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A Community Organization for A War-Time Job

Personnel and Outline of the Work of Acton and Vicinity War Service League

Since the start of the war, it has been the aim of the various organizations of Acton and District to endeavor to help British War Relief.

The two Chapters of I.O.D.E. and the Legion formed a "Comforts Committee" to provide smokers and comforts for our boys overseas. In order that we all might actively participate in this patriotic service, a citizens' organization by name, "Acton and Vicinity War Service League," has been formed and registered under the War Charities Act for which our Charter has been duly received.

Every person in Acton and Vicinity is a member of this named organization. By our combined efforts we will make a wonderful success of this work.

The officers are:
President—Mr. A. Mason.
Vice-President—Miss Julie Lesnicich.

Treasurer—Mr. J. M. McDonald.
Secretary—Mr. Middleton.

Executive comprises the representative heads of the various organizations, namely Mrs. Wm. Bracken, Miss Russell, Mrs. W. Chisholm, Mrs. F. Wilds, Miss L. V. Mason, Mrs. E. E. Barr, Miss E. Robinson, Mr. Ed. Gamble, Mr. R. H. Elliott, Mr. Jack Bruce, Mr. N. Marlow, Mr. G. H. Muselle.

Finance Committee—Mr. A. Ryan, Mr. W. H. Clayton and Mr. W. K. Graham.

Comforts Committee—Miss M. Ryder, Mrs. R. Spillvogel, Mrs. Geo. Elliott, Miss M. Z. Bennett, Mrs. Ed. Gamble.

This committee has established headquarters in the Town Hall where the members will be on duty from 3 to 5 p.m. each Wednesday, Friday and Saturday and from 9 to 10 p.m. each Friday and Saturday night, to issue wool to all volunteer knitters and to receive the finished articles. It is fitting that we should here note that D. N. McTavish made the splendid locker space for our wool, also that Messrs. J. B. McKenzie & Son donated lumber to the value of \$5.00 for same.

Our initial effort will be a Bingo on October 16th, which has been arranged by the program committee.

Mrs. (Dr.) W. G. Cullen is the very able convener of the salvage committee. Men, here is a grand chance for us to help to further develop a business which has been so well organized by the Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E.

The Salvage Warehouse is the old Baptist Church, on Elgin Street, the use of which has been graciously donated by Mrs. Nicklin.

We would greatly appreciate if our rural members could arrange to bring their salvage to the warehouse, thereby eliminating cost of a pick-up. However, if it is inconvenient to do so, please collect your salvage in a given place and advise us for pick-up.

Think of your old newspapers, clothes, bags, boots, magazines, glass, bottles, bones, greasy, tallow, scrap iron, paper, aluminum, brass, copper, lead, zinc, etc. in terms of smokes and treats for the boys and am sure that we will surprise ourselves at the amount we will acquire.

Get "Salvage for Smokes" be our watchword.

We operate three presses in the Salvage Warehouse. One for news paper, one for brown and wrapping paper and one for scrap paper, card board, etc. It would make the task of the salvage workers much easier if the newspapers, also brown paper, could be tied separately in the homes. You will help us very much by doing this.

All money realized from Salvage and other League activities will be devoted entirely to comforts for our boys overseas and on the seas and to aid the British War Victims.

Now folks, this is our job. Our boys are fighting for us, let us work for them.

This is a real job before us. Now that you have learned about your own organization and the opportunity it affords each one of us to do our bit, let's pull up our socks and give it all that we have.

Faithfully—Your secretary, W. Middleton.

"—WAS SURE TO GO"
HULL, England, (C. P.)—Willie Shakespeare is the name of Mrs. Catherine McFadden's pet lamb. At her home at Hilton, near here, Willie refused to be associated with other sheep; and follows his mistress wherever she goes.

Acton Institute Make Donations To War Funds

Acton Women's Institute met for their October meeting at the home of Mrs. J. E. Gamble, Crescentville, with the president, Mrs. F. J. Wilds in charge.

The motto was given by the secretary, Mrs. J. E. Gamble and current events were reviewed by Mrs. Earl Lambert. Roll call was answered by the date of your birthday.

