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## Halton's Member Gives His Views on Conscription

### Answers Those Who Do Not Seriously Regard Their Pledge

Because we believe those whom he represents would like to know of the presentation of his views before parliament we publish in full the speech given in the House of Commons on Tuesday, June 16th of Halton's representative, Hughes Cleaver, on that controversial question regarding the method of raising men for army service.

Mr. Hughes Cleaver (Halton): Before expressing my views on the bill which is now before the house for second reading I should like to make some comments with reference to the keynote speech delivered by the leader of the opposition (Mr. Hanson) on Wednesday last. He read verbatim from a prepared type-written statement which was handed out to the press before one word of his type-written speech or statement was read to this house. In the opening remarks of that speech he made this very remarkable statement:

**I have listened with undivided attention to the speech of the right hon. gentleman this afternoon, and I confess at once that it left me cold.**

**I ask hon. members to ponder for a moment the highly imaginative gifts of the hon. member, who in the quiet of his own room, at least two weeks before a word of the speech was uttered, could calmly dictate to his private secretary the words which I have just read. The Prime Minister's speech, he said, "left him cold." Obviously the chill must have occurred at least two weeks before the speech of the Prime Minister was uttered; so we are left to conjecture why the chill. On pondering the problem this occurred to me. We all know that the present Conservative party in the house is governed by remote control. If that part of the hon member's speech was written by the Right Hon Arthur, we can understand the chill; for he has been kept by the Canadian people and by his own party in cold storage for a long, long time.**

**However, last Wednesday afternoon was a very warm afternoon and the hon gentleman soon warmed up. He then inflicted on this house some poetry from a musical comedy. Think of it! At a time when this house is discussing one of the most serious problems that will come before it during this war; at a time when racial feelings run high, is that the best leadership the leader of the opposition can give us? He read from comic opera, and he did not even read it well.**

**The leader of the opposition went on to announce grudgingly that he was going to support this measure, but he served warning that he would press for the immediate imposition of conscription. He went on to poke fun at and to belittle and misrepresent the stand of our war leader, a man who was elected Prime Minister of this country with the largest majority ever accorded to any prime minister in our history. In comment on his made statements regarding Canada's war effort that I feel sure he will be ashamed of before very much older. Listen to this on Canada's war effort, and nobody knows better than the leader of the opposition what a magnificent war effort this country is making. I quote from Hansard page 504:**

Shall be

The Prime Minister

insist that we continue with interminable debates to victory." That is what we have had Mon thirty-two months. Shall he insist

The Prime Minister again

that we plod wearily along a winding and unlighted road, in the pious hope that somehow, some time, somewhere, we may grope, stumble and flounder into the open light of victory?

**I ask hon members, is this fair comment on Canada's war effort? It is not the duty of any hon member of this house to make such slighting statements regarding Canada's war effort, much less the duty of the leader of a loyal opposition. No one knows better than he the wonderful war effort this country is making and as I listened to those words I just wondered what General McNaughton and his gallant men overseas would think of that description that gross slander of Canada's war effort. I wondered how the boys in our twenty five odd air squadrons overseas would feel when they heard Canada's war effort being described as a stumbling, bumbling effort? And what about the boys in the Canadian navy engaged in constant convoy duty on the Atlantic? How would they like to have Canada's war effort, their war effort, described and maligned in that fashion? Do they believe that we are**

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## NO MORE CAKE AT INSTITUTE MEETINGS FOR THE DURATION

The June meeting of the Bannockburn Institute was held at the home of Mrs. D. Russell with twelve ladies present and the President, Miss E. Russell in the chair. The roll call was answered "Where we were born." It was decided to join with Acton and Dublin for a one-day nutrition conference in Wise Buying, which will be held in November.

Plans were made for a picnic in July instead of the regular meeting. After the business period Mrs. L. Swackhamer, District Director, gave a splendid report of Halton Convention which was held in Georgetown. We also had a musical contest. Lunch was served and a half hour spent. It was decided that for the duration, cake would be omitted from the Institute refreshments.

