Y.M.C.A. Circus Delighted Crowd for Two Nights

Four Groups Gave Display Gymnastics and Drills-Zippy and Zany Snappy

Those not actively connected with activities at Acton Y.M.C.A. received u glimpse of gym activities that was really a delightful surprise when the annual Y.M.C.A. circus was held last Friday and Saturday ovening.

all dressed up as ringmaster the four classes under the direction of Super- that cannot be bettered. visor Johnny Gray put on a display Mrs. W. Alger has a sister and three Just a Part of tumbling, pyramids, drills, etc., brothers serving in the forces. Miss that made a fine program:

that had plenty of give and take call- Acton and District over the top. ed "King of the Mat." The first night there was only one crowned head but the second night the title had two on the throne who wouldn't abdicate.

The Senior girls gave a hoop drill well timed. They did a number of intricate tumbling movements

showed practise and skill. The Senior Boys' group really had a variety of thrillers. They can do head springs, hand springs, front flips, Adjustments Are Considered, in nip-ups and a lot of other movements. Their concluding performance on the spring-board and vaulting horse gave an entertainment that pleased everyone and showed what can be done with attaining skill gymnastics by proper tultion and sup-

But what's a circus without clowns and Zippy and Zany were certainly on the job right through the whole show. Their final act was breath-taking for the ladies in the audience who were in line for the concluding deluge of They were two of the Y boys, Ken Hassard and George Hollinger, and they had lots of acts of

their own and put pep in the show The concluding number was grand march past and the National Anthem. The Y. Circus is an even that will be anticipated every year and those attending were delighted to see the training the boys and girls are receiving in the gymnasium

Dr. Gordon Agnew Arrived In China With His Supplies

Safe arrival of Dr. R. G. Agnew Chungking was announced this week by the board of foreign missions the United Church of Canada. Agnew who is professor, of dental; pathology at the dental college West China Union University, Chengtu, took with him 50 tons of supplies for China relief and mission hospitals of the United Church.

Dr. and Mrs. Agnew and family spent a furlough here and Mrs Agnew and the family were not permitted to return to China with him owing present' disturbed conditions: Agnew left Canada shortly after Christmas on the return trip Many, friends here will be glad to hear of man" published for the Technical of \$3,000. We talked to some of the Agnew is a son-in-law of Mrs. . H. women of the administration staff for them were real discouraged in the re-Caldwell, Acton.

CHAS. WILSON OFFICER METREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

At the meeting in Guelph on Tuesday, Charles W. Wilson, superintendent of Acton Public Utilities Commission, was elected Vice-President the Grand Valley Metremen's Asso-, this special work of her profession

Other officers elected were G. Groy, Waterloo, President, G Stairs, Kit- KNOX Y.W.A. MET chener. Secretary-Treasurer. Jas Gray, Kitchener, J A. Fraser Stratford and H Howard, Brantford Township, members of the executive

The next meeting of this associa-Tion will be held in September in

> ACTON BOYS ENLISTED - This Wesk's Engineer

Families That Have Given Liberally In Victory Fight

There are many Canadian familles who do seem to carry an extra heavy burden in this fight for freedom from gangsterism and where the call has met response from sometimes the whole family.

Mr. James Taylor, Brock Avenue, has four sons, and every one of them are now in the army. Herbert and Henry are with the Canadian forces overseas: Joe is now stationed Camp Borden, with the active forces and George, who is attending high school, is training with the Acton ... With the genial Charlie Kirkness Platoon of the Reserve Army. A record indeed for answering the call

There are four groups at the Y for at the St. Thomas Technical Training By Local Workers M. L. Dubois is equipment assistant floor work in the gym and they start School; LAC. Bill Dubois is in Newwith the boys and girls of ten years foundland; Sgt. Walter Dubols is ht of age in the first two groups. Then Fingal and the youngest brother Phil the boys and girls from 14 to 18; is at the pre-training school at Reyears old comprise the second two gina, Sask. Another fine family record. In view of these family sacri-The Junior girls did relay races, fices of son and daughters, a contritumbling and all the exercises on the bution at least \$5 from every home beginners level and they have at- for the Red Cross that is needed in tained remarkable efficiency for their Acton and district seems out of all age. The Junior boys did tumbling, comparison. But an average of that pyramids, relay races, and a game amount from every home will put