In the business part of the meeting it was reported that the layette was on hand. Reports of the different committees were received. It was decided to make a donation of \$10 to the Acton Cross Fund for the London England Sick Children's Hospital and a contribution of \$25 as the first amount for the Acton and district War Service and \$2 to the school. Quills are to be made.

An event of great interest was the honoring of a former active member by making her a life member. Mrs. E. L. Davidson read the following address which accompanied the presentation of life membership to Mrs. Bertha M. Wilson, now of Guelph.

Dear Mrs. Wilson:
On behalf of Acton Women's Institute we have met here today at our regular meeting to spend with you as we have spent many pleasant afternoons in the past but as with us all, we have our ups and downs through life. Mrs. Wilson first joined the W. I. when it was organized in Trafalgar and maintained her membership there till she came to Acton about 21 years ago when she joined Acton W. I. and served as president in 1922 and '23, also 1927 and '28.

She was always a very active member and her home was always open for any meetings or anything that arose in the institute so as a tribute to her long membership we take much pleasure in presenting this life membership pin and also the certificate and may you be long spared to wear it.

Signed—Mrs. J. F. Wilds, President, and Mrs. J. E. Gamble, Secretary-Treasurer.

At the proper time Mrs. Davidson gave the certificate and Mrs. Gamble the pin. Mrs. Wilson made a suitable reply.

Miss Arisa of Guelph, Past District Secretary for South Wellington was guest speaker. She told of how much the Women's Institute has done and the work in general. Mrs. Meselson, Mrs. Nuttall, Guelph, all spoke words of encouragement and helpfulness. Mrs. Fennosa, Cranbrook, D. C., was also a visitor—Mrs. W. Lasby spoke on the W. I. work in the past. After a hearty vote of thanks to the speaker and hosts a very pleasant half hour was spent over the tea and closed by the Misses' Benediction.

Council Arranges Revision Court on 1942 Assessment

Special Session Also Dealt With Other Matters Requiring Immediate Attention

Acton Council met in special session on Tuesday evening to deal with a few items that could not be held over until the regular meeting.

Chief need for the meeting was the passing of the necessary motion setting the date for the Court of Revision on the 1942 assessment just completed. It was decided to hear any appeals at the meeting of October 28th.

Authority was also given the Acton Branch of the Canadian Legion to secure a wreath and the usual programme, etc. necessary for the Remembrance Day Service for Acton.

An account of Mr. Fred Cooper of \$50 for rental of property used as a municipal dump was passed for payment.

Councillors A. Mason and E. Jones were present and Reeve J. B. Chalmers presided.

WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION GUESTS AT HOME MRS. J. R. KENNEDY

The October meeting of the Women's Association was held at the home of Mrs. J. R. Kennedy on Monday evening with the president, Mrs. Symon presiding.

After the devotional period and business, Rev. A. W. Fausbury closed the meeting with prayer.

Mrs. Kennedy and Miss Nelson assisted by Mrs. Agar served a very dainty lunch and a social time was spent, which all present enjoyed. A vote of thanks was given Mrs. Kennedy and Miss Nelson for their hospitality.

Further Repairs Arranged at the Public School

Supplies for School Discussed—Arrangement of Library is Deferred

Acton School Board met on Monday evening (this month) instead of the regular Tuesday evening meeting. Mr. V. B. Rumley was chosen as Acting Secretary for this meeting.

On behalf of the Y.M.C.A. Board Mr. C. Kirkness desired to know if the school contemplated using the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium this year for the physical training periods. The charge would be the same, \$45 for the three months. It was decided to use the gymnasium as usual this year.

Principal G. McKenzie of the Public School presented a list of supplies required for art and music. The Supply Committee were empowered to secure these items.

The matter of assembling the school library in one of the unused rooms was discussed. This room could be used as a reading room but should be repainted and better lighted. It was felt by the Board that arrangement of the room could not be done this year but would have to wait for next year's appropriation.

The Supply Committee were also authorized to purchase the annual allotment of library books with the allowance of \$80. A number of books from the Acton Library were also used by the public.

