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## Fraction of Mill Lower For County Rate this Year

Road Rate is Increased by Committee—Hospital Accounts are Heavy and Require Investigation—Train Service at Campbellville and Hornby Still is Unsatisfactory.

Halt County Council met in Milton last Tuesday. There was little correspondence and what there was, was filed. The most important business was that in connection with levying the county rate.

Two members were absent from the council, Reeve W. S. Hall and Deputy Reeve W. Murray. The Warden explained Mr. Murray's absence as being the result of an accident on his farm through which he was confined to hospital. Following a suggestion Mr. Hillmer a collection was made from members of the council for the purpose of sending flowers to Mr. Murray.

The Road Committee recommended that estimate for road work be set at one and one-tenths of a mill over that of last year.

Special Communications. This committee recommended that letters re Children's Aid be read and filed. The letters referred to the following resolution passed by Peel County Council:

- 1. "Resolved that Clause 6 of the Finance report passed on January 2, 1942, be rescinded, and in its stead a statement of expenditure of the Children's Aid Society, not covered by the rate per day wards, be submitted monthly to the Hospital Committee of the County of Peel before being paid."
- 2. "That the clerk be instructed to notify the Children's Aid Society that this council wished to make a further study of the question extra help for the organization and also that this matter be held over until our November meeting."

With reference to the above society it was moved by Mr. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Craig, at Halt County Council, "That extra expenditure incurred by the Children's Aid Society over and above rate received from wards be submitted to County Council in detail for discussion and passing before cheque is issued. Carried."

Hospital Accounts. This committee submitted accounts for payment that were particularly heavy and questions were raised as to their authenticity in some cases. Mr. Hillmer and Mr. Cleave agreed that some cases would bear looking into and expressed their intention of so doing. It was generally agreed that hospital accounts should be repaid by the recipient, if and when he was in a position to do so.

County Buildings. This committee recommended that Allan Morley and Albert King be given \$25 each for their services in painting the county buildings and the residence of P. M. McNiven. It was noted that the offices of the County Clerk and the County Treasurer had been greatly improved by being re-decorated.

The reports were considered and amended in Committee of the Whole with Reeve Nair of Nassaragawa in the chair.

When council resumed the following resolutions were passed: Moved by J. M. McDonald, seconded by J. M. McDonald, that the following accounts be passed:

Finance	\$1,245.60
Printing	22.41
Hospital Accounts	4,215.15
Education	69.04
Buildings, County	194.97
Agricultural and Reformat-ion	25.01
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,772.18</b>

Reference was again made to the inconvenience of train service at Campbellville and Hornby with the result that the following resolution was passed: Moved by Mr. Nair, seconded by Mr. Hillmer: That the Clerk be instructed to write the Railway Board re train service to Campbellville and Hornby owing to gasoline and tire shortage and that they be requested (Continued on Page Three)

## Deputy-Reeve G. W. Murray Hurt In Fall at Barn

Deputy-Reeve G. W. Murray of Esqueving Township sustained a fractured back and fracture of the right leg when he fell from the hay loft in his barn near Acton last Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Murray was taking in the hay crop and had climbed the ladder to the mow with two forks in the one hand. He had reached the top beam when one of the forks caught in the hay and loosened his hold on the ladder. Realizing he was going to fall he jumped to the barn floor and the shock of the fall caused the back and leg fractures.

He was removed to the General Hospital in Guelph for treatment and is still in hospital. Many friends in this community and throughout the county will wish him a prompt and complete recovery.

## SATURDAY WEDDING OF ACTON COUPLE AT BRIDE'S HOME

The home of Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Ricketts, Grove Street, Guelph, was the scene of a very pretty wedding at three-thirty Saturday afternoon, when their only daughter, Muriel Near Ricketts, A.T.C.A., member of the staff of Acton Public School and director of School Music, was united in holy matrimony to Charles Reginald Heard, of Acton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Heard, of Blensden, Wiltshire, England.

Miss Myrtle Hatten of Guelph, was the bridesmaid, while Mr. James Graham of Acton, nephew of the bride's family, officiated. The charming bride was attired most becomingly in a floor-length gown of white silk with long full sleeves and a fitted bodice. Her hair was adorned with a halo of white flowers and she carried a nosegay of red and white roses and baby's breath.

The bridesmaid wore a gown of similar design of pink sheer with matching headpiece and carried a nosegay of pink roses, blue cornflower and baby's breath.

