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Christmas Lighting Arranged for by Utilities Comm.

Suggest Christmas Tree Be Placed in Front of Government Building

Authorization of the transfer of \$500 from the operating account of the Waterworks Account to the General Account of the Corporation was given at the meeting Tuesday of Acton Public Utilities Committee.

The Secretary was instructed to pay the following account:

Table with 2 columns: Department (Hydro, Waterworks) and Amount.

It was decided to renew the group plan of Public Liability and Property damage insurance through the Ontario Indemnity Company...

Business Men Plan Items of Community Interest

Several items of particular interest to Acton retail merchants were discussed on Monday night when Acton Business Men's Association met in regular session.

It was decided to ask the Council to proclaim Boxing Day (December 26th) a holiday for retail stores and banks.

A resolution was also passed, commending the Council and municipal officials on the splendid attention given to the business section following the heavy snow storms.

LAKESIDE CHAPTER SEND GIFTS TO NORTHERN SCHOOL

Mrs. C. Leishman kindly opened her home for the Christmas meeting of the Lakeside Chapter I.O.O.F. A committee was formed to conduct refreshment booths at the Christmas Carnival.

MRS. KILLICK HAD CHARGE OF BAPTIST MEETING

The Young People's Society of the Baptist Church held their regular weekly meeting in the church on Monday evening.

SCOUT MOTHERS GAVE DONATION TO RED CROSS

The regular meeting of the Scout Mothers Auxiliary was held at the home of Rushmere. Routine business was conducted.

Social Evening in Honor of Champion Plowmen

A social evening in honor of John Lister and Harold Pickett, of Hornby, was held recently under the auspices of the Halton Plowmen's Association.

Numbered amongst the guests from outside the County were J. A. Carroll, Toronto, Secretary-Manager of the International Plowing Match.

Following a short program in which Halton's 1940 Champion Plowmen were eulogized for the honor they won for themselves and the County of Halton.

DIAMOND-ANDERSON WEDDING SATURDAY AT CAMPBELLVILLE

Campbellville was the scene of a quiet wedding at three o'clock on Saturday, December 7th, when Marion Amelia Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Anderson, became the bride of Arthur Harold Diamond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Diamond, both of R.R. 2, Rockwood.

HALTON GARAGE OPERATORS ELECT OFFICERS FOR YEAR

Another mile stone was passed in the life of the Halton Branch of the Ontario Garage Operators' Association, on Thursday, December 5th.

It was one of the most successful meetings yet held, both in record attendance and variety of program.

NAVY WEEK IN THE ACTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

Last week, December 2nd to the 6th, was especially set aside as Navy Week in the Public Schools of Ontario to impress on our minds the great deeds performed by the British and Canadian Navies.

REDUCE CHARGE ARISING FROM MOTOR ACCIDENT IN COUNTY

A charge of manslaughter against Rodrick Toll, of Toronto, was withdrawn by the C.P.W.n Magistrate's Court at Milton yesterday.

REPAIRS TO ROAD IN COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Acton Township Council was held on Monday evening, December 10th, at 8 o'clock.

Half Way Mark Reached on Purchase of Spitfire

Mayor R.-W. Birkett, of Acton, England, Acknowledges Assistance from Acton, Canada, in Letter to Reeve J. B. Chalmers - Hope to Have Plane Bear Motto, "Floreat Actona."

This week Reeve J. B. Chalmers received the following letter from Mayor Birkett, of Acton, England, who acknowledges the contribution from Acton, Canada, of £222 toward the purchase of a Spitfire fighter.

My Dear Reeve: I have just received from the London Branch of the Bank of Montreal a cheque for £222, proceeds of the collection made in your town on behalf of my Borough's Spitfire Fund.

I am particularly moved by this proof of the feeling of our friends in Canada, and of their sympathy with our National effort, and I shall be grateful if you will convey to all who have taken part an expression of my gratitude.

It is our hope that we will have now passed the half-way mark towards our goal (£5,000), the amount necessary to purchase a fighter plane, and I hope that when we are able to send the full amount necessary to the Minister of Aircraft Production we shall be able to have it named "Floreat Actona."

