our route that time. From the outside they are, of course, pretentious. The inside is quite in keeping with the front view. Halls of marble, full of offices and members' and officials' quarters. A visit to the Senate Chamber—empty except for one attendant at that hour—a beautiful room. Some day we hope to see it in action; we mean with the Senators in their places—in action, that's quite a lot to expect.

More halls of marble and behind the scenes to the rooms at the sides of the House of Commons. Liberals on one side—the Opposition on the other. At the rear a room where both may meet. Then the library, with books to the right and left—above and below. Then the room where every paper in the Dominion is on file and of course Mr. Cleaver could place his hand immediately on the file of The Free Press and other Halton County newspapers.

Our visit about the building made a splendid background for a visit in the members' gallery, to hear the debate. The House was in committee dealing with Hon. J. G. Gardiner's bill on the Wheat Board. The seats of the members were about half filled. The galleries weren't crowded. It was apparent that

Daylight Saving this Year April 25 to September 7

Beardmore Co. to Co-operate and Observe This Period to Avoid the Confusion of Last Year — R. L. Gregory Requested Reduction of License Fee on Theatre — Milk License Fees to be Collected by Chief of Police — Repairs to Roads are to be Made.

Main Street Pavement is to be Repaired

At the meeting of the Acton Council on Monday evening, Councillors A. Mason, J. E. McMillan and P. McCutcheon were present. In the absence of Reeve Harrison, Mr. McCutcheon occupied the chair as Acting Reeve.

In reply to a letter from the Clerk, Mr. A. O. T. Beardmore stated that the Beardmore Co. were willing to co-operate at the plant here by discontinuing daylight saving on Labor Day if the time were made effective on April 25th, at the same time that Toronto adopted this time. This would avoid the confusion that had been incurred last year and make for uniformity.

Mr. R. L. Gregory was present regarding his theatre license. He said that business had not been good for some time and requested that the fee be reduced from the \$25. He pointed out that in Georgetown he had paid no license for three or four years. It was also stated that no license was paid in Brampton. Council decided to investigate the matter thoroughly and make a decision at the next meeting. In the meantime the license was to be withheld.

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

C. W. Kelly & Son, records for Arena	\$8.95
Joe McGeachle labor at fire on February 5th	2.00
	\$10.95

The report was adopted. It was the smaller budget "in some time."

The by-law adopting Daylight Saving Time in Acton was given the required number of readings and passed by the Council. The advanced time will come into effect on Saturday, April 25th, at midnight, and continue in force until Monday (Labor Day) September 7th, at midnight. The Clerk was instructed to publish a proclamation in The Free Press to this effect.

Council sanctioned payment of an account of \$105 of St. Joseph's Hospital for Earl Anderson, and it was forwarded to the County Clerk.

The matter of collection of milk license fees from delinquents was handed to the Chief of Police for attention. Repairs to roads in town were discussed and the Clerk was instructed to write County Engineer Smith and ask for his advice on needed repairs. The Main Street pavement at the bridge was badly in need of attention.

APRIL FIRST

Instead of an April shower, a March snowstorm descended on this part of the Province. Out in Alberta, the Government defaulted on \$3,200,000 of Provincial bonds. April Fool Day leaves something to be remembered.

EIGHTEENTH BIRTHDAY OBSERVED

Six groups of the Lakeside Chapter, I.O.D.E., held a birthday bridge and lecture in the gym at the Y.M.C.A. on Tuesday evening, it being the 18th birthday of that order.

Prizes for bridge were won by Mrs. J. Williams and Dr. L. Buchanan, consolation, Mrs. E. Ryder and Mr. E. Ryder.

Prizes for lecture were won by Mrs. J. E. Gamble and Mr. Will Chisholm; consolation, Mrs. Nellie and Mr. Wm. Cooper.

Lucky prizes were won by Mrs. E. Young and Mr. P. S. Blow.

Following the cards, dainty refreshments were served by the groups in charge. The birthday cake, with its eighteen lighted candles, was cut by the Regent, Mrs. Vida Bamshaw. There was a good attendance and an enjoyable evening provided.

