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## Gordon C. Smith Resigns from the Utilities Service

### Commission Accepts Resignation and Offers Position to Him at Close of War

Reeve J. B. Chalmers, Commissioner M. Symon and Chairman C. M. Hanson were present on Tuesday evening when Acton Public Utilities Commission met. The Secretary was, upon motion, instructed to pay the following accounts:

Hydro Dept.	
Highway Garage, truck repairs	10.00
ACRON FIRE PUMP, advertising	1.25
Powerline Devices Ltd., supplies	4.20
Cansfield Electric Works, supplies	168.35
Canadian General Electric Co., supplies	7.70
Macdonald Electric Ltd., supplies	20.54
Geo. Macdonald & Co., supplies	9.35
Canadian Line Materials, supplies	61.49
C.N.R. & Transp., express	.45
Bank of Montreal, revenue stamps	3.00
	1286.55

Waterworks Dept.

Hydro Dept., power at Spring	134.97
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Mr. Dietrich of the Ontario Hydro was present and discussed with the Commission the annual range campaign and the advantages that might be offered to stimulate the use of cooking by electricity.

The Commission agreed to give the matter consideration and make a decision later.

A letter from the Ontario Commission outlined the duties of the Municipality, concerning the yearly audit. The letter was filed.

A letter from Mr. Gordon C. Smith tendered his resignation as an employee of the Commission. He had enlisted in the Canadian Militia for overseas service. He expressed appreciation of the co-operation given him during his years with the Commission.

The Commission accepted the resignation with regret and the Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Smith, assuring him that when he returned from his duties in service to his country, the position he had vacated would be open for him.

A letter from Mr. Douglas Dawkins, made application for the vacancy.

The Secretary was instructed to advertise for applicants for the position. The Commission arranged to hold a special meeting on Wednesday, July 17th, to consider these applications.

## Senior Baseball in Acton Park To-morrow Night

Acton baseball fans are to see a game in the home park after all this year. The Guelph Senior team has arranged to play one of their home games with Kitchener in Acton Park to-morrow (Friday) night, at 8:30 p.m. Both teams are fast and a good game can be expected.

Acton boys are playing on the Guelph line-up and we understand Norm Martin, Acton left-hand pitcher, etc., will do the moulting duties for Guelph. Bill Waterhouse will be playing at center field. Johnny Bush is now playing with the Guelph team, since the Halton League got tired of playing with only two teams.

The game here will be a real treat and local fans will show their appreciation by attending. The Guelph Club have made the arrangements in appreciation of the services of the Acton boys on their team.

## INDIAN LEFTIST HELD



Rival of Mahatma Gandhi in direction of the Indian Nationalist party, Subhas Chandra Bose has been arrested and interned under defence regulations. Bose is leader of the Leftist groups in the Nationalist Party and has been suspected for violent actions to secure Indian independence as against Gandhi's passive resistance.

## It's the Spirit of Even Little Folks That Helps Win

Just an example of how even the children are playing a part in the war effort was shown on Saturday when a group of seven of them in Acton, of about an average age of ten years, raised \$6.00 and turned the entire amount over to the Bomber Fund of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the I.O.D.E.

Inspired, perhaps, by the Y. Circus, and yet too young to participate in that event, they planned a circus of their own. First the object of funds was indefinite. Then they decided if a surplus was made it would be for the I.O.D.E. Bomber. Enthusiasm grew. They emulated the old folk in selling tickets but at only 1c each. Everything on the grounds was to be 1c and the event was to be held at Jimmie Speer's. (For general information that is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Spielvogel, on Mill Street.)

The big day arrived, counter attractions in town worried the group, but they went on. There was a penny loss, three tin cans to be knocked off a stand, a refreshment booth that served a splendid cold drink and a cookie for a cent and an attendance that put in a happy smile for every patron as extra good measure. 'The Zoo' had a pair of rare rabbits and a beautiful cat. And of course there was Bingo, with valuable prizes. Perhaps we have omitted some games.

