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Lower Power Rates Given Acton by the Ontario Hydro

Rate Reduced Dollar per Horsepower to the Municipality — Power Users Will Have Immediate Reduction in Rates — Rebate to Commission of \$474.21 on Reduced Power Rate — Re-construction and Repair Work Proceeding — Water Consumption Hit New High Record in Recent Heat Wave.

The regular meeting of the Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Friday evening. Commissioners C. H. Harrison and C. M. Hansen were present, with Chairman B. G. Arnold in the chair.

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

Hydro Department	
Bell Telephone Co., services	\$ 5.05
Joe. N. Reid, water heaters	24.00
Joe. N. Reid, supplies	1.93
H.E.P.C. of Ontario, power, less credit	2,245.25
Irvine Smith & Co., taxes	20.00
Workman's Compensation Board	82.64
Geo. Coxe, repairs	3.60
Jas. Symon, supplies	2.51
W. D. Talbot, supplies	6.85
Muller Bros., truck repairs	6.25
Ellis & Howard Ltd., supplies	3.57
Canadian Laco - Lamps Ltd., street lamps	85.09
Chas. Wilson, Convention expenses	33.00
O.N.R. and Transports, express and freight	7.33
MacDonald Electric Ltd., supplies	8.10
Canadian Line Materials Ltd., Brandy Servis	14.15
Jas. R. Kearney Corp., line materials	24.44
Bank of Montreal, revenue stamps	3.00
J. C. Matthews, postage	10.00
	\$2,741.55

The Secretary reported that \$1,600 in bonds had been purchased, at a premium of 25c per hundred.

A letter from the Ontario Hydro Commission notified the Acton Commission of a reduction in the power rates. The Acton Commission has been paying \$33 per horse power. The rate will now be \$32. This rebate is effective from January 1st, 1936. This gave the Acton Commission a credit of \$474.21. The new rate to the consumers will go into effect at the next billing period.

This reduction will only effect power consumers. Domestic, commercial, water heaters and rates for street lighting are not changed in the new schedule, now in effect. Power users, it has been found, have created the surplus and will therefore enjoy a reduced rate. The method of reduction may seem a roundabout way but it means to power users approximately a net saving of 4 1/2 per cent. on their bills.

The charge for the first fifty hours is now raised from 2c to 2.3c per kilowatt hour; the second fifty hours will be 1.5c instead of the former charge of 1.3c. The third rate remains the same, at 30c per kilowatt. But a local discount of 10 per cent. is given to power users.

A letter from Mrs. Thos. Leahman requested the Public Utilities Commission to install a three wire service to her residence. This request will be complied with and the Commission will also continue the service to the end of the street.

Superintendent Wilson reported on the Convention, held in Ottawa recently. He viewed the Chats Falls development with interest. He also gave a very interesting report of the activities of the Convention.

A letter from the O.M.E.A. requested that the Acton Commission give a grant of 50% of the annual fee, as the organization were running a deficit. The letter was ordered filed.

The Superintendent was instructed to purchase a new 25 watt transformer, to have a spare one on hand.

The water consumption figures for the recent hot spell was as follows:

Highest gallonage pumped	131,000
Average for hot spell	99,000
Day after hot	37,000
Next day	57,000
Previous high day, July 5, 1935	109,000

The Superintendent reported that reconstruction work on Knox Avenue was nearly completed and work would be started on 'betting poles north of the C.N.R. tracks. There is also some tree-trimming to be done.

A letter from Mr. Gordaji Smith requested that the Commission reconsider the increase in salary given at the last meeting, and that a larger increase be made. There was considerable discussion on the matter but no definite decision was made in the matter.

GENEROUS

The young bride was extolling the virtues of her husband to a friend. "George is just the most generous man in the world," she declared. "He gives me everything credit card buy."

Bicyclist Has Narrow Escape

Struck by Car When He Rode Directly into Path and Badly Bruised

Jack Winters, a fifteen-year-old Acton lad, had a narrow escape from serious injury on Tuesday morning when he rode on his bicycle from between two parked cars and was struck by a car, driven by Mr. Henry D. Robertson, of 204 Ossington Avenue, Toronto. He escaped with severe bruises and a bad shaking up.

CARETAKER APPOINTED

Mr. Cameron B. Leahman has been notified by Mr. R. Winton, Supervising Architect of Public Buildings, that he has been appointed caretaker of the Government Building in Acton. He has been instructed to move into the commodious quarters in the building and occupy these premises from August 1st.

