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Fire Brigade and Cemetery Board Matters Uppermost

At the Council Meeting on Monday Evening—Cemetery Board to Repay Loan Made by Council and Council to Assume Obligation of \$1,800 Note — Esqueuing Reeve and Councillor Discuss Drainage Problem on Crescent — Mrs. Cullen Cannot Accept Welfare Appointment — Part of Requisition of Fire Brigade to be Supplied.

At the fortnightly session of Acton Council, on Monday evening Councillors A. Mason, J. E. McMillan, P. McCutcheon and Dr. E. J. Nelson were present, and Reeve C. H. Harrison presided.

Fire Chief R. M. McDonald was present to discuss with the Council matters pertaining to the Fire Brigade. He regretted that the Council had passed the resolution allowing the turning in of an alarm without having an official notified before an inspector's visit and calling out the Brigade. He also presented a list of requisitions as recommended in the Fire Underwriters' report. He called attention of the Council to the untidy condition of the Fire Hall and requested that it be cleaned up and used only for storing fire fighting equipment.

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Mr. McDonald, as spokesman for the Board, pointed out that in the year previous to the Board's operation a profit had been shown and the amount of \$1800 was really owing to the cemetery. The Board had met all expenses and paid all amounts due. The Board had acquired since its inception \$7,000 worth of plots, which were now an asset. Much improvement had been made in the general appearance of the cemetery. Council expressed their appreciation of the work the board had done since its inception. They were proud of the improvement made. A motion by Councillors Mason and Nelson expressed this appreciation of the work done.

The Board felt that they should be relieved of the \$1,800 liability and they should not be handicapped in their work by the interest amount on this. The Board had several improvements under consideration.

Council agreed to arrange with the bank for the repayment of this loan. The obligation was one of the Council's, and not the Cemetery Board's. A delegation from the Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the I.O.D.E., Mrs. A. Mason and Mrs. G. A. Dills, asked permission of the Council to hold a lucky draw for their charitable work. Council readily gave consent to their proposal.

Warden George Currie and Councillor Wilson of Esqueuing Council were present to discuss the drainage from Beardmore Crescent. The Esqueuing Council felt that they could not take the responsibility for putting the drainage on this ditch. Esqueuing felt that Acton (Continued on Page Five)

Farm Home Destroyed on Tuesday

Home of Ronald McEachern a Complete Loss — Little of Contents Are Saved

On Tuesday morning the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald McEachern, at 303, first line, Esqueuing Township, was completely destroyed by fire. The fire was discovered by Mr. McEachern, who was at the barn, about 8.30. It had then spread to the house, which was a two-story building. The fire was extinguished by fire fighting equipment.

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Officers of Scout Mothers' Auxiliary

The regular monthly meeting of the Scout Mothers' Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. E. J. Hassard on Monday evening. After the business arising from the minutes of the October meeting had been discussed and disposed of, the President, Mrs. Hassard, vacated the chair in favor of Mr. G. W. Mason, who then conducted the nomination and election of the following officers:

Honorary President—Mrs. E. J. Hassard.
President—Mrs. E. H. Vincent.
Vice-President—Mrs. Hollinger.
Treasurer—Mrs. George Hall.
Secretary—Mrs. R. P. Watson.
Planist—Mrs. L. Atkinson.
Social Committee—Mrs. John Kentner, Mrs. S. S. Rushmore, with Mrs. J. A. Robinson as Convener.
Program Committee—Mrs. B. Fargeter, Mrs. Robt. Johnson with Mrs. P. Romph as Convener.
Attendance Committee—Mrs. J. Taylor, Mrs. R. Bilton, Mrs. E. Masters and Mrs. VanGosen.
After the election of officers, Bruce and Gerald Fargeter entertained the ladies with a couple of duets and Mrs. Fargeter and Mrs. Masters, the hostesses of the evening, conducted a contest. Mrs. R. Johnson being the prize winner. These ladies then served a dainty lunch, after which the meeting adjourned.

