

## V. B. Rumley Chairman School Board for 1942

### Work of Retiring Chairman F. S. Blow Praised by Board—Insurance Gets Further Study—Wiring Passed Inspection and Fire Extinguishers Are Installed—Splendid Reports of Inspectors on Both Schools.

The first meeting for 1942 of Acton School Board was held on Tuesday evening with Trustees Blow, Rumley, Dr. F. G. Oakes, G. W. Mason, G. A. Dills and W. H. Clayton present. There were no changes in the Board from last year. The secretary called upon the members to choose a chairman for the year. Trustee V. B. Rumley was the choice for Chairman for 1942.

A motion of appreciation was passed to retiring Chairman F. S. Blow for his courtesy and conduct of Board meetings and his work on the Board especially in view of the splendid work done at the school property this year under his chairmanship. Mr. Blow expressed his appreciation of the co-operation the Board had given him during the year.

Trustee Rumley on assuming the chairmanship thanked the Board for the honor accorded him. He asked the continued co-operation of the Board and assured him he would do his utmost to fulfill the duties.

Committees for the year were appointed as follows: Finance—G. A. Dills and V. B. Rumley. Property—Dr. F. G. Oakes and F. S. Blow. Supplies—G. W. Mason and W. H. Clayton.

Principal Leitch reported receipt of Encyclopaedia and other supplies. He thanked the Board for the co-operation given during the year. The teachers also appreciated the supplies secured and help received from the Board in school affairs.

Principal Mackenzie expressed his appreciation and that of the teachers for the painting done at the school, and the co-operation given the staff during the year. The building was indeed much more pleasant for school activities.

The Supply Committee were to purchase paper for the duplicator as requested.

A motion was passed that the chairman advise Mr. Robertson that the rates for his child attending public school in Acton would be the same as charged other pupils in the township. The Finance Committee were to bring recommendations to the next meeting for rates for the next school term. The present rate was \$1.00 per month.

The Principal of the school was instructed to render an account to the parents of each non-resident pupil and ask that the fees be paid each month in advance.

Mr. McGee of the Shaw & Beeg Insurance Office, addressed the Board regarding insurance. A survey of the present insurance with recommendations was presented. Mr. McGee said that while the wording of the policies had not been kept up-to-date the validity of the policies had in no way been impaired. He advised that hereafter the policies all be worded alike to provide complete coverage. None of the policies carried had premium notes or were assessable.

The survey of the rates and reductions that could be secured by securing a Hydro certificate on the wiring and installing of fire extinguishers of approved type. Both the Hydro certificate and the fire extinguishers have been secured by the Board.

Mr. Hoekes and Mr. F. L. Wright of the Imperial Insurance office were present and the Board discussed insurance matters with these representatives too. The survey of this company had been presented and explained previously but the representatives cleared up some points for the Board. No further action was taken at this meeting on the insurance matter as no policies are expiring before March and action can be taken at the February or March meetings.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows: A. T. Brown, supplies \$22.95 C. & H. Transports .50 \$23.45

Mr. J. H. Reed was by motion appointed School Attendance Officer at the same salary for 1942.

A letter from the Municipal Council requested that the Board have their requisition for 1942 ready by January 13th. The Board arranged to hold a special meeting on Thursday evening to make the estimates for the year. The Property Committee were authorized to have made the changes on electric wiring recommended by the Hydro Inspection report.

The report of Inspector G. L. Gray (Continued on Page Five)

## Customs Returns At Acton Office Continue Increase

Further gains in receipts at Acton Customs indicate the continued trend of business in Acton's industries. Receipts for the three month period from October to December were \$72,728.63 in comparison with \$71,096.72 for the same period last year. The ninth month period from April to December had receipts here of \$242,971.90 against \$137,896.45 for the same period last year.

Importance of the Customs Office in Acton and evidence of its growth here are readily seen when a comparison of figures is made. Last year's total returns at Acton were \$207,923.60. This year in a nine month period \$242,971.90 has already been collected at Acton Customs. Acton's varied industries keep the office a busy one.

## DUBLIN FRIENDS HONOR MISS SAYERS BRIDE OF MONTH

A very enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sayers when the neighbors and friends gathered to spend a social evening with Flora before she left for her new home. Cards and games were played. During the evening John Black Jr., called the gathering to order and read the following address:

Dear Flora: We, your friends and neighbors are gathered here to-night to spend an evening with you in your own home and to express to you in some tangible way our appreciation and goodwill in view of your approaching marriage.

In all our social activities you have been most willing and helped to "cheer us" on our way. We will miss you but we know that you will ever be ready to do your part in some community.

