

## New Transformers Being Installed Acton Hydro

### Commission Will Purchase Victory Bonds to Limit of Finances

The regular meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Tuesday evening. Commissioner C. M. Hansen and Reeve J. M. McDonald were present, with Chairman M. Symon presiding.

A letter was read from the Ontario Commission giving permission to the Acton Commission to purchase Second Victory Loan Bonds.

Messrs. F. L. Wright and C. F. Leatherhill attended the meeting requesting the Commission to purchase bonds.

The Acton Commissioners reviewed the finances of the Commission and decided to wait until the next meeting before purchasing any bonds, as they might be able to purchase more at that time.

A letter was read from the Ontario Commission re the rental of the Y.M.C.A. The Ontario Commission felt that sufficient rent was being paid and refused permission to increase the rental on this basis.

An application for employment as an assistant to Miss B. H. Speight, if at any time this position was vacant was received and ordered filed.

It was moved by J. M. McDonald, seconded by C. M. Hansen and resolved that the treasurer pay the following accounts:

Hydro Dept.	
Bell Telephone Co., services	5.60
Ellis & Howard Ltd., supplies	23.11
Sangamo Co., Ltd., repairs	20.96
C.N.R. & Transports, express	2.15
Mrs. H. L. McDonald, fire insurance	27.74
Mrs. H. L. McDonald, fidelity bond	8.00
Force Electric Products, supplies	1.93
Federal Wire & Cable Co., wire	52.20
MacDonald Electric Ltd., supplies	8.53
H.E.P.C. of Ontario, power, etc.	3,611.12
Jas. R. Kearney Corporation of Canada, steel pins	7.71
Dept. of National Revenue, sales tax	7.73
J. C. Matthews, unemployment stamps	10.40
Chas. Wilson, convention expenses	16.50
Dept. of National Revenue, sales tax license	2.00

### Waterworks Dept.

Hydro Dept. January operations

It was moved by J. M. McDonald and seconded by C. M. Hansen and carried that an increase of \$2.00 per week be given to Miss Walker, Superintendent Wilson reported that there would be interruptions in the power service on Sunday as the new transformers were being installed at the substation. There would be an interruption early in the morning and then again from 4 to 6 in the afternoon. There would be enough power during the day to supply the domestic consumers but not the factories. The secretary was instructed to insert a notice in the paper to notify the consumers of this interruption of power.

The list of arrears were checked and instructions issued as to their disposal.

## Halton Seed Fair Scheduled for Acton On March 6 and 7

Announcement has just been made by President J. H. Willmott of the Halton Crop Improvement Association that the annual Halton Seed Fair will be held at Acton on March 6 and 7.

The program for the second day of the show according to President Willmott, includes the annual Junior Farmer Judging Competition in grain, seeds, fruit, vegetables and cream grading in the morning and for the afternoon the association has been successful in securing Lawrence Kerr, well known farmer of Chatham district who will speak on "Farm Management Under Present Conditions."

The survey recently conducted by the Halton Agricultural War Service Committee indicates a strong demand for seed grain and consequently those with seed for sale will be well advised to get their seed in readiness. Only those with seed for sale are eligible to make entry and furthermore the seed on display must be representative of that offered for sale. Only grade No. 1 seed will be eligible for entry and consequently those who have not secured a grade on their seed would be well advised to take immediate action. Prize lists are now available upon request at the Department office in Milton.

## No Word to Acton Homes from Sons in Singapore

Parents in Acton of sons in Singapore have awaited anxiously of word from them. Mr. R. W. Lowrie has not heard from his son Mr. Stewart Lowrie since a letter written in November. However, a cablegram was sent to the head office of the Manufacturers Life Insurance Co. which Mr. Lowrie represents in which he stated his two assistants had been called for posts in the defence force on December 5th, two days before Japan's declaration of war. Stewart was enquiring on at the office as recently as February 7th. His message made no personal reference of his staff at that time.

Mr. and Mrs. Boys of Acton also have a son with the Imperial forces serving in Singapore from whom they anxiously await word. More and more the war comes with its anxious waiting to homes throughout the community.