3,000 Attend Halton Plow Match Friday

Winners in Various Classes — Banquet Was the Concluding Feature — 62 Plowmen Attend

Favored by ideal weather the 1936 annual match of the Halton Plowmen's Association broke all previous records. Sixty-two plowmen coming from as far west as Sarnia, and from Lindsay on the east, were in action and some outstanding ridges were turned. Upwards of three thousand spectators followed the work of the competitors on the farms of J. G. Royce and Wm. Chisholm, near Hornby. Perhaps the highlight of the entire match was the Inter-Township Class, open to boys in Halton under 20 years of age. This brought out seventeen boys, seven of whom were sixteen years and under, and included the youngest competitor in the walking plow classes, namely Roy Bradley, a 14-year-old competitor from Hornby.

According to Judges, Wm. Clark, Norman McLeod, Jas. McLean and Clark Young, the work was equal to any seen previously this year, including the International. Incidentally it was stated by Wm. Clark that Class Two was the most difficult class that he had ever attempted to judge. This class included fifteen ridges and competition was very keen indeed. The Bank of Commerce Trophy for the best plowed land in walking plows was won by that champion of champions, Alex. Black, of Guelph, while the Bank of Nova Scotia Trophy, for the best ride by a Halton contestant in Classes 3 and 4, was won by Craig Reid, of Georgetown. The same contestant won the W. H. Biggar special of a Holstein heifer calf.

In the teams competition the awards were placed by Fred Featherstone, of Freeman, and were as follows: Thomas Brownridge; Ed. Bridgen; Thomas McKerr.

The event was brought to a close by a banquet in the Hornby Hall, which was catered by the ladies of the Hornby W. T. Upwards of 250 were in attendance and President L. W. Chisholm was in charge of the program, which included amongst the speakers Warden George Currie, Reeve Victor Hall, P. D. Saltor, Stanley Hall, Peter Peddie, P. H. Gilroy, Milton; Colonel Wallace, Burlington; Fred Robinson, Milton; John Black, Chairman of the Agricultural Committee of the Wellington County Council; and J. A. Carroll, Secretary-Manager of the Ontario Plowmen's Association.

Other prize winners were as follows:
Class 1 — Alex. Black, Guelph; Ed. Timbers, Milliken; R. G. Brown, Galt; J. R. Hargreaves, Brockville; Clifford Cox, Wainstead. Number of entries, 10.
Class 2—Willard Featherstone, Hornby; Ross Marquis, Sunderland; Willis Jarvis, Milliken; Bert Robertson, Guelph; Arthur Julian, Milton. Number of entries, 15.

Class 3—Ronald Marquid, Sutherland; Joe Iran, Claremont; Craig Reid, Georgetown; Stanley Fuller, Hornby; Norman Jarvis, Milliken. Number of entries, 10.
Class 4—Kenneth Peddie, Milton; John McNabb, Georgetown; Grant Baker, Freeman; Arnold Pickett, Milton; Francis McKerr, Milton; Leonard Lister, Hornby; Ivan Taylor, Moffat; Lyle Dalas, Campbellville; Jim Allison, Campbellville; Geo. Simpson, Campbellville; Clarence Dredge, Acton; Wm. Bradley, Hornby. Number of entries, 17.

