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## Liquor Control Board Asks Names of Law Officers

Waterworks Pump is Taxed to Capacity at Present Demand—Enquire for Sale of Town Property. Pigeons Are to be Disposed of by Municipal Officer.—Report of M.O.H. Received.

The Acton Council met on Thursday night in regular session. Councilors J. H. Craghton and H. A. Macdonald were present, with Rev. J. B. Chalmers presiding.

A letter was presented from the Ontario Liquor Control Board, requesting they be furnished with the names of the law enforcement officers. This information was forwarded to the Board.

A letter was read from the Ontario Department of Agriculture, pointing out that a weed control inspector must be named for the Corporation. A resolution was passed making E. E. Harney weed inspector for the corporation.

Dr. E. J. Nelson, M.O.H., presented the annual report of the Board of Health, in which he pointed out the work that had been carried out during the past year and the improvement that had been made.

The Good Roads Convention notified the corporation of the annual convention to be held in Toronto next month.

A resolution was read from Thamesville council in which they requested that all dealers, profits be eliminated in the handling of salvage material. This resolution had been passed by the minister of war services. Acton council were in accord with the resolution.

An elevator company enquired if there was any local by-law prohibiting their electricians from working in the municipality without trying an examination. Acton has no such by-law.

A list of students who had been attending Guelph schools from Acton was received from the county clerk. This list included the names of the pupils who had attended Guelph last term.

Mr. C. N. Anderson was present requesting permission to drain water from the creamery into the drain on Main Street instead of the Mill Street drain. Council decided to investigate and if it would not injure the innery water supply they were agreeable.

The Welfare Board was present to discuss the Board's work. The council were pleased with the work done by the Welfare Board and desired them to continue operating.

Mr. Charles Wilson was present to discuss the advisability of changing the waterworks frontage assessment for new consumers. The council decided to investigate the by-law when a full council was present. The following resolution was passed:

It was moved by H. A. Macdonald and seconded by J. H. Craghton and resolved that a waterworks frontage tax of \$4.62 be charged to Bartlett Mullin for the year 1941 and henceforth because he is now connected to the main, also Milton Henderson and James Waterhouse, same being for Lot 54, Block 28, and Lots 5 and 6, Block 16, respectively. The tax is assessed on the basis of the present same in the local improvement register. Carried.

Mr. Orville Brown was present requesting the council to sell him one of the lots taken over by the corporation at the last tax sale. Council could not give a clear deed to this property until June but were willing to sell the property on the understanding that it was not redeemed on the necessary time. Mr. Brown could have it.

Mr. Charles Wilson reported that the pump at the spring was working at near capacity and a new pump would be needed if any more quantity users of water requested service. The present pump is working as high as 22 hours a day.

The reeve and clerk were authorized to sign termination of bond in respect to Mr. Harold Burkholder of Acton.

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## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR WOMEN HERE ON FRIDAY

This universal hour of prayer by the women of the world for the needs of our day will be held tomorrow, Friday, for 24 hours of the day, women will be meeting for a brief hour, somewhere, sometime, to present unto Almighty God their cry for help. The order of service was prepared in Shanghai, China. The women of Acton are meeting in Knox Church at 3 o'clock in the afternoon to join in this prayer. Will you join them?

## County and Local Orange Officers Are Elected

County, district, ward and local Orange Lodge officers for the year have been elected and installed. The Halton County L. O. L. annual meeting was held at Milton where R. W. Bro. Cecil Armstrong, grand master of Ontario west, and R. W. Bro. Lester H. Saunders, grand organizer of Ontario west, conducted the election and installation.

County officers elected: County master, G. Brain, Burlington; Imp. past county master, J. E. Wilson, P.D.M., Hornby; county chaplain, W. Bro. Tomlinson, Burlington; county rec. sec. George Pencock, P.C.M., Milton; county fin. sec. C. K. Brown, P.D.M., Acton; county treasurer, V. Bradley, Milton; county 1st lecturer, C. Robinson, P.C.M., Hornby; county 2nd lecturer, L. Patterson, P.C.M., Brantley; county marshal, Ed. Gamble, W.M., Acton.