The School Board that was both pretty and graceful and Has Special Meeting

View of Salaries Throughout the Province

At a special meeting of the Acton School Board on Monday evening replies were received from the memhers of the Public School staff regarding re-engagement for the next

Letters of acceptance were received from Miss M. Ricketts, Miss Hawke and Miss E. Pridham accepting the salaries offered for the next-term. in the last-issue. Miss-Folster, Miss Orr, Miss Anderson and Miss Hollinger requested that

a view to granting a further increase! After careful consideration and tabulation of salaries paid in other avoided.

communities of similar size obtained from the Department of Education figures, the Board decided that the increases offered in the first instance were all that could be granted and were in keeping with salaries throughout the province. The salary of Principal McKenzie

was also considered after a similar tabulation had been made of Ontario Not Half of Objective schools in communities Acton's size and of a similar number of rooms. To these figures Mr. McKenzie was of- and Only Two More Days fered re-engagement at a salary of \$1.650 for the next term. Mr. George Mann, caretaker, was

offered re-engagement at a salary of \$1,175 per annum. All the members of the Board were

present at this meeting and Chairman V. B. Rumley presided.

MISS JESSIE YOUNG INSTRUCTRESS IN Dr. HOSPITAL TRAINING

A recent issue of "The Aircrafts- ed the half-way mark in the objective his kafe arrival in the land in which Training School at St. Thomas has a canvassers who had worked hard Dr. photograph of a group of fine young covering the territory and some airwomen. In this photo is Miss ception and help that was being given lessie Young, formerly of Acton who the Red Cross. 'is now instructress for the Hospital! In spite of the splendid start it Assistant's Course, part of the course looks as if the finish is yet a long taught at the St, Thomas school Miss way off. Acton and district has met Young is a graduate nurse of Toronto every war call and it seems hard to General Hospital . This course in conceive that above all the Red Cross training for hospital assistants, is the appeal would go short. Perhaps folks second to be started in the Dominion, are tired of giving. But if you are,Acton friends join us in congratu- remember that perhaps too the solof toring Miss Young on her service in diers, sailors and airmen are tired of 'fighting - If they quit as some civil

AT THE HOME OF -MRS-ALEX-MANN

The YMC Amof Knox Church was . Mile Eve Currie just back from a held at the home of Mrs. A. Mann, five months' trip of the battlefield out of my house . I have already with Mrs O'Hara-in charge. The de- told in a recent radio address why the lost everything I had." · votional period was taken by Mrs. demands on the Canadian Red Cross ! Masters and Mrs. Matthews Mrs. are so enormous. She told of the these things that I saw with my eyes was decided to cease any activity or Wilds read a paper "A message to desperate need on all fronts for scien- and that remain an obsession to me carry on any program by the Acton Women's Auxiliaries." Miss. Marg. tific equipment, medical supplies and -you will not say: "I-have given al- Business Men's Association. The aret Brown played a piano solo and food; how the Red Cross is fighting ready but I will give again and meeting was called for the election, Alleen McIsaac sang a solo. Plans the ravages of war on soldiers and again." were made to attend the Guelph Mis- civilians and battling against famine | Don't be a quitter. If you value not sufficient interest to keep the or- Yugoslavia, student at Cambridge firegory Theatre Acton, June 1st and sionary Presbyterial in Hespeler; also, and disease from the tropies to the your freedom of Canadian life be ganization in an active state. Monty Roote has enlisted with the a strawberry social was planned for far north. She appealed for "your prepared to make a little sacrifice to The funds in the bank were placed nels, blue sweater and brown tweed man's Association. Proceeds for A.

\$25 AND COSTS FOR RECKLESS DRIVING IN ACTON COURT

On a charge of reckless driving following a collision between two cars on Main Street in Acton a few weeks ago,-Pte. Allan-White of Stanley-Barracks, Toronto, was fined \$25 and costs in Police Court in Acton yester-

In passing sentence Magistrate Mc-Donald said while it was regretted that a man in uniform had to be prosecuted he felt that the tendency toward leniency must be stopped and that soldiers would have to be punished as civilians if such carefessness was going to be stopped. Chief Harrop of Acton investigated the case and laid the charge.