The house decorations were in pink and white, harmonizing prettily with the gowns of the bride and bridesmaid. Bouquets of cream lilies, roses and baby's breath added to the charm of the home, while the wedding cake was attractively placed on the festive table with tall white tapers.

After the ceremony, Mrs. Ricketts, mother of the bride, wearing a blue and white figured crepe dress and corsage of roses, received the guests, and Mrs. Colin Graham, sister of the groom, in navy blue and a corsage of roses, poured tea, assisted by Mrs. Harold Mackinson, Mrs. Frederick Shortall and Miss Marguerite Shortall.

The happy young couple left by motor for a trip to Montreal, Ottawa and other points. For travelling the bride wore a dusty rose redingote dress with black accessories. Among the numerous gifts was a beautiful cabinet of silver from the Toronto and Acton offices of the firm of which the groom is an employee.

## Competition for Field Crops of Milton Fair

Following are the results of the Field Crops Competition for Oats conducted by Milton Fair. The judge was Charles Young of Milkhill. J. H. Wilmost, Milton 88; T. J. Brownridge, Georgetown 87; Woodland Orchard, Bitont 86; W. E. Brecken, Freeman 85; H. W. Richardson, Milton 84; M. McNabb & Sons, Georgetown 84; A. P. Woodley, Milton 82; Thus, N. McLean, Milton 81.

## The Week at OTTAWA

Specially Written for The Acton Free Press by BY ALAN-JARVEY Canadian Press Staff Writer

Members of the House of Commons looked forward this week to their first real respite from essential duties since the historic sitting started January 22.

Behind them were six months' debate on subjects as momentous as any 'Canadian parliament' ever faced. There lay a number of loose ends and considerable unfinished business, arguing further stormy discussions for the full months, inside or outside the house.

The house was still burning, for instance, on an contentious subject as the government's conscription bill. Prime Minister Mackenzie King has declared that he will ask for a vote of confidence in the ministry before overseas conscription is enforced and that may touch off another sharp debate.

In his final speech in the conscription debate, perhaps his most animated address of the session, the House Leader Hanson, with deliberately seeking to destroy Mr. King and to destroy confidence in the ministry. He also assured the chamber that he is willing to "go before the people" at any time. And "if that vote carries no one will leave office more quickly than your humble servant."

Exchanges between Mr. King and Mr. Hanson were more vigorous than usual and at times the crowded Commons caught the sense of an old-fashioned political free-for-all. After Mr. King's final reply, the House gave third reading, in almost anti-climactic fashion, to the Conscription Bill. The vote was 141 to 45.

New Classes. One feature of this week's debate on the Hong Kong commission report was announcement by Defence Minister Ralston that a battalion of Canadian paratroops has been authorized and that training will be started soon. Co-operation with the Royal Canadian Air Force on paratroop training is being arranged.

Col. Imiston told the House that retirement of Maj-Gen. E. J. C. Schmillin, Quartermaster-General of the Canadian Army, was partly due to adverse criticism of the quartermaster-general's department in the Duff Commission report. He said there had been many other changes, virtually reorganizing the department.

The minister was defending the report which came under fire from a number of opposition members. On Tuesday night the House by a vote of 130 to 34 rejected an opposition motion that reorganization of the defence department was required in the light of the evidence submitted at the Hong Kong inquiry.

Another political development which may bring a clash in parliament is the recommendation of the Commons Defence of Canada Regulations Committee that the ban on the Communist party of Canada and seven other organizations should be lifted. Within the committee itself, there was apparent divergence of opinion with reports that the vote cut across party lines and that Fisheries Minister Michael resigned as committee chairman rather than table the recommendation.

The report, urging that "changed conditions" since the ban was imposed made an amendment to the regulations desirable, was tabled by H. H. McKinnon (Lab. Kenora-Rainy River) on Tuesday night and reported. Another report tabled in the House praised operations of the Canadian Wheat Board and "unimpaired attacks" on it were termed "harmful." The report said there appeared no other course than to leave the Winnipeg Grain Exchange open in line with British wishes. "Brokerage fees paid by the board were checked and certified correct," and the report said: "If the report of another House committee is endorsed, Canadians will be able to receive certain honors and decorations which do not give titles. The honors and decorations committee recommended establishment of a purely Canadian order and removal of restrictions on awards which don't carry titles. Acceptance of the recommendations would make it possible for Canadians to receive such as the Order of the British Empire, Companion of St. Michael and St. George, Companion of the British Empire and British Empire Medal."