The annual meeting of Hornby district L. O. L. comprising Acton, Campbellville, Georgetown, Glen Williams, Hornby, Milton, and Stewarston lodges was held in Milton.

Officers elected and installed for the ensuing year are: district master, G. Stokes, Campbellville; past district master, C. K. Brown, Acton; district master, D. Dawns, Hornby; chaplain, C. Brooks, Hornby; marshal, I. Conn, Glen Williams; rec. and fin. sec. Geo. Pencock, Milton; treasurer, R. Brownridge, Milton; 1st lecturer, C. K. Brown, Acton; 2nd lecturer, J. E. Wilson, Hornby.

Hornby Royal Scepter Chapter re-elected their officers for a second year at the annual meeting held in Hornby. They are: worshipful commander, C. K. Brown, Acton; post commander, J. E. Wilson, Hornby; deputy commander, Geo. Pencock, Milton; companion scribbler, Charles Brooks, Hornby; companion secretary, D. Dawns, Hornby; companion marshal, Ed. Gamble, Acton; companion 1st lecturer, C. Robinson, Hornby; companion 2nd lecturer, Sam Hubble, Acton; companion 1st conductor, H. Masles, Acton; companion 2nd conductor, Bro. Bains, Hornby; companion herald, Bro. Lindsay, Hornby.

The local order, Acton L.O.L. 107, officers elected and installed are: War master, Ed. Gamble; deputy master, Harry Gordon; chaplain, E. McDonald; marshal, Sam Hubble; rec. sec. Wm. Evans; fin. sec. Wm. Allan; treasurer, V. B. Rumley; 1st lecturer, W. B. Blair; 1st committee man, E. Packer; 2nd committee man, E. Packer.

ALTON GAVE TO HALTON ITS NAME IS THE CLAIM

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Alton, Apuley, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Tuesday, were married in the home they now occupy.

Mr. Alton is the son of the late George S. and Margaret Alton, pioneers of the district, whose forebears were responsible for the naming of Halton county. The original settlers inadvertently or otherwise pronounced their name with an English "H". Hence the naming of the county which so many of the family have since loved.

Mrs. Alton is the daughter of the late David and Catherine Lucas, also well-known pioneers of the district. She is the granddaughter of the late Col. John Land of Hamilton. Both Mr. and Mrs. Alton are still active in the affairs of Appleton United Church. They have four sons and one daughter: Frank of Chicago, Dudley L. of Waterloo, G. Andrew of Hamilton, Victor M. of Appleton and Mrs. Harold Burkholder of Acton.

Sunday members of their family gathered at their home to celebrate the occasion.

## ACTON BOYS ENLISTED

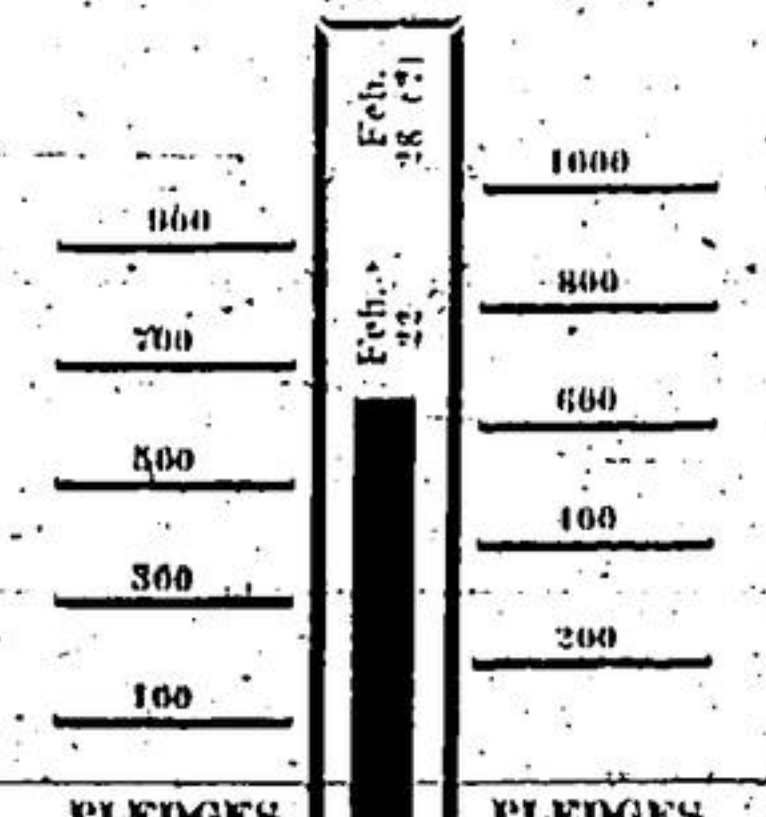
This Week's Register

Please furnish us with any names of men from Acton and district who join any of the Active Services, for this column.

