

## Vote Yes April 27th

In order that every voter in Acton may give an answer to the government's request for release from its pledge regarding the raising of manpower, Acton Municipal Council has arranged an organization meeting in the Town Hall to-night when representatives of all organizations, industrial groups etc., will plan so that every vote is registered.

The question to be decided on April 27th is one of the most vital ones in connection with the war. Unless every voter registers every "yes" vote possible Canada's war effort may be hampered so that victory will not be won and the final battle may not be fought on far away battlefields, but right here in Canada.

We thought it couldn't happen in France, or Holland, or Hong Kong or Singapore or Pearl Harbor or a dozen of other places but it did happen. No one knows where the need will next arise. The time to be prepared is now and the time to give a free hand to the government to meet every emergency is on April 27th. Don't have any regrets or blame if you don't vote "Yes" on April 27th.

**GIVE HITLER YOUR ANSWER  
IT'S YOUR CHANCE TO SERVE**

## Ospringe Institute Elects Mrs. Aitken As Its President

The April meeting of the Ospringe Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. F. Brydon with Miss I. Scanlon presiding for the business period.

It was decided that the Institute would look after S. S. No. 13 Erin, as their district in the Red Cross Canada.

Mrs. F. Brydon took the chair for the election of officers and Mrs. E. Sunter acted as secretary.

The following are the new officers: Hon. President—Miss Emma Baldie, President—Mrs. T. Aitken, Vice-President—Mrs. G. G. Robertson.

Secretary-Treas. Mrs. E. Sunter, Asst. Secretary-Treas.—Miss Dorothy McKenzie.

Planner—Miss Blanche McKinnon, Flower Convention—Mrs. E. Sunter, Asst. Planner—Mrs. A. Fisher, District Director—Mrs. T. Aitken, Directors—Mrs. B. McKinnon, Mrs. F. Brydon, Mrs. W. Jackson, Mrs. G. Aitken.

Program Committee—Mrs. R. Burrows, Mrs. G. Cook, Mrs. D. Stewart, Mrs. B. McKinnon, Mrs. A. Fisher, Press Reporter—Miss Dorothy McKenzie.

Auditors—Miss Blanche McKinnon and Mrs. G. Aitken.

Lunch Committee—Misses Dorothy McKenzie and Isabel Scanlon.

Mrs. F. Brydon conducted a contest after which lunch was served and a social time was spent.

## Gravel Contract is Awarded and Constable Named

Other Items of Interest at Meeting of Erin Township Council For April

The municipal council of the township of Erin met in Hillsburg on April 14th. The following business was transacted:

The Road Superintendent to notify all patrolmen not to loan snow shovels but collect and store same.

Mr. Geo. Bryan was appointed Weed Inspector in place of W. W. Matheson who has resigned.

Hayward Construction Company was awarded contract of supplying gravel on township roads in 1942 at 70c per yard crushed; if screened 80c per yard.

Mr. Albert Logan was appointed constable for Erin Township and Police Village of Hillsburg.

Council donated \$25.00 to Hillsburg Spring Horse Show.

The treasurer reported receiving cheque from provincial treasurer for \$7,430.62 same being 50 per cent on approved road expenditure in 1941.

The following amounts were ordered paid:

Indirect relief	510.24
Hospitalization indigent	99.07
Items 1941 twp. share	65.77
Auditors' salary and expenses	143.20
Sheep destroyed	71.00
Roads	99.07
Bank interest	42.35
Miscellaneous	28.53

Council adjourned to meet at Hillsburg on May 4th, 1942.

## Margaret Harrison Bride in Pretty Church Wedding

Howard Park United Church, decorated with white stocks, snapdragons and calla lilies was the setting for the marriage last Friday evening of Miss Margaret Isabel Harrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Harrison, High Park Blvd., of Toronto, formerly of Acton, to Herbert John Windeler, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Windeler, Geoffrey St. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. Gladstone Watson of Pine Hill Divinity Hall, Halifax, N.S., a cousin of the bride's father, assisted by Rev. Dr. C. A. Williams, W. H. Buckley was at the organ, and Maude Waterworth Craig played selections on the harp.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore heavy old-ivory satin with seed-pearl-trimming, made with a long fitted torso, full hoop skirt and train. Her long veil was held with a cord of white tulle, and she carried orchid, white sweetpeas and Easter lily petals. There were five bridal attendants, the maid of honor, Miss Elizabeth Harrison, sister of the bride, and the bridesmaids, Miss Carolyn Holton, Miss Lorna Windeler and Miss Marion Ramsay. A cousin of the bride, Miss Jeanette Russell was junior bridesmaid. The maid of honor wore blue chiffon with shirred bodice and bouffant skirt. The bridesmaids were in replicas of hers in wood green; the junior bridesmaid in melody pink. Each wore a hat of matching flowers with small veil and carried Dresden bouquets of varied tinted Calla lilies, sweetpeas, forget-me-nots, yellow marguerites and violets.

