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Final Returns in Second Victory Loan Campaign

MISS MARGARET HARRISON HONORED BY ACTON FRIENDS LAST EVENING

Last evening Miss Margaret Harrison, now of Toronto, was honored by school friends and pals in the home town where she is so well known.

It was the occasion for a gathering of about twenty-five who enjoyed an evening with her again and took this occasion to present a miscellaneous shower of gifts prior to her marriage next month.

Mrs. D. C. Russell and Miss Jessie Russell were hostesses for the event and a jolly evening of games was enjoyed at this hospitable home.

Showers of good wishes for many years of happiness went with the gifts for Margaret from this group and a wide group of friends in the home town. Miss Harrison is the younger daughter of ex-Reeve and Mrs. C. H. Harrison, formerly of Acton.

The total amount subscribed by the 2,323 employees in the 45 industrial plants in the county each with over 50 employees, was \$114,750. There were 1,221 applications from this unit.

From the various tables which are given below, there are several things that are very gratifying in the campaign in the Acton and District unit. In not one category did it lag behind. As told last week, the local unit showed the best increase over last year's figures; Acton had an approximate increase of 17%. Increase in general canvass for the county was about 24%, and the grand total decreased was less than half of 1% for Halton.

The county had an increase of about 27% over the quota and Acton's percentage over quota was approximately 34 1/2%. In relation to amount of quota raised Acton and District took fourth place.

But the second and third sets of figures are the ones that particularly are gratifying. They show that it was the participation of the great majority of the folks of the district that made the achievement possible. There was no loading of the burden unto the shoulders of a few but everybody took a lift.

Those figures show that there was a thorough job done in the selling and that not a prospect was overlooked. It meant long hours and more tedious work but it was done in an excellent way. Acton and the district stood second in the amount raised per capita. A splendid tribute to the spirit and war consciousness of the general public.

The average subscription for Acton and District was the lowest and there can be justified pride in that figure too. It took 948 applications to raise \$17,250 while in another district 739 applications raised \$303,400. It took more work to get those subscriptions. We are told that out in Nassagawey Gilbert Kingsbury walked forty-seven miles, exclusive of farm lanes, during the canvass. He couldn't get his car over the roads and up the lanes and the folk of Nassagawey co-operated with him in his difficulties to beat last year's figure, when the going was easier.

In town F. L. Wright and C. F. Leatherland tramped the streets continually and not a residence or factory escaped their call and return calls and out in Esquesing Harding Price waded through slush to the top of rubber boots. We could tell of more persistency that was necessary to secure so much from the second smallest district but detail is not necessary.

Here are the complete returns in (Continued on Page Eight)

Second Donation London Hospital is Acknowledged

Lord Southwood Expresses Appreciation for the Second Gift

The following letter received during the week by the Editor of The Free Press will be read with interest by those who gave such splendid help in raising the fund for the London England Sick Children's Hospital. The letter tells its own story.

February 6th, 1942

Dear Mr. Dills:

It was a very great pleasure to receive your kind letter enclosing a further donation of £50 to The Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street.

It is very generous of your readers to send this additional gift and, once again I would ask you to accept my most sincere thanks. We do indeed appreciate your sympathy and help.

Yours sincerely,

SOUTHWOOD, Chairman

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Two contributions to the War Service League were received this morning.

The Acton Women's Institute handed in the proceeds of the euchre held last week which, together with the amount realized from the draw, on the quilt amounted to \$66.44. We are thankful to the ladies and proud to know we have such willing workers.

Four young ladies connected with the Wool Combers "The Happy Four" held a dance last evening and this morning the funds of the league were enriched to the tune of \$58.60. The league welcomes these ladies into membership and "The more we are together the happier we'll be".

ACTON BOYS ENLISTED This Week's Register

Gordon K. McKeown has joined the R.C.A.F. and is stationed at Newmarket.

Erwin H. McKeown has joined the R.C.A.F. and is at present at Manning Depot, Toronto.

Acton Industry Loans Services to Government Board

Eugene Henry Force of Galt, has been appointed local representative of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board and will be in charge of the sub-regional office in Galt, according to an announcement made last week from London by W. Harold McPhillips, Prices and Supply Representative of the board.

The Galt office has been assigned the territory of Preston and Waterloo as well as the city of Galt.

Mr. Force is a native of Brantford. He was formerly sales representative of the Force Electrical Products of Acton, Ont. During the past two years he has been travelling in Ontario, since returning from England in 1939 where he established connections with the Electric Appliance Business.