We wish you "and partner" every success in his field of valor and may his war soon cease and victory be ours.

We ask you to accept these gifts and with them go our very best wishes for your future health and happiness in your new home.

Signed—Mrs. G. R. Somerville, John Black, Jr., Errol Sprowl.

Mrs. G. R. Somerville presented Flora with an electric Hot-Point Iron and Errol Sprowl gave an occasional chair. Flora made a very fitting reply thanking all for their beautiful gift as well as the kind wishes which go with them. Lunch was served and a social time spent.

## Puslinch Couple Observe Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

A half century of married life was celebrated on Christmas Day by Mr. and Mrs. John Evans of Puslinch when over eighty guests were present. Mr. Evans was born in Broseley, England, 76 years ago, he came to Canada in his early 20's and married Jane Weadge of Erin township, in Guelph. They have always farmed, except during the last war, when he worked in a munitions plant.

There were four sons and four daughters in the family. One son died 17 years ago, a veteran of the last war, serving in the 164th battalion. His son Hugh Evans is overseas at the present time. Only two daughters and one son are living. Mrs. A. Heavis and Mrs. Gordon Ford of Milton and Mr. J. Evans of Guelph. There are 17 grand children and five great-grandchildren.

Mr. Glenville Sample and his wife (Mrs. Evans' sister), and son, Sgt. Mechanic of the U.S.A. Army, Harne, Texas, were present at the anniversary. Mr. Sample was master of ceremonies and Mr. B. Simons of Everton, (Brother of Mrs. Geo. Roszell, Willow-Street), and Mrs. Frank Haslem of St. Catharines, were best man and bridesmaid. Mrs. Evans' sister and many relatives were present.

## ACTON BOYS ENLISTED

This Week's Register

Arthur Gamble has enlisted with the Armored Corps, being recruited in Toronto and leaves this week to join his unit.

## CHURCHILL LADIES ELECT OFFICERS HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

The Churchill Ladies held their annual W. A. meeting and election of officers in December at the home of the Griffiths. The officers were elected as follows:

President—Mrs. F. Freeman. 1st Vice-President—Mrs. S. E. Griffin. 2nd Vice-President—Miss E. Russell. Secretary—Mrs. W. Butler. Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. A. Kerr.

Treasurer—Mrs. H. Griffin. Missionary Treasurer—Mrs. A. Kerr. Social Committee—Mrs. H. Allen, Mrs. W. Butler, Mrs. R. Kerr, Mrs. W. Rutledge, Mrs. J. Thomas. Flower Committee—Mrs. H. Griffin, Mrs. H. Allen.

Visiting Committee—Miss Russell, Mrs. S. Swackhamer. Work Committee—Mrs. S. Swackhamer, Mrs. C. Binnie, Mrs. E. Leitch, Mrs. R. Kerr, Mrs. H. Caldwell. The hostesses served a very dainty lunch from a table beautifully with Christmas decorations and everyone enjoyed a social half hour before returning home.

## John Simpson is Reeve in Election in Nassagaweya

### G. W. Murray Elected Deputy Reeve in Esquimaux—Voting Results of Monday

In the elections on Monday in Nassagaweya township, John H. Simpson defeated Geo. E. Stokes for the Reeve'ship. The vote was 214 to 140. All the councillors were returned by acclamation. They are Wm. Vansickle, Lloyd Crawford, Alex. Near and John Robertson.

There was also an election for School Area Trustees in Nassagaweya with the following results: Dr. B. D. Young 211; Ross Carbert, 171; T. H. Snyder, 170; Mrs. Catharine Reinhardt 100. The first three were elected.

Esquimaux Township In Esquimaux Township the contest was for Deputy Reeve and Councillors. G. Wesley Murray defeated Edwin Harrop by 100 votes. George E. Cleave, Geo. Currie and William A. Wilson were elected to council for 1942.

Following are vote details: For Deputy Reeve

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Murray	62	62	33	13	103	110	501
Harrop	75	150	60	14	40	62	401

For Council

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Cleave	85	164	64	96	98	128	635
Currie	81	97	50	90	100	508	508
Wilson	48	94	49	77	98	121	487
Brownridge	61	50	40	34	29	18	232

## THE BRUCE-SAYERS WEDDING HERE ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

New Year's Day was the scene of a quiet but pretty wedding, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sayers, when their younger daughter, Flora Naomi, became the bride of Leading Aircraftman Ward Bruce, Trenton, son of Mrs. Bruce and the late Wesley Bruce, Langbank, Saskatchewan. Rev. H. L. Bennis performed the ceremony. The bride wore a street length frock of Margaret Rose, draped with corsage of white carnations. Her only attendant was Mrs. Francis Bowes, Trenton, wearing gold crepe dress, with corsage of red roses. Leading Aircraftman Francis Bowes, Trenton, was best man. The bride's mother received in navy sheer with corsage of yellow mums.