Of the Red Cross

ever since Canada entered the war the Red Cross has supervised and cates. trict in providing hospital 'supplies and warm clothing for the victims of

Here are the articles that went the last shipment: 15 quilts; 7 dozen pair of socks: 5 cardigan sweaters: turtle neck sweaters: 10 pair pyjamas, 2 pair-seaman's socks; 5 pair mitts; 7 pair gloves; 4 scarves; 2 helmets and 7 pair of bedroom slippers. A lot of work for busy hands. you've ever seen one of those turtle neck sweaters or a pair of seaman's socks, you'll know that they are some reachers' Salaries khitting. Just a part of the supplies. your donation to the Red Cross makes possible for war's victims, to bring comfort during their days of conval-

NEW TELEPHONE DIRECTORY HAS BEEN ISSUED THIS WEEK

Featured by a buff cover of somewhat different design. Acton's school year as offered in a previous telephone directory is being delivered

Since there are nearly 7,000 new and changed listings in the alphathe Board re-consider the matter with | betical section alone, the importance | Toronto as speaker and reports of the of consulting the new book carefully before placing calls is obvious, if the given by Mrs. N. McLeod of Hespeler, "wrong number" nuisance is to be the Presbyterial delegate and high- Kerr, Mrs. Brooks and Miss Cree.

The old directory should be dis- of Guelph. carded promptly, and it has been suggested that it be included with other paper to be contributed to the national salvage campaign.

Acton and District Needs \$1,500

More to Answer the Call for

Have Given Already, but I will

official campaign period left, Acton

and District had yesterday not reach-

ians have glit the Canadian Red

Cross won't need any more but Hitler

and his gang will dictate the policy.

But Acton and district will not fail.

Lotia stick-with-the-fight-until-Vic-

Give Again and Again."

ed and Prisoners-"Don't Say I looks after all of them."

War Savings for Acton and District Sets New Record

oril Amount Was \$4,656 - Balances Previous Month and - Maintains Pledge

War Savings figures for Acton'and district for the month of April have just been received by the Acton Committee. The amount in savings are the highest for any month since the campaign was put on. A total of \$4,656 was purchased

during the month by Acton and district. This balances up for March when a decrease from Acton's objective of \$3,600 per month was registered. It shows that Acton and district are maintaining their pledges loyally. The biggest increase was in the deductions from payrolls. In this plan there were 580 purchasers in April for a total amount of \$3,296. There Institute Selects Day in and day out, week by week, were a total of 702 purchasers in Acton who bought \$4,148 in certifi- Officers for Year

guided the Women of Acton and dis- - In the district attached to Actor there was a slight decrease in the number of purchases from March but the total amount purchased had a

nice increase. There were 66 applications for a total of \$508. The April figures are ones of which this community might well be proud 702 applications means better than three to every one of the population. Folks' here are doing a splendid job and their sincerity in maintaining;

their pledge is to be commended.

SRING RALLY OF PRESBYTERY W.M.S. HELD AT HESPELER

these sessions Mrs. H. L. Bennie, Pres-, was also undertaken. byterial president, presided.

sisted of group discussions with the ranged to send two cases of jam to secretaries of ofganizations reporting, Britain, and to have tens at the for each group-Mrs. R. C. Dunbar homes. to local subscribers this week. This of Guelph for Senior Auxiliaries, Mrs. | Mrs. Harding presided for the eleccover will make it easier to distin- N. McLeod of Hespeler for Y.W.A., tion of officers which resulted as folguish the new book from the old, and Mrs. McFarlane of Fergus for Girls', lows: will alternate with the green one used Arganizations and Mrs. H. Mainprize

of Acton-for-Mission Bands The afternoon session was a very interesting one with Miss Webster of recent provincial meeting in Orillia Brown lights given by Mrs. W. P. Gamble

Acton ladies attending were Mrs. Jas. Inglis, Mrs. O'Hara, Miss Elliott, Mrr. Geo. Murray, Mrs. R. M. Mc- | Kerr, Mrs. Brooks and Miss Cree. Donald and Mrs. H. Mainprize.

coming back from victorious-raids

thankful that the Canadian Red Cross

from all the bombed cities: The sol-

already been hungry; the women

"If you think of these things

clothed and badly nourished.

prison camps with extra food

first and your soldiers last.