## Friends in Sport Business, Municipal Honor Dr. Nelson

Last evening a number of the friends and associates in municipal sport, business and other circles, with which Dr. E. J. Nelson was identified while resident in Acton, held a social evening in his honor at the Y.M.C.A. It was also the occasion to present him with a memento of his twenty-one years in Acton and a tribute to the community service he had rendered.

The evening was a delightful informal one. Cards were played. Sandwiches and coffee were served. Mr. A. Mason directed the proceedings and Reeve J. M. McDonald on behalf of the group made the presentation of a sleeping bag for the doctor for his fishing trips and a bouquet of roses for Mrs. Nelson. Several of the group endorsed the sentiments expressed by the above speakers in the genuine worth Dr. Nelson had been to Acton and the wish for his continued advancement and prosperity in the new field in Guelph.

While taken by surprise Dr. Nelson made a very fine reply. He reminisced on some of his experiences in connection with sport and municipal activities but refrained, nobly from any retaliatory fishing stories against any of the group. It was a very fine evening with about sixty attending.

The lunch was arranged by the ladies of the committee who had charge of the event and Mrs. Johnny Gray arranged the serving and making of coffee at the Y.M.C.A. Thanks was expressed by the gathering to the ladies who had so splendidly provided.

## School Board Places Insurance on High School

### After Several Months Study Leaves Policies With Present Company at Reduced Rates

At a special meeting on Tuesday evening of Acton School Board the question of insurance on the Continuation School building was dealt with. A new policy with a much reduced rate was offered by Messrs. Shaw & Bege through the local representative Mrs. H. L. McDonald. This company has been carrying the school insurance for some years. The rate offered was 48c on an eighty per cent co-insurance basis.

The policies were also combined in the Wellington Insurance Company in this new policy. A valuation on the school has been secured and the property was insured for \$1,000 with \$3,000 on contents, which also includes a coverage for teachers and pupils wearing apparel and books. The Board also took advantage of the war risk and additional hazards clauses at a cost of 12c per \$100 making the total rate of 60c per hundred of insurance covered. The business was placed with this company on the understanding that agent's commission would be divided equally between Mrs. H. L. McDonald and Mr. F. L. Wright.

The Board also requested that Mr. McGee attend the next meeting to deal with policies in force on the Public School property. It was felt these policies should be re-written and the insurance adjusted to comply with the valuation that had recently been made.

## Victory Loan Campaign Has Good Start Acton Fair Buys First Bonds Issued

### If You Can't Buy Now, Ask About the Installment Plan—\$1,550,000 is Asked from Halton County—Progress of Drive Will Be Shown Next Week.

Without any ceremony but with a determination that there's a big job to be done and Acton and district will do its share in that task for Canada and the cause of freedom, the second Victory Loan drive got under way here on Saturday. In conversation with Mr. H. R. Force who is Chairman of the County Salesman's Committee and also the Acton and district salesmen we were told that the first days were very encouraging both in county and this district. The response has been splendid. It will need to be maintained if quotas are to be reached.

First purchase of the 1942 Victory Loan was made by Treasurer E. T. Theford on behalf of Acton Agricultural Society. Last year the society experienced a very good year financially as well as from a standpoint of a fair. It was unanimous at the annual meeting that these funds should be invested in Canada and the Victory Bonds.

Mr. Force also drew attention to the fact that if the quota is to be reached not only by those who have ready money to invest but also largely on the installment plan. This plan is easily arranged with any amount of any bank. If you haven't the money now but you have the stock or grain will bring in funds in a few months you can invest in the loan. Everyone will have to participate to the limit not only of present funds but anticipated revenue to meet our allotment.

Monday meetings were held at all industries in Acton with over fifty employees when speakers and employers addressed the workers in the industry and told of the need for every Canadian to help whatever he could in the effort to complete this present task. Halton's share is \$1,550,000. It's a lot of money and every amount will be needed to meet that objective. These industries have all been organized for the job of urging every one to help in the Victory Loan quota. The local salesmen will call in the industries having less than 50 employees.