That E. Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Watson, has joined the Military Corps, and is stationed at Manning Depot with R.C.A.F.

Mr. Joe Lashby has joined the R. C. A. F. Aircraft Training School at Galt.

## Help It Climb!



## ACTON SAVES FOR VICTORY

## HALTON SEED FAIR TO BE HELD IN MILTON

The annual Halton Seed Fair, originally planned for Acton, is to be held in Milton on March 7 and 8, states J. H. Willmott, newly elected president of the Halton Crop Improvement Association. Lack of hall accommodation in Acton on one of the dates in question is the reason for the change, we understand.

A feature of the second day will be the annual Junior Farmer Judging competition in grain and greasy fruit and vegetables and cream grading which will be run off in the morning under the direction of Agricultural representative J. E. Whiteford. The afternoon program will include addresses of interest and value to all farmers. The main speakers will be J. A. Carroll, superintendent of agricultural societies for the Ontario Department of Agriculture and W. E. Brecken, prominent farm leader of Preston. The concluding item of the two-day event will be the sale of 10 bushel lots in the special classes of oats and barley which have been added to the prize list for the first time.

Judging by the interest to date, states Mr. Willmott, this event should be the largest on record both from the standpoint of entries and attendance.

## KNITTERS WANTED FOR SOCKS FOR THE SOLDIERS

The Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the I. O. D. E. is desirous of securing the help of knitters for Acton and district to knit socks for the boys from here who are on active service in Canada. Those who will volunteer and help will apply to Mrs. F. S. Blow for the yarn.

## Extravaganza Proved a Big Event Here Last Night

Performance of Kitchener-Waterloo Skating Club Made Splendid Programme. Feature was Pair Exhibition by Miss Florence Ducharme and Mr. Wallace Destlemeyer—Bill Hoag and His Partner Pleasured More than the Children.

Acton Arena was indeed all decked out in color for the skating extravaganza held there last night and the performance put on by the talented skaters of the Kitchener-Waterloo Skating Club made it a colorful and entertaining event.

The decorating committee made a splendid job in transforming the big bare spaces of the arena into a colorful setting and skillfully hiding the big steel beams of the building.

The Kitchener-Waterloo Club performance of last year was excellent assistance of a good show and there was a splendid attendance. Music was provided by the Lorne Scots and Acton band.

The Kitchener Club have a splendid variety of colorful costumes, which go to make their presentations very attractive. Club numbers included a Ten Step, Waltz, Tango, Fox Trot and concluding with a Ten Step.

Solo skating numbers were by Patty Scully, Evelyn Steuss, Herbert Wunder, Wallace Destlemeyer, Violet Petch, Edna Wunder, Flora Ducharme, Grace Gough, Marie Schnurr and Isabel Henderson. Duett numbers by Glennie and

## E. T. Thetford Assumes Duties Town Treasurer

Auditors Complete Work and Council Passes Necessary Motion

The auditors completed yesterday the audit of the books of Municipal Treasurer E. T. Thetford, who has held the office for the past five years.

The new Treasurer, E. T. Thetford, took office immediately after and the Municipal Treasurer's books were transferred to his charge. Last evening a brief session of the Council was held in the Clerk's office, when the necessary motion was passed giving power to the new treasurer, to sign and issue cheques for the municipality, and he will now carry on this office.

Mr. Thetford is well-qualified for the position, he was a member of Acton Council for ten years and was Reeve of the Municipality for four years. He was agent in Acton for the Canadian National Electric Railway for several years and until the railway ceased operations. Acton is indeed fortunate to secure a man of his experience and ability to assume the office that was so well carried on by Mr. Leatherland. The Clerkship duties will be continued by Mr. Leatherland.