## First Communion For Big Group At St. Joseph's Church

Sunday June 21st, was an important day in the life of St. Joseph's Parish, Acton. At the nine o'clock mass nineteen children received their first Holy Communion, while ten other children made their solemn or renewal of their First Holy Communion.

The sacricians had both the main altar and blessed Virgins altar specially decorated with an abundance of various flowers for the occasion. The communion rail was illuminated with candlebrit of lighted candles, one for each boy or girl making his or her first communion. The girls were dressed in white wearing wreaths and veils while the boys wore ribbon bows on their arms and flower in the lapel of their cont.

The children were assisted by the ladies of the Sodality and under the direction of Misses Marie Clayton and Mary Papillon, marched from the hall to the church.

After the mass the first communicants were enrolled in the brown Scapular by their pastor, Rev. V. J. Morgan and a certificate of First Holy Communion was presented to each child.

Those who made the first communion were: Michael McCristall, Leo Marchant, Michael Korchewiec, Leo McGilloway, Basil Pacini, Helen Keelan, Denise Coles, Pelaine Gibbons, Marie McCristall, Joan McCrea, Adele Chew, Sheila O'Rourke, Bridget Ann McLaughlin, Siglinda Vander Griten, Helen Kosikowski, Margaret Milton, Barbara Boyle, Doreen Hornby and Pauline Tyers.

## MISSION BAND HELD PICNIC ON CHURCH LAWN

The Mission Band of the United Church held an enjoyable picnic on the Church lawn last Thursday afternoon. To avoid the showers the picnic lunch was served indoors but weather cleared and a splendid time was enjoyed in the races and contests. Following are were the winners:

Girls under four years Betty Mae Lamont, Billy Ingles.

Girls 4 and 5 Eileen Parker, Eileen Bass.

Girls 7 and 8 Marie Parker, Leone Revell.

Boys 5 and 6 years Dave Richardson, Jack Mowat.

Girls 10 and 11 Georgia Parker, Bertha Ingles.

Boys 10 and 11 Rae Everdale, Harold Smith.

Girls 12 years and over Shirley Elliott, Bunny Anderson.

Boys 12 years and over George Elliott, David Drysdale.

Strawberry Boy Race Bunny Anderson, Travers Fryer.

Leap Frog Harold Smith, Donald Lamb.

Mother's Race Mrs Purdy, Mrs J Pell.

## Dora Wood and Ken Hassard Win I.O.D.E. Awards

Each year in seeking to foster a true school spirit in the Acton Continuation School the Lakeside Chapter Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire presents ringer rings to an outstanding girl and boy. The award is based on academic results of the school year as well as on the qualities of character and contributions made to the school by the students. The competition was been for both these beautiful awards. The runners-up have also made valuable contributions to the esprit de corps. The girls award went to Dora Wood, while the boys award went to Kenneth Hassard. The latter was inspired, apparently, by the example of his brother, Martin, who also won the award in his year.

# Curfew Rings on Monday Beer Slackens War Effort

### Acton Council Petitioned to Urge Early Closing as Late Hour Interferes With Efficiency of War Workers—Connection to Street Drains is Restricted — Children Must be Off the Street Before Nine Unless Accompanied by Parent or Guardian.

Councillors W. J. O. Oakes, Chas. Kirkness, F. Davison, and A. Mason, were present Tuesday evening at the fortnightly session of Acton Council and Reeve J. M. McDonald presided.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

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| Bell Telephone Co., services | $ 11.20 |
| Dr. W. G. Cullen, expenses to Ontario Health Officers' Convention | 29.00 |
| Whither & Co., assessment notices | 5.55 |
| Welfare Accounts for May | 52.88 |
| Acton Public Utilities Commission, Hydro account, collected with taxes | 2.89 |
| E. E. Harrop, Bailiff fees, re tax seizure collected | 4.02 |
| | .20 |
| A. T. Brown, supplies | .60 |
| T. Rumley, labor | .11 |
| Elliott Bros., supplies | 11.00 |
| F. McCutcheon, trucking | |
| | $120.45 |

Messrs. C. B. Swackhamer and Geo. Somerville addressed the council regarding the annual grant for Acton Fall Fair. Council unanimously passed the usual grant to Acton Fair.

