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## Remembrance Day Services Held Here on Saturday

Brief Service at Soldiers' Memorial—Appropriate and Splendid Service in Knox Church but Not as Largely Attended by Citizens as in Former Years—Organizations Participate in the Parade Splendidly.

Acton Branch of the Canadian Legion, working co-operatively with the Acton Council and the clergy of the town, again arranged and carried out a splendid Remembrance Day service in Acton on Saturday. Perhaps it was the piercing November wind or again perhaps it was the activity in connection with matters pertaining to the present war. At any rate, the attendance was not as large as in former years.

All those who failed to attend missed a fine Remembrance Day service as has been held in Acton in the twenty-one year period. The parade under Legionaire E. Harrop, formed at the Town Hall, led by the Standard Bearer of the Duke of Devonshire and Lakeside Chapters of the I.O.D.E. and the Acton Branch of the Legion, and the Acton Citizens' Band, the parade came by way of Bower Avenue and Frederick and Mill Streets to the Soldiers' Monument. There were members of Council and ladies' organizations immediately following the band; the local platoon of the Lorne Rifles and the Veterans of Acton and district.

The service at the Soldiers' Memorial was brief. Wreaths were deposited at the base of the monument for the Province of Ontario; the Acton Council; the Acton Legion; Acton Women's Institute; Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E.; Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E.; Acton children; and Mrs. J. J. Cooney. Mr. F. L. Wright, Secretary Acton Legion, read the names from the memorial and Bugler Carney Byrne sounded "Last Post." Two minutes of silence which followed was broken by "Reveille" by Bugler Byrne. The band led in the singing of two verses of "O God Our Help in Ages Past." The benediction by Rev. H. L. Bennett, M.A., Chaplain of Acton, closed.

The parade formed ranks again and marched to Knox Presbyterian Church for the second part of the service. Legionaire F. Salt presided at the organ. In the absence of Reeve F. J. McCutcheon, the service was opened on behalf of the Council by Councillor E. Jones.

Rev. E. A. Brooks, M.A., led in the reading of the Psalm and the Act of Confession; Rev. H. L. Bennett led in prayer and the scripture reading was given by Rev. E. O. Baxter. The hymns were particularly appropriate, "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind," and another that was very fitting, entitled "They Trusted God." If you retained your program, read it again. It did seem to fit the occasion. "O Valiant Hearts" was another song selection that is very fitting on the Remembrance Day program.

The opening remark of Rev. G. C. Gifford, B.A., who gave the address, seemed also to give a keynote to this particular Remembrance Day. We are called to look backward in memory and forward in hope. We recall a war and all its sacrifices, fought to end wars. Continuing, Mr. Gifford said he had arrived at the conclusion that war cannot end wars. They have hatred and suspicion out of which other wars come. But the lives which were sacrificed, and the hardships which were endured were not in vain.

Democracy lost in the last war something that is irreplaceable. Among the young men whose lives were lost in the last great war it was likely that there were leaders in all walks of life. Their leadership had been lost to democracy, and we had been the poorer for it. It is not possible to teach men for years to kill their enemies and then, by the simple signing of an armistice, to wipe out that hatred.

We do honor to-day, said Mr. Gifford, to those who fell and those whose health was broken. But we honor too those who came back and found their places again in the world of business and social life and proved their ability to resist the demerit that is their natural lot. It was good to learn too that the government planned not to strip the country.

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### "TO CHOSE ONESELF" ADDRESS SUBJECT KNOX Y. P. S.

The Knox Young People's Guild meeting was held on Monday. Miss Mildred Hollinger, Convenor of the Worship Committee, conducted the meeting. Mr. M. M. Letch gave an interesting address, "To Chose Oneself." Mr. W. Burton favored the meeting with two solos. Other numbers, a contest and games made the evening an enjoyable one.

## Just Thinking and Waiting...

There isn't a doubt that winter's just around the corner. For instance, the pond is frozen over and it was more than the frost on the pumpkin that did that. The idea is to get a more even surface and of course enable the use of the ice earlier. The Council, too, wants an Arena Secretary and goes about it in the logical way of advertising.