COMBINED PICNIC

An enjoyable picnic was held on the lawn at the United Church yesterday. It was the combined picnic of the Baby Band, Mission Band, Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society of the church. The picnic and games were held on the lawn and a delightful supper was served in the church.

In the Baby Band, the paper race was won by Carol Barnshaw, and the clothes pin race by Joyce Lammie. In the Mission Band, the colored paper race was won by Winnie Dawkins and the paper sack race by Barbara Vincent. In the ladies' race, the treasure hunt was won by Mrs. N. S. S. The speech contest by Mrs. A. T. Brown; the king of the paper by Mrs. Bert Smith, Toronto; and the time table of Miss E. Hawthorne.

SHOPPERS' GUIDE

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

Page 2—Acton Beauty Parlor; Huttenville Park; Kellogg's Rice; Krupic; LaVogue Ladies' Wear.

Page 3—Carroll's Grocery; Norton Motors; Pallant's Clothing and Footwear; F. L. Wright, Insurance; Gregory Theatre; E. Harrop, Insurance; E. P. Head, K. O.; Kellogg's Brain Flakes; George Wallace; W. Y. Patterson, L. O.; Professional Cards.

Page 4—Elliott Bros.; Civic Holiday in Acton; Ladies' Aid; Canadian National Exhibition; Royal Theatre; Harry Statham, Baker; Kellogg's Corn Flakes; J. K. Gardner.

All Ready for Civic Holiday

Big Day Planned for Acton on Monday — Sports, Garden Party and Dance

Many have always planned to spend Civic Holiday in Acton, and this year will find plenty to entertain them on the holiday and attract many from a wide area. The Baseball Club, who were largely responsible for the three big days last year, have planned a real day again this year.

On Monday morning Pergus and Acton will play a baseball game. This should be a real contest for the fans, as Pergus is leading their league.

In the afternoon a Ladies' Softball Tournament will be the feature, with three teams from the Morrison League. Tanning races, bicycle races and a sports program will go to make up an afternoon that won't have a dull moment. Acton Citizens' Band will be on hand throughout the day and provide their usual splendid music.

In the evening a grand garden party has been planned. The latest chosen is Bob Wilson and his company of clever entertainers. It is considered one of the best of entertainments and has pleased audiences wherever they have appeared this year. It is the same company that played to the seven thousand crowd at Coulterville this season. A loud speaker system has been arranged for all the events, so that no matter how large the attendance, all may enjoy the program.

For those who are still holiday minded a street dance will be the concluding feature. Frank's Orchestra will provide the rhythm for the holiday makers to dance on the pavement at Mill and Main Streets. It has all the arrangements made for a real gay day for Acton, you and your friends from far and near may well spend Civic Holiday here.

Killed Walking on the Highway

John Young, of Crewsons Corners, Fatally Injured When Struck by Truck

John Young, twenty years of age, died of injuries received when struck by a truck on the Guelph-Hamilton highway on Sunday. He died shortly after being admitted to the Guelph General Hospital.

The truck, driven by William A. McKee, of Aldershot, Ontario, is owned by Orley E. Marshall, of Hamilton. It was proceeding south on the highway and the victim was walking out to a farm, on which he was employed.

Police believe that the truck turned out to pass a car, that the car speeded a little; that McKee saw another car approaching and pulled back into line, at which time the young man was struck. The inquest, ordered by Coroner Dr. J. P. MacKinnon, will be held tonight, at the Guelph police court.

The jury on Monday viewed the body and the scene of the accident, before adjourning until to-night.

The deceased is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Young, who reside on the Murray farm, on the first line, in Erin Township, on Rural Mail Route 3, Acton. Five sisters also remain. He was born in Durham, Ontario.

Obituary

MISS MAE BARD AIRDRIE

Following an illness of about six weeks, Mae Bard Airdrie, nineteen-year-old daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Airdrie, passed away on Wednesday afternoon at St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph. She was born in Acton, but had been residing in Welland for some time, and was taken ill while on a visit to friends here. Surviving are five brothers, John, of Acton; Robert, of Guelph; and Frank, George and William, of Acton; and five sisters, Mrs. James Jennings, of Welland; Mrs. William Valentine, of Sault Ste. Marie; Mrs. Charles Tomlinson, of Toronto; Mary, of Orillia; and Agnes, of Guelph. She was a member of Knox Presbyterian Church, Acton. The funeral was held on Friday afternoon, with service in the Community Church at Crewsons Corners, with service conducted by Rev. H. L. Bennie. Interment was made in Parkview Cemetery, Acton.

