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Material for Street Repairs and Calcium are Arranged

No More Street Lights to Be Added for Duration — Drinking Fountain Badly Abused and Not Operating — New Auditor Has Made First Quarterly Audit—Other Items at Meeting of Acton Council.

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

Council met as a Court of Revision to consider the taxes on the mill property on Mill Street that was now only being used as a store house and from which equipment had been removed. Mr. D. H. Lindsay who recently purchased the property was present to discuss the matter. The building was now assessed for \$1,200 and had a \$200 business assessment. The court agreed to reduce the assessment on the building by \$500 or half the present amount. Land tax remained the same and the business tax was put at the minimum of \$100.

Council adjourned as a Court of Revision and resumed as a regular council meeting.

Mr. J. V. Savage was present regarding cancellation of a dog tax since the dog had been destroyed. Council referred to the ruling that no refund of dog taxes would be made and the ruling stood.

Superintendent Wilson of the Public Utilities Commission reported that the usual public water services had been turned on. The fountain at the Post Office was in bad condition and the drainage from the fountain was blocked and it had been ordered to be shut off by the caretaker at the Post Office. Council considered moving the fountain to the Y.M.C.A. property and the Clerk was instructed to ask the Women's Institute if they approved of this since the Institute had given the fountain to the town. The matter will be dealt with at the next meeting.

Council decided that any orders for installing additional street lights should be passed by council and the order written to the Public Utilities Commission. Present shortage of hydro power did not allow installation of any further lights and one request on John Street was refused.

Accounts were passed by the Finance Committee for payment as follows:

Acton Public Utilities Commission, street lights	\$193.98
C. F. Letherland, fees re sale of	11.30
Acton Free Press, advertising	17.85
County of Halton, grading	21.00
Tommy Green, sharpening mower	16.70
Beardmore & Co., welding re fire truck	1.25
Welfare Accounts	60.95
Treasurer of Ontario licenses for bank and Town Hall	6.00
E. Rondknight, work on sts.	9.60
B. Parpeter, repairs to hedge	1.60
Hinton's 5c to \$1 Store, supplies	15
A. T. Brown, supplies	20
E. Packer, tires	75

\$341.43

The account from Guelph Collegiate for Acton pupils attending was submitted by the School Board as requested by council and approved for county council. A letter was read from the Unemployment Insurance Commission and application received for employees eligible for insurance.

A letter from the Department of Highways was received regarding the building by-law. Attention was drawn that the municipality could not regulate erection of signs on highways without special permission.

A letter from Mr. H. A. Leger, auditor, informed council that the first quarterly audit had been made and the letter outlined the work that would be done on each visit and the check made on the various accounts.

An account from the Hospital for Incurables was returned to County Council stating that they felt Mrs. Smith was not an indigent patient.

Chief Harrop drew attention of council to the need of street grading on Agnes Street to relieve an accumulation of water. Repairs were to be made and the necessary fill supplied.

Councillor Oakes reported that crushed gravel for the streets could be secured from the Hayward Construction Co. at 77c per yard spread on the street. This could be secured after July 1st in any quantity desired. Mr. Oakes also reported that the calcium chloride for the streets was on hand and the streets will be graded again and the calcium applied. Where needed small quantities of gravel could be secured before July 1st to allow application of the dust laying material.

Fairview Cemetery Was Beautiful On Mothers' Day

Fairview Cemetery was a very sacred spot to many on Mother's Day and through the effort of Caretaker H. Fryer this spot never looked better than on last Sunday. An early spring brought grass along quickly and with it a short period in which to do all the clean-up work but the job was accomplished and the spot was a delight to all who visited there on Sunday. Winter's accumulation of earth had all been cleared away. Most plots had been levelled and where necessary sodded. The grass was neatly trimmed and the improvement made last fall when the pines were well trimmed up fitted into the plan of beautification. Cemetery Board and Caretaker have been justly complimented by many.

In order to keep Fairview beautiful a few simple rules, easily observed have been posted up. They are just little things to do but the co-operation of plot owners and visitors in observing these rules will further enhance the beauty and assure that it is always neat and tidy. The Board is also informing the public of the rate established for perpetual care. If you didn't visit Fairview on Sunday, you too will appreciate its beauty when you do call there in these early spring days.

