

## Municipal Auditors Named at Allowance of \$300

Supplies to be Secured for Fire Brigade—Council Holds Original Office Responsible for Liability Claims—All Business Tax Arrears Collected except One—Councillor Kirkness Appointed to Risk Committee.

The regular meeting of Acton Council was held on Tuesday evening in the Council Chamber. Councillors C. L. Kirkness, W. J. O. Oakes, A. Mason and J. F. Davidson were present, with Reeve J. M. McDonald in the chair.

Mr. Ernest Sigsworth was present, requesting the council to sell him a lot, owned by the corporation, on Victoria Avenue. The latter was to be sold to Mr. Sigsworth for the established price of \$50.

Fire Chief E. J. Gamble was present with a list of supplies that the Fire Brigade needed for the year. Council ordered all the supplies except the large nozzle, and deferred purchase of this nozzle for the time being.

It was decided to make the head of each committee responsible for the work which came under their jurisdiction. The chairman of each committee must sanction all bills before payment would be made.

Mr. Leiver was present applying for the position of auditing the corporation books for 1942.

It was moved by J. F. Davidson, seconded by W. J. O. Oakes and carried, that Mr. H. A. Lever, of the firm of Lever and Hoeking, Toronto, be engaged as corporation auditor for the year 1942. The audit to be made quarterly and the fee for the year was set at \$300. Mr. Lever has been auditor for some years for other municipalities in this district.

A statement was presented from the Mental Hospitals giving the amount that had been expended on care of Acton patients. This amount was taken care of by the railway grant.

It was moved by A. Mason, seconded by W. J. O. Oakes, that the treasurer be authorized to pay the following accounts:

Rev. H. L. Bennie, refund of dog tax	\$ 1.25
J. Wood, refund of dog tax	2.00
H. Perkins, refund of dog tax	75
Acton Cemetery Board, H. Fryer, wages	69.00
Salvation Army, Hamilton Hospital	15.00
Welfare Board, Nov. and Dec.	155.33
Acton Free Press, Advertising Municipal—World, subscription	6.75
F. McCutcheon, expenses	8.00
W. Fryer, wood for arena	15.00
A. T. Brown, disinfectant	1.90
D. H. Lindsay, salt	1.90
Fryer Fighter Co. of Canada, supplies	15.00
Canadian Legion, caretaking Soldiers' Monument	10.00
Acton Library Board, grant	250.00

\$550.73

A letter was presented from the Imperial Insurance Co., explaining why the Royal Exchange was carrying the Corporation's liability insurance. Council had no dealings with the Royal Exchange and as the premium had been paid to the Imperial Co. the Corporation were holding the Imperial Co. liable for all insurance.

A letter was read from Mr. Wm. Vanackle requesting the corporation's method of assessing property for taxes. The clerk was instructed to reply stating the assessment of the Corporation, also the equalized assessment.

The clerk presented the surety bonds held by the corporation on its various officials. It was decided to reduce the amount of coverage on Chief Harrop from \$5,000 to \$1,000.

Two motions were passed amending the poll tax and dog tax rolls.

It was moved by C. L. Kirkness, seconded by J. F. Davidson and carried, that the hospital bill of \$49.70 for Crewson McLaughlin be paid.

Chief Harrop reported that the arrears of business tax had been paid except on one business. Goods had

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## ACTON BOYS ENLISTED

This Week's Register:

Mr. Dirk van Goozen is now training at Galt Aircraft School.

Whisper Davidson has joined the R.C.A.F.C. and is stationed at London, Ont.

Harold McIntyre has joined the R.C.A.F.C. and is stationed at London, Ont.

## LORNE SCOTS GAVE CONCERT HERE ON SUNDAY

The band of our Local Regiment, the Lorne Scots gave a splendid concert in the Town Hall on Sunday evening under the leadership of Sgt. A. Domney. This efficient leader is also assistant to Capt. John Slatter of the 48th Highland Band.