The bride and groom left for a brief wedding trip. They will reside in Trenton, Ontario.

## ACTON BOWLMERS DEFEAT BILTMORES ON WEDNESDAY

The McCutcheon Bowling Team defeated the Biltmore Hats by a 2-1 score last night in Guelph. The McCutcheons were cold after their drive from Acton and couldn't get going in the first game until the boys warmed up towards the end of the game, but too late to prevent the loss of the game. However they took the last two games easily.

The score: J. Norton 205 243 231—679 C. Lashman 203 218 200—621 McHolmes 139 191 211—541 W. Corry 165 163 178—506 J. Adamson 242 224 272—738

McCutcheon's 954 1039 1092—3085 Biltmore's 1068 911 852—2831

## Weekly War Commentary

Specialty Written for The Acton Free Press by LEON EDEL, Canadian Press Staff Writer

All reports indicate that the Russian counter-offensive is gaining momentum from the Finnish sector to the Donets Basin and the Crimea. According to advices reaching London January 17 reinforcements are pouring steadily into Red Army lines.

Helinski admits that Finnish lines have been broken by Soviet forces in a great drive. It is evident that the Russians are making doubly sure that British and American supplies being carried over the railroad from the Arctic port of Murmansk will not be interfered with.

Nazi forces in the Moshansk area, some 60 miles from Moscow, are menaced on all sides and strong Russian counter-attacks may soon result in the recapture of Khar'kov in the Donets region. In the Crimea, Hitler's army around Sevastopol may yet be trapped. Red Army men attempting to relieve the Sevastopol garrison are striking at many points in the peninsula.

### Big U. S. Program

President Roosevelt in a message to a joint session of the House of Representatives and the Senate January 6 told of huge production plans for the prosecution of the war. The United States war program for the next fiscal year, he said, would require \$56,000,000,000.

Plans call for the production of 185,000 airplanes and 120,000 tanks by the end of 1943. He said this would give the Japanese and the Nazis "a little idea of just what they accomplished in the attack on Pearl Harbor."

American armed forces would be used all over the world, the president declared. In regard to the visit of Prime Minister Churchill, Mr. Roosevelt said: "Mr. Churchill and I understand each other, our motives and our purposes."

### Wavell in Command

One result of the Washington conferences was the appointment of Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell as Allied supreme commander in the Southwest Pacific. The choice met with general approval. It was stated the British military expert would make his headquarters in the Netherlands East Indies.

Concentration of British and Chinese forces in Burma indicate that the time is not far distant when Wavell will hit back at Japanese forces invading Malaya. Some action would be welcomed by the defenders of the Malay peninsula who this week were forced to make slight withdrawal to (Continued on Page Five)

## Finance Minister Appreciates Effort Of The Free Press

The following letter received by the editor of THE FREE PRESS on the first day of 1942 did seem to leave a feeling that your community newspaper had performed a small service in the war effort during the year just closed, and strengthened a resolve to give all the effort possible during the year just starting.

December 29th, 1941.

G. A. Dills, Esq., The Acton Free Press, Acton, Ont.

Dear Mr. Dills: May I take this opportunity of expressing my sincere appreciation of the fine co-operation and assistance extended to your publication in recent months in supporting the War Weapons Drive.

One of the chief contributions to this phase of our war effort was the excellent support and generous allotment of space provided by newspapers throughout the country for feature articles, news items and type-warmer advertisements.

The newspapers have rendered invaluable help in their editorial and news columns and in no small measure, are responsible for the success already achieved by the War Savings Movement.

Yours very truly, J. L. ILSLEY.

## FASHION SHOW TO BE EVENT HERE NEXT WEEK

The Fashion Show under the auspices of the Acton and District Red Cross arranged for January 15th evening in the Town Hall promises to be quite an event. The models showing the styles will be local people. There is a fine door prize and there is no admission charge. Complete particulars of the event will be found in another column in this issue.

## E. K. HAMPSON TO ADDRESS HALTON MEETING

The annual meeting of the Halton Crop Improvement Association is scheduled for Saturday, January 10 in the Farmers' building, Milton, states J. H. Willmott, president of that organization. The association has been successful in securing E. K. Hampson as the guest speaker. Mr. Hampson is President of the Canadian Society of Technical Agriculturalists, Vice-President of the Provincial Winter Fair and in addition plays a leading role in all provincial committees pertaining to soils and crops.

