

Prominent Speaker Splendid Reports Y.M.C.A. Annual

Mr. Murray Brooks Tells of Burma—Johnny Gray Grants Leave of Absence for War Service

The annual meeting last Thursday evening of Acton Y.M.C.A. had many features of interest and a splendid crowd attending. Acton Y is unique in more respects than pioneering in Y.M.C.A. work in small communities. Reports showed a splendid activity, a year financed with a small balance on the credit side; a contact maintained with world-wide organization and a distinct community service.

Mr. E. S. Force was President of the Board the past year and his tenure of office was most successful and in addressing the annual meeting he paid tribute to the fellow-members of the Board for the service they had performed.

The world-wide aspect of the Y.M.C.A. was brought out in securing for the annual meeting Mr. Murray G. Brooks, its guest speaker. Mr. Brooks was introduced by Mr. W. J. Beatty. For over thirty years he has served in the Y.M.C.A. foreign service and for several years was in Burma.

Mr. Brooks brought to the meeting a very timely message. His talk was on Burma; this country now so much in the limelight of war activity. He outlined the invasion the Japanese have made of this country and illustrated with a map. While we here may wonder why so much importance is attached to the Monsuns, or rainy period, we have no conception of this land during this five months of steady rain and the effect on military operations. He told of the conditions that will be facing the Japanese invaders; of the new road through Aksum that is being built to take the place of the Burma Road and the influence that this road will have after the war in bringing India and China closer and surmounting that barrier of mountains which has been the barrier between these two great countries.

With the background of the importance of this country, Mr. Brooks told of the work of the Y.M.C.A. in the East. Natives had been trained to carry on the work started when the Y.M.C.A. was established and now life and new hope of better living had been brought to many of these backward countries. After all it is human beings that count most in life and while the world is being terribly shaken in these days perhaps from the ruins there will be the opportunity for building a better world. Perhaps it will hasten a day of full and equal partnership among all peoples of the world.

The appreciation of the audience for the address of Mr. Brooks was expressed by Dr. W. G. Cullen in a vote of thanks.

Wm. Benson in his report of the program committee told of the activities of this group and Chas. Kirkness, told of the special group activity in the Y. Mr. W. J. Beatty gave the report of the special features. The changes and maintenance of the building was dealt with in the report of the building committee by Chas. Kirkness.

Membership and the treasurer's report were dealt with by Mr. Wes Wolfe. The total membership was about the same as the year previous and the Treasurer's report showed a small balance in the bank. Mr. W. H. Clayton gave the report of the Finance Committee and showed how the budget for the year had compared with actual expenditure.

Supervisor Johnny Gray had a most interesting report in which was shown the activities which took in all ages from 4 years to over 50 years. During the year there had been some new faces added and the use of the building by members attested to its popularity.

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The scores: Morton 196 208 193 245 882
N. Morton 257 235 128 143 733
C. Leschman 193 173 205 210 773
W. Corry 236 283 237 248 1036
J. Adamson 185 268 196 231 881
McCurtcheons
Commerce 1117 1141 929 1120 4307
Leubarts
City Major 960 1193 925 1219 4297
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Lloyd Warriner Enroute Home from Service In Egypt

The experiences of Pilot Officer Lloyd Warriner of Toronto, grandson of Mrs. Arch. McPherson, have been followed with interest by many here where he is well-known. He has been on active service in Libya and is now on his way home on furlough. During his absence on service his father Mr. George Warriner passed away suddenly.

Telling of some of his experiences to a writer in The Toronto Star Lloyd Warriner related: "We got near an airdrome in Crete, about midnight one night," said Warriner. "The moon wasn't strong and the enemy searchlights were soon sweeping the sky. They opened up with their ack-acks but the shells didn't seem to be bursting very near us.

"I could hear the observer shout, 'Flack on the port or flack on the starboard' and we would weave out a bit and get out of the danger. Then I could hear him yell 'Okay... I have the target now. Open the bomb doors... right, right... left, left... and we let them go... sticks of four and five at a time!'"