HIRAM A. SWACKHAMER

Death came suddenly to Hiram A. Swackhamer, a former prominent citizen of Acton, at the home of his son, Ross, in New Toronto, on Tuesday morning. He had been in his usual fair health the evening previously, but passed away while he slept during the night. Hiram Swackhamer was a son of the late Christopher Swackhamer, and was born at Churchill, in 1859.

During his earlier years he took a great interest in municipal affairs. He served Acton as Councillor and Reeve and was named with the Wardenship of the County of Halton. It was during his tenure of office that many of the cement sidewalks in Acton were extended. He was one of the first members of the Good Roads Committee in the County Council, and initiated many of the plans for improved roads in the County. He was a builder and contractor and many of the buildings about Acton were erected under his guidance. The brick addition at the school, the garage building on Main Street, and many other structures of his hand.

In October, 1914 his wife, who was before marriage, Mary Christensen, died, and for several years he has resided in the home of his family. Four sons and one daughter remain to receive his memory. They are: Grant, of Georgetown; Ralph, of Guelph; Ross, of New Toronto; Joseph, of Toronto; and Mrs. Richard Owen, of Rochester, N.Y. Five sisters and two brothers also remain: Mrs. R. H. Wansbrough, Acton; Mrs. Anetta Barnes, Toronto; Mrs. Joel Leslie, Mrs. Smith Griffin, Mrs. Peter Hill and Arthur, of Erin Township; Clinton, of Esquewaugh Township.

He was a member of the Sons of Scotland Society and of Knox Presbyterian Church. The funeral service will be held in Acton this afternoon, with service in Knox Presbyterian Church. Interment is being made at Parkview Cemetery, Acton.

GAME TO BE RE-PLAYED

The Juvenile game, between Acton and Oakville, in which the catcher was badly injured, and the game had to be called on account of darkness, has been ordered re-played. It will probably be played on a Saturday afternoon, and will be made a benefit game for the injured boy.

ANOTHER GAME

Customer: "Good morning! Have you Dicksen's 'Clicket on the Heath'?" Shopman: "No, madam; but I can show you a very good pling-ping set."

Cheerio Club Holds Picnic

Races, Supper and All that Go to Make These Summer Outings

The Cheerio Club held their July meeting in the evening, and in the form of a picnic, for members' families and friends, at the home of Mrs. J. P. Robertson. There were about fifty gathered for the picnic lunch, about 6.30, and then the following races were run afterwards.

Winners of these events were as follows:

Girls, under 6—John Matthews, Boys, under 6—Billie Watkins, Girls, 7-10—Kathleen Robertson, Boys, 7-10—Pete Somerville, Girls, 11-15—Betty Clarridge, Boys, 11-15—Billie Robertson, Girls, 16 and over—Eileen Clarridge; Bernice Bracken.

Boys, 16 and over—Stuart Lantz, Clothes Pin Race—Mrs. J. McGregor, Pk's Plate Race—Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Stewart; Eileen Clarridge and Harold McIntyre.

Ballon Race—Stuart Lantz, Harold McIntyre, Kicking Shoe—Mrs. G. Somerville, Time Race—Billie Robertson, Blindfold Race—Eileen Clarridge, H. McIntyre.

Married Men's Race—Stuart Lantz, Grandmothers' Time Race—Mrs. P. Denny, Mrs. H. McCutcheon.

There was a peanut scramble for everyone.

Mr. W. Murray moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Robertson and family for the use of their home and grounds, that had made the picnic possible. All then joined in singing the National Anthem and everyone left feeling that a splendid outing had been enjoyed.

O. A. C. PROFESSOR KILLED IN AUTO SMASH

Professor William John Squirell, aged 56, professor of field husbandry at the Ontario Agricultural College in Guelph, and one of the Province's best known educationalists, was fatally injured in an automobile collision on No. 20 Highway, three miles east of Smithville, on Saturday evening, expiring in St. Joseph's Hospital, at Hamilton, a few minutes after being admitted to the operating room.

His wife, Mrs. Gertrude Squirell, aged 54, is in critical condition in the same hospital, with a fractured left thigh, fractured knee, lacerated scalp and severe shock.

Injured in the same crash and also in the Hamilton hospital are Mrs. Catherine Noonan, aged 33, of Toronto, with a fractured nose and ankle, lacerations to right knee, right ear and face; and her husband, Edward Noonan, aged 25, with severely lacerated face and suffering from shock. The Noonans were married in May.