Well, it's after November 1st anyway, and all the travelling has been done. To top it off we got in the mail to-day (Tuesday) the first O.H.A. Bulletin and this all leads up to the corner around which every one will be peeping and taking a look at hockey.

Last year our early season prediction was for the Juniors. But it was the Intermediate Championship the Tanners won, wasn't it?

Among our solitenners are some menus, that bring recollections and on one of them is a picture. Well, it looks as if Ello-Marzo won't be among that group this year. But in spite of all rumors we see all the rest of the gang around, Herb Woods, Jack Kentner, "Minute" Walters, George Molozie, George Bayliss, Frank Gibbons, Doug Dawkins, Bus Morton, Rus Brush, Flint Terry, Norm Morton, Bob Marshall are all here and Johnny Brush makes a visit to Acton occasionally and we imagine might enjoy playing with the Tanners again.

Then there are rumors of new faces, or perhaps we should say a return of faces we have known before. "Dude" Lindsay has been back in Acton all year and is available for the line-up again this season. Then there is the usual crop of prospects. Some of them we've heard about. When the ice is on in the Arena we'll know more of their chances for a place on a championship team. The roll call takes in a lot of territory. Well, we've got better than a month with nothing to do but twiddle our fingers and gossip, anyway.

In the meantime, the Juniors are making some plans, too. "Bunk" Holmes and Jack Kentner seem to have a lot of ace's up both sleeves and the ice is the thing that will answer the question of which sleeve they will pull them out from. Of course last year's team is intact, with the exception of George Bayliss, who is just over the age limit. "The Bathers" will knock 'em cold for the Intermediates now and he showed last year he really could do it.

Well, it won't be long now until the winter pastime gets under way. Understand our next door neighbors at Georgetown are having difficulty getting the organization together. Well, with "Sheeny" Tost absent we can readily understand it would be hard for any group to round up a hockey team.

### BICYCLIST HAD NARROW ESCAPE FROM SERIOUS INJURY

A bicyclist had a narrow escape from serious injury on Tuesday afternoon. The girl was riding on Mill Street and cut across in the path of an automobile. She was knocked from her bicycle but escaped without serious injury. The driver of the car was fortunately proceeding slowly and had the car under immediate control.

### Force Team Lead by 12 Points in Bowling League

The Force Electric Bowling Team finished the first series schedule of the Guelph Commercial Bowling League on Tuesday night, with a 7-0 victory over Kleopfer Coal Co. As the game had no bearing on the league standing, the scores were much lower than usual. Bill Corry had high three game score of 682 and high single score of 243. Norm Morton was second, with 571. The individual average for the first series were as follows: W. Corry, 217; N. Morton, 208; J. Adamson, 205; J. Morton, 203; M. Koole, 188; H. Morton, 185.

The final standing of the league was: Force Electric, 41 points; Capital Garage, 26; Washing Well, 27; Bardetta, 26; Spier's Bros., 23; Printers, 19; Kleopfer Coal, 16; Loblaw's, 15.

## Life Members Arrange Meeting of Knox W.M.S.

The Women's Missionary Society of the United Church held their Autumn Thank-Offering Meeting in the classroom of the church on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Hassard, the President, opened the meeting with prayer.

This meeting was rather unique in that the program had been all arranged by the life members, some of whom were unable to be present.

The scripture was read by Mrs. W. J. Gould. Hymns selected by Mrs. Alex. Bell, Mrs. Thos. Gray, Miss I. Anderson and Mrs. Tynan were used.

An invitation from the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church was received and gladly accepted. Regret at the removal of Mrs. Hinton to Streetsville was expressed; prayers were given by Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Kamawin and Mrs. Thompson. Several gems of thought, sent by Mrs. J. Harvey, were read by her daughter, Mrs. E. J. Hassard.

An excellent paper, "Why Christ Came," was given by Mrs. Thompson. A chorus by five little girls, who sang very sweetly, was Mrs. Wm. Johnston's contribution to the program.