It was decided to teach agriculture in the public school again this year. A letter from Mr. F. L. Wright explained that the insurance survey requested for the October meeting could not be ready until Tuesday as arranged but would be ready any time after that.

Information regarding a duplicating machine and typewriter was presented. Trustees Mason and Dills were appointed a committee to investigate this matter before purchasing any equipment.

The Supply Committee reported arrangements being made for the purchase of a car of coal.

The Finance Committee reported on the funds available until the close of the year.

Prices were secured for putting new carpeting on the public school at \$130 for heavy gauge material and for painting the whole exterior of the building at \$225 including the cost of materials of first quality. The "property" committee were requested to proceed with this work.

Trustees W. G. Mason, V. B. Rumley, W. H. Clayton and G. A. Dills were present at this meeting and chairman F. S. Blow presided.

UNITED CHURCH YOUNG PEOPLE HOLD INSTRUCTIVE MEETINGS

Christian culture was the theme of the Young People's meeting last week at the United Church. After a devotional service Mr. Garnet McKenzie gave a review of a book on conditions in European countries. Mr. Fell in his talk on Canadian art, urged us to be more conscious of the artists of our country. He illustrated his biography of Paul Kane's life and work by passing about some small prints of his paintings of Indian customs. "The Keys of the Kingdom," Dr. Cronin's latest novel of a humble, tolerant priest was reviewed by Miss Blanche Sedgwick. In keeping with the theme of the meeting, the group in closing sang "For the Beauty of the Earth."

In the absence of the Christian Fellowship Convener, Mr. Garnet McKenzie conducted the meeting this week of the United Young Peoples. It opened with a rousing sing-song led by Mr. E. J. Moore. During the devotional service, Miss Betty Gibson sang a solo. Mr. McKenzie gave a talk on "What my summer meant to me," and also led the group in a quiz contest on Biblical information.

Next week the young people are uniting with the Women's Missionary Society for their meeting. All young people are urged to come and make a fair representation of the society.

SHEEP FROM THIS DISTRICT GO TO AMERICAN BUYERS

The Rockwood Sheep Club recently sold 23 good Oxford breeding ewes to Mr. Tom Groves of Tifton, Missouri, U. S. A. This is the second time Mr. Groves has bought sheep from the Rockwood Club to improve the Missouri flock.

Sales of this kind are a credit to any flock and repeat orders indicate proven stock. In addition they bring into the country a substantial amount of much-needed American currency.

IF YOU CARE A TUPPENNY

If you care a tuppenny bit for your fellow-man, get out in the country roads now and be glad for the farmer. Be glad in the weighted bough, the swollen rick, the mellowing gourd and the fattening beans. Forget the problem of economic distribution and man's colossal blundering. Look with thanksgiving on what the good Lord has done, and be glad at the garnering.

Anne Sutherland Brooks, on the Homemaker page of the Globe and Mail.

DUBLIN LITERARY ELECTS OFFICERS AT ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Dublin Literary Society was held at the school on Friday, October 3. The following officers were elected: Honorary President, Walter Linham; President, H. B. Burkholder; vice-president, Molly Cutts; secretary, Mrs. Walter Linham; treasurer, Duncan Waddie; pianist, Margaret Sommerville; Assistant pianist, Dorothy Frank; executive committee, Mr. A. Ross, Mrs. J. Black, Mrs. W. Brocken, Mrs. Webster, Molly Cutts and Dorothy Steele then presented their demonstration of a well planned summer wardrobe. Lunch was served and a social time spent.

Y.M.C.A. Opens with Big Night on Friday Last

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Gray Welcomed to Acton Y-Program and Crowd Were Splendid

Acton Y.M.C.A. held its opening night last Friday with one of the largest crowds and finest programs since establishment here of this community institution. The occasion was to welcome the new supervisor Johnny Gray and his bride, get acquainted with the Y program and start off the season. Singularly the lucky door prize of War Savings Stamps was won by the new supervisor.