According to information secured by Provincial Traffic Officer William Wood, of Smithville, Professor Squirell and his wife were driving west toward Smithville, when their car was struck almost head-on with terrific force by an east-bound car, believed to have been driven by Mrs. Noonan. An eyewitness of the collision stated the Noonan car had cut out of the traffic line and had passed two other cars, going in the same direction, while it was allegedly travelling at a high rate of speed. This eyewitness further stated that Noonan's car was swerving badly and that it struck Professor Squirell's car, which was at the edge of the pavement, on its own side of the road.

BAND CONCERT LAST NIGHT

Cool weather deterred folks from attending the Band concert in large numbers last night, but Acton Citizens' Band, under the direction of Bandmaster Bert Mason, gave a splendid concert. The program was a varied and well rendered one and was as follows:

O Canada; High Park; march; Gaby Night; overture; Lobby Day; march; Bass Quartette; Bandmen Gibson, Simpson, Spivogel and Easterbrook; The Gypsy Festival; overture; Queen City; march; Bower of Beauty; waltz; Corn Husker; march; Bass Quartette; Bandmen Gibson, Simpson, Spivogel and Easterbrook; Debutante; overture; Little Giant; march; Land of Dreams; serenade; Playfellow; march.

BICYCLE AND TWO CARS IN HIGHWAY COLLISION

Three persons were injured in a triple collision, involving two cars and bicycle, near Thistleton, Saturday night. Lloyd Pearson, 17, of Marchmount Road, Thistleton, who was returning from a bicycle race at Georgetown, with a companion, was knocked from his wheel by a car, driven by Leslie Klugdon, Thistleton. Pearson suffered concussion of the brain, Pearson's wheel became locked under the Klugdon car, causing the latter to lose control and be swerved into a car, driven by Norman Crawford, Portland Street, Toronto. Crawford suffered hip injuries and Miss Catherine Wilberham, Thistleton, passenger in Klugdon's car, facial cuts.

Acton Wins Two Games Schedule Finishes on Saturday

Acton Wins from Georgetown and Brampton in Scheduled Games — Acton and Georgetown to Play Off for Right to Meet Milton — First Game on August 8th — Acton Will Finish in Second Place in Schedule — Good Game Last Night.

ACTON 11 — BRAMPTON 10

Acton took another one-run victory from Brampton on Saturday, when they beat the Flower Town boys 11-10. It was a close game and Acton had to score two runs in the last inning to pull out a win. Two had innings gave Brampton all their runs, getting four in the first, and six in the seventh. Norm Morton did the throwing for Acton, and Savage for Brampton. The Brampton boys out-hit Acton, 15 to 13.

Acton scored one run in the first innings on singles by Norm Morton and Jack Waterhouse, but Brampton came in and six nice hits brought them in four runs, to put them in the lead. However, it was short lived, as Acton got four more in the second. Maltz Tyler got a lovely home run in this frame, into left deep centre field the ball ending up in the creek that practically surrounds the park.

Brampton were thus, held scoreless until the seventh, while Acton piled up three in the fourth, and one more in the sixth, to take a five run lead. This meant nothing to Brampton, and in the seventh they came in and knocked out six more singles, and a walk gave them six runs, and a one-run lead.

Acton was held scoreless in the eighth, as was Brampton; and in the ninth it was do or die for the Actonites. However, Brampton came to their aid and a walk, followed by two errors, gave Acton the tying and winning runs. Norm bore down in the last frame, and the Brampton boys were retired in order, to give Acton another one-run win.

R. H. E.	
Acton	140 300 102—11 13 2
Brampton	400 000 600—10 16 6

Batteries—N. Morton and Woods; Savage and Smith.

Umpire—Seddon, New Toronto.

ACTON 6 — GEORGETOWN 4

On Wednesday night, Acton took another game from Georgetown by the score of 6-4. It was about the best game these teams have played this year, with both pitchers going the whole game, and both teams doing some very good fielding.

McMahon, pitching for Georgetown, was nicked for 10 hits, although he fast and B. and issued but 1 free pass. Norm was less liberal with his hits, allowing but 6, but he was a little wild, and issued 6 walks, three of them in a row in the fourth frame, when the visitors got three runs. Beaumont, of the visitors, got a home run when he bounced one over the right field fence. Terry hit one just as hard, but it bounced and hit the fence, and only went for two bases.

Georgetown retired in order in the first, but Acton went on a rampage for five runs, batting around. Terry got a single; Jack Waterhouse a double, and Lindsay a triple, a hit batter and an error, accounted for Acton's tallies. "Tudor" Beaumont, first man up in the second, knocked one to the race track, that bounced over the fence and went as a homer. This finished the scoring in this frame.