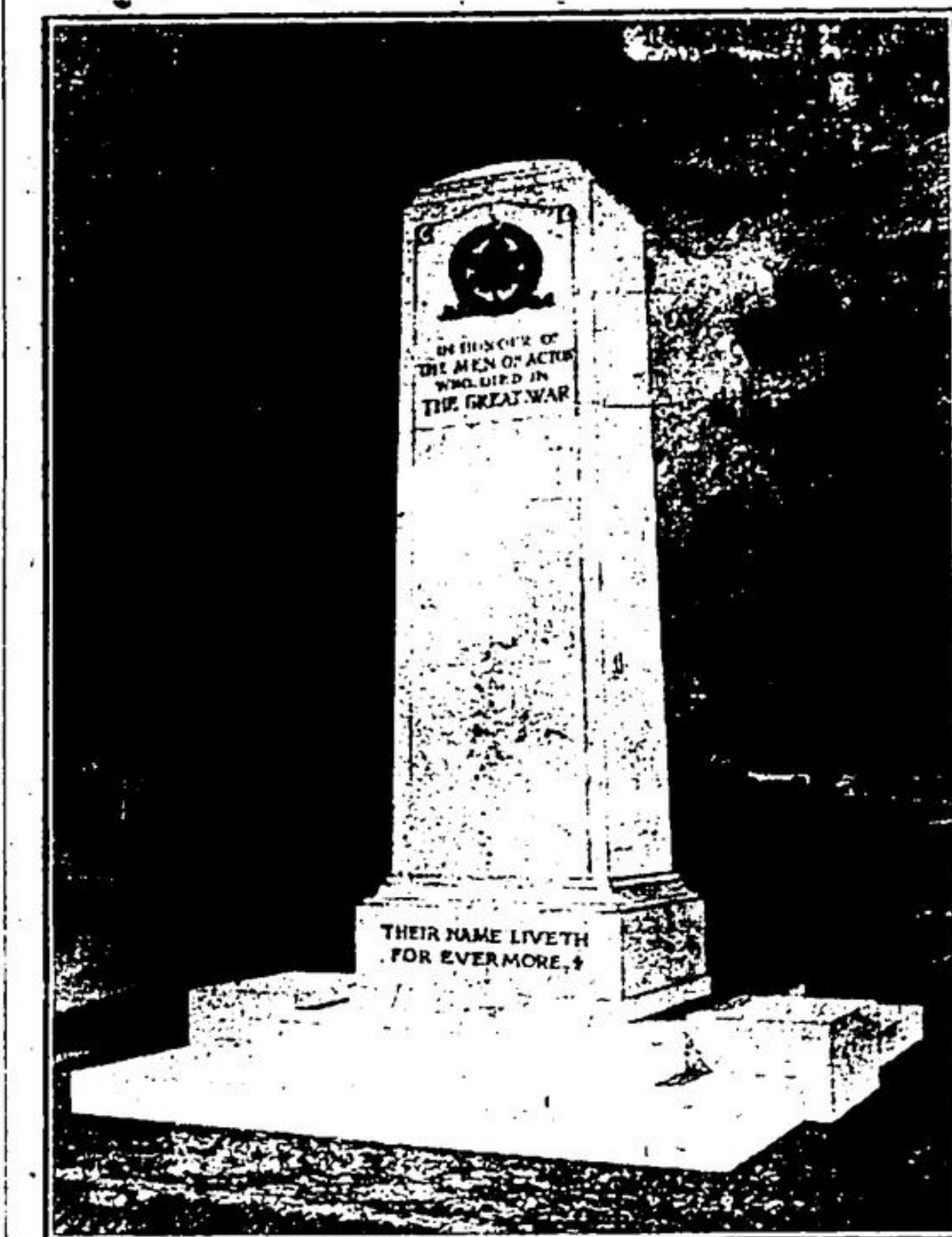
Winners of the Inter-Township team prize was won by Kenneth Peddie and John McNabb, representing Esqueuing Township.

Winners of the John Coulson and Nelson Robinson specials follows: Grant Baker, Wm. and Roy Bradley, Fred Dixon, Leonard Lister, George Simpson and Ivan Taylor.

Class 5—George Heistravzer, Milton; W. L. Kennedy, Agincourt; Jos. Weatherston, Dundas; Ernest Evans, Maple; Russell Grafton, Brampton. Number of entries, 7.
Class 6 — Spencer Wilson, Norval; Harry Pickett, Hornby; Tom Fisher, Georgetown. Number of entries, 3.

A CAPACITY HOUSE

Dublin Hockey Club euchre and danced last Friday night drew a full house and provided a good social gathering. Prize winners were Miss M. Hyder, Mrs. W. Allen, Mrs. G. Elliott, Miss P. Macpherson, H. Arbie, R. Johnston, C. McRae, P. Kentner. Music for the dance was supplied by Blinckhor's Orchestra, of Toronto, with Ernie Packer as floor manager. Prizes for the spot dances went to Mr. and Mrs. Norm Cunningham and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jentner. Other features were: lemon dance, H. Brown; birthday cake, Miss Barden and N. Nicolai; lucky number dance, P. Jennings and L. Robertson. The draw for the lamp was won by Mrs. William Bradshaw with No. 13. The proceeds of the evening will be used by the Club to buy equipment for the hockey team and for expenses of the winter.



