

By-law Passed Fixing Tax Rate for the Year

Liability Insurance Again Under Discussion—Fire Brigade in Need of New Ladder—Council Proclaims February 22nd as Victory Loan Sunday and Co-operates in Campaign.

At the regular meeting of Acton Council on Tuesday evening, Councillors W. J. Oakes, A. Mason, E. Davidson and C. Kirkness were present and Rose J. M. McDonald presided.

Mr. J. Waterhouse was present regarding the waterworks frontage on his property on John and Agnes Street. Council decided that frontage at present should only be on Agnes Street and a rebate made on the tax on John Street. If ownership changed the frontage was to be assessed on John Street again.

Mr. E. Sigaworth was present regarding the purchase of a lot on Victoria Street. Details regarding taxes and transfer expenses were adjusted. A by-law was passed covering the transfer.

In regard to the amount charged for educational purposes in the municipality by Acton Board did not include an estimate of \$250 which the municipality would pay for Acton pupils attending schools in other centres and had paid last year. It was pointed out however, that last year's estimate did include this amount but that the School Board had drawn from the Corporation \$554 less than their 1941-42 regulation.

The fourth report of the Finance Committee recommended payment of the following accounts: Acton Public Utilities Comm. street lights, town hall, arena, fire pump, etc. \$212.12 J. B. Chalmers, repair stoves at Town Hall 11.00 Relief Accounts for January 71.61 Province of Ontario, truck licenses 4.00 L. W. Agar, coal for arena 15.75

A by-law was passed providing for the expenditures of the municipality and the Acton Public and Continuation School.

The estimated expenditures for the year are \$54,644.09 and the estimated receipts including a one mill subsidy from the government was \$16,163.06. A rate of 47 1/2 mills was required to raise this difference. Tax rates were the same as usual and taxes are in four instalments.

Correspondence was read regarding the liability insurance of the municipality. The clerk was instructed to reply stating that Council had assumed all policies were with the Imperial Office and felt that they should have been notified if insurance was placed with other companies since the cheque for all insurance had been paid to the Imperial Office.

A cheque was received from the Imperial Insurance Office for the amount of a rebate due on surety bonds which had been reduced on E. E. Harrop. The rebate was authorized to sign the endorsement.

Correspondence was read from W. Colton and a letter received by him from the Royal Exchange Assurance regarding an account to Mrs. Colton when she fell on the sidewalk and fractured her arm. The company claimed the municipality was not liable for payment of any claim.

A motion was passed that the treasurer receive all payments of poll tax and dog tax which amounts are now payable at the Public Utilities Office. A letter from the Navy League expressed appreciation of the cooperation of the municipality in holding a tag day last year and ask permission to hold another tag day this year about June 1st. Permission was granted.

The clerk reported that he had ordered supplies required by the Fire Brigade, except the nozzle. Council for Davidson was instructed to secure information regarding a new farmer that was required by the Brigade.

A letter from the Department of Municipal Affairs was read regarding (Continued on Page Five)

The St. Alban's Auxiliary Elects Officers for Year

The annual meeting of the St. Alban's Women's Auxiliary was held in the Parish Hall with a splendid report of last year's activities, financially and socially. Officers elected for the coming year were:

Hon. President Miss Moore, President Mrs. Brooks, 1st Vice-President Mrs. Mackie, 2nd Vice-President Mrs. Pargeter, 3rd Vice-President Mrs. Waller, Treasurer Mrs. Crawford, Secretary Mrs. Bishop, Doreen Secretary Mrs. Baylis, Mrs. Oakes, Mrs. Mann, Little Helpers Mrs. Creasy, Visiting Committee Mrs. Rookes, Mrs. Oakes, Mrs. Chapman, Living Message Secretary Mrs. Roundnight. Delegates to Convention, President and Secretary, Mrs. Pargeter, Mrs. Smithurst.

PYJAMAS, SOCKS, MITTS, SWEATERS, GO FROM RED CROSS

On Monday the Acton District Red Cross made another shipment of goods. This included 15 new caps, 15 pair women's stockings, 10 turtle neck sweaters, 15 pair mitts, 15 pair socks, 15 pair mitts, 15 pair gloves and 50 pair pyjamas.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS HOLD PARTY AND PRESENTATION

On Saturday afternoon Mrs. R. O'Hara and the members of her Sunday School class held a party at the home of Thelma Anderson, a class member. A number of games and contests were enjoyed, and Mrs. O'Hara presented Joyce Henne, one-half of herself and the class, with a pair of pictures as a little remembrance of their happy associations together. Supper was served at the conclusion of the gathering.