## New Book of Poems by an Acton Author

In the spring catalogue of books of Ryerson Press announcement is made of a new book of poems by an Acton writer. It is entitled "I Met Some Little People," by Anne Sutherland Brooks, (Mrs. E. A. Brooks). Just let us quote from the review:

"This new edition of verse is likely to prove highly popular. Anne Sutherland Brooks has already won for herself a wide following in Canada through the appealing human quality of her verse. The illustrations by G. S. Duff are particularly attractive."

Many of us who have been delighted with the former poems of Mrs. Brooks have been looking forward to this new book and watching for announcement of its publication.

## SHIPMENT OF SUPPLIES FROM RED CROSS HERE

Following is the shipment made on Monday from the Acton and district Red Cross headquarters:

25 shirts; 25 girls' blouses size 11; 6 girls' nightgowns size 8; 5 medium pyjamas; 5 small pyjamas; 5 large; 5 medium; 4 medium pyjamas.

Reta Bauer and Marion Smuck and Tiny Tait were cleverly executed and attractively costumed. The feature of the evening was, of course, the exhibition given by Florence Ducharme and Wallace Destlemeyer. This pair were runners up for the Canadian Pair Championship at Montreal this year, and certainly gave a clever exhibition of skating. Well timed and graceful.

A trio number by Marie Schnurr, Isabel Henderson and Grace Gough was also a feature of note. A novelty number that showed grace and skill on the blades was the Sword Dance, put on by Marion Smuck, Tiny Tait, Edna Wunder, Jean Ziegler. In Scotch costume they went through all the intricacies of this Scotch Dance and spun on the toes with all the agility of those who perform it in dancing shoes.

A number that drew tears of laughter and exhibited a good deal of skill and trick skating was the clown number, by Bill Hoag and his partner.

Winners of the four prizes were Mr. J. M. McDonald and Clifton Fryer. This annual event, which is appreciated by all was under the auspices of the Duke of Devonshire and Lakeside Chapters of the F.O.D.E. and Acton Branch of the Canadian Legion. Proceeds were devoted entirely to supplying comforts for the boys from Acton and district who are overseas. Mr. J. M. McDonald was the efficient master of ceremonies.

Following the event, the visiting Club was entertained at a luncheon and social time at the Y.M.C.A.

## Glimpses of Parliament

By Hughes Cleaver, Halton's Member

The War Appropriation Act for the current year as introduced by Minister of Finance calls for the expenditure of \$1,300 millions during the present fiscal year for war purposes. It is also estimated that another \$400 millions of Canadian securities held in Great Britain will be repatriated in order to permit the Motherland to buy war supplies and facilities in Canada. The current federal needs are estimated at \$432 millions (a reduction over last year). Adding to these figures about \$579 million which will be collected this year, in taxation by the provinces and municipalities the grand total adds to \$2700 millions which the people of Canada will be asked to pay in taxation and by way of loans during the current year.

The total income of Canada this year is estimated at \$5200 millions which means that the Canadian people this year be asked to pay and to loan just over one half of their total income. This works out to about \$225.00 for every man, woman and child in Canada. Check the figures for your own municipality. It means just about 450,000 for a town the size of Acton.

This announcement should brush aside all of the futile charges of complacency, a comfortable war effort and the like and should have the effect of directing the Opposition to carry out its proper function in our system of government, namely: to criticize waste and extravagance and to carefully scrutinize the manner in which your money is being spent. Until the budget is brought down we will not know what new forms of taxation will be introduced and what increases will be made in existing taxes, but as it is the policy of the government to pay as much as possible of the cost of the war out of current taxation it necessarily follows that drastic increases in taxation are inevitable and that every Canadian will be asked to pay far more purposes everything that he earns over and above a bare living.

The failure of the conference of the provinces to support the recommendations contained in the St. Louis report or to advance satisfactory alternate suggestions will make the task of the Minister of Finance just that much more difficult. One illustration will suffice. Perhaps the most equitable form of taxation is the income tax. Today practically every one of the nine provinces has a different rate of provincial income tax. This state of affairs prevents the levy of an income tax which will be uniform across Canada.