The efforts were highly successful and it was perhaps a tired crowd but an enthusiastic one that put the coppers, nickels, dimes, quarters and bills in a tin cigarette box, enclosed a note to the Treasurer of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. and with plenty of elastic around the container for safety, presented to Mrs. J. M. McDonald, with the complete proceeds of \$6.00.

The children who presented the circus and carried out the event were Eleanor Beatty, Claire Markey, James Dill, Jimmie Spielvogel, Roy Kitzness, Jack Macdonald and Melbourne Blow.

## The Acton Boys Camp Lively Spot in Honey Harbor

### Acton Visitors Were Numerous on Sunday and Loud in Praise of the Camp

Visitors on Sunday to Acton Y. Boys' Camp on Beauvois Island at Honey Harbor almost outnumbered the campers and staff, but all agreed with the boys that the camp and arrangements are a swell place. The boys report ideal weather and a wonderful time. They are all in good health and enjoying the outing immensely. Parents who weren't able to visit the camp will be interested to know something of the spot and perhaps some incidents of a day spent there.

From Acton to the government dock at Honey Harbor is a distance of 138 miles. To Midland the distance is not quite so much, but the boat trip is more lengthy. Some of the visitors were from Midland, but the Y.M.C.A. Board of Directors and ladies went by Honey Harbor and were met at the dock by Bill Benson who ran the program. There is a good beach, and which carried a party of twenty along with a good load of supplies to the camp, about a half-hour's run from the dock.

The camp site is a splendid one, looking down toward the harbor, but nestled in among the smaller islands. It has a well built shelter of good size, good camp stove and cook house shelter. Around these buildings are the tents on a fine level strip of ground. There is a good dock. The camp has two canoes and two row boats. The beach has been improved for swimming. The camp is well organized. George Mason is in charge of the cooking and each day two of the boys are detailed for 'fatigue duty' and help in the preparation of the meals. Bill Benson and Jack McGeehan are in charge of the program. The boys had a lot of aquatic events. They contested in walking the 'steaky pole'. They had swimming races, single and double canoe races, rowing contests, canoe races were the contestants stood up with their feet on the edges of the canoe and others where they paddled with their hands. There are two groups in camp and keen rivalry for supremacy in every activity. High up on the rocks we visited a scene where a moss fight had taken place and, to say the least the terrain was much disturbed. But we were assured it had been a grand and glorious affair.

The directors were privileged to have two meals with the boys and sample the average menu. We'll tell you what was on Sunday. At noon there was a fresh vegetable salad, hard boiled eggs, bread and butter, milk, tea and fresh strawberries with boiled custard. And

## Fair Grants are Given as Last Year in Esqueuing

### Residents of Crescent Request Drainage of Streets - Reduced Rate on Alberta Bond Accepted

Esqueuing Township Council met on Friday evening at eight o'clock. Deputy Reeve C. H. May, Councilors G. W. Murray and G. E. Cleave were present. Reeve Wm. A. Wilson presided at the meeting.

A letter from Mr. Flavelle was read with reference to the taxes owing on the Halton Brick property.

Moved by Messrs. Cleave and May, that the Reeve be authorized to consult with the Township Solicitor in connection with property of former Halton Brick Company.—Carried.

Moved by Messrs. May and Murray, that this Council do now adjourn.—Carried.

Esqueuing Township Council held their regular meeting on Tuesday evening, Deputy Reeve C. H. May, Councilors G. W. Murray, Edwin Harrop and G. E. Cleave were present. Reeve Wm. A. Wilson presided at the meeting.

Communications were read from Jenkins & Hardy, giving statement of all outstanding taxes and taxes returned against property; Milton Brick Co.; Kenneth M. Langdon and A. E. Wilson & Co.

Deputations from Acton and Esqueuing Fair Boards met the Council in connection with grants to the Fall Fair. Another from Beardmore Crescent, asking that the water be drained from the Crescent, rather than let it until it soaks away.

Moved by Messrs. May and Cleave, that the Treasurer pay the road sheets as presented by the Road Superintendent, \$1,704.14.—Carried.

Moved by Messrs. Murray and Harrop, that the Treasurer pay relief accounts, as presented by the Relief Officer, \$131.07.—Carried.