To-night and to-morrow night the children of Acton Public School will present their Victory Concert. It is a splendid patriotic presentation with plays, songs, etc., and sale of tickets indicates that the hall will likely be packed both nights for this event. Funds secured from its presentation go to the Red Cross and the Acton and District War Services League. The Victory Loan Flag will form the background for the stage at this concert.

## Glimpses of Parliament

The debate on the Speech from the Throne should conclude about Tuesday evening. It is dangerous to predict the future but the way things look at the time of writing this article the government will be sustained by an overwhelming majority. Ten, certainly not more than fifteen liberal extremists will vote against the government on the conscription issue which has been raised by the Opposition and those who vote against the motion will be strange bedfellows. The two or three who want conscription now before it is required will be voting in hand with those who do not want a total war effort.

The debate, though a long and tedious one, has served to clarify the situation. The Minister of National Defence indicated his stand very clearly and it is the stand which I have repeatedly taken. He prefers the voluntary system but he will support conscription for overseas service in the army should it become necessary. The following are his words:

"I have faith in the success of the voluntary method if we all do our part. I prefer the voluntary method if it works and I shall do all I can to make it work. At the same time we cannot know what is ahead and I feel impelled to say that if the voluntary system does not meet the needs of the future days before us then I shall advocate the adoption of the other method."

Colonel Balston stated that enlistments for overseas service now total 42,000 of which 18,200 were enlisted in the year 1941. The program for 1942 requires the following additional men for service out of Canada:

Air force	70,000 to 80,000
Navy	13,000 to 13,000
Army	40,000 to 100,000
	173,000 to 193,000

This will bring the total Canadian enlistments up to between 505,000 and 615,000. In addition to these figures further men are being called up for home defence and an additional 100,000 workers will be required for increased factory production, in which field already we have a half million workers. Our direct expenditures for war this year will be \$1,000,000,000, \$200,000,000 for every man, woman and child in Canada of just over a million dollars for a town of four thousand people. Every dollar of this huge sum is to be raised in Canada by taxation and by borrowing.

Speaking of total war Colonel Balston stated:

"Total war is the stated policy of the government and I am sure that it is the determined purpose of the Canadian people. Total war requires a country to plan its pattern for war according to the needs and abilities of other countries with which it is allied. One country, for example might have resources in terms of people and for that country total war would mean raising men and relying upon allied countries for supplies of food and weapons. Another country might have excess resources of food and materials. Its pattern for total war might mean extra effort in production. Again a country at war without allies would follow a different pattern. Canada's pattern of total war has three main parts. I do not pretend to name them in order of importance—Each one is important. Food, weapons, and raising armed forces on sea and land and in the air. The duty of the government is to realize that each of these three parts is essential to total war for Canada and to try and determine the proportion which each part ought to bear."

## Acton Scouts Mark Baden-Powell Week With Open Night

Acton Cubs and Scouts marked Baden-Powell Week very fittingly when they arranged last evening for a Scout Night in the Town Hall. Mr. J. H. Boulton, chairman of the Scout Committee presided and outlined the aims of the Scouts and how all can help. There were numbers by a local orchestra and community singing. Assistant Scoutmaster Ken Hassard gave a splendid reading on the foundation and background which led up to the Scout organization being organized by Baden-Powell. Lt. Col. Jas. Ballentine, D.S.O., who had met Baden-Powell on one occasion and seen him on two other occasions in an address outlining the principles which he felt made scouting a great organization.

The Wolf Cub Pack under the Cubmaster Rev. E. A. Brooks gave a Cub meeting, presented his troops to James Dills and Jimmie Spillvoel and passed John Agar from the Cubs to the Scout Troop where he was accepted.

The Scouts had many interesting demonstrations to put on that gave parents and friends an insight into the type of training received in Scout activities. They made presentation of awards to several of the troop members.

## War Services Gets Appreciation from Local Boys

### \$100 is Sent to Telegram British War Victims' Fund and Acknowledged

A few more letters have been received from our boys overseas. The first one we quote comes from Philip McDougall to "Dear Sirs or Madam" and is full of thanks and appreciation. He says: "There is one soldier who is very thankful for the parcel and believe me, I mean it."

