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## Acton's Tax Rate 47 Mills the Provincial Subsidy Helps

Rate Would Have Been One Mill Higher — Arrears of Taxes to Be Collected — Tax Sales Were Necessary.

At the fortnightly session of Acton Council on Monday evening, Councilors A. Mason, J. E. McMillan, E. Jones and T. Gibbons, were present and Reeve P. McCutcheon presided.

Council opened first as a Court of Revision, to hear appeals against the 1937 assessment.

Mrs. Lucy M. Gardiner, of Orangeville, complained on the assessment of her property on Agnes Street. The assessment was \$800 at present. Mr. Gardiner had paid \$800 and was willing to sell it for this figure. She asked the consideration of the Council. It was considered that present sale prices were not a basis and no reduction was made.

Mr. G. W. Murray said his lot on Mill Street was wrongly assessed and the amount was too high. He complained that there was not the amount of land with which he was assessed. An error had been made in this assessment and Mr. Murray was satisfied with the amount as in the book. The figures on his notice were in error.

Mrs. Wallace felt that the assessment on her property on Cameron Street was higher than larger houses adjoining. Council considered the assessment on this property should be lowered by \$50.

Richard Lawson asked a lowered assessment. No reduction had been made since the barn on the property was burned last year. Council decided the assessment was not too high.

Mr. George Cowie felt the assessment on his blacksmith shop and the business assessment were too high. The assessor had already made a reduction this year and Council considered the present figure fair.

By motion the Assessment Roll for 1937 was confirmed with the one change as noted.

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

C. N. R., express on fire hose	\$ 81
I. B. Weadick, wages	8.25
J. B. Chalmers, repairs	1.25
Orville R. Brown, supplies for fence	17.95
R. M. McDonald, relief paid in June	120.00
Dunlop Tire & Rubber Goods Co., fire hose	106.00
Hickley Fire-Engines Ltd., supplies for fire brigade	16.00
R. M. McDonald, relief paid June 5th	5.00
Acton Public Utilities Commission street lights and municipal services	180.66
Chester McElin, labor	3.15
R. Dron, labor	1.50
	\$550.57

The report was adopted.

The by-law settling the tax rate for the year 1937 was read as required and the rate set at 47 mills. The various department rates were made up as follows: General debentures, 6.00 mills; School purposes, 11.47 mills; County rate, 9.23 mills; street lighting, 2.00 mills; free library, .81 mills; waterworks debentures, 8.00 mills; salaries and allowances, 3.50 mills; relief, 1.00 mill; and miscellaneous.

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### MOVING FROM MOFFAT

Mrs. Wm. Cusick, of Moffat, had a successful sale of household furniture on Monday, May 31st. Mrs. Cusick has lived for nearly sixty years on the farm at Moffat, and will be greatly missed among her old friends and neighbors. During the afternoon Mrs. Cusick was presented with a beautiful purse by the members of the Women's Institute, as she was a valued member for a number of years. Mrs. Cusick will make her home with her daughter, Mrs. W. J. Reid, in Acton.

### DISTRICT FAIRS MEETING

Mrs. E. Robinson, Mrs. G. A. Dills and Messrs. R. J. Kerr, P. L. Wright, J. J. Stewart, R. Lowrie, Duncan Wadell and G. A. Dills, of Acton Fair Board attended the district meeting of the Fair Association held in Brampton last Friday.

A feature of Acton and other fairs this year will be the Coronation Bazaar which will be presented by the Fair Association. Dates and other features of interest to Fair Boards were discussed at the two meetings. Brampton Fair has this year been made a Class II Fair and will be eligible to secure up to \$2,500 in Federal grants.

### ACTON SCOUTS WON SHIELD

Acton First Troop of Boy Scouts received this week a splendid Wooden Shield, which was won by them for the best camp site. The award could not be made until after the conclusion of the Oakville Scout Jamboree, as the grounds had to be inspected after the Scouts left. The shield is on view in the Park Pass window and will later adorn the Scout quarters in the Y. M. C. A.