Moved by Messrs. Murray and Harrop, that this Council petition the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario to cancel Contract No. 189, S. H. Hurst, west part Lot 24, Concession 8.—Carried.

Moved by Messrs. May and Cleave, that the Treasurer be given authority to accept the reduced rate of interest on Province of Alberta Bond, due April 1st, 1940, for \$22,500 on account of Railway Bonus Fund, 15 per cent. of the face value, viz: \$1125.—Carried.

Moved by Messrs. Harrop and Murray, that the grants to Acton, Esqueuing and Halton Agricultural Societies be the same as last year, namely \$75.00 to Acton and Georgetown; Milton, \$25.00.—Carried.

## The Lorrie School Re-union Successful Financially Too

Not only was the Dominion Day Re-union of Lorrie School a success from the re-union and enjoyment viewpoint, but financial returns show success, too. This week, after all accounts were met, the Committee made a donation of \$26 to Acton and District Red Cross Society. Another portion was invested in War Savings Bonds. And thus the re-union fulfilled a double purpose by contributing the revenue to the task of winning the war. Some plans are now under consideration by the Committee to observe the school's sixtieth anniversary which occurs in a few years.

**British Child-Guests Coming to Canada**

Certain confusion exists by virtue of the fact that various groups are obtaining their own registration of prospective homes, says Mr. G. F. Thompson, Superintendent of the Halton-Peel Children's Aid Society. The Government has ruled that all applications for children shall be made through the Children's Aid Society. This appears to cover registrations already made through Women's Fraternal Societies and Service Clubs. The Society is most willing to co-operate in every regard with all interested groups and requests that all applications be forwarded to The Children's Aid Society of the Counties of Peel and Halton.

## Glimpses of Parliament

By Hughes Cleaver, Halton's Member

Ottawa, Ontario, July 6th, 1940

The Budget Debate dragged along all last week and by Friday it looked as though the vote on the Budget would not be reached until about the middle of this week. Private members started making speeches which would read well in their constituencies and it looked as if we were falling back into the usual routine. On Friday afternoon a flare up occurred in which each side blamed the other for holding up the vote and as a result speeches were shortened, some stood aside and did not give speeches which they had intended to make and the vote was reached at six o'clock Friday afternoon.

The only substantial criticism of the policy laid down in the Budget was voiced by the Member from Parkdale, Dr. Bruce. In this Budget the Government has imposed heavy taxation and has adopted a policy of paying for the war out of current revenue as far as possible. Dr. Bruce opposed this policy of high taxation and instead urged that the war costs should be borne by borrowing to be repaid over a period of years. The advantages of paying for the war as far as possible out of current revenue are obvious. The total contribution which we as a producing country can make toward the winning of the war is the difference between our total production and our domestic consumption of goods. The residue over and above our own consumption can be increased in two ways:

1. By increasing production, and

2. By reducing our domestic consumption as far as possible.

This being so, it is obvious that taxation should be imposed up to the point where it would restrict production and any reduction in our own consumption of goods which can be effected through drastic consumption leaves just that much more of a surplus for war purposes. It is to be hoped that the increase in taxation will be of sufficient effect to discourage the use of luxuries and to confine our domestic consumption to the actual necessities of life. There is also a post war advantage in such a scheme as economy now in public spending will mean that through the war years the Canadian public will build up a backlog of unutilized demands which will help to stimulate a post-war boom. A considerable excess spending by the public when the war is finally won. This feature should be very useful to stimulate business during the reconstruction period after the war when serious unemployment is sure to occur. There is another reason why we should pay for the war now as far as it is humanly possible, which is that we should not leave all of the cost of the war to be borne in part by the men who have fought and won the war.