Terry started off the second with a double, but B. Morton was thrown out, and Jack Waterhouse died out to right field, and Terry was called out at second for a double play, on a very questionable decision.

In the third Bill Waterhouse pulled off a couple of sensational catches that robbed Georgetown of sure hits. He caught two in a row that were labelled ball all the way, one a beautiful running catch. Acton were also held scoreless in this inning.

In the fourth, Norm had trouble in finding the plate, and after a single, he walked three men, to force in one run; then a double, over second base, scored two more, to put them just one run behind. Neither team scored in the fifth, but Minute came through with a nice single in the sixth, stole second and third, and scored on Terry's third out of the night, to give Acton a two run lead.

Georgetown threatened to get some in the seventh, when L. Ritchie got a life after Bob Anderson hit the third strike, and he cut the man off at second; then Minute relayed it to first, for a smart double play, that made everybody feel a lot better. Ward, next man up, got a single; then Beaumont came to bat. The count was 2 and 3 on him, and on the next pitch Ward started for second. It was called a ball, and Bob threw to second and caught Ward. Some people thought the game was over, and the Acton players all ran off the diamond. However, somebody from Georgetown quickly explained to the umpire that there were four balls on Tudor's, therefore Ward got a free trip to second. The Acton players took their positions again.

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The St. Alban's Garden Party

Varied Program — Distribution of Prizes Make a Feature Enjoyable

St. Alban's annual garden party, on Tuesday evening, drew a good attendance, who enjoyed the varied and well-rendered program provided by the Stratford Concert Company. The rector, Rev. E. Brillinger, was chairman of the evening, and introduced the artists.

This group of artists includes Miss Mary Small, soprano; little Miss Joyce Pender, in song and dance; Master Bobby Small, boy soprano; Mrs. Jocelyn, clarinetist; Mr. J. Clark, baritone; and Miss Helen Smith, accompanist. Their numbers were all appreciated and well received.

During the evening the Acton Concert Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. C. W. Mason, gave a number of splendid selections, which added much to the program.

Mr. Chas. Arnold held the lucky ticket and won 100 lbs. of sugar; Wm. Ritchie won the basket of groceries and Gordon Cook won a ham.

DUBLIN INSTITUTE MEETING

The Dublin Women's Institute held their July meeting at the home of Mrs. A. Marshall. The President, Mrs. A. Near, was in charge. Roll call was answered by "Something I Use in My Kitchen, made in Canada." Letters of thanks were read for fruit received by those who had been ill.

Mrs. VanGoozen gave several current events, and a report of the luncheon, at Guelph, on June 18th, was given by Mrs. W. Bracken. A paper was given by Mrs. Webster, on "Canada's Canning Industry," and a mouth organ selection by Annie Kelly. A quilt was donated to Mr. and Mrs. P. Hillz, who lost their home by fire recently. Mrs. McGregor tendered a vote of thanks to the hostess for the use of her home. The meeting closed by singing the "Institute Rally Song." Lunch was served and a social time spent.

WOODSTOCK TO BRAMPTON

A man, with his wife and little family of four, trudging along the highway last Thursday, drew the pity of many along the route. The oldest of the family was seven years of age, and the youngest but nine months old. The babe rode in a small wagon and on another larger express wagon the father pulled along the household effects owned by the family. They had trugged from Woodstock and were bound for Brampton, where they said they had friends. A kindly merchant in Acton supplied them with bedding and eatables and shelter on Thursday evening, when the rain had stopped their progress. Their lifts along the road had been few, because motorists could not accommodate a large family and the accompanying wagons and moving, and the family would not separate. They trudged on the following morning toward Brampton—the last twenty mile lap of their eighty-five mile trip. The previous night they had stopped at Crewsons Corners and were cared for by sympathetic folk there. Their journey was delayed by the rain.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, Exhibitions, etc., are charged, 10 cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 2c.

Civic Holiday in Acton — morning afternoon and night. Bob Wilson and his company at the Garden Party.

Grand Picnic — Garden Party — Exhibition Park, Woodstock, Civic Holiday. Softball games, professional wrestling. Music by Guelph Musical Society Band, afternoon and evening. Supper, 5-8 D.S.T. Admission 25c. Proceeds in aid of Land Settlement.

Stanley Park, Erin

Midnight Frolic—12:05 a. m. Monday, August 3rd, with music by Roy Stoddy's Orchestra.

Holiday Dance—9:00 p. m., Monday, August 3rd; under the Orchestra, in clown costume, will provide a real evening's merriment.

Free Band Concert—Sunday afternoon.