### PICNIC AT EDGEWOOD

Five hundred "Black & White" enthusiasts congregated at Edgewood Park, Eden Mills, on Saturday last for their Annual Picnic. Favored with splendid weather an excellent program and ideal grounds for the occasion, the event was the most enjoyable on record. President Herbert Ingelhart of the Halton Club acted as chairman and extended a welcome to the visiting breeders of Peel and York. W. R. Beck, Director of the Edgewood Experimental Station was the guest speaker, and his practical address of inspiration and leadership was particularly well received. Other speakers included H. W. Parkinson, President of the Holstein Association of Canada, Robert Cooper and J. Darlington, Presidents of the Peel and York clubs respectively. Another interesting feature of the day's program was the live stock judging competition conducted under the direction of Prof. Geo. Rathbun, of the Ontario Agricultural College, of Guelph. Two excellent classes, one of yearling bulls and the other of 3-year-old cows, were brought into the ring where between two and three hundred men, women, boys and girls, vied with another for top honors. The winners were as follows: Seniors—Frank Stark, Milton; Wm. McCaugherty, Streetsville; D. S. Dutton, Brampton; Geo. W. Henry, Orleton and Howard Dolson, Georgetown. Juniors—Craig Reid, Georgetown; Howard Laidlaw, Norval; John Vansickle, Palermo; Frank Dolson, Brampton and Garman Livingstone, Woodbridge. The sports program brought enthusiastic reports from the little tots all the way up the line to the bald-headed fat men and the stout gray haired ladies. During the afternoon three Holstein calves were competed for, the winners being: Oliver Hunter, Norval; Ed. Mahon, Campbellville, and H. Ringer, Brampton.

But Mr. Marshall is just as keenly interested in the affairs of to-day as those of other days, and at eighty-four maintains a splendid section of garden land adjacent to their home on the Guelph road, which would outline that of some of not so many years.

About thirty or forty were present on this birthday occasion, and enjoyed the picnic birthday tea and birthday cake with Mr. Marshall. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Anderson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Trousdale, Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Marshall and family, Mrs. R. Mahoney, also Dr. R. L. and Mrs. Mahoney, of Guelph; Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Clarke and Miss Clarke, Mrs. and Mrs. G. A. Dills and Master James, Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Ramshaw, Mr. V. Pinlay, of Toronto; and Mr. A. Diamond, of Nassagaweya.

A number of friends who could not greet him that day sent messages of congratulations and wishes for many more happy birthdays.

### Pasturing of Stock on Roads is a Menace

Nassagaweya Council Draws the Matter to Attention of the County Council—Assessment Roll Confirmed

Nassagaweya Township Council met on June 7th, with the members all present, and Reeve Gordon in the chair. Communications were read from the Hamilton General Hospital, Department of Health of Ontario, Township of Puslinch and the Canadian Pacific Railway.

The Council then opened the tenders for crushing of stone or gravel on the Township roads and passed the successful ones on to the Department of Highways for their approval.

The Council organized into a Court of Revision, with Mr. Gordon as Chairman, to hear the several appeals against the Assessment Roll of 1937. After having made their decisions, they returned Council, and confirmed the Assessment Roll for 1937.

On motion of Messrs. Simpson and Dredge, the Clerk was instructed to make the best arrangements he could regarding the printing of the Voters' Lists.

On motion of Messrs. Stokes and Vansickle, the Auditors were authorized to audit the Assessment Roll of 1937.

On motion of Messrs. Vansickle and Stokes, the Clerk was instructed to write to the Board of Railway Commissioners, Ottawa, giving the Council's consent to the C. P. R. to remove the cattle guards from the Township road crossings, but that the C.P.R. will not be relieved of their responsibility of stock getting on their right of way.

