

## Half-Way Mark Not Reached in War Savings

Acton Must More Than Double Present Figure if That Naval Gun is Going to Be Sent Each Month—Just Two Weeks More to Reach Objective—Surely Acton Will Not Fail for First Time.

With half of the time gone in the War Savings Drive for regular savers, Acton has not reached the half way mark of its quota. The figure this week is 46 per cent of the objective. We've done well but not quite well enough if we are not going to fail—and it seems hard to vision that Acton will have a failure in its war effort. Last week it was 18 per cent. It's gaining in momentum and the percentage has made a fine increase in the week. Watch the big bulletin board at the Post Office for progress and the chart on Page 6 of The Free Press this week.

Canvassers in Acton have started their work. For the business place with only a few employees a new record and stamp book has been made available. It will make it easy for employees and employers to be regular savers. Every store that has the staff pledged 100 per cent will receive an award of merit and display in their windows. Manufacturing establishments with over five employees will receive honor awards with seals designating their standing each quarter.

War Savings are entirely different from any other war effort you are asked to support. They are the opportunity for the wage-earner to accumulate a substantial saving. Here is a place where you can become a bond-holder on the installment plan. Prices are high now. The wise policy is to accumulate savings now and when prices are lower have the funds available to purchase the articles you want. There is no better security for investment than bonds backed by the Dominion of Canada and the interest is good.

Large investors bought up more than Acton's quota of Victory Bonds. Now War Savings are the opportunity for the small investor. Make your pledge larger. Save all you can to spend after Victory is won.

## Weekly War Commentary

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If, as many observers believe, Hitler hopes to get through the winter with a mere holding force on the front running from Leningrad down to well south of Moscow, while concentrating his main assault on the Caucasus, then the increasing use of soldiers of his "allies" may represent an important part in his strategy. It seems at least possible that important German units have been withdrawn from the lines for reforming and refitting before an all-out attempt is launched to reach the Caspian Sea from where the logical course would be to wheel southward for a thrust against the Russian oil fields. Such a drive eventually would run up against Britain's Middle East and Indian forces.

### Nazi Allies

Read in this light the Berlin communications with their almost daily announcement of the use of their troops of one or another of Hitler's "allies" are interesting.

On one day the Germans announced the Rumanians were in occupation of Odessa after weeks of fighting followed by a Russian evacuation by sea. This was followed up by a Berlin claim that Rumanian troops have played a part in Crimean operations. Then comes the statement that divisions of the Spanish "blue force" are active on the Leningrad front, absorbing some of the blows of the Russian counter-attacks there.

Italians and Hungarians are mentioned in accounts of action on the Donets Basin plains. The Finns are fighting around Leningrad to the north of that besieged city.

### Face Big Task

There is a distinct possibility that the Russians may defend Moscow and Leningrad successfully throughout the coming year. With its troops scattered along a front nearly 2,000 miles in length, Germany will find it extremely difficult to push offensives similar to those that brought Nazi armies practically to the gates of the two great cities.

Winter has set in earnest in the northern and central fronts and apart (Continued on Page Five)

## I.O.D.E. Makes \$150 Contribution To War Services

The regular monthly meeting of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. was held at the home of Mrs. H. R. Elliott on Tuesday evening with a splendid attendance. Mrs. E. E. Barr the Regent presided.

After the usual routine business was dispensed with, the Chapter decided to send a cheque for \$150.00 to Mr. W. G. Middleton, treasurer as a contribution from the tag day held on Fair Day for the Acton and Vicinity War Service League. The I. O. D. E. calendars were to be placed again in the Acton and rural school, also a copy of the booklet "Our Flag."

Definite plans were made for the collection of magazines and assisting in the War Savings campaign. Mrs. Blow reported 2 scarfs, 2 helmets, 7 skull caps, 1 sweater, 1 turtle neck, 1 pair of socks, a seaman's cap, 2 aerial caps, 3 pair of socks and 3 quilts work done for the Red Cross.

