Personals

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Harrison visited Acton friends last week.

Mr. Geo. Murray was home from Toronto over the week-end.

Miss Laura Scott, of Waterloo, visited Acton friends during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Richardson, David and Anjo spent the week-end in Toronto.

Miss Wilma McMillan, of Toronto, visited with Acton friends over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Gurney, Wingham, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Murray on Sunday.

Mr. Eugene McPherson and Master Bobby, of Toronto, visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. J. McPherson.

Lieut. P. W. Pearen was home this week prior to leaving for duty at one of the internment camps in Northern Ontario.

Mr. John M. Frank was in Mount Forest on Tuesday, attending the funeral of his uncle, the late Duncan Livingston.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirkby Williams, of Wingham, visited with relatives and friends in Acton and Toronto over the week-end.

Mrs. Harry Smethurst has just received word of the death of her beloved father, George Johnston, in Melbourne, Australia.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Lantz, Mr. Stuart Lantz and Miss Grace Lantz attended the funeral of Mr. Lantz' mother, in Toronto, on Monday.

Juvenile Hockey Has All Boys in Town Interested

Groups Take Names of Acton Industries for Their Teams — Play After Four

Two weeks of strenuous practice has brought into the glare of hockey some of the most promising material that has yet appeared in the Midget Hockey realm. Boys twelve years and under make up this keen aggregation and after careful observation, three well-balanced teams have emerged from the welter of shinny sticks.

The line-ups are as follows:

MASON KNITTERS — Wilfred Duval, Captain; Fred Kentner, Kenneth Pappilon, Ivan Huffman, Jack McDonald, Bob Crawford, Jack Crichton, Billy Nelles, Allan Corrie, Ken Allen, Fred Dunn. Coach, Cliff Young. Assistant Coach, Jack Kentner.

STOREY GROVERS Ken Adamson, Captain; Ronald Sall, John Agar, Earl Carnrite, Lorne Simpson, John Barr, James Dills, Jim Spelvogel, Lorne Arbic, Eddy Crewson. Coach, Ken Hassard. Assistant Coach, Bud Clayton.

FORGE ELECTRICS Reg. Spence, Captain, Geo Beatty, Donald Lamb, Mart McCristol, Paul Desserault, Julian Zajac, Melvin Blow, Darlow Johnson, Jim McCilloway, Reg. Kirkness. Coach, Herb Drone; Assistant Coach, Bill Knight.

Games are played every Tuesday at 4.15 sharp.

With one year of seasoning, the advanced Midgets, including boys 12 to 16 years, moved a step nearer to the Big Time stuff. The experience gained in the previous year has "rounded off the edges" and produced some good team play, supplemented by solo efforts. This augurs well for future hockey in Acton.

Each of the three teams in this group is handled by one of the sponsors, W. J. Benson, M. M. Leitch, G. W. McKenzie.

BAXTER LABS Bob Pearen, Captain; Ruen Veldhuis, Jack Stewart, Don Ross, Fife Somerville, Vic Masters, John Bosilevac, Bill Kanis, Roy Chisholm, David Dills, Don Force. Coach McKenzie.

WOOL COMBERS Charlie Rushmere, Captain, George Grant, John Palmer, Jack Bruce, Vic Patrick, Lloyd Robinson, Jack Crawford, Doug Davidson, George Turkosz, Stan McHugh, Gord Kirkwood. Coach Benson.

TANNERS Sam Brunelle, Captain, Herb Drout, Kerr McPhail, Earl Masales, Jack Kentner, Don Evans, Ken Allen, Bill Knight, Bill Clayton, Earl Johnson, Bob Holmes. Coach, Leitch.

Games are played every Thursday at 4.15 sharp.

After meeting with the Hockey Club Executive, the older boys, who played in the school and Y groups of last year were drafted into the Juvenile class. These will be under the experienced leadership of Vic Rumley and Bill Talbot.

Between 90 and 100 boys are benefitting by the generosity of the Rink Committee of the Town Council, who look to the present scheme for future benefits.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1st
Gift Night
"WE WHO ARE YOUNG"
Lana Turner, John Shelton. March of Time, "On Foreign Newsfronts." Cartoon, "Wicky Wacky Romance." Fox News

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd
"DR. CYCLOPS"
Thrill fantasy, in Technicolor. Comedy, "Money Squawks." Canada Carries On, "Children From Overseas." Band and Cartoon.

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"BOOM TOWN"
Clark Gable, Spencer Tracy, Claudette Colbert, Hedy Lamarr.