In these letters I am endeavoring to place both sides of the various questions in an impartial manner and as I cannot find any substantial reason for Dr. Bruce's contention, I do not know what better I can do not to quote extracts from his speech, as follows:

The defence of Canada is both a major matter and a capital problem. A patient might as well try to remove the appendix while the operation was proceeding as for us to try to pay for this war, as we go, out of current earnings. Certain members suggest that the Bank of Canada finance this war by monetizing the dominion's credit. That would throw us into an orgy of inflation (Continued on Page Five)

## Knox Garden Party Drew Good Crowd

Knox Church garden party last night drew a splendid crowd in the Park and all enjoyed the program provided and the splendid summer evening in the open. The Lorne Scots Band, of Georgetown, paraded prior to the party and gave a good program of band numbers. The Shields Family Entertainers, of Mount Forest, were the other artists. This group is new in this district and their program was enjoyed. Mr. and Mrs. Shields and five daughters comprise the party. Mr. Shields is accompanist on the piano and piano accordion and led in some community singing that was enjoyed. Mrs. Shields and the five daughters are vocalists and the daughters can also dance. Their numbers were all enjoyed and well suited to the type of function. Rev. H. L. Bennie, the minister, was chairman. A loud speaker made the program available to the gathering. A refreshment booth provided a variety of good things to eat and was well patronized.

## MONTHLY MEETING ROCKALONG INSTITUTE AT MRS. LAVERY'S

The July meeting of the Rockalong Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. George Laverty, Mrs. C. Plank presiding. The roll call was responded to by 'giving an article for your emergency shelf.' The Branch decided to co-operate with the district by taking the projects. Plans were made to have a garden party later in July.

The motto was taken by Miss Helen Reed, Mrs. Spencer, President of the Red Cross in Rockwood, gave an outline on Red Cross work. Laura Tene gave a short talk on 'Registrations for Aliens.' Mrs. C. Harris and Mrs. D. McNabb gave a skit on 'Garden Gadgets.' Mrs. Harris gave a demonstration on 'Gardening and Lawns.'

## Tax Rates Set by Eramosa Council at July Meeting

### Request Made for Speed By-law in Eden Mills Favorably Received

The Council for the Township of Eramosa met in the Town Hall, Rockwood, on Monday, July 8th at 7 p.m. (Standard Time), with Reeve D. Gray in the chair and Councilors Pinkney, Benson, Leslie and Rutherford present.

Requests for grants were received from the Eramosa Plowman's Association and the Erin Agricultural Society. These were laid over for consideration at the August meeting.

A request from Eden Mills for a speed by-law was favorably received, and the Clerk was instructed to ask the Secretary of the Police Village for the necessary particulars.

It was decided not to renew the Workmen's Liability Insurance expiring in July.

By-law No. 7 was passed on motion of Messrs. Leslie and Pinkney, providing for a County rate of 6.1 mills and a Township rate of 2.2 mills, with Rockwood at 7.7 and Eden Mills at 2.5.

Accounts passed amounted to \$1726.00 and Council adjourned to August 12th, at 7 p.m. S. T.

## Big Crowd Attends First Distribution War Stamps

Mrs. R. P. Watson Won the \$5.00 Certificate — 10 Other Winners of Stamps — Twelve Persons Lost by Not Being Present on Saturday Night — This Week's Draw Will Be Held on Willow Street at 10:00 p.m.

The War Savings Stamp Contest, sponsored by Acton Business Men's Association drew a good crowd on Saturday evening. The block between Mill and Church Streets was well filled and the crowd stayed right through until the last winner had been selected.

The first name drawn was Mrs. R. P. Watson, and she claimed the award just thirty seconds before the time limit. It was War Savings Stamps for a five dollar bond. The next 10 winners each received War Savings Stamps to the value of \$1.00. The winners were Mrs. W. D. Barber, R.R. 1, Acton; Lloyd Masales; Aldo Braida; Mrs. Chris Spackhamer; Mrs. A. Huard; H. Robson; Mrs. F. Coles; Mrs. P. Anthony; Limehouse; Mrs. W. Marchant and Mr. J. Kennedy. There were twelve names drawn who failed to respond and therefore lost their award. These losers were Mrs. Jos. Rasch, W. H. Parnell, Roy Johnston, Mrs. K. Turkoz, W. C. Jazello, Mrs. W. Dival, Mrs. Cecil Gubbay, Mrs. John Ford, Mrs. Ed. Frohitt, Mrs. J. Massey, Lawrence Webster, E. W. Slesworth. They lost because they were not present at the drawing.