SHOPPERS' GUIDE

The following are the pages in which advertisements appear in this week's Free Press:

- Page 2—General Groceries; Eastern Steel Products.
- Page 3—Salada Tea; Kellogg's Products.
- Page 4—Miss Jessie Russell; Bray Chick Hatchery; K. D. Machlin.
- Page 5—Highway Grocer; Acton Beauty Parlor; M. Pallant; Gregory Theatre; F. L. Wright; Geo. Wallace.
- Page 6—F. L. Wright; Business Directory of Professional Men; Groves Products.
- Page 7—Kelly & Alton; Kuma-caps.
- Page 8—Elliott Bros.; Barr's Groceries; Royal Theatres; A. H. Bishop & Son; D. R. Machlin; W. T. Patterson.

New Factory In Operation

Ajax Engineers Have Equipment Installed and Now Filling Orders from Local Plant

During the past few weeks, Ajax Engineers Ltd., have been getting machinery installed in the Acton plant. A visit to the factory this week reveals that already much of the machinery is installed and in operation.

The plant is now in production on some rush orders for wooden tanks that are required for immediate delivery. Plans are being made for putting either a cement or asphalt flooring over two sections of the building that are not at present floored.

The factory equipment including saws, planers, etc., necessary for all types of wood working. Equipment for steel work, presses, power hack saws, drills, etc., are also required and installed for steel work in the products illustrated recently in The Free Press.

The lumber used is mostly B. C. cedar, spruce and red wood and several carloads are now unloaded, inside and outside around the building. Machinery used in making wire wound wood pipe has been acquired within the past few weeks and will be moved from the plant at Alexandria and installed in the factory at Acton.

Repairs to the building are contemplated and are being arranged as the weather permits. Most of the employees are local men and it is not the intention of the company to have many of the families remove from Toronto if capable employees can be found in Acton.

THE RODGERS-ALGIE WEDDING AT BRAMPTON

A quiet wedding took place in Grace United Church, Brampton, on Saturday, when Miss Mary Phoebe Algie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Algie, and granddaughter of the late Harry, Dale, of Brampton, became the wife of William Walker Rodgers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rodgers, of Peabody, Ontario, Rev. C. E. J. Craig officiating. The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a simple navy blue spring suit and carried a bouquet of butterfly roses. She was attended by her sister, Miss Doris Algie, who wore a green and brown spring suit ensemble and carried a bouquet of Johanna Hill roses. Mr. Charles Hill, Toronto, was groomsmen. Mrs. W. G. Fulton, Brampton, presided at the organ. The church was charmingly decorated with spring flowers, palms and ferns.

Following the service a wedding reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, on Lorne Avenue. After a motor trip to Rochester and other New York State cities, Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers will make their home at Stratford.

A photo guessing contest was held, when first photos of members were on display. This proved very interesting and humorous.

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Officers Elected Of Baptist Y.P.S.

Meeting Held at the Home of Miss Laura Reid Had Many Interesting Features

The regular weekly meeting of the Y.P.S.U. was held on Tuesday evening at the home of Miss Laura Reid, Young Street. The meeting opened with a hymn, followed by prayer by the President, Mr. Stanley Cripps. After the scripture lesson, the annual business session was held, and encouraging reports were given. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Honorary President — Rev. G. E. Baxter. President — Mrs. Charles Landsborough. Vice-President — Miss Jessie Coles. Secretary — Treasurer — Miss Laura Reid. Organist — Mr. Chas. Laidbrooke. Assistant Organist — Miss D. M. Worden.

Christian Fellowship Commission — Mr. Willmer Fryer. Stewardship Commission — Mrs. L. Veldhule. Devotional Commission — Mr. Stanley Cripps. Service Commission — Miss Laura McMullen.

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BRUCE M. PEARCE, SIMCOE, HEADS WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS

Bruce M. Pearce, Simcoe, was elected President of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers' Association, Ontario-Quebec Division, at the annual convention in Montreal on Friday. He will succeed Walter Legge, Granby. H. E. Rice, of Huntsville, was elected Vice-President; and A. E. Doble, Smiths Falls, Secretary-Treasurer. Directors elected included: E. Lachbrook, Rodney; R. P. McLean, Pictou; Hugh Tomplin, Fergus; John Marsh, Amherstburg; C. J. McTavish, Cornwall; C. W. Tresider, Kirkland Lake; R. Primeau, Huntingdon, Que.; and R. A. Glen, Lachute, Que.

