

## Canada Esteems National Weight of Weekly Press

### Delegates at 23rd Convention of C.W.N.A. Hear Many Speakers on Newspaper's Place in Wartime Economy

SASKATOON, (CP) — Predictions of greater responsibilities in the future as well as a picture of the part the weekly newspaper has played in Canada's progress in the past were given delegates to the 23rd annual convention of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers' Association here last week. Various aspects of the nation's war effort were dealt with in speeches and discussions.

The 200 newspapermen from all parts of Canada present at the opening session heard the message from Prime Minister Mackenzie King, referring to the service weekly newspapers are capable of rendering: "It is impossible to over-estimate the value of the service at this very critical time."

The delegates were welcomed in addresses by S. J. Dorman of Alameda, Sask., secretary of the Saskatchewan division of the Association and Mayor S. N. MacEachern of Saskatoon. They were guests of honor at a banquet given by the province of Saskatchewan at which Premier W. L. Patterson told them "where you have a free press, the people enjoy liberty."

The convention business included addresses by the president, Walter R. Legge of the Granby (Que.) Leader-Mall and by C. V. Charters of the Brampton (Ont.) Conservator, managing director of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers' Association. Mr. Charters said a free press was the cornerstone of democracy and had a big job to do in a war economy. He told of the rapid growth of the association in membership and revenue.

### Many Subjects

G. H. Lash, Ottawa, director of public information, said Canadians must invest \$1,200,000,000 in war bonds and buying bonds should not be regarded as a sacrifice. A number of speakers, including H. Goodman of the Publisher's War Finance Publicity Committee suggested it would be a national tonic if Canada started a campaign to honor her war heroes. Canada should guard against urging a premature second front in Europe, said Gillis Purcell, Toronto, general superintendent of The Canadian Press. Mr. Purcell, who was public relations officer with the Canadian Corps overseas and a member of the staff in 1918, said: "Our boys overseas are eager to get to France; their commander said they will. Why not leave the job to the boys who are on the spot?"

Dr. J. S. Thomson, president of the University of Saskatchewan, declared an important part in re-shaping the future must be played by the rural church, the rural school and the rural newspapers. Dr. M. M. McDermid, Ottawa, of the War Finance Publicity Committee, also addressed the convention.

At the trophy dinner Miss Byrne Hope Sanders of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board at Ottawa, was guest speaker on the subject "The Consumer Looks at Price Control."

### Newspaper Awards

The Pentleton (B.C.) Herald won The Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association award for the best all-around weekly in the Dominion and for the best editorial page of papers.

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## DRIVER AND OWNER GET \$10 AND COSTS FOR CARS COLLIDE

Two cars came to grief and parted with dented fenders and fronts at the Mill and Main Streets corner on Saturday morning. Irvin Erb of Kitchener was travelling east and Jun Lew was having Florence Evelyn Shuler drive his car west. Miss Shuler's driving experience was limited.

When Chief Harrop investigated the accident he found that Miss Shuler had no driver's permit and admittedly had only driven occasionally. Yesterday morning in police court Magistrate McDonald assessed Jun Lew and Miss Shuler \$10 and costs each on the information laid by Chief Harrop. Miss Shuler was charged with driving without a permit and Jun Lew with permitting his car to be driven by an unlicensed driver.

## ACTON BOYS ENLISTED

Newton Hurst has joined the Canadian Ordnance Corps, and is stationed in Toronto.

## More Than The Old Gray Mare

Ain't What She Used To Be

Met a Fame Passer reader the other day and got the Salutation "Say what happened to the Old Gray Mare." Then met a couple of more with similar greeting. That's the way we find out in certain features are being read and enjoyed. Kind of like obituaries, as soon as you miss them it's easy to recall some good about them.

Watched the painters across the road re-decorating the exterior of Johnstone & Rumley funeral home and couldn't help a few recollections. You don't need to be very old to recall when the place was surrounded by a nice white picket fence and trees grew in the front so close that it was only a quick look that caught a glimpse of this fine old home. There was the old apple tree that stood right at the front door and about the lawn were those nice old-iron seats that made swell decorations but weren't so comfortable.

Now we get the full view of the architecture and fine lawn from the front. It ain't what it used to be but we like it better as we see it now.