Thos. Nodwell in a letter to Council requested permission to connect a drain from the cellar of a house on Church Street he was constructing, to the town drain. Permission was granted under rules outlined in an agreement drawn up. Frank Toth asked permission to drain water from bath and laundry tubs into the town drain. This was contrary to rules and and was not permitted and permission was refused.

Mrs. W. R. Lashbrook asked an adjustment of business tax since the business had been closed in May. An adjustment was made for the period with the new tenant to take over the balance of the year.

A letter from the Wool Combing Corporation and another letter from the Beardmore & Co. pointed out that the late hours that beverage rooms remained open was interfering seriously with the efficiency of the workmen in their plants. This was slowing up the production of needed war materials in these plants. It was urged that council petition the proper authorities to have the beverage rooms closed at ten o'clock on every week-night except Saturday and on Saturday at 11 o'clock.

The following resolution was passed: Resolved that this Corporation petition the Liquor Control Board of Ontario that insofar as this municipality is concerned, all beer parlors and beverage rooms located in Acton be closed at the hour of 10 p.m. on each week day, except Saturday and on 11 p.m. on Saturdays.

A Lot Harrop reported that a man who on Church Street and gave details of the drains existing. Has drain connected to new 10 in. sewer, and was advised that he could do so. Lot on Park Road, was referred to Mr. Harrop for report.

A code prepared by engineer Mc[illegible] Ramsay to safeguard the public during heavy rainfall and floods at $1.50 per day. It was also reported to Council that the Y's Men's Club had purchased some life-saving equipment for the park. It was deemed advisable to place this on the spot at the bathing place.

It was also decided to renew the signs regarding speed limit in the park and have signs limiting the speed past the bathing beach to five miles per hour.

Request was made for flowers for the Pioneers' Cemetery as has been usual in the past.

Quotations were received for making receptacles for waste paper in the park. The Municipal Officer was to make a couple for use this year, on a trial basis.

Council passed a resolution instructing the clerk to enter action in Division Court against three citizens who had not paid their dog tax for 1942.

Discussing the curfew again the council passed the following resolution: Resolved that the Chief of Police be instructed enforce the Children's Protection Act and that the curfew bell be rung at nine p.m. each evening. This provides that Statute now provides as follows for Children's Protection. Section 19: No child shall loiter in any public place after nine o'clock in the afternoon or be in any place of public resort or entertainment after that hour, unless accompanied by his parent or

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## The Week at OTTAWA

**Specially Written for The Acton Free Press by**
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OTTAWA, (CP) Finance Minister Ilsley has announced his 1942 war budget described as committing Canadians generally to "hard work, plain living, compulsory saving and taxpaying" for the duration of the war.

The budget plan taxes the incomes in a sure-pay and increasing measure. The most important features of the plan to many people are the combination of the National Defence Tax and the personal income tax in a higher impost with part of the total repayable to the taxpayer after the war with interest at two per cent. per annum. In the case of salaried persons this will be taken from pay envelopes "at the source," after Sept. 1.

Users of liquor and tobacco in various forms, soft drinks and other luxuries will help to meet the nation's estimated 1942 expenditure of $3,900,000,000 in increased prices sure to follow the higher excise imposts on these things.

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## I.O.D.E. Garden Party And Birthday Tea Held at "Hill Hall"

A garden party and birthday tea was enjoyed by the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. and many friends at the home of Mrs. P. A. Smith, "Hill Hall," on Friday afternoon. The event was to raise money for the Chapter's many activities. The rose gardens with a background of delphiniums and profusion of peonies was enjoyed by the guests who after roaming the gardens were received by the hostess, Mrs. Smith and the Regent, Mrs. W. J. Beatty; Mrs. E. E. Barr, Hon Regent, and Mrs. J. C. Matthews, Vice-Regent, pouring tea.

