

Community Sale Brings Over \$450 for War Effort

Second Night Saw Clean-Up of Articles Donated — Lucky Winners in the Draw

The Community Auction Sale held in Acton Town Hall for two nights brought in \$450 for the Red Cross and the War Services League. Saturday evening was taken up with disposal of final items by the same six auctioneers who donated their services for both sales. When thanked by Chairman A. Mason their reply was that they would do it again for such a worthy cause and they had enjoyed their participation. Complete figures on the sale are not yet available but it was announced that over \$70 of the proceeds were realized from the draw on the clothes hamper and Christmas cakes and the sale will net \$450 for the organizations.

Winners of the Clothes Hamper was ticket-holder No. 507. The large Christmas cake went to Miss Dorothy McPherson and third prize went to Mr. Wm. Mino. The clothes hamper was donated by Mr. Wm. Middleton and the Christmas cakes by Acton Home Bakery and McDonald's Bakery.

The whole event was one of the most successful, of community affairs. As donations were brought to the hall a list of the contributions was made. We present herewith the list of contributors. An endeavor has been made to make it all inclusive and correct, but in such a compilation opportunities for omission are many. If any are omitted we regret it and will be glad to rectify the omissions or make corrections.

Mrs. Fobury, Mrs. Nelson Lambert, Mrs. Savers, Mrs. Symon, Fulton Bros., Mrs. Thomas Marshall, Mrs. M. McDonald, Miss Bennett, W. Anthony, Mrs. Soper, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Rookes, L. Gibson, Mrs. Boulton, Mrs. Rowles, Mr. Mackenzie, Jas. Adamson, John McGregor, Mrs. Lappin, Mrs. Clayton, J. M. McDonald, Mr. Struthers, Mrs. Cullen, Mrs. Huffman, Miss Lindsay, Mrs. Rogvaldson, Mary Ritchie and R. Mullin, Wilmer Hanson, Joan Somerville, Mrs. G. Somerville, Mrs. H. P. Moore, Miss Emma Robinson, W. E. Smith, Geo. Musello, Mrs. F. Hunter, F. L. Wright, W. Masales, Mrs. Blake—Mrs. Mellon, Mrs. Elliott, C. Cutts, W. Linham, Mr. Nello, Carland Store, Moffat Bros., Mrs. W. Arnold, Mrs. Stewart Lantz, Mrs. B. Wallace, Mrs. Rozzell.

Mr. McLaughlin, Mrs. F. McCutcheon, Mrs. C. Hanson, Alex. Neat, Mr. Burkholder, J. McDonald, Mr. W. Cooper, Mr. D. Rutledge, J. Locker, Mr. C. Marzo, Mrs. Walker, George town Lumber Co., H. N. Brown, Mr. Robinson, W. Ritchie, Donald Waldie, Mrs. Steele, Mrs. Wallie, Mrs. Mullins, A. Swackhammer, Mrs. Wecke, C. McEnery, Mr. Cockerill, T. Rumley, Mr. A. Bell, H. Price, Mrs. Ingalls, Mr. George Fryer, Miss Elliott, J. Brims, Mrs. Lantz, A. T. Brown, Mrs. A. Smith, Mr. Ross, Mrs. Johnstone, Mrs. Helwig, Mrs. Switzer, Mrs. V. Rumley, Mrs. Theford, Mrs. Smith and Pearl, Mrs. Howard Masales, Mr. (Continued on Page Five)

Christmas Concert By Sunday School Of United Church

The Christmas concert of the United Sunday School last week provided an interesting program for parents, scholars and friends. Singing of Christmas Carols opened and closed the concert. All classes of the school helped in providing numbers. "Jingle Bells" was the number Miss Ethel Franklin's class and Miss Dorothy Kitching's class gave "Away in a Manger." "A Great Saving" was the title of a number by George Elliott and "The Week Before Christmas" was given by John Agar. "Just be Merry" was Muriel Burns' number, and Fred Kentner gave "The Morning After."

