

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

Four Groups Gave Display of Gymnastics and Drills—Zippy and Zany Snappy

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

With the genial Charlie Kirkness all dressed up as ringmaster the four classes under the direction of Supervisor Johnny Gray put on a display of tumbling, pyramids, drills, etc. that made a fine program.

There are four groups at the Y for floor work in the gym and they start with the boys and girls of ten years of age in the first two groups. Then the boys and girls from 14 to 18 years old comprise the second two groups.

The Junior girls did relay races, tumbling and all the exercises on the beginners level and they have attained remarkable efficiency for their age. The Junior boys did tumbling, pyramids, relay races, and a game that had plenty of give and take called "King of the Mat."

The Senior girls gave a hoop drill that was both pretty and graceful and well timed. They did a number of intricate tumbling movements that showed practice and skill.

The Senior Boys' group really had a variety of thrillers. They can do hand springs, hand springs, front flips, and a lot of other movements.

Dr. Gordon Agnew Arrived In China With His Supplies

Safe arrival of Dr. R. G. Agnew in Chungking was announced this week by the board of foreign missions of the United Church of Canada.

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 to present disturbed conditions.

Families That Have Given Liberally In Victory Fight

There are many Canadian families 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 at Camp Borden with the active forces and George, who is attending high school, is training with the Acton Platoon of the Reserve Army.

Mrs. W. Alger has a sister and three brothers serving in the forces. Miss M. L. Dubois is equipment assistant at the St. Thomas Technical Training School; LAC. Bill Dubois is in Newfoundland; Sgt. Walter Dubois is in England and the youngest brother Phil is at the pre-training school at Regina, Sask. Another fine family record, in view of these family sacrifices of son and daughters, a contribution at least \$5 from every home for the Red Cross that is needed in Acton and district seems out of all comparison. But an average of that amount from every home will put Acton and District over the top.

The School Board Has Special Meeting Teachers' Salaries

Adjustments Are Considered in View of Salaries Throughout the Province

At a special meeting of the Acton School Board on Monday evening replies were received from the members of the Public School staff regarding re-employment for the next school year as offered in a previous letter.

Letters of acceptance were received from Miss M. Ricketts, Miss Hawke and Miss E. Pridham accepting the salaries offered for the next term. Miss Foster, Miss Orr, Miss Anderson and Miss Hollinger requested that the Board re-consider the matter with a view to granting a further increase in salary.

After careful consideration and a tabulation of salaries paid in other 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.

MISS JESSIE YOUNG INSTRUMENTAL TRAINING

KNOX Y.W.A. MET AT THE HOME OF MRS. ALEX. MANN

ACTON BOYS ENLISTED This Week's Register

\$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 yesterday.

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

Just a Part Of the Red Cross By Local Workers

Day in and day out, week by week, ever since Canada entered the war the Red Cross has supervised and directed the women of Acton and district in providing hospital supplies and warm clothing for the victims of war's destruction.

Here are the articles that went in the last shipment: 15 quilts; 7 dozen pairs of socks; 5 cardigan sweaters; 6 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. If you've ever seen one of those turtle neck sweaters or a pair of seaman's socks, you'll know that they are something. 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 convalescence.

NEW TELEPHONE DIRECTORY HAS BEEN ISSUED THIS WEEK

Featured by a buff cover of somewhat different design, Acton's new telephone directory is being delivered to local subscribers this week. This cover will make it easier to distinguish the new book from the old, and will alternate with the green one used in the last issue.

Since there are nearly 7,000 new and changed listings in the alphabetical section alone, the importance of consulting the new book carefully before placing calls is obvious, if the "wrong number" nuisance is to be avoided.

The old directory should be discarded promptly, and it has been suggested that it be included with newspaper to be contributed to the national salvage campaign.

Not Half of Objective and Only Two More Days

Acton and District Needs \$1,500 More to Answer the Call for Help from War's Sick, Wounded and Prisoners—Don't Say I Have Given Already, but I Will Give Again and Again.