"The observer and the rear gunner could see what happened then. There were flashes on the ground and flames leaped up. Several fires started on the field, and the gunner said we hit the airdrome. All this took only a few minutes, but with the target illuminated by the flames we ran over it again and dropped a couple more sticks. Flack was still bursting around us but we thought the enemy's aim was bad.

"When we got back to our base, however, it was a different story. Climbing out of the plane we found our wings were pretty badly shot up and practically the whole plane was badly scarred."

One of the lightest spots in which he found himself while serving on the western desert was in a raid on Benغازي.

"The trouble didn't begin until we started for home. We had been showing the engines to get up high and they got overheated. One conked out completely, and the other quit twice. We had to nurse it along, sometimes with the prop just tickling over. In the end we had to fly nearly 300 miles with only one engine, and we certainly were lucky we made it."

Acton Bowlers are Champions of City of Guelph

Trophy Comes to Acton and Team Presented With Lighters

Last Thursday night the McCurtcheon Bowling Team met the champion bowling teams of each league in Guelph in a best-of-five final at the Williams Cup representative of the championship of Guelph. After the League total score patch was over the McCurtcheon team were declared winners by a margin of 10 pins over the nearest team.

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Morton	196	208	193	245	882
N. Morton	257	235	128	143	733
C. Leschman	193	173	205	210	773
W. Corry	236	283	237	248	1036
J. Adamson	185	268	196	231	881

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New Survey for Thirty Houses in Acton Will Have Co-operation of Council

Watermains and Electric Services for Development on Ramshaw Farm Land Discussed by Council—Plans Submitted by Wool Combing Corporation.—James Moore Resigns as Municipal Official.—Organization Planned for Assisting Farmers to Secure Help.

Councillors W. J. O. Onkes, A. Mason, C. Kirkness and E. Davidson were present on Tuesday night when Acton Council met and Reeve J. M. McDonald presided.

The report of the Finance Committee passed the following accounts for payment:
Treasurer County of Halton, Calcium Chloride \$ 270.80
Bell Telephone Co., services 7.98
Treasurer County of Halton on 1942 County rate 5,500.00
Y.M.C.A. rent of lavatories 250.00
Dr. J. A. McNiven, refund of taxes 1.36
Elgin Blakely, refund of Poll tax 5.00
Workmen's Compensation Bd. assessment 31.00
\$6,066.14

A letter from Ivan S. Gray & Company thanked the Council for check for 1941 audit and expressed the hope that the dealings with their successors would be congenial.

A letter from James Moore tendered his resignation as assistant to Chief Harrop to take effect June 1st. The resignation was accepted and the Clerk was instructed to advertise for applications for the position.

Arrangements for a new building survey on Queen Street in Acton were discussed by council. The Wool Combing Corporation has prepared plans for housing for employees in this survey that include thirty lots and council had been requested to provide water and light services to this section and build roads and arrange the surface drainage.

The property in this new section that will be developed in the farm land formerly owned by the late Jas. Ramshaw and which has been purchased by the Wool Combing Corporation. The section has been designed to make it more than just a new street through the centre of the property with circular drives. The section between the rear of the homes and Fairview Cemetery is planned for a playground and to have a swimming pool as part of the equipment.

Council plans to run watermains from Brock Avenue along Victoria Avenue and from Main Street to serve this new section. Application for the necessary permission for the extensions is being made and other details are receiving attention of Council and Public Utilities Commission.

The plan as submitted met with the approval of Council and Reeve McDonald and himself, when plans were made to enlist the help possible for work on the farm in the district. Acton will endeavor to secure help for the farmers in the district surrounding.

Twenty houses will be constructed during this season.

A letter from the Department of Munitions and Supply was received and copies of an order enclosed governing public vehicles.

Another letter from the Association of Assessing Officers was read outlining the aims of the organization and urging that Acton be enrolled and the assessing officer be made a member. The letter was filed.

