

Legislative Grants Are Reduced by \$400 This Year

Supplies and Equipment Purchased for High and Public Schools—Insurance Survey Received

The adjourned meeting of Acton School Board was held on Tuesday evening, with Trustees Dr. Oakes, V. B. Rumley, G. A. Dilla, W. H. Clayton and W. G. Mason present and Chairman F. S. Blow presided.

A letter from Ivan S. Gray, auditor, was read outlining the result of the audit of school books which were all in order. It was recommended that a wage book be kept and some other changes in bookkeeping records. The audit statement was presented. A letter from the High School Inspector gave notice that he would visit Acton school in the near future.

A letter from Acton Library Board notified the School Board of the resignation of Mr. Neil Gibbons. Since he was an appointee of the School Board it was requested that the vacancy be filled.

In reply to a request for a survey of the insurance carried by the Board the Imperial office had sent a complete survey and from another company which now carried the insurance a list of policies and due dates of policies now in force had been received.

A letter from Miss B. Segwick requested an increase of salary commencing the first of the year. This request was made on account of higher cost of living in Acton than in the town in which she had formerly taught.

The Secretary was instructed to renew subscriptions to magazines now coming to the High School.

It was decided to retain paint left over from interior painting of the school to complete the work in the school next year.

A requisition for supplies for the High School was received and passed. A motion was passed asking that these requisitions hereafter be made in triplicate so that one copy could be retained by the Secretary. Separate orders were to be made for each type of supply.

Accounts were passed as follows:

A. McLeod, painting contract	\$410.00
Loew Bros., paint	299.24
Guelph Lumber Co., supplies	54.59
Elliott Bros., supplies	74
Acton Free Press, supplies	10.40
V. B. Rumley, secretary's expenses	1.83
National Stationers, supplies	24.00
W. D. Talbot, supplies	12.41
Symon, Hardware, supplies	35.26
Acton Public Utilities Comm., services	10.58
Bell Telephone Co., services	2.50

Legislative grants were received by the secretary and are over \$400 less this year than those received from the department in 1940.

Mr. W. H. Clayton was appointed as representative of the School Board on the Library Board.

The property committee were asked to investigate the door-check and lock in the main entrance of the High School and take such action as deemed advisable. New door mats were to be secured.

A duplicating machine and typewriter were submitted to the Board for inspection. They were for the Public School. The cost of the duplicator was \$57.15 and the typewriter was \$35. It was decided to purchase this equipment. The machine had been on trial at the school for a couple of weeks and found very satisfactory. It was particularly suitable for school work and could be used either in connection with the typewriter or by typing or reproducing in colors. The typewriter was in splendid condition and considered splendid value.

SCOUT MOTHERS' CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR

The November meeting of the Scout Mother's Club was held at the home of Mrs. H. Boulton on Thursday, November 13th.

During the business part of the meeting a letter from Mrs. Alken was read thanking the mothers for the layette which was sent to help make up the bundle for bomb victims in Britain. After this the election of officers took place.

Honorary president, Mrs. W. Chisholm; President, Mrs. R. Spelvoegel; vice-president, Mrs. H. Boulton; secretary, Mrs. E. Johnson; treasurer, Mrs. F. Kentner; flower committee, Mrs. Masales and Mrs. Evans.

POPPY FUND EXPRESSES APPRECIATION FREE PRESS HELP

November 17th, 1941.

Dear Mr. Dilla:

On behalf of the Poppy Day Committee I wish to take this opportunity of expressing their most sincere thanks for the assistance given us by the Acton Free Press. I assure you that it was thoroughly appreciated.

You may be interested in knowing that the total value of wreaths and poppies sold this year will approximate \$270.00.

Yours faithfully,

A. C. GRAY,
Chairman, Poppy Day Committee.

The Red Cross Blanket Fund Has Good Start

The fund to supply blankets for war victims through the Red Cross has made a good start in Acton. It doesn't take much imagination at this time of year to know what comfort a good blanket can give in keeping out the cold. It means a lot more when your shelter is not the best.