Yours faithfully, R. W. BIRKETT, Mayor

THE C.G.I.T. CHRISTMAS VESPER SERVICE

The lovely and impressive Christmas Vesper Service, as prepared by the National Girls' Work Board, and which is being celebrated by girls all over Canada during the next week, was presented by the recently-organized C.G.I.T. Group in the United Church on Wednesday evening.

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Weekly War Commentary

Specially Written for The Acton Free Press by LEON EDEL, Canadian Press Staff Writer

In this 67th week of the Second Great War the world can sit back and marvel at the achievement of Greece. The Greek army, outnumbered, possessing inadequate military supplies, fighting hand-to-hand battles in mountain passes and rough terrain, has accomplished the seemingly impossible.

This is the greatest defeat the Italians have suffered since Caporetto, during the First Great War, although their defeat in one important battle in Spain must not be forgotten. It will be recalled that the so-called Italian "volunteers" in the Spanish civil war got a terrific jolt at Guadalajara, where the Loyalists gained one of their important victories in the war they ultimately lost.

Britain has stood by Greece to the utmost of her ability. Specialists of the Royal Air Force, including several Canadian members of the R.A.F., have been on Greek soil directing the participating air operations. British bombers, operating from new bases in Greece or on her islands, have struck vigorous blows at the Italians.

When the Italians are forced to fight, they apparently can't do it if their heart is in it. Above all they have suffered from bad, incompetent leadership. The stepping down of Marshal Badoglio, who was the war in Ethiopia, but didn't do so well in Spain and lost in Greece, is an important and highly significant straw in the wind.

Unless G. N. Ugo Cavallero, new Italian chief of staff, has some new tricks up his sleeve, Cavallero threatens the Fascist cause. Cavallero was appointed to succeed Marshal Pietro Badoglio, December 9th, the announcement coinciding with the capture of Porto Esido by the Greeks.

The loss of the vital southern Albanian sea base was a heavy blow to Italy. Cleverly pressed by Greek forces, the Italians are in flight along the southern front. Further north, E'basani, where Fascist army headquarters is located, and Tirana, Albanian capital, are in the path of the Greek advance.

Retirement of Marshal Badoglio, hero of Mussolini's Ethiopian conquest, was followed next day by the announcement that Gen. Coscaro-Maria de Vecchi had resigned as Governor of the Dodecanese Islands in the Aegean Sea.

The drive of the Royal Air Force against military objectives in Germany and in Nazi-controlled continental ports continues. Flying through city weather, British bombers smashed Dueseldorf, a Ruhr port for 12 hours, December 4th. It was the R.A.F.'s longest bombing raid of the war. Tons of explosives and incendiary bombs were poured on the city by the British armory and returning fires told of dozens of fires left in their wake.

The busy west coast port of Bristol was bombed by German aircraft, December 5th, for the fourth time in a little more than two weeks. Numerous fires were many other public buildings were damaged. The previous day the Luftwaffe attacked a town on the south coast.

Quiet Please, Ferdinand Helena, Mont (CP) Veterinarians scotch rumors of a "TB" epidemic among the bulls of Montana by deciding their hoarseness generally was the result of "too much bellowing."

Milk Producers of Halton County Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Halton Milk Producers was held in the Farmers' Building, Milton, on Saturday evening last. Approximately 40 producers braved the almost impassable roads, which, incidentally presented the attendance of officials from Toronto.

President—John Marshall, Milton, Vice-President—W. H. Biggar, Oakville, Secretary—Treasurer—Le DeVries, Georgetown.

Directors—Trafalgar, Victor Hall, Emerson Ford, V. J. Lawrence, Esquesing, Thos. Bird, Malcolm McNabb, Arthur Riddell, Nussagawa, A. S. Mahon, Nelson, W. J. Robertson, R. S. Heatherington, South Wellington, Robert Kerr.

FORCE BOWLERS TAKE FIRST PLACE IN BOWLING LEAGUE

The Force Bowling Team advanced into first place in the Quebec Commercial Bowling League Tuesday night by defeating Hatters, 5-2.

The Force Electric 1065 960 1096 3121 Hatters 867 1065 732 2665

Milton to Have Election for Council Hydro Commission

Mayor, Reeve and three School Board members were all acclaimed in Milton nominations. Eight men had qualified as candidates for six Council seats at the expiration of the time limit given candidates to qualify Saturday night.

Presentations made at Christmas Mission Band. The Victoria Mission Band of Knox Church held their regular Christmas meeting on Thursday last.