Everyone Can Help in This War Effort

School Children Will Present Victory Concert—Train of Equipment May Call Here

Next Monday Canada's Second Victory Loan gets under way Acton and district in common with other centres are making plans to bring home to Canadians the importance of providing the funds to buy the tools to win the freedom of all peace-loving nations.

The school children have for some time been preparing a patriotic concert to help in the effort. Not many of them can buy bonds, but they have prepared three plays, been getting songs and costumes ready and they call it their Victory Concert. Everyone can play a part in this war and even the children help. They'll be calling off the dogs with tickets for either Thursday or Friday night of next week. Mrs. funds raised will be given to the Acton and district Red Cross and War Service League.

A patriotic military display is to be in the district next week and it is hoped a stop can be arranged for Acton. Equipment of the Royal Canadian Artillery of St. Catharines, the Army Service Corp and the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps are in this travelling exhibition. There is also a Victoria Cross and a huge six-inch search light which is being sent to the front.

Mr. A. Mason's again chairman of Acton Victory Loan Committee and Mr. W. J. Oakes chairman of Employer and Employee Committee and Mr. H. E. Fosse chairman of the Canvassers Committee. Mr. Fosse is also chairman of the County Canvassers Committee. Messrs. F. J. Wright and C. F. Leatherland are canvassers for Acton and Mr. G. Kingsbury and Mr. Harding are canvassers for Nassagaweya and Equising districts attached to Acton territory. Acton and district has never fallen down in any assignment that it has been allotted. It will take every resource to meet this one. It is a home front job. Will we hold the line?

CHIEF E. HARROP ADDRESSED MEETING OF JUNIOR FARMERS

The regular meeting of the Acton Junior Farmers and Lorne Lathery was held at Lorne School on Friday. During the business period it was decided that we hold our next meeting on February 13 and that we play euchre.

Mr. J. E. Stuart acted as chairman for the following program: Musical numbers by John Bell, reading by Howard Switzer, Miss Evelyn Penren then showed the slides which were made by the girls for the English refugee children. A vocal solo was given by Betty Winfield and a reading by Charlie Davidson. Mr. E. Harrop from Acton gave a very interesting talk on India, a country in which he resided for many years. Mr. E. N. Brown gave a talk on the farm employment situation.

The president, Elwood Johnston took charge and meeting was closed by singing the National Anthem. Lunch was served and dancing was then enjoyed by all.

Gave His Life in the Fight For Freedom

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Morris Received Word of Death of Wing Commander Morris, D.F.C.

"Regret to inform you your son lost life on Active Service. Letter will follow." That was the brief message that brought the realities, the deep sorrow of war to the Acton home of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Morris, Young Street, just three months ago.

Douglas Granville Morris was the D.F.C. while serving with a night fighter squadron in England. Yesterday at two o'clock Douglas Granville Morris D.F.C. was buried at Brookwood Cemetery in England with full service honors. He had given his life in his service to his country. He was twenty-three years old.

Morris, with his Scottish sergeant-observer, Sergeant Archibald Vincent Kiv, who received the D.F.M., destroyed three German aircraft in this night.

Morris shot down a Junkers 88 while 50 miles out at sea and returned safely to his base with one engine out of action by enemy fire. He followed up his success later, nights later by destroying a Heinkel 111 and a bomber.

Wing Commander Morris, who skyrocketed his way through the R.C.A.F., transferred his flying tackle on the football field to Nazi raiders over Britain. He went to the R.C.A.F. as a commissioned officer. October 6th, 1939, received his flying training in Canada and went overseas just a year ago. Morris was attached to one of Britain's most vicious fighting machines, the Benetfletcher, a machine which showed up the Nazi night raiders over Britain.

Before coming to Acton Mr. and Mrs. Morris resided in Oakville where "Granny" Morris was a popular member of school teams and in sport. He was a member of the Argonaut Rowing Club, Oakville Club and played tennis, badminton, cricket, rugby and lacrosse.