Mrs. Pearl Smith and Mrs. E. J. Hazard conducted a questionnaire on the Order, after which the hostesses for the evening, served lunch and a social half hour was spent.

## Insured Workers Not Obligated To Accept Any Position

Insured workers who lose their employment will not be required to accept any position which may be offered, Mr. H. G. Safford, Manager of G.P.S. said in an interview today. It is a common misconception among workers that they must accept any position offered, and if such a position is refused that they will be deprived of their rights to the payment of benefits during the time they are out of work.

The Act very definitely protects the worker against any attempt to force him to accept employment at a low standard of wages, or if the working conditions are less favorable than those recognized by good employers, or if vacancies are due to a labor dispute. He is also under no compulsion to accept employment which requires him to become a member of any association, organization or union of workers, or, on the other hand, which requires him to refrain from becoming a member.

The Act provides, furthermore, that a man whose claim for benefit payment has been disallowed, may appeal to a Board of Referees made up of an equal number of representatives of employers and employees. Even if the Board of Referees disallows the claim, there is a further right given the worker that he may appeal to the Umpire.

The Act also states that the worker must be "capable of work." There is a very essential difference between Unemployment Insurance and Health Insurance, and benefits cannot be paid from the Unemployment Insurance Fund if a worker is incapacitated through sickness.

## High School Dance Brought \$91.55 to Fund

Biggest Boost is Given by Effort of School Pupils—\$339.10 Has Now Been Raised

The Free Press Fund for the London, England Sick Children's Hospital got the biggest boost yet when the proceeds of the dance arranged by the pupils of Acton High School was turned in this week. The amount was \$91.55—a splendid return by these pupils of the high school and reward in the knowledge that others are being helped over a trying time by their effort.

Overshadowed only by amount was another envelope received from a lady who wants to be known only as Friend. It contained a dollar to help on the cause and such help has always brought the cause along. Everybody doing something—sometimes anonymously but it is this effort that have made the fund now stand as follows:

Previously acknowledged \$246.85  
Proceeds Acton High School Dance 91.55  
A. Friend 1.00

The choir gave splendid services. Special music was rendered at both services. Monday evening the choir provided a splendid program of spiritual, vocal and instrumental numbers. Features of this program were a duet by Mr. and Mrs. Veldhuis in the tongue of their native land and Mr. Ostrom gave a solo in Swedish. Miss Mary Reid and Hartley Coles were also soloists on this program.

## 98th Anniversary of Baptist Church Observed Sunday

Rev. J. C. Williamson of Preston Again Guest Speaker on This Occasion

The 98th anniversary of the Acton Baptist Church was celebrated with special services Sunday and a spiritual music festival Monday evening. Rev. J. C. Williamson of Preston was again guest preacher officiating for the third time at anniversary services here.

Mr. Williamson expressed appreciation for the repeated invitations to preach on these occasions and extended greetings from the Preston church. Looking over the congregation he noted that it was unique, including beside local friends and those from the sister church in Georgetown, Rev. and Mrs. Reokle, pioneers of the Baptist mission fields of Bolvin and a number of his friends from Weston and from Preston. In his introduction he remarked that we have a lot of religious theories but in the humdrum of every day life it doesn't seem to count for much.

Mr. Williamson's addresses were very inspiring. In the morning he gave messages to both the boys and girls of the congregation and to the adults.

Using a pencil as his basis for a few words to the boys and girls he pointed out that as the lead erases, the pencil to be of value to us in writing, so the soul that God has given us enables us to be of service to Him.

The Scripture reading was found in Luke 24:13-25 with verse 32 as his text: "And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?"

Mr. Williamson entitled his sermon "The Burning Heart." He said Jesus makes himself known. This is a very profound thing but one you and I will not learn. God reveals himself on all opportunities. Actions speak louder than words in showing how we as human beings let common everyday things shut out the things that count.

Asserting that we have too many theories already the speaker said we must have experiences that hold us to fellowship with God. It is necessary to have the burning heart if we are to pass on the gospel.

