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Routine Matters Get Attention of Public Utilities

Accounts, Correspondence and Other Items Make Brief Session

Routine business occupied the attention of Acton Public Utilities Commission meeting on Tuesday evening. Letters regarding the handling of rural service calls and presenting adequate lighting in war plants and the Hydro lighting service available were read and filed. Another letter urged that employees be efficient in the use of artificial respiration. This training has always been carried on by the Acton employees.

Reeve J. M. McDonald, Commissioner, and Chairman M. Symon were present at this meeting.

Hydro Dept.	2.50
Bell Telephone Co. services	3,725.98
H.E.P.C. of Ont. Power, etc.	2.29
C.N.R. and Transports	
Federal Wire & Cable Co. supplies	77.05
Line & Cable Accessories Ltd. supplies	76.51
McFalls, Ltd. supplies	4.20
Ellis & Howard Ltd. supplies	11.83
George Macdonald & Co. supplies	8.65
W. R. Lashbrook	1.90
Dept. of Nat'l Revenue, sales tax	108.22
J. C. Matthews, postage	10.00
	\$4,031.83

Waterworks Dept.
Hydro Dept., power at spring 42.33
Hydro Dept., May operations 154.97

The Acton Fire Brigade requested that Main Street be lighted for the street dance on July 1st. The Superintendent was instructed to arrange for this lighting.

The Superintendent was asked to arrange for moving the drinking fountain to the Y.M.C.A. building.

Not Forced to Accept Position If Is Unsuitable

People who came to an employment and Claims Office of the Unemployment Insurance Commission to claim benefit will not be forced to accept unsuitable work.

This was stated definitely by Mr. H. C. Sutherland, Manager of the Employment and Claims Office at Guelph, who said that some misunderstanding existed on this point. The Unemployment Insurance Act, said Mr. Sutherland, clearly certifies that no one is to be forced to accept a position which is unsuitable. It is stated in the act that if a man takes any job offered no matter how unsuitable or unsatisfactory the wages.

The Unemployment Insurance Act states that an applicant for benefit is disqualified if it is proved that he has refused to accept a situation which is suitable and which has been drawn to his attention by an Employment Officer or other recognized agency.

Similarly, he is disqualified if he neglects to avail himself of an opportunity of suitable employment, if which he is aware. Again, he is disqualified if, without good cause, he refuses or fails to carry out any written direction given to him by an officer of the Employment Office with a view to assisting him to find suitable employment. These directions must have been reasonable, having regard both to the circumstances of the claimant and to the means of obtaining that employment usually adopted in the district in which he is situated.

It will be observed, said Mr. Sutherland, that in all these disqualifications it is expressly stated that the employment must be suitable. There is no desire on the part of the Unemployment Insurance Commission to try to force people into vacancies which they are not suited to at wages which are considerably below those which they are accustomed to earning. Consequently, if claimants are reluctant to visit the Employment and Claims Office in order to register their claims for benefits on the ground that they may be treated unfairly, they need delay no longer.

NORMAN CUTTING HAS FOOT INJURED BY GUNSHOT CHARGE

Norm Cutting, aged 22, of Acton is in Guelph General Hospital suffering from gunshot wounds in his foot. Cutting is believed to have been handling a gun when the weapon accidentally discharged, the shot piercing his foot, and passing through the attending physician's hand. Cutting is likely to be laid up for some time as a result of the accident.

Sgt. Geo. Molozzi Among Group Who Raided Germany

Sgt. George Molozzi of Acton was among the group of Canadian airmen who were recently presented to the King and Queen and chatted with them according to press dispatch. We haven't had a letter from George for the Free Press since he was stationed in Western Canada but apparently he has been busy.

One of the pilots in the group presented to the Queen his crew had made 30 trips. The group presented had taken part in the attack on Cologne and some of the boys said afterwards their experience in shelling hands and chatting with their Majesties was tougher than any raid. The report doesn't tell about George's conversation with their Majesties, and recalling George's modesty when he was on the championship hockey team of 1938-39, but his ability to play the game, he won't be talking much about his latest exploits.

Another dispatch telling of raids over Germany told that Flight Sergeant Molozzi was one of the night squadron on Tuesday night, which gave the Germans a pounding. Another goal for George.