The committee in charge of arrangement were Mrs. J. C. Matthews, Miss P. Smith, Mrs. F. Salt, Miss Bennett, Mrs. G. A. Dills, Mrs. E. Harrop, Mrs. Slyth, Mrs. A. B. McLean, Mrs. F. Blow, Mrs. M. Shroeder, Mrs. R. M. McDonald. A special feature was the penny sale with Mrs. A. Mason and Mrs. W. Clayton in charge. The winners of the different articles were Mrs. F. Salt, Mrs. W. J. Beatty, Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. A. Dryden of Flint, Mich., Miss Garvin, Mrs. McLean, Mrs. Grindell, Mrs. Blow, Mrs. Dan of Georgetown, Mrs. Barr, Mrs. Farrer, Mrs. Arar and Mrs. Hassard. The door prize in charge of Mrs. J. M. McDonald and Mrs. R. M. Mac[illegible] was won by Mrs. Frank Best.

## JUST LIKE $100,000,000

[illegible] of Britain has collected 2,234,234 lbs. of salvage since the start of the war. The cost of the salvage included tonnage of wood pulp, scrap metal and beef would have been about $100,000,000, experts estimate.

## Eramosa Township Rate Set 31/2 Mills For Present Year

### Council Decides No Appeal for Equalization Purposes

The Council for the Township of Eramosa met at the call of the Reeve at 8 p.m. on June 23rd in the Town Hall, Rockwood. The members were all present and the Reeve in the chair. The trustees of the Police Village of Rockwood and the Assessor were invited to consider with council the report of the County Valuators.

Moved by Messrs. Leslie and Pakey and carried: That the council having thoroughly examined the report of the County Valuators for 1942 with respect particularly to Eramosa township, and after considerable discussion, decide that no appeal against the County assessment incorporating the report will be made.

The township rate for 1942 was set at 3½ mills. Accounts amounting to $1,54167 were passed for payment and council adjourned until the regular meeting on July 13th.

## Back After Flying Service In Far Libya

While visiting in Acton on Sunday it was the pleasure of The Free Press editor to have a chat with Flight-Lieut. Lloyd Warriner, of Toronto, and Flight-Lieut. John Owen of Rhodesia. Both of these young men have just recently returned from service in Libya, one of them for a year and the other for two years. They made the trip of nearly 12,000 miles by bomber plane, arriving at a United States field. Both of these pilots are night fliers and were flying the Wellingtons. Lieut. Owen wears the Distinguished Flying Cross. When asked what it was awarded for the laughing reply was "For saving a young lady from drowning," and that was the only answer.

Both these young men have seen service over many parts of the east, been on bombing raids over many of the ports mentioned in press dispatches and quite a few not mentioned. Their collection of photographs along the Gold Coast, in Cairo and many other spots were most interesting.

Stories they have of odd incidents in their work. One was a raid in which Lieut. Warriner participated over Germany before going east. The bombs had been delivered and the bomb doors closed, the anti-aircraft fire was heavy and the place was getting a hot spot when the officer in command gave the order "to get out of here." Landing at the port the rear-gunner was missing. Three days later he was reported a prisoner of war in Germany. He had mistaken the order and bailed out over Germany.

Then there's the one Lieut. Owen witnessed of a plane coming back in bad weather and under conditions when a landing was seemingly impossible. The order was given for all to bail out and avoid the crash. The phone equipment of the rear gunner failed to function and he didn't get the order or bail out. The plane didn't crash but made a fair landing at the port. Imagine the surprise of the gunner when he stepped from the machine unhurt but unable to locate any of the crew who were miles back in the fields.

These were two of the stories. The young men are like all good soldiers, discreet in what they divulge. After the war we imagine many episodes will be related.

Asked their opinion of the war's duration, it was likewise non-committal. If it lasts five years, we'll just keep fighting, if it lasts only a short time the job will be done. None of this armchair worrying or speculation. But an assurance the job will be done and a definite belief of the marked superiority of the Allies' air power over that of the Axis.