Two children were taken from the crowd to make the draws. Andrew Nicol drew the first half and then a 'runner' from Owen Sound, Florence Vincent, completed the drawing of the lucky coupons. The drawing required about forty-five minutes. Messrs. W. H. Clayton, C. F. Leatherland and G. A. Dillon were the committee who conducted the first event for the Business Men's Association.

It was announced that the drawing for Saturday, July 13th, would be held on Willow Street in the area beside the government building. This will, it is believed, be a more suitable location and provide more accommodation away from traffic. Rules of the contest are announced and on another page details are given, and a list of the stores published where coupons are given with purchases.

## Garden Tea by I.O.D.E. at Home Mrs. Peter Smith

'Hill Hall,' the residence of Mrs. Peter Smith, was the scene of a delightful Duke of Devonshire I.O.D.E. tea on Thursday afternoon. The hostess, Mrs. Smith, and the Regent, Mrs. E. E. Barr, welcomed the guests. Red, white and blue flowers were gracefully arranged throughout the house. The guests roamed around the beautiful gardens during the afternoon. Pink roses, baby's breath and blue delphinium in a silver bowl centred the tea table on a Venetian lace cloth.

Pouring tea were Mrs. W. J. Beatty, Mrs. Hilton Elliott, Mrs. W. J. Gould, and Mrs. Mainprize. Mrs. H. L. Bennie showed the guests to the dining room. Assisting were Miss Smith, Mrs. F. J. Sall, Mrs. W. H. Clayton, Mrs. A. J. Murray, Miss Polster, Mrs. J. C. Matthews, Mrs. N. McNabb, Mrs. Harold Elliott, Mrs. Bailey, Miss E. Cole, Mrs. J. M. McDonald and Mrs. R. M. McDonald. Mrs. Blow, Convener of the Tea, had charge of sale of baking and confections.

Mrs. Creighton won the dozen beautiful roses, donated by Mrs. Bishop and also the lump sugar contest with the prize a towel. Mrs. A. Mason won the lucky door prize, a cup and saucer, and Miss Smith the cake contest.

Piano selections, by Misses Urana McDonald and Mary Sibbet, added to the enjoyment of the afternoon. Guests from Guelph and Milton attended; between seventy-five and one hundred guests in all being present.

## A Free Picture on Monday Night at All Theatres

Gregory Theatre, in Acton, is uniting with all the other picture shows throughout Canada in a big drive to raise \$100,000 in War Savings Stamps in one night. The plan is simple. You purchase two War Savings Stamps at the box office on Monday night, retain the stamps and see the show. The theatre owners assume all the cost. A commendable effort. You can do your part by going to a picture show on Monday night next.

## RECITAL GIVEN BY MUSIC PUPILS OF MRS. MARGARET WORDEN

Last Thursday evening, Mrs. Margaret Worden, A.T.C.M., and her pupils held their annual recital at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Mann. Mothers and friends enjoyed the program, consisting of piano solos and duets by the pupils. At the close of the program, Mrs. Brajan, on behalf of the pupils, presented Mrs. Worden with a purse in appreciation of the extra help given them in preparation for examination and recital work. Although taken completely by surprise, Mrs. Worden expressed her thanks in a few fitting words.

Refreshments were served and a social time was enjoyed by all.

## Routine Session of Nagsagaweya Council Last Week

Nagsagaweya Township Council met on July 3rd, 1940. Members all present, the Reeve presiding. The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted, also the communications were read and discussed.

The following accounts were ordered paid by the Treasurer:

Relief Officer's Accounts	\$ 60.03
Road Superintendent's Voucher	1,600.33
Miscellaneous Accounts	142.09

Council then adjourned, to meet on August 5th, at one o'clock.

**KNOX Y.W.A. PICNIC IN PARK TUESDAY AFTERNOON**

Knox Y.W.A. picnic was held on Tuesday in the Acton Park and the contests, races and picnic supper made it a most enjoyable feature. Following are the winners of the various events:

Girls' Race, 6 and under—Betty Wilds, Betty Kirkness.