CHRISTMAS ITEMS ON PROGRAM OF KNOX YOUNG PEOPLE'S

The regular meeting of Knox Y. P. Guild was held on Monday and was in charge of the Service Committee.

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ROCKALONG INSTITUTE DECEMBER MEETING HAS CHRISTMAS FLAVOR

The December meeting of the Rockalong Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. D. McNabb, with a good attendance of members present.

Mrs. B. Nelson, Convener of the December meeting, took charge of the following program: A Christmas reading, was given by Mrs. W. Patterson.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the hostess. The meeting closed by singing the National Anthem.

Acton Masons Elect Officers for the Year

At the annual election of officers on Monday night, the following were chosen to head Walker Lodge, A.F. & A.M., for the year:

W. M.—Bro. R. P. Watson, S. W.—Bro. R. MacArthur, J. W.—Bro. W. G. Middleton, Chaplain—V. W. Bro. Wm. Cooper, Treasurer—Bro. W. K. Graham, Secretary—V. W. Bro. R. M. McDonald, S. D.—Bro. Wm. Near, J. D.—Bro. J. M. Steele, I. G.—Bro. H. C. Helwig, D. G.—V. W. Bro. F. McIntosh, S. S.—Bro. T. G. Aitken, J. S.—Bro. A. J. Buchanan, Organist—Bro. C. F. Leatherland, Auditors—Bros. W. G. Middleton, E. Grischow, Tyler—W. Bro. W. R. E. Blair, Examining Board—V. W. Bro. Wm. Cooper, W. Bro. J. B. Chalmers, W. Bro. H. L. Ritchie.

BROKEN NEEDLE LODGED IN EYE INFLECTING SERIOUS INJURY

Miss Dorothy Lazby suffered a serious injury to her eye when a needle in one of the glow making machines at the Story Glow Co. plant broke and pierced it, lodged in her eye.

The accident happened on Tuesday morning, and was a most unusual one. Latest reports indicate Miss Lazby is making satisfactory progress and it is hoped the eye sight will not be affected.

PRESENTATION MADE AT CHRISTMAS MEETING VICTORIA MISSION BAND

The Victoria Mission Band of Knox Church held their regular Christmas meeting on Thursday last. Christmas was divided into two parts, the first part being opened by the call to worship.

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County Plow to Clean Roads Eramosa Township

The Council for the Township of Eramosa met in the Town Hall, Rockwood, on December 6th, at 7.30 p.m. at the call of the Reeve.

The Trustees of the Police Village of Rockwood were present and it was decided to engage the County snowplow on Township roads and village streets at once.

The following correspondence was ordered to be filed: Letters from the Department of Highways, approving the speed by-laws for the Police Villages of Rockwood and Eden Mills, and calling a meeting at Guelph on December 9th; from the Department of Municipal Affairs, thanking the Council for their co-operation in the success of the Municipal School at Rockwood on November 21st; from the Canadian Mothercraft Society; and from a legal firm, in connection with the Fergus-Cataract abandonment of the C.P.R.

ACTON BOYS WILL PLAY WITH ARMY TEAM

According to a sports item from Stratford, the H.L.I. stationed there will have a hockey team, with several former Acton boys on the line-up.

GENEROUSITY DESIRED MORE THAN TIDINESS IN A HUSBAND

The regular meeting of the Bloomington Literary Society was held on Friday. The President, Clarence Wilson, occupied the chair. The roll call was answered by "Your Favorite Sport."

Ross Gordon acted as chairman while the following program was given: Reading, Wallace Lasby, debate, "Resolved, that it is better to have a generous, unaffably husband than a stingy, tidy one." The affirmative side was upheld by Mrs. George Watson and Mrs. Jack Dennis, and the negative side was upheld by Mrs. van Gozen and Mrs. Berberich. The judges' decision was given in favor of the affirmative side.

The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem. Euchre was played, with prizes going to Mrs. Alex Near and Mac McLaughlin. Lunch was served and a social half hour was spent.

BEARDMORE CO. AWARDED CONTRACT FOR WAR SUPPLIES

In the latest list of war contracts announced by the Department of Munitions and Supply an Acton firm has secured an order for materials. Beardmore & Co. have been awarded an order amounting to \$22,000.

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