Heigh Taylor writes to say he was on guard Christmas eve and Christmas Day and the officers took the men's plous long enough for them to eat their Christmas dinner of roast turkey and all the trimmings. He receives The Free Press regularly and enjoys reading it. Sgt. Phil Taylor says "I have been in this country four months and think very little of it. He has met Sgt. Molozzie. Things are not all rosy as our ideas vary of great deal from the English people. Yet they are very friendly. They all have a different accent so we don't understand them anyway."

Corporal Bayless says all the Acton boys are in good shape as a result of the tough training they are getting. He says "I am leaving to-day for Scotland with our hockey team for a series of matches which will last ten days."

Pte. O. Brown says "Everything in the parcel was lovely." He reports that his mail has been reaching him regularly.

J. D. Young says "all the luxuries the parcel contained were very nice and helped to make Christmas enjoyable."

The War Service League has received a receipt from The Evening Telegram British War Victims' Fund for one hundred dollars which was recently sent this fund.

## Guelph-Acton Team Out in Hockey Group

### Two Losses of Week to Milverton and Waterloo Mark Finish

The Guelph-Acton Wool Combers lung up their skates and put the uniforms in moth balls after the two defeats of the past week that eliminated them from the big three intermediate "A" group.

Last Friday Milverton gave them a 5 to 1 defeat at Milverton. The game did not get underway until 10:30. First period was scoreless but the second period saw Sailer put Milverton in the lead by Waterloo goal. In the third period Milverton put in four more before Norm Morton tallied six for Acton late in the play to give a whitewash. There were fourteen penalties with four of them major penalties. Stan Smith of Stratford was the referee.

Monday night Waterloo won from the Wool Combers by an 8-5 score. First period saw three goals tallied by each team and the Combers went into the lead in the second period and at half-time were leading 5 to 4. Two rapid goals by Waterloo late in this period changed the picture and two more in the third clinched the win for Waterloo.

There were only two penalties in the game—Sholtz, Lang, Davidson and Smith were the scorers for Waterloo. Tuck, Brush, Couling, Meron and Hitley got the counters for the Guelph-Acton team.

"That game gave Waterloo the necessary two points to carry on in the play-offs against Waterloo."

## Box Social and Play Presented at Dublin Literary

The meeting of the Dublin Literary Society was held in the school on Friday evening in the form of a valentine box social. After the regular business the following program was presented: a reading by Molly Cutts, "Cool Head"; reciting by Verna Webster "Men Get Married Too" and "When Grandma was a Girl"; Mrs. J. Frank "Avalon" The meeting with two very humorous readings with the Dublin players were preparing to present their play "A Ghostly Evening," under the direction of Mrs. H. B. Burkholder the following cast took their parts exceptionally well: Azazel, Isabel Burkholder; Theodora, Isabel Burkholder; Florian de Sylvestre, Donald Ross; Mrs. Morrow, Mrs. O'Rourke; Juan Simms, Margaret Somerville; Rush Simms, Henry Kelly; Kenyon Penfold, Jimmy McIsaac; Mrs. Penfold, Mrs. H. B. Burkholder. After the play Mr. C. Cutts in his usual jovial manner auctioned the beautifully decorated boxes and brought in \$40, half of which was donated to the Acton War Services League and \$20 was retained by the club for carrying on their war effort. After an enjoyable supper the meeting closed with the national anthem and the rest of the evening was spent in dancing.

## ROBINSON-MEMURCHY WEDDING SATURDAY IN BRAMPTON CHURCH

Brampton Presbyterian Church was the setting for the wedding Saturday of Helen and Mr. Norman McMurchy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman McMurchy, Centre Rd., South Brampton, and Walter Joseph F. Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Robinson, Thornhill. The ceremony was solemnized by Rev. A. N. Miller, assisted by Rev. J. H. Colquhoun of Thornhill. Palms, ferns and snapdragons decorated the church for the occasion. J. M. Hodgins presided at the organ and Miss Beatrice Enayck sang.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white broadened satin, made on princess lines with train, with her mother's full-length wedding veil caught with a white flowered headpiece. She carried white roses and orchids. Miss Isobel McMurchy and Miss Patricia Stork, in gowns of blue sheer with soft flowing skirts, that fell into trains, were the bridesmaids. Miss Marion Robinson, the Junior bridesmaid, wore a rose frock trimmed with Cabana lace. All wore floral headpieces and carried roses. Dr. Eay McMurchy, only brother of the bride, was best man and the ushers were Donald McMurchy and Alvin Robinson.