The following accounts were ordered paid:

Dr. Young, Township share of fence	\$ 12.95
Lakeview Greenhouse, Acton, flowers for Memorial	2.00
Relief Officer's Vouchers	53.90
L. W. McMillan, balance of salary, postage and stationery, and equalization of Police Village of Eden Mills	109.00
Department of Health of Ontario	5.50
Road Superintendent's Vouchers	879.04

On motion of Messrs. Vansickle and Stokes, the Collector was authorized to continue collection of arrears of taxes.

It was moved by Messrs. Vansickle and Stokes, that this Council do take exception to the pasturing of live stock on County and Township roads, unless properly protected, and no hazard is made to traffic. It is noted that a number of people are pasturing live stock on the roads and the party in charge is not making any effort to keep said stock in control. The increased speed has made this point very important and we feel the attention of the County Council should be drawn to some action in this matter.

The Council then adjourned, to meet on Monday, July 5th, at one p.m.

### WON LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S MEDAL

Miss Evelyn E. Pearen received her graduation diploma at the closing exercises of Haverhill College, Toronto, last Tuesday, winning the Lieutenant-Governor's Medal for Domestic Science, and the General Proficiency prize, donated by Mary Macaulay.

## Two Appeals in Eramosa Revision Court

By-law Passed for Speed Limit in Rockwood — Accounts of \$996.35

The Council for the Township of Eramosa met as a Court of Revision in the Town Hall, Rockwood, at 1.30 on Monday, with all the members present and the Reeve in the chair.

Each member subscribed to the oath as a member of the Court of Revision, and the Court proceeded to deal with the only two appeals presented, the assessment of 1932 Bros. Speedie, was reduced \$200.00, on appeal of Ronald P. Harris, the assessment of Harris & Co. Ltd., Rockwood, was increased \$3,000.00 on appeal of Chas. Trutcher, C. C. Kitching and John Lister.

Court of Revision was closed and Council resumed for general business.

It was moved by Messrs. Hindley and Lush, and carried, that George Mack be paid a bounty of \$5.00, as per by-law, for destroying one dog killing sheep. Moved by Messrs. Gray and Pinkney, and carried, that the Township Auditor's report for the period January 1st to April 30th, 1937, be accepted.

On motion of Messrs. Gray and Hindley, By-law No. 5, restricting the speed of vehicles in the Police Village of Rockwood to 30 m.p.h., was given the required readings, and passed.

Moved by Messrs. Hindley and Pinkney, and carried, that the report of the Auditor of the Highway Department on 1936 road expenditure be accepted.

By arrangement with the Chairman of the Trustees of the Police Village of Rockwood, the Trustees were appointed to supervise the care of the Memorial Plot, the annual upkeep not to exceed \$25.00.

On motion of Messrs. Lush and Hindley, John Henderson was appointed Relief Officer for the summer months, with salary to be fixed monthly, depending on services rendered.

Accounts, amounting to \$996.35, were passed for payment, and Council adjourned to July 5th, at 7.30, Standard Time.

### CAR COLLISION EAST OF ACTON

Mrs. H. A. Timal, Howland Avenue, Toronto, suffered minor cuts, and her two-year-old daughter received a shallow cut above the right eye when cars, driven by her husband and by Collins Green, Brampton, collided on the No. 7 Highway, six miles east of Acton. Green had his left arm twisted, and Miss Quebec Marchmont, Georgetown, occupant of Green's car, suffered minor cuts. A bad traffic jam built up at the scene of the accident until curious motorists were sent on their way by Night Constable William Emmerson, of Georgetown. The accident was investigated by Chief W. G. Marshall, Georgetown, and Traffic Officer Bert Howell, of Guelph.

### MINISTERS FOR NEW FIELDS

The final draft of the Settlement Committee of the Hamilton Conference of the United Church, held during the week in St. Catharines, gave changes in parishes in which many of our readers will be interested.