GEORGETOWN HOCKEY STAR DIED WHILE ON OVERSEAS SERVICE

Sport fans of this district learn with regret that Hubert Frank (Sheeney) Tait of Georgetown, died while on active overseas service. Sheeney was the star of the Georgetown Intermediate Hockey team for several years, and played a season or so with the Acton team. He was perhaps one of the best known members of the Georgetown team as his play was outstanding. He played some on the baseball team too.

Word was received by his mother, Mrs. Florence Tait, Georgetown, of his death overseas. He had attained the rank of Acting Sergeant since enlisting.

Masonic Service Held on Sunday At Campbellville

Campbellville was quite a success for Masons on Sunday evening when the Masonic Church Service of Campbellville and St. Clair Lodges was held in St. David's Presbyterian Church. Rev. John C. MacNeil, Rev. J. B. Moore and Rev. D. H. Gallagher were the ministers taking part in the service with a splendid sermon by Rev. Mr. Gallagher on the subject "The Temple of God." The theme of the address was an urge for all to carry into their lives the brotherhood of man.

The guest soloist at the service was Miss Marjorie Dawson of Milton.

The Public School Pupils Collect 3504 lbs. Rubber

Grade Six had Best Showing and Get Reward—Money to War Services League

Citizens who have been canvassed for scrap rubber by the children of the Public School and many others were perhaps wondering what all the campaign was about. From June 10th to June 12th Acton school pupils were out to collect all the "scrap" rubber available. The result was that a total of 3,552 lbs. of scrap rubber was collected with 252 lbs. of pure rubber.

The sale of the scrap brought in \$27.56 and when a committee of representatives from each grade met to decide what to do with the money it was voted to give the whole amount to the Acton and Vicinity War Services League.

There's been quite a competition in this scrap rubber campaign. The plan was in charge of four boys from Grade Eight who gave encouragement and looked after the campaign on Friday afternoon the collection of each grade was weighed. Grade Six was first with 719 lbs. collected, Grade Four stood second and Grade Seven stood third. The reward for winning was a holiday on Monday for Grade Six from two-thirty in the afternoon.

MORE FOOD CONTROL

LONDON, (C.P.)—The concentration industry and commerce manpower the Ministry of Food has decided to form national companies to control the purchase, importation and distribution of meat, butter and cheese.

TROPHIES WON AT HALTON JUNIORS' ACHIEVEMENT DAY

Trophy awards made at Halton Juniors' Achievement Day were as follows:

Palermo Challenge Trophy for the Club of Highest Team Jordan Local. Members of the team were, Kerwin McPhail, Jack Glenendinning, Pyle Samerville.

C.N.E. Shield for High Novice. Kerwin McPhail, Acton.

Donald Robertson Trophy to the high man in heavy horses. Grant Allan, Acton.

Duncan Campbell Trophy to the high man in beef cattle. Walter Reid, Milton.

Heronston Trophy to the high man in dairy cattle. Jack Hamilton, Pelee.

Mason Knitting Trophy to the high man in sheep. John Vansickle, Pelee.

Thus Haddock Trophy, to the high man in swine. Donald Peer, Milton.

The young men under the direction of Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitehead, made visits to the farms of Edwin Harrop, Dr. W. F. James, Frank Stark, Maurice Beatty, J. Y. Murdoch and J. H. Willmott where ten classes of livestock were judged. Miss Betty Wallace of the Women's Institute Branch was in charge of the Junior Homemakers' Achievement Day.

The County Assessment Is Unchanged This Year

This is additional work directly attributable to the war.

Mr. Craig "Mr. Gilbert, would you recommend that a grant for additional assistance be given?"

Mr. Gilbert "Well now, you've rather got me on the spot. As a matter of fact I have seen Mr. Thompson pretty well played out after a hard day's work."

Several voices from the meeting: "Is it 'yes' or 'no'?"

Mr. Gilbert "Well, I have done the best I can."

Voices again "Yes or No?"

Mr. Gilbert "I can't say 'no' (laughter)."

Other members spoke briefly including the Warden from Peel County, Mr. Amos Mason of Acton, Mr. E. D. McNeill of Peel and Mr. Campbell of Oakville.

The following resolution was passed. Moved by Mr. E. D. McNeill, seconded by W. N. Gilbert: "Be it resolved that we instruct Halton and Peel Children's Aid Society to employ an extra welfare worker to help the society during the duration of the war, after which the two counties shall decide as to the continuation of an assistant."