Their Name Liveth for Evermore

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| CORP. J. L. MOORE
24th Battalion | PTE. T. IRVING
3rd Battalion |
| CORP. ROY HURD
29th Battery | PTE. G. McLEOD
26th Battalion |
| CORP. W. G. BROWN
6th P. Co. C. E. | PTE. A. WINTARBURN
4th Battalion |
| PTE. J. D. HUEY
15th Battalion | LIEUT. H. G. KING
13th Northumberland Fusiliers |
| PTE. M. KALEY
21st Battalion | PTE. A. GIBBEN
42nd Battalion |
| CAPT. T. A. ARTHURS
Chaplain Chinese Labor Battalion | PTE. P. RADFORD
164th Battalion |
| PTE. A. ANDERSON
116th Battalion | SERGT. W. LEE
4th Battalion |
| PTE. F. ELKINGTON
58th Battalion | PTE. P. GODFREY
108th Battalion |
| PTE. F. WILLS
4th Battalion | CORP. F. MASTERS, G. M. S.
4th Battalion |
| PTE. J. FRYER
18th Battalion | PTE. J. J. KENNEDY
95th Battalion |
| SERGT.-MAJ. N. STUCKEY
19th Battalion | CORP. J. J. COONEY, D. C. M.
164th Battalion and P. P. C. L. I. |

Beardmore Offices Now In Acton

Staff Started in Acton on Monday in Large Quarters in Plant Here

A change of considerable importance to Acton took place this week, when the head office staff of Beardmore & Co. removed from Toronto and are now operating from the Acton plant. The general head office staff commenced their duties in Acton on Monday. This move means, like other moves made by this firm in the years of its operation in Acton, considerable to this community. Ten or eleven new employees are added to the staff here. Acton now becomes the head office of the company, instead of Toronto. A sales office, with smaller staff, will, of course, be maintained in the city. This move necessitated large quarters, and the small office at the Main Street plant has been abandoned for the more commodious office quarters in the Elgin Street plant. The removal of these employees from the city has created a new demand for modern houses and those suitable and available have already been secured. This makes three very important consolidation moves of the Beardmore plant in Acton. The Bracebridge plant was closed and that business brought here. A few years later the cut sole department was moved from Toronto to Acton, and now the head office of the Company comes here. Acton is indeed fortunate and duly appreciative of all these moves that meant considerably in the growth of the town, and welcomes the latest move and the new employees of the firm here.

All Scholars Out of School in 50 Seconds

In a Fire Drill Test at Acton Public School — Other School Board Matters

At the meeting of Acton School Board on Tuesday evening, Trustees H. I. G. Frazer, W. K. Graham, Dr. P. W. Peaton and Dr. A. J. Buchanan were present. In the absence of Chairman McDonald, the presiding officer was Dr. A. J. Buchanan. A list of supplies required by the Continuation School was submitted by Principal Macfarlane. The Secretary was, by motion, instructed to confer with the Principal on the purchase of the equipment that was absolutely necessary, with power to take such action as was necessary. The fire inspection at the Public School had been conducted, with very satisfactory results. The results had been 32 seconds for the pupils using the entrance on the west side. Four rooms using the front entrance were out of the building in 38 seconds. The pupils using the section at the rear of the school had gotten out in 50 seconds. The Secretary was instructed to purchase a carload of coal for the school. The ninth report of the Finance Committee recommended payment of the following accounts: E. J. Hassard, supplies, \$3.10; Central Scientific Co. Ltd., 4.25; The MacMillan Co. of Canada, Ltd., 12.00; Acton Free Press, printing, 19.60; Acton Public Utilities Commission, 9.71; Symon Hardware, supplies, 2.00; Acton Public Utilities Commission, 5.35; A. T. Brown, supplies, 16.95; \$83.64. The ladder that had been borrowed for work at the Town Hall, had been returned to the property, as instructed.

Remembrance Day Loyal Observed in Acton Yesterday

Parade from the Park to the Soldiers' Monument and Brief Service There — Rev. E. G. Baxter Addressed Gathering at Service in the United Church — Veteran Wreaths Deposited at Base of the Monument — Reeve Harrison Presided and Opened the Church Service.