The opening feature was the first presentation of the season by the Y.M.C.A. Dramatic Club. It was a one-act play, "The Teeth of a Gift Horse." Mrs. C. Kirkness, Mrs. Stan Norton, Miss Flora Sayers, Miss Mabel Harris, Mr. Monty Root and Mr. Norm Marlowe were the cast and the play was directed by Mr. Charles Kirkness. It was an amusing and entertaining presentation and as usual, well done.

Helen Ostrander and the girls of the summer camp gave a group of camp songs that were popular at camp and proved popular here too.

A guest speaker was Mr. Chisholm, Assistant Secretary of Y. M. C. A. war services who gave a comprehensive account of the many services performed by the Y.M.C.A. in the camps of the soldiers and airmen both in Canada and overseas.

Mr. E. S. Force, President of the Y Board told of the improvements that had been made in the Y building during the summer months with a view to making it of better use for the members. Mr. Force welcomed the new supervisor and his bride to Acton and introduced Johnny Gray to the group.

Mr. Gray comes to Acton from Toronto—West End Y.M.C.A.—where he has been swimming and gym instructor. In replying to Mr. Force's introduction he felt they were going to feel at home in Acton and asked the co-operation of all in making the year a successful one.

Mr. Norm Marlowe briefly told of the aims and accomplishments of the Y Men's Club in the first year of its operation.

Another guest who all were pleased to meet again was Mr. George Forcé, of Hamilton, who had so successfully conducted the boys' summer camp at Beauvois Island the past year. Mr. Forcé told of the camp, what had been attempted and urged that it be continued from year to year. That two weeks had meant much to the group participating.

Mr. Force also brought with him a couple of the boys from Hamilton who demonstrated many of the features of tumbling and gymnastics. These were explained in detail and a splendid exhibition was given.

Mr. W. Beatty was chairman of the evening. The decorations for this evening were symbolic of the time. The Y sign and in code were everywhere about the room and in the red, white and blue scheme quite effective. Mr. W. G. Mason was responsible for this part of the event.

Half Interest on Alberta Bonds Held for \$1,000

Liability Insurance Awarded and Other Items at Meeting of Esqueing Council

Esqueing township council held their regular meeting on Monday afternoon. Deputy Reeve C. H. May, Councillors G. W. Murray, Edwin Harrop and George E. Cleave were present. Reeve Wm. A. Wilson presided.

Mr. G. C. Brown, agent for the General Accident Assurance Company, and Mr. K. D. Charles, agent for A. E. Wilson & Company through Lloyd's tendered for the Road Liability Insurance, at \$253.60 and 238.35.

Moved and seconded by May and Murray, that the treasurer pay the road accounts as presented by the Road Superintendent \$1,091.25.—Carried.

Other accounts passed for payment included the following:

Jenkins & Hardy, postage re Audit \$ 15.25
Coell Chisholm, attendance and mileage re Voters List revision 6.35
A. W. Benton, attendance and mileage re Voters List revision 5.60

J. Sanford, relief acct. to date 29.00
Georgetown Hydro Commission street lights 74.75
Bell Telephone Co., services 2.20
Hume Cullen, coal 15.25
C. E. Smith, wood 13.50
Brampton Hydro Commission, lights 4.00
Meldrum Stark, registered 25.00
Ewe killed 2.00
A. N. Stark, valuator 23.25
J. Sanford, re Board of Health County Halton re Bd. Health50

Moved and seconded by Cleave and May, that the treasurer pay relief accounts as presented by the relief officer \$175.87.—Carried.

Moved and seconded by Harrop and Murray, that they accept the tender of the General Assurance Company, of \$253.60, agent G. C. Brown.—Carried.

Moved and seconded by Harrop and Cleave, that the treasurer be authorized to accept \$11.25 in payment of the six months interest coupon due October 1st, 1941, for \$22.50 on Bond No. 3777, Province of Alberta, for \$1,000 held on account of the Railway Bonus Fund.—Carried.

Moved and seconded by May and Cleave, that \$253.60 insurance premium be paid to the General Accident Assurance Company for township road liability insurance.—Carried.

Moved and seconded by May and Harrop, that the days for pleasant shooting in Esqueing shall be October 24th and 25th, also October 29th.—Carried.