### MISS BENNETT WELCOMED HOME BY FRIENDLY CIRCLE

Last evening members of the Friendly Circle Class of the United Sunday School made a welcoming party for their leader, Miss M. Z. Bennett, who has just returned home from a lengthy visit. The event was a surprise for Miss Bennett and proved a delightful evening for the group.

During the evening Miss Bennett very interestingly told of her trip to Cape Cod and New Hampshire. Miss Jean Lambert gave an harmonica solo and Miss Lorena Locker a piano solo. Games and contests were played. In concluding the group had arranged a delightful luncheon that was served.

## Arrears Collection of Eramosa Taxes Shows Increase

### Council Will Study Suggested Uniform Accounting System Advised by Department

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Eramosa was held at 1:30 p.m. in the Town Hall, Rockwood, on Monday, November 13th. Reeve D. Gray presided over a full attendance of members.

Correspondence was read from the Department of Municipal Affairs, officially announcing the intention of the Provincial Government to suspend annual Municipal elections for at least two years, and drawing attention to the fact that the Municipal Act does not provide for grants for patriotic purpose by Township Councils.

The Department also recommended the use of the new Manual of Accounting for Ontario Townships and Villages, with a view to the establishment of a uniform accounting system throughout the Province.

### ACTON RED CROSS HAS WOOL FOR THE KNITTERS

The Acton Red Cross Society now has a limited supply of wool for knitting soldiers' sweaters. Those who can knit and will help should get in touch at once with Mrs. R. M. McDonald, Willow Street.

## Autumn Thank Offering Meeting of United W. M. S.

The Women's Missionary Society of the United Church held their Autumn Thank-Offering Meeting in the church on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. B. Mowat presided and conducted the devotional period.

An outstanding feature of the meeting was the presentation, by Mrs. J. Symon, to Mrs. Mowat, of a life membership pin and by Mrs. F. Cleave of the certificate. Mrs. Mowat was very much taken by surprise and expressed appreciation of the honor.

About 35 members of the Women's Missionary Society of Rockwood, also a large group from the Presbyterian, Anglican and Baptist Societies of town were guests of the meeting.

The President introduced Mrs. Hawkins, of Rockwood, to take charge of the remainder of the meeting, and the Rockwood ladies presented the following program: Paper by Mrs. McNabb, "Long Distance"; vocal solo, Mrs. Keough; vocal duet; Mrs. McArthur and Miss McArthur; a pageant, "Canada's High Adventure," taken from the study book, was presented by some of the ladies and the children of the Mission Band.

### MAPLE GROVE PRESENTS SECOND PROGRAM FRIDAY

The Maple Grove Literary Society held a second program on Friday evening last. Doris Watson, Vice-President, was in charge.

### Scout Mothers' Auxiliary Holds Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Scout Mothers' Auxiliary was held on Monday evening, November 13th, at the home of Mrs. R. P. Watson.

### BAPTIST CHURCH WILL OBSERVE THE 96th ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday, November 19th, the Baptist Church in Acton will celebrate its 96th anniversary. Services will be conducted at 11.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m., at which Rev. J. C. Williamson, B.A., B.Th., of the Preston Baptist Church, will preach. The choir has prepared special music for the services. Every member of the church and congregation is urged to be present at both services. Friends of the church are invited to join in these celebrations and in returning thanks to God for His mercy and grace during the years.

### In the Early Days of the Telephone Acton Had Place

Mr. H. W. Hinton, who recently removed from Acton to Streetsville, has written to give us an item of interest that appeared in the Jubilee edition of the "Trader," a magazine published in 1883. This item appeared in the February issue.

"Mr. R. Gray, agent of the Grand Trunk Railway at Acton, has invented and patented a new telephone. The instrument has been in successful operation over a three mile circuit at Acton for some time, and although it has received no greater test so far as its utility for this distance leave no doubt as to the possibility of its successful operation over longer stretches."

It is interesting indeed to learn that Acton had a place in the early development of the telephone. We are indebted to Mr. Hinton for this information, which was not known to us, even as "The Old Man of the Big Clock Tower."