In the first Great War he served with the 125th Infantry Battalion and with the 54th Battalion. Mr. Force is serving with the Board with remuneration and his services are loaned by the Force Electrical Products of Acton. He is a resident of Galt.

HON. J. G. GARDINER TO ADDRESS HALTON FEDERATION AGRICULTURE

Announcement has just been made by President Paul Fisher of the Halton Federation of Agriculture that a general county meeting will be held in Milton on the evening of Monday, March 30th. Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture for Canada, will be the special speaker. At this meeting a progress report on the activities of the Federation of Agriculture will be presented and in addition a summarized report of the survey recently conducted by the Halton Agricultural War Service Committee.

Travelling prize, Mrs. F. Mooney and Mr. G. W. Massey. Door prize, Mrs. Rookes.

The quilt was won by Doris Keeler. The ticket for the quilt and door prizes were both drawn by Loreen Locker and the W. L. were real pleased to hand a cheque to Mr. McDonald, president of the War Service League, for \$66.44 for the work of this organization.

St. Joseph's Team Wins First of Hockey Play-Offs

Monday evening the Holy Cross hockey team of Georgetown played St. Joseph's of Acton in the first of the play-offs at the local arena.

Despite the mild weather and the showery night the ice was in very good condition and a good crowd were on hand to see the game.

Both teams were dressed in their new uniforms and displayed a very colorful and snappy appearance. The Acton boys' colors are red, white and blue, with the word St. Joseph's embossed across the breast and large letter A below. While the Georgetown lads too, are very proud of their green and white jerseys with a cross on the lower part, with the words "Holy Cross" inscribed. Above the cross the letter G stands out in relief.

Many got a thrill when the two little mascots skated to the centre of the ice, displaying the respective swatters of their team with the word "Mascot" across the breast. Then both teams, consisting of fifteen players each in alphabetical order, circled the rink three or four times.

Both teams showed a marked improvement in their team play, no doubt due to the fact that each player could easily distinguish those of his own and opposing side.

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The goal-getters for Acton were Kratowski, 3; Coles, Clayton, and Duval, one each, while Larusso got the lone counter for Georgetown.

The return game will be played in Georgetown Thursday night providing there is ice.

The officers of the Club have taken a very keen interest in the team and are very grateful to all who have helped and assisted in any way in the formation and progress of the team, and hope that in future years will bring singular honor and pride to the finest of all villages or towns Acton.

George Town Joseph Gilbert, goal; Michael Larusso and Bob Connelly, defence; Billy Muir, centre; Ken Hulme and Phillip Carney, wings; alternates, Jim Golden, Bernard Gilbert, Ross Boyle, Gerald Wilcox, Gordon Lorance, John Tyers, James Carney, Obadie Larusso, Tom Connally.

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Acton Hydro Shows Surplus of \$1,442.89

Commercial Power Users Are Largest Users of Electric Power

Commissioner C. Hansen was present and Chairman M. Symon presided at the meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission on Tuesday evening.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Hydro Dept.	
Bell Telephone Co., services	\$ 4.90
Hydro-Electric Power Com.	
Power	3,461.21
Oil Controller, ration book	1.00
Mrs. H. L. McDonald, Burglary insurance	23.50
Acton Free Press, advertising	2.50
Highway Garage, truck supplies	127.59
Canadian Linen Materials, supplies	37.20
Packard Electric Company, supplies	45.82
E. J. Heward, supplies	81
Dept. of National Revenue, Sales Tax	83.29
J. C. Matthews, stamps	20.38
Powertech Devices, Limited, supplies	11.70
	3,808.23
Waterworks Dept.	
Hydro Dept., power at Spring	51.32
Hydro Dept., February operations	151.78
	\$214.70

Letters were received from the Ontario Hydro Commission regarding the rental of office space and costs estimated by them were submitted.

The Superintendent reported that the work at the sub-station had been completed on Sunday and the station was equipped for 400 horsepower more than present requirements.

The balance sheet and operating report from the Ontario Commission showed the Acton plant with a net profit of \$1,442.89 from this year's operation; this was after providing for depreciation on the tangible plant to the amount of \$1,654.

The balance sheet gave some very interesting data. The total value of the local plant is \$63,129.85 and Acton's equity in the H.E.P.C. system is \$63,986.70.

