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## Home Guard Unit Organized Acton District

**The Legion Takes Leadership in This Move to Have Unit Ready for Any Emergency**

Organization of a home guard unit for Acton and the district was commenced on Tuesday evening of last week, when a good group of Veterans turned out for the first drill in the Park. The Acton Branch of the Canadian Legion has undertaken this work of home defense organization. It has the unanimous approval of the Municipal Council.

In conversation with Mr. J. M. McDonald, President of the Acton Legion, we have been told some of the details and aims that it is hoped to accomplish.

Experiences in other countries with enemy agents and fifth columnists leaves no room for doubt but that a home-guard unit is needed in every community.

It is aimed to have a trained group in Acton as large as possible to deal with any situation that may arise in this district.

It is also hoped to organize the district surrounding. Activities of enemy groups or landing of parachutists may occur in rural sections. Therefore, it is essential that the group include men throughout the rural district, as many as possible.

With the present means of rapid communication, the larger group stationed in Acton could be promptly mobilized to deal with any situation that might arise and require assistance.

Regular instruction of the group will be held on Tuesday evening each week in the Park. Everyone is invited to take part. All can serve on the home front.

## Glimpses of Parliament

By Hughes Cleaver,  
Halton's Member

## Conference to be Held for Removal Mill Street Poles

Commission Requests Payment of Collection for Taxes — Agreeable to Change Suggested.

Ottawa, Monday, June 24th  
The week ending to-night has been the most trying one which we have experienced since the outbreak of war. France has been added to the long list of Hitler's victims. Canada's response was to pass an Act to provide for the mobilization of our wealth and man power. This bill was finally passed on Thursday evening by an almost unanimous vote, with only one minor amendment, after many amendments were ruled out of order, and after four different votes were taken by way of appeals from the ruling of the chair. This Bill will mean that every able-bodied man in Canada, under 45, will be compelled to undergo a limited amount of military training, and will be subject to call in designated classes for the defence of Canada. The government has also been given power to conscript industry and all forms of goods and wealth for war purposes. This does not mean that unnecessary or unreasonable steps will be taken, but it does mean that nothing will be permitted to stand in the way of our war effort.

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Hyde Department  
Bell Telephone Co., service ..... \$ 5.00  
H.E.P.C. of Ontario, power ..... 2,530.00  
C.N.R. and Transports ..... 3.37  
Powerlite Devices Ltd., supplies ..... 23.55  
W. H. Cunningham & Hill Ltd.,  
repairs ..... 5.35  
J. C. Matthews, postage ..... 10.00  
W. Wilson, labor ..... 53.20  
Department of National Revenue, sales tax ..... 88.49  
\$2,719.10

Waterworks Department  
Canadian Brass Co., supplies ..... \$50.29  
Notice was received from the Ontario Municipal Electrical Association that the Convention for this year had been cancelled, on account of the war.

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## 63 Blankets Sent Through Red Cross with Other Items

Four cartons of finished materials were shipped to Red Cross Headquarters from Acton Branch during the past two weeks. These contained: 78 sheets; 72 pneumonia jackets; 48 gauze handkerchiefs; 24 triangular bandages; 132 face masks; 12 pairs pyjamas; 12 ice bag covers; 12 surgical gowns; 12 surgical caps. 26 new and used blankets were also sent to Headquarters for refugees. This makes a total of 63 blankets shipped from Acton and district. Besides the blankets, \$42.27 was sent to the "Blanket Fund."

## RAIN OR SHINE LORNE SCHOOL RE-UNION GOES ON MONDAY

It is in readiness for the home coming of old boys and girls at Lorne School on Monday next—Dominion Day. The trek back and gathering will commence at one o'clock and all afternoon, and evening will be given over to games, sports, visiting, etc.

Lunch is to be provided for all at supper time and in the evening a splendid program has been arranged. The final feature will be a dance, with a popular dance band providing the music.

If the weather is unsuitable arrangements have been made to hold the big event in Acton Arena. So rain or shine, Lorne School Re-union will go on next Monday. It is expected that invitations indicate that it will be a grand gathering of the old boys and girls.

In connection with the event, a limited number of copies of an historical sketch of the school have been made available. These have been prepared by the teacher, Mr. John W. Pell, and give the history of School Section No. 12, Equesing, back from 1842. The building known as Lorne School was erected in 1882.

