

James Moore Engaged as Assistant to Chief Harrop

Hospital Accounts Receive Attention of Council—Auditors Asked to Present Report—Smoke Nuisance is Cause for Complaint—Building By-Laws Prepared and Report to be Tabled at Next Meeting.

Councillors A. Mason, W. J. O. Oakes, F. Davison and C. Kirkness, were present on Tuesday evening when Acton Council met in regular session and Reeve J. M. McDonald presided.

At a special meeting of council on March 4th the building by-law had been reviewed and a letter read regarding the war trophy which had been replied to.

Council discussed the hospital account of Mrs. Jean Smith and the clerk was instructed to write the members of the family regarding this matter.

The seventh report of the Finance Committee recommended payment of the following accounts:

H. Artie, repairs to amplifier at arena	\$ 4.00
L. W. Agar, coal for Town Hall	31.50
N. McEachern, gas and repairs to truck	20.04
Bell Telephone Co., services	7.83
Thos. Rumley, repairs at arena	2.40
E. Ryder, salary at arena	56.00
W. D. Talbot, sweeping compound	.70
Total	\$122.47

The clerk was instructed to write the auditors pointing out that this month the new auditor would make his first audit and they felt it was time the annual statement for last year was presented.

The clerk was instructed to reply to a statement from the Sick Children's Hospital that a patient admitted was not an indigent patient.

Notice was received from the provincial government that commencing April 1st the province would only pay half the costs of relief. Since Acton has little relief account this did not cause any difficulty.

Applications were received for the position of assistant to Chief Harrop. The application of James Moore was accepted at \$310 per day, with duties to start the first of the month.

A letter from Mrs. C. Holmes stated that she was discontinuing business and asked a refund of the tobacco license. Council decided to make a refund of license to apply on business and other taxes.

The list of tax arrears was discussed by council and instructions issued for procedure.

Reeve McDonald and Councillors Mason and Oakes were appointed a committee to survey the building by-law, and report at the next council meeting.

The smoke nuisance in town was brought up for discussion but no by-law was in effect governing this. It was to be taken up with the business men in an effort to give some relief.

Use of the town hall was granted free for the dance by the girls from the Wood Comb Corporation since all the funds were donated to war purposes and had been turned over to the Acton and Varsity War Service League.

DISTRICT PRESIDENT ADDRESSED MEETING NASSAGAWAYA BRANCH

The March meeting of the Nassagaweya branch of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. E. Davidson. The roll call was responded to by reciting a "Fashion Show at the War Issue." It was decided that the first of the month be "Finger Ring" and the second "Finger Ring" at Mrs. Murray's. District President addressed the meeting. Mrs. Davidson gave a reading "The Street Car Dicks." Various questions were displayed and Mrs. Morrison gave the prayer for the jobs picture. The meeting came to a close by singing "The National Anthem." Lunch was served by the hostess.

ACTON BOYS ENLISTED

JOHN ARTHUR BOESON
GEO. WILLIAMS
DARWIN CHIPPIS
TED ELLIOTT
FRANK JONES
W. HALOUD BARBER
All these young men have signed up during the week with the R.C.A.S.C. and are at present stationed at Toronto.

Glimpses of Parliament

By Hughes Cleaver, Halton's Member

On Tuesday last with the taking of the vote on the wheat question the work of Parliament shifted to a discussion of the Bill on Canada's gift to Great Britain during the coming year of one billion dollars.

There is so much misunderstanding on this question and there are so many wild rumors with reference to it that it should be explained. Ever since the outbreak of war Canada has been supplying to Great Britain increasing quantities of food, shells, guns, planes and other war equipment. These shipments from Canada to Great Britain have been far in excess of the goods which we have purchased from Britain during the same period. The result of this favorable balance of trade for Canada has been that Canada through its Foreign Exchange Board has been required to exchange large sums of Canadian dollars for sterling in order to make possible these large purchases.