A letter was read from the County Treasurer regarding the payment of fees to George Collingate. Since all the 1941 settlement with schools had been made it was suggested that Council pay the amounts direct to Collingate and Council agreed to this plan.

The clerk reported that a book for recording marriage had been requested by the minister of Knox Church. In view of the fact that one had been secured only a short time ago the clerk was instructed to write the department making inquiry as to council's obligation.

The Reeve reported that Father Morgan interviewed him regarding an additional light on John Street. Council agreed to view the street and make a decision. Members of Council later decided to change the location of a light to improve the lighting of the street, but no additional light was to be installed.

The Clerk was instructed to advertise for applications for a supervisor for the bathing beach for the summer.

It was decided to hold a special meeting of Council to deal with applications for an assistant to Chief Harrop and a supervisor at the park.

Council approved of the erection of a fence adjoining the Pioneer's Cemetery by Mr. H. R. Force at the back of his property. The matter was to be taken up with other trustees of the Pioneer's Cemetery for their approval before proceeding.

The Clerk was instructed to write the Women's Institute stating that if no objection was received before the next Council meeting the drinking fountain would be removed from the Post Office to a new position at the Y.M.C.A. building.

Council arranged to meet on Thursday on Mill Street east to survey a street drainage of this section.

Councillor Onkes reported that arrangements were made for grading the streets and applying the calcium chloride. This would be done as soon as weather was suitable.

Councillor Mason gave council details of a meeting in Milton attended by Reeve McDonald and himself, when plans were made to enlist the help possible for work on the farm in the district. Acton will endeavor to secure help for the farmers in the district surrounding.

Weekly War Commentary

Specialty Written for The Acton Free Press by GUY E. RHODES Canadian Press Staff Writer

Australia and China appear to feel they are the next potential victims of a Japanese pounce and China may already be in the path of one.

Chinese spokesmen have expressed the fear the full force of the Japanese may land on them and have called for help from the other United Nations.

Australia, in the words of its government chiefs, feels that the victory at the Battle of the Coral Sea was not enough to ensure that the scattered Japanese forces are not being re-mustered for a major assault to bring the Commonwealth into the "greater co-prosperity sphere of East Asia."

New Zealand's Prime Minister Peter Fraser and her commander of armed forces Lt.-Gen. Edward Pultick regard their country as a spring-board of offensive action against Japan.

Gen. Pultick said in a speech: "We are now contemplating our job as finished with providing for the defence of the dominion. It is necessary to train men for the offensive."

Prime Minister Fraser: "We do not look upon New Zealand and Australia as places simply to be defended. They are the rallying ground for the democratic armed forces of the Pacific and the United States."

China, with the Burma road broken and other supply routes probably not doing too well, is being attacked in considerable force on the Fukien coast, but the initial action resulted, according to Chinese accounts, in destruction of half of the Japanese force. The rest were sent staggering back to their ships, upon which they had a good chance to escape the defenders because China's navy is weak in comparison with the Japanese.

Strengthen Air Forces

China has been helped valiantly by the American "Flying Tigers and, according to reports reaching London, will be helped by an R.A. outfit which drove up the old Burma road, but has yet to receive the aircraft which should enable it to give the Chinese armies the air support they have lacked ever since they were attacked by Japan.

Canadian fliers now are operating in a strategic corner of the Far East, Commanded by Wing Commander John Plant of Ottawa, a flying boat Squadron recently completed a flight of thousands of miles from a secret base in Northern Ireland to another secret base on the other side of the world.

The Squadron had operated as a part of the Coastal Command whose long patrols over the approaches to Great Britain have done much to insure the safety of convoys enquiring the island fortress.

Advance in Chekiang

Success of the Chinese defenders in Fukien province has removed temporarily, at least, the threat to Foochow, but other Japanese columns at the week-end were driving into neighboring Chekiang province. Chekiang is regarded by the enemy as suitable area for air bases from which Allied bombers could attack Japan.