Miss Bennett's class presented a pantomime and Mrs. Parker's class "A C.G.T. meeting" and Mrs. Cleave's class "Silent Night." Una Purdy's recitation was "Santa is bringing another Baby," and Mrs. A. T. Brown gave a Christmas reading "The Martin's Christmas." The number by Mrs. Mowat's class was "Picture Pantomime" and Mrs. Caldwell's class gave "A Class Meeting." Miss Blanche Sedgwick and Mrs. Richardson gave a number "The Spirit of Christmas."

The offering which usually went to provide a Christmas treat for the children was given to the fund for the Sick Children's Hospital in London, England. This was explained to the children who heartily approved of Christmas giving this year. Superintendent A. T. Brown opened the concert with some introductory remarks and Rev. A. W. Fobury was chairman.

School Painting to be Done in the Holidays

Insurance Matters Again Under Discussion at Special Meeting on Friday

Acton School Board held a special meeting on Friday evening to deal with matters requiring attention during the Christmas vacation period.

A letter was read from the Municipal Council requesting School Board's permission to give talks on safety measures to the school children. The Secretary was instructed to write thanking the municipality for their co-operation and the Board's willingness to have these lectures.

Correspondence was read in connection with the insurance on the schools. Replies to the companies now carrying the insurance said there were no premium notes on any of the policies or assessments due on them.

Mr. McGee of the Shaw & Begg Insurance Co. was present to clarify some matters regarding insurance. Several suggestions were made that would bring about reduced rates. Mr. McGee was requested to prepare a survey for the meeting in January, but it was pointed out that already some work had been proceeded with owing to failure of his company to meet the first request.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

Acton Machine Shops, boiler repairs	95.49
H. L. McDonald, premium	3.00
Clarke & Irwin, supplies	7.41
B. Bell Telephone Co., services	2.80
J. B. McKenzie & Son, supplies	1.65
	\$110.35

The Supply Committee was empowered to purchase seven fire extinguishers to the Secretary had secured quotations from the various firms, and providing these prices meet with the amount available.

The Secretary was instructed to secure a chemical balance for use in the Continuation School.

Mr. Wm. McLeod was present and discussed with the Board finishing the work of painting the balance of the interior of the Public School during the Christmas holidays.

The Property Committee were authorized to arrange to complete the painting of the balance of the interior of the Public School provided that the contract submitted to them was satisfactory.

Knox Concert Puts Fund in Stocking For London, England

The Christmas concert of Knox Sunday School on Monday evening provided a fine gathering for members of the school, parents and friends.

Carol singing was of course a feature and two sets of lantern slides were well adapted to a children's concert. "Little Red Riding Hood" and "Atandin and his Wonderful Lamp."

Joyce Greer, Donna Anderson, Judy Beer, Helen Johnson, Helen McIsaac and Beverly Leitch gave a Christmas skit—house and—Paul—Dorothy's recitation. "I'm waiting for the 25th" was particularly typical of pre-Christmas suppression. A playlet was given by Ronnie Coleman, Andy Beer, Bobbie Rumley, Donnie DeForest, Donnie Davidson, Sonnie Job, Jimmie Greer, and Frankie Speilwood. The closing chorus was by Marg. Anderson, Olive Musello, Eileen McIsaac, Jean Wilds and Lois Hunter.

The children's offering was for others. Their contribution to the big stocking of \$5.25 goes to the Sick Children's Hospital in London, England. They, this year are putting something in the stocking for others instead of getting all the good things from it and it will bring comfort to less fortunate. Of course Santa Claus paid a visit and distributed Christmas cheer. Mr. W. Benson, Superintendent was in charge.