The Minister of Finance in addressing the conference called to consider the St. Louis report made the following statement:

"It has occurred to me that much of the discussion revealed little understanding of the full financial implications of the war programme to Canada and to the provinces and to the people of Canada. Our war effort is planned definitely and deliberately on the basis of the maximum war effort of which Canada is capable. That is the wish of the people of Canada but it means violent changes in our economy and our daily lives if we are to put forward our maximum effort. It means far more than we can just do comfortably, far more than 'business as usual.' It means expenditures of simply colossal proportions and those expenditures cannot be taken care of by any financial magic; they must be borne by the taxpayers of all the provinces of Canada."

When taxation must be brought to such a high level it becomes the more imperative that everyone should be treated fairly. The farming population in Canada are today suffering under an unfair burden and something must be done about it.

HUGHES CLEAVER

## FORCE BOWLERS WIN 5-2 IN GAME THIS WEEK

The Force Bowling team defeated Master Cleaners 5-2 in a regular league match last Tuesday evening.

The score:

M. Roote	283	214	239	736
H. Otterbein	176	202	125	503
E. Grisehew	143	153	180	476
J. Langford	253	193	223	669
W. Cory	191	263	260	714

Force Electric 1046 1025 1027 2098  
Masters 868 892 1038 2828

Owing to the Guelph Junior Hockey team playing off with Marlborough next Tuesday, the Commercial Bowling League are postponing their league game for one week.

## Acton Has 617 Pledges In War Savings Survey

## Halton Federation Of Agriculture Plan Organization

Are prices of farm produce to be placed nearer parity with wages and prices of manufactured goods? This is the burning question with the farmers of Canada. That the fight for parity is on is evident from the activities of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture. On Monday, February 17th, nearly 500 Halton County farmers met in Milton and decided to form a county branch of the Federation with a unit in each Township. The membership fee was set at \$1.00, and on Saturday last the organization committee met to draft a constitution, and to prepare for the township organizational meetings. These meetings will be held Thursday, March 6th, at 8:00 p.m., Standard Time, as follows: Esqueping, Georgetown; Nassagaweya, Brookville; Trafalgar, Palermo; Nelson.

There will be a prominent guest speaker at each meeting, and the work of organization will be proceeded with. If the constitution is approved at these meetings, the membership will be on the basis of one membership fee, admitting to membership all members of the farmer's immediate family, 18 years or over, actively engaged on the farm. It also provides for the admission of farm employees to membership.

The organizing committee is asking for the support of all the farmers in the county, and is intent upon making the Halton Federation one of the best in the province. The date is March 6th, at 8:00 p.m., Standard Time.

## COLE DAVENPORT WEDDING IN NASSAGAWEYA

A pretty mid-winter wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Davenport, Nassagaweya, on February 22, at 2:30 o'clock (S.T.), when Margaret Esther, became the bride of Joseph Vernon Cole, Georgetown, Ontario, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cole, Milton, Ontario. Rev. W. B. Irwin officiated.

The home was tastefully decorated with pink and white streamers and white wedding bells. The bride party took their places beneath an arch of evergreens. The lovely bride was given in marriage by her father and was dressed in a long white wedding gown, and wore her mother's veil and orange blossoms and carried an arm bouquet of white roses and snow peas. She was attended by Miss Irene Cole, Milton, sister of the groom, in a very becoming floor-length gown of celanese taffeta, white flowers bandau in her hair and a bouquet of mixed colored flowers. Arthur Davenport was the groomsmen. Miss June Frank of Georgetown played the wedding march and also played during the signing of the register.

Later a buffet lunch was served and the happy young couple left amid a shower of confetti and good wishes for a short trip and on their return will reside at Georgetown.

Guests were present from Toronto, Milton, Georgetown, Guelph, Evesham, Pushtech and Nassagaweya.

## PURCHASED ANOTHER BAKERY FOR THE McDONALD CHAIN

Councillor Arthur H. McDonald has purchased a bakery business at Evesham and will within a week or so move there to take charge of the new business. A short time ago he sold the business here to his son Ian who has been in charge since. This will make four in the string of McDonald Bakeries now located at Acton, Evesham and Chatsworth and judging from the one in Acton we would say successful enterprises. All will regret the removal of Mr. McDonald, who has this year been a member of the Council. All wish him success in the new location.