GEORGE ELLIOTT ADDRESSED MEETING GARAGE OPERATORS

The Acton Garage Operators' February meeting was held at the Farmers' Hall, Milton on February 10th. The treasurer's report advised that there was a most balance in the bank. There was some discussion re delegates to be appointed to attend Provincial Council in 1942, but the appointments were left to a later meeting.

Mr. Eddie Edwards of Mohr Magazine was at the meeting and was asked for a few remarks. He spoke of selling Representative Service to the public, advising that car owners will have to take better care of their cars as they may have to last a long time. Mr. George Elliott, lawyer of Milton was the speaker of the evening and gave a very able address on the legal angle and problems of the garage proprietors of today. Mr. Elliott was very interesting and instructive and the capable was appreciated by the members.

Owing to the cold weather the attendance was small and the stalwarts, Sandy McIsaac and Bill Norton and others from the north of the territory were missed. We hope that they will be with us at the next meeting. (Continued on Page Four)



WING COMMANDER MORRIS whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Morris, Young Street, Acton, received word he was killed while on Active Service on Sunday. Just three months ago he won the D.F.C.

Weekly War Commentary

Specially Written for The Acton Free Press by H. H. GORDON, Canadian Press Staff Writer

The tree in the rate of sinkings along the Atlantic seaboard threatens to complicate the task of allied supply chains. The equipping of the Russian armies so that they may withstand Hitler's spring offensive and thus continue their epic contribution to victory.

Japan's initial assault on United States defense lines caused an immediate and consequential diversion of war materials earmarked for Russia. Progress has been made in making up these deficiencies in the air-for-Russia program but the time till spring grows short.

The British goal in supplying the Red army also has fallen short of expectations. This was partly due to production difficulties and partly to the demands of the new war theatre in the Orient. Russian trade agents insisting Britain openly criticized certain aspects of British industry, and their remarks for the most part went unheeded.

Beaverbrook's job whose determined approach to problems that had long plagued the aircraft industry finally gave Britain satisfactory aircraft output now has been appointed Minister of Production, with broad powers over all industries. His job will be to do for the whole production side what he did for the aircraft industry and the tank factories.

But Prime Minister Churchill has given a hint that lack of the means of transportation is a great problem in defending equipment shortages in the East. He said it was not a question of there not being equipment but a lack of means to get it to the theatre of operations.

The same thing can probably be said with respect to the Russian supply problem. This is news that German leaders are finding better footing about the Atlantic seaboard strikes a warning note to the general war picture.

Take Joint Action There is every evidence that Britain and the United States are losing no time in taking steps to coordinate their war effort. A combined chiefs of staff board has been set up in Washington to take charge of all joint Anglo-American action.

High officials of the fighting services of the two nations are members of the board which besides directing military operations will have jurisdiction over production and distribution of war supplies. It will make joint recommendations to the heads of the British and United States governments and is empowered to act without delay on matters relating to current operations.

Headed by Harry Hopkins a new (Continued on Page Four)

ACTON INSTITUTE MET AT HOME OF MRS. EARL DAVIDSON

The February meeting of Acton Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Earl Davidson, Main St. The motto "Hospitality" was taken by Mrs. E. Anderson and Current Events were reviewed by Mrs. Marchmont. Roll call was answered by the name of a flower beginning with the first letter of your name.

The Institute are making a quilt which they hope to sell tickets on and hold a euchre for war work in March. The lavette committee reported that lavette was all made up.

A paper was read on "The Municipal Doctor System." A hearty vote of thanks was given the hostess and committee. The meeting closed by singing "God Save the King" and a real social time was spent over the dainty lunch served by the hostess and her committee.

Old-Time Carnival Had Good Events and Costumes

Crowd Was Not Large—Musical Chairs and Potato Race Had Plenty of Thrills

It was an old-time carnival last night in Acton arena, but for the lack of crowds of old-timers was quite successful. The crowd wasn't nearly as large as the event deserved and it may be that these rugged Canadian winters chill the blood of a lot of those who usually attend such events.

There were costumes and face contests, particularly the boys and men who will contrast Acton—bond which always comes forward, when needed for such events was on hand and under the leadership of Mr. A. Mason did a good job on the musical program. Rose J. M. McDonald was in charge of the events. The lucky door prize was won by R. Crawford with No. 35. The proceeds go to the Acton and District War Services League.