READER FOR FORTY-TWO YEARS AND WELCOMES HOME NEWS There are letters that the editor

gets that bring particulary delight This one for instance from a subscriber of The Free Press. In New York State, warmed our heart. will find a check enclosed for \$2.50 for our forty-second renewal. look forward to receiving the home paper every week."

Forty-two years a reader and looking forward every week to the home town news. We often wish we time to answer such letters person ally. But the best we can do is to say they do give us a lift and termination to give you folks all home town news we can each week. Incidentally, this subscriber was the lists nine years before the pres-Free Press as a printer's devil.

Bannockburn

nockburn Women's Institute was held line. at the home of Mrs. V. Harding, with

Money was donated to Acton and Acton hadn't bootleggers. Vicinity War Service League and the the Children's Hospital in London received a donation and two cases of goose berries, and honey were sent to The Spring Rally of Guelph Presby- the bombed victims in England. terial W.M.S. of the Presbyterian branch also donated money for seeds to a bootlegger. The information is Church in Canada was held in for England and helped the Blanket Hespeler, May 19th, with morning Fund. Knitting and work for the Red jumpy nerves early in the morning and afternoon sessions. At both of Cross and Acton War Service League

The program for the morning con- service on food and nutrition and ar- in it.

President - Miss E. Russell.

-lst-Vice-President-Mrs. A. Kerr. 2nd Vice-President -- Mrs. Leitch. Secretary-Treasurer -- Mrs. F. Cole. Ass't Secretary-Trensurer Miss M. Directors Mrs. Evans, Mrs. R.

District Director Mrs. S. Swack-Program Committee-Mrs. D. Rus-

sell, Mrs. Madill, Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Lunch Committee Mrs. Harding.

Visiting Committee-Mrs. D. Rus-, Tuesday evening:

Swackhamer. Pianist-Miss M. Brown.

the men of the navy and the merch-r ant marine, who keep the sealanes

Miss A. Cree, Mrs. Harding. open -- the senlanes so vital to Representative to Acton and Vicin-Help from War's Sick, Wound- victory. Your Canadian Red Cross | ity War Service League - Mrs. Mat-Mlle. Currie told of seeing German! Convenor of War Work-Miss E. ened power shortage."

prisoners on the Russian front, badly Russell, Miss A. Cree. Auditors-Mrs. D. Russell, Mrs. A. "Your Canadian boys who are pris- Kerr. With just three more days in the oners in Germany are fed and clothed A hearty vote of thanks was tend-

according to the standards of the ered Mrs. Harding for her kind hospi-German Army - you can be very tality.

Society provides your boys in German! MAY MEETING clothing. For you can be very sure that Hitler looks after his soldiers MRS. WM. JOHNSTONE'S

"The American continent is greatly. The Women's Missionary Society Bell Telephone Co., Services \$ blessed. In China and Russia I saw of the Presbyterian Church held their H.E.P.C. of Ontarlo, power, the greatest poverty. In Britain com- May meeting last Thursday afternoon forts are cut to a minimum but. in at the home of Mrs. Wm. Johnstone C.N.R. and Transports America we have peace and freedom, with a good attendance. to work. We must work for the rest! Mrs. Thomson and Mrs. Lantz led

of the world; we must give for the the devotions and Mrs. Barr gave an Acton Free Press, printing excellent paper on "Our responsibili- Dept, of National Revenue, "So when the Canadian Red Cross ties". The ladies were invited to atasks you for help, give with a good tend the Spring Rally of the Guelph J. C. Matthews, postage heart and don't be tempted to an. Presbyterial to be held in Hespeler Force Electric Products, supswer 'I have already given.' Imagine on May 19th. At the close of the plies the chorus of voices who would an meeting a social half hour was enswer you from all the battlefields loyed.

diers saying I have been already! BUSINESS MEN'S | wounded; the children saying I have ASSOCIATION_CEASES saying I have already been bombed ITS ACTIVITY

At a meeting on Tuesday evening attended by half a dozen members it

present secretary and president. | own was stolen.

