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Street Repairs, Fences, Taxes and Beverage Room Hours

Are Among the Items Taken Up at the Meeting of Council on Monday — Power Grader for Street Repairs (?)

The regular meeting of Acton Council was held in the Council Chamber on Monday night. Messrs. T. Gibbons, J. E. McMillan and A. Mason were present, with Reeve P. J. McCutcheon presiding. The Clerk was instructed to write Mr. Glen Wilson to ascertain if accidents were covered in the Acton at hockey matches, etc., in the town's liability insurance.

Upon motion of Councillors A. Mason and J. E. McMillan, the Clerk was instructed to pay the following accounts: D. A. Henderson, drawing gravel \$ 6.00 Acton Public Utilities Commission, street lights 153.83 Acton Public Utilities Commission, town hall lighting 3.82 Acton Public Utilities Commission, pump house 75 Acton Public Utilities Commission, arena 4.30 Acton Public Utilities Commission, fire pump 10.21 Acton Free Press, printing and advertising 116.05 Norman McCutcheon, gasoline 1.50 Norman McCutcheon, for Chester McMillan, trucking 7.20 George McMillan, travelling 9.75 Cleaning Hall 2.00

\$323.24

The Clerk was instructed to apply the amount of accounts payable to those in arrears on the taxes.

A letter was read from the Workmen's Compensation Board, stating that coverage for the town employees could be given at \$3.50 per \$100 of payroll. The Clerk was instructed to find out if this covered Chief McPherson while on police duties.

It was moved by T. E. Gibbons, and seconded by J. E. McMillan, that the Court of Revision of the Assessment Roll for the year 1937 be held at the regular Council meeting, to be held on Monday, June 7th, 1937.—Carried.

The matter of arrears of taxes was reported on and Chief McPherson given instructions to attach rents or collect by whatever means possible.

A letter was read from Beardsmore Leathers Limited, requesting Elgin and John Street entrances to the property be repaired. Another letter from the same firm called attention to the condition of the dumping grounds at the Crescent.

The Clerk was instructed to write Beardsmore Leathers Limited and thank them for drawing to the Council's attention the state of the dump. The matter of fixing the streets will be dealt with as soon as the grader can be procured.

Chief McPherson was instructed to secure the necessary amount of stone needed and to construct an incinerator at the dumping ground to burn all garbage that could be burnt.

A letter was presented from Mr. Odette, of the Liquor Control Board, acknowledging the letter from Acton Council, which left the closing of the beverage rooms in the hands of the Ontario Commission.

The matter of fences for the Park and also the Pioneers' Cemetery was reported on. The Council gave instructions to have a wire fence put up, but, if the landowners wanted a board fence, the Council would only bear half the cost, as the board fence was more costly.

Mr. William Ramsden was present requesting permission to connect his cellar drain, to the town drain on Willow Street. The request was granted.

Reeve McCutcheon reported on the condition of Agnes Street, between Willow and John Streets. It was decided to put a street light in this section.

Reeve McCutcheon was instructed to procure the services of the power grader to have the various streets in Acton regraded and the ditches cleaned out.

Chief McPherson and Reeve McCutcheon were instructed to ascertain the cost of oiling the streets and to compare the costs of oiling and putting calcium chloride on. They were given the power to set as they saw fit in this matter.

Reeve McCutcheon reported that Mr. R. N. Brown had made a proposal to work up the Pioneer Cemetery and to sow it with a nurse crop, prior to seeding it down, for \$10. The matter was held over.

The Chief of Police was instructed to hang the silk flag, donated by Acton, England, to Acton, Ontario, in the Council Chamber. This was to be done before Coronation Day. A cellophane bag is being prepared to cover the flag, so it will not become soiled.

MOVED FROM HANOVER

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Johnston and daughter have moved here from Hanover and are residing on Church Street. Mr. Johnston owned and operated the Ideal Dairy in Hanover for the past five years, and is opening up the pasteurizing plant on Main Street.

HON. DUNCAN MARSHALL ADDRESSES MEETING

At a recent meeting of Halton Short-horn Breeders, held in Milton, the club was re-organized after being dormant for some seven or eight years. The following officers were elected: President—Grant Campbell, Moffat. Vice-President—Gordon Breckon, Bronte. Secretary-Treasurer—J. E. Whitelock, Milton.