The Lorne Scots band is composed of men from Acton, Georgetown, Glen Williams, Milton. Two of Acton's members of the band are on active service, H. Taylor and N. Gibson. In all eighteen members are on Active service.

The concert given on Sunday was of such a character that it could be enjoyed by everyone.

The hall would have held another 100 or so people and we would invite the citizens to patronize such concerts a little more fully. It is only from these and other efforts that funds are supplied for the comforts sent to the troops overseas. Prepare yourselves for the Ice Carnival to be held on Monday February 9th, races, costume and other competitions will go to make the evening an enjoyable one.

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ACTON WAR SERVICE LEAGUE

## Glimpses of Parliament

By Hughes Cleaver, Member of Parliament

When the speech from the throne was read by our Governor General on Thursday last and he read among others, the following words:

"The Government is of opinion that at this time of gravest crisis in the world's history the administration—should possess complete freedom to act—and will seek by means of a plebiscite, release from any obligation restricting the method of raising men for military service."

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## FRIENDLY CIRCLE HOLD BOISTEROUS CHILDREN'S NIGHT

That noise you heard last night was only the "Friendly Circle" of the United Church holding a "Children's Night" in the Sunday School room. Did we have fun? Um! Um! Irma Wilderspin, as a baby, complete with bottle etc., and Miss Bennett as little Red Riding Hood had to be seen to be appreciated. Dorothy Kitching was the cutest little girl you ever saw. She won first prize for the best costume and Irma got second.

Mabel Harris and her group arranged a wonderful program, which included such well-known favorites as "London Bridge is Falling Down" and "In and Out the Windows."

"The Children" seemed to thoroughly enjoy the lunch of sausage, rolls and peas, bread and butter, brown sugar, arrowroot biscuits and hot cocoa.

Mrs. Pell moved a vote of thanks for all the work. After a short business session, the tired but happy "Friendly Circle" wended its way homeward.

## 1123 Articles Shipped From the Red-Cross Branch

Annual Meeting Has Pictures of Battle-Front—Officers Are Returned and Commended

While the annual meeting on Saturday night may have been disappointing in attendance, the reports presented and the urgency of the work showed that the Red Cross was in most capable hands here and the work was being done.

Some idea of the work may be gained in the fact that last year 1,123 articles were made and shipped from the Red Cross room here. Total receipts last year were \$2,462.22 and only \$38 remained in unpaid pledges. Receipts are down from the year previous by \$732.64. Details of these are given below.

Chairman of the meeting was President A. Mason who expressed appreciation to all those who helped in any way with the work of the branch. He gave a report of activities and Mr. W. Middleton, secretary, read the treasurer's report. The election of officers was conducted by Misses Watson and Stella Adamson.

A motion was endorsed by the gathering expressing splendid satisfaction in the work done and asking that the same officials continue in office.

In his remarks Major Watson told of the widespread work of the Red Cross. He conveyed some conception of work done in Ontario and the international work of the Red Cross. He explained that this effort had been carried on the past year without the chance of a dime for funds. He said that what form this solicitation could take this year. Many of the branches had carried on by staging community events.

One of the outstanding features of the evening was a showing of moving pictures with sound, released by the British Bureau of Information. Pictures of bombed sections of England, the work of the airforce, the precautions taken against invasion of England and pictures of the navy occupied in the war at sea were among the features that brought home the fact that we here in inland Canada know little of the suffering and privation of those who are on the battle front.

The following are the details of the financial statement and the work done by the society.