REPORT TO SHOOT AT LONDON, (CP) When Mrs. Ronald Hudson, wife of the agriculture minister, presented Good Service medals to 96 land girls, she remarked that two girls on her farm had plowed 400 acres in a fortnight.

## 110 Boxes Sent to Boys Overseas Acton and District

Service League Made Expenditure of \$300 on This Item

110 boxes were sent to the boys from Acton and district overseas in the latest shipment sent by Acton and District War Service League. These boxes cost approximately \$300. This item was one reported last evening by Mrs. Bracken when the fortnightly meeting was held last evening.

Each box contained the following items: 1 tin each of tomato juice, oranges, and apple juice; 1 cake of maple sugar or a tin of maple syrup; a bag of candy; 4 packages of gum; half tin box of cheese; 2 packages of Gillette razor blades; tin of soap; tube of shaving cream; tin of date brush, pair of socks and package of handkerchiefs.

The league also passed a resolution of appreciation to the Force Electric Products for their help in making up the packages.

Accounts in connection with these boxes amounting to \$229.24 were passed for payment.

The next meeting will be held at the call of the chairman.

## Daily Vacation Bible School by Knox Sunday School

Knox Presbyterian Sunday School sponsored its first Vacation Bible School during the week of July 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, and 25th. Thirty-six boys and 9 girls, their ages ranging from 4 to 14 years, enrolled and the average daily attendance was 30. The theme of the school was "Follow Me," and the theme hymn "Follow Me the Master Said."

Each day began with a period of worship, followed by a lesson period. The lessons were based upon five important parables of Christ. The second hour of school was given to the learning of new hymns and choruses and a period of out-door games. Then came handcraft, woodwork for the boys, sewing for the girls and putting and cutting for the younger children. School was closed daily with the Mizpah benediction.

The following teachers composed the staff: Miss Dora Hansen, Miss I. Anderson, Miss D. Foster, Miss R. Clark, Mrs. M. Letch, Mrs. C. Kirkness, Mrs. J. Gray and Rev. R. E. Thomson.

## HE IS PRO-BRITISH

LONDON, (CP) One Japanese who has freedom of movement in London is Serji Yanda, formerly London correspondent of the Tokyo newspaper Yomiuri. Yanda has satisfied the authorities that he is pro-British. He has been here nine years and is engaged to an English girl.

## Overseas Mail

Letters From the Local Boys Serving in the Cause of Freedom.

Somewhere in England July 30th, 1942 Dear Alford. I was thinking for the copy every week of the Free Press, which I look forward to. I received three copies to-day and was glad to get them. Being in the hospital I am really tired of reading books but when your paper came in I soon started to catch up on the news.

I really got a surprise to see that "Irish" Jamieson is back in Acton. He sure is lucky to get back home, but unlucky to be back when the big do is liable to come over here any time and of course that is not every Canadian is wanting for news. I also wish to take this opportunity to thank the Acton War Service League and also Beardmore's for sending me cigarettes at different times. They are sure welcome over here. We are stationed in the city where a very popular brand is made over here. But we still cannot afford to pay 2 a package. I sure hope that they soon start some action over here so that we will be able to get home once again. I haven't met many of the Acton boys since I came over but one never knows when you may meet another. Well I must close now hoping everyone in Acton is enjoying the Canadian summer, so cheerio for now and I hope to see you all soon. Sincerely yours, DAVE HODGE, R.C.O.C. A-35391.

## Weekly War Commentary

Specially Written for The Acton Free Press by BY H. H. GIBSON Canadian Press Staff Writer

Citizens of Dutch Guiana, South America, have recently expressed nervousness over reports of increased military activity in the Vichy-controlled French Guiana and the rumored infiltration of Axis spies there who allegedly tip Axis submarine commanders on the whereabouts of Allied vessels carrying war material north to the United States and Canada.

J. H. Bous, a Netherland newspaper correspondent, wrote a short time ago that few persons would openly suggest French Guiana was allowing Nazi submarines to use bases on its territory, still "few would care to deny that such bases exist—and their existence greatly facilitates German submarine operations" (French Guiana is next door neighbor to Dutch Guiana).