Had a chat with our friend W. J. Akins the other day. And if it wasn't for the inconvenience of those crutches I believe he'd be at work again on the Fall Fair. The pace has been slowed a little but the interest of Mr. Akins in Acton Fall Fair and Nassagaweya remains just as keen. If Acton doesn't have a better fair than ever the man who was Secretary for so many years is going to be keenly disappointed. He is just as anxious as he used to be.

As I sometimes visit about and converse with citizens I can't help but think that the reason Acton has such a fine community spirit is because so many are keenly interested in a village and all things for community betterment. Going back over the years that same spirit guided the citizens of Acton and gave us many of the things we have to-day. As long as it remains the community will be a fine place in which to live.

There was a time when I used to wish Acton would reach the status of a town, but as it appears possible now the desire has gone and I hope that the population figure will have risen and the Acton remaining a village. It's the last incorporated village in Halton and while the word town may sound bigger it seems that it's about all that is to be gained by the change. Know of lot of places too that have very small village populations that would be glad to revert to village status but such is not possible.

Haven't any objections at all to continued growth of the community. But can't see anything to be gained by becoming incorporated as a town rather than a village, and can see a lot of disadvantages.

Noticed the municipal officers every morning gathering up the odds and ends on the street. Also know how premises along the main thoroughfare accumulate gum, cigar and cigarette wrappings and a lot of material that is thrown aside. It's untidy but not particularly dangerous.

Lots of you can remember when bananas were quite a treat and banana skins used to be just as plentiful on the streets as chocolate bar wrappings are to-day. A banana skin was a treacherous thing too. Pleased beyond the safe or your heel of your shoe and a nice smooth side-walk, you were never positive of maintaining intended direction. No one was travelling east and Jun Lew was having Florence Evelyn Shuler drive his car west. Miss Shuler's driving experience was limited.

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## LITTLE TOT BURNED WHEN TRUCK FIRES WHILE BEING REPAIRED

Last evening while repairs were being made on a truck by Mr. Herb McEachern on the fifth line, gasoline in the machine in some way became ignited and the explosion was followed by fire in the truck. Little Mary Ann, the three-year-old daughter of the home was in the truck and before she was rescued suffered many serious burns on her arms, legs and body. Medical attention was given and she was taken to the Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto for treatment. All wish for her a prompt recovery from the painful misadventure.

## Stolen Car Was Recovered in Two Days at Goderich

Last Thursday evening the car stolen from Mr. C. V. Force's residence on Bower Avenue was recovered in Goderich just two days after the theft. Pte. Wm. A. Rhodes, a soldier absent from Camp Gordon with leave was also arrested and charged with the theft. He is twenty-one years old.

Chief Harrop later received information from Goderich that Rhodes had pleaded guilty to theft of cars in Toronto, Acton, Galt and Goderich and theft of the gasoline in Acton. He will appear for trial in Goderich this week and later on the theft charge here. Chief Harrop had charge of the case of the Acton theft.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MRS. THOMPSON AT KNOX W.M.S.

W.M.S. of Knox Church held the regular August meeting. It was a memorial service for the late Mrs. William Thompson, who passed away recently. She had always been a very faithful member of the W. M. S. for many years had been responsible for the August meeting. Devotional period was taken by Mrs. Allison and Mrs. Wright. Mrs. Gould read the poem, "Others," which exemplified the life of Mrs. Thompson. Mrs. Lantz read a paper prepared by Mrs. Thompson on II Peter, 3:16. Mrs. Hassard read a poem on "O Little White Rose" which Mrs. Thompson had read at a previous meeting. Miss Anderson spoke a few words in tribute to the life and example of the deceased. After 2 minutes' silence the meeting was closed with all repeating "The Lord's Prayer."

## Escaped Prisoners From Milton Jail Caught in Montreal

Roy Johnson Gerow, 25, and Reginald Hanlon, 22, who escaped from the Milton jail 11 days ago, are being held in custody in Montreal, police in Milton learned Tuesday. The two men escaped by making a "rope" from their torn blankets and climbing over the 20-foot jail wall.

Chief Detective Armand Brodeur of Montreal said Gerow was taken in custody Sunday, while Hanlon was apprehended when he entered a recruiting station Monday.

The two were serving 18-month terms for theft of gasoline from an Oakville service station. They made their escape two days after the sentence had been imposed.