Weekly War Commentary

Specially Written for The Acton Free Press by
DON GILBERT
Canadian Press Staff Writer

The dramatic handclasp between President Roosevelt and Lord Halifax in Chesapeake Bay emphasizes, in the 74th week of the war, the extent to which the President has committed himself and his country in the fight against Nazi Germany and its accomplice nations.

It was a Churchillian stroke of international policy to send the new British Ambassador across the Atlantic in the battleship King George V. It was a bold gesture, richly rewarded when the President of the United States disregarded protocol and sailed out through the lashing rain, personally to welcome Lord Halifax to American shores.

The significance of that meeting between the Chief of States of the world's greatest industrial nation and the British statesman, still a member of the War Cabinet, will escape none of the countries which in the coming months will have to decide whether they will actively align themselves with Britain or bow to Nazi aggression.

Nor will its significance be lost to the leaders of the aggressor nations, for more than anything heretofore it signifies the totality of Mr. Roosevelt's devotion to Democracy's cause. It means that the President's great powers of leadership will be brought to bear with ever-increasing force to redeem his pledge that Britain shall not perish for want of arms.

Roosevelt Envoys

And to supplies and ships the President now adds diplomatic support. His representative, Col. William Donovan, is in the course of a tour of Turkey, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and Greece, affording the leaders of those Balkan nations first-hand information on why, as Mr. Roosevelt has declared, "the Axis powers are not going to win this war."

In Vichy, Admiral William Leahy seeks to sway Marshall Petain. To the Orient Mr. Roosevelt sends his administrative assistant, Lauchlin Currie, a Nova Scotian by birth, to ascertain China's needs to continue her heroic struggle against Japan.

In the continuing struggle, Britain will have the President as her champion. Germany, it seems, will have to get along with Col. Lindbergh.

East African Success

Hammer blows are being dealt by British forces at Italian colonies in East Africa, following up the success of the Army of the Nile in smashing Fascist invasion troops in eastern Libya.

Great headway has been made in Eritrea and Ethiopia where the Italians are suffering from lack of supplies through the British blockade on North African ports. Advancing from the Egyptian Sudan, desert fighters were reported, January 25th, to be more than halfway to Asmara, capital of Eritrea.

Lion of Judah Again

A British mission which penetrated into the interior of Ethiopia paved the way for the return of former Emperor Haile Selassie. The Negus rallied the tribesmen, who are reported to have defeated Italians southeast of Lake Tana. On Ethiopia's southern frontier, South African forces, based on Kenya, are driving north with one of the deepest thrusts at Lake Rudolf.

Capture of Tobruk, January 22nd, forced Marshal Rudolfo Graziani to move his Libyan army headquarters from the Akdar mountain town of Cirene. The town is 115 miles west of Tobruk. Reports indicate that British mechanized forces are cutting south of coastal positions west of Tobruk with the object of attacking Bengazi and driving the Italians out of eastern Libya.

Greeks Hold Initiative

It was reported from Athens January 24th, that at least seven Italian troop divisions have been withdrawn from the battlefront in Albania and reorganized because of "extreme heavy losses." Fighting is severe on the central front north of Khsura where the Greeks are edging toward the seaport of Valona over mountainous terrain.

Sima Under Arrest

Premier Ion Antonescu, of Rumania, in a signed statement, January 25th, charged that a midnight attempt to assassinate him earlier in the week led to the rebellion that cost thousands of lives.

The same day Vice-Premier Horia Sima, Iron Guard chieftain, named by the Rumanian government as a leader of the forces which revolted against the Antonescu regime, was reported under arrest.

Charges of looting as well as rebellion were lodged against Guardist leaders, according to Bucharest despatches to Budapest. They were accused of sacking synagogues and wrecking two newspaper plants.

Ciano Off to War

Italy's political and military changes continue. Count Ciano, Premier Mussolini's son-in-law, and Foreign Minister, has been sent to war. He will resume command of a "formation of bombers in the zone of operations." A report from Ankara states Marshal Rudolpho Graziani, Commander-in-Chief in Libya, has been removed from his post. The report, broadcast from the Turkish capital, January 27th, lacked official confirmation.

The United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee was told by Treasury Secretary Morgenthau, January 28th, that Britain, Greece and China "can't continue to fight" unless Congress enacts the administration's British-aid bill. He said the British government had exhausted its dollar exchange for buying war supplies and orders for 2,000 planes now are being held up for lack of cash.