The invading force was reported advancing rapidly on Kinkia, provincial capital of Chekiang and a gateway to China's interior.

A lull developed in land fighting on other fronts in the Far East but Allied air squadrons continued to make strong attacks on Japanese bases in Burma and on the islands at the northern approaches to Australia.

Mexico Tolerates

Refusal of Axis powers to receive a Mexican note demanding "complete satisfaction" for the sinking of two ships by submarines in the Caribbean Sea is likely to bring Mexico into the war on the side of the United Nations.

The Mexican cabinet decided May 22 to call a special session of Congress to declare war on the Axis. President Avila Camacho will appear personally before Congress to explain why the action is necessary. If war is declared it will be the first formal declaration of war in the history of Mexico.

On Eastern Front

Reports at the week-end indicated that the battlefront stretching from "point some miles north of Kharkov all the way to the Crimea" was the scene of gigantic operations. The (Continued on Page Eight)

Serious Labor Situation Shown On Halton Farms

A meeting of representative citizens from all rural and urban centres of the county met in Milton on Friday evening last to consider the emergency situation faced in all rural sections as a result of labor shortage. It was pointed out to the meeting by agricultural representative, J. E. Whitelock, secretary of the Halton Agricultural War Service Committee, that as a result of favorable weather conditions, coupled with a high percentage of mechanized equipment that a larger acreage had been sown to spring grain than normal. Crop prospects to date indicate heavy crops of hay, wheat and spring grains in the opinion of members of the Agricultural War Service Committee who attended the meeting.

It was the consensus of opinion at the meeting that approximately 75% of Halton farmers owing to their proximity to war industry plants or enlistments in the armed forces, have not sufficient help to harvest the heavy crops at the proper season. It was agreed by the urban representatives present who represented industry in all sections of the county, that a situation of this kind creates not only a local but also a national emergency and that immediate steps should be taken to counteract its effect.

To this end the urban representatives, namely, Reeve J. M. McDonald and Amos Mason of Acton; Mayor Geo. Dawson, P. L. Robertson, Geo. Smillie, H. D. Thomson of Milton; Reeve J. M. Campbell and H. S. Litchfield of Oakville; Mayor Joseph Gibbons, Georgetown and Mayor Gordon Blair of Burlington, agreed that in their respective communities action should be taken at once to set up a committee to make a survey of all available man power which might be utilized to help out in emergency situations during the harvest period.

Service League Makes Donations To War Funds

Contributions reported to the Acton and Vicinity War Service League at the meeting last week included \$26.30 from Lakeside Chapter I.O.O.F.; \$57.06 from the Scout Mothers, Bannockburn and Dublin Women's Institutes.

Donations to war charities passed at the meeting were \$100 to Acton and District Red Cross and \$34 to the British Children's Milk Fund.

The meeting also approved of the schedule for salvage teams which was published in last week's issue of The Free Press.

HE LET TARPS BURN

SUNDERLAND, (CP)—It cost Jas. William Ewart 10 shillings in court because he let his wife's tarps burn in the oven. The prosecutor called it "wasting food." "It made a mess of them," said Ewart. "Just like King Alfred," commented the court clerk.

Red Cross Needs \$823.77 More To Meet the Objective

Canvass Will Continue Until the \$3,000 is Reached — Work Report to Be Received To-Night

The campaign for the funds for Acton and District Red Cross has not reached the objective yet. As a matter of fact the amount reported to-day by the treasurer Mr. W. K. Graham is \$2,176.23. Just a little over \$800 short of the objective.

The campaign will continue. Acton and District has met every war appeal and will not fail in this most humane of all appeals.

To-night the canvassers and officials of the local Red Cross will meet and hear returns of the canvassers and the progress of the work. If you have not been canvassed you will not be missed. Calls will be checked after the report to-night. But if you want to help doubly you can call at the Bank of Nova Scotia and make your contribution direct to the treasurer Mr. W. K. Graham.