Following are the winners of the various events: Children under 10 years, Fancy costume, Jacqueline Currie, comic, Bonnie Coleman, National, Bobby Rumble, Valentine, Olive Musselle.

Boys and Girls, 10 and under, Fancy, June Dunn, Comic, Roy Chisholm, National, Ken Adamson, Valentine, Florence Coleman. 10 years and over, Fancy, Helen Ostrander, Comic, Jeff Bradford, National, Mrs. J. Adamson, Valentine, Waineth Smith, Commercial, Dorothy Fawcett.

Open Costume Event, Fancy dressed couple, Miss B. Sedgwick and Howard Switzer, Valentine couple, Olive Musselle and Florence Coleman, Oldest Couple, Mrs. J. Adamson and Howard Switzer.

Races The musical chairs seemed to start off with an entry of about forty. Naturally half of them went out in the first round. Before it was finished it looked as if the chairs wouldn't last the contest and the contestants scrambled for them. Harold Robson was the winner.

Girls race, under 12 years, June Dunn. Boys under 12 years, Fred Kenton. Girls 12 and 13 years, Jean Harris. Boys 12 and 13 years, Lorne Arbut. Girls 14, 15 and 16 years, Norma Marzo.

Boys 14, 15 and 16 years, Jack Kenton. Ladies race open, Dorothy Fawcett. Men's race open, Frank Fowke, Rockwood. Mixed Tandem, Norma Marzo and Ted Bardon. Potato Race, Frank Fowke, Rockwood.

Advise Seamen To "Pipe" Down

LONDON (C.P.)—Appealing to relatives and friends to discourage merchants and navy men from writing new letters about their voyages and particulars about ports they may visit the Admiralty said that a new large merchant vessel was lost after two letters from a member of the crew disclosing details of the ship's route had been intercepted by the censor.

While both these letters were intercepted, the possibility cannot be ignored that other letters containing similar information may have escaped censorship and may have been the cause of the loss of the vessel with so many valuable lives. The Admiralty said.

LONDON (C.P.)—Eggederek George Gray, who left Acton about five years ago, has just bequeathed a bicycle to his father and a Rolls Royce to his chauffeur.

Partial Levy of Wealth For Capital Levy of Life

Thirteen Quilts Made by the Rockalong Branch

The February meeting of the Rockalong Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. D. McNabb with twenty members and one visitor present. Mrs. C. Plank presided over the business section of the meeting.

There were thirteen quilts finished during the month of January and these to be sent to Rockwood Red Cross and Salvation Army. Gospel Used postage stamps were brought to the meeting and the membership were urged to keep on collecting these stamps. Also old Christmas cards would be of use for the fund.

Mrs. A. Shultz, convenor of Agriculture, presided over the following program: Current events by Mrs. B. Ramsden. The motto "The Farmer Feeds Them All" was given by Mrs. Shultz. A photo contest; Mrs. D. McNabb and Mrs. Shultz gave a demonstration on the making of a macaroni and cheese dish and Spanish cream.

The meeting closed with the national anthem, after which the hostess and committee in charge served refreshments.

ANOTHER WATCH WITH 75 YEARS OF SERVICE

Along comes another watch that outshines those which were made previously and is still an accurate time keeper. It was owned by the late J. E. K. Catts and was purchased by him on October 2nd, 1869, just two years after Confederation. The watch is of the old style key-wind and has a silver case. It keeps perfect time in spite of its seventy-five years of service.

L. S. HORN, C.P., Cooks, applying for jobs in war factories, cantons may take a six-week course in mass cooking and catering.

Eramosa Council Arranges for Help in Victory Loan

Budget for 1942 is Approved—By-Law for Highway Was Amended

The council for the township of Eramosa met in the town hall, Rockwood on Monday with all the members present and the Reeve in the chair.

Messrs. Archie McNabb and John H. Fox presented the complete audit report for the year 1941, which was accepted on motion of Messrs. Rutherford and Pinkney. The collector was instructed to return the 1941 roll to the treasurer according to statute and the treasurer was instructed to register all unpaid taxes against the properties concerned.

Letters from the Department of Municipal Affairs concerning an association of assessors, from the Agricultural representatives concerning a farm survey, and from the Sick Children's Hospital Toronto were ordered to be filed.

