

97th Anniversary Knox Church Observed Sunday

Splendid Sermons by Visiting
Preston Minister—Choir and
Solo Numbers Featured

Last Sunday Knox Church observed its ninety-seventh anniversary with special services, both morning and evening and Rev. H. G. Claghorn, B.D., of Preston as the guest minister for the day.

The choir under Mr. F. J. Salt, leader and organist contributed anthems and numbers that added to the services and Mrs. Annie Somerville of Toronto, returned to the home church on this anniversary occasion and gave solos at both services that were much appreciated.

At the morning service Mrs. Somerville's solo was "Teach Me to Love Thee as I ought to Love" and the choir's anthem "Ascribe Ye the Power."

Mr. Claghorn brought greetings from Preston Church on this 97th anniversary occasion of Knox Church. His theme was "Christian Guidance" based on Acts 27:24. God's promise are humble just as this promise to Paul was but now as then the Church must be guided by the humble. We must forget pride and "If we expect—the church—to prosper."

God is the same ruler to-day as in the day of Paul. The present turmoil of to-day is caused by the forgetfulness of God by men in authority in church in state. We are too prone to pride ourselves in what we can do rather than what God does for us. Mr. Claghorn stressed the need for leaders in church and community who have more interest in the kingdom of God. Paul had temptations in his day just as we have to-day, but he didn't delay his prayers until he got into trouble. He urged more prayer in the home and the assurance is given that God will help us carry our burdens.

At the evening service the choir gave two appreciated anthems, "O Come Let us Sing Unto the Lord," and "The Heavens Are Telling," and Mrs. Somerville contributed another solo.

Mr. Claghorn's evening discourse was based on Philippians 1:21: "For Me to Live in Christ," and his theme was "Living Hope." In this discourse the speaker urged that Christians emulate Paul's philosophy of life and give the impression that their way of life was one which they themselves enjoyed; a philosophy that would attract men to your way of life and not repel them.

Paul was surrounded with the miseries of the world but he laid emphasis on the proper things of life. An application of Paul's teaching of life would be a strength in our present world affairs. He urged all to turn to Paul and get a cue of how to live joyously with Jesus Christ. He shames us by his example to live that life among his difficulties and Mr. Claghorn appealed to all to make the philosophy of Jesus Christ a living part of their everyday life.

At the evening service Rev. Mr. Fosbury and the congregation of the United Church participated in the anniversary occasion and Mr. Fosbury took part of the service. During the day a special anniversary offering was received.

THE BOYS OVERSEAS DO APPRECIATE GIFTS FROM HOME

The Secretary of the Comforts Committee of Acton and vicinity has received letters of acknowledgment and appreciation from several of the boys overseas, telling how happy and grateful they are to receive the cartons of cigarettes.

About September 23rd, fifty-four of the boys received these gifts and another shipment has recently been sent to eighty-two men overseas.

Here is a typical note of appreciation from one of the Acton boys:

Somewhere in East Anglia with the R.A.F. 2-10-41

To the Members of the Acton Comforts Committee:

May I express the appreciation which I am sure all of us feel who have received gifts from your organization. It is an instinct among ninety per cent. of our fellows to reach for a cigarette as soon as they climb out of their planes after a "show." I am sure cigarettes are as much in demand by the other services when they have completed their work. You may rest assured that your war effort is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours
FRID TURNER
Sgt. F. Turner
R6428
R.C.A.F.
Overseas.

POPPIES BLOOM AGAIN THIS YEAR

The Oriental Poppy that is such a bright spot in many gardens in June has come to bloom again in an Acton garden this year. Folks who make a more profound study of flowers than we do so it's most unusual. But unusual or not, on October 22nd an oriental poppy was in brilliant bloom in the garden of Mrs. G. W. Masales on Main Street.

Have Fun, But Don't Destroy Property On Hallowe'en

The Free Press has received the following statement from Chief E. Harrop, regarding Hallowe'en. Police plan in no way to hamper good fun for Hallowe'en but if property damage of any kind is done that is a matter that will have severe punishment for the guilty ones. Here is Chief Harrop's appeal.