Britain in Canada during the war has had a trade deficit of over \$1 billion. This deficit has increased from \$311 million dollars in 1939 to \$702 million in 1941 and this year will reach approximately 1000 million dollars. In addition to these shipments direct to Britain we have shipped war supplies to other parts of the Empire including Egypt of 104 million dollars worth in 1939 and these have increased to 300 million in 1941. In addition to this trade deficit large sums of money have been expended by way of capital investments in plant and equipment in Canada in order to produce goods on British account. Gold payments have been received by Canada of 250 million dollars and Canadian securities held in Britain, both public and private, have been repatriated to Canada in the sum of 525 million dollars but as the total adverse balance by February last reached 1770 million dollars this still left a balance which Canada has had to finance of 995 million dollars and the purchases this year by Britain in Canada will be at least another 1000 million dollars. The value of Canadian securities still held privately in Britain is estimated at 700 million dollars and there are sterling securities on Canadian properties of another 300 million dollars. It would be unthinkable that any shortage of Canadian dollars in Britain should make it impossible for Great Britain to buy in Canada any goods which she may need for our present proposal is that Canada should make an outright gift to Great Britain of all of the foodstuffs and war equipment and material which she will require from Canada this year and that for the balance now owing to us for past deliveries Canada will accept from Great Britain a promise to pay at some undefined date in the future 700 million dollars without interest and a further repatriation now of 200 million dollars worth of British field Canadian securities to clean up the deficit.

The final net result of the transaction is that when Britain honors this promise to pay without interest Canada will cease to be a creditor nation of Great Britain. The present gift this year of 1000 million dollars is really a gift of money but really a gift of all of the foodstuffs, planes, tanks, shells and war equipment which we will require from Canada this year and which will require from Canada this year and which will require from Canada this year and which will require from Canada this year.

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ACTON BOWLERS WIN AND LOSE IN WEEK'S GAMES

The McCutcheon Bowling Team opened the second series of the Royal Commercial Bowling League last Thursday by taking three games from Optimist Club. McCutcheon bowled all good games as the scores of 1131, 1155, 1165 for a total of 3371 individuals.

However, last night the Acton boys were off form, losing all three points to Bonarts. The scores were 906, 826, 807 for a total of 2539. This is only the third time the team has bowled less than 900 for three games this year.

Beardmore Employees Raise \$216 War Fund



Above are the officers and a number of those in charge at the Bingo last Friday when The Beardmore Company Employees' Association spent \$157 of the Fund raised to The Evening Telegram British War Victims' Fund. Upper Picture, Left to Right, Seated John Mellan, Sec., and W. Croft; Standing A. White, W. Allen, L. Massey, H. Thompson, L. Duly, R. Budge. Lower Picture, Back Row, Left to Right—Margaret Dunn, Marguerite Ryder, Mrs. Geo. Elliott and Mary Simpson, First Row—Irene Fryer, Frances Rawlings, Sophie Krotowski and Mrs. John Irvin. Photo by Courtesy Toronto Evening Telegram.

EDUCATIONAL FILM TELLS OF TRAVEL BY NEW AIRWAYS

Last evening (Wednesday) the Duke of Devonshire Chapter L.O.D.E. held a concert in the Town Hall. The main attraction was a showing of the T.C.A. film "across Canada by Air."

Mrs. W. J. Beatty, Regent of the Chapter, welcomed the large audience to the showing. Mr. Garnet McKenzie, who acted as chairman for the evening, called on the double trio who are practicing for the Musical Festival, for their selection. The Junior Choir also rendered their selection for the Musical Festival.

Mr. Harling of the Trans-Canada Air Lines gave a very interesting description of what the T.C.A. is doing for the furtherance of the war effort.

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The Beardmore Employees Raise Fund War Purposes

The Bingo last Friday evening by the Employees' Association of Beardmore & Co. proved a big attraction and a splendid money raising event for war purposes. \$216.24 was raised by \$157.06 going to The Evening Telegram British War Victims' Fund and \$65.18 to the Acton and District War Service League.

Besides the Bingo prizes a big feature of the evening was the draw for a beautiful inlaid games table donated by Mr. Fred Pollard of Toronto. This prize went to Stewart Richardson, Acton. The draw prize was won by Mrs. W. H. Clayton, Acton.