The only real things we have in this world are our experiences. The human being has capabilities of knowing God and this is the supreme experience. Actions speak, and if we have not that inner glow of a vivid experience of a burning heart within us we don't show the reality of the love of God and the reality of the love of Jesus and His presence in our lives.

"Many things in this world are a joy Mr. Williamson declared. Companionship of Jesus is what the world is crying for. He urged his listeners to get such a vision of God that they could go out on the highway of life and make the reality of Jesus known.

The Scripture reading for the evening service was the incident of Mary breaking the box of alabaster, Matthew 26: 6-16. The title chosen for this sermon was the two words "This Waste," from his text found in the last part of verse 8, "To what purpose this waste?"

The minister felt this was a very significant question at the present time. As Hitler sees human life it is of little value. The need in the world's crisis is a quickening and awakening to the value of things eternal. Because so many people haven't a value of principles eternal we are in the midst of war. Sin's devastation in this life is stupendous. The inner devastation to God's purpose is the need of the world today.

In his sermon Mr. Williamson appealed for the higher devotion in the home and better missionary effort because of the waste in lost human souls. So many people are content with trivial things. Some are using Jesus as a fine escape from hell but have very little soul devotion yielded to Christ for the sake of His purpose in the world.

Evening services were withdrawn at the United and Presbyterian Churches in order that the congregations might join in anniversary fellowship.

The resignation was accepted with regret and the account was ordered to be paid. Council expressed regret that Dr. Nelson was removing from Acton and appreciation of the services he had rendered while in office. The clerk was instructed to advertise for applications for the position. Councillors F. Davison, E. Jones and Reeve J. B. Chalmers were present at this meeting.

## Dr. E. J. Nelson Assumes Practice in Royal City

Actonians generally will regret the removal of Dr. E. J. Nelson from Acton, to assume a medical and surgical practice in Guelph. During his residence here of over twenty years Dr. Nelson has taken a good citizenship interest in everything calculated for community betterment. He has served for several years as member of the council; successfully managed Acton Intermediate Hockey team; was organist on many occasions at the United Church and served on the Board of Stewards.

For the past year or so he has been Medical Officer of Health. In every phase of community life he lent a willing hand and in every phase he will be missed. All will join in wishing him continued success in the larger field in the Royal City where he takes charge of Dr. L. H. Leggett's office and practice.

## MAIL OVERSEAS CHRISTMAS PARCELS NOT LATER THIS WEEK

If you haven't sent your parcel yet for overseas delivery at Christmas the advice from the Post Office is to do it right away. There is no need to tell you why but if you want it to reach that member of the family who is overseas in the armed forces, November 10th next Monday is the latest date to forward it.

The volume of mail going overseas this year is likely to surpass all records. Add to this problem the congested port facilities, the convoyed boats, the blackouts, disrupted delivery and a multitude of other things that war conditions have brought about and you will realize why this early date is necessary. Remember November 10th is the latest date for Christmas parcels to the boys overseas.

## PRIZE WINNERS AT HALLOWEEN PARTY ACTON JUNIOR FARMERS

The regular meeting of the Acton Junior Farmers was held at Lorne School in the form of a Halloween party. Prizes for the costumes were given to the following: Best lady's Halloween costume—Isabel Swackhammer; best gent's Halloween costume—Gordon Leslie; best couple—Irene and Annie Atkins; best lady's costume—Blanche McKinnon; best gent's costume—Henry Nellis; best comic—Melvin McCullough; most ridiculous—Elwood Johnston; best disguised—Margaret McPhail; best girl's costume—Betty Allan; Howard Switzer conducted a few games which were enjoyed by all. Lunch was served and dancing followed.

### YOUNGEST SGT.-MAJOR

LONDON. (CP)—Regimental Sgt.-Maj. Gordon Pudney, 21, of Thornton Heath is believed to be the youngest R.S.M. in the British army.