In addition to the illustrated address by Mr. Hampson we understand the program will also include a resume of crop and soil work carried on during the past year. The Association, states President Willmott, now has the results of three years' experiments with 12 varieties of both oats and barley on different soil types in the county and in addition have some very interesting data on hybrid corn; grasses and clovers; soil fertility tests etc. Altogether it looks like an interesting and worthwhile afternoon to all farmers who have soil and crop problems.

## Time is Short For Contributions to Hospital Fund

### Contributions Continue to Push Fund On To The Next Hundred

First the fund gains, this week through an error. The gift from the United Church Sunday School was \$33.00 instead of the \$30.50 reported. The error was discovered when the box of collection went to the Bank and we were asked to check on the deposit. That makes the Christmas contribution \$2.50 more than reported previously.

The second contribution was from Canada's prairies and it was a V-for-victory. East or West, all help and its just that help of everyone that counts. The other contribution was from Miss M. M. Reid.

Just before we went to press, another donation came in. Doris Cox, Pearl Kennedy and Isabel McLeod held a dance at Brookville hall on January 6th. You recall what a winter night Tuesday was. It had its effect on the crowd and these young ladies had hoped their effort would have brought more. But the event finished on the right side in spite of the worst the weatherman could do and the fund grows by another \$2.15.

Previously acknowledged \$504.50 United Church Sunday School additional amount 2.50 Frog Mother, Jean and Sadie, Homewood, Manitoba 5.00 Miss M. M. Reid 1.00 Proceeds of dance at Brookville, by Doris Cox, Pearl Kennedy and Isabel McLeod 2.15 \$515.15

January 20th is just a week from next Tuesday. If you are planning a contribution please let us have it before the closing date. We want to send every cent possible to the aid of the children in this bombed hospital, but we must have final returns before that date to send them.

Free Press readers have done a splendid job. It's been a real privilege for us to handle the fund. Every cent collected is being forwarded. Administration and incidental expenses have been met by The Free Press, and Mr. Graham of the Bank of Nova Scotia has waived all forwarding charges. Please be sure your contribution is in before January 20th.

## DR. W. R. GRAHAM GUEST SPEAKER TO HOLSTEIN BREEDERS

Palermo Community Hall is to be the mecca for Halton Holstein Breeders on Tuesday, January 13 according to J. C. Bell, president of the Halton Holstein Breeders' Club. The breeders are to meet for their business session in the morning followed by a noon-day luncheon with addresses by Dr. W. R. Graham of Burlington and C. D. Graham, Holstein Extension Chief of Brantford in the afternoon. The program also states Mr. Bell includes movies of the record Holstein Show held at Milton last fall and of the winning Calf Club group from Halton at the 1941 C.N.E. incidentally, the Holstein Calf Club Members are to be guests of the senior breeders at the noon-day luncheon. Needless to add accommodation is going to be at a premium for this big annual event of the Halton Holstein Breeders.

## Committees Appointed at Inaugural Session of Council

### Anglo-Saxons a Disappearing Race Declares Dr. Judd

Anglo-Saxons are diminishing at an alarming rate in our Canadian population, declared Dr. W. W. Judd, General Secretary of the Anglican Social Service Council, at a meeting of the North Halton Ministerial Association on Monday. Falling birth rate is serious, he said. A minimum of 2.7 children per married couple is necessary for more replacement, and we are at present very far from doing even that. Parents refusing to have more than one or two children are responsible for the present inadequate birth-rate, and branded as selfish.

Discussing the present system of the distribution of alcoholic beverages, Dr. Judd gave it as his considered opinion that it is the most vicious system we have ever had, and that beverage rooms have become schools of drinking for young people. Women are drinking in public for the first time in the history of Canada. In a year when the people of Canada were urged to save for victory 220 millions of dollars were spent on alcoholic beverages.

Another evil to which thinking people ought to be alert is that of gambling, which in its big aspects was one of the major causes of the economic depression. In this matter Dr. Judd criticized the Red Cross and I.O.D.E. for resorting to gambling under the guise of patriotism, which he called a prostitution of the human capacity for generosity.

Our first job is to win the war; the second is to win the peace. We can only hope for a new world order after the war, he said, if it is taking shape now. It is the Gospel of Christ alone that is big enough to save the world, and the Christian church ought to be at the zenith of its power in the present crisis. Economic reconstruction must occupy our most serious thinking from now on.

## DISTRICT OFFICERS GUESTS AT ACTON BRANCH MEETING

The December meeting of Acton Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. G. H. Lantz. The president being absent, the chair was taken by the Honorary President, Mrs. T. Lappin. The motto—It's not how we start that matters but how we finish, was taken by Mrs. J. Dobbie and Current Events were given by Mrs. E. F. Collier. Roll call was answered by "a suggestion for raising money," and some real good ideas were given.