Best man was Aircraftsman Wilfred Lane, and the ushers, Walter Englund, Jack Sault, William Carriek and William Boland. A reception was held at the bride's home, High Park Blvd., where Mrs. Harrison received in French hennery lace, a flower hat of pink and blue violets with hyacinth and corsage of gardenias and carnation petals. The groom's mother wore royal blue with gold sequins, a picture hat and corsage of pink camellias and roses. The bride's grandmother, Mrs. D. C. Russel wore a navy blue and cream lace ensemble with milk straw hat and corsage of violets, forget-me-nots and sweet peas. The wedding trip was to eastern Canada. The bride travelled in a dressmaker suit of cloud-blue wool with white fox trim and picture hat of milk straw in cloud blue tones, with navy accents. The couple will live in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Windeler left that evening on a wedding trip to Eastern Canada. Guests present from Acton at the wedding and reception which followed at the home were Mrs. D. C. Russel and Miss Jessie Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Mason, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Matthews and Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Dill.

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## C. V. Force to Open Prices, Trade Board Office in Guelph

The Guelph sub-regional office of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board will be officially opened on Monday, April 20, W. Harold McPhillips, prices and supply representative of the Western Ontario region of the board announced on Wednesday.

The Guelph office will be located on the third floor of the customs building. C. Valentine Force of the Force Electric Co., Acton, is the local representative of the board in Guelph.

Information regarding the price ceiling law will be available at this office and any complaints regarding violations should immediately be reported.

Sub-regional offices are now open in Windsor, Brantford, Kitchener, Galt, Woodstock and London. The Owen Sound office will be opened in the near future.

Included in the Guelph territory is Orangeville, Fergus, Mount Forest, Harriston, Elora, Arthur, Grand Valley and Drayton as well as the city of Guelph.

## JOE WHITHAM IS SECRETARY OF GARAGE OPERATORS' ASSOCIATION

At the regular monthly meeting of the Halton Garage Operators' Association Mr. Joe Whitham, popular Acton Garage man, was elected secretary to replace Mr. A. Benton whose resignation was accepted.

The educational portion of the program was provided by Electric Auto-Lite Co., and consisted of two sound pictures "Auto-Lite on Parade" and "Ignition Engineered." This firm also donated two valuable door prizes which were appreciated.

A social half hour with refreshments concluded the evening in a very satisfying manner.

## School Board to Be Discussed by Eramosa Citizens

Tender for Gravel Accepted—Loss of Sheep Killed by Dogs is Serious Problem

The Council for the Township of Eramosa met at 1.30 in the Town Hall, Rockwood, on Monday. The members were all present with the reeve in the chair.

Moved by Messrs. Pinkney and Benham and carried: That the tender of Oscar M. Nickel, of Listowel for gravel resurfacing at 59c per yard be accepted, subject to the approval of the Department of Highways.

Moved by Messrs. Leslie and Pinkney and carried: That this council having in mind the serious losses of 1941 of sheep being worried by dogs and the possibility of further losses in 1942, should inquire strongly on the owners of dogs in the municipality, the provisions of the Live Stock Protection Act regarding dogs running at large. The council hopes that dogs will be kept under proper control so that a special by-law will not be necessary.

Moved by Messrs. Leslie and Benham and carried: That arrangements be made to hold a public meeting regarding the issue of Township School Boards on Monday evening, May 11th, at 8.30 p.m. The School Inspector to be asked to address the meeting and all School Boards in the township specially invited.

The tender of C. E. Lesman for 1942 Voters' List was accepted. Tax discounts and penalties were set at the same rates as in 1941.

Moved by Messrs. Rutherford and Benham and carried: That the accounts amounting to \$1,017.26 be passed for payment and council adjourn to May 11th, at 7 p.m.

## "LOYALTY SUNDAY" IN THE UNITED CHURCH FOR APRIL 26th

Something quite new and novel is being planned for the United Church for Sunday, April 26th, which will be celebrated as a "Loyalty" Sunday. The congregation and school will meet together at eleven in an "All-the-family-at-church-together" service. There will be special music with solos by visiting singers, bright hymn-singing, and a new feature, a congregational professional, will be factors in an out-of-the-ordinary worship program. The minister's address will feature the story of Joseph and the chest which provided for the upbuilding of the temple. A number of "Ladies in White" will have an interesting part in the service.