"On Friday the 31st, Hallowe'en, the Provincial Regulation requiring children under the age of 16 years to be indoors by 9 p.m., will not be enforced. It is my desire that everyone shall have as much enjoyment as possible on this night of nights, with the reservation of course, that the property of others will not be damaged or destroyed. We are as everyone knows, engaged in deadly combat with the enemy and if victory is to be ours and if our freedom is to be retained, every available cent must be placed at the disposal of the government for war purposes. There is therefore, no money available anywhere to repair or replace anything needlessly and willfully destroyed. Moreover, war conditions have enhanced very considerably the already "too high" cost of living, so that people cannot in these days afford needless and unnecessary expense.

"Now young people I will ask you to have all the fun you wish, on the night of "Hallowe'en," make it in your own way for just so long as you please. If however, you refrain from destroying anything belonging to others, you will be very much appreciated."

E. E. HARROP, Chief of Police.

MUSIC, PICTURES, LUNCH, DANCING AT JUNIOR FARMERS MEETING.

The regular meeting of the Acton Junior Farmers was held at Lorne School on Friday evening with the president, Mr. Edwood Johnston, in charge. The meeting was opened by singing the Maple Leaf and Misses Blanche McKinnon and Dorothy McKinnon lead in community singing.

Following the business, a program was given which consisted of duets by Mrs. Fisher and Harvey, Home Improvement pictures by Mr. F. L. Wright. Howard Switzer gave a talk on the ploughing match. A violin solo was given by Mansel Nellis. Mr. Thomas Leslie presented the prizes to the nine winners of the Home Improvement contest.

The meeting was closed by singing the national anthem. Lunch was served and the remainder of the evening spent in dancing.

ACTON BOWLERS GO TO SECOND PLACE IN WEEK'S GAME

The McCutcheon bowling team moved up to second place in the Royal Commercial Bowling League as a result of a 3-0 win at the expense of the "Ford V-8" team.

The Score:
M. Roote 175 229 193—597
N. Morton 273 259 230—761
M. Holmes 189 154 155—498
C. Leishman 215 143 182—540
W. Corry 11 204 176—521

McCutcheon's 982 989 836—2907
Ford's 788 931 888—2507
(x—Includes 100 pins handicap per game).

ANNIVERSARY OF UNITED CHURCH HERE ON SUNDAY

The Anniversary Services of the United Church on Sunday promise unusual interest. By special request the new Minister, Rev. W. A. Fosbury, B.A., B.D., will preach the sermons. The choir will offer somewhat more than the usual music, both morning and evening with Miss Dorothy Fulcher, Toronto, as guest soloist in the morning and Mrs. W. J. Beatty as the evening soloist. Details of the music are given in the church announcement on page 4.

Campaign for \$3,600 Monthly for War's Duration

Acton Asked to Pledge to Buy a Naval Gun Every Month Until Victory Won—Save All You Can in Canada's Finest Investment—Progress Will be Indicated Each Week in Free Press and on Chart at the Post Office.

Acton this week has launched with other communities across Canada in Britain for the sale of War Savings Certificates. The plan locally calls for securing sufficient regular savers who will each month put away in this loan for the war \$3,600. That amount will buy a naval gun each month. While the objective is higher it has been demonstrated in the past campaigns that Acton can reach this amount if everyone will contribute a share.

New forms that will facilitate the making of savings regularly are available and will be explained when the canvasser calls during the next three weeks. There will be honor awards for every establishment whose employees are pledged as regular savers.

Acton has been asked for a naval gun. The progress that is made toward this achievement will be indicated each week in "The Free Press" and on a big chart to be placed in front of the Post Office. This chart is marked in percentage squares of the objective and will show how much is attained as the campaign progresses.