Wendell Willkie, defeated United States presidential candidate, is getting first-hand knowledge of Britain under fire and already has met Prime Minister Churchill and other political and business leaders and visited London's bombed areas. The second day of his visit he attended a session of the House of Commons.

Liner In Port

The Canadian Pacific liner, Empress of Australia, which brought the King and Queen to Canada in 1939, is "safe in port," the British Press Association reported, January 28th. Previously it was reported from Miami, Fla., that the Empress had radioed she had been torpedoed and shelled off the West African coast.

After a five-day respite, high explosive and fire bombs fell on London, January 28th, causing few serious casualities but considerable property damage. Bad weather kept German airmen on the ground for days and the Royal Air Force has made only a few raids on northern Europe during the past week.

But there is no let-up for British fliers operating in north and east Africa and the Mediterranean area. Particularly heavy raids were made, January 27th, on Elbasani, Italian base in central Albania, and on Naples and Catania in southern Italy.

Open New Front

It was reported, January 28th, that Free French forces, operating from Chad, northern area of Equatorial Africa, had started an offensive in southwestern Libya. Italian posts at Gatrum and Mrazuk have been captured and serious losses in men and materials inflicted on the Fascists.

Premier John Metaxas, strong man of Greece, died January 29th, following an operation for a throat infection. He was 70 years old. Alexander Coryozis, governor of the National Bank of Greece, has been named to head a government pledged to fight against Italy.

County Council Argue Committee Appointments

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the Warden is already a member of the Road Committee he resigns that office but serves on the Committee in his ex-officio capacity as Warden of the County.

Warden Supposing we leave this matter over to the next meeting.

Mr Campbell and Mr. Hillmer—No, no. Thresh it out now.

With the approval of the Council Dr. Heslop got in touch with Mr. W. I. Dick, County Solicitor, and asked that he give his decision in the matter.

Mr Dick's decision was as follows—When a member of the Road Committee becomes Warden, it does not follow that he must resign as a member of that Committee. The fact of his being Warden does not disqualify him on that Committee as an ordinary member. But if the Warden were not already a member he would become a member by virtue of his office as Warden.

Following Mr Dick's decision, the following resolutions were placed before the Council;

Moved by Mr Hall, seconded by Mr Robertson, that we appoint Dr. C. H. Heslop to succeed Mr Byers' unexpired term as member of the County Roads Committee, for the years 1941 and 1942. Carried.

Moved by Mr Chalmers, seconded by Mr May, that Mr Cleave be appointed to the Roads Committee to fulfil the unexpired term of Mr Byers. The motion was lost.

Council adjourned for half an hour so that the Road Committee might meet. Council resumed and the advisability or otherwise of purchasing the $10,000 truck and equipment, advised by Mr Smith, at the last meeting was turned down by the unanimous vote of the Council.

There still being considerable business to transact, Council adjourned to meet again at 7.00 p.m.

Referring again to our report of the somewhat heated debate over appointments to the Good Roads Committee, it should be emphasized that while Mr Cleave was out for a more even distribution of committee appointments incidentally committee fees it was obvious that his arguments were not the result of any personal antagonism. Mr. Cleave merely contended that Mr Finney had been well treated by the Council considering his comparatively short term of office. A glance at the committee reports for 1941, will support this contention, but in fairness to Mr. Finney it should also be stressed that Mr. Finney has, in the short time he has held office, proved himself to be a reliable and conscientious worker on any committee. Also it should be remembered that the appointment of Chairman to the Finance Committee was offered in the first place to Mr. J. W. Campbell, the new Reeve of Oakville, who declined the office, asking that he be given a less responsible position in the Council during his first year. Mr. Finney definitely, and repeatedly, asserted that never at any time, had he made any attempt to seek office. In each case the appointment to committee was offered him and when he accepted these various appointments it was with the intention of discharging the duties incurred to the best of his ability.

Regarding the controversy as to the Warden's position on the Road Committee, it should be pointed out that the issue was not whether Mr Kerns should sit in on that committee, since that is his privilege as Warden of the County, but whether he should retain his position as a four-year appointee on that Committee. Mr. Hillmer was of the opinion that Mr. Kerns should resign and act on the Committee only as Warden. This would have meant two appointments — one to succeed Mr. Byers and one to replace Mr. Kerns. However, according to Mr. Dick's ruling, Mr. Kern's resignation was not necessary and was therefore not given, although Warden Kerns expressed his willingness to hand in his resignation as an ordinary member of the Road Committee should Council so desire, but it was not definitely requested.