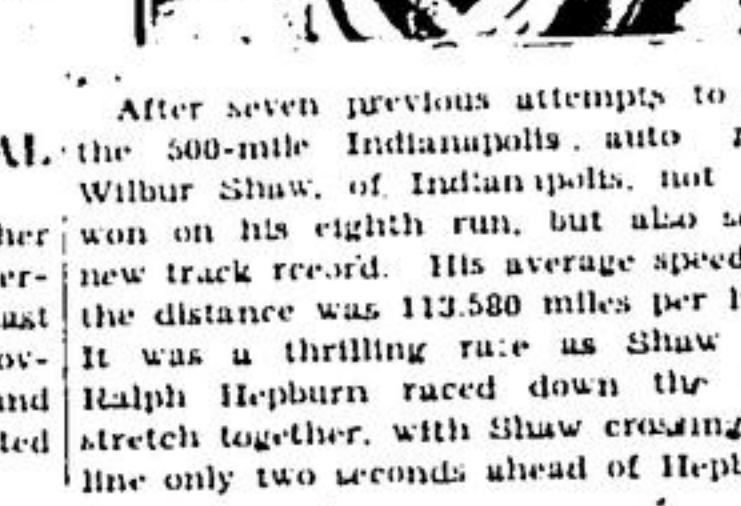
Rev. G. I. Stephenson, who has been at Limehouse, Churchill and Glen Williams, goes to Eramosa. Rev. H. Law, who is the minister for Rockwood Church, ministers in Acton Church, comes back to Halton Presbytery, and will be stationed at Carleton Place. Rev. C. D. Draper, also a former Acton minister, comes to the Presbytery again, and take up Kentville charge, in Hamilton. Rev. A. J. Love, of Grimsby, will be the new minister at Limehouse.

The pallbearers were Messrs. A. T. Brown, J. A. Mann, T. Kennedy, John Nicol, Wm. Cooper, and D. N. McTavish. Among the friends from out of town attending the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Brethen, of Norwood; Mrs. George Fothergill, Whitby; Mrs. Keviers, Mrs. Hargrave, Mr. and Mrs. Will Atkins, Mr. Duncan Robertson, Miss Buck, all of Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. S. Huntsman, Port Credit; Mr. and Mrs. T. Landy, Brampton; Mrs. J. Thompson, Mrs. Cheyne and Clifford Thompson, of Hillsburg.

### NO CRIMINAL CASES IN HALTON COUNTY

There being no criminal cases for the June sessions in Halton, Judge Archibald Cochrane, who presided, was presented with the customary pair of white gloves by Sheriff W. Anderson, and this being the first occasion on which Judge Cochrane has presided in Halton County, his appointment as Judge of Peel County, W. I. Dick, J.C., Crown Attorney, on behalf of various members of the bar throughout the County, extended a cordial welcome to His Honor. The only business before the court was one application for naturalization, three other civil cases having been set over to a future date.

After seven previous attempts to win the 500-mile Indianapolis auto race, Wilbur Shaw, of Indianapolis, not only won on his eighth run, but also set a new track record. His average speed for the distance was 113.580 miles per hour. It was a thrilling race as Shaw and Ralph Hepburn raced down the final stretch together, with Shaw crossing the line only two seconds ahead of Hepburn.



### BICYCLIST STRUCK AND KILLED

Alex. Maxwell, 35-year-old farm laborer, was fatally injured at midnight Sunday night, when the bicycle on which he was riding was struck by a light coupe, driven by J. P. Wright, of Acton, an employee of the Boardman plant here.

Maxwell was riding west on the No. 7 Highway, at Woodhill, and Wright's car was travelling in the same direction. Maxwell was removed to the Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton, where he died within a few minutes of his admission.

Dr. H. H. Hetherington, who attended the injured man, said that he had suffered severe internal injuries, and a fracture of the skull. Traffic officer Ray Hodgson, Brampton, who investigated the accident, did not hold Wright, but Coroner Dr. W. H. Brydon ordered that an inquest be held.