## Masonic Brethren Honored at Time of Official Visit

Walker Lodge Presents Life Memberships to Wm. Cooper and Dr. J. A. McNiven

Monday night was a memorable occasion in the annals of Walker Lodge. Besides being the official visit of D.D.G.M. I. C. Laschinger, the lodge honored two of its members and paid tribute to the service they have rendered Masonry through the Acton Lodge.

Ver. Wor. Bro. Wm. Cooper has been honored by Grand Lodge and on Monday recognition of his faithful service to his mother lodge was made when a life membership was presented on behalf of the lodge by a senior member W. Bro. A. T. Brown.

Wor. Bro. J. A. McNiven who has also given splendid service in Walker Lodge was also honored. He has been a Member for 32 years and was presented with the fifty year Jewel and a life membership in Walker Lodge. Dr. McNiven has disposed of his practice in Acton and has retired and is a parting memento from the lodge a cigarette case and lighter with Masonic crest and monogram was presented by W. Bro. H. L. Ritchie.

While both the brethren were taken by surprise at this recognition, a suitable reply was made. In the work of the lodge inspected by the Grand Lodge officers W. Bro. R. J. MacArthur and the officers were praised for their conduct of lodge work.

The attendance was one of the largest and nearly two hundred sat down to the banquet table in the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium after the lodge work.

Following serving of a bounteous and delightful supper the toast list was presided over by Wor. Bro. MacArthur.

A moment's silence was observed for four brethren who had passed away during the year and the toast to the King and Armed Forces was honored before Rev. A. W. Fosbury gave the grace and the banquet was partaken of. The toast list was brief but had some splendid addresses.

The toast to Grand Lodge was proposed by P.D.D.G.M. J. A. Leslie. In his reply D.D.G.M. Laschinger told of the torch of victory that had symbolized Canada's first victory.

and the torch of Masonry could carry and the part that brotherhood could assume not only in bringing peace but also in making peace lasting.

The toast to the visiting brethren was ably proposed by W. Bro. Geo. Gordon and as splendidly responded to as it was given by Bro. J. E. Whitehead of St. Clair Lodge, Milton. The Junior Warden's toast brought this memorable Masonic evening to a close.

## VOTING PRESENTATIONS, SALVAGE PROGRAM, SUBJECTS OF I.O.D.E.

The Duke of Devonshire, Chapter I.O.D.E. held their April meeting at the home of Mrs. P. Smith with the Hon. Regent Mrs. Bar presiding. The usual routine of business was disposed of and arrangements were made to hold the annual tag day in September. A donation of twenty-five dollars was presented to the Hunt and Game Club for their sister dominion in Australia. Each member was to give a voluntary contribution for the peace time fund.

Miss P. Smith and Mrs. A. Mason were appointed to purchase a new flag and Mrs. Dills and Mrs. Mainprize to look after the Spring Collection of all magazines.

The ladies were urged to vote on the plebiscite. Mrs. W. J. Beatty was asked to be the delegate to the provincial convention in Hamilton. Current events were given by Mrs. J. C. Matthews. Mrs. Hassard and Mrs. Coles were presented with war badges as a tribute to their sons in service. Mrs. Mainprize read a very interesting article on the lives of Mrs. Winston Churchill, Mrs. T. Roosevelt and Madame Chiang Kai-Shek.

In conclusion the hostess for the evening served lunch.

## SHIPMENT TO RED CROSS REPRESENTS LOT OF KNITTING

The latest shipment of supplies sent from Acton and district Red Cross rooms had quite a varied list and represented a splendid lot of work by the ladies. There were 61 pair of mitts; 25 pair of gloves; 25 caps; 1 pair wristlets; 1 Necktie; 1 Knit hat; 1 pair fingerless mitts; 3 odd ribbed seaman hose; 1 handkerchief; 35 scarves; 23 turtle-neck sweaters; 10 sleeveless sweaters; 17 pair seaman hose; 10 aera helmets; 30 helmets.

## Customs Receipts Here Show Gain. Nearly \$100,000

Customs and other returns at Acton have shown record gains for several years but this year's figures of \$299,215.80 set a new high for the Acton office. Customs Officer Middleton reports that last year's figures were \$207,923.60 or a gain in the year of \$91,292.20. The year ended with March.

Acton's varied industries and their activities are reflected in these returns and the importance of the port to the town's business.

The figures for the first three months of 1942 were lower than those of last year. In January, February and March this year collections were \$56,240.90 against \$71,063.65 for the same period in 1941, but the whole year showed a gain of nearly a third.