Reeve J. M. McDonald was master of ceremonies and in his usual capable way kept the event moving smoothly. There was a big crowd. Mrs. George Elliott and Miss Marguerite Ryder were largely responsible for the drive on the sale of draw tickets which gave impetus to the raising of the fine fund.

NEW PRESIDENT ELECTED FOR THE GARAGE OPERATORS

At a meeting of Halton Branch in Farmer's Hall, Milton, on Thursday, March 19th, Ken Johnson was elected President of the branch in place of A. C. Patterson, who has taken a position with the British War Supply Board.

Mr. Ed Waldham of Toronto and Mr. Bill Bailey of Hamilton spoke briefly of matters concerning the trade.

PICTURES AND SOCIAL EVENING BY LITERARY AND JUNIOR FARMERS

The Acton Junior Farmers and Literary Society held their meeting at Lorne School on Friday evening. With Elwood Johnston acting as chairman the following program was presented: Piano solos by Betty Allan; reading by Mrs. Wilmer Watkins; Mrs. Hughes of the Canadian Industries Ltd. showed moving picture films which were very interesting and educational. Between films Leslie Swackhamer accompanied by Isabel Swackhamer, rendered saxophone solos. The meeting was closed by singing the National Anthem. Lunch was served and dancing followed.

BELGIANS TO DIE

STOCKHOLM, (AP) Two Belgians, Albert Thon and Richard Vandewalle, were sentenced to death by a German tribunal for "giving aid and information of a military character to Britain," says the Free Belgian News Agency.

Weekly War Commentary

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

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's arrival in Australia marks the end of one phase of the Pacific and the beginning of another. MacArthur is now a symbol in the minds of the United Nations as well as a brilliant military man. He is, moreover, as does Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell, a leader who has stood up against Axis odds with heroism and dogged determination. And it is both as a symbol and leader that he now stands at the head of the reformed Pacific command with the avowed objective of defending Australia and, from the broad sub-continent, knocking the Hirohito forces out of the southwest Pacific.

To Sir Archibald Wavell has fallen the task of counter-offensive from India. While MacArthur is preparing Australia for the defensive, Wavell is doing a like task in India and Burma. MacArthur must try now to liberate the Dutch Indies and the Philippines. Wavell, on his side, should have the task, ultimately, of liberating Singapore, the Malay States and Hong Kong. MacArthur and Wavell are the men who must provide offensive in the east. That is the great and difficult task that lies before them.

In Europe and Africa

Meanwhile the Russian counter-offensive grows. Hitler, who "annihilated" the Red army several times last autumn now promises to annihilate it again this summer. Before that time the Soviet forces may have their great attacks rolling fully instead of merely pinching off salients for the summer months which will favor the Nazis will also favor the Russians.

The time seems to be ripening for offensive in the west and the summer fronts are opened the stronger will the United Nations be. Even as Hitler's main strategy has been to cause the allies to spread their forces thin, so should the Hitlerite forces be pulled upon to spread in Norway, along the continental coastline, and in the Mediterranean. That way lies an earlier victory.

Although Russian communiques fail to give specific details regarding progress on the long Eastern Front, there is every indication that several Nazi strong points are on the verge of collapse.

According to a Vichy broadcast March 20, Staraya Russa, north-west of Moscow, has been captured by Soviet soldiers. Some time ago nearly 100,000 Germans were reported virtually surrounded in this area and Russian reports have told of successful attacks in the region.

Fight for Rabev

Between Staraya Russa and Moscow the Russians have driven forward on what is known as the Kalinin Front, leaving Germans at Rabev, 140 miles from the Russian capital, in danger of encirclement. At the week-end the Germans were believed to be still in control but the city may fall at any moment.

On the southern sector Marshal Semyon Timoshenko is striking with increasing power to drive the Germans from the key cities of Orel, Kharkov and Taganrog. Red Army troops which penetrated Kharkov fortifications were reported to have been thrown back, but they are attacking from three sides of the city and victory appears to be only a question of time.