## Resignation of Medical Officer Health Received

Council Accepts With Regret and Instructs Clerk to Advise

A special meeting of Acton council was held last evening to consider a letter of resignation from Dr. E. J. Nelson as Medical Officer of Health. The Acton Municipal Council.

It is with great regret that I tender my resignation as Medical Officer of Health for the Village of Acton. Having taken over another practice in a different community I will be unable to continue in office.

This notice is to take effect immediately and I would recommend that my successor be appointed at once so that the school immunization work may be carried on to conclusion. Two-thirds of the work is completed and there is not a great deal to finish. Cherishing pleasant recollections of my association with the Council and members of the Board, I wish you and all my humble best wishes for the future, and that Acton may maintain the enviable record attained in the past.

Most respectfully yours,  
E. J. NELSON, M.D.  
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## Remembrance Day Services Arranged for This District

MISS BENNETT ADDRESSED YOUNG PEOPLE UNITED CHURCH

The twenty-third Psalm, The Lord is my Shepherd, was revealed in all its great beauty and inspiration, at the United Church Young People's meeting on Tuesday night. Miss Bennett, as the guest speaker, selected this sacred poem as the nucleus of her talk. As one listened a wealth of lovely scenes were portrayed. One could envision the white sheep with their passionate and kind shepherd as they journeyed through the green meadows, by the cool streams, along the rocky roads and by-paths near the treacherous frosts until they finally reached their sheltering fold.

This theme was furthered when Marjorie Gibson sang the same Psalm and Mrs. Adamson read it as a scriptural reading.

Members of the executive are meeting at the home of Mrs. Adamson on Friday night to discuss preparation for similar interesting programs.

## A Meeting for Ratepayers in Erin Township

Council in for Two Year Term and No Nomination Meeting to be Held

The municipal council of the township of Erin met at Hillsburg on November 3rd. The following municipal business was transacted.

A supplementary road by-law was passed authorizing the Dept. of Highways for an increased expenditure of \$1,000 on roads and bridges in Erin township.

The treasurer was authorized to pay school money in three instalments, Dec. 16th, 1941, March 1st, and June 1st, 1942.

A ratepayer's meeting will be held on December 29th in the Town Hall, Hillsburg in lieu of the nomination, as council was elected for a two year term—when council and treasurer will give a report of the year's transactions.

The following amounts were paid: Indirect relief \$ 18.23  
Charity 21.30  
Sheep destroyed 115.50  
Roads 1,104.52  
Miscellaneous 17.20

Council adjourned to meet at Hillsburg on the statutory date Dec. 15th, 1941 at 10 o'clock a.m.

## HALLOWEEN SOCIAL AT DUBLIN LITERARY ON FRIDAY NIGHT

The regular meeting of the Dublin Literary Society was held at the school Friday evening in the form of a Halloween social. Mrs. van Goozen, Mrs. G. Wallace and Miss Robertson acting as judges awarded the following prizes: school girl—Helen Holmes; school boy—Meave Breen; lady's costume—Molly Cutts; gent's costume—Mr. G. Somerville; best couple Betty Burkholder and John Somerville; best comic—Howard Switzer; best Halloween costume—Mrs. Walter Linham.

After the business Mr. Wm. Middleton, secretary of the Acton War Services League discussed the collecting of salvage and it was decided to cooperate in this matter.

The president, Mr. Burkholder took the chair for the program. The school children presented a drill; Betty Britton gave a reading; a Halloween masquerade by the Camp Fire Girls and a reading by Dorothy Barber was followed by a rain eating contest which was won by Mr. Steele.

Lunch was served and the remainder of the evening spent in dancing.