A number of gentlemen met the council, most of them representing societies asking for grants. For local fair boards Mr. Broadhead and E. Harrop for Milton, Frank Petek for Georgetown, and Mr. Swackhammer for Acton.

Some argument ensued as to whether Milton could be considered as a county unit. Some argued that there was no such thing as a county unit. Dr. Heslop contended that since the fair grounds at Milton were county property, the Halton County Fair was of more interest to the county as a whole.

Moved by Alex. Near and seconded by Harold Cleave that the County Council grant the sum of \$150 to Milton, Esquimaux and Acton Fairs. Lost.

Moved by W. S. Hill, seconded by Dr. Heslop, that a grant of \$200 be made to the Halton Agricultural Society and \$100 each to Acton and Esquimaux. Carried.

Mayor Gibbons and Lieut. H. C. McClure, both of Georgetown, requested a grant for the Lorne Scots Band. Moved by Hillner and Cleave: That a grant of \$500 be given the Lorne Scots Band. Lost. Moved by Craig and Heslop that a grant of \$300 be given. Carried.

Those appealing to the council on behalf of the Red Cross were: Mr. E. D. Dale of Georgetown, Mrs. Fred Hesplop of Milton and Mr. Amos Mason of Acton.

Council were united in their desire to help the Red Cross but divided in their opinion as to the amount. Messrs. May and Cleave moved a grant of \$2000 be given. Robertson and Kerns moved \$1000 and Dr. Heslop and Craig \$500. The resolution giving \$500 to be divided among the six branches of the Red Cross in the county finally carried.

The County Buildings Committee brought in a report and recommendation re the lighting system of the county buildings. After considerable discussion it was decided to (Continued on Page Five)

Cub Picnic Had Four Communities at Event Here

Acton Pack Won the Highest Standing in the Games and Tests

About seventy-five Wolf Cubs from four communities joined in the activities at the Cub Jamboree in Acton Park last Saturday afternoon. It was a regular picnic for the boys. Oakville had the biggest group with an attendance of about thirty.

When the Cub contests and games were tumbled up it was found that Acton Pack had the highest score with Milton closing them a close second. The Rockwood Pack which has just been recently formed made a fine showing for a new group.

Contests include points won for grand total, marching and drill, leap frog and somersault, relay foot choral race, signalling, carrying message, skipping and the ball game.

Acton won 141 points; Milton, 135; Oakville, 124 and Rockwood, 98.

The events barely left time for the swimming but every boy had the fun of that too. Each boy brought his own lunch and when the event wound up about eight o'clock it was voted a real success and the facilities at Acton Park were ideal for such an event.

CIGARETTES ARRIVED SAFELY TO THE BOYS' SERVING OVERSEAS

The April shipment of cigarettes sent by the War Services League of Acton and vicinity, arrived safely about May 15th, according to the survey received this week from the Highways, Pte. W. Cassidy and Pte. H. Johnson, Pte. J. McLaughlin, Pte. B. D. Hodge, Gnr. F. C. French, Pte. Max Storey, Pte. J. Stewart, Pte. W. C. Jones, Lt. Col. A. McMullen, Sgt. E. A. Clifford, Gnr. J. B. Platt, Sgt. H. C. Ebbley, Sgt. H. D. C. Taylor. All expressed appreciation of this very welcome gift.

Acton Sailor Spends Months in Enemy Waters

Has Received Mail Just Four Times in the Past Year

Mr. G. A. Jills, Editor and Publisher, The Acton Free Press, Dear Sir:

This is a red letter day for me, an event which in the last year has only happened four times, and that is "MAIL," and another thing which has only happened once, was eleven months ago, Aug. 4/41.

And I was glad to read and hear of some of the boys already on the "Other Side." Neil McNabb, E. Tourner, and others. I also received a letter here from Bert Tuck of the Lorne Scots and I guess he will most likely read this letter before receiving an answer to his, but eventually.

Well we have had a long visit in Australia, which has one of the finest natural harbours in the world. I would call it "The City of a Thousand Islands." This year they had the first real rain fall for seven years. Of course they have had some rain during that time, but not seasonal nor near as much as natural, in fact the fresh water situation here was very serious, in fact it was rationed. For three weeks, during my visit of course, they really had rain, more rain than I have seen all my life, and it saved the water situation. This city has a population of a million and a half and they were consuming about 70,000,000 gallons of water daily.

