

Personals

Mrs. R. J. McPherson visited in Toronto during the week. Mr. George Soper, of Kitchener, spent the week-end at his home here. Mr. Ivan Kirkness, of Port Sydney, spent the week-end at his home here. Mr. Melvin Soper, of Guelph, visited at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Soper on Wednesday. Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Johnson, of Waterloo, and Miss Laura Scott, of Kitchener, visited Acton friends on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. R. J. McKechnie and Miss Jean, of Jamestown, N.Y., spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. George Soper last week. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McKay, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wansbrough and Robbie, of Toronto; and Mrs. Frank Day, of Rockwood, visited their mother, Mrs. R. H. Wansbrough, on Sunday. Mr. F. L. Wright, who has been visiting in England for several weeks, returned home on Tuesday by the new steamer, Queen Mary. Mrs. Wright, who has been seriously ill for some time, will return later after convalescing. Friends here will be pleased to learn of her improved condition.

BANNOCKBURN SCHOOL REPORT

The following is the November report of Bannockburn School, S. S. No. 13, Esquewaug: Sr. IV—Maudie Fitzpatrick, 549; Thelma Roszel, 527. Sr. III—Norman McDonald, 501; Basil Fitzpatrick, 464; Harold Roszel, 456; Wilson Gordon, 444; Clarence Denny, 440. Sr. II—Jackie Gordon, 488; Thomas Fitzpatrick, 476; Lois Watson, 474; Alex. Norrie, 431. Sr. I—Eileen Gordon, 466; Allen Gordon, 447. Jr. II—Mac Sprawl, 415. Total 700. Sr. I—Lawrence Anthony, 281. Total 450. Katharine Stewart, Teacher.

BLOOMSBURY LITERARY SOCIETY MEETS

Bloombsury Literary Society held its meeting in the school on Tuesday evening, November 24th. The President, Mansell Nellis, was chairman. The roll call was answered with "A name for our group." Hollywood Stars and Shining Stars were the names chosen for the groups for this winter. The regular business was then dispensed with. The program was in charge of Miss Alma Watson and Mr. Ross Gordon, for the Shining Stars; and Mrs. A. M. McPherson and Mr. Alex. Near, for the Hollywood Stars. Mr. Near presided while the following numbers were given: Instrumental, Miss Ruby McPherson; speech on "My Trip to Texas," by Mr. C. VanGoosen; reading, entitled "Health," Mrs. Mary McPherson; musical number, by Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Alex. Near; musical number by Miss Marion Watson and Mr. Mansell Nellis; reading, "Life and the Average Man," by Mr. Ross Gordon; a piano solo by Mrs. C. VanGoosen, concluded the program.

NEWEST ASTAIRE-ROGERS FILMUSICAL ON THE WAY

In "Swing Time" RKO Radio is presenting Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers in the sixth of a series of pictures that have established an all-time record for star-team success. Including "Flying Down to Rio," "The Gay Divorcee," "Roberta," "Top Hat" and "Follow the Fleet," this series in which each succeeding film has topped its predecessor in popularity and box office returns. Reason for that record, outside of the brilliance of the stars, has been suggested as lying in the spirited novelty of their performances and the lavishness of their productions. Their new vehicle coming to the Gregory Theatre on Monday, brings hit melodies by America's dean of musical comedy and light opera, Jerome Kern. The cast includes four musical comedy headliners: Victor Moore, Helen Broderick, Eric Ylone and Georges Metaxa, besides Betty Furness in a romantic role. George Stevens directed; Pandro S. Berman produced.

SOME EPIGRAM

"Dat wasn't a bad epigram of de judge's," said Plodding Pete. "What did he say?" "Thalty days." "Dat ain't no epigram, is it?" "Sure it is. I asked a fellow what an epigram is; an' he says it's a sort of sentence dat sounds light, but gives you considerable to think about."

BEFORE OR AFTER

"Why are you shaking your little boy?" "Well, the ally little fellow took his medicine and forgot to shake the bottle."

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GREGORY THEATRE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4th "TROUBLE FOR TWO" Based on Robert Louis Stevenson's "Suicide Club," starring Robert Montgomery and Rosalind Russell. Comedy, "Dame Shy." Cartoon, "19th Hole Club." Novelty, "Telephone Stage Show." Sport, "Daredevil Try."