FIRST MEETING OF SCHOOL LITERARY HELD ON FRIDAY

The pupils of Acton Continuation School held their first literary society meeting on Friday afternoon. Ken Hassard, president, was in charge. Carols were sung and Don Ross and Ken Hassard conducted a telephone game. The whole of grade IX presented a dramatization of the "Lost Bride of Netherley." Beside Reid rendered a delightful solo. The boys of Room III presented a short skit, and everybody joined in carol singing.

Don Ross was called forward. He presented Marjory Nelson, who is moving to Guelph, with a beautiful Yardley set. The boys of grade X presented, a mock circus and the grade XI boys presented a short skit. Letters to Santa Claus were read, and then amid singing of "Jingle Bells," Santa himself appeared. Presents were distributed to all. The program and school paper, the A.C.I. Eye Opener, which was sold, were under the direction of Rena Braida, Margaret Somerville and Ken Hassard.

Boxing Day is Proclaimed for Erin Township

Other Items of Year End Business At Meeting Last Week

The Municipal Council of the Township of Erin met at Hillsburg, when the following business was transacted.

The county treasurer was requested to return all money in his possession due Erin Township to township treasurer.

The township treasurer was instructed to forward county tax to the county treasurer.

The treasurer reported receiving cheque for \$2,095,000 provincial subsidy on township assessment of \$2,095,000.

Friday December 26th, 1941, (Boxing Day), was proclaimed a Civic Holiday in Erin Township.

Mr. Harvey Dearing was re-appointed school attendance officer for 1942.

Councillors were paid \$45.00 each for their services as road commissioners and the reeve \$75.00.

As council was elected for a 2-year term there will be no nomination or election for 1942.

The following amounts were paid:

Charity	\$ 40.54
Indirect Relief	13.90
Printing contract for 1941	200.00
Hydro Electric, Orton street lights	40.25
Insulin supplied	5.14
Indigent's funeral	35.00
Shovel destroyed	504.00
Officials' salaries	786.00
Roads	1,028.68
Miscellaneous	122.16

Council will meet at Hillsburg on January 12th, 1942, at 11 o'clock a.m.

Prospects for Hockey at Arena for this Year

Guelph-Acton Combines Will Play Under Wool Combing Colors

The war has played havoc with sport in Acton and other centres. Last year there was only rural hockey in Acton where previous to the war we had intermediate, junior and rural games. The arena is being put into condition. Where necessary, new boards at the ice surface have been replaced and as weather permits flooding will be carried on to build up the ice surface. A fair bottom was put in last week but the mild spell has played havoc this week.

Arrangements have been made that the intermediate entry of Guelph will play all their home games in Acton arena. Acton players will go to make the combined entry and a schedule is being drawn up.

We also understand that the club will play under the colors of the Wool Combing Corporation. And we imagine that in many a camp in Canada and overseas there'll be followers of the club playing in Acton and the games will have to be written so these boys can replay them as they read about them in *The Free Press*.

Among our Christmas cards was one from "Flint" Terry out on the Pacific Coast.

ANOTHER PRIZE WINNER AT THE INTERNATIONAL SHOW

Another prize-winner from this district at the International Grain and Livestock Show in Chicago was W. O. Brownridge of Georgetown. He won the Alfalfa seed reserve championship and was also placed first in Alfalfa, east division. Mr. Brownridge is a regular exhibitor at all the fairs in this district and all extend congratulations on this win at the International Show.

EARLY FREE PRESS AGAIN NEXT WEEK

The Free Press will be issued next week on Wednesday to allow for the New Year holiday. We have appreciated very much the splendid co-operation received in getting out the edition a day earlier this week. To correspondents, advertisers and contributors we say thank you.

Will you please keep it up for the next week. And Merry Christmas to Each and Every One.

THE REID-McMULLEN WEDDING SATURDAY AT ACTON HOME

Immediate friends and relatives were guests at a quiet wedding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Agnew on Saturday, December 20th, at 2 p.m., when Doris, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McMullen was wedded to Mervin J. Reid, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Reid of Brock Ave., by the bride's pastor, Rev. John Ostrom.