Directors—Eugene Nelson, Robbinson and Mac Alexander; Nassagaweya, T. A. Amos and Lloyd Chisholm; Nelson, Tom Wilson and Chas. Headhead; Trafalgar, W. W. Thompson and Joseph H. Willmott.

Hon. Duncan Marshall, Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, addressed the meeting in his inimitable style. Mr. Marshall stated that Short-horn cattle are increasing faster in Great Britain than any other breed, and furthermore, that the Short-horn breed has done more to help agriculture in Britain and Canada than any other class of live stock. He also mentioned that Arthur Street, the outstanding British agricultural writer and farmer, will speak at the Ontario Agricultural College on June 23. Prof. George Day, Secretary of the Dominion Short-horn Breeders' Association, also addressed the meeting and reported increasing prices for Short-horns at the recent sales.

ROCKALONG INSTITUTE

The Rockalong Women's Institute held its first annual meeting at the home of Mrs. W. Pasmore, with the President, Mrs. D. McNabb, in charge. This Institute branch was formed last August and had a membership of twenty-seven; one new member joining for the coming year. The meeting was opened by singing the Opening Ode, followed by the roll call, which was answered by naming the favorite flower. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted and new business discussed. It was decided to send a donation to the Institute for the Blind. Each member was asked to plant a tree for Coronation Day. A first and second choice was made of projects to be taken up this year.

Mrs. Pasmore then took the chair and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Douglas McNabb; First Vice-President, Mrs. Chester Plank; Second Vice-President, Mrs. N. Velt; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Helen Bayne; District Director, Mrs. J. Denier; Directors, Mrs. W. McNabb, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Shults and Mrs. Tane; Pianist, Mrs. W. Black; Assistant, Mrs. N. Velt; Flower Committee, Mrs. A. McNabb and Mrs. Bayne; Auditors, Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. H. Wardlaw; Press Reporter, Mrs. Tane.

The remaining committees will be appointed at the next meeting, which will be held on the first Wednesday in June, at the home of Mrs. Nelson. The hosts, Mrs. Pasmore, and her assistants, served lunch.

VETERANS ATTEND CORONATION SERVICE

On Sunday morning Acton Branch of the Canadian Legion paraded to Knox Church, led by Acton Citizens' Band, when a special Coronation service was held. Rev. Mr. Bennis, the minister, is also Chaplain of the Legion. The special Coronation order of service was used. In his address Mr. Bennis expressed the thought that the four words, "God Save the King," are typical in many ways of the British Empire. He gave a splendid outline of the Coronation ceremony.

A FITTING CLIMAX

One of the features of the Coronation Day in Acton was the Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. dance in the Town Hall last evening. There was a splendid crowd and the Hall was festooned in elaborate decoration for the occasion. Ray Snider's Orchestra, of Kitchener, provided the music. Dr. and Mrs. N. Harrop won the prize for the spot dance. Winners of the mystery dance were Mrs. Wm. Ramsden and Mr. M. Symon; the elimination dance, Mrs. Pielde; and Mr. M. Storey and Miss Weaver won the lucky number. Novelties were featured and a delightful lunch served.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Ernest Sigsworth, of Acton, was last Thursday committed for trial on a criminal negligence charge, at the preliminary hearing before Police Magistrate Bull. Many of the same witnesses who had testified at the Coroner's inquest also gave evidence at this trial, and David Mannion, who has been in Court in the McMillan truck the day of the accident who gave evidence. Crown Attorney W. I. Dick prosecuted, and George E. Elliott, of Milton, acted for the defence.

ACTON INSTITUTE ELECTS OFFICERS

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Gamble on Thursday, with the President in charge. A five minute talk on the motto, "The world is full of beauty, and its days filled with music," was given by Mrs. Lantz. Roll call was answered by the paying of fees and initiating of a barnyard fowl. Current events were given by Mrs. Hodgins.

The year's activities were very satisfactory and donations were given to the Pall Fair, Gimped Children Fund, Children's shelter, patient in Guelph Hospital, \$100.00 to Y. M. C. A. fund, and local expenditures.