TWO DAYS WEEK TO COLLECT SALVAGE NOW REQUIRED

It has been found impossible to keep up with salvage collection on one day a week. Mr. R. H. Lowry, who has been the most faithful man in charge of this work has arranged that on Wednesday all that section of Acton south west of Main Street and including all of Main Street will be covered.

The remainder of the town will, as usual, be covered on Saturdays. Citizens are urged to get out all the salvage possible. It is being constantly cleared and the more of these waste materials put to work in the war effort, the better. The Salvage Committee and Acton is doing another good war job here. Keep it going until victory is won.

April was the biggest month since the campaign has been in operation. In that month over seven tons of salvage was hauled. The revenue from this amounted to \$109.51.

The news summary at ten o'clock instead of eleven is a change that many appreciate over C.B.L.

When "Y's" Men Entertained Boys



Photos were taken at the banquet when Acton Y's Men's Club gave the Juvenile Hockey Teams a big night. Picture at left shows Y's Men V. B. Rumley, Charlie Kirkness, Bill Benson and Ben Rachlin during a writing period in their time of serving the boys. Picture at right shows the Championship Trophies being presented to the Senior Boys by G. A. Dills. Photos are by Courtesy of Y's Men George Mason.

Acton School Won Trophy at Music Festival

Entries at the Halton County Music Festival from Acton this year are limited. Due to war-time conditions and transportation the same is found with most other schools in the county.

Yesterday Acton School had only an entry for the Junior Choir. Under the direction of Miss M. Ricketts, Musical Supervisor in Acton School, the choir won first place and the trophy. There were four entries in this contest. Acton scored 80 points, Milton 78, Strathcona 76 and Bronte 75.

To-day only the double trio from Acton is entered in the competitions. On Wednesday instead of securing cars necessary to transport the pupils to Milton the crowd of thirty-five went via truck.

Heavy Frosts But Little Damage To Early Crops

When the temperature on Saturday and Sunday nights dropped to freezing and on the morning following frost covered the ground and water was frozen, there was fear for the early gardens, blossoms and crops that were this year exceptionally well advanced at this time.

Conversation with gardeners and farmers however seems to reveal that it is believed the frosts has caused no serious damage. Early potatoes coming through the ground were nipped, but they will recover. Early grain does not appear to be damaged in any way. The season is fully four weeks ahead of usual this year and maps have been out in leaf for over a week. It is to be hoped however that no further frosts will be experienced.

Acton Platoon Reserve Army is Nearly Complete

Drive for Recruits Stimulated by Parade and Concert Saturday Evening

The campaign for recruits to bring the Acton Platoon of the Reserve Army for Home Defence up to full strength of fifty men has met with splendid success and if this week brings in eight more the vacancies will all be filled. Once again Acton has responded to another war appeal in a splendid way.

Saturday evening the Lorne Scots Band led a parade of members of the Citizens' Committee, Veterans and present members of the Lorne Scots. In spite of the unsuitable weather a fair crowd attended at the Post Office square to hear the purposes of Reserve Army for Home Defence explained and the need for such a unit. The attack on boats in the Gulf of St. Lawrence this week will also serve as a reminder that home defence may be needed much sooner than Canada is ready for it.

Col. J. Ballantine, chairman of the (Continued on Page Five)

MARY R. MOORE GUILD HAD VARIED PROGRAM TUESDAY

The regular monthly meeting of the Mary R. Moore Girls' Guild was held Tuesday evening at the home of Mary Ritchie. Following opening devotions Inez McLellan led in prayer. The Scripture was taken by Joan Rumley. Dora Hanson favored the meeting with a piano solo and Mrs. Johnny Gray took the story from the Study Book. Joyce Dessereault rendered a solo and the National Anthem closed the meeting. A social time was enjoyed.

MRS. A. SHULTIS PRESIDENT OF THE ROCKALONG INSTITUTE

The Rockalong Women's Institute held their annual meeting at Mrs. W. Pasmore's with twenty-one members present.