With just three more days in the official campaign period left, Acton and District had yesterday not reached the half-way mark in the objective of \$3,000. We talked to some of the canvassers who had worked hard in covering the territory and some of them were real discouraged in the reception and help that was being given the Red Cross.

In spite of the splendid start it looks as if the finish is yet a long way off. Acton and district has met every war call and it seems hard to conceive that above all the Red Cross appeal would go short. Perhaps folks are tired of giving. But if you are, remember that perhaps too the soldiers, sailors and airmen are tired of fighting. If they quit as some civilians have quit 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. Let's stick with the fight until victory is won.

War Savings for Acton and District Sets New Record

April Amount Was \$4,656—Balance 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 were a total of 702 purchasers in Acton who bought \$3,148 in certificates.

In the district attached to Acton there was a slight decrease in the number of purchasers 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.

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

The Spring Rally of the Presbyterian Church in Canada was held in Hespeler, May 19th, with a morning and afternoon sessions. At both of these sessions Mrs. H. L. Bennie, Presbyterian president, presided.

The program for the morning consisted of group discussions with the secretaries of organizations reporting for each group—Mrs. R. C. Dunbar of Guelph for Senior Auxiliaries, Mrs. N. McLeod of Hespeler for Y.W.A., Mrs. McFarlane of Fergus for Girls' Organizations and Mrs. H. Mainprize of Acton for Mission Bands.

The afternoon session was a very interesting one with Miss Webster of Toronto as speaker and reports of the recent provincial meeting in Orillia given by Mrs. N. McLeod of Hespeler, the Presbyterian delegate and highlights given by Mrs. W. P. Gamble of Guelph.

Acton ladies attending were Mrs. Jas. Inglis, Mrs. O'Hara, Miss Elliott, Mrs. Geo. Murray, Mrs. R. M. McDonald and Mrs. H. Mainprize.

MAY MEETING KNOX W.M.S. AT MRS. WM. JOHNSTONE'S

The Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church held their May meeting last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Wm. Johnstone with a good attendance.

READER FOR FORTY-TWO YEARS AND WELCOMES HOME NEWS

There are letters that the editor gets that bring particular delight. This one for instance from a subscriber of The Free Press in New York State, warmed our heart. "You will find a check enclosed for \$2.50 for our forty-second renewal. We 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 had time to answer such letters personally. But the best we can do is to say they do give us a lift and a determination to give you folks all the home town news we can each week. Incidentally, this subscriber was on the list nine years before the present editor became associated with The Free Press as a printer's devil.

Bannoekburn Institute Selects Officers for Year

The annual meeting of the Bannoekburn Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. V. Harding, 2104 fourteen ladies present. Miss E. Russell, president, conducted the first part of the meeting. Roll call was answered by paying fees, and the secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Cole, gave a splendid report of the year's work.

Money was donated to Acton and Vicinity War Service League and the branch also gave 11 pounds of fruit cake. The Free Press Fund for Sick Children's Hospital in London received a donation and two cases of goose berries, and honey were sent to the bombed victims in England. The branch also donated money for seeds for England and helped the Blanket Fund. Knitting and work for the Red Cross and Acton War Service League was also undertaken.

It was decided to have a speaker service on food and nutrition and arranged to send two cases of jam to Britain, and to have teas at the homes.

Mrs. Harding presided for the election of officers which resulted as follows: President—Miss E. Russell. 1st Vice-President—Mrs. A. Kerr. 2nd Vice-President—Mrs. Leitch. Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. F. Cole. Asst. Secretary-Treasurer—Miss M. Brown.

Directors Mrs. Evans, Mrs. R. Kerr, Mrs. Brooks and Miss Cree. District Director Mrs. S. Swackhamer. Program Committee—Mrs. D. Russell, Mrs. Madill, Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Kerr, Mrs. Brooks and Miss Cree. Lunch Committee—Mrs. Harding, Mrs. L. Russell, Mrs. Leitch, Miss M. Young.