## KNITTERS NEEDED FOR RED CROSS QUOTA OF ARTICLES

The Red Cross has plenty of wool for knitters and to meet the quota for Acton and district there is an urgent appeal for all knitters. Needed as soon as possible are 175 pair long seaman's stockings; 100 pair of seaman's socks; 50 pair of mitts and 40 aero caps. So knitters can keep their needles clicking there is plenty of yarn and plenty of needed articles before winter comes.

## Eight-Year-Old Lad Loses Life in Nassagaweya

On Saturday last, Charlie Kyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Kennedy of Campbellville, Ont., was drowned in a pond of water while playing at the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace King. Joan King who was with Kyle, noticed he was in difficulty and ran for help. Mr. King was not long recovering the body and applied artificial respiration while Dr. E. Speer of Milton was being summoned, but upon his arrival the little boy was pronounced dead.

The funeral was held Monday from the home. Rev. Mr. Mustard conducted the service and spoke comforting words from the 14th chapter of John: "Let not your hearts be troubled." Four girl cousins and six chums sang floral tributes which were from "The Parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, friends, neighbors and brother and pupils of S. S. No. 2, Nassagaweya." Pallbearers were all cousins and chums.

Kyle was in his 8th year and was a talented lad for his age. His happy disposition and merry smile will be missed in the home and by those who knew him. Besides his parents there are three brothers, Norman, Mitchell and John. To these the sympathy of the community goes out at this time of such sad and sudden bereavement. Interment was made in Nassagaweya Presbyterian Cemetery.

## \$3684.83 Has Been Administered by War Service League

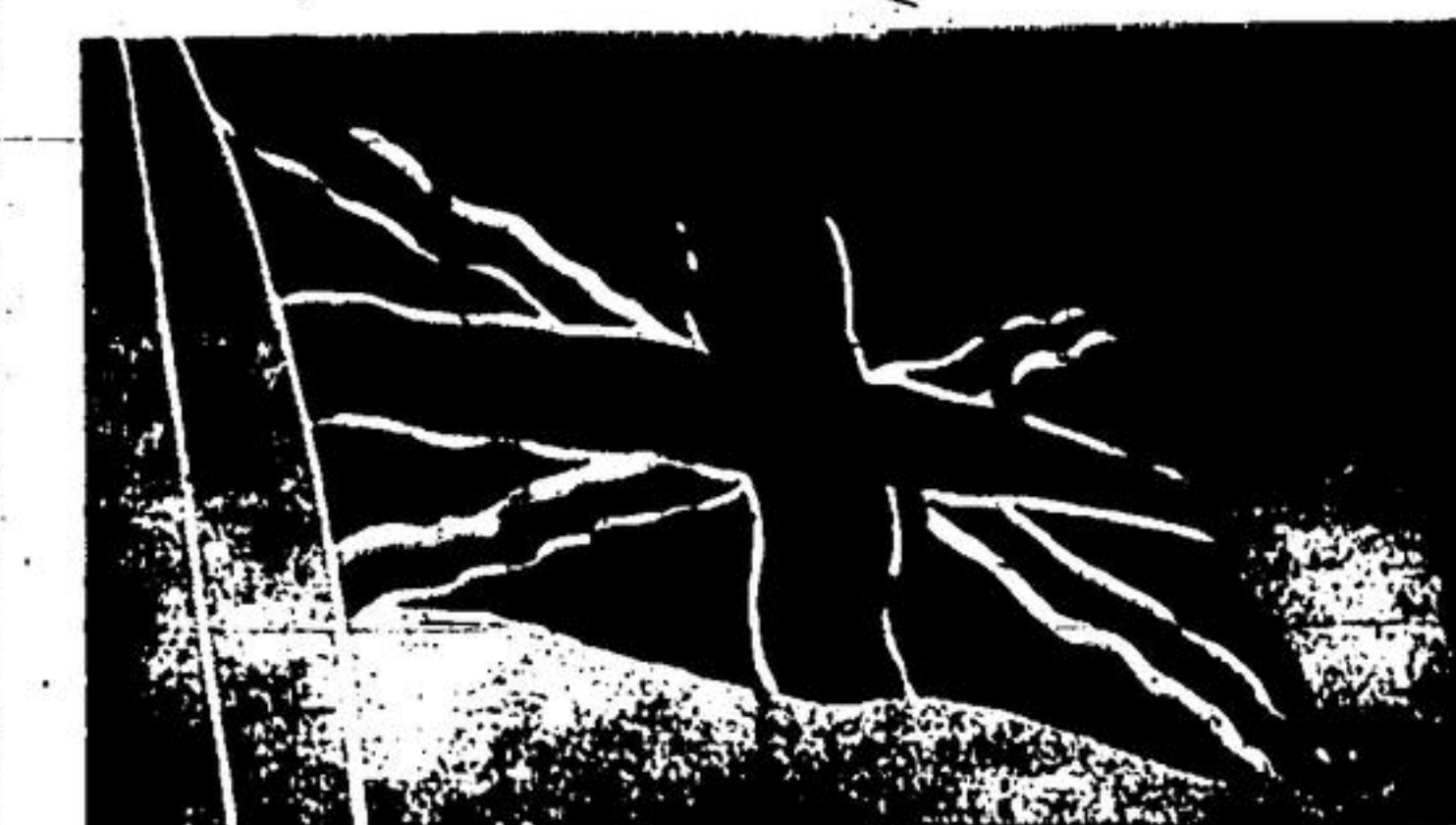
### Salvage Collections Not as Large—More Events Needed for Funds for Work of League