The local War Savings Executive is composed of G. A. Dille, Chairman, W. G. Mason, Secretary; E. S. Force, Chairman of Payroll Industrial Committee; C. F. Leithland, Chairman of Retail Committee; F. Dowling, Chairman of Publicity; Mrs. R. R. Arnold, head of the lady canvassers committee and Miss M. Z. Bennett, head of the School Committee. Each of these chairmen have a committee of several members sharing in the task.

The job is a big one, but Acton has never failed in any undertaking yet. It will require the help of everyone and the savings of all to meet the objective. You are not asked to give. You are asked to pledge yourself to make regular savings to help buy War Material until Victory is won. It's one of the best investments that is offered in Canada. It's an essential one in the struggle to maintain freedom. Do the job as a free people.

DISTRICT PRESIDENT GUEST AT MEETING DUBLIN INSTITUTE

The Dublin Women's Institute held their October meeting at the home of Mrs. D. McDougall with the President Mrs. N. Anderson in the chair. Roll call was answered "Why we as Canadians should be thankful."

The branch made a donation to the London England Sick Children's Hospital through the Acton Free Press and also gave one case of peach and one case of plum jam for overseas.

Mrs. Grant is the leader for the new project on Nutrition so arrangements were made for next meeting. Current events were given by Mrs. Grant. The guest at this meeting was District President Mrs. Merry and her topic was Dr. Connell's address at the convention entitled "Unity of Canada." An instrumental number was given by Mrs. Van Gozen and a reading "Long Distance," by Mrs. Watson. The report of first half of the convention was given by Mrs. Webster.

Mrs. Near tendered a vote of thanks to those who took part on the program and also to the hostess for the use of her home.

The meeting closed with singing the National Anthem. Lunch was served and a social time spent.

AN EVENING FOR NEWCOMERS TO GET ACQUAINTED HERE

A friendly get-together, arranged specially to welcome a number of newcomers to the church and congregation was held in the United Church, under the auspices of the Women's Association, on Monday evening. After a spirited sing-song slides of local and nature scenes were exhibited by A. T. Brown. A Women's Quartette did two numbers. Mrs. A. T. Brown contributed a reading and Miss Ethel Franklin two piano solos.

Dr. Cullen said a word of welcome to the new minister, Rev. W. A. Fosbury, and Mrs. Fosbury, in extending the welcome to the folk who had recently come into the church, spoke of the friendliness and his wife had found among the people of the congregation. A singing game supervised by Mrs. Caldwell, served to mix up the members of the gathering and to provide a good deal of fun before the refreshments, which were hearty and ample.

New Addition For Halton-Peel House of Refuge

Owing to overcrowded housing conditions at the Peel and Halton House of Refuge, work will be commenced in the near future to construct a new addition to the present building. The proposed project, which will cost approximately \$9,000, is being appropriated for by both Peel and Halton Counties and the building contract has already been awarded to a Brampton contracting firm. The inadequate housing problem arose from an investigation by government inspectors, when it was discovered that more than 100 inmates were being accommodated at the present time in the building which is only large enough to facilitate the accommodation for eighty persons; it was learned.

The new wings will include sleeping dormitories and a recreation room, while complete renovation will be carried throughout the entire building. The Board is made up of George Finney, chairman; Leslie Kerns, warden of Halton County; E. D. McBride and J. Jamieson, secretary.

A report submitted by the Welfare Department of Ontario revealed that the Peel and Halton House of Refuge was one of the best operated homes in the province.

FIRE BRIGADE DEMONSTRATES NEW TYPE OF HOSE NOZZLE

On Monday evening Acton Fire Brigade tested out a new type of nozzle for their fire hose that seemed very efficient and pleased not only the brigade but all who saw the demonstration. A fire of oil and gasoline was started in a pit on a vacant lot on the Crescent and using the fog nozzle the blaze could be smothered in from five to ten seconds. At the same time the fireman using the hose was protected by the spray from the heat and smoke. A minimum amount of water was also used by this method. In fact the small hose from the tank on the pumper was more effective than the larger hose throwing a much larger quantity of water.