I have met a lot of Yankee sailors and soldiers and armor here, and they are a lot of good fellows. They just want to get this little war over and get back home and if any of you think they can't take it, well listen to this little story, from an Australian returned soldier. I was talking to who, in a certain naval engagement, saw an ANZSA naval ship was sunk, and she sank with her guns still firing. Her gun crews did not leave their post. They went under with her.

I have also met a lot of returned Aussies, or diggers as they call them here, and some of the civilians, and they are a fine race of people, and from all accounts great fighters. I may be wrong but I still say, and have said ever since I first arrived in Australia, that of all the boys, the boys will never invade Australia.

I never hear the expression O.K. here very often, they say "Fair Dinkum" for that, and their slang is altogether different from ours, and they like the Yanks. But a Canadian naval rating is rare here, in fact in nine weeks here there has only been one other Canadian naval rating besides myself.

We shall be "under way" again, and I will be a long trip, and as yet we do not know just where, and I could not mention it anyway, but all centres are a long journey east, or north-west from here. It will mean at least from thirty to thirty-six days at sea anyway, and I am hoping it will be in the right direction for me to complete my trip around the world. I also hope that we do happen to turn up at Halifax or even Vancouver, for I am due and travelling through German, Italian and Japanese war zones. But as I have said before time alone will tell.

I sent you a few foreign newspapers from here. Thought you might be interested in papers from various parts of the world. In closing I want to say "Hello" to old friends I haven't written for some time, and hope to see you all this year, also let us hear from you old timers serving overseas. Good luck to you all, and I hope to see more letters from the service, and I would like to hear from Bob O'Hara and Verne Wheeler, and C. S. M. Alger.

Yours sincerely, H. V. DRON

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Officers Named Committees Formed Red Cross Work

Due to the resignation of Mrs. A. Mason who has so splendidly carried on as convener of the Red Cross work from since the start of the war activities it was necessary to appoint new officers and arrange the committees. Mrs. Mason has found that her health would not permit her to continue to assume this responsibility and it was with regret her resignation was accepted at the meeting on Monday evening.

Mrs. A. H. McLean was elected to succeed Mrs. Mason as convener of the work room with Mrs. F. S. Blow as assistant. Other committees named were as follows: Knitting Committee, Mrs. W. J. Beatty, convener; Mrs. E. M. Shroeder, Sewing Committee, Mrs. J. Smith, convener; Mrs. H. M. McDonald, Mrs. J. Inglis, Mrs. H. Healy, Packing and Shipping Committee, Mrs. E. M. Shroeder, convener; Mrs. A. Mason, Mrs. F. Salt, Quilting Committee, Mrs. E. J. Hunsard, convener; Mrs. R. L. Johnston, Mrs. S. Reed, Mrs. G. A. Hulse.

Y.M.C.A. OFFICER IN WAR SERVICES ON WEST COAST

Johnny Gray who has been the popular supervisor at Acton Y.M.C.A. left yesterday, and during the week will go to Prince Rupert B.C. to act as supervisor there of the Y.M.C.A. War Services Work Centre and will serve in the Y.M.C.A. services for the duration of the war.

Acton folks regret his removal but are pleased that Mrs. Gray will carry on and when the war is over Johnny will resume his post again.

I.O.D.E. Presents Prizes to High Pupils Acton School

The Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the I.O.D.E. presented on Friday, June 12th, 1945, their annual gifts of educational books to the two highest students of each of the eight rooms in the Acton Public School.

The fortunate pupils to be awarded these prizes were:

Grade I: Christie Lamb and Jean Palmer.

Grade II: Joyce Lambert and Sheila O'Rourke.

Grade III: David Richardson and Keith Burkholder.

Grade IV: Johanna Veldhuis and Teddy Rachlin.

Grade V: Ray Everdell and Kathleen Curry.

Grade VI: Ethel Hunter and Loraine Palfant.

Grade VII: Marion Fryer and Joan Cole.

Grade VIII: Bunny Anderson and George Elliott.

Over \$3000 Has Been Raised Aid Service League

Plan Now to Send Boxes to Boys Overseas—\$1,105.50 Given Various War Charities

Figures given out last night at the meeting of Acton and Vicinity War Services League revealed that during the last month since its formation a total of \$3,031.76 has been turned over to this organization. Expenditure to date amount to \$2,725.02. Yarn was purchased to the value of \$250.02, cigarettes and extras for the boys overseas accounted for \$750.00, donations to the British War Victims' Fund, Chinese Relief, Polish Relief, Alexandria Orphanage, British Children's Milk Fund, Red Cross and Welsh Male Choir amounted to \$1,105.50 and miscellaneous expenditures were \$219.02.