The President-elect, Mr. Pearce, read a brief submitted by the Association to the Government, opposing proposals under the Industrial Standards Act of Ontario, Government interference in business, subscriptions and advertising were discussed by the Association.

DR. KANNAWIN TO VISIT NORWAY

In his dual capacity as Secretary of the Religious Education Council of Canada and as Secretary of the Board of Sabbath Schools of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. Dr. W. M. Kannawin will attend the 12th World's Sunday School Convention in Oslo, Norway, to be held from July 6th to 12th. He will represent for the Dominion during the convention's roll call of the nations. Mr. Kannawin will accompany him. Word from the office of the Religious Education Council indicates that 17 others, including the woman, Helen Cook; the nameless one, Mrs. J. J. Stewart; the young man, Jack Reid; Garry Norman Gibson; figure in white, Tom Nicol and Joseph of Arimathea, Roy Johnston.

DIVORCE CASE IN HALTON COURT

At the Halton County Spring Assizes, which opened at Milton on Monday afternoon, Mr. Justice Kingstone granted Vernon Ross Peer, a farmer of Nelson Township, a divorce from his wife, Sarah Helen Peer. The action was undefended. While giving evidence in support of the action, Mr. Peer fainted in the witness box, but was soon revived by Dr. H. A. McColl, of Milton, who was seated in the court room.

CAR ABANDONED

For two days, a 1930 Buick car was left standing on the highway just west of Acton. Chief of Police McPherson was notified and inquiry revealed that the car had been stolen. It was brought into Acton and left at a local garage, awaiting a claimant.



As he appeared in the Parade in Acton last August with his oxen. He passed away last week in Nassagaweya.

Musical Festival Held this Week

Acton Scholars Will Participate in Nearly All Events Open to School

Today, to-morrow and on Saturday Halton County Musical Festival is being held at Burlington, in Trinity United Church. The adjudicator is Mr. Campbell McInnes for to-day.

The event opened this morning, with hearing solos of rural schools and there was a splendid entry from throughout the County. The girls' rural solo had 25 entries for the under 10 class, and 25 entries for the class under 12. The boys' class under 10 years had 20 entries.

This afternoon the 25-voice mixed choir of three and four room schools will be held. The urban solo for girls under 10 years is also on the program. It has five entries, with two of them from Acton. The 15-voice boys' choir will also contest. The rural solo class for boys, under 12 years, has 17 entries, 3 from Litchfield and 3 from Dublin, in this district.

Rural duets have 11 entries, with one from Dublin and one from No. 7 in Nassagaweya, from this vicinity. This evening, at seven o'clock, the adjudicator will be Mr. G. D. Atkinson. In the girls' duet for urban schools Acton has an entry and also in the boys' duet class. In the High School girls' class there are 11 entries and Acton is not represented. The three-part choir and piano solo are also on the program, but Acton has no entries in these classes.

Mr. Atkinson will be the adjudicator for Friday morning, when the piano solo class will be heard, with 7 entries, under 14 years. The class under 12 years has 13 entries, with two from Acton. There are 20 entries for the girls under 10 urban solo, and Acton is represented by four contestants. Urban boys' solo, under 10 years class, has 19 entries and 3 from Acton will contest.

The piano solo, under 10 years, has 15 entries, with No. 10, Esquing, Dublin and No. 8, Nassagaweya, having entries from the district.

At one o'clock to-morrow the girls under 12 years will compete in the urban solo class, with 21 entries. Acton School has four entries.

Girls under 8 years urban solo class has 19 entries, and Acton School has four contestants. The boys' class of the same age has 14 entries, and Acton is represented with 3 contestants.

The junior choir for 25 voices has six schools entered and of course Acton is among them. It will be heard at 3:30. At four o'clock the girls' double trio will sing. It has 8 entries and Acton is one of them. The piano solo for these under 16 years has 8 entries, and under 18 years, 2 entries.

In the evening the High School girls' solo will be heard, with 5 entries. The High School boys' solo has but one entry. The Junior High School duet, Joe Kirk has 6 entries. Tenor solo for boys, under 21 has three entries. Baritone solo has one entry. Senior High School duet has 3 entries, and High School double trio, 3 entries.