## CLOSING MEETING OF DUBLIN LITERARY HELD LAST WEEK

The Dublin Literary Society met in the school for their last regular meeting of the season with the President, Mr. Burkholder in the chair. Following the usual business part of the meeting Mr. Cutts acted as chairman for a well rendered program, which included piano solos by Margaret Somerville and Dorothy Frank; vocal solos by Margaret Robertson, Verna Webster, Mrs. Robertson and Mrs. Cutts and recitations by Mr. Burkholder.

A most interesting talk on Holland was given by Mrs. Velthuis who afterwards sang the National Thanksgiving. The meeting closed by joining hands to sing Auld Lang Syne. Lunch was served in concluding the meeting.

## Robt. J. McPherson Former Police Chief Died Very Suddenly

Had Served Seventeen Years As Municipal Officer—Life-Time Resident of Acton District

The community and a wide circle of friends were shocked to learn of the sudden death early Saturday morning of Robert J. McPherson. He had been about as usual during the day and retired Friday evening without complaining of ill health. During the night he suffered a heart seizure and passed away suddenly. He was in his sixty-third year.

No citizen of Acton was better known than Bob McPherson. For seventeen years he served Acton as Municipal Officer and Chief of Police and all the other duties that are incumbent with that position. No official could have been more painstaking in the service rendered and we doubt if any other officers in Acton held the position for a longer term than his seventeen years. Two years ago his health condition which caused his death made it necessary for him to relinquish his position. Shortly after he was honored by the Ontario Government by being appointed a Justice of the Peace, which commission he held until his death.

Service could be much said about the career of Mr. McPherson to this community. To the lawbreaker and offender against the rights of society he was the stern and unswerving arm of the law. To the down-trodden and the man who needed a lift, he was more often than many know, the helping hand. He carried fairness, sympathy and understanding in his duties with marked ability. We need say no more for the memory of Bob McPherson's life lives in the hearts of many.

For many years he was a faithful and efficient member of Acton Fire Brigade. He had served as a member and as chairman of Acton School Board. In fraternal circles he was a member of Acton Lodge I.O.O.F. and had served through the various offices and was honored as Noble Grand. He was a member of Knox Presbyterian Church.

Robert John McPherson was the son of the late Robert and Caroline McPherson. He was born on the farm home on the second line of Esqueving, just below Acton and as a boy attended Dublin School. When a young man he came to Acton and was for years a valued employee of Boardman & Co. leaving their employment to take the position for the municipality. He had spent his entire life in Acton and district. Thirty-five years ago he married Blanche E. Dills who with their son Eugene of Toronto and Dorothy at home, remain to revive the memory of a loving husband and father. Three brothers and one sister also remain.

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## Council Takes Leadership For Vote on Plebiscite

Thank-Offering Meeting of Knox Missionary Societies

The Easter Thank-offering meeting of the W. M. S. of Knox Church was held Thursday afternoon, April 15th, Mrs. Geo. Murray presiding.

Mrs. F. Blow and Mrs. Wm. Thompson conducted the devotions and Easter messages were given by Mrs. Hassard and Mrs. Bonnie. Two members of the Junior organizations were guests and assisted with the program. Margaret Somerville contributed an instrumental and Dora Hanson, a vocal solo.

Arrangements were made for delegates to the provincial meeting in Orillia, May 11, 12, 13, 14 and for the Presbyterial Rally in Hespeler, May 19th.

Victoria Mission Band observed the Easter season by the holding of a thank-offering meeting on Thursday evening April 2nd, with the vice-president in the chair and an Easter sunrise service at 6.45 a.m. Sunday at which Jimmie Spielvogel, the president, presided.

## CHURCHILL LADIES PLAN ACTIVITIES AT THEIR MEETING

Churchill Women's Association and the Churchill Official Board met on Wednesday of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Butler. Following the devotional part of the program in which Mrs. Kerr, Mrs. Griffin and Mrs. Freeman took part, several items of activities were arranged. It was decided not to hold a baking sale this year but each member agreed to make a contribution. A quilting was also planned. Delegates to the convention at Milton were named, Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Freeman.

## Golden Wedding Anniversary at Limehouse Home

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Dobbie of Hamilton, and formerly of Limehouse, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the Scott homestead, (now the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Scott), the site of their wedding, Sunday last. Many relatives and friends gathered to offer congratulations and a program was presented and a luncheon, followed by the presentation of a purse of gold. Their two sons: Frank of Toronto and William of Cleveland were present, also their bridesmaid, Mrs. Robert Lane, who did the honors, assisted by James Dobbie, a brother. The groomsmen, Bobby Wheeler died a few years ago. Born in Limehouse, they left for their new home in Hamilton immediately following their wedding. Mrs. Dobbie is a daughter of the late William and Rachael Scott and Mr. Dobbie is a son of the late James and Mrs. Dobbie. They were Presbyterians and were married by Rev. E. Edge of Acton.