A glance at the report of the Council meeting for January 16th, 1940, is of special significance. At this meeting it was moved by Dr. Heslop, and seconded by Mr. Byers, that Mr. George Finney (Warden for 1940) be appointed to the Good Roads Committee for the year 1940, to complete the unexpired term of Mr. Victor Hall. The motion carried. This appointment was made despite the fact that the Warden, by virtue of his office, is entitled to sit on all committees, with power to vote.

In response to a request presented personally by a representative of the Salvation Army, Council were unanimous in their decision to make a grant of $100 to this worthwhile cause — an increase of $50 over that of last year since Council were of the opinion that the work of the Salvation Army was greatly increased by war conditions.

At the night session Council went into Committee of the Whole, with Reeve Gilbert in the chair. Reports were considered and adopted and were as follows:

Printing This Committee recommended that the tender of Ernest V. Barber, for printing 100 copies of the Auditors' Reports, at $1.55 per page, be accepted; also 100 copies of Minutes, Reports and By-laws for 1941, at $1.60, and that the tender of Marshall T. White for printing Magistrates' Blanks be accepted.

County Buildings Payment of accounts recommended, also that an extension bell be placed in the Sheriff's office, to assist the Deputy-Sheriff in his absence.

Education This Committee recommended payment of accounts to the High School Boards:

Rockwood Continuation School	$ 385.17
Burlington High School	11,150.93
Oakville High School	9,112.92
Milton High School	11,313.27
Acton Continuation School	900.00

Special Communications This Committee recommended that the following resolutions be endorsed:

From Lindsay, Victoria County—Whereas the cost of conducting Entrance examinations and reading papers by the Entrance Board is quite considerable, it is decided to recommend that Inspectors be NOT allowed any extra fees for this work. Since they work on a yearly salary, they should be available for any work during the twelve months of the year and all work done should be included in the salary received. Teachers on the Entrance Board should be allowed regular fees for this work, as they and their duties end at the end of June each year. Therefore, the reading of papers is done during the summer holidays.

From Peel County—Re the matter of the high cost of the administration of justice, we would respectfully petition the Dominion and Provincial Governments to discontinue all allowances for mileage and other expenses to Judges, Magistrates, Sheriffs and other officers connected with the administration of justice, and to pay straight salaries to such officials without extras. Also that judges be required to contribute to their own pensions, on the same basis as Civil Service employees.

Also from Peel County, copy of resolution passed at last meeting Peel County Council: "Be it resolved that we offer $6,000 to Albert Kee for 100 acres at the rear of the House of Refuge, subject to approval of Halton County, and that the Committee have power to act."

Mr Finney explained that the purchase of this land was contemplated with the idea that it could be profitably farmed and provide necessary employment for the inmates of the House of Refuge. After some discussion it was moved by Mr. Hillmer, seconded by Mr. Craig, that Messrs. Gilbert, Finney, Cleave and Wilson be a committee to look into the purchase of land, as recommended by the County of Peel, at the most opportune time as to purchase of same, and report back to Council. Carried.

Other resolutions passed were as follows:

Moved by Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Finney, that Mrs. D. Hartley and Mr. John Blair be appointed to the Old Age Pensions and Mothers' Allowance Board for the year 1941.

Moved by Mr. May, seconded by Mr. Craig, that the members of the Agriculture Committee be delegates to the Agricultural Council and that their expenses be paid, but not to exceed $5 per day per member.

Moved by Mr. Chalmers, seconded by Mr. Campbell, that the Agricultural Committee be given leave to purchase 4,000 trees for the County Reforestation Farm.

Moved by Mr. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Finney, that the Warden and Clerk be authorized to submit to the Minister of Highways the petition of the County of Halton that during the year 1940 there was expended on the County System of Highways the sum of $85,726.21, and request the statutary grant on that amount, as provided by the Highways Improvement Act.

Moved by Mr. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Hall, that the Roads Committee and the County Engineer be sent as delegates to the Ontario Good Roads Convention, and that their expenses be paid, but not to exceed a total of $75.

Mr. Finney raised an objection. I cannot see that it is necesary for the entire Road Committee to attend this convention.

Dr. Heslop As a member of the Road Committee I might say I should like to attend this convention, but if I do, it will be at my own expense.

Mr. Finney And the same with me. Any convention I have attended has always been at my own expense. I prefer to pay my own way.

The motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Robertson, that a membership fee of $25 be sent to the Ontario Conservation and Reforestation Association. Carried.

The meeting closed by members singing the National Anthem and Council adjourned.

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