Here are the results of the Acton Red Cross Fund to date:

Mrs. J. M. McDonald	\$ 2.00
Mrs. D. H. Lindsay	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. Mason	6.00
Lakeville I.O.D.E.	10.00
Duke of Devonshire I.O.D.E.	10.00
Mrs. Alex. McDonald, Main St.	2.00
Busy Bees, Nassagaweya	10.00

The fund is still open. The need is very urgent. Winter is just ahead. If you can help hand in your remittance to Acton Red Cross Society. The treasurer is Mr. W. K. Graham. Mark your donation for the "Blanket Fund." It will be gratefully received and acknowledged.

NEW FAST AND CHEAP LETTERS TO BOYS OVERSEAS

On Saturday last a new fast and low-cost means of communication with the Canadians Overseas went into operation. It is known as air-graph service.

Briefly, a person desiring to send a communication by the Airgraph service will obtain a special form from the Post Office, write a message and full particulars as to the name and address of the addressee in the spaces provided, affix the Airgraph fee to the reverse side, and hand the completed form back to the Post Office.

The message forms will be transmitted by air to Airgraph-Toronto, where they will be photographed on miniature film which will be despatched by air to the United Kingdom where photograph enlargements of the messages will be made.

These enlargements will then be enclosed in envelopes and forwarded to the individual addressees through the Army-Postal Service.

The fee is 10 cents and the Acton Post Office has the forms and facilities for the fast messages to the Armed Forces overseas. If you cannot get your message on one sheet you may send additional sheets at 10 cents each. Do not fold your message when you hand it in at the Post Office.

EVERY HOME TO BE VISITED IN TOWNSHIP CAMPAIGN

Arrangements for a farm to farm and person to person campaign to help Enquising reach its War Savings Objective of \$2,000 are now completed. Chairman Arthur Beaumont announced. The territory has been divided into sections with chairman for each section.

This week the canvassers start on their rounds contacting every home. The Committee ask that all assist them in completing this work and meeting the objective.

Miss M. Anderson Addresses Special Meeting Knox W.M.S.

The W. M. S. of Knox Presbyterian Church held the annual Fall Thank-Offering meeting on Thursday afternoon, Nov. 13th, in the class room of the church.

Mrs. George Murray presided, and Mrs. Wm. Thompson and Mrs. H. Mungiz, had charge of the devotions.

Miss M. E. Anderson was the guest speaker and delivered a very inspiring address, taking as her subject "The Kingdom of God and Its Characteristics."

Visitors were present from the societies of the United, Anglican and Baptist Churches.

Miss M. E. and Miss Isabel Anderson sang a duet in a most pleasing manner, during the social hour at the close.

Ballinafad Sale Realized \$322 for War-Relief Work

Remembrance Day Event Drew Good Bids on Big Offering of Donated Articles

The Auction Sale held at Ballinafad community hall on November 11, was a decided success. From early in the afternoon donations poured in keeping those in charge busy checking the entries. Farmers came with cars full of vegetables and farmers wives, with their arms full of homemade goodies.

The sale started in good time with auctioneers Frank Petch, Roy Hindley, W. Gray and R. Johnson in charge. All gave their services free as also did the clerks, Irene Currie and Fred McEnery.

Two hot dog booths were kept busy and a home made candy corner also brought in a nice sum. Business people from Acton, Erin, and Georgetown, contributed to the sale and the booth requirements as did also our own very popular store-keeper, making the whole sale practically expense free.

In the course of the evening three draws were taken on the huge three-story Christmas Cake which had been made and beautifully decorated by four of our ladies and on which some fifty-five dollars worth of tickets had been sold.

The lucky tickets were held by R. Grace, Mr. Barclay and Mrs. Jamieson.

In the main, the articles sold brought good prices and bidding was brisk with lots of fun and few dull moments. Up to date the proceeds realized were \$322 and since the sale several cash donations have been received. These proceeds are to be divided equally between the B.W.V.F. and the Red Cross—the Red Cross half being again divided in half for the two branches represented.

The success of the sale was due to the organizers of the idea, who canvassed and those who contributed. In those who talked and worked and seemed determined to make it go over in a big way and also to the bidders and buyers.