## United Sunday School Picnic at Edgewood Park

Scholars, teachers and friends of the United Church Sunday School enjoyed the annual picnic at Edgewood Park, Edge Mills, yesterday afternoon. There were races, contests, and events for all ages, and not a dull moment for anyone.

Following are the prize winners in the various events:

Children, under 5—Harold Creighton, Marily MacDonald, Dean Parker.  
Boys, 5 and 6—Randy Force.  
Girls, 6 and 6—Jane Elliott.  
Girls, 7 and 8—Marie Parker, Muriel Burns, Shirley Fryer.  
Boys, 8 and 10—Freddy Kentner, Ken Adamson, Jack MacDonald.  
Girls, 9 and 10—Shirley Elliott, Joyce Lamb, Glenna Parker.

Boys, 11 and 12—Jack Kentner, Jack Stewart, George Elliott.  
Girls, 11 and 12—Shirley Kentner, Betty Gibson, Anna MacDonald.

Boys, 13, 14, 15—Donald Evans, Kenneth Fryar.

Boys, 13, 14, 15—May Nicol, Betty Mooney.

Human Croquet Race, boys under 12—George Elliott's Team.

Married Women's Race—Mrs. Fred Kentner, Mrs. Ivan Harris.

Relay Race, girls, 9 and over—Betty Mooney's Team.

Relay Race, boys—Don Evans' Team.

Horse and Rider Race—Kenneth Fryer and Freddy Kentner.

Young People's Race—Mrs. Adamson and Greenville Missiles.

Boys' Wheelbarrow Race—T. R. Lamb and David Dills.

Girls' Three-legged Race—Shirley Elliott and Joyce Lamb.

The program this year was crowded into a shorter time with the party going to the picnic grounds at four o'clock.

The result was a lively hour's fun of the picnic lunch was certainly not overlooked. There was plenty for the appetite of even the most voracious.

The weather continued stormy. Garden flowers were used throughout the room. Strawberry shortcake was plentiful and a good peach pie was provided, and an enjoyable evening was spent in spite of the weatherman's trick.

The orchestra provided music while the people were assembling and during the program. Mr. M. M. Leitch made a very capable chairman. Mr. W. Burton in a sing-song. Miss Flora Bayers gave readings and Mrs. Wm. Hall entertained with musical numbers. Mr. A. Marzo and Mr. T. G. Gibbons, Jr. rendered musical numbers and were called back several times. The male quartette rendered several numbers. The quartette consisted of Messrs. Salt, Mann, Barlow and Muselle. Mr. Burton rendered solos and Mr. W. Cole and Mr. George Muselle sang a duett. Mr. Cole joined with the quartette when they entered "There'll Always Be An England." Miss Gwen Dobbie and Mrs. Alex. Mann gave piano duets.

A pick-up bag contest was conducted by Mr. Charles Kirkpatrick and created a lot of fun, and the contestants received prizes. During intermission the ladies served strawberry shortcake, pie and ice cream and other good things to eat. At the close Miss Bebbie Rawlings moved a vote of thanks to the artists who had so willingly provided such a good program. Everyone thought the indoor festival had proved an enjoyable and interesting evening.

This work will be completed in the fall.

## Vacancy Filled on Staff the Acton Public School

100 Applications Received for the Position — Staffs Are Now All Re-engaged for Year

A meeting of the Action Trustee Board was held on Friday, at seven o'clock, with Trustees J. H. Boyd, F. J. Oakes and V. B. Rumley present, and Dr. A. J. Buchanan presiding.

Upon motion, the minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Replies had been received from all teachers accepting re-engagement for the following term.

The fifth report of the Finance Committee was recommended for payment, as follows:

E. J. Hassard ..... \$ 3.60  
James Waterhouse ..... 2.00  
A. J. Eaton ..... 10.75  
E. Jones ..... 26.75  
ACTION FREE PRESS ..... 9.43  
Milt Ribble Ink Co. ..... 6.00  
Bell Telephone Co. ..... 2.50  
Public Utilities Commission ..... 14.55  
C. Anderson ..... 6.52  
Globe & Mail ..... 4.97  
C. F. Leatherland ..... 4.50

\$95.82  
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## Just Fishing

Perhaps readers may like to read again our annual fish story. It does seem that they vary in many respects, even if the place is the same and the company is unchanged. In spite of the fact that some of the assertions likely to be made may be doubted, we do ask our readers to believe that we have not taken out membership in any Ananias Club.