The roll call was responded to by paying affiliation fees. Mrs. Plank presided over the business section of the meeting. Mrs. H. Maude, Mrs. G. Graham, Mrs. A. Shultis and Mrs. D. McNabb were named as delegates to the District Annual. It was moved we have a visiting play in the near future.

Mrs. W. Pasmore was nominated to act as chairperson for the election of officers which resulted as follows:

President—Mrs. A. Shultis.
1st Vice-President—Mrs. D. McNabb.
2nd Vice-President—Mrs. C. Plank.
Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. W. Dunbar.

District Director—Helen Bayne.
Pianist—Mrs. B. Ramsden.
Assist. Pianist—Doris Watson.
Flower Committee—Mrs. Geo. Graham, Mrs. C. Tit.
Auditors—Mrs. W. McNabb, Mrs. G. Wallace.

Standing Committee convenors:
Health—Mrs. Doris Watson; Agriculture—Mrs. D. McNabb; Home Economics—Mrs. W. McNabb; Education—Mrs. E. Pasmore; War Work—Mrs. R. Johnston; Historical Research—Mrs. C. Plank.

SCOUT MOTHERS TO ASSIST FUNDS SCOUT JAMBOREE

The May Meeting of the Scout Mothers was held at the home of Mrs. D. Richardson. The President, Mrs. Spelvig opened the meeting with "The Mother's Promise." The meeting arranged to co-operate with the men's group committee, to raise funds for the Scouts' Jamboree at Blue Springs to be held soon. The meeting closed with prayer after which Mrs. Richardson assisted by Mrs. Masters, served a dainty lunch.

War's Sick and Wounded Calls for the Help of All

Spring Fever Does Some Queer Things In These Days

Spring poetry, spring frolics and all the other exuberance of this season of the year are known down through the ages of the past but this generation seems to have a different conception and consequently a different method of expression.

To wit here's a couple of local incidents of the week that came to our attention. The pulpit Bible in the Baptist Church is missing and it is suspected a transient entered the building and carried it off. The hope is that it is studied thoroughly and he will be convinced of the error of his ways.

An Acton home that has a nice hilly pond in the back yard transferred a dozen gold fish from the bowl in the home to the pond a week ago. A young lad of Acton went into the yard, into the pond and cleaned out the whole dozen fish and took them home. Of the ones recovered from him two have since died.

No wonder that some times in these days offer folk sigh for the good old days when transients stole loaves of bread or more often begged a bite to eat and when youngsters got parental discipline that impressed upon them the necessity of not removing the property of other folks. Perhaps that molasses and sulphur was responsible for more than it was given credit.

Salvage Further Organized Under Service League

Salvage work was further systematized at the meeting of Acton and District War Services League when the following industries arranged for volunteer members of their staffs to contribute one night at the storehouse on Elgin Street. Ajax Engineers, 8 men; Canadian Wool Co., 8 men; Wool Combing Corporation, 8 men; Mason Knitting Co., 7 men; Parry Electric Products, 4 men; Baxter Laboratories, 4 men; Acton Machine Shops, 3 men; Beardmore Co., to advise secretary of number of men.

Wednesday night will be the night for work in the salvage rooms. A schedule is to be drawn up and each industry will be accountable for the help for that night.

The Happy Four contributed \$31.00 to go to the English Children's Milk Fund.

Local Canvassers Heartened by Fine Donations from Acton Industries — Only the Red Cross Can Send Parcels to Prisoners of War — Only the Red Cross Can Bring Relief to the Sick and Wounded—Your Donation is Needed to Reach \$3,000 Objective.

This week Red Cross workers are calling at every home asking that Acton and district give \$3,000 to carry on this work among the wounded, the bombed victims, prisoners of war and the relief of those who suffer most from war and its horrors. We have nothing but praise for every form that brings comfort to any one in the fighting service. But the greatest dispenser of help to those who need it most and many times cannot help themselves is the Red Cross.