## Assessment \$789,434.13 Buildings, Lands, Business

### In the Editor's Mail Bag

These days letters to the editor of THE FREE PRESS are for the most part most enjoyable. We are hearing from a lot of old friends. It's almost as pleasant as an old boys' reunion. "Acton's Early Days" is stirring up memories in many who spent early years in this community. Here are some that readers will enjoy as well as the editor.

From Ed Barry, now at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. "Please find enclosed check for \$2.50 for the good old book of 'Acton's Early Days.' I receive THE FREE PRESS every week as I must know what is going on in the good old town, I so often think of the old boys and old lannery days of long ago."

From C. A. G. Matthews, of Sampson Matthews in Toronto—"The book entitled 'Acton's Early Days,' came to hand on Saturday and while I have not as yet had more than time to glance through it, I want to congratulate you on your enterprise in issuing such a worth-while volume."

### Acton Young Folk Attend District Ball of the C.Y.O. Clubs

Misses Ellen Dunn and Mary Dennis and Messrs. John Dennis and Carney Byrne attended the Waterloo-Wellington and District Counties Masquerade Ball, held in Waterloo on Friday night, as delegates from St. Joseph's Catholic Youth Organization Club.

Carney Byrne, President of the St. Joseph's C.Y.O. Club of Acton, was judged the best dressed gentleman at the district masquerade ball, held in Waterloo on Friday evening. Delegates from twenty C.Y.O. Clubs, including Waterloo, Kitchener, Guelph and other plants, attended. This event, was considered the best social gathering of the year. Every delegate was attired in masquerade costume for the occasion and until the awarding of the prizes many identities were not known, and in this way more interest and surprises were carried during the evening. All report an excellent time.

The officers elected for the Acton St. Joseph's C.Y.O. Club for the year are: President—Carney Byrne. Vice-President—Lawrence Leatham. Secretary—Mary Dennis. Treasurer—Mary Papillon.

### UNITED-YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEARN ABOUT CHINA

The feature of the Young People's meeting on Tuesday evening was a set of slides, showing the intellectual movements in China. These slides were explained by Rev. Mr. Gifford. The roll call next week is to be answered by a favorite song.

Committees of three were chosen to assist the Convenor, Miss Velma Murray read the scripture lesson and Miss Dorothy Kitching rendered a delightful piano solo.

After the meeting group games were enjoyed by the young people.

### Department of Municipal Affairs Gives Explanation of War Measures Affecting Councils—The Arena Arrangements Made for Coming Season—Snow Fence to be Purchased for Use at Park

Councillors E. Jones, J. B. Chalmers and W. J. Beatty were present on Monday evening, when Acton Council met, and Reeve F. J. McCutcheon was in the chair.

The Council first went into session to complete the work of the Court of Revision, that had been adjourned two weeks previously. By motion the roll was confirmed, with the changes as noted. The total assessment for 1940 is \$789,434.13. This is made up of land assessment of \$126,935.00; buildings, \$593,250.00; and business assessment, \$69,249.13.

The Court of Revision adjourned and Council resumed.

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

O. R. Brown, trucking	\$ 12.40
L. W. Agar, call for Town Hall	50.00
Estate R. J. Ramshaw, Clerk and Bailiff fees	40.00
County of Halton, grading	9.90
Bell Telephone Co., services	10.47
Acton Public Utilities Commission, street lights, town hall, fire pump, arena, etc.	195.12
ACTON FREE PRESS, printing and advertising	32.45
	\$349.44

Another motion by Council approved payment of amounts paid by the Treasurer for interest and debenture payments, salaries, Welfare Board. The total amount was \$1,995.66.

A circular letter was read from the Department of Municipal Affairs, drawing attention to the fact that it was not possible for Councils to make grants to charities, etc. If Councils make grants without approval, the members will personally be held responsible.

Another letter from the Department of Municipal Affairs gave the changes that would affect the municipal elections after this year.

Three accounts from the Guelph General Hospital for indigent patients were received. Two of these were sent back for correction.

A statement on the cost of guard duty at the Waterworks and Hydro plants was submitted by the Public Utilities Commission. The total amount paid until October 31st was \$709.55.