The first business was to donate two blankets to Red Cross; also \$5 to the Red Cross appeal for aid to Russia.

The Institute are making more quilts. A meeting was held at Mrs. Dobbie's Tuesday to get the patches cut and start sewing. It was a pleasure to have with us Mrs. P. Merry of Hornby, the District President, also chairman of the convention area. She gave a very interesting talk on Institute work in general convention work, then on the war and urged everyone to treat the people from other lands in our town fairly and give them encouragement and they will make better citizens.

Mrs. H. Burton, District Secretary, gave a few words of encouragement and read a poem on Canada which fitted in with Mrs. Merry's talk. A quiz contest was conducted by Mrs. Anderson which created lots of fun. After a very hearty vote of thanks to the ones who took part and the hostess the meeting closed with Auld Lang Syne, and a prayer for peace. All spent a half hour in social intercourse and over the tea cups.

## BALLOON CONTEST AMONG FEATURES AT DUBLIN LITERARY

The Dublin Literary Society held their regular meeting on Friday evening with the President, Mr. Burkholder in charge. The meeting opened by singing "The Maple Leaf Forever," after which there was a short business discussion. Verna Webster acted as chairlady for the following well rendered program. The first number being a selection by the orchestra followed by violin solos by Dorothy Frank. Betty Britton gave a reading after which Douglas Frank entertained with a violin solo. A balloon contest which caused much laughter brought the program to a close.

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

### Brief Session Deals With Only Statutory Matters and Defers Other Business to Regular Meeting Next Tuesday—Plan for Supervision of Traffic at The Noon Hour on Highway.

The inaugural session of the 1941 Acton Council was held on Monday evening with Councillors W. J. O. Oakes, C. Kirkness, F. Davison and A. Mason present and Reeve-elect J. M. McDonald in the chair.

The Reeve and councillors subscribed to the oath of office before proceeding with business. Mr. W. G. Mason as a representative of the School Board discussed with the Council the matter of directing traffic on the highway at the noon hour. It was decided to get further information from the Municipal Works and Department of Highways regarding liability for pupils in case of an accident and other points in connection with the plan. Trustee Mason expressed appreciation of council's consideration of the matter and assured Council the School Board desired to co-operate in every way possible and Reeve McDonald assured Council's co-operation.

A by-law was passed authorizing the Reeve and treasurer to sign promissory notes and cheques for municipal expenditures. Committees for the year were appointed as follows: Finance—A. Mason, chairman, F. Davison and the Reeve. Fire, Light and Property—J. F. Davison, Chairman, C. Kirkness and the Reeve. Streets and Walks—W. J. O. Oakes, chairman, A. Mason and the Reeve. Park and Arena—C. Kirkness chairman, A. Mason and the Reeve.

It was decided by motion to hold the regular meetings of council the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month and the first regular meeting was to be on January 13th. Ex-Reeve Chalmers attended the meeting and wished the 1942 council every success. He passed cigars to all at the Council table.

The borrowing by-law was passed providing for borrowing up to \$25,000 from the Bank of Montreal to meet current expenditures.

The clerk was instructed to write the secretary of the School Board requesting that they have their requisition ready for the year before January 13th meeting when council desired to strike the tax rate. E. Harrop was appointed Weed Inspector for the year 1942.

The matter of sanding the roadways was discussed briefly and Chief Harrop told Council sand and calcium cost the municipality \$2.75 per yard. Council adjourned at 8:45 to take up further council business at the regular meeting.

## ACTUAL BATTLE SCENES OF WAR TO BE SHOWN HERE

Movie pictures showing actual scenes on the battlefronts of the present war will be one of the features when citizens of town and district gather in Acton Town Hall to hear the annual report and plan Red Cross work for the days ahead. This meeting will be held on January 24th and Major Watson will be present at the meeting as representative of the Red Cross Society. Details are now being arranged and will be given later.

## MORE CONTRIBUTORS TO THE COMMUNITY AUCTION IN ACTON

We find in our enumeration that some other names were missed from the lists of contributors who sent in articles for Acton District Community Sales. Among those omitted were Arnold Marshall, John Sprowl, Charles Allan, James Douglas and Earl Sprowl. An effort was made to have the list complete but we are glad to add any names which in the hurry the event may not have been tabulated.

## Coming Events

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

Punkett Supper in United Church, on Monday, February 9th.

Legion Dance in Acton Town Hall, Friday (to-morrow) night. Old Time as well as modern dances. Gibson-Boyd Orchestra.