Council adjourned for one hour to go into committee with a representative and canvassers for the Victory Loan to arrange and organize the several districts in the township. On motion of Messrs. Benham and Pinkney, business tax and dog taxes amounting to \$2926 were ordered to be struck off the 1941 and 1942 tax accounts.

By-law No. 1 for 1942 was amended at the request of the Department of Highways by striking out amounts for \$270 for construction and adding a similar amount for maintenance. The treasurer presented a budget for 1942 to the council. On motion of Messrs. Rutherford and Benham the budget was approved by council for presentation to the Department of Municipal Affairs.

The question of caring for the memorial plot at Rockwood was discussed and the council was of opinion that the arrangement of 1941 was very satisfactory and still in effect.

The Treasurer was ordered to return a certified cheque of \$50 to the contractor for the 1941 gravel contract. Accounts amounting to \$114.97 were ordered paid and council adjourned to March 9th at 2:00 p.m.

Hughes Cleaver, Member for Halton Urges Accumulated Savings for Active Service Forces and Men in Industry

Last Friday the member for Halton Mr. Hughes Cleaver made a speech in the House of Commons. Because that address is by Halton's representative and because of its genuine worth in the suggestion it offers, we know readers of The Free Press will enjoy reading it as we did.

Citizens of Halton County should know about the views being presented by their member. If you do not like them, offer your criticism. If they meet with your approval it would also be a good thing to tell Mr. Cleaver. He is your representative. The speech will have to be carried in two issues but we present it to our readers as recorded in the House of Commons debates.

Mr. Hughes Cleaver (Halton): Mr. Speaker, I have already extended my personal congratulations to the mover (Mr. Fairbairn), and the second-order (Mr. Macdonald), of the motion which we are now discussing, for an address to His Excellency the Governor General in reply to the speech from the throne.

We are now well into the third year of the war. At this the opening of another session it is well that we should look back over what has happened in the past as well as study the present and plan for the future.

The opening year of the war was fraught with almost overwhelming dangers. It is a fact, well known now, that if Germany had immediately followed Dunkirk with an invasion of Great Britain, all might have been lost. Even as it was, only the fortitude and bravery of the British people saved the world.

Since then Hitler's army of world domination have become apparent to all, and now practically all of the democracies have banded together at Britain's side. To-day, while in certain countries the tide of war is still against us, we can feel assured that we are not going to lose the Second World War. Our peace-loving countries and do not lightly become engaged in warfare, but now that the decision has been made we find them all gearing up to end the war successfully and as quickly as possible.

Canada, though only a small country of eleven and one-half million people, in the short space of two and one-half years has made wonderful strides. Some of our people were important of the start and wanted us to throw everything into the struggle without any planning for the future. Some people quite sincerely thought (Continued on Page Eight)

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, on week, or three weeks, under this heading, are charged, in cents per line, with a minimum charge for any amount over \$20.

Hold March 11th for Acton W. I. Euchre for war work.

Acton Junior Farmers will hold a dance in the Town Hall on Feb. 27th.

Euchre and dance will be held at Lorne School on Feb. 13th, by Acton Junior Farmers.

Promise Me a three-act comedy in Acton Town Hall Feb. 25 and 26, by P. Y. Men's Club.

Phinkett Supper and Moving Pictures in United Church, Monday, February 23rd. Supper served at 6:30. Admission 25c.

Acton Council will hold a Victory Loan Tea and Sale of Booklets in the Parish Hall from 3 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, February 14th.

The Women's Auxiliary of St. Ann's Church will hold their Annual Patriotic Social and program in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, February 17th. Admission 25c.

Victory Concert by Acton Public School in Town Hall, Acton, February 19 and 20. Three patriotic plays, singing. Get your tickets early. Proceeds for Acton Red Cross and War Services League.

Boy Scout and Wolf Cub Pack Evening Town Hall, Wednesday, Feb. 18th. Demonstration by Scouts and Cubs. Presentation of badges. No admission charge. Everyone invited. J. H. Boulton, Chairman.

ACTON BOYS ENLISTED This Week's Register

Kenneth Watson is training at the Galt Aircraft School. Harvey Hazard has joined the Royal Canadian Airforce and went to Toronto last week to start training. Bill Blanche has joined the R.C.C.S. and is stationed at Stanley Barracks, Toronto. Jerry Pargeter has joined the Active Service in an artillery unit.