Maxwell had worked on farms in Peel County for several years and is survived by two sisters in Toronto. The aid of the Toronto police was enlisted by Officer Hodgson in locating the relatives of the dead man.

### THE WINNER LAST WEEK

The answer to last week's Puzzle Poem was "R. W. Johnson," the name of a very interesting contributor to the Letter-Box Column. The first correct answer was given on Saturday by Ethel Pargeter, who will receive the award when she calls at the Park Pass Office. This week's poem will be found on Page Eight. Get your answer in before 4.30 on Saturday afternoon. It must be on the coupon to be eligible, and preferably in an envelope. Each week the winner receives an order on a local advertiser for goods.

## Appointment of Asst. Librarian for Library

Miss Mary Chalmers Resigns and Miss Helen Lamb Assumes New Duties

At the monthly meeting of Acton Free Library Board on Monday evening the resignation of Miss Mary Chalmers, as Assistant Librarian was received, to take effect June 30th.

The Board accepted the resignation respectfully and expressed appreciation of the very efficient manner in which Miss Chalmers had filled the position.

Seven applications were received for the position of Assistant Librarian. After due consideration Miss Helen Lamb was the choice of the Board for the position, at the usual salary.

Accounts were passed for printing, copies of London Illustrated News, and for moving books from Mr. Farmer's office.

The Secretary was instructed to write a letter of appreciation to Mr. H. N. Farmer, thanking him for the splendid gift of the library of his father's books and cases. This was the second donation of valuable books and greatly appreciated by the Board.

The Book Buying Committee was appointed as follows: Mrs. Havill, Mr. A. T. Brown, Rev. E. Brillinger and Mrs. Watson, Librarian.

### THE FUNERAL OF LATE DOUGALD KENNEDY

Friends and relatives who had known Dougald Kennedy in the home of earlier days attended the funeral service here last Thursday afternoon at Knox Church in large numbers. The service at the church and graveside was conducted by Rev. Mr. DeRose, of Grimsby. Many beautiful floral tributes, including sprays and wreaths from the family and friends, and from the I.O.O.F. and Rebecca Lodges at Dryden, also bore testimony to the esteem in which he was held.