With young men of their calibre in the air-force we know too the job will be done. No matter what time the job may take. Furloughs were not finished for them. Lieut. Owen was leaving the day following for the United States and Lieut. Warriner reported at a Canadian Training Centre.

## Parade Here As Part of Army Week July 1st

In connection with Army Week, arrangements are made for a big parade in Acton on the night of Dominion Day next Wednesday. The parade will form at Tyler's Garage at eight o'clock and go by Mill Street to Main Street.

All members of local organizations are urged to attend. The following bodies will parade: Legion, Lorne Scots, Boy Scouts, Wolf Cubs, Acton Fire Brigade, Duke of Devonshire and Lakeside Chapters of I.O.D.E. all visitors in Acton on that day, members of any branch of the armed forces are invited to join in the parade.

## The Juveniles and Parents Lectured By Magistrate

Recently a trio of juveniles broke into the Public School and secured some small change from one of the teacher's desk. The guilty ones appeared last week before Magistrate McDonald in Milton with their parents. Both of them and parents were given some sound advice by the Magistrate on proper conduct and observance of the property of others. The boys were allowed out on probation with the stipulation that they must be at home before eight o'clock. Failing proper conduct during the probation period further steps were recommended where correction of such habits is possible.

## SHIPMENT OF ARTICLES SHOWS WIDE WORK OF THE RED CROSS

Shipment of material from Acton and district Red Cross Rooms the past week showed quite a list. Here are the articles which made up this shipment: 50 nightgowns; 44 pads; 19 baby vests; 1 pair booties; 1 baby's bonnet; 1 baby's jacket; 11 jackets; 12 pairs pants; 12 sweaters; 12 pairs socks; 12 pairs braces and 11 shirts. The variety of the list indicates the wide range of work that the Red Cross carries on among all those who are victims of war. In addition just a week or so previous 50 baby blankets were forwarded.

## Monster Bingo Drew Big Crowd On Saturday Night

The Monster Bingo held in the Arena last Saturday evening was well attended and the financial results, though not over large, were very gratifying. The affair was under the auspices of the Acton Branch of Canadian Legion, as a section of the Acton and Vicinity War Service League.

Here it was well proven that wonderful co-operation exists between the different bodies of workers in our efforts to supply monies for the many War Funds at home and overseas. The Legionaires were very ably and willingly assisted by the Beardmore Employees' Association and members of the ladies organization, under the direction of Mrs. George Elliott, conducted the refreshment booth adding dollars to the local War Chest. The band of the Lorne Scots Regiment Volunteered their services for a street parade and gave a fine program of patriotic music stirring us with such numbers as John Peel (the regimental march of the regiment), Men of Harlech, Boys of the Old Brigade, etc.

The Alka Seltzer Quiz program provided a half-hour of good entertainment and a little cash for some of the contestants.

It is with much pleasure that we here record the appreciation of the splendid contributions donated at this time by the Beardmore Leather Co. Ltd., and the Wool Combing Corporation of Canada and Force Electric Products. These gifts will be very acceptable to the civilian population of the brave little island of Malta, G.C., to whom the proceeds of Saturday's Bingo will be forwarded. The Acton and Vicinity League will announce the amount as soon as the money is sent. We would like now to remind all citizens of the coming event being sponsored by the Acton Fire Brigade on Dominion Day, July 1st. The Legion is co-operating in this by conducting a Bingo on the same evening.

## FRIENDLY CIRCLE HELD PICNIC AT MRS. J. STEWART'S

The Friendly Circle held their annual picnic Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. J. Stewart. Supper was served in the dining room. After supper the members and friends numbering about fifty, braved the chilly outdoors for the sports event which had been well arranged by Lorne Durkin and Mabel Harris.

Quick Ladies' Race Mrs. Joe Clarke, Dorothy Married Ladies' Mary McLeize.

Time Race Beatrice Bailes.

Shoe Race Ethel Pratham and Dorothy Kentner.

A couple of novelty relay races caused much merriment among both the spectators and the contestants.