Dutch and British Guiana are the world's principal producers of bauxite, a raw material needed in the manufacture of aluminum. Netherlands citizens here point out that some of the bauxite mines are only about 15 miles from Vichy-controlled bases as the modern bomber flies.

## Fears of Raids

They do not suggest that the Vichy-controlled island forces are likely to invade either the Dutch or British Guianas, but they are afraid someone might induce the local government of Guiana to allow the appointment of Admiral Robert Vichy's governor at Martinique, to allow the use of French Guiana bases for raids on the mines, thus cutting down the supply of raw material for the manufacture of much-needed aluminum for aircraft and other weapons.

There is another angle to the aluminum case. One of the most potent sources of aluminum is cryolite which yields a considerable amount of metallic aluminum and is used as a flux in its smelting.

Cryolite is found almost exclusively in the vicinity of Ivigtut, South Greenland. Ivigtut is less than 1,000 aerial miles from Tromsø, Norway, home of part of the German navy. The United Nations could be dealt a severe blow by successful enemy offensive against either of those points, the Guiana mines or Ivigtut.

Case of West Indies. Bous wrote that the people of Surinam in the Netherlands West Indies, remembering that Chief of State Laval has said he desires an Axis victory, have no confidence whatever in the recent agreement between Admiral Robert and United States representatives regarding neutralization of part of the French fleet at Martinique and the neutrality of the French Indies.

"How," one person asked him, "would the American people like it if, Quebec, instead of being a loyal French-speaking province of a British dominion, was a Vichy possession, whence the enemy might intrigue against the safety and war effort of the United States?"

## Third Front

Axis forces now are battling on three fronts in Europe and Africa. The Yugoslav army under General Draga Mihalovich has engaged the Italians in operations which have taken on the character of a full-scale war. His army of 300,000 patriots, three times the size of the enemy forces in Egypt, has launched an offensive in three major battles up to July 23, captured large quantities of supplies and killed or captured at least 12,000 of the enemy. The Yugoslav thrust is so severe that Hitler has found it necessary to send planes and artillery to aid his southern Axis partner.

In Egypt the Allies continue to cut off Axis air power, and the battle for supplies keeps up. At the weekend the lines were static as the British Army consolidated its two-day ground gains last week which hid but it firmly atop the strategic heights in the north and central sectors of the desert front in the El Alamein area.

Apart from artillery and naval bombardment Friday and Saturday most of the fighting was taking place in the air with by far the greatest losses on the Axis side.

## Russian Peril

The gravest moment of Russian history is perhaps at hand. Fighting Marshal Semion Timoshenko presumably planned to make his back-to-the-wall stand, and where he must hold in the face of the million-man pressure which the Nazi High Command is exerting on him.

## Council Endeavors to Secure Bridge Settlement

### Liquor Control (?) Goes Out of Control With Farm Hand

Allan C. Ross, a farm hand employed on a farm near Acton on Tuesday last night and became intoxicated under our present system of Liquor Control. He created a disturbance and was arrested by Chief Harrop after being warned.

In making the arrest he struck and kicked Chief Harrop and when being led to the cells he required the assistance of two other men. His language was the foulest and most continuous stream of abuse to which we have ever listened. Charges against him will be heard in Police Court.

### OTTERHEIN-MOONEY WEDDING THURSDAY AT KNOX MANSE

Miss Frances Thomson officiated at a quiet wedding at Knox Church Manse last Thursday, when Helen Mooney, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mooney, was united in marriage to Harry Otterhein, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Otterhein, Preston.

The bride wore a dusty rose sheer street-length dress with white accessories, her mother's pearls and a corsage of butterfly-roses and bouvardia.

Her only attendant was Mrs. Harold Mooney, New Toronto, sister-in-law of the bride, who wore a taupe dress. Queen Anne blue dress with white accessories. Her corsage was pink roses and bouvardia.

The best man was Mr. Harold Dawson of Preston, brother-in-law of the groom.

After the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. The bride's mother received wearing taupe blue with white accessories and a corsage of sweet peas and baby's breath. Mrs. Dawson, the groom's sister, assisted wearing a blue ensemble with white and a corsage of sweet peas and bouvardia.

A buffet luncheon was served by the bride's friends, Mrs. Masters, Ruth and Betty Masters, Mrs. Norton, Misses Jessie Coles and Frances Rawlings. The bride's table was beautiful with three-tier wedding cake, pink and white tapers and sweet peas. When cutting the cake, the bride used a knife, the gift of grandmother Mooney, and an heirloom in the family. This was the thirteenth time it had been used.