Moved and seconded by Murray and Cleave, that the treasurer pay the grants to the Acton Agricultural Society and Esqueing Agricultural Society \$75.00 each, and to the Halton Agricultural Society \$25.—Carried.

Moved and seconded by May and Cleave, that this council do now adjourn to meet on Monday, November 3rd at 1:30 p.m. or at the call of the Reeve.—Carried.

Eramosa Cemeteries Are Inspected by Board of Health

Many in Splendid Condition But Improvements at Little Cost Urged in Others

The Board of Health of the Township of Eramosa made their annual inspection of the 14 cemeteries in the municipality on Oct. 3rd, 1941. The Board reported Rockwood Cemetery as an outstanding example of efficient care and management, with Johnson's, Eden Mills, Everton, and Stone Church cemeteries also in excellent condition, particularly noting the continued improvement and evidence of general care at the Stone Church Cemetery.

Parkinson's Mimosas, McCormick's and Oustic cemeteries were in good condition; the Board would like to see the old monuments at Parkinson's Cemetery preserved for their historical value.

The Osburn Cemetery and St. John's, Rockwood, are still in poor condition, also the former Anglican and Methodist Episcopal Cemeteries at Lot 21 on the 5th and 7th lines respectively, and the lone graves on the 4th and 6th lines. The latter cemeteries are small and the Board suggests fitting improvements with a comparatively small expense of time and labor.

Help in War Service Presentation Prize At I.O.D.E. Meeting

The home of Mrs. Petr Smith was on Tuesday evening the meeting place for the Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the I.O.D.E. and Mrs. R. H. Elliott, vice-president, presided.

Presentation of the Chapter's awards for highest standing in the Entrance class at Acton Public School was made to Miss Dorothy Pallant, this year's winner.

Enjoyable items on the program were a group of piano solos by Miss M. Nickolls and a reading of "Our Flag" by Miss Pearl Smith. The Chapter decided at this meeting to donate \$10 to the Cross Fund for the London England Sick Children's Hospital.

Mrs. W. J. Beattie agreed to supervise the collection of magazines and Miss M. Z. Bennett gave a report regarding Christmas boxes for the soldiers overseas that was being planned by the War Service League. As requested members of the Chapter agreed to assist with the sale of poppies on Poppy Day and also assist in sorting Salvage.

FRIENDLY CIRCLE CHOSE OFFICERS AND PLANS FOR YEAR

A meeting of the United Church Friendly Circle was at the home of Mrs. Harris on Wednesday evening. The executive for the 1941-42 season was elected as follows: Toncher, Miss M. Z. Bennett; president, Mrs. J. Pell; secretary, Mrs. Helen Cullen; group leaders, Miss E. Gibson, Miss L. Dawkins, Miss M. Harris, Mrs. E. Richardson; pianist, Mrs. M. McKenzie.

Miss Bennett thanked the new executive for their willingness to take office and hoped that they would have a very happy and successful year working together. Several new members were welcomed to the class.

A very adequate lunch was served by Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Adamson and Miss Reid. Mrs. Parker moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Harris for the use of her home.

FRENCH HOPEFUL

LONDON, (CP)—Depressed and hopeless after France fell, French war prisoners in Germany camps now have "complete faith" in British victory, said one of 200 Frenchmen who escaped to Russia and have made their way to Britain.

Eramosa Council Makes Grants Plans Assessing

Snow Plow Service Requested by Guelph Township—Police Protection for Halloween

The council for the township of Eramosa met in the Town Hall, Rockwood on Monday October 6th, at 1:30 P.M. Present—Reeve D. D. Gray, in the chair, and Councillors William J. Pinkney, Ernest E. Benham, Roy I. Leslie, and Joseph R. Rutherford.

Moved by Messrs. Benham and Rutherford, and carried: That the Provincial Police be requested to assist in maintaining law and order in Rockwood, Halloween night, so that malicious damage can be avoided if possible.

Moved by Messrs. Leslie and Pinkney, and carried: That Guelph township be requested to provide snow plowing service for next winter at the least rate per hour possible, similar to last winter's satisfactory service.