Reports from other centres indicate that the job is not complete in many places yet and the canvass will continue. We here, have only a little more to reach the objective. Give now. Make your contribution bigger than you can afford. Let's get on the offensive and be ready to back after the wounded when the drive comes on Germany. Now is preparation time. Don't let it be said that Acton and District failed in their share. The Red Cross here needs \$823.77 more. "If we break faith."

Scouts from Old Land Visit the Halton Jamboree

First Mimeo Won Shield for Third Year—150 Scouts Attend Annual Event

A hundred and fifty Boy Scouts from towns of Halton County and from municipalities adjacent participated in the annual Halton County Jamboree over the week-end. They camped through two days of rain, established their camp last Friday between showers and voted that they had a swell time and nobody grouched. W. A. N. Hooper of Hamilton was Camp Chief and A. E. Padden of Toronto, Camp Warden. The event was held at the Blue Spring Scout reserve, just west of Acton.

Between showers they held their contests of pioneering, tracking, signalling, first aid, map reading, knotting, etc., and when the final results were announced on Monday afternoon 1st Mimeo won the shield for the third consecutive year. Acton stood second; Oshawa, third; Oakville, fourth; Brampton, fifth and Streetsville, sixth.

The competitions were for patrols and these patrols were graded. A grade were Mimeo Wolves and Mimeo Lynx; B Grade Patrols were Mimeo Beavers, Oshawa Owls, Acton Beavers, Acton Owls, Acton Lions, Brampton Eagles, Oshawa Wild Geese and Streetsville Wolves; C Grade patrols were Oshawa Lynx, Oakville Buffs, Oakville Beavers.

Sunday was visitors' day at the Jamboree and there were several special features. Hugh Bright, of Gingsow and Roy Davis of Southampton, Scouts from Britain, who have been through the blitz and done good turns were special visitors. They told the groups who assembled in "Kikidogwants" of some of their experiences and the work that Scouts could do in war time. They visited all over the camp and had a splendid time among the Canadian Scouts.

Sunday evening a fireside service was held in the camp assembly. Again the weather was not suited for an outdoor function but the logs on the fireplace crackled and it was cozy. The boys sang lustily those well known old hymns such as "Onward Christian Soldiers," and only between the verses was the little organ at which Art Padden presided, audible.

Rev. Forbes Thomson, Minister of Knox Church had some practical scouting experience on his former charge and his informal talk to the boys came from a practical understanding of the Scouts. He urged that boys understand the principles of Scouting and live up to these principles. "In this world at war, the boys came from a practical understanding of the Scouts and preparation in Scout work and preparation of the individual for the task."

The Jamboree broke camp on Monday afternoon. The visitors and officials had much praise for the work First Acton Troop have done this year at the Blue Springs Reserve. A signalling tower has been constructed and a new bridge is almost completed. This work is in addition to the work of patrolling the grounds through all the year undertaken by Acton Troop.

Annual Report of Acton Auditors' is Ready for Citizens

The annual report of the Municipal auditors for Acton is now ready for ratepayers and copies may be secured on application at the Clerk's Office, at the Treasurer's Office at the Public Utilities, or a few are available at The Free Press Office.

For those who are interested in municipal finances it gives a wealth of information. The debenture principal is dropping about \$9,000 each year; the tax arrears are at the lowest point in ten years. A comparative table shows that in the past two years a big savings has been made in municipal financing. A current surplus was shown at the end of the year of \$1,913.88, the second one we can recall in the past twenty-five years. How it occurred is told in this report.

The only department which shows a decrease is in the Arena with only net proceeds of \$53.65 from League hockey. This of course is directly accountable to war conditions.

How much welfare still costs Acton and the amount for health and sanitation are revealing figures, and are explained in this report. We could go on and enumerate many more, but your copy as a ratepayer is available for the asking. Do not send children for copies as the supply will permit only distribution to ratepayers of Acton.



Give Freely to Red Cross

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