Firemen from Milton were also present to see the demonstration. The equipment is known as the Fog-nozzle. The line of hose on which this is used is also much easier to handle and one man can handle a nozzle quite easily where two were required with the old type. Quite a number of citizens were on hand to see the demonstration by the brigade.

RED CROSS NEEDS BLANKETS FOR RAID SUFFERERS

Thousands of blankets, new or as "good as new," are urgently needed for bombed up victims in Britain, and the people of Canada are asked to "spare a blanket" to the Canadian Red Cross Society, which today has launched its second big appeal to provide these necessities for raid sufferers.

In the last campaign the Red Cross collected throughout Canada 138,137 blankets and 101,234 quilts. This supply has been distributed to bombing victims, military hospitals, and for the benefit of distressed merchant seamen.

Many expressions of gratitude have been received by the Canadian Red Cross from bombed sufferers in Britain, and many have called the contributions of blankets and quilts a "god-send."

In such centres as Birmingham, Coventry, Plymouth and London, thousands of Canadian blankets and quilts were made available to the homeless within a few hours of the raids due to the efficient system of distribution planned by the Canadian Red Cross overseas organization in London.

According to advices from Britain the need for more blankets and quilts is most urgent. But blankets must be woolen and new or as "good as new."

Those unable to provide blankets or quilts may aid the appeal by contributing \$2. for the purchase of a single blanket. Donations should be sent to provincial or local headquarters.

Contributors to the appeal are asked to get in touch with their provincial or local branch headquarters for directions as to where the blankets and quilts may be sent.

London (CP)—A "mystery air force" operating in Britain since the war began, and at times called Canadian, Free French, Poles or Czechs, has now officially been identified and will wear its own legend "Australia."

Weekly War Commentary

Specially Written for The Acton
Free Press by
BY H. H. GORDON
Canadian Press Staff Writer

The authoritative answer to those critics who have demanded a pull-out dash across the North Sea to attempt a diversion while Germany has most of her strength tied up in Russia has become available through publication of Lord Gort's dispatches.

The commander of the British Expeditionary Force in France from September, 1939, to May, 1940, told in simple military language just what happens when a force with major deficiencies in equipment, lacking adequate air strength, meets a better-equipped enemy.

His force, it is high hopes shattered but its courage high, had to be evacuated from the crowded, blood-stained beaches of Dunkerque. But the lessons learned then are clear.

Here are Lord Gort's findings: An expeditionary force, if it is to be used in a first-class war, must be equipped on a scale commensurate with the task it is called upon to fulfil.

"The days are past when armies can be hurriedly raised, equipped and placed in the field, for modern war demands the ever-persevering use of complicated material."

How Well Prepared?
The question of whether in the long, busy months since Dunkerque Britain has built or otherwise acquired sufficient material for an attack on the continent is of course a matter of high strategic policy.

But the fact that government has seen fit to issue Lord Gort's report at this juncture, usually such historic documents await conclusion of a war before being made public indicates that there is no intention of attempting to force the German position with a partially-prepared army.

In the Far East
Japanese moves last week provided a pretty clear indication that the Nipponese are watching war developments closely with the idea of having the winning hand. While the way to continue negotiations with the United States for a peaceful settlement of the Far Eastern situation has apparently been left open, there seems little doubt that an attack on Vladivostok will follow any decisive setback for Russian arms on the Eastern Front.

The new Japanese cabinet, headed by Lt.-Gen. Eiki Tojo, it is said, is pledged to pursue a strong policy toward the United States and other foreign powers. Tojo is an admirer of the German military machine, but he is not regarded as allied to the more belligerent in Japan's strong military party. Moreover, there remains a big section of Japanese opinion that still holds a healthy respect for United States power.

Washington took a grave view of events and senatorial opinion indicated that a hard-fisted policy toward Japan would be adopted. Britain and the Netherlands look to the United States to lead in the Pacific and are expected to back up President Roosevelt in any steps he may take to stifle warlike Japanese ambitions.