Unusual Questions Bring Out News About the Town

We, in a newspaper office are accustomed- to -- supplying - information about Acton or the district. We are Magnificent Response from Inasked a lot of questions by citizens and strangers alike and usually we can supply the answer. But we were stumped on Tuesday morning.

A well dressed stranger called across the street as we came down to the office and said he woke up in our Acton has become a big task-too big beadtiful town that morning and de- for the present arrangements. Acton sired to ask us a rather nasty ques- and District War Services League tion. He came right to the point, sent an appeal to the various indus-"Could we tell him where he could tries in Acton asking that they organfind a good bootlegger." He went on lize groups of four men who would to tell of his dire need-nerves all spend one night at this a week. The ent editor became associated with The Jumpy, etc. Must have couple of response was magnificent and sixty shots before breakfast.

First of all there isn't such a thing as a "good" bootlegger anywhere, up for this work which started to opsecondly we have never known any erate last week. The first named of them to advertise their business will be the captain of the team and in a public way and thirdly we never responsible for having his four me had the jumpy, nervous feeling that at the Salvage Room on the night was complained about and could only designated. It is suggested that if be remedled by a bootlegger. The in- possible the captain go the wee The annual meeting of the Ban- formation was completely out of our previous to get instructions on the

fourteen ladies present. Miss E. Rust any town in this present day needed nights each week are required to sell, president, conducted the first a bootlegger. We had two hotels catch up on the work. It is requested part of the meeting. Roll call was who served beer and wine and a that team members clip this schedule the liquor store just fifteen miles distant from The Free Press so that the secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Cole, gave a that supplied the omitted brands of work may proceed smoothly. splendid report of the year's work. intoxicating beverages. We couldn't 1 May 13th-Ajax No. 1 team: and felt rather proud that just now son, Pat Waldie,

But we like to know all about Shop A team: W. Footitt, H. Arbic, branch_also_gave_11 pounds_of_fruit Acton, so during the day we made F. Crewson, H. Ware. cake. The Free Press Fund for Sick further enquiry. We do like to give visitors all the information about business in Acton and the next time we will be prepared for even this unusual question concerning direction reserved for strangers only. There is always something one can learn about one's home community It was decided to have a speaker no matter how long one has resided

Power Shortage Is Faced This

Acton Utilities Co-Operating Plan to Eliminate Unessential Use of Electric Power

The need for curtailment of electric possible shortage this fall and winter Murray Bauer, Mrs. L. Russell, Mrs. Leitch, Miss M. were brought out at the meeting of

Delegates to District Annual-Miss in this section of the province was L. Veldhius, H. Harris. E. Russell, Miss M. Brown and Mrs. now fully utilized. A survey was ling out what services could be elim- | chanan Jr., J. Massey, R. Burt. Assistant Planist- Miss Dorls Hard- inated so that essential war industry Flower Committee - Miss M. Young, 'on. All electric power for heating buildings will be discontinued for the duration of the war. Forms giving Dept. E team: L. Zaba, K. Paydowski, the particulars for Acton were now J Luty, A. Banka. being prepared to assist in this threat-

A letter regarding installation equipment for eliminating rust in the water tower was ordered filed.

A letter from the municipal clerk said arrangements would be made to have a man on the road grader so Parnell, F. Turner. that waterworks installations would not be damaged.

Accounts were passed for payment W. Allen, L. Roche. ns follows: Hydro Dept.

Macdonald Electric Ltd. sup-

Waterworks Dept. Hydro-Depty-power at-spring 40.45 Hydro Dept. April operations 205.10

Commissioner C. Hansen, Reeve J M. McDonald and Chairman M

\$3,535.19

KING'S BIKE STOLEN

Canadian Defital Corps and is at the near future. Lunch was served own boys of the Air Force demolish- retain it. War's wounded makes the in a trust account in the names of the coat, is riding a borrowed bleycle. His & D.W.S.L. Tickets at E. J. Hassard's

Schedule of Teams for Work at the Salvage Rooms

dustries Gives Enough Workers for the Whole Year

The work of handling salvage is teams have been named.