Following is a list of those who donated for the sale:

J. Allen, T. Appleyard, W. Beer, Bennet Farm, A. Bullock, Blue Mt. School, James Ballentine, A. Binne, C. Binne, A. Brooks, Mrs. Burgess, Dan Campbell, Mrs. J. E. Campbell, John Campbell, Cedarville Institute, D. Ferguson, K. Ferguson, A. Fisher, Mrs. Peter Ferguson, Rhoda French, Rev. A. O. Foreman, C. Grace, Tom Gibson, E. E. Griffin and Son, Mrs. W. Harding, Henry Hills, Harry Hitchcock, Mrs. Hutchcote, George Harding, Mrs. Fred Higgins, Mr. Irwin, Mrs. Jamieson, John Jackson, Mrs. Basil Johnson, Fred Johnson, Dick Johnson, Jas. Kirkwood, Wm. Kirkwood, Robt. Kirkwood, John Kirkwood, Archie Kerr, S. Lindsay, John Lightle, Mrs. C. Longstreet, Mrs. Logan, R. Mulder, Cam McEnery, Ernie McEnery, Robt. McEnery, A. S. McEnery, Jesse McEnery, David McEnery, Ray McEnery, Arnold McEnery, Donald McLean, M. Mandill, John MacLean, Dunc McMillan, W. McPherson, Mrs. J. Miller, Bernard Miller, Mrs. J. McKewen, Mrs. C. McKewen, Miss E. McClure, Mr. McKenzie, Mrs. D. B. McKinnon, Mrs. Matthews, Norman McLean, A. McKay, Mrs. McLeland, Jas. Mann, Bert McMenemy, C. Noble, Gordon

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Acton Scouts Present Program United Society

In the true Walter Winchell style we present orchids again this week. At the annual meeting also a bouquet of those same flowers was presented, verbally, to the Scouts of this town for the interesting display of their achievements at the United Church Young Peoples' Union on Tuesday night.

Members of the Scout troop explained the different ranks that could be achieved and the badges for which each scout strived. Messages were flashed across the room by signaling and the accuracy of this work was proven by comparison tests by the audience. We have often doubted the proclaimed abilities of certain people to start a fire by rubbing sticks together but our doubts were dispelled after seeing a remarkable demonstration of fire-making by one of the troop. We saw them give first aid to a make-believe patient, as they affixed, ably, splinting bandages, tourniquet and prepared an improvised stretcher with coats and scout-staffs.

The outdoor setting was achieved in the meeting by a mock fire of branches, colored paper and electric lights. Around this the audience sat and enjoyed a sing-song at the beginning of the meeting. The value of this insight into Scout activities can not be over-estimated and so it is " Hats off and congratulations " to the Scouts.

The Young People will join with the Woman's Association next Wednesday night for the lecture by Rev. Ward of Rockwood.

HALTON GARAGE OPERATORS' ANNUAL LADIES' NIGHT

The annual Ladies' Night of the Halton branch of the Ontario Garage Operators' Association, was held in the Community Hall, Palermo, on Tuesday evening November 11th, and far surpassed any event of its kind yet held in the life of the branch in quantity, quality, and variety, with the largest number ever to attend Ladies' Night. Over 175 members and friends sat down to the banquet table laden with all the good things to eat that the Ladies of Palermo know how to make.

The banquet was followed by a short toast program "The King," proposed by our president and honored by everyone present. "Our Ladies," proposed by E. R. Macklin, Burlington was responded to by Mrs. Howard Cullingham, Trafalgar. "Our Guests," proposed by Mr. George Dolby, Milton, and responded to by Mr. J. Clarke, president of Toronto branch. Mr. Wm. Bealy, president of Provincial Council gave a short and interesting address.

Mr. Howard Moore of the Toronto Automobile Trade Association who was introduced by Mr. E. J. Wadhams, Toronto, was the guest speaker and gave a very inspiring address.

Lucky number tickets were sold on 100 lbs. of sugar the net proceeds going to the British War Victims' Fund, which realized \$20.

Rev. Slocombe magellan and piano accompanist was the entertainer for the evening. The Halls' Orchestra was in attendance for the dancing during the latter part of the evening which was very much enjoyed by all.

The committee in charge spared no effort to make the evening the big success it was and are to be congratulated for their splendid work.

Power Restrictions For Christmas Decorative Lights

Auditing Department Asks Payment of Tax Collecting Account

The Acton Public Utilities met in regular session on Tuesday evening. At the meeting were Mr. E. S. Foye and Mr. Chas. L. Kirkman, a delegation from the Y.M.C.A. board. They interviewed the Commission with a view to having the Public Utilities Commission increase their rent payments to meet the increased cost of operating the building.