U. S. Destroyer Hit
At the week-end no information was forthcoming regarding the identity of the vessel that attacked the United States destroyer Kearny, southwest of Iceland, on Oct. 17. There was a general disposition to place the blame on a German submarine. It was able to proceed under its own steam to a North American Port.

The attack was made the same day as the House of Representatives voted almost two to one to arm United States merchant ships. There was only one attempt to amend the measure which would appeal the Neutrality Act's two-year-old ban on the arming of merchantmen, but considerable opposition is expected when the legislation reaches the Senate.

Moscow's Stand Defended
Soviet Army Spokesmen at the week-end made no effort to underestimate the gravity of the situation in the Moscow Area. On the other hand, reports reaching Stockholm and Berne were slightly more optimistic.

Like the defenders of Leningrad, troops engaged in the defence of the Russian capital are expected to fight to the last ditch. They were reported stubbornly contesting the Nazi advance from the northwest with every prospect of recapturing Kalinin and joining forces with the army of Kliment Voroshilov in the north. Kalinin is 95 miles from Moscow.

German communiques reported that operations on the Eastern Front were proceeding according to plan. While that may be, there is no doubt that the Russians are inflicting terrific losses on the invaders, particularly in the fighting west of Vyazma.

Announcement was made Oct. 17 that the Russian army at Odessa had (Concluded on Page Five)

Mock Municipal Elections at United Young Peoples

Orchids to Mrs. Adamson, the Citizenship Convener, for having an extremely successful and interesting meeting at United Church Young Peoples last Tuesday evening. Mock municipal elections were held for reeve, councillors and the school board. Members of the voting audience were entertained previously by political speeches. Candidates for reeve were Mr. Fosbury and Clarnet McKenzie and although they both seemed to have many novel and desirable plans for their platforms, the latter was declared reeve by the ballot. The councillor race was indeed close.

The five candidates, Gordon Leslie, Blanche Sedgwick, Marjorie Nelson, John Pell and Howard Switzer offered all manner of improvements in the fair town. Some suggestions of other were that Acton Park be equipped with slides; roller-coasters, kangaroo, and bathing beauties; that the cemetery be made bigger and better; that the street lights be turned off on certain side-streets; that cleaner milk be placed in the post-office. The results of the voting were as follows: Sedgwick, Leslie, Pell, with Nelson and Switzer tied. The two candidates for the school-board, Doris Wilson and Lloyd Gifford went in by acclamation.

In addition to the above instructive entertainment one had the privilege of taking part in a sing-song led by Marjorie Nelson and listening to a piano solo by Ethel Franklin. Also a questionnaire—introduced by Mrs. Adamson instructed those present on the meaning and interpretation of citizenship.

Next week the Young People will entertain with a Hallowe'en social.

HOARD IN STAIRWAY SERVED AS CORNERSTONE IN BUILDING OF 1901

It was rather a co-incidence that when alterations were being made to the store recently purchased by Mr. M. Pollant that workmen of J. B. Mackenzie & Son should find written on the base board of the stairway "This stairway built by J. B. Mackenzie, May 1st, 1901."

These were in the days before J. B. started taking building contracts entirely. James Brown was the contractor but young Jack McKenzie sub-contracted under him and put in the stairway. No Mr. McKenzie didn't remove the board from the stairway he had put there forty years ago. He isn't actively associated in the firm that bears his name, but revelation of that hoard drew many reminiscences of early building days in Acton.

I.O.D.E. MEMBERS KNIT AND PLAN AT MEETING OF ORDER

Needles clicked merrily at a work meeting of the Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. held at the home of Miss Doris Lambert on Tuesday evening of this week. A few pressing items of business were dealt with regarding sale of poppies and volunteers for sorting salvage.

An error was made in the reporting of the last meeting concerning the Christmas boxes to the boys overseas; this of course is being undertaken by the War Service League.