A bright but chill November 11th greeted Remembrance Day here yesterday and citizens from all walks of community life participated in the service that had been arranged by the Acton branch of the Canadian Legion, in cooperation with the Acton Council and clergy. These services have been an annual event in Acton, and scarcely a Remembrance Day since 1918 has gone unmarked by this or a similar service. Acton Citizens' Band headed the parade, which formed up in the Park and included the Veterans of the Great War, a detachment of Lorne Rifles (Scottish) and the ladies' organizations of the town. By way of Knox and Bower Avenues they proceeded to the Soldiers' Monument, on Mill Street.

The brief service here was marked by two minutes' silence at eleven o'clock, and "Last Post," and "Reveille," sounded by Bugler Carney Byrne. Dr. P. W. Peaton read the names of those commemorated on the monument. Veteran wreaths were deposited at the monument's base by Province of Ontario, Village of Acton, Acton Legion, No. 197, Lorne Rifles (Scottish), Duke of Devonshire Chapter I. O. O. E., Acton Women's Institute, Lakeside Chapter I.O.O.E., and Acton Citizens' Band. The singing of one verse of "Abide With Me," and the benediction by Rev. H. L. Bennie, Chaplain of the Legion, were the concluding items of this part of the service.

Part Two of the service was in the United Church, adjoining, where the gathering assembled as Dr. E. J. Nelson played the Processional.

In opening the meeting, Reeve C. H. Harrison recalled what Remembrance Day symbolized and the hope that such gatherings would have their place in preventing wars and bringing about lasting peace. He welcomed all to the service and was appreciative of the splendid attendance. Ex-Warden A. Mason also represented the Council on the platform and in the service.

Rev. Dr. Morrow, in the absence of Rev. Mr. Brillinger, led in the responsive reading and in prayer, and Rev. H. L. Bennie read the scripture lesson, from the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah.

In addressing the gathering Rev. E. G. Baxter said our thoughts on Remembrance Day go backward to that day, eighteen years ago. There are thoughts for those who fell in the great conflict and for those who mourn and also for those who still struggle in our midst, now in civilian life, but under the handicap of those years of war.

We had thought that the four years of conflict had been a war to end a war, and that following it nations would gain a lasting peace. The peace we sought had not been gained, but we are still faced with a big problem. Mr. Baxter pointed out that their struggle for supremacy was not "new." Race in Genesis were told of Cain and Abel and their struggle that ended in death. We are not all of the same make-up. It would seem that just as individuals, some nations are peace-seeking, while others are constantly stirring up strife. With our numerous groups of to-day, these divergent characteristics sometimes seem even more conflicting. But Christ and His teaching is the Leader Who will take us out of this chaos. We could find in Him a common ground to settle our differences. In this day many are pessimistic of the future, but the speaker urged all to be like Paul and put Christ in the leadership and above all. The National Anthem and the benediction by Rev. Mr. Bennie concluded this splendid Remembrance Day service for Acton.

CONFEDERATION YEAR PRICES

This week Mr. M. E. Nixon brought in an old copy of the Hamilton Spectator, dated March 27th, 1867. Among the articles were the prices on the Guelph market. We found them interesting and reprint them:
"Wheat, \$3.50 to \$3.75; fall wheat, per bushel, \$1.75 to \$1.85; spring wheat, \$1.40 to \$1.65; midge proof, \$1.40 to \$1.50; oats, per bushel, 34c and 35c; peas, 55c to 60c; barley, 45c to 50c; hay, per ton, \$10.00 to \$12.00; straw, per load, \$3.00 to \$3.50; shingles, \$1.00 to \$1.50; wood, per cord, \$2.50 to \$3.50; wool, 33c to 34c; eggs, per dozen, 12c to 12½c; butter, per lb., 12½c to 13c; potatoes, per bag, 50c to 60c; apples, per barrel, \$2.00; lamb, \$7.00; wool, per lb., 5c to 6c; pork, per 100, \$3.75 to \$4.00; sheep, per lb., each, 5c to 6c; lamb skins, 50c to \$1.00; hides, per 100 lbs., \$6.50 to \$7.75. The prices quoted are all in bills." This is in the good old days remember.