By this time fingers and toes were beginning to get numb so the girls retired to the house where Mrs. Caldwell and Mrs. Stewart entertained the company. A very gratifying part of the evening was the donating of the thirty-nine War Savings Stamps to be used for the United Church War Savings Fund. Miss Bennett moved a very hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Stewart for her kindness and hospitality. This was seconded by Doris Kentner.

## Confirmation and Dedication at St. Alban's To-Night

The Rt. Revd. L. W. B. Broughall M.A., D.D., Bishop of Niagara will pay his annual visit to St. Alban's Church to-night (June 25th) when he will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to a class of candidates presented by the Rector. He will also dedicate the windows which have lately been placed in the Church. Copies of the new Hymn Book for use in the church and given by the Young Women's Guild, will be presented. The mortgage which has been cleared off leaving the parish free of debt will be disposed of at this service.

## War Finance Committee to Co-ordinate Effort

### Victory Loan Executive and War Savings Group Will Work as One Unit

In an effort to secure the greatest results possible and in order that each type of government bond may be placed where it is the most suited in each locality the promotion of the sale of war securities will be under the guidance of one committee.

On Monday evening this committee was set up for Acton and district. It is really a unification of the Victory Loan Committee and the War Savings Committee. In the combined set-up however each unit does not lose its identification and particular work which has been efficiently done in Acton and district.

There is however some change in the territory of the Acton district which has not been finally adjusted. The Township of Nassagaweya which has been divided in two sections for war finance now becomes one unit with Campbellville as the headquarters. It was felt in that district that such a unit would work better and Acton agreed to change. The boundaries on the Esquesing section have not been settled.

Officers and heads of committees and general committees of the War Finance Organization were named as follows:

Chairman A. Mason

Vice Chairman in Charge of War Savings G. A. Dills

Secretary W. George Mason

Chairman of Sales H. R. Force

Chairman of Employee Division for Victory Bonds W. J. Beatty

Chairman of Employee Division for War Savings E. S. Force

Chairman of Publicity Committee T. H. Gewecke

Members of Executive Committee Reeve J. M. McDonald, Miss M. Z. Bennett, Mrs. R. R. Arnold, George Musselle, George Fountain, R. R. Arnold, L. Lovell, C. Moffat, W. Murray, W. H. Clayton, W. K. Graham.

The committees as at present functioning on War Savings will continue their work. Each chairman has power to add to his committee, workers as he deems necessary. A new drive for increased sale of War Savings Bonds and stamps will be started next month when new outlets for sale of stamps will be established. It will coincide with a similar campaign being conducted that month in the United States.

Mr. Amys, county organizer and Mr. Harris, district organizer of War Finance attended the meeting and assisted in forming the combined organization.

## Y.M.C.A. Provides Summer Facilities At The Park Here

Acton Y.M.C.A. and the Y's Men's Club have arranged several things that will be appreciated by the boys and girls of Acton and by all those use the park and bathing facilities here.

The Y's Men's Club have provided a life preserver and a life line for use in conference with the bathing beach. It has been found there is rock bottom about [illegible] feet out from shore except in a few places. It is felt that the life line will act as a guide for all. These only and used as such. Care has been arranged that Mr. Tyler Pomeroy who did this work so successfully last year is now again in charge for the summer months.

Mrs. Johnny Gray who was in charge of activities at the Y.M.C.A. will start classes in track and field events the first week in July. These classes are open for every boy and girl in Acton. Mrs. Gray is a member of the Toronto Ladies' Hexathlon Club and splendidly qualified for this work. The schedule will be announced later.

## Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, Other Events [illegible] are charged for at the rate of one cent per word, minimum charge [illegible] cents.

Strawberry Social and Tea in United Church Sat. June 27th [illegible] Price Adults [illegible]

St. Alban's W.A. will [illegible] Rose Tea Day Friday and Saturday, June 26th and 27th. Entrance [illegible] for war purposes.

Church Tea will be held at the home of Mrs. Archie Kerr, Saturday afternoon and evening June 27th, in aid of the Chinese Relief Fund. Mrs. (Dr.) Agnew will be guest speaker. Auspices of Churchill Women's Association.