Below is given a schedule drawn work for his team.

We asked him why he considered It will be noted that until July two

Mrs. A. Kerr gave the auditors' re- see the need of any more competition | Charlie Spires, Sam Snow, Reg. Wil-2 May 20th-B. & Co. Machine

> 3 May 26th-B. & Co. Machine Shop B team: R. Cross, D. Dryadale,

A. Currie, E. Anderson. 4 Mny 27th-B. & Co. Machine Shop C team: R. Blanch, W. Maddox, C. Maplesden, C. Hansen. 5 June 2nd -- Force Electric: Robt.

Crawford, Jack Creasey, William Dumarch, Elmer Grischow. 6 June 3rd - B. & Co. Chrome Dept. A team: H. Robson, M. Bosil-

jevac, J. Bosiljevac, D. Sheppard. . 7 June 9th B. & Co. Chrome Dept. B team: L. Duby, A. Duby, L. MacArthur, C. Kinges.

8 June 10th-B. & Co. Chrome Dept. C team: W. Crofts, T. Robson, F. Dawkins, J. Duby 9 June 16th -- B. & Co. Beamfall in Ontario house Dept. A team: A Nightingale, H. Fletcher, G. Cunningham, C.

Jagiello. 10 June 17th -B. & Co. Beamhouse Dept. B team: R. Bosiljevac, J. Spehar, M. Kosolich, P. Tomasic. 11 June 23rd -B. & Co. Beamhouse

Dept. C team: L. Markesle, N. Glasc, H. Onkley, H. Klaull. 12 June 24th-Ajax No. 2 team: Bill Coon; Fred York, Bob Leavens,

13 June 30th-B. & C. Tan Yard Acton Public Utilities Commission of Dept. A team: H. Thompson, P. Mc-Gill, W. Chisholm, W. Wathem. sell, Mrs. Madill and Mrs. Swack- A letter from the Power Controller 14 July 1st B. & Co. Tan Yard of Ontario told that the reserve power Dept. B team: J. Higgins, W. Forrest,

> 15 July 8th-B. & Co. Tan Yard now being made with a view to find- Dept. C team: W. Babcock, A. Bu-16 July 15th-B. & Co. Tan Yard would have sufficient power to carry Dept. D team-G. Keelan, M. Walker, J. Portey, L. Franciscato.

17 July 22nd-B. & Co. Tan Yard 18 July 29th-B. & Co. Tan Yard Dept. F team: T. Janik, W. Cizar, M. Stedul, I. Wrocławski.

P. McCristall, Chas. Kirkness, C. W. Mason, Ray Agnew. 20 Aug. 12-B. & Co. Curry Dept. A team: J. Airdrie, E. Roszell. W.

19 Aug. 5th-Mason Knitting Co.:

21 Aug. 19th - B. & Co. Curry Dept. B. team: G. Masales, G. Bilton, 22 Aug. 26th - B. & Co. Curry Dept. C team: J. Ford, O. Masales, J.

5.18 Jennings, G. Graham. 23 Sept. 2nd - Acton Machine 3,397.70 Shops: Jack Blow, Bill Mainprize, 2.61 Oscar Locker, Wilfred Kirkwood. 24 Sept. 9th-B. & Co. Dry Dip 29.55 Dept. A team: W. McGilloway, E. 8.48 Sunter, S. Cripps, T. Reidt. , 25 Sept. 16th-B. & Co. Dry Dip

77.12 Dept. B team: W. Marchment, 10.00 Roszell, P. Fedirko; W. Craig. 26 Sept. 23rd-B. & Co. Rolling 4.55 Room Dept. A team: G. McFadden, J.

Dobbie, E. Rooks, A. Bralda. (Continued on Page Five)

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Conerter or Other Evente, under this heading, are charged, to cente per late, with a minimum charge for any

CAMBRIDGE, (CP)- King Peter of Feature Picture "40th Parallel" at and A. T. Brown's Drug Stores.