The campaign in Acton was given a splendid boost from the West three industries to make their contributions. The Canadian Wool Co. cheque was for \$250, the Wool Combing Corporation made a contribution of \$300 and the Mason Knitting Company made a contribution of \$200. These amounts are from the companies named and do not include donations from the employees.

These three donations put Acton in a real start for the object of \$3,000. It is hoped that the Red Cross appeal like every other appeal in Acton and district will go away over the top.

Last week we saw how parcels were packed to be sent to the prisoners of war. They sent 10,000 of these parcels every week and they cost \$2.50 each. They weigh 11 pounds and perhaps you will be interested as we were, to know what is sent. Here is the list: 1 lb. powdered whole milk, 1 lb. of butter in tin container, a package of specially packed cheese, a can of corned beef and a tin of pork luncheon meat; a tin of sardines and a tin of salmon. Eight ounces each of dried apples and dried prunes, 4 ounces of sugar, 16 ounces of Jam, a 16 ounce package of pilot biscuits, 16 ounces of eating chocolate, 1 ounce of salt and pepper, 4 ounces of tea and 2 ounces of soap.

These foods are not selected in any haphazard way but contain what is sufficient to supplement what is being given by the Germans to the prisoners. They supply 2070 calories. At present each prisoner does not get one of these boxes each week. The Red Cross is not able to do that much but with your help the work will go on and remember that only through the Red Cross, can prisoners of war get any articles of food or clothing from home.

This is just one of the many activities of the Red Cross. Here is a little incident of the Red Cross Blanket Fund.

In the early days of those appalling heavy raids on London more than 100,000 blankets were distributed. They were to be found in tube stations, in the churches, in the public shelters and in the little Anderson shelters amidst the ruins of the homes. An old lady who was dug out after being buried for 24 hours was asked if she was very cold. "No," she said, "I was wrapped in my red Canadian blanket."

Last year through the Red Cross 30,000 donations of blood were given with many donors giving regularly every eight weeks. Since that time the war has spread and grown in intensity. More clinics must be opened, and the objective for this year 125,000 donations a week which will require 25,000 donors. Connaught Laboratories in Toronto where the whole blood is processed has increased its facilities to take care of additional donations. The blood of five donors is needed for one average transfusion, so the need is great. A reserve of serum must be built up for the hazardous days ahead.

One of the great medical discoveries of this war has been the method of processing whole blood into dried serum, by a freezing and de-watering process which converts the blood plasma into a powdered serum which can be stored on ships, at the scene of battle or in hospitals indefinitely.

On the field of battle, in the hospital, wherever there are war's sick and suffering the Red Cross is doing its job. There are many appeals to (Continued on Page Eight)

Scenes at The C.W.N.A. (Ontario-Quebec Group) Convention, Toronto



1. Mr and Mrs R. A. Giles of Lachute, Clarence Charters of Brampton in background, just about to board the bus outside the "Star" Building, Toronto.
2. Some of the officers in the garden of Mr and Mrs. E. G. Dingman of York Mills where the delegates were entertained. Mr and Mrs. Dingman are the parents of Mrs. A. O. Hebb of Newmarket.
3. Left to Right: C. B. Smith, Cremore Star; First V. P., Frank Macintyre, "Dundalk Herald"; Honorary President, John A. Marsh, "Amherstburg Echo"; President and R. A. Giles, "Lachute Watchman"; Secretary-Treasurer.
4. D. R. Wilson, publisher of the Shawinigan Falls Review, obtains an autograph from Flight Sergeant Joseph, the Canadian-Tish Airman Post.
5. John A. Marsh, President 1942-3 Ontario-Quebec Group of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association.
6. Delegates outside the I.O.O.F. Hall, Toronto, prior to inspecting the "Red Cross" packing room where parcels for Prisoners of War are made up. The delegates were impressed by the business-like manner in which the volunteer workers make up the parcels in such nothing but the best quality, highly nutritious products are placed.
7. Frank Macintyre, "Dundalk Herald," proudly displays the "Clark Trophy" which he won as publisher of the best all-round newspaper published in a town of 1,500 or less.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Conventions, or events, under this heading, are charged, in cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 25c.
Guelph Old-Time Fiddlers in the Acton Town Hall, to-night.