The bride, given in marriage by her brother John, wore a hat of two-tone blue crepe with accessories to match and carried a bouquet of yellow Chrysanthemums. She received her guests immediately after the ceremony at a buffet lunch and was the recipient of many beautiful presents.

The happy couple left for a short trip to Western points and upon return will reside on Brock Avenue.

AWARDS GIVEN Annual At Home of High School

Acton Continuation School Annual "At Home" last Friday evening and an attendance that taxed the capacity of the Town Hall. It provided a fine social evening with the music for dancing being supplied by the Alton Merry-Makers.

During the intermission in dancing Chairman F. S. Blow and Trustees V. B. Rumley presented the shields and Medals to the scholars who had won these.

Dorothy Steele received the Dr. Buchanan shield for proficiency in languages; the Dr. McNeiven shield for English; the F. S. Blow shield for mathematics and the H. H. Hinton general proficiency shield for Middle School.

June Talbot won the A. T. Brown shield for Grade 9 General Proficiency and Evelyn Braida won the Wm. Cooper shield for General Proficiency in Grade 10. Gordon Bentley won the Dr. Cullen award for proficiency in Middle School Science.

On the awards for Athletics Don Evans won both the Junior Boy's Shield of E. Tyler and the School Championship award. The Acton Beauty Parlor award for Senior Girls was won by Rena Braida; the Reid Electric Shield for Senior Boys by George Taylor and the Junior Girls award by Helen Holmes.

Apprecial lunch was served by the pupils during the intermission. Receiving the guests were Principal and Mrs. M. M. Leitch, Miss Harper and Miss B. Sedgwick, Ken Hassard, President of the Literary Society and Rena Braida, Vice-President.

Reeve Chalmers Honored at the Council Meeting

Dr. W. G. Cullen Appointed Medical Officer of Health—E. Ryder is Arena Secretary

At the final session on Tuesday night of the 1941 Acton Council, Councillors J. M. McDonald, A. Mason and F. Davison were present and Reeve J. B. Chalmers presided.

The Finance Committee's report recommended payment of the following accounts:

Bell Telephone Co., services	\$ 8.58
E. T. Theford, Division Court fees	16.00
Treasurer, County of Halton, hospitalization	442.25
King Calcium Products, tile	30.78
Treasurer County of Halton, use of grader	20.80
W. J. Gould, Treasurer Acton Legion, wreath	8.00
George Somerville, posts	2.40
Elliott-Bros., supplies	.25
J. B. Mackenzie & Son, supplies	32.29
W. D. Talbot, supplies	8.61
Louis Waxman, sand for sidewalk	15.00
A. T. Brown, supplies	.50
Roy Thompson, sawing wood and tile	8.00
Albert Harris, hauling and cutting wood	4.50
A. T. Brown, supplies	3.60
Acton Free Press, printing and advertising	10.33
Caswell & Co., supplement Criminal Code	2.25
E. T. Theford, balance of salary	20.83
	\$635.07

A letter from the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association regarding protection of fire apparatus for winter was received and ordered to be given to the Fire Chief.

A letter from the Department of Municipal Affairs regarding the collection of bones and fat was to be handed to the War Services League.

Chief Harrop reported on the seizure made for collection of taxes.

The tax collector was authorized to credit John Nicol with the amount of business tax erroneously charged to him.

A letter from the Arena Committee suggested that Mr. E. Ryder be appointed Secretary of the Arena for this year.

Mr. Ryder was appointed to the position at the same amount as paid last year and on the same conditions.

Mr. Harry Holmes was by motion appointed a member of the Arena Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the removal from Acton of Dr. E. J. Nelson.

Hospital accounts for indigent patients were received and the clerk was to write the County Clerk in regard to one account apparently in error.

The tax collector was instructed to write those in arrears for business tax that if amounts are not paid before January 3rd, the tax collector had instructions to make seizures.

The clerk was instructed to render an account for half the cost of the vault to the Public Utilities Commission.