## CONFIRMATION CLASS AT ST. JOSEPH'S LAST WEEK

The following are the children who were confirmed by Rt. Rev. J. F. Ryan, D.D. Bishop of Hamilton, at St. Joseph's Church, Wednesday evening, October 29th: Joseph Gillovet, Foss Boyle, James Golden, Donald Milton, John Tyers, William Muir, Kenneth Hulme, Gerard Wilson, Lorne Arbie, Kenneth Mgrahen, James McMilloway, William Beoney, Michael McCristall, Joan Coles, Elaine Arbie, Dena Braida, Meave Breen, June Dunn, Joan White, Patricia Duval, Helen McLaughlin, Frances Chew, Joyce Papillon, Dena Francescato, Margaret Muir, Margaret Connelly, Elsie Hulme, Alice Murphy, Margaret Beoney.

Service in Acton at 10.50 a.m. and Later in Knox Church—Nassagaweya Service at 3 p.m. (Standard Time), and Later in Ebenezer Church—Legion, Clergy and Councils Co-operate in Arranging Events.

Once again Remembrance Day comes around and Acton and district Legion have co-operated with councils and Clergy in Acton and Nassagaweya and Eramosa Townships in arranging services fitting for the day. November 11th has lost none of its significance in this district.

The service in Acton in the morning will commence at 10.50 a.m. at the Soldiers' Memorial on Mill Street. Following this brief ceremony a service will be held in Knox Presbyterian Church. Rev. H. L. Bonnie, Legion Chaplain will be in charge. Rev. J. Ostrom will deliver the address and Rev. A. W. Fosbury and Rev. E. A. Brooks will assist in the service. Every resident of Acton and district will be welcome at the services.

In Rockwood the service at the Soldiers' Memorial will be at 2 (D.S.T.), followed by service in the United Church there at 2.15.

Following the service in Rockwood the service in Nassagaweya will commence at the Soldier's Memorial at 3 p.m. (Standard Time). Part 2 of the service will be in Ebenezer Church at 3.30 p.m. (S.T.) Here the Legion Chaplain Mr. Bonnie, will also be in charge with Rev. H. W. Pickergill delivering the address. Rev. W. B. Irwin, Rev. E. A. Brooks, Rev. J. Ward and Rev. A. W. Fosbury will assist in this service.

The services have been arranged by the legion. The printed program for Acton and Nassagaweya carry the list of those who fell in the War of 1914-18 under the heading "Their Name Liveth Forevermore." Verification of that heading should be witnessed. Faith with those who fell should not be broken. Plan to attend the service arranged for your district. It takes only an hour or so.

## VARIED PROGRAM AT GUILD MEETING KNOX CHURCH

The regular monthly meeting of the Mary R. Moore Girls' Guild was held at the home of Miss Doris Blow. Inez McLellan led in prayer. The Scripture was taken by Mary Ritchie. The secretary's report was given by Isabel McLeod and Inez McLellan took the business part of the meeting. An interesting reading was given by Joyce Desereault and a helpful talk by Mrs. Malnzprize. Miss Doris Blow gave an intelligence and a social time was enjoyed by all.

## MEETING OF WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION OF UNITED CHURCH

The November meeting of the Woman's Association of the United Church was held at the home of Mrs. David Richardson on Tuesday. Mrs. Symon presided. The devotional period was also taken by Mrs. Symon. The ladies made plans to entertain and serve lunch to the laymen of Halton County who assemble in the United Church on November 19th. Plans were also made for the work to be carried on during the fall and winter months. After the business was disposed of Mrs. Richardson, assisted by Mrs. Fosbury, Mrs. Jennings and Mrs. Agar, served a very dainty lunch and a social time was spent. A vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Richardson and assistants for her home and hospitality.

## Coming Events

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

Knox Church Mission Band Tea, Baking Sale, Sat. Nov. 15, Town Hall 3-6 p.m. 19-2

St. Alban's Guild annual Tea and Sale of Baking, Sewing, Etc., will be held on Saturday in the Parish Hall from 3 to 6 p.m.

Remembrance Day Auction Sale at Ballinacraig Community Hall on Tuesday, November 11th, 7 p.m. Fruit, Dressed Poultry, Livestock, Baking and many articles for sale by Auction. Three auctioneers. Don't miss this event.