Visiting Committee—Mrs. D. Russell, Mrs. Madill and Mrs. Swackhamer. Delegates to District Annual—Miss E. Russell, Miss M. Brown and Mrs. Swackhamer. Pianist—Miss M. Brown. Assistant Pianist—Miss Doris Harding. Flower Committee—Miss M. Young, Miss A. Cree, Mrs. Harding. Representative to Acton and Vicinity War Service League—Mrs. Matthews.

Covenor of War Work—Miss E. Russell, Miss A. Cree. Auditors—Mrs. D. Russell, Mrs. A. Kerr. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Harding for her kind hospitality.

BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION CEASES ITS ACTIVITY

At a meeting on Tuesday evening attended by half a dozen members it was decided to cease any activity or carry on any program by the Acton Business Men's Association. The meeting was called for the election of officers but apparently there was not sufficient interest to keep the organization in an active state.

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 asked 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 beautiful town that morning and desired to ask us a rather nasty question. He came right to the point. "Could we tell him where he could find a good bootlegger." He went on to tell of his dire need—nerves all jumpy, etc. Must have couple of shots before breakfast.

First of all there isn't such a thing as a "good" bootlegger anywhere, secondly we have never known any of them to advertise their business in a public way and thirdly we never had the jumpy, nervous feeling that was complained about and could only be remedied by a bootlegger. The information was completely out of our line.

We asked him why he considered any town in this present day needed a bootlegger. We had two hotels which served beer and wine and a liquor store just fifteen miles distant that supplied the omitted brands of intoxicating beverages. We couldn't see the need of any more competition and felt rather proud that just now Acton hadn't bootleggers.

But we like to know all about Acton, so during the day we made further all the information about business in Acton and the next time we will be prepared for even this unusual question concerning direction to a bootlegger. The information is reserved for strangers only, with jumpy nerves early in the morning. There is always something one can learn about one's home community no matter how long one has resided in it.

Power Shortage Is Faced This Fall in Ontario

The need for curtailment of electric power and arrangements to meet a possible shortage this fall and winter were brought out at the meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission of Tuesday evening.

A letter from the Power Controller of Ontario told that the reserve power in this section of the province was now fully utilized. A survey was now being made with a view to finding out what services could be eliminated so that essential war industry would have sufficient power to carry on. All electric power for heating buildings will be discontinued for the duration of the war. Forms giving the particulars for Acton were now being prepared to assist in this threatened power shortage.

A letter regarding installation of 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 that waterworks installations would not be damaged.

Table with 2 columns: Department/Service and Amount. Includes Hydro Dept., Bell Telephone Co., C.N.R. and Transports, etc.

Waterworks Dept. Hydro Dept., power at spring 40.45 Hydro Dept. April operations 205.10 \$245.55

Commissioner C. Hansen, Reeve J. M. McDonald and Chairman M. Symon were present at the meeting.

KING'S BIKE STOLEN CAMBRIDGE, (CP)—King Peter of Yugoslavia, student at Cambridge who likes to get about in grey flannel, blue sweater and brown tweed coat, is riding a borrowed bicycle. His own was stolen.

Schedule of Teams for Work at the Salvage Rooms

Magnificent Response from Industries Gives Enough Workers for the Whole Year

The work of handling salvage in Acton has become a big task—too big for the present arrangements. Acton and District War Services League sent an appeal to the various industries in Acton asking that they organize groups of four men who would spend one night at this week. The response was magnificent and sixty teams have been named.

Below is given a schedule drawn up for this work which started to operate last week. The first named will be the captain of the team and responsible for having his four men at the Salvage Room on the night designated. It is suggested that if possible the captain—on the week previous to get instructions on the work for his team.

It will be noted that until July two nights each week are required. To catch up on the work. It is requested that team members clip this schedule from The Free Press so that the work may proceed smoothly.