A competitive shield was purchased for the Musical Festival.

The following is the list of officers elected:

President—Mrs. A. Reesor. 1st Vice-President—Mrs. J. Wildersmith. 2nd Vice-President—Mrs. A. H. Bishop. Secretary-Treasurer—Miss E. Hawthorne.

Directors—Mrs. H. McCutcheon, Mrs. C. H. Lantz, Mrs. G. Hodgins, Mrs. T. Lappin, the President and Secretary. Sick and Visiting Committee—Miss E. Hawthorne, Mrs. A. McDonald.

Social—Mrs. J. E. Gamble. District Director—Miss E. Hawthorne. Pianist—Mrs. P. J. Salt.

Representatives to District Annual—Mrs. J. Wildersmith, Mrs. J. Dobbie, President and Secretary.

Layette—Mrs. Collier. Booth—Mrs. Foster.

Representative to Musical Festival—Mrs. A. H. Bishop. Auditors—Mrs. Collier, Mrs. Foster.

Program—Mrs. Salt, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Collier, President and Secretary. Group Leaders—Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. J. E. Gamble.

The meeting closed with singing and a social time was spent.

A very hearty vote of thanks was given Mrs. Gamble for use of her home.

HALTON PLOWMEN PLAN JUNIOR MATCH

At a recent meeting of the Executive of the Halton Plowmen's Association, plans were made for the annual Junior Farmer Plowing Match and Coaching Demonstration, states President L. W. Chisholm. The event is to be staged in Milton district on Friday, June 4th, and it is anticipated that N. G. McLeod, of Galt, and Alex. Black, of Guelph; two of the most outstanding plowmen in the province, will be on hand to coach the boys. The match is open to all young men in Halton, under 20 years of age. All four Township Councils have made donations to the prize list, and separate prizes will be provided for each Township. Furthermore, we understand from Mr. Chisholm that each Township will have a green class, which will be open only to boys who have not competed previously at a ploughing match or coaching class.

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

On Saturday evening the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. McEnery, of Ballinacree, was the scene of a very happy occasion when about thirty-five of their relatives gathered to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. McEnery. After spending a few hours in ecstacy and a musical program, all sat down to a table laden with good things, and centered with a beautiful bride's cake. Those who served were: Mrs. Arnold McEnery, Misses Edith Russell, Alma McEnery and Jean Evans, Mr. and Mrs. McEnery received many beautiful gifts. Mrs. Wm. Evans and Mr. Jesse McEnery won the prize for ecstacy.

On Monday evening a number of friends from Acton and Georgetown surprised Mr. and Mrs. Robt. A. McEnery, of Ballinacree, by gathering to celebrate their silver wedding, presenting them with a beautiful silver dish.

NEW CORONATION STAMPS

On Monday morning the remainder of the new regular issue of Coronation postage stamps went on sale at the Acton Post Office. The three-cent double shows the King and Queen, while the four, five and eight are of the King alone. Stamps belonging to the set in the one, two and three-cent denomination were issued some weeks ago. A showing of the new stamps has been in The Free Press window for the past few days.

OAKVILLE-BRONTE PAVING BEGUN

On Monday work commenced on the paving of the Middle Road Highway, between Oakville and Bronte, and approximately twenty-five men were taken on as a start. Operations started at the Bronte bridge, to proceed eastward on a 4½ mile stretch to the Seventh Line Road at Oakville. When the work is in full swing it is expected that more than 500 men will be given employment. Although the wage rate is 35 cents an hour, the figure which led to the strike in New Toronto, no trouble is expected.

Pay as Go Policy Working in Ontario

Published Statement Shows Ontario's Favorable Financial Position

The balance sheet of a business in which every person in Ontario is interested, noteworthy for a substantial surplus and an equally substantial debt reduction, is brought to the attention of the Province with the publication of the Government's financial statement for the fiscal year just closed.