Guests were present from Hamilton, Toronto, Georgetown, Acton, Limehouse and Dolly Garden. A letter of congratulatory was read from the congregation. "On behalf of sisters, brothers, relatives and friends."

## A SERVICE OF SPECIAL INTEREST SUNDAY EVENING

Another special service will be held in the United Church on Sunday evening next, Miss Marjorie Pickell of Brantford, who is a very able and pleasing speaker, will give an illustrated address on the Amsterdam World Conference of Youth, which was held just before the outbreak of the war. She was herself a delegate from Canada, and the slides she will use at the service here are developed from pictures which she herself took on the way to and at the conference. They are an exceptionally fine collection. All are invited to this service.

## MESSAGE BY EGG

WORCESTER, England, (CP)—"Hi, pal, how about dropping me a line?" was the inscription Etina Baxter, Neepawa, Man., pencilled on an egg which was unpacked by a woman worker at a Worcester grocery.

## LONGEST GRAPEVINE

ADELAIDE, Australia, (CP)—This state capital claims the longest grapevine in the world. It's on a tin-can factory and is 283 feet long, 80 years old and gives 3,500 pounds of ladyfinger grapes each year.

Have Arranged meeting for to-night to Urge Citizens of Seriousness of Question—Building By-Law Gets Further Revision—Abuse of Public Lavatories Calls for Action by Council and Y.M.C.A. Board—No Auditors' Report Yet Received.

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

A building by-law which consolidates and modernizes about twenty other by-laws was reviewed by council and revised as deemed advisable. The changes were marked for final revision before being submitted to the provincial department.

The eighth report of the Finance Committee recommended that the following accounts be paid:

Tax Collector, Y. M. C. A.	Taxes	\$ 156.79
Tax Collector, Thos. Neller, taxes for 1942		21.38
Acton Public Utilities Commission, street lights, Town Hall, Arena, Fire Pump, etc.		207.13
Workmen's Compensation Bd., first instalment of assessment		21.05
W. J. Talbot, supplies		7.43
Welfare Accounts		63.12
Elliott Bros., supplies		40
A. T. Brown, supplies		75
Symon Hardware, supplies		4.50
A. Oakley, work on streets		11.40
Morley Allen, work on streets		7.50
Ed. Wettlinger, work on streets		2.40
W. Cutting, work on streets		1.20
Orrie Lamb, repairing window		1.00
Acton Free Press, advertising		4.45
C. F. Leatherland, salary, etc.		93.23
Bell Telephone Co., services		9.04
Bank of Montreal, loan repaid		5,000.00
W. H. Young, labor		1.00
		\$5,613.87

A motion and an agreement regarding the engaging of James Moore as assistant to Chief Harrop was presented and approved at this meeting.

Other motions were passed regarding tax arrears and infractions for the collector.

The council discussed the question that the auditors' report for 1941 had not been received and Reeve McDonald was asked to contact the auditors pointing the undue delay was a considerable inconvenience.

A letter from the City of Toronto regarding relief paid "was" returned and the clerk was instructed to refer them to former correspondence.

The Duke of Devonshire, I.O.D.E., expressed appreciation of the use of the Town Hall for showing an educational film. Permission was requested by the Chapter to hold a tag day on Fair Day, which was granted. The Chapter also expressed a willingness (Continued on Page Eight)

## Coming Events

St. Alban's W. A. are holding a Luncheon Sale in the Parish Hall, on Saturday, April 25th.

1942 Luck Supper in United Church on Wed. April 29th. Admission 25c. Supper 6.30 p.m.

A Social and Dance sponsored by Carry On Canada Club at Lorne School April 29th, 8 p.m.

Chinese Checkers social in United Church Tues. April 21, at 9 o'clock. Silver collection for Stinson Fund.

Acton Women's Institute Euchre in the Y.M.C.A. on Wed. April 22nd, 8 o'clock sharp. Good prizes and door prize. Everybody welcome. Admission 25c.

Dance in Town Hall, Acton, Friday April 24th, sponsored by the Happy Gang, Boris Hull's Orchestra. Proceeds for Smok's. Admission 25c. from 9 till 2 o'clock.

Don't miss 3-Act Comedy entitled "The Improper Henry Proper," to be presented by the Limehouse Young People in Limehouse Church on Wed. April 22. Admission 25c and 15c.