## SPEARING OF SPEEDING

"Bill, you were fast when this man was shot," the lawyer asked. "I was der when dey started about 'im' white man I didn't tarry." The lawyer smiled. "How many shots were fired?" "Jus' one. Ah heard it twice, an' Ah ought to know." "Heard it twice? Why, how in the world was that possible?" The negro smiled shrewdly. "I heard dat bullet fur' when it passed me, an' den again when I passed it."

## Dominion Wide Reports Indicate Much Work Yet to Be Accomplished to Reach Objective. Many Centres Have Not Yet Filed Returns. Only Three Reports From Halton and Two From Peel County.

Reports bearing out the fact that Acton is taking its place in giving practical assistance to the War Effort. Every Friday, local committees wire their reports to Ottawa. By Monday a bulletin is issued to all newspapers giving a tabulation of the number of pledges reported. Acton is in the Toronto district. Here are the campaign results in number of pledges reported to February 22nd.

Halton — Acton 617; Georgetown 691; Oakville 393; and 3 centres unreported.

Ontario — Ottawa 10,067; Port Perry 118; Whitby 929; with 3 centres unreported.

Peel — Brampton 1,401; Port Credit 1,025 and 7 centres unreported. York — Eglowick 864; Forest Hill 400; Leaside 1,912; Newmarket 692; New Toronto (Mimico, Long Branch and Lake Shore) 4,472; Richmond Hill 296; East York 1,353; Toronto City 103,140; West York 731 and 3 centres unreported. The County quota is 265,850 and 129,111 are unreported.

Here are reports from other nearby centres in which reports will be interested to know of progress being made.

Dundas 943; Hamilton 21,182; Galt 4,528; Preston 2,134; Hespeler 742; Elora 280; Fergus 911; Guelph 3,517; Mount Forest 373; Rockwood 11; Orangeville 285; Durham 321; Bracebridge 195.

The next report from Ottawa will be issued after next Friday's returns and we will give it next week.

In Acton the industries have all been surveyed and returns are in. The ladies organization commenced the house to house survey at the end of last week and the work is only partially finished. But from every section comes reports of a willingness of all to give a practical hand in winning the war.

The work in the sections of Nassagaweya and Esqueping that are part of Acton district has been hampered by blocked roads. A meeting of workers arranged for last week was postponed for a week owing to the blocked roads. It is hoped the weather will soon permit this work being done.

At the schools in Acton there has been organized a loyal group of War Savers who are making their contributions through the purchase of stamps. The Public School reports a total for this month of \$144.00. The Continuation School reports a sale of \$36.50 in War Savings Stamps, since the present campaign got underway.

Acton's quota is 800 Pledges. Let's make it go over the top and hit the 1,000. It can easily be done, if everyone helps. It's no time to set back and let someone else shoulder the burden. This is a war where materials and supplies count as much as man power. We cannot fall those in the front lines and it's the little help from everyone that is going to count.

What does this mean to you? Even individual in Canada is asked to save \$12.00 per year under the present War Savings Campaign. Frenchmen must pay \$48.00 per person per year to Germany for protection. Norwegians must pay \$55.00 per person

## Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged in cents per line, with a minimum charge for advertisement of 25.

Acton Y's Men's Club First Annual Dance in Town Hall, March 7th, 1941. Powell and his Orchestra.

St. Patrick's Keno, Tuesday, March 18, St. Joseph's Hall Door-Prize a wrist watch. 10¢ proceeds to Soldiers' comforts.

Remember the date, March 17, Knox Church Ladies' Aid, St. Patrick's Hot Supper in the Sunday School Room, from 6 to 8 p.m. Price 25¢.

The Acton Y's Men's Club presents a Spring Fashion Revue and Dinner on Friday evening February 28th, at 9 p.m. Courtyard B. D. Hachlin. Admission 25¢.

Euche and Dance, Acton Town Hall, Friday, Feb. 28th, 8:30, D.S.T. under auspices, Hannekha, Women's Institute, Hill's Orchestra. Admission 25¢. Lunch provided—proceeds war work.