In the settlement of the Hydro account for power at the Fall Fair, the Council approved of the payment of \$15 on the account. It was felt that hereafter the Fall-Fair should pay the lighting costs and this arrangement should be made in future.

A report was presented to Council by Col. A. C. Gray on the levels on the ice surfaces at the arena. The Arena Committee recommended that Council advertise for a Secretary of the Arena at the present time. The Clerk was instructed to advertise for applicants for the position of Secretary for the season.

Correspondence was read from Mr. F. L. Wright regarding the protection being carried on the Volunteer Fire Brigade. It was necessary to have the ages, names and beneficiaries of all members of the Brigade and this had not been furnished by the Brigade. It was pointed out that the policy did not cover any over the age of sixty-five years.

The Clerk was instructed to have Mr. Wright secure the necessary information for renewal of the policy. This information was to be submitted to Council.

The Clerk reported regarding the seizures that had been made by the Bailiff for the collection of taxes.

The list of arrears of taxes was checked by Council and instructions issued.

The Acton Branch of the Legion did not have a good crowd at their dance on Friday evening and were unable to meet expenses. They requested that Council rebate the rent of the Hall. The Legion was given use of the hall free of charge.

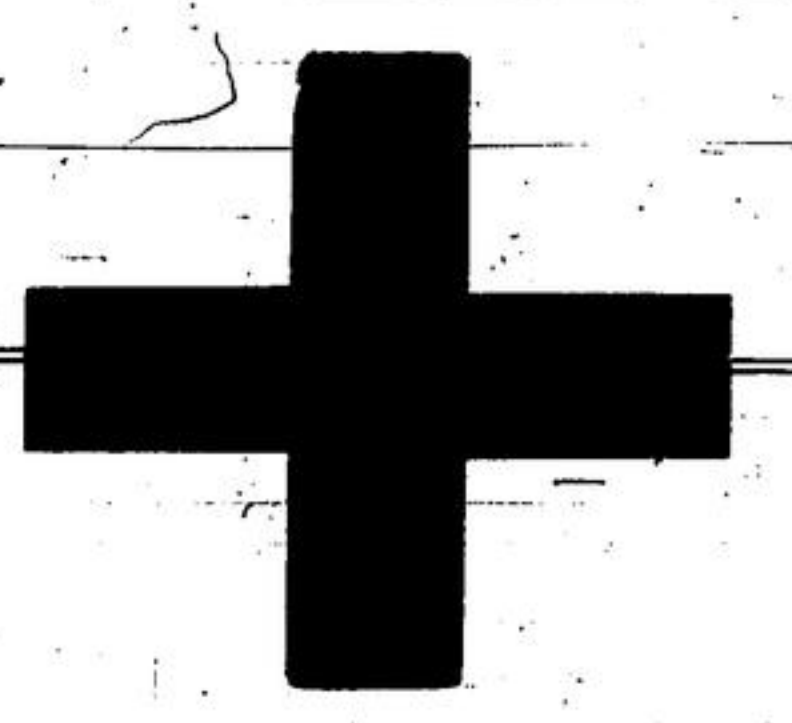
It was decided to purchase 200 feet of snow fence for use at the Park to prevent the bad condition that exists there every winter.

The next meeting of Council was arranged for the following Monday, November 20th.

### Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, on cards of Other Events, when the heading, are charged, is visit to the house, with a minimum charge for an announcement of 25c.

Christmas Concert, Lorne School, Friday, December 2nd. Carol, Contests, Plays, Christmas Tree.



## Our Thanks!

To the citizens of Acton and District for the courteous reception you have given the canvassers who have called during the week. The task has been a heavy one and not all the contacts have yet been made.

It will be our effort to make a thorough canvass of every citizen in Acton and District. If you have been overlooked, won't you assist in the task and bring in your contribution to the Treasurer, Mr. W. K. Graham. We would like every home in Acton and the District to share. Be sure to display the Red Cross emblem in your window.

ACTON AND DISTRICT RED CROSS SOCIETY

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