Subject to widespread comment when Hon. Mitchell F. Hepburn, Prime Minister and Provincial Treasurer, presented his budget in the Legislature, Ontario's showing of an estimated surplus of \$7,000,000 after paying a relief bill of \$12,500,000, was considered remarkable inasmuch as it represented the first

WINNER OF CORONATION PUZZLE POEM

"Hail to Our King," was the correct answer to last week's puzzle poem, and the first correct answer opened on Saturday was from Audrey MacArthur, R. R. No. 2, Acton, who will receive a Coronation souvenir as the prize. This week's poem will be found on Page Five of this issue. The same rules hold good. Every correct answer received before 4.30 on Saturday has an opportunity to win. The prize will be a pound box of high quality chocolates.

FIREWORKS WERE DUDS

A quartette of young men from Guelph attempted to give Acton a fireworks celebration on Tuesday evening. It was badly planned and interrupted by Chief McPherson, who relieved the young men of their unused firecrackers and has preferred charges against them for violating of the Nuisance By-law. The way in which they threw the firecrackers about Mill Street was a menace to buildings and cars on the street.

Acton Joins in Celebration of Coronation of King

Parade Was One of the Largest — Address by Chairman J. M. McDonald — Commemorative Trees Planted — A Splendid Spirit Prevailed

Acton joined yesterday morning with similar communities all over the British Empire in celebration of this Coronation of King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth. The parade and service were heartily joined in by citizens from every walk of life and the result was a splendid observance of this memorable day. It will long be remembered in the lives of the children who played a prominent part throughout the proceedings.

The parade formed up on Elgin Street, just off Mill Street, at ten o'clock. It was under the direction of Mr. E. Harrop and was in the following order: Standard bearers; Acton Citizens' Band; Clergy and Reeve and Municipal Officials; Duke of Devonshire Chapter of I.O.D.E.; Lakeside Chapter, I.O.D.E.; Acton Women's Institute; Public School teachers and children; Continuation School teachers and pupils; Acton Boy Scouts and Cubs; Bishnives Men and Citizens; Larne Rifles (Scottish) and Acton and Georgetown Branches of the Canadian Legion.

By way of Mill and Main Streets the parade marched to Education Lane and the school grounds where the service was held. Rev. H. L. Bennis was in charge and was assisted in various parts of the service by Rev. E. Drillingier, Rev. E. M. Morrow and Rev. E. G. Baxter. The gathering joined heartily in the service.

The combined school choir, under Miss T. P. Hunt, rendered the Coronation Anthem. The children also took part in the planting of the Commemorative Trees. The acorns from the Royal Forest were planted, as well as other trees by local organizations. The service was a bit unique, each child passed in line past the trees and deposited from a box some earth on the trees. In that way each child had a part that will be in future years a pleasant recollection of the Coronation Day.

Chairman J. M. McDonald gave a brief address on "Unity and the British Empire." He briefly outlined the bonds that link together with such solidarity the widespread parts of the Empire. He likened the British Empire as the safety valve of the world and its unity in keeping peace throughout the world. He paid tribute to the newly crowned King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth. They were close to the hearts of all peoples and their example in family and state affairs was worthy of emulation. And in conclusion the three hearty cheers for the new monarch left no doubt that all concurred with the expressed thoughts of Mr. McDonald.

The conclusion, with the National Anthem and the presentation to each child of a souvenir Coronation medal by Reeve McCutcheon and Commissioner R. J. Kerr were equally impressive and will long mark this occasion in the young lives.

Accompanists for the singing were Miss Wilma Hansen and Mr. P. J. Salt. The floral baskets which were admired by many were supplied by A. H. Bishop. Never in any event held in Acton was more spontaneous co-operation noted than in this Coronation observance. With orderly and military precision, Mr. Harrop marshalled the parade. The arrangements at the school grounds were well made and Chairman McDonald and his committee of willing workers are to be congratulated. But perhaps the greatest success of the event was that wholehearted co-operation and spirit that is indescribable and yet was an underlying feature of Coronation services throughout the Empire. We cannot put into words but Acton's service is one that will long be remembered—a part of a Great Empire event.

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BANNOCKBURN INSTITUTE

The regular monthly meeting of the Bannockburn Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. A. O. Claridge on Wednesday, April 21st. The roll call was answered with suggestions for next year's Institute programs.