At various points on the northern end of the Eastern Front, severe snow storms have hampered operations and rains in the Ukraine and the Crimea have turned large areas of the front into quagmires. German military authorities admit that Russian assaults are growing in violence all along the line.

Transylvania, awarded to Hungary through Axis arbitration in 1940, again is causing friction between Hungary and Rumania. The Rumanians claim their nationals in the principality are suffering under Hungarian rule and Hitler may have a difficult (Continued on Page Eight)

KNOX YOUNG PEOPLE HAD INTERESTING MEETING MONDAY

Knox Young People's Society held their regular meeting on Monday evening. After the business part of the meeting, the Roll Call was answered with the name of a theatre of war. Inez McLellan gave Chapter Seven of the Study Book "Chimney" by Mrs. (Dr.) Goforth of China. Bill Benson, Fellowship Convener, conducted games. A pantomime in which all present were participants, was presented, and enjoyed thoroughly.

War Service League Gets Help from Many Sources

Beardmore Employees Raise \$216.24 — League Sent Another Cheque to War Victims' Fund

The War Service League met last evening with Mr. A. Mason presiding. Arrangements were made and dates were set for various activities. Misses Dunn and Fryer were present and asked for a date for a dance, which they were willing to arrange. April 24th is the probable date for this affair.

Mrs. Matthews announced that the Dublin Women's Institute, the Scout Mothers and the Bannockburn Institute would sponsor a concert and dance to be given by ten old-time fiddlers on April 17th. The "Happy Four" were represented by Mrs. Howden and Mrs. Packer and said that they were arranging another dance on April 11th. These ladies brought in a further \$8 bringing the proceeds of their dance to \$66.20.

Mr. George Fountain brought in a cheque from the Beardmore Employees' Association for \$216.24 realized from the bingo and raffle held by that body. \$151.06 of this will go to British War Victims' Fund and \$65.18 to the War Service League Fund.

The chairman commended these ladies and gentlemen very warmly for their fine effort. The receipt of \$400 was acknowledged by the Telegram War Victims' Fund and the meeting voted another donation of \$217.26 to the same fund. An account of \$10 for postage was passed upon.

A letter from Gordon Gibbons thanked the League for the Christmas parcel he received about the middle of January. Gordon is somewhere at sea which will account for the late delivery of the parcel.

FRIENDLY CIRCLE HONOR MISS HOWIE PRIOR TO MARRIAGE

Well, here's the Friendly Circle breaking into the news once more. Twenty-five members of the class met on Monday evening at the home

of Mrs. D. Richardson to honor Miss Isabel Howe on her approaching marriage to Mr. Harry Murray. Alzina Gibson assisted by Mabel Harris presented Isabel with a beautiful lustreware teapot, cream pitcher and sugar bowl in pastel shades.

There have been so many complimentary remarks and so many requests to hear "How the story grew" that it was decided to produce it again.

After the business had been dispensed with, a very funny game was played called "Questions and answers." Thanks go to our President Janet Pail for this item.

The executive served a war-time lunch of fruit bread and tea. A prettily decorated cake for the bride-to-be, was the only sweet thing on the menu.

Mrs. Fosbury moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Richardson for her hospitality, and after a suitable reply from Mrs. Richardson the company wended their way homeward.

Knox Church Calls Rev. F. Thomson To Charge Here

At a congregational meeting of Knox Church during the week a call was made to Rev. Forbes Thomson, to assume the pastorate of the church in Acton. Mr. Thomson is one of the younger ministers of the church and is to be ordained soon. He has had charge of the Church at Faversham and will assume charge of Knox Church during the next month.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or other Events, under this heading, are charged, in cents per line, with a minimum charge for an announcement of 40.

A Three-Act Comedy "O Promise Me" by The Men's Club, Acton, in Ostridge Church Tuesday March 23rd at 8:15 p.m. Admission 25c and 15c.

The Old Time Fiddlers of Guelph will present a concert and Dance in Town Hall, Acton, on April 17th, under the auspices of Dublin Women's Institute, Scout Mothers Auxiliary and Bannockburn Institute. Proceeds for A. and D.W.S.L.