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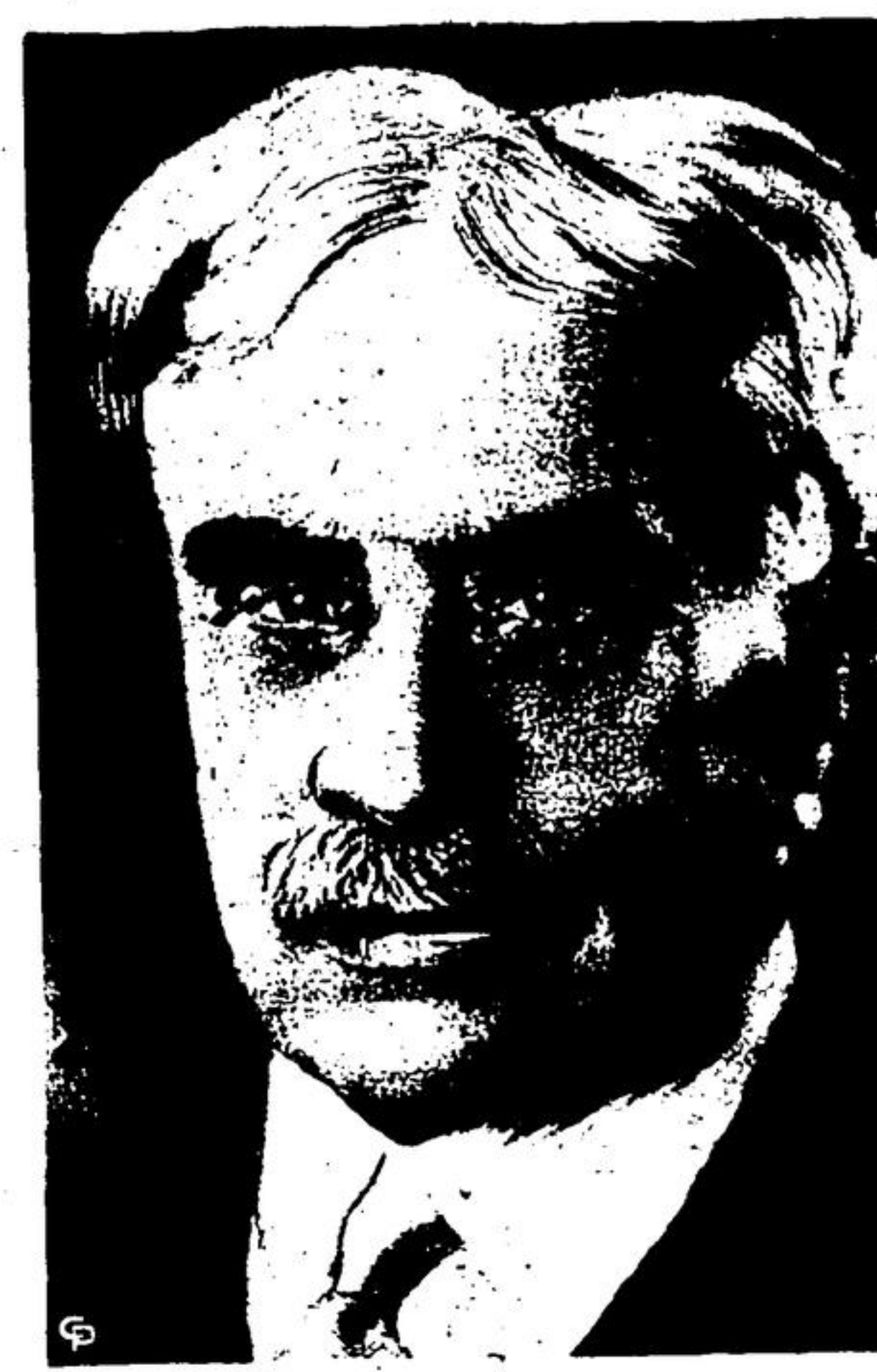
### ROADS RE-CONDITIONED

The annual repairs to the unpaved roadways in Acton have been in progress this week. The County power grader has been commissioned for the work and has been making a good job in grading. The calcium chloride was done and will alleviate the dust this thorough work, as a result of this thorough work, are in good condition and should easily be maintained throughout the summer.

### SCHOOL EXAMS

School examinations, will, during the next two weeks, be the cause for consternation of the pupils of both the High and Public Schools. Middle and Upper School examinations commence here on Wednesday, and conclude on the following Monday. The Lower School exams commence on June 22nd, and conclude on the 26th. High School Entrance examinations are on Friday, June 25th and Saturday, June 26th and 27th.

## War-Time Premier Seriously Ill



Former Conservative Prime Minister of Canada, Sir Robert Borden, (above) is seriously ill, according to a physician's report from Ottawa. The war-time Premier, who will be 83 years of age on June 26th, is suffering from a heart attack. Several of his relatives have been summoned to Ottawa.

### UNITED MISSION BAND PICNIC

The annual picnic of the Acton United Church Mission Band and Baby Band was held on Monday afternoon and evening at the Park. There were about eighty children present to enjoy the games, races and the very satisfying picnic supper.

The results of the races were as follows:

Baby Band Race—Barbara Vincent; Teddy Wilson.

Baby Band Novelty Race — Irene Evans; Joey Wilson.

Race, boys and girls, 5 and 6—Freddie Kennerly; Josephine Boyd.