Boys, 6 and under—Franklin Spielvogel, Billy Spielvogel.

Girls, 8 and under—Helen Johnson, Joan Wilds.

Boys, 12 and under—Jimmie Spielvogel, Donald Matthews.

Girls, 12 and under—Dolores Lappin, Joan Moss.

Ladies' Thread the Needle Race, for Y.W.A. Members—Mary Matthews and Elmira Spielvogel; Mrs. Ingles and Mrs. Kenny; Mrs. Fred Anderson and Mrs. Robt. Johnson.

Breaking Paper Bags—Mrs. Ingles, Beattie Rawlings.

Time Race—Mrs. Robt. Johnson.

The closing contest was a 'peanut scramble' and topped off by a bounteous picnic supper, two things in which everyone participated with real vim.

## 60 Acton Boys Have Enlisted in Various Services

### The Names of Those From Acton Who Are Now Serving in Canada's Forces

With the help of H. V. Dron, who last week to serve in the Royal Canadian Navy, the following list of Acton boys is compiled as those who had, up until July 8th, been accepted and were now wearing the khaki. We are also indebted to Mr. F. L. Wright for help in compiling this list.

We would appreciate if friends who know of enlistments since that date would advise us so that the list can be kept up-to-date. No post office addresses are given where they are now serving. The unit given is the one in which they enlisted. There are 60 now on the list from this community and it will be noted that the work of the Lorne Scots in training has had a marked effect in getting recruits for the army.

Capt. A. Farly, Georgetown; Lieut. G. Sutherland, Limehouse; Pte. G. Lazenby, Pte. W. Nicolak, Acton, in P.P.C.L.I., Winnipeg.

L. Bdr. J. Nicol, Ghrs. T. Nicol, P. Near, W. C. Jones, J. Henderson, E. Jamison, Acton, in 29th Battery, R.C.A., Guelph.

Ghrs. J. H. Taylor, H. Taylor, N. Patrick, B. Patrick, A. Ford, N. Price, P. Kenney, O. Pittman, C. Byrne, in 43rd Battery, Guelph.

Pte. W. Turner, in R.C.L.I., Hamilton.

Pte. I. Martin, in R.C.F.A.C., Hamilton.

Lieut. T. V. Kenney, in R.C.F.S.C., Hamilton.

C.S.M. J. Aker, Guelph, formerly of Acton; Sgt. J. Irvin, Guelph, in Lorne Scots Base Depot, Brampton.

C.O.M.S. H. V. Dron, Royal Canadian Navy, Toronto.

Pte. D. Hodde, Guelph.

Pte. J. Ford, and Pte. H. DeForest, 43rd Battery, R.C.A., Guelph.

Pte. J. McGeehan, 48th Highlanders, Toronto.

Pte. P. Holmes, H.I.I., Galt.

Pte. R. Johnson, R.C.A.S.C., Hamilton.

Pte. Norman Gibson, 11th Field Ambulance, R.C.A.M.C., London.

Ptes. John Chisholm, R. Cross, B. Bayliss, J. Conroy, R. Brush, J. Goy, L. Close, H. Woods, H. Cook, J. O'Rourke, in the H.L.I., Galt.

Gnr. J. Huard, in 43rd Battery, R.C.A., Guelph.

Pte. E. Landsborough, R.H.L.I., Hamilton.

Pte. C. Purdy, in R.C.A.S.C., Hamilton.

Ptes. C. Tyler and D. Guthrie, in the Toronto Scottish Regiment, Toronto.

Spr. Hector C. Guthrie, in Royal Canadian Engineers.

## MAN WITHOUT COUNTRY

Suffering at Montreal a U.S. Board of Inquiry ruled that Philip S. Greer (pictured above) 26, of Washington, D.C., had forfeited his U.S. citizenship by joining the Canadian Active Service Force. The Board refused him permission to return to his native country. Greer, who enlisted in February and was honorably discharged after injuries made it impossible for him to continue, said he believed his case might have set a precedent for hundreds of other Americans who gave oaths of allegiance to King George VI when they joined the C.A.S.F.

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