For travelling the bride donned a sky blue suit with beige accessories and carried a beige topper. The bride and groom left by train for Windsor. On their return they will reside on Maria Street, Acton.

Guests were present from Islington, Preston, Toronto, Guelph, and Acton.

## Lorne Scots Made Impressive Show At Colors Ceremony

The Evening Argus of Brighton England, recently carried a photograph of the Lorne Scots with their colors in a march past in the South-Eastern Command. The regiment on that day carried out the important ceremony of trooping the colors. The following is an extract from the English paper.

Officers and men of the Canadian regiment, the Lorne Scots, made an inspiring show on Saturday, when they carried out the ceremony of trooping the colors in a place in the South-Eastern Command.

Such was their bearing and all their movements were marked with such precision that it was difficult to realize that they had not had more than a month's training. Until they all came together for that training the regiment had been split up in companies and platoons, and their sharp performance on the parade ground on Saturday reflected the greatest credit upon them and those who were responsible for their training.

### At Special Meeting on Tuesday—Hope to Have Amicable Settlement Rather Than Court—Arena Roof and Cement Walk to Get Repaired This Year.

A special meeting of Acton Council on Tuesday evening had as the chief subject the Maria Street bridge and several other items of immediate importance. All the council were present and Reeve J. McDonald presided.

The meeting concerning the bridge question was more of a conference dealing with an amicable settlement of the problem and at the invitation of Council Mr. W. J. Beatty of Beardmore & Co was present to join in the discussion.

A letter from the Department of Highways of Ontario stated the municipality was within its rights in closing any street dangerous to the public and could have been held responsible for any accident on the street regardless of who built the bridge or verbally agreed to maintain it. It was also pointed out in the letter that the services of a lawyer were required rather than those of a bridge inspector.

Another letter from Dale & Bennett, solicitors for Esqueving Township stated that a deputation of Township residents had visited the Township Council regarding the closing and condition of the bridge. It was written "Without prejudice," and the opinion was expressed that Acton Municipality could not close the bridge, but since it had been closed apparently Acton did assume some responsibility in connection with it. The writer thought Beardmore & Co. should maintain the structure since it had been open to the public for thirty years and been so erected and maintained by this company.

This letter also stated the Township of Esqueving did not intend to stand idly by if the interests of rate-payers of the township were jeopardized.

The file of material from the Railway Board into the correspondence in connection with "the bridge" was presented to council and part of it reviewed. The resolution passed in 1910 by Acton Council was also read.

Councillor Davidson said that in conversation with members of Esqueving Council he understood the minutes and all arrangements pertaining to the bridge were in their files and might throw some light on the subject.

In summing the matter up Councillor Gibson said the question divided into two courses. One in which the courts would make a settlement with the legal costs not helping in the improvement of the road or bridge and the other whereby an amicable arrangement might be arrived at by discussion between the councils of Esqueving and Acton and representatives of the Beardmore & Co. where all the money expended would go to improving the situation.

Mr. Beatty said he felt sure the Beardmore Co. would be quite willing to confer as a third party in a plan to settle the question.

In answer to the question of what a bridge involved in cost Reeve McDonald stated that it was his opinion that a steel and cement structure could be erected for approximately \$6000.

The Clerk was instructed to write the Department of Highways to see if permission would be granted and if materials could be secured for the construction of a new bridge. It was decided by those responsible for such construction, to erect a structure.

The Clerk was also instructed to send to Esqueving Council a copy of the resolution passed by Acton Council in connection with closing Maria Street for traffic.

The clerk was also instructed to ascertain when Esqueving Council met so that Acton Reeve and Council and Clerk could attend for a conference regarding an amicable settlement of the problem.

The clerk reported regarding actions on tax collection and garnishments put in on delinquent owners of properties. Council by resolution approved of the action of the special committee in awarding the contract for repairs on the roof of the curling rink and armories to Mr. Jones of the Painter (C) Co. Council also approved of taking advantage of the discount for payment with contract. Councillor Oakes submitted the amount expended on streets and walks this year and estimated that about \$700 was available for repairing sidewalks. The clerk was instructed to advertise for tenders for constructing about 300 square yards of cement sidewalk.