Much of the meeting last night was devoted to arranging boxes for the boys overseas. The organization is planning to send boxes containing razor blades, socks, cheese, cookies, gum, soap, shaving cream, maple sugar, candies and jam.

Amounts turned into the League's funds last night were \$120 for sale of Yarn, \$10 from the Busy Bees of S. S. No. 7 Nassagaweya, and \$27.53 from Acton Public School's collection of rubber.

In discussing the events it was found that the month of July was free for some organization to hold an event. The Happy Four gave a dance on June 19th and the Bingo Tournament in Acton Arena is on June 20th, and the Pre-men's Street Dance and Bingo on Dominion Day.

In view of the holiday coming on the next regular meeting might it be arranged to meet the day previous to June 30th.

Yours sincerely, H. V. DRON

Nassagaweya Honors First Son To Give His Life

Memorial Service at Ebenezer on Sunday Pays Tribute to Life of Clayton Taylor

A very large congregation assembled on Sunday morning at Ebenezer United Church to pay honor to the memory of Sgt. Clayton Taylor of Moffat, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Taylor, who has been killed in action while over Germany.

Among those present were many of his school friends and teachers, also a number of men in the U.C.A.P., members of the Acton and District and Guelph Branches of the Canadian Legion, representatives of the Wireless Air Training School of the O.A.C., along with the council and officials of the Township of Nassagaweya.

The service opened with the singing of that well-known hymn "What a Friend we have in Jesus," followed by a responsive reading of the Fourth Psalm. A quartet of the choir then sang "Peace, Perfect Peace."

The lesson text was taken from Revelations of St. John, Chapter 6. Rev. Mr. Pickering illustrated his text by the reference to a motion picture which was called "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse." Incidentally this picture was shown in Acton just twenty years ago. This motion picture was a white horse, and the rider had a bow, but no arrows. He was killed on the spot before he went out to conquer. The second horse was red and the rider carried a sword, he had the power to make war.

The third rider carried a pair of scales. He bargained for the grain which sustained the people during a famine, but would not let the people use the luxuries and wine. The fourth horse was pale and the rider represented death, as death always follows in the path of war and famine. Many people during war always turn to spiritualism as they seem more susceptible to predictions at this time.

The minister spoke as he thought Clayton Taylor would speak. That he wanted to live in peace but he saw a job to do in his hands to clean up this world so that it would be a better place to live in and he had not hesitated at whatever the cost might extract from him in doing his duty as he saw it. Let those who are left not let his sacrifice be in vain.

The Nassagaweya Council placed a wreath at the front of the church as did the Acton and District Branch of the Legion, along with the Busy Bees Club of Nassagaweya. A two-minute silence was then observed in memory of Clayton Taylor after which the choir sang that old commemorative hymn, "O Valiant Hearts."

Mr. George Muscello, president of Acton Legion read a memorial number and a one-minute silence was observed.

This very fine memorial service was brought to a close with the singing of a hymn dedicated to travellers by air and the National Anthem.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, etc., are given in other parts of this issue. See also special charge for advertisement of organizations.

Knox Church Congregational Picnic, Wednesday July 15 51-2

Jitney Street Dance and Bingo, Wed. July 1st, sponsored by Acton Fire Brigade. Doris Hull's Orchestra, Lucky draw. 51-2

Grand Bingo Tournament, Acton Arena, Saturday night, for Malta, G.C. Bands, Booths, Lucky Draw, Quiz Program, A Big Night.

Dance in Acton Town Hall, June 19th, sponsored by The Happy Four. Lucky draw on lamp. Dancing from 9 till 1. Doris Hull's Orchestra Admission 25c. Proceeds for war work. 50-2

Ballroom Strawberry Festival to be held for the Red Cross on June 25th, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Dan Campbell, Seventh Line. Good program by Toronto talent. Admission 25c and 15c.

A meeting in the interests of the Acton Branch Bible Society will be held in the Presbyterian Church, Sunday, June 21st, at 8:15 p.m. The speaker Rev. W. McCleary will have motion pictures "The Retreat from Dunkirk."