The High School choir of 60 voices (Continued on Page Five)

LITERARY SOCIETY MEETS

Group Two is Leading Group 1 in the Contest—Marks of Third Group to be Announced to-morrow

Group Three were in charge of the meeting of Acton High School Literary Society last Friday afternoon, and Rod Ryder presided. Jean Bennie read the minutes. The orchestra of the group gave several selections. On the program was a reading by Frances Dille; a presentation depicting a scene in the girls' classroom at the school was given by the group.

The Group paper, the A.C.S. Review, was read; the first part, by Betty Waits and the second part by Doris Blow. A monologue was contributed by Sheila Breen. Impromptu speeches were given by Kay Chapman, John Dennis and Howard Norton on a variety of subjects.

The same judges criticized the program and at present, the marking was leading at present. The marking secured by Group III is to be announced at the meeting to-morrow. The National Anthem brought the meeting to a close.

Minstrel Flashes Was Good Show

Big Cast, Good Costumes and Scenery Make Local Event Unique

For three nights last week "Minstrel Flashes" was the attraction in Acton Town Hall; presented by Acton Citizens' Band. Various minstrel shows have been presented locally, but this year the band staged a John B. Rogers production. A professional director, costumes and scenery were used to make the show different. The attendance was just fair, but the presentations made a well balanced program and an entertainment that was pleasingly different.

"Trolleyband" was the opening number, presented by Mrs. J. K. Gardner and a group of school children, with Betty Gibson and Billie Vincent in a duet. Misses Dorothy Dunn and Anne Holmes presented a tap dance.

"On the Radio" was a flash, which had Miss Meryl Grindell, for the radio girl; Miss Ruth Gibson as artist, and Mr. Charles Kirkness as announcer.

"The Hotel Broadway" featured Mr. Charles Kirkness as hotel manager.

"Bell Boys" were Bill Harrop, G. Masales, Lloyd Escherbrook, Norman Gibson, Tom Nicol, John Nicol, Bill Hall, Jack McMullen, Bing Ramsden, Sam Simpson, R. Spelvoegel, George Simpson.

Porters were Rigby Cross, Charles Wilson, Jack McGeachle, Carney Byrne, Gordon Cook, Joe Hurst.

Mammy, the sweetheart of the kitchen, was played by Mrs. Cameron Leishman, and Manda, by Miss Edna Hinton. Their chorus and solo work were snappy and well presented.

On the radio program was "Hello Polka," by the Minstrel Company; "Memory Lane," by Mrs. Cameron Leishman; "Manda," by the Minstrel Company; "Rauputin," by Charlie Wilson; "East of the Sun," by Grenville Masales; "Lulu's Back in Town," by Joe Hurst; "Chasing Shadows," by Bill Harrop; "The Girl at the Ironing Board," by the inimitable Gordon Cook; "Blue Racco," by George Simpson; "I'll Never Say Never Again," by Rigby Cross; tap dance by Jack McGeachle; "The Simple Things of Life," by Jack McMullen; the concluding numbers on this part had the entire company in "Everybody's Smilin' Down in Dixie," "Sons of Old Black Joe," and Old Black Joe, with Jim Smith and the company.

The numbers of course were interspersed with good lively minstrel chatter and jokes and the six porters doing full duty on the end men's chairs.

Part two gave another variety of show; in "Long Distance Please," Mrs. Josephine McKeown and Jack Reid and Joe Whittam gave a telephone sketch that was amusing and original.

"Say it with Flowers" had the led parts played by Wm. Burton and Mrs. Kay Chapman. The chorus for the number was Marjorie Gibson, Annie Dunn, Lillian Byrne, Beattie Rawlings, May Chisholm and Laura Hall.

With Miss Pannle Hurst and Jack Reid as the principals, "Questions" was a sketch that was amusing and like other numbers well presented.

"Down on the Farm," was just as its name a chorus of girls with Paddy Harris as "Mary" and Jean Bennie as (Continued on Page Eight)

CITIZENSHIP NIGHT

The Citizenship Group, under the leadership of Tom Nicol, had charge of the meeting of the United Church Young People's Union on Tuesday evening. Mrs. Kitty Savage and Miss Ruth Gibson took parts in the devotional exercises. Editor Jack Reid read "The Uplifter," and May Nicol contributed a solo. The topic was "Citizenship," and was taken by Tom Nicol. The concluding item was a reading by Miss Tina Nicol.