The total earnings of the Acton plant last year were \$49,673.03 and the total operating costs, fixed charges, etc. were \$47,230.14.

There were during the year 535 domestic consumers; 92 commercial light services and 17 power services. Commercial power service brought in the most revenue \$27,648.09, well over half the total revenue. Domestic services were next highest at \$12,329.81. Power purchased during the year amounted to \$9,714.73.

Another letter from the Ontario Commission advised that the thirteenth power bill would not be available for some time and empowered the Commission to close the books for the year without including this account and include it in next year's records. This was done it was explained so that a uniform accounting throughout the province might be secured.

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To the Salesmen who made such a thorough coverage and to all you who gave them such a fine reception the sincere thanks of the Committee.

A. MASON, Chairman Acton and District Victory Loan Committee.

Power Interruption Allowed Completion Work at Sub-Station

The power interruption on Sunday in Acton permitted the completion of the final work at the sub-station here when the transformer capacity was doubled. The interruption lasted only about an hour and twenty minutes.

The station here presents quite a changed appearance. All of the transforms are now in the outside bank. Other equipment in the station has been altered to give more room and the equipment has all been checked and rearranged. Acton now has a few hundred horsepower capacity beyond its present demand of between 1600 and 1700.

Other changes are contemplated, but will not be made before next fall and are of course dependent if war conditions permit them.

LETTER SENT FROM SINGAPORE BEFORE ITS SURRENDER

Mr. R. W. Lowrie, whose son, Mr. Stewart Lowrie was in Singapore at the time of its surrender to the Japanese last Friday, received a letter from him. The letter was dated January 5th, which was over a month before the fall of the fortress. Since the fall on February 15th, no word has been received and naturally the father and sister are much concerned. Many Acton friends will hope with us that Mr. Lowrie is safe and was perhaps able to leave before the fall of the fortress.

On Tuesday a telegram was received from Dr. Gordon Agnew, telling of his safe arrival in India.

Friends here will indeed be glad to hear this good news. Dr. Agnew left Canada some months ago to return to his medical work in China, where he has had such outstanding success.

Mrs. Agnew and his family are in Canada yet and Dr. Agnew will have a big journey yet before he reaches his destination in China.

Championships are Won at Seed Fair Held in Acton

Junior Farmers From Acton and Georgetown Win—Results of Other Events

The annual Halton Seed Fair held at Acton on March 6 and 7 under the auspices of the Halton Crop Improvement Association brought out approximately 50 entries from 10 different Halton growers. The entry, while much smaller than normal, was of outstanding quality. Prospective buyers were numerous in the large crowd which filled the Acton Town Hall on the afternoon of the second day and many of the exhibitors had their surplus seed grain sold at the conclusion of the fair. With Frank Petch, well known auctioneer of Georgetown in charge, the nine 10-lb. bushel lots of oats quickly sold at prices ranging from 8¢ to \$1.20 per bushel while the two 10-lb. bushel lots of barley sold at \$1.35 per bushel.

According to Agricultural representative J. E. Whitefoote, inquiries for seed grain have been numerous during the past week and growers with seed grain for sale are disposing of their supplies rapidly. Officials of Halton Agricultural War Service Committee are of the opinion that unless local farmers in need of seed secure their requirements immediately, local stocks may be depleted by outside buyers. Considerable seed has already been sold for export to United States and also to buyers in other sections of the province.

President J. H. Willmott of the Halton Crop Improvement Association was in charge of the program on Saturday afternoon. Lawrence Kerr, prominent farmer of Chatham district, was the main speaker. He took his subject "Farm Management Under Present Conditions" and delighted his audience with the practical manner in which he handled his subject and also the many questions which came from the large crowd. Other speakers during the afternoon included A. H. Martin, Assistant Director of Agricultural Representatives for Ontario, J. D. McLeod, Director of Crops, Seeds and Weed branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, and W. E. Brockman, President of the Ontario Crop Improvement Association.

The championship in small seeds was won by W. D. Brownridge, Georgetown on a bushel lot of Alfalfa while the championship in cereal grains was won by Woodlands Orchards, Bronte, on a bushel lot of Erben Oats. The T. Eaton Special to the exhibitor making the most entries

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Coming Events

Acton Afternoon Tea and Sale of War Bonds, Saturday, March 21st, three to six p.m. at the home of Miss Lucy Edwards, Church Street, sponsored by Lakeside Chapter TDLC.