Mrs. P. Cole read a paper, entitled "Christianity and Patriotism." Mrs. D. Russell gave a paper on the care of flowers. The remainder of the meeting was spent in a discussion of flowers and plants.

Mrs. Wiley was the winner of a flower contest, which was played before the meeting. Lunch was served and a sociable half hour was enjoyed by all.

IMPROVEMENT TO TANNERY GROUNDS

The big stream shovel completed its work of filling in an unused section of yard last week at the Bannockburn tannery, and the ground is all leveled off. The fact of the old bark sheds is being torn down and a clearing away of all old scrap has been going on for some weeks. The grounds about the buildings are all being improved.

HALTON CALF CLUBS ELECT OFFICERS

At a largely attending meeting, held in Milton on Friday evening last, Halton's Calf Club program for 1937 was launched. Approximately 50 Club members were present to receive instructions on the project, which was explained by J. E. Whitelock, of the Department of Agriculture Office, in Milton. There are to be two Clubs, one confined to Holsteins, and the second to Jerseys, Guernseys, Shorthorns, Herefords and Angus. The latter Club will be divided into two sections, namely dairy and beef. Both Clubs are being sponsored by the County of Halton Agricultural Society, with the Federal and Ontario Departments of Agriculture, the Halton Holstein Breeders, Halton and Peel Jersey Breeders, and the Halton Short-horn Breeders, as well as the Halton Agricultural Society, contributing to the prize money. Altogether the prize money offered will total upwards of \$175.00. At the meeting referred to addresses on feeding and management of Holstein, Jersey and beef cattle were given by Addison Woodley, Gerald Graham and Lloyd Chisholm, respectively. If the attendance and interest at last Friday evening's meeting is any criterion, Halton Calf Club members are going to enjoy the best year in the history of the movement.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

Milton Holstein Calf Club—President, Craig Reid; Vice-President, Jack Hamilton; Secretary-Treasurer, Archie Gates; Club Leader, Addison Woodley. Halton Jersey, Guernsey, Beef Club—President, George Henderson; Vice-President, Geo. Breckon; Secretary-Treasurer, Lloyd Fish; Club Leader, Dairy Section, Gerald Graham; Beef Section, Lloyd Chisholm.

MOTHER'S DAY AT UNITED CHURCH

On Sunday morning the Mother's Day service was observed in the United Church, the Sunday School and church combining on this occasion. The Superintendent, Mr. A. T. Brown, was in charge of the proceedings. Mrs. J. J. Stewart told the story of "The Do-as-I-Please House." A children's choir rendered a very appropriate number in excellent voice. Dr. Morrow gave the Mother's Day theme. At this service the infant son of Dr. and Mrs. Cullen was also christened.

For the evening service Dr. Morrow spoke on the Coronation, using as his subject, "Our Empire's True Greatness."

TREES DISTRIBUTED TO RURAL SCHOOLS

During the past few days approximately 3,500 trees have been distributed to all rural schools in the County by Inspector J. M. Denyes and Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitelock. With the co-operation of the teachers, each pupil will receive two trees, one of which is a Norway Spruce and the other an Elm. These will be planted around the homes of the pupils and are being designated as Coronation Trees. The trees were supplied by the Ontario Forestry Branch. We understand that in all Public Schools of the County one or more lessons have been taught on "Conservation and Tree Planting," the entire project being sponsored by the Conservation Committee of the Halton County Council.

FRIENDLY CIRCLE MEETS

The last of the season of the monthly socials of the Ladies' Friendly Circle of the United Church was held on Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Johnston. It was arranged to have the picnic on June 23rd. During the evening Mrs. Hilton was presented with a pie ensemble. A social evening was spent on contests and the winners were Mrs. J. J. Stewart, Mrs. J. O. Matthews and Miss Doris Wilson. Refreshments were served by the group.

Coming Events

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

Lighthouse United Church Anniversary, Sunday, June 13th. Rev. E. M. Morrow, M.A., Ph.D., speaker. Garden Party, Monday evening, 14th.

Popular Organ Recital arranged by the Choir of the United Church for Wednesday, May 19th. Program by Ernest R. Bowler, noted Toronto organist, and others. Admission 25c, or two for a quarter. Tickets from Choir members.