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5th "THE CASE AGAINST MRS. AMES" Dramatic as to-day's headlines, starring George Brent and Madeline Carroll. Comedy, "Tush Hour Rhapody." Cartoon, "I Love to Sing." Fox News.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7th "SWING TIME" Cracking comedy, dazzling dances, gals whoopee, co-starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. Cartoon, "Not Now." "Rictorial No. 11." COMING "EARTHWORM TRACTORS" Starring Joe E. Brown.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN H. SMITH HONORED

On Tuesday evening, November 10th, the neighbors and friends of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Smith gathered at their home to bid them good-bye, before they left for their new home in Acton.

Mr. Sim took the chair and a fine program of songs, readings, music and speeches preceded the presentation of a lovely couch cushion and bouquet of mums. Mr. Smith Griffin read the following address.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith Dear Friends: It is with great regret and sorrow that we, your neighbors and friends, have gathered here this evening to extend to you our best regards and wishes, and to bid you farewell from this community in which you both have given many years of faithful service.

We are glad to know that you are not going far away and will be able to pay frequent visits to this vicinity. We know that in your new home in town, you shall find many comforts that you may enjoy life to its fullest.

As a small token of our esteem we beg you to accept these gifts. May God bless you both with health, happiness and years of life and service.

Signed on behalf of the neighbors and friends, O. D. HAIRDY, W. BUTLER, R. SIM.

A LIMIT

A new minister was about to preach his first sermon in a Scottish church. The headie used him: "Are you a 'paper' minister?" The clergyman replied that he usually read his discourse. "Oh, that's a' richt then. When a man has a paper, we ken that he'll end where the paper ends."

WHAT SEX?

Pat: "Did you have the car out last night?" Son: "Yes, dad; I took some of the boys for a run round."

No Election in Acton

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For the electors' meeting, which follows the nominations, Mr. A. E. Ritchie was chosen chairman by the electors. Reeve, Harrison was unable to be present, and Councillor Mason, on his behalf, explained that he had been attending County Council that day and had another engagement that evening in the city. For the Reeve, Mr. Mason extended his thanks to the electors. He also felt that Acton citizens should convey to the retiring Reeve their appreciation of his services in the town and at County Council, and applause indicated that the gathering concurred.

Councillor A. Mason was the first speaker and expressed his appreciation of the confidence shown him in his nominations for municipal duties. He was proud of the financial statement presented and left the municipality's affairs had been efficiently carried on. He felt the present plan of division of the work by Boards and Commission was the best method and paid tribute to their work.

He drew attention to the increase in revenue in the Waterworks System and the increased amount that had gone toward debt service payment. The tax arrears also showed a splendid condition. In a number of towns politics were played on the collection of taxes, to the detriment of the financial affairs of the municipalities. Such had never been the case with any Acton Council. Mr. Mason drew attention to the increased relief expenditures of the past year.

Councillor J. E. McMillan appreciated the honor of re-nomination. He did not, however, seek re-election. He had enjoyed his last two years of Council work, when things had gone so smoothly, and hoped the new Council would have a smooth sailing.

Trustee H. I. G. Fraser had enjoyed the work on the School Board and if re-elected would do his best to fulfill the office.

Mr. W. A. Lasby, a nominee for the Reeve'ship, thanked those who had placed his name in nomination. It had been done entirely unolicited. He had no intention of eluding or criticizing the work of Council, as he felt they had done the best they could. He had not decided whether he would contest the office or not.

Mr. E. J. Kerr, nominated for Reeve and Public Utilities Commissioner, was appreciative of the honor conferred. He was disappointed at the small attendance at the meeting, but perhaps it was evidence of a satisfied electorate. He could not understand, however, why men who had filled public office during the year were not at the meeting to give an account of their stewardship. He felt the Public Utilities Commission had been doing good work. He had not decided whether he would run for office, but he certainly would not cause an election.

Mr. O. A. Dills, nominated for Reeve, appreciated the action of those who had put his name forward. He felt there was plenty of material for the office, but would decide later on whether he would be a candidate.