After some discussion the Commission decided to hold the matter over until the next meeting, as they would then know if the old Commission would be taking their seats for a new term of office. If not the Commission felt that the 1942 Commission should deal with the matter.

It was moved by J. B. Chalmers and seconded by M. Symon that a transfer of \$500.00 be made from the waterworks account to the general account of the Corporation.—Carried.

It was moved by M. Symon and seconded by J. B. Chalmers and passed that the secretary be authorized to pay the following accounts:

Hydro Department

Bell Telephone Co., services	\$ 5.18
Acton Free Press, advertising	7.28
Whitman's Garage, gas	13.00
D. H. Storey, trucking poles	19.80
Symon Hardware, supplies	8.13
Lins & Cable Accessories, line material	63.15
MacDonald Electric Ltd., supplies	8.13
Federal Wire & Cable Co., wire	57.97
J. A. McFarlane, Re. Holdcroft & Co., poles	371.25
Ekide Batteries of Canada Ltd., battery	88.35
Canadian General Electric Co., supplies	33.76
Sangamo Co. Ltd., watt-hour meter	41.45
Jas. R. Kearney, Corp., line material	40.25
Geo. MacDonald & Co., supplies	.97
Canadian Telephones & Supply, supplies	27.59
Inspection Dept., inspection fees	2.20
Dept. of Nat'l Revenue, sales tax	84.72
C. N. R. and Transport, express	3.88
J. C. Matthews, postage	10.00
General Steel Wares, supplies	7.38

Waterworks Department

Jas. Gilmour, supplies	7.75
Hydro Dept., power at spring	41.55
Hydro Dept., October operations	147.29

It was decided that all bills for the new vault be sent to the Council for payment and then an adjustment would be made by the Commission as to their share of the cost.

A letter from the Ontario Hydro said that there would be no power available for decorative lighting this year, except for the Christmas-New Year week.

Another letter from the Ontario Hydro notified the Commission that they would carry on the Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance at the same cost as in former years.

And yet another letter from the Ontario Hydro requested that the Commission save the brass plates on bulbs. It also notified the Commission of some lines of bulbs which were being discontinued.

A letter from the auditing Department of the Hydro stated that the Commission must charge \$235.00 to the corporation of Acton for the collection of taxes for 1940. A copy of this letter is to be sent to the Council.

A discussion took place regarding installing a water service on Queen Street. It was decided that the council should decide whether or not it was to be installed.

The Canadian General Electric Co. presented prices on the installation of an automatic starter for the pump at the spring. The letter was ordered filed.

Commissioner M. Symon, Reeve J. B. Chalmers and Chairman C. M. Hansen, were present at this meeting.

HOPES TO GO BACK

SIMLA, India. (CP)—Giving farewell to his Indian comrades on leaving for the Middle East Gen. Sir Claude Auchinleck said ultimate victory was sure and he hoped sincerely he would come back to India some day.

MRS. L. B. SHOREY STILL GOOD SHOT WITH A RIFLE

An item in a daily paper and Andy Clark's comments from the weekly newspapers on Sunday morning reminded friends here of Mrs. L. B. Shorey, now of Bohayagoon, that she had had some of her skill for rifle marksmanship. While duck hunting with Mr. Shorey she spotted a large bird that was thought at first to be a gull. However Mrs. Shorey had vision of a nice goose in her roosting pen, so she fired and brought the big bird to the water. It was a wild goose and hunters report they are rarely found in the Lindsay district.

Hospital Fund Over the \$350 Mark This Week

The Free Press fund for the London England Sick Children's Hospital has this week passed the \$350 mark. Just a month ago the first \$350 went overseas and soon more can be forwarded. It's remarkable how many have added to make this amount but it is all with the one purpose of bringing help to children in war circumstances.

Previously acknowledged

A Friend	1.00
Four Emmas	1.00

If you want to help send in your contribution to "The Acton Free Press Fund for the London England Sick Children's Hospital."

TWO TONS OF SEEDS GO TO ENGLAND

Two tons of vegetable seed are to be sent from Ontario to England before the end of the year. This report came from central fund committee of the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario and Acton W. I. Branch contributed to this fund.

The lot will include onions, carrots, peas, and two varieties of beans, tomatoes, corn, and sunflower seed. The cost including insurance and transportation is \$2,000.

This fund also gave 100 pair of blankets estimated to cost \$400 and last year a large amount of seed was sent also.