Receipts 1941-1942	
Balance from 1940	\$ 57.01
Subscriptions and Donations	2,332.48
Subscriptions, Blanket Fund	76.75
	\$2,462.22

Expenditures	
Contribution, Central Division	900.00
Nat. Headquarters, wool, etc.	1,077.13
Local purchases, wool	1.90
Local purchases, thread, etc.	20.00
Postage and Stationery	31.34
Bal. in Bank, Dec. 31st, 1942	435.86
	\$2,462.22

Unpaid Pledges for year 1940-1941 38.00  
Total Receipts 1939-1940 \$3,198.86  
Goods shipped from Acton Red Cross Rooms from January 1st, 1940 to January 22nd, 1942—663 pair socks; 61 scarves; 35 pair mitts; 19 pair 2-way mitts; 4 mitts; 68 turtle-neck sweaters; 44 ribbed helmets; 15 zero caps; 15 zero helmets; 61 pair sea-men's socks; 7 pair gloves; 1 pair knee pads; 9 alternative caps; 15 pair long stockings; 1 shirt; 2 blouses; 1 slip; 7 pair pajamas; 4 pair pyjama pants; 13 dressing gowns; 10

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## Perc. Neath Stars in Goal for 7-0 Shut-out Tuesday

### Boys of Acton And Georgetown Play Close Game

Another new entry in hockey made its first appearance on Monday night in Acton when the recently organized teams of St. Joseph's Church, Acton and Holy Cross Church, Georgetown, played their first game.

The locals won by a score of 7-0. The visitors may easily turn the tables when the two teams clash in the next event in Georgetown, likely on Tuesday night. There was a big crowd on hand to cheer on their favorites and the boys, all about the 14 year age put real pep into the match.

M. Larugo scored the Georgetown boys' counter and Peter Krotowski and Hartley Coles got the counters for the Acton team. Frank Gibbons was the referee. The line-up was: Holy Cross Church—Geo. Gillette, goal; M. Larugo and R. Connolly, defence; Bill Muir, centre; Ken Hunt and Phillip Carney, wings; Jim Goldham, Burnet Gillette, Ross Boyle, Gerald Wilcox, John Tyres, James Carney, Gordon Laramee and Obedie Laramee, alternates.

St. Joseph's Church—Geo. Turkoz, goal; W. Duval and Bill Clayton, defence; Peter Krotowski, centre; M. McCristall, L. Arbie, wings; Armand Dralio, Ray Arbie, Ken Appillon, Hartley Coles and Freddie Dunn, alternates.

Officers in charge of the Acton club are: W. D. Talbot, president; W. H. Clayton, vice-president; A. White, secretary-treasurer; coaches and executive, E. Marzo, F. Gibbons, R. Brush, L. Marzo and Nell Gibbons.

An effort is being made to secure new awenters and socks for the boys. Both teams are enthusiastic and have a fine following and none of the following is more keen to help the boys than Rev. Father Morgan who has charge of both parishes.

What the first period lacked the second one made up. Three more goals for the Combers, 10 penalties and a couple of fights ought to be enough for any fan in twenty minutes of play. Bauer and Thompson started the parade to the penalty box. Both goalies made some nice stops when the teams broke away. Dewartz favorite stopping posture was flat on the ice. He flopped on every shot that came close. Neath robbled Waterloo of goal after goal as he took them from all angles. Heyd and Huber were the second pair of had boys. E. Marzo scored at 14:10 from a rebound Heyd went to the penalty box and Referee Johnston looked as if he had all the troubles of Hilder.

Ridley picked up a loose puck and changed in another one at 16:25 when Acton was short. Lancey drew a penalty and Kentner scored at 19:16. That was the climax for Waterloo. It just didn't settle right. Marzo and Cluctura put on a little scrap over in the corner. Everybody piled in and

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## A DAY IN A RURAL SCHOOL A PROGRAM FEATURE

Young People at the United Church entered into the famed halls of learning on Tuesday night and observed School Mistress Stella Adamson teach her students in a mock rural school. Immediately after the opening exercises had been completed, we noticed that Young Garnet Mackenzie arrived late. Doris Wilson read the well known poem "Breathes there a man" and she scarcely gave herself time to breathe from the beginning to the end. Mansell Nellis, the good boy of the class, brought smiles to the teacher's face with an essay on "The Young Farmers' Club" and Howard Switzer rounded out this information with a talk on the "Home Improvement Contest."