Race, girls, 7 and 8 years—Shirley Elliott; June Dunn.

Race, girls, 9 and 10 years—Betty Goss; Eileen Fryer.

Race, girls, 11 years and up—Ethel Franklin; Winnie Dawkins.

Race, boys, 7 and 8 years—Earl Carnwright; John Agar.

Race, boys, 9 years—Reggie Spire; Jack Stewart.

Race, boys, 10 years and up—Rene Veldhuis; Donald Evans.

Race, free for all, boys and girls—Winnie Dawkins; Ethel Franklin.

Novelty Nut Races—Boys and girls, 5 and 6 years—Norma Kennerly; Freddie Kennerly; James Dills.

Boys and girls, 7 and 8 years—Earl Carnwright; Joyce Lamb.

Girls, 9 and 10 years — Mae Nicol; Eleanor Allan.

Girls, 11 years and up—Marjorie Allan; Winnie Dawkins.

Boys, 9 years and up—Jack Stewart; Gerald Carnwright.

Three-legged race, boys and girls—Winnie Dawkins and Marjorie Allan; Lois Dawkins and Mabel Harris.

Wheelbarrow Race—Earl Carnwright and T. R. Lamb; Jack Stewart and Gerald Carnwright.

Balloon Race—Mae Spire; Gerald Carnwright.

Soda Biscuit and Whistle — Gerald Carnwright; Eleanor Allan; T. R. Lamb. Extra Race, girls, 9 years—Mae Nicol; Shirley Kennerly.

### ROCKALONG INSTITUTE

Mrs. B. N. Nelson was hostess for the June meeting of the Rockalong Institute. There were eighteen members and five visitors present. Mrs. D. McNabb, the President, occupying the chair. Roll call was answered by naming a Canadian author. Mrs. J. Denny gave a splendid report of the District Annual, held recently at the Memorial Hall, O.A.C. Guelph. Plans were discussed for the holding of a garden party in July.

Mrs. W. McNabb then took charge of the meeting, and put on the following program: The topic being "Education," a talk on the motto, "Oh, what so rare as a day in June," by Mrs. W. Dunbar; a reading on "Personalities," by Mrs. C. Plank; a paper on the lives of some of our English Queens, by Mrs. W. McNabb; and Current Events, by Mrs. T. T. A contest was conducted by Mrs. A. Shultz, the prize going to Mrs. C. Harris.

The hostess and assistants served lunch, and a social time was enjoyed.

### ACTON INSTITUTE MEETING

The monthly business meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. H. McCutcheon last Thursday afternoon, with Past President Mrs. Gamble in charge. A five minute talk was given on the motto, "It is not what you start that counts, it is what you finish." Roll call was answered by "Say or Pay."

Mrs. Stewart Lantz, who was a delegate to the Girls' Conference in Guelph, gave a very interesting report of the activities of the conference. The President, Mrs. Reesor, closed the meeting, after which a social time was spent. A very hearty vote of thanks was given to Mrs. McCutcheon and Mrs. Stewart for their hospitality and use of their home, and also to all those who assisted.

### Coming Events

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

U. F. Y. P. O. will hold a meeting at the home of Mrs. O. H. Switzer on Thursday, June 17th.

To Radio Friends

Time in on CKCL at 7.00 p.m. Sundays, for the summer months.

Churchill Annual Garden Party on June 21st promises to be an event of the season. Hazel Buckman, entertainer, and an accordionist, soprano soloist, pianist, Stephenson family, and Orchestra, will make a concert program outstanding. Write the date down now and don't miss this event of the season.

All roads lead to Limehouse United Church next Sunday and Monday. Rev. E. M. Morrow, M.A., Ph.D., at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. D.S.T. Garden Party, Monday evening. Ralph Gordon, Cartoonist and Entertainer. Crawford Clay, Solist. Orchestra. Male Quartette and others. Booth. Admission 75c and 15c. Everybody come.