ACTON VOLUNTEER CIVIL GUARD HOLD IMPORTANT MEETING

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Acton Volunteer Civil Guard was held last Thursday evening in the Council Chamber, besides the regular members of the Acton Volunteer Ladies' Guard were also present, and took part in the study periods, consisting of map reading, map making, and poisonous gases, their detection, effect, and treatment. Capt. J. M. McDonald conducted the session.

ACTON BOWLERS WIN IN GUELPH LEAGUE THIS WEEK

The McCutcheon bowling team defeated Greg Daley's by a 2-1 score last night in a Commercial Bowling League match.

The Score:

C. Leishman	184	151	197	537
N. Morton	247	245	240	732
M. Holmes	159	151	220	530
J. Adamson	267	243	176	686
W. Corry	183	162	197	542

McCutcheon's 1045 952 1030—3027
x Greg Daley's 954 1005 980—2938
x Includes 81 pins per game handicap.

Remembrance Day Gathering Held at S. S. No. 9, Erin

A Remembrance Day gathering of November 11th in No. 9 School, Erin, was largely attended, the school being filled to capacity.

Mr. Bill Gibson made a capable chairman. Community singing of patriotic songs was engaged in, led by Mrs. W. L. Armstrong. Rev. Atton of Orton delivered an address, after which musical numbers were supplied by Messrs. Root and Hall, Ray Wheeler and Bill Cheyne. All joined in singing "O God Our Help in Ages Past."

Refreshments were served and the meeting closed with "God Save the King."

We Glimpse a Fraction of the Canadian Army

Reeve and Editors Visit Army Camps—Trip Left No Unanswered Questions

At the invitation of Major-General C. F. Constantine, District Commanding Officer for Military District No. 2, Reeve J. B. Chalmers and the editor of The Free Press were among heads of municipalities and editors from other centres at a gathering in Toronto last Friday and Saturday. Reeve Gen. Finlay of Nassagaweya was another from this district who attended. Judging by the crowd attending District No. 2 takes in quite a bit of territory.

With typical army reticence for detail we know little beforehand of the purpose of the meeting. But with the charge of another very important part of the army set-up and last but not least Protestant and Roman Catholic padres told of their work for the soldier.

Then for what the ear failed to get exhibits were in the room showing the food supplies, clothing, equipment, medical supplies, guns, and the portable dental office used in the army. We picked up a diet sheet during our sight-seeing. It's on view in The Free Press window and it appears the army is well fed.

Lt.-Col. Sidney Lambert was the speaker following dinner. Army men know him well and in his army men have a real friend. His subject was "Round to Win." During dinner No. 2 District Depot Band gave a splendid concert.

That night we attended a military pageant and tattoo at the Maple Leaf Gardens. We were shown how a recruit went into the army, what he did, and how his training fitted him after various periods. We saw units of the mechanized army in action. Bands that seemed to have lost out in this war are again coming back and bringing their added color. By way of variety we were shown how the army shows and boxing matches, etc., enlivened the off hours of the army.

It seemed the army had pretty well crammed in all one could assimilate in a few hours' and between city (Continued on Page Eight)

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 5c.

Firemen's Annual Dance on Friday, December 5. Gibson-Boyd Orchestra. Admission 50c. 21-2.

Welsh Singers Choir in Town Hall, Acton, Sunday evening. Proceeds for Acton and vicinity War Service League.

Knox Church Ladies' Aid will hold a Home-made Baking Sale and Afternoon Tea Saturday, Nov. 22nd from 3 to 6 o'clock in the Council Chamber.

St. Alban's W. A. will hold their annual bazaar and afternoon tea in the Parish Hall on Saturday December 6th. Come and choose your Christmas gifts.

"The Shepherd of the Hills" sponsored by Lakeside-Chapter I.O.D.E., at Gregory Theatre—Thursday and Friday evenings Nov. 27-28. Tickets for sale by members of the Chapter.

Close to Acton Objective But More Help Wanted

Office fills in. It's completion is in the hands of those who chose to help victory's cause. There have been some splendid reports of the workers. Several industries are pledged one hundred per cent to participate. In one industry the amount has been doubled in this campaign and that industry has also obtained every employee participating in the plan. There will not be one industry in Acton after the campaign that is not participating and new percentages are in most cases good.

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