But, for essays, we offer our famed orchids to the tardy one for his "The Turnip," from which we gleaned the worth-while information that although primarily grown as a fodder for livestock, humans are often served the said vegetable. When the two little Gibson girls warbled about "School Days, Golden Rule Days," we looked back longingly to years gone by, perhaps. And we could scarcely keep our feet still when Mansell favored us with a violin solo. This interesting "Day at School," closed effectively, with the singing of "Now the Day is Over."

In addition to the above program this versatile convenor prepared a "Biblical Baseball Game" and the enthusiasm mounted to the equal of a Major League game.

Next Tuesday it is hoped that a broadcasting station can be established and you will be able to listen to Winston Churchill, Claire Wallace and other important radio figures at the United Church Young People's Plans are going ahead for a skating party the following week.

## GIRLS' GUILD HELD MEETING AT MARY RITCHIE'S

The regular monthly meeting of the Mary R. Moore Girls' Guild was held at the home of Miss Mary Ritchie. Inez McLeilan opened the meeting with the call to worship. The Scripture reading was taken by Mary Ritchie and Inez McLeilan led in prayer. Helen Holmes gave an interesting reading. The business part of the meeting followed. The meeting closed with the singing of "Tops" and a social time was then enjoyed.

LONDON, (CP)—In order to reduce motor accidents the Home Office has asked police chiefs to arrest army drivers as well as civilians for infractions of traffic regulations.

## Guelph-Acton Combers Rammed Home, the Counters While the Goalie Stopped Everything—Local Team Still in the Running With the Win on Tuesday—Lost in Milverton on Friday Night—Waterloo Garfields Back Here Next Tuesday.

The Guelph-Acton Wool combers looked more like a team that will go places on Tuesday when they trounced the Waterloo-Preston sextette in the time of 7-0 at the Acton Arena. Two losses had the Combers with their backs to the wall to keep in the group running and that game was an important one. The shut-out wasn't exactly the fault of Waterloo but Neath in the Combers goal put in a sensational job of net-pinning and he certainly deserved the shut-out. His stops were sensational and he certainly would head the list of stars of the game.

While the Combers got the counters in the first period we believe Waterloo had the heat of the play. Their passing clicked better and they were in on goal more. The Combers were in on covering when around the goal and their plays didn't unravel right in this first twenty minutes. Meron got the first counter after eight minutes of play, and also the second one on a pass from Norm Morton at 16:25. Play wasn't very fast in this period. E. Marzo and Wickham were those who sat in the penalty box.

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## SONG SERVICE AT UNITED CHURCH SUNDAY EVENING

"Favorite Hymns" will be the theme of another of the popular musical services which have been an occasional feature in the United Church during the past year, next Sunday evening. Slips were distributed among the congregation last Sunday and the members were asked to name their favorite hymns so that these might be sung at the special service.

The response has been gratifying so that virtually the whole song service will be based on these "Request" hymns. Stories of how some of these hymns and tunes came to be written will be a feature. Brief Scripture readings will illustrate the inspiration of others. One or two of them will be sung antiphonally. The choir will illustrate the reason for the choice of particular tunes for one or two others. Both piano and organ will be used for the congregational singing, which will, naturally, make up the greater part of the service.

## Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Conventions, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged for each notice, with a minimum charge for any announcement of \$2.

Plunkett Supper and Moving Pictures, in United Church, Mon. Feb. 9th. Supper served at 6:30. Admission 35c.

Knox Ladies Aid will hold a Valentine Sale of Baking and Tea in Town Hall on February 14th, from 3 to 8.

Second Annual Dance Acton Y's Men's Club, Town Hall, Acton, February 13th—Bob Bonnell Orchestra, Kitchener.

The Acton Junior Farmers and Lorne Literary will hold their meeting at Lorne School on Friday, February 6. Good program, lunch and dancing.