A letter from Dr. W. G. Cullen submitted his application for the position of Medical Officer of Health at an annual salary of \$100 and the supplies required to carry on the work. This low offer was made in view of the increased demands on the municipality from many other sources. Council accepted the application and a by-law was to be prepared making the appointment.

Councillor Mason on behalf of the council and the men at the council table made a presentation to Reeve Chalmers of a box of cigars. He expressed appreciation of Mr. Chalmers' conduct of council work. He had been regular in attendance and given attention to his duties and given splendid service to the municipality. He had only missed one meeting in his four years of council service.

Reeve Chalmers expressed appreciation of this recognition. He had enjoyed council work and wished Reeve-elect McDonald and the council of 1942 every success in council work of the coming year.

Children Send \$35.75 to Fund in Christmas Spirit

Another \$50 Forwarded — Fund Will Close on January 20th with Objective Reached

It was the Christmas spirit of giving that enabled the Sunday School of the United Church to make a contribution of \$35.75 to the Free Press Fund for the London England Sick Children's Hospital. It was done with the approval of the boys and girls themselves who wanted to sacrifice some of their Christmas to help other children not so fortunate.

Three weeks before the Christmas Concert the children voted to do without the Christmas treat and send the money to help children in London, England. That meant \$10 and a disappointment but like good soldiers the disappointment didn't show.

Then on Sunday morning at the Sunday School hour there was a fireplace with big and little stockings hung up and into the biggest stocking of them all the children put their white gifts to the King. \$35.75 more will go on service for helping the sick and injured children to be cared for in the London England Hospital. A splendid contribution indeed from the children.

On Monday evening the scholars of Knox Church held their annual Christmas concert. Here again the children learned the joy of Christmas giving instead of receiving and the sum of \$5.25 was taken up in a collection for the Hospital in London England. And so the fund gets its boost too, very close to the \$500 mark, from the Sunday School children of Acton. A splendid white gift indeed. Previously acknowledged \$461.75 United Church Sunday School —Christmas Denial Collection 10.00 United Church Sunday School —Christmas White Gifts 20.50 Knox Sunday School Christmas Collection 5.25

Total \$497.50

And now for some news on the fund. A meeting of the officers on Friday sanctioned the forwarding of another \$50 to London, England which is going forward this week. When the fund was started the objective stated in the application for registration gave \$500. It seemed like an objective that might not be reached at the time. But with the help of so many the fund is now within a few dollars of that amount.

The committee felt that Acton and district friends away from Acton had done magnificently and there were many calls these days. The fund will close on January 20th, with all contributions received to that day being forwarded to London, England. So if you are planning to make a contribution we urge you to send it before that time. The committee and *The Free Press* editor do appreciate the very kindly reception this fund has received. It has been an experience we will cherish for a long time, being the instrument to send so much help forward from so many to such a worthy cause.

Carol Service On the Sunday Before Christmas

A service of Christmas carol singing was featured at the United Church on Sunday evening and was enjoyed by one of the largest congregations attending in some time. There were many features that made the service particularly interesting and novel. Candle-light was used when carols were sung from the screen and the fireplace with its row of stockings gave a homey touch and a Christmas atmosphere.

A group of lantern slides of paintings of famous artists of Christmas scenes were a feature. The choir and congregation sang the carols, and Miss Dorothy Fulcher of Toronto and Mrs. Velthuis sang Christmas Carols. A French Carol by Father Brebeuf was read by Miss Frances Dills.

Organ and piano joined in the accompaniment. The explanations given the carols by Mr. E. J. Moore, who arranged the service, gave them a new meaning and greatly added to the service. The minister, Rev. A. W. Fobury, assisted in the service.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, in the next issue of *The Free Press*, under the heading, are charged, to costs here listed with a minimum charge for any announcement of 50¢.

Reserve the evening of January 15 for the Wabasso Fashion Show, auspices Acton and District Red Cross.