Since last October \$3684.83 has been administered under the Acton and District War Service League it was revealed last Thursday evening at the fortnightly meeting. Salvage for the month was \$140.80 reported by Mr. R. W. Lowrie.

Acknowledgements of shipments of cigarettes were received from the following men serving overseas: Cpl. R. S. O'Hara, L.-Cpl. Geo. Ingalls; Pte. F. Holloway, L.-Cpl. G. Wallace, Pte. C. H. Tyler, Pte. Cliff McDonald, Cpl. P. Purdy, Pte. F. L. Tournour, Pte. Gordon Lambert, Pte. B. D. Hodge, Pte. C. W. Douglas, L.-Cpl. J. Scriven, Pte. D. McDonald, Pte. K. A. McDonald, L.-Cpl. Joe Wallace, Pte. R. McVey, Cnr. T. Nicol, Sgt. J. Nicol, Pte. O. R. Brown, Pte. A. C. Martin, Pte. Norman Gibson, LAC. Jack vanGoozen, Pte. J. McGeachie, Cnr. Bill Caldwell, Pte. R. McArthur, Pte. D. McDonald, L.-Cpl. N. L. McNabb. Some of the boys wrote letters and added a note but all were very appreciative of the "smokes."

Accounts of \$14.49 were passed for payment for sundry items. Since the shipment of boxes the treasury is down and various ways of raising funds were discussed. The Boardmore Employees' Association plan an event for this month but details had not yet been worked out. It was hoped that with the "holiday" season just about over more events would be sponsored as holidays or no holidays the war goes on and funds are needed to maintain this work.

While the full quota of wool for knitting had been ordered, delivery could not be secured until some time next month. It was arranged to change the meetings to Thursday nights and hold the next meeting on August 27th.



## Active Service List ACTON AND DISTRICT

Those Who Fight to Keep the Flag of Freedom Flying

- The Free Press again presents the list of those from Acton and district who are serving in the Active Service Forces, in Army, Air Force and Navy. Thanks to the help of relatives and friends there has been many revisions since the last list was published. This list comprises 258 names, whereas the one previously published had a total of 222. This one may too have omissions and if you see any errors or names omitted we will certainly be glad to have them included for the next publishing.
- According to present compilation which of course changes from week to week, there are 124 overseas; 2 casualties; 9 in the Navy and 123 in Canada in this list of men from Acton and district, a total of 258 which is a mighty fine record we think.
- From time to time a revised list will be published and again we urge all readers to help us keep it up-to-date so that a complete record may be maintained of the men from Acton and district who served in this war.

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- A  
Alger, CSM, J. H. B-51522  
Anderson, S. Sgt., R. W. B-94440  
Airdrie, Pte. George, B-74645  
Airdrie, Pte. Wm. A.  
B  
Brown, Pte. W. H. B-94843  
Bragg, Pte. Ivan T.  
C  
Caldwell, Cnr. W. M., 6130  
Cassidy, Pte. Wm. J., B-81510  
Carnahan, Trp. Wm. H., B-74669  
Cooney, L.-Cpl. J. A., A-37493  
Cook, Pte. H. O., A-37582  
Chisholm, Cpl. John A., A-37525  
Cross, Pte. R., A-37490  
Close, Pte. D. Leo, A-37527  
Clifford, Sgt. E. A., B-93230  
Carmichael, Sgt. C. A., B-31108  
Campbell, P.O. M. G., C-6473  
D  
Douglas, Pte. Chas. W., B-51900  
De Forest, Cnr. Harold, A-35206  
E  
Elliott, Pte. W. R., B-51838  
Elliott, Pte. P. A., B-74689  
Eisley, Sgt. H. C., B-75708  
F  
French, Cnr. F. C., B-6060  
Frank, Pte. Karl M., B-51859  
Ford, L.-Cdr. A. R., A-35257  
Finlay, Cpl. W. J., B-74692  
Finney, P.O. R. A., C-6475  
Flatt, Cnr. G. B., B-11890  
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## Big Barn Burned At Ballinfad Friday Night

