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War Or No War
Halton is to have an equalization. War or no war we can't settle our little county affairs without full dress trimmings and all the incidental expense.

We come right back to our first point. That there is something radically wrong with our system of municipal adjustment of taxes, that requires \$30,000 at any time to establish and equalize that distribution.

When we say solution of the problem we mean not an appendage due to war conditions but a method of settlement that will be satisfactory when we haven't anything else occupying our fighting abilities.

What Will Be 1941 Figures?
The census enumerators have been making their rounds and within the next week or so will have completed their tabulations.

Let's look for a moment at the figures of 1931 gathered from a book that is now getting pretty well thumbed and will, we hope, within the year, be replaced by the new edition with the 1941 figures.

Ten years ago Acton's population was given as 1,855. There were 30 stores. Halton had a population of 20,558 and 361 stores were listed.

EDITORIAL NOTES
The hot weather has made the bathing place at Fairy Lake quite the popular spot these days.

Acton's business buildings and industries continue expansion. All splendid evidence of sound community growth.

Sales of farm implements and equipment in Canada during 1940 totalled \$47,595,154, an increase of 30 per cent. over 1939.

Summertime may be vacation time for teachers and pupils of the school but for School Boards it is the busiest time of the whole year.

The roadways about town are due for some more attention with the road maintainer and some very bad holes need immediate attention.

Canada's exports during the first five months of 1941 totalled \$567,008,000 as compared with \$437,316,000 in the similar period of 1940, an increase of 35 per cent.

Boys of Acton in quite a number are eagerly anticipating the two weeks camp arranged by the Y's Men's Club.

With the Victory Loan Campaign successfully concluded workers can perhaps have a brief vacation before the next big effort is scheduled.

Mid-week holidays are considerable of a nuisance and the observance of Dominion Day was haphazardly carried on as suited the individual circumstances.

The district about here remains high and dry but surrounding territory gets some showers that give a real impetus to growth of the crops.

The new headache of this week in industry is the unemployment insurance scheme.

In view of circumstances it would seem only fitting that the maximum penalties would be handed out to these thieves when they are apprehended.

Pencils--70,000,000
Britain Ships 3,000 Sorts Across The Seven Seas

British pencil makers have set up a new record by the throughput in laying away great quantities of Vespene red cedar wood during the last month of the year.

The result is that 70,000,000 pencils in 3,000 styles, are now going out to world markets from the British Isles.

The dearest pencils exported cost 20¢ a gross, the cheapest 5¢. Pencils with "antigrip" metal rings and rubber and other novelties, go to the bazaars of India.

Lead hardness is determined by the proportion of China clay and with the graphite. Lead gold is used for lettering the best; bronze, or silver, or aluminium for cheaper goods.

Placed end to end, Britain's 70,000,000 pencils would extend to 773 miles.

Built To Be Bombed
R.A.F. Has Now An Aunt Sally Fleet

Defying high explosives, bomb fumes and death by drowning, men are putting to sea in speedboats which have been specially built to be bombed by the R.A.F.

These intrepid men are the crews of about 400 motor launch boats, built in British yards renowned for racing craft and designed to withstand hits from light practice bombs.

Direct hits simply drill holes clean through the hull, which, being packed with a special buoyant substance called ozonite, one-fifth the weight of cork, can be "mended" comparatively simply.

Only amidships, where the crew of three and the vital parts are concentrated, is there about a dozen plates, mounted on rubber buffers.

The target boats not only turn in their own length, but can initiate the movement of any likely objective, from a steam train to zig-zagging naval vessels.

MERRY WEDDING, ANYWAY
LONDON, (CP) So that a girl could buy her wedding dress, her family rallied around and gave her 76 ration coupons for material.

REAL ENDURANCE MEDAL
LONDON (Seman) Evan Owen Griffiths, chief of four British sailors who survived 51 days at sea in an open boat on a meagre ration of biscuits and rain water, had been awarded the British Empire Medal.

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WAR
25 Years Ago

BY H. H. GORDON
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Military observers generally concluded that the Battle of the Somme, from July until November, 1916, was the turning point in the First Great War.

The first phase of the great battle, which pushed the main fighting front north of Verdun, began on July 1 and lasted for three weeks.

The second phase, captured a plateau between the Somme and Arras rivers. In this second stage, leading to the final triumph, the French position was strengthened.

Canada's Bravery
The Canadian Corps won distinction in the battle. In September, the overseas soldiers fought in the battle of the Ancre, where they relieved the Australians.

From Babies to Grandmas They Sacrifice Their Treasures
OTTAWA, (CP) In Britain where the war slogan is sacrifice anything for victory, even your hair, some British women are doing just that.

Useful in the production of plastics which have innumerable uses in the munitions industries, this new salvage campaign has placed "clipping catches" baskets in every beauty parlor and barber shop.

Another woman wrote, "I am pleased to give my hair along with that of my little girl and my mother's. We are sure that it will be more important to use it now than to keep it for sentiment's sake."

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WAR MYSTERY OF 45,000,000 PEOPLE

Why Is Britain Healthier Than In France This?

The United States are sending to Britain a committee of American qualified men to try and find out why the people have come through the winter's "blitz" with better health than in the years of peace.

Medical men generally are completely baffled by the nation's fitness. They feared that, after nights of crowding in air raid shelters and exposure to all weathers on ARP and fire-watching, epidemics would sweep the country like a prairie fire.

In fact, there have been fewer cases of scarlet fever, diphtheria, pneumonia and typhoid fever, and only half the number of deaths from influenza.

Britain's own doctors offer various explanations of the mystery, among them the dispersal of densely populated areas, the improved system of health supervision, the spread of education in preventive medicine, better people at "the picture" and in other public places.

All, however, are agreed that the heavy, hazardous life led by European people leaves them neither the time nor the inclination to brood over minor ailments. The war has taken them "out of themselves."

Women Give Hair To Help Britain

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CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

AT ACTON. STANDARD TIME. Going East

Local except Sunday 6:04 a.m. Local except Sunday 6:29 a.m. Local except Sunday 6:28 p.m. Sunday only 6:19 p.m. Floor at Georgetown 6:11 p.m. Floor at Acton 6:04 p.m.

Going West
Local except Sunday 6:15 a.m. Saturday only 6:26 p.m. Floor at Georgetown 6:19 p.m. Local only 6:11 p.m.

GRAY COACH LINES
COACHES LEAVE ACTON. Standard Time

EASTBOUND - To Toronto
6:30 a.m. 7:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:30 p.m.

WESTBOUND - To London
7:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 8:30 p.m. 11:30 p.m.

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Dmitri Demonstrates His Camera Skill



Ivan Dmitri, one of the world's greatest color photographers, demonstrates his uncanny skill at Mount Edith Cavell. Dmitri has a party of camera enthusiasts at Jasper Park Lodge from various parts of Canada and thirteen states in the United States. In this picture he is seen, crouched in the centre, after he has called the propounding and exposure to a few of the 34 members of the party and is showing them the correct angle for a picture of Eric Nauderer, well-known Swiss mountain guide of Jasper, and little Dickie Johnson of Minneapolis, who is with the party.

You are Needed NOW Join the Active Army