The Virginia Jubilee Singers Popular Group

Their Fourth Annual Appearance in Acton Drew Record Crowd

Visits to Acton for four consecutive years has increased rather than diminished the interest in the Virginia Jubilee Singers. Their appearance last night at the United Church was greeted with one of the largest crowds that has attended any local event in some little time.

The group comprises eight colored artists, who put on a program that pleases most every taste. The negro spirituals, southern melodies, given in solo, trio, mixed quartette, male quartette and full ensemble make a concert of unusual enjoyment. The first part of the program includes these numbers and in the last half the group appear in southern costumes and put a zest into the negro melodies that only southern voices can give.

The company comprises Esther Gaskin, pianist and manager; Edna Dobbin, baritone; and Ross Russell, bass. From this group and from the applause accorded it would be difficult to pick a favorite and everyone of them have won a place in the esteem of Acton audiences. They will always be welcome artists here.

The concert was under the auspices of the Girls' Friendly Circle and the Unity Men's Club. Mr. Jack Reid, President of the Club, welcomed the audience and introduced the artists. Rev. Dr. Morrow also addressed the gathering.

A group of numbers on the pipe organ, with Dr. E. J. Nelson at the console, were given prior to the concert and an appreciated part of the evening's entertainment.

BIRTHDAY GATHERING

On Monday evening a surprise birthday gathering was held for Mrs. James Sayers, on the event of her 82nd birthday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sayers. Her family and grandchildren were present, numbering 20 in all, with the exception of one daughter and family, who live in the West. An impromptu program of duets, humorous readings, violin and piano selections was given by the various members of the family and grandchildren. A bounteous supper was served at 10.30, after which a sing song was enjoyed by all. Everyone went home happy and extending best wishes for many more happy birthdays for the guest of honor.

Coming Events

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

Don't forget Euchre in Parish Hall, Friday evening Nov. 12th. Good prices.

Come to the Christmas Concert at S. S. No. 7, Nassagaweya on Monday, Dec. 21st, at 8.00 p.m. Lunch served. June Frank, teacher.

The Shamrock Hustlers' Project Club of Dublin are holding a Musical Concert and Dance in Dublin School on Nov. 20th, at 8.30 p.m. sharp. Admission 15c. Everybody welcome.

Get your tickets early for the Men's Club monthly supper at the Y. next Wednesday. It is Ladies' Night and the guest speaker is an outstanding after-dinner speaker.

Grand Concert, with an excellent program, in the Town Hall next Wednesday, November 18th. A musical and literary treat, under auspices of Haglath Ladies Aid and Mission Circle. Tickets now on sale.

A proposed Halton County Drama Festival—Any organization interested in such a movement is requested to send one or two representatives to a meeting in Laak Hall, St. John's United Church, Oakville, on Monday, November 16th, at 8.00 p.m.

UNCLAIMED!

Watch this Week's Number

Last week in the papers going into Acton Post Office there was one with a coupon No. 716 that was worth \$2.00 when presented at THE FREE PRESS Office, in compliance with rules announced in last week's FREE PRESS. Up until the present no one has claimed the \$2.00 cash. If it is not claimed prior to 9.30 to-morrow morning the \$2.00 offered will be given to the Acton Y.M.C.A. Building Fund, set up for completing the basement room.

This week there is another lucky number coupon on Page 8 of THE FREE PRESS that is worth \$2.00 under the same conditions as announced last week. The duplicate is in a sealed envelope in Barr's Grocery Store window. It will be opened on Friday morning at 10.00 o'clock.

Watch for the number—it appears on Page Eight again this week—and wins \$2.00 in cash. If you don't want the money, you can give it to your favorite charity.

Remember the main points again—you must produce the coupon with the number, you must produce a sales slip from an advertiser in this week's FREE PRESS. You will know whether yours is the lucky number by 10.00 a.m. to-morrow, when the number will be unsealed in Barr's Grocery window. Your coupon this week must be presented at THE FREE PRESS Office before 6.00 p.m. Wednesday, November 18th, to be honored.

The name of the winner will be announced in next week's FREE PRESS.