- 1 May 13th—Ajax No. 1 team: Charlie Spres, Sam Snow, Reg. Wilson, Pat Waddle. 2 May 20th—B. & Co. Machine Shop A team: W. Footitt, H. Arble, F. Crewson, H. Ware. 3 May 26th—B. & Co. Machine Shop B team: R. Cross, D. Drysdale, A. Currie, E. Anderson. 4 May 27th—B. & Co. Machine Shop C team: R. Blanch, W. Maddox, C. Mapleaden, C. Hansen. 5 June 2nd—Force Electric: Robt. Crawford, Jack Creasey, William Dumarch, Elmer Grishow. 6 June 3rd—B. & Co. Chrome Dept. A team: H. Robson, M. Boaljevanc, J. Boaljevanc, D. Sheppard. 7 June 9th—B. & Co. Chrome Dept. B team: L. Duby, A. Duby, L. MacArthur, C. Klages. 8 June 10th—B. & Co. Chrome Dept. C team: W. Crafts, T. Robson, F. Dawkins, J. Duby. 9 June 16th—B. & Co. Beamhouse Dept. A team: A. Nightingale, H. Fletcher, G. Cunningham, C. Janglelo. 10 June 17th—B. & Co. Beamhouse Dept. B team: R. Boaljevanc, J. Sphear, M. Kosolich, P. Tomasic. 11 June 23rd—B. & Co. Beamhouse Dept. C team: L. Marketic, N. Glas, H. Oakley, H. Klunil. 12 June 24th—Ajax No. 2 team: Bill Coon, Fred York, Bob Levens, Murry Bauer. 13 June 30th—B. & Co. Tan Yard Dept. A team: H. Thompson, P. McGill, W. Chisholm, W. Wathem. 14 July 1st—B. & Co. Tan Yard Dept. B team: J. Higgins, W. Forrest, L. Veldhuis, H. Harris. 15 July 8th—B. & Co. Tan Yard Dept. C team: W. Babcock, A. Buchanan Jr., B. Massey, R. Burt. 16 July 15th—B. & Co. Tan Yard Dept. D team: G. Keelan, M. Walker, J. Portley, L. Francicato. 17 July 22nd—B. & Co. Tan Yard Dept. E team: L. Zaba, K. Paydowski, J. Luty, A. Banka. 18 July 29th—B. & Co. Tan Yard Dept. F team: T. Janik, W. Cizar, M. Stedul, I. Wroclawski. 19 Aug. 5th—Mason Knitting Co.: P. McCristall, Chas. Kirkness, C. W. Mason, Ray Agnew. 20 Aug. 12—B. & Co. Curry Dept. A team: J. Airdrie, E. Rozzell, W. Parnell, F. Turner. 21 Aug. 19th—B. & Co. Curry Dept. B team: G. Masales, G. Bliton, W. Allen, L. Roche. 22 Aug. 26th—B. & Co. Curry Dept. C team: J. Ford, O. Masales, J. Jennings, G. Graham. 23 Sept. 2nd—Acton Machine Shops: Jack Blow, Bill Mainprize, Oscar Locker, Wilfred Kirkwood. 24 Sept. 9th—B. & Co. Dry Dip Dept. A team: W. McGilloy, E. Sauter, S. Crippa, T. Reidt. 25 Sept. 16th—B. & Co. Dry Dip Dept. B team: W. Marchmont, J. Rozzell, P. Fedirko, W. Craig. 26 Sept. 23rd—B. & Co. Rolling Room Dept. A team: G. McFadden, J. Dobbie, E. Rocks, A. Braida. (Continued on Page Five)

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Conventions or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, in cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 25c.

Feature Picture "40th Parallel" at Gregory Theatre Acton, June 1st and 2nd. Auspices of Beardmore Foreman's Association. Proceeds for A. & D.W.S.L. Tickets at E. J. Hassard's and A. T. Brown's Drug Stores.