Moved by Messrs. Pinkney and Benham and carried: That the report of the Board of Health on their inspection of the cemeteries of the township, having been considered by council, request the same be printed in the annual report with the hope that further improvements can be effected and commendation made on recent efforts by various Cemetery Trustees.

The report of the highway auditors for the year 1940 was accepted on motion of Messrs. Leslie and Pinkney.

\$15 was granted to the Canadian Legion and \$10 to the Erin Fall Fair. The Collector reported \$9,100 current taxes collected up to September 30th.

By-law No. 7 was passed providing for assessment in the period from September 30th, 1941, to April 30th, 1942, and appointing Thos. A. Forayth as assessor, at a salary of \$175.

Accounts amounting to \$712.22 were passed for payment and council adjourned to November 10th, at 1:30 P.M.

First Contribution London Hospital Fund on its Way

\$35 Sent on Tuesday—\$18 More Added in Subscriptions This Week

The first contribution from Acton to the London England Hospital for Sick Children started on its way on Tuesday. It was \$35 or in Canadian funds \$56.45. The Treasurer, Mr. W. K. Graham of the Bank of Nova Scotia made the remittance from the fund and kindly waived charges of forwarding. So that every cent contributed will go direct to help those in charge carry on their work of mercy among sick and injured children in Old London. That leaves \$22.40 as a start for the second remittance and the help and prospects of more help indicate that it won't be long before more help can be forwarded.

First we must apologize for not reporting last week a donation from "Acton Civil Guardmen." We don't know how the error occurred but the donation comes in this week. A fellow who did his bit last time and is still doing all he can to help in this scrap.

Then came a remittance from a former Actonian now residing in Montreal and another one who just wanted to be known as "A Friend."

When Acton Women's Institute met last week they gave attention to the call for help and added another good deed to their many, both in peace and war time. \$10 was sent into the fund and gives a good boost for this week. Thanks to all and here it is just a little short of the \$200 mark. And just a little bump next week will reach that amount.

Previously acknowledged \$178.85
Acton Civil Guardmen 2.00
Jack Matheson, Montreal 2.00
Acton Women's Institute 10.00
"A Friend" 2.00
Mrs. D. C. Russell and Miss Jessie Russell 2.00

\$196.85

Looking into the future we learn that the high school pupils are sponsoring a dance with the proceeds to be turned over to the fund for the bombed Sick Children's Hospital. Preparations are underway for this event that helped a worthy cause last year and the boys and girls at Acton school are planning to do another good war-time deed with the event this year. We weren't told of the date but will be on the look-out for this event. It will be an opportunity for all to enjoy a social evening and at the same time make a contribution to a most worthy cause.

ACTON JUNIOR FARMERS HOLD WEINER ROAST ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The regular meeting of the Acton Junior Farmers was held on October 3rd in the form of a weiner roast. Due to the weather the meeting was held inside the school but nevertheless was enjoyed by all.

The meeting was opened by the singing of "The Maple Leaf." After the treasurer's report and the reading of the minutes of the last meeting the election of officers for the ensuing year took place as follows: President, Elwood Johnston; vice-president, Dorothy McKenzie; secretary, Isabel Swackhamer; treasurer, Howard Switzer; executive committee, Harvey Fisher, Blanche McKinnon, Melvin McCullough, Evelyn Pearson and pianist, Dorothy McKenzie, assistants Blanche McKinnon and Isabel Swackhamer.

Elwood Johnston, the new president then made a brief address. It was decided to have the next meeting on October 17th. The meeting closed with singing the National Anthem. The lunch of weiners was enjoyed by all and the remainder of the evening spent in dancing.

NEW JOB FOR THEM

MECTANOOCA, N. S.—A farmer here boasts he owns a hen which specializes in catching mice.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events under this heading, are charged, to cents per line with a minimum charge for any announcement of 5c.

St. Alban's Guild, Nov. 8th, afternoon tea, baking and sale of work.

Dance Thursday Oct. 16, Ballinafad Hall, auspices of Silvercreek Ball Club. Proceeds for B.W.V.F. Good Orchestra. Admission 25c.