The party, Messrs. C. H. Harrison, Toronto; H. Cleave, Georgetown; A. Mason, Acton, and the editor, three of them ex-reeves, two of them former County Wardens, and one whose only name is unknown, went fishing at Opeongo Lake, fourteen miles from Dorset to the entrance of Algoma Park, then thirty-four miles through the Park, and a final four miles over a bush road that is improved quite a bit now from our first trip. A parking lot here is necessary because the last mile has to be combed by motor boat.

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## Five Years for Burglar Caught in Acton Home

James Thompson Captured Here Had Lengthy Prison Record — Had Been Out of Jail 42 Days

The burglar who was captured in Acton last Wednesday night by Stan Anderson was one of the worst of criminals, with a lengthy record, and a whole string of aliases.

Yesterday he came up for trial in Milton before Magistrate Woodliffe and was sentenced to five years in Kingston Penitentiary. On Saturday Toronto police identified a watch and chain found on him as property stolen in Toronto. He will go to the city before serving his sentence.

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## PUBLIC SCHOOL PUPILS CONTRIBUTE TO WAR FUNDS

Action Public School pupils have made donations from their funds the past week. \$25 goes to the Red Cross and \$10 was given to the LODE Bomber Fund. These donations were made from funds raised by the pupils in their school concert this year. Every pupil has had a share in this effort to help win the war. The spirit is commendable.

## Two Pretty Weddings in Acton Churches Saturday

MISS VELMA MURRAY Became Bride of Mr. Lloyd E. Millar at United Church Ceremony — Miss Renetta Waller Bride of Mr. Fred Cook at Wedding Solemnized in St. Alban's Church.

### MILLAR-MURRAY

Velma Atkins Murray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Murray, of Acton and Mr. Lloyd E. Millar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Millar, of Freeman, Ontario, were united in marriage during a very lovely service held on Saturday afternoon at three o'clock in the United Church in Acton. Rev. G. O. Gifford, of Acton, performed the ceremony in which the bride was given in marriage by her father. Ferns and palms formed a background for a profusion of roses, orange blossoms and peonies which decorated the church.

The bride was gowned in embroidered marquisette in white over white satin made on princess lines with full-length train. Her veil, which fell to the end of the train, was shirred in deep folds from a coronet of white heather and orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of Token roses and bouvardia and an heirloom handkerchief that had been carried by a great aunt on the latter's wedding day.

Two attractive attendants formed the bridal party. They were Mrs. K. Williamson, of Wingham, as matron of honor, and Miss Mabel McGregor, cousin of the bride, as bridesmaid. The matron of honor was in pink museline de sole over taffeta, trimmed with turquoise velvet ribbon. She wore a blue velvet flower hat, with pink lace streamers, long pink lace mittens and carried a bouquet of Briarcliff roses and bouvardia.

Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh, of Guelph, acted as best man and Mr. Stewart Kerns, of Freeman, and Mr. Harvey Millar, Campbellville, cousin of the groom, as ushers.

Miss Fern Brown, organist of the church, played the wedding music and during the signing of the register, Mrs. William Maxwell, of Guelph, sang a solo, "Through the Years."

About 100 guests attended a reception which followed the ceremony and was held at the home of the bride's parents near Acton, prettily decorated with summer flowers, roses, orange blossoms, snapdragons and peonies, all in pink and white. The bride's table was decorated with orange blossoms and bows of white satin ribbon on each corner, centred with the three-story wedding cake and

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Knox Church Garden Party in Acton Park, Wednesday, July 10th. Good Program.

Garden Party, 8.8. No. 1, Erasmo, Friday, July 5th. Minstrel Show, etc. Admission 25c and 10c.

Any ladies wishing to join the Lawn Bowling Club will be very welcome to join the lady bowlers any Wednesday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. at the Bowing Green.

Ebenezer Church, Nassagaweya, Sunday, June 30th. Services at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. in commemoration of twenty-five years in the new church. Rev. E. Miller Carter will conduct the services. Choir assisted by Mrs. Roy and Mr. R. S. Maley, and also Mr. D. J. Galloway and son. Inviting all who attended or assisted in the past 25 years. Come. Everybody welcome.

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, should be sent in writing, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 25c.

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