SEND IN YOUR OLD MAGAZINES FOR ARMY CAMPS

The Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. are making their fall collection of magazines for the Army Camps. Anyone wishing to help, kindly give magazines to convener Mrs. W. J. Beatty (phone 108) or any school child (to be given to their teacher).

Current magazines such as Life, Liberty, Time, Maclean's, Colliers, (issues of not more than three months old).

Fiction—Red Book, Cosmopolitan, Western, Detective, Digests and Geographies of any age if in good condition. Thank you.

LUCKY PRIZES WON AT WAR SERVICE LEAGUE EVENT

Mrs. Robert Turner, Acton was the winner of the afghan which was drawn for at the Bingo on Thursday night under the auspices of the Acton and District War Service League. The afghan was donated by Mrs. Mason. Winner of the door prize at the event was Mr. F. L. Wright. This was the first feature arranged by this new organization and about \$25.00 was realized for the funds and various activities covered by the organization. It was held in the Town Hall and drew a good attendance.

Dublin Saved a Blackout in Hospital Fund

Immediate Events Planned Indicate Another Big Boost for Next Week

They say it's the ups and downs that keep life from becoming monotonous but sometimes the downs are not so pleasant. After last week's up in the Fund for the Sick Children's Hospital in London, England, we have a few days it looked like a blackout.

It was on Tuesday just as we were wondering what we were going to say in this column that the Secretary of Dublin Institute came in and said "Our Branch want to donate \$5 to the Hospital Fund." Yes it was good old Dublin that saved the blackout this week.

And with renewed air activity over England and more casualties reported as a result it seemed such a shame. The summary won't be long! Previously acknowledged \$223.85
Dublin Branch of Women's Institute 5.00

\$228.85

That's all right for the past week but it looks like up for next week. Bright spots for help to these sick children are the High School Dance on Friday night with the proceeds all to go to The Free Press Fund for the London England Sick Children's Hospital. The pupils are offering you a real social night with a good orchestra.

In France during the week hundreds were arrested for attending a dance and a dozen were jailed. Canadians are privileged and a free people can help maintain their freedom.

When on Saturday Bannockburn Institute are holding an afternoon tea at the home of Mrs. N. McEachern in Acton with the proceeds to go to this fund. So you can take your choice of week-end social events and have the assurance that by your attendance at either one of these you are helping the sick children in old London and bringing cheer to tired workers in carrying on amid hospital ruins.

SURPRISE PARTY AT SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. McPherson celebrated their silver wedding anniversary last week. Their neighbors visited them as a surprise party and presented them with a silver tea service. Mr. Geo. Gordon acted as chairman for an impromptu program and a pleasant evening was spent. Lunch was later served.

Coming Events

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

The Acton Y's Men's Club are holding a special Hallowe'en Dance on Friday, October 31st.

Musical program under the auspices of the Acton Baptist Choir on Monday evening November 3rd.

The Acton Junior Farmers are holding a Hallowe'en Party at Lorne School on October 30th. Good prizes for costumes.

Acton Legion will hold one of their seasonal dances on Friday November 14th. Gibson Boyd Orchestra. Admission 35c.

St. Alban's W. A. will hold a Rummage Sale and Afternoon Tea in the Parish Hall on Saturday, October 25th. Everybody Welcome.

You can't afford to miss the Hallowe'en Carnival in the United Church on Saturday November 1st from 3 to 6 p.m. Afternoon Tea, Sale of Home-made Baking, Fish Pond, etc., and good program. Auspices of Young Ladies' Friendly Circle.

Bannockburn Women's Institute will hold an afternoon tea from 3 to 6 on Saturday October 25th at the home of Mrs. N. McEachern, Acton. Proceeds are in aid of The Free Press Fund for the London England Sick Children's Hospital. You are cordially invited.

Acton High School Annual Dances in the Town Hall, Acton, tomorrow (Friday). Jerry Harrison, Guisbich, with his seven-piece orchestra. Dancing from 8:30 to 1:30 (D.S.T.). Ladies 35c; Gentlemen 40c. Entire proceeds for the London England Sick Children's Hospital.