Mr. E. Jones felt the present Council had done good work. He appreciated his nomination. He thought some more gravel might have been put on the streets. He would have liked to see more of the old Council present, but congratulated Messrs. McMillan and Mason on their attendance. Mr. Jones was rather critical of the Hewetson Co. in their dismantling of the shoe factory building. He felt the Council had not explained this part of their work. He was going to stand for the office of Councillor.

Mr. Mason explained Mr. Jones' query regarding the shoe factory. The Hewetson Co. would pay the \$1,000 when the amount was due. All other parts of the agreement had been honored by them. The Council regretted losing this firm from Acton and had made every effort to secure a firm to take over the factory.

Commissioner C. M. Hansen regretted that B. G. Arnold of the Public Utilities Commission was unable to be present to give the splendid report of this body. His report told of the work of rebuilding and maintenance of the system. The cost of power had been reduced and a saving of \$3,000 made to Acton Hydro consumers. He gave many figures of interest regarding the Hydro and Waterworks Departments.

In speaking of the metro system used on the waterworks, Mr. Hansen told of the supply or water. It was his opinion that if the metres were discarded, Acton would be facing a water shortage on the first warm day in summer. When the pump was running at capacity there was only 900 gallons per hour running away from the reservoir. It was the hope that soon every water service would be metred. At the present time the installations where only a small amount was known to be used were without metres. He paid tribute to the efficiency of the staff of the Commission.

Several questions regarding the new Hydro rates and the elimination of the service charges were answered by Mr. Hansen.

THE SCIENTIST'S DILEMMA He was, in fact, the absent-minded professor, and he was strap-lunging in a train. The other arm clasped half a dozen bundles. He averted to and fro. Slowly his face took on a look of apprehension. "Can I help you, sir?" asked the conductor. "Yes," said the professor, with relief. "I fold on to this strap for me while I get my face out."

CLANCY RETIRES



FRANK "KING" CLANCY

"King" Clancy, dynamic defence veteran of the National Hockey League who started his professional career with Ottawa Senators and was bought by Toronto Maple Leafs for \$50,000, started the pro ranks for suddenly announcing his retirement. The fiery Clancy, one of the lightest but most effective players the game ever saw, will continue in a non-active capacity with the Leafs.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

Editor's Note—The following article is reprinted from the Mercury News-Record, in reply to our recent editorial on the Grand River Conservation Plan. We reprint it so that our Readers may have the fullest understanding possible of this proposed development.

G. A. Dills, editor of The Acton Free Press, has been reading the made-in-Bramford booklet, entitled "Conserving the Waters of the Grand River." He finds it interesting, but it leaves many questions unanswered for him, which is natural enough since the booklet is small and the subject is large. But Mr. Dills has grasped the subject sufficiently to wonder why government assistance should be given to help out the municipalities along the Grand. He heads his editorial with the title, "Who Is Responsible?"

The answer to the question "Who is Responsible?" also answers the other question, "Why shouldn't the cities pay for this work themselves?" The problems arise because the stream is not the same as it used to be. Instead of a steady year-round flow, the Grand provides spectacular floods in the spring-time and runs almost dry in summer. Why is it responsible? Obviously, when the river goes dry at Yarus, it is not the fault of the cities—farther—downstream. Similarly, when there are spring floods at Yarus, it is because the water which falls on the upstream farm lands is running off into the river far more quickly than it did in the pioneer days, or even in the days which can be remembered by persons still fairly young.

There are many reasons why streams in Ontario are running to extremes, but there is one particular reason why the Grand River valley has the worst problem at present. That reason is found in the flat lands of the two townships, Melancthon and Amaranth Townships. The district is covered with a network of surface drains unique in Canada. In fact, it is said to be the most heavily drained area in the world, speaking only of open, surface drains, and not of the drainage, which is something entirely different. The drains and the nature of the soil, cause the water to run quickly to the river and its tributaries.

The whole district is like a huge "well and tree" panner, on which the gravel all runs quickly to the lowest point, which, in the case of the area to the north, is the river valley near Grand Valley and Waldemar.

These open drains, costing hundreds of thousands of dollars in the aggregate, were not put there by the cities and towns. In fact, more are being dug every year, in spite of what happens downstream. Who is responsible? The land owners to the north, already burdened with debt to pay for the ditches. Their land is not the best and it is rapidly deteriorating in some sections. They can't farm without the drains, for their land is flat and the clay subsoil sheds water like the lining of your bath tub.