TO MEET IN WINNIPEG

The Annual Convention of the Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association will this year be held in Winnipeg, during the month of July. This was decided at the meeting of the Directors in Ottawa on Friday last. Of the Board of twenty-four directors, seventeen were present at this meeting in the Chateau Laurier. President C. J. Barber, of Chilliwack, B.C., presided.

Freight Train Rolled to Road

Over the Bridge on No. 7 Highway at Breslau — No One Was Injured

22 CARS WERE DERAILED

Twelve railway freight cars, part of an eastbound C.N.R. train, were heaved over the side of a subway bridge at Breslau to the highway 50 feet below when the train was derailed early Tuesday.

Eight of the cars, lying on their sides or standing on end, were strewn across the highway. Three oil cars were piled one on top of the other at one end of the bridge. Highway traffic was blocked for several hours.

Fortunately no automobiles happened to be passing through the subway when the cars fell.

A broken rail was believed to have caused the wreck, one of the most disastrous in this district in years, although there was no loss of life or injury.

The wrecked train was the midnight merchandise freight, which left Kitchener at 12:50 a.m., and consisted of 31 cars.

A total of 22 cars jumped the rails, and the damage to the rolling stock and merchandise will run into thousands of dollars.

It is believed that at least seven of the cars must have been lifted from their trucks and thrown clear over the seven foot railing of the bridge without touching the top. The landing of these cars on the pavement below caused a noise, according to the villagers nearby, that was terrific.

Considerable damage was done to the huge concrete abutments of the bridge, and cracks two to three inches wide were visible on top of the bridge.

When the train approached the bridge over the subway, which was completed in 1921, it is believed a rail broke after the engine and three cars left the track, followed by three or four others, but they remained upright on the ties. The next five cars turned over, after being pulled two hundred yards east of the bridge, and these were followed by twelve more cars which became detached from the heavy wheels, and were heaved over the high railing of the bridge to the pavement below, a distance of 50 feet. The train was brought to a standstill before 10 of the cars reached the broken rail.

It was one of the most disastrous railway wrecks encountered by the auxiliary crew from Stratford in many years. It is nearly thirty years since there has been a similar wreck on the main line in this district, it was said.

THE DOWNES-WOOD WEDDING AT GUELPH

A very pretty wedding was solemnized by Rev. W. J. Gallagher on Saturday afternoon when Eva Gertrude, daughter of Mrs. G. Wood, became the bride of Cecil Osborne, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Downes, Guelph. The bride looked charming in lingerie crepe with silver lace collar and matching accessories. She wore a corsage of Turkish roses. Miss Grace Newstead, as bridesmaid, was gowned in brown crepe, with matching accessories, and wore a corsage of golden-gleam roses. Mr. Robert Downes, brother of the groom, acted as best man. Later a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Downes, at which the bride and groom were the recipients of many beautiful gifts. After a short motor trip the couple will reside in Guelph.

Coming Events

- Announcements of Meetings, Concerts or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, five cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 25c.
- Rockwood Continuation School Concert, Friday evening April 3rd, in the Town Hall. Admission 20c and 10c.
- Sale of Home-made baking and afternoon tea at the Town Hall by Knox Ladies' Aid, on Saturday afternoon April 25th.
- Women's Institute Euchre and Dance in the Town Hall, on Friday, April 3rd. Andy Frank's Orchestra. Admission 25c cents.
- Lakeside Chapter I. O. D. E. Dance on Thursday, April 16th, in Town Hall. Harris Orchestra. Couple 75c, plus tax.
- The Churchill Young People's Society are holding a Pancake Social on Thursday evening, April 9th, at the home of Mr. Arthur Swackhammer. Pancake and maple syrup and a good program, all for 25c.
- The Easter drama, "Restoration," under the auspices of the Young Ladies' Friendly Circle will be given in the United Church on Wednesday evening, April 8th, at 8:00 p.m. Admission 15c and 10c.



PREMIER McPHERSON Who Announced This Week that in Split of Ill Health He Will Retain the Liberal Leadership in Ontario