At the reception at the home of the bride's parents, Mrs. McMurchy received in a violet crepe gown with velvet bolero and corsage of roses and orchids. The mother of the groom wore navy blue crepe with white accessories and corsage of roses. For the honeymoon to Ottawa and points east, the bride donned a gold dress with black accessories, black coat with milk fur.

## W. Jas. Akins' Marked Golden Wedding Day

### Born in Nassagaweya and Have Resided All Their Lives in This District

On Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. James Akins were married fifty years. This golden wedding anniversary occasion, was quietly observed at their home on Willow Street. Really it was sort of surprise party and the gathering that was there that day arranged all the merriment that goes with such an occasion. Mrs. Akins is just recovering from a rather lengthy illness and Mr. Akins is just nicely getting about after suffering a hip fracture.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Akins and family and daughter, Miss Anne and the nearest neighbors joined them at the anniversary and during the day some friends and neighbors joined in extending congratulations and best wishes for many more years together. It was not until the day after that we learned of this golden wedding anniversary and called at the home and enjoyed an hour or so with this couple. They are both natives of Nassagaweya Township. In fact up to the time they came to Acton (fifty years or so ago) they farmed the land which Mr. Akins' grandfather had secured from the Crown and received title to in Montreal in 1820. Now the farm is owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Akins' son. It is generally known to the time of his accident Mr. Akins still delighted to go back and put in his time on this land. Mr. and Mrs. Akins did not retire when they came to Acton. For several years he was the energetic Secretary of Acton Fair. He has been a member of the Acton Liberal executive and Mrs. Akins has been active in Women's Missionary Societies and other organizations connected with the United Church. They adopted Acton as the home but Nassagaweya was always home too and functions at Ebenezer Church are mighty important to them. During the time of the erection of the new church there, it was Jim Akins who was treasurer of the building committee.

None of us realized Mr. and Mrs. Akins were nearing their fiftieth wedding anniversary and we know that many friends both in Nassagaweya and Acton will join with us in wishing for this esteemed couple hearty congratulations on their anniversary occasion coupled with the wish for many more years together and enjoyment of better health throughout these years.

## NEW CLUB IS FORMED BY WOMEN AT CREWSON'S CORNERS

The women of Crewson's Corners formed an organization called the "Carry On Canada Club." Mrs. R. Brown was nominated president and Mrs. J. Airdie, Secretary-Treasurer. The purpose of the organization is to provide comforts for our boys now serving in the forces. An extra room placed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brown last Tuesday evening and \$6.25 was raised. Mrs. Brown won the ladies' prize and Mr. J. McEachern won the men's. A most enjoyable time was had by all present.

## Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Conventions, or other Events under this heading, are charged, to cents per line with a minimum charge for any announcement of 2c.

Knox Ladies' Aid will hold a Fair of Baking and Tea in the Town Hall on Saturday February 21st, from 3 to 6 p.m.

Plunkett Supper and Moving Pictures in United Church, Monday, February 23rd. Supper served at 6:30. Admission, 35c.

The Bannockburn W.I. will hold a social evening on Wednesday, February 25th at the Bannockburn School. Good program, lunch and dance. Admission 25c.

The Acton Junior Farmers will hold a Dance in the Town Hall on February 27. Fisher's six-piece Orchestra. Dancing from 9:00 to 2:00 a.m. Admission 35c. Half proceeds for B-W-V-Fund.

"O Promise Me!" that three-act comedy sponsored by Acton "W's" Men's Club will be presented in the Town Hall on March 4 and 5. Mark the change of date—Tickets now on sale. Get your's early.

## ACTON BOYS ENLISTED This Week's Register

James Lamb has enlisted with the Ordnance Corp and left last week to start training.

Scoutmaster Geoffrey Boulton has joined the Dental Corps branch of the R.C.A.F. and left on Monday for the training centre.