The government, in generations past, if not at present, not only allowed these ditches to be built but actually aided the building of them with grants of money. The government is at least partly responsible. The farmers can't close their ditches and live; they can't build storage dams and pay for them, and that is so obvious that they aren't being asked to pay. Water is the most valuable natural resource in Canada to-day. To conserve it is the duty of the Dominion Government, and that's chiefly why the National Employment Commission has commended the plans. But it was the Ontario Government which was primarily responsible for opening up the flat land, which was all swampy originally and should have been kept in that state, since it fed not one river, but six or seven—nearly all the important rivers from Toronto to Southampton.

That's the answer in brief. If Mr. Dills wants it more fully, we'll have to take him upstream and show him some of the most amazing country in old Ontario.

TRUE ENOUGH

He—"You are always wishing for what you haven't got." She—"Well, what else can one wish for?"

SPORTS

More Rambling Round in a Runabout

Hockey, of course, uppermost.

The boys were in Galt for an hour's work-out on Thursday last. There were 17 of them trying for places.

Then, Monday night, the home ice was ready and the Intermediates had a work-out.

Pro rules aren't to be adopted entirely this year. Centre ice body checking is taboo and we are glad. No one wants to see slaughter in a game.

Messrs. J. M. McDonald and V. B. Rumley were Acton's representatives at the O.H.A. on Saturday.

Incidentally the suggestion from Acton that semi-final and final games be played on artificial ice was not passed.

Well, it's to be hoped they are played before the spring rains, then.

We read some place that Acton may have a hard time rounding up a team.

Just maybe. We've seen a couple of workouts and Acton could round up two teams, either one of them as good as some O.H.A. Intermediates we have seen in the past two years.

Glancing over some pre-season gossip from Georgetown, we notice that the new coach, Dick Carroll, knows his hockey from A to Z, but he's just going to teach the Georgetown team their ABC's in hockey.

Apparently the new find in the coaching world is holding back twenty-three twenty-sixths of all he knows.

Oh, how were trembling up in Acton to meet a team with all this knowledge of hockey.

Sometimes this great coach's name appears in The Herald as Carroll, and then again Carroll. Trembling again on those doubles, but not in Acton.

With two good goalkeepers showing up at practices these nights, Jack Greer has been back on defence again.

If Jack takes up his former position, it puts Acton right there with four defence men that are pretty hard to get past.

For instance, Gibbons, Greer, Walters and Scott.

Then, in the forwards, the line of Terry, Lindsay and Ilo Marzo makes an aggregation that will go places.

And another forward line of good showing was Kentner, Mooney and E. Marzo.

And a third and fourth line might also be mentioned, to include Woods, Anderson, Arbie, Fred Keitner, Bob Marshall and Huffman.

Oh, no, we can't see that Manager "Bud" McDonald's worry is getting enough players for a team.

But we're all off predictions. Look at the nice things that were said about the Toronto Maple Leafs before any games were played.

King Clancy and Geo. Hainsworth have gone from that once great team, and Buzz Boll is out for several weeks.

Proving you never can tell.

Looks as if a couple of local exhibition games might be in order before the season starts.

Suppose the grouping will be announced after next Friday's meeting.

From up North comes the news that Schonfeldt, who played on teams in this district, has suffered a fractured cheek bone in a practise with Wright-Hargreaves team.

Acton will have three types of hockey for this season. A Junior team will be entered in the O.H.A.

That point was rather indecisive until this week, but now it's finally been decided.

Intermediate, Junior and Rural Hockey at Acton Arena this year should leave not a dull moment for the fans.

Acton Intermediates will appear in new colors this year. The sweaters and socks will be red, white and black.

And they are secured through the courtesy of Messrs. Ritchie & Agar and one of their coal companies.

Looks as if that company has made some warm friends in Acton.

THE ROOSTER

A small boy visiting in the country was asked to keep the fowls out of the vegetable garden.

"Did any of the fowls get in, dear?" he was asked. "Yes, auntie," he replied, "the one with the meat on its head."

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