Fire completely destroyed the big barn on the farm of Campbell Steen above Ballinfad on Friday night. The entire hay crop, a couple of loads of grain, four calves and a bull were also destroyed as well as harness and other equipment usually kept in a farm barn.

The fire was visible for miles around and a big crowd of people gathered to watch it. Many from Acton drove to the scene. Cause of the fire is unknown. When first discovered by Mr. Steen he saw the barn on fire from his bedroom window and at that time the structure was well ablaze. Fortunately what little breeze prevailed was away from other farm buildings and only the barn and contents were lost.

## SIX SOLDIERS ARE INJURED WHEN CAR COLLIDES WITH TRUCK

Six soldiers, all of No. 24 Base Training Centre Brampton, were seriously injured Monday night when their car was in collision with the rear of a parked gravel truck on Main St. W. Four were rushed to Peel Memorial Hospital at Brampton, and were reported progressing favorably. Two who were more seriously injured, were removed to Chortley Park hospital, Toronto.

All six men suffered head and body cuts and bruises, and shock. They are Pte. John Cassel, driver, Corps, Walsh and Kitchen, and Pts. Caddick, Cameron and Cairns.

E. H. Mason, Cloverdale Ave., Toronto, driver of the gravel truck, with the help of passersby, extricated the soldiers from the wrecked car. The men were given first aid by Capt. H. E. Robinson and Dr. Allan Noble.

Two army ambulances were called from the training centre to rush the injured soldiers to hospital.

Constable Arthur Savage of Brampton investigated. He stated the soldiers were returning to the army camp from Georgetown.

## Weekly War Commentary

Specialty Written for The Acton Free Press by H. H. GORDON Canadian Press Staff Writer

Canadian army forces led a large-scale attack on enemy-occupied French territory around Dieppe at dawn Wednesday. In the raid they were supported by British, American and Fighting French commandos, while overhead a constant procession of C. A. F. and R. A. F. fighters and bombers from British front-line airbases provided a great protecting canopy.

From dawn on through late afternoon heavy explosions heard on the British side of the English Channel indicated continuance of the operations. Despite the great scope of the attack, the BBC repeatedly announced that the action was not an invasion and this was supported by the return to Britain in the afternoon of the troops who had accomplished their attacks speedily.

Tanks were used by the attacking troops and the raid was hailed by London newspapers as a "raid de luxe" and a departure from tip-and-run night raids. In Ottawa the attack was taken as an indication of a new and expanding role for Canadians in offensive warfare.

Announcement was in London Aug. 18 of the appointment of Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, 50-year-old Ulsterman, as commander of British forces in the Middle East, succeeding Sir Claude Auchinleck. Gen. Alexander played a big part in the Dunkerque evacuation and more recently led the British forces in its retreat through Burma.

The United States assault on the Japanese-held Solomon Islands in the Southwest Pacific, its naval shelling of the Aetulum Island of Kiska and its participation in the aerial sweeps against Nazi-occupied Europe indicate that President Roosevelt is taking a widening field for United States operations against the Axis.

The United States, fighting against the Axis since last Dec. 7 when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, has sent large forces into the field, at sea and in the air in seven months—forces which are better trained than those she sent to France in the First Great War.

Before the selective service act was passed the total United States army personnel, including National Guard (corresponding to Canada's peacetime Non-Permanent Active Militia) was 625,516 in a population of roughly 130,000,000. It now is according to the best guesses, about 4,000,000 including all land and army air forces.

### Technicians Abroad

The United States has also sent into the Middle East and probably some other areas forces of technicians to repair damaged allied equipment and salvage enemy weapons and other material.

Am-Flenns have gone to the British West Indies, Greenland, Iceland and Labrador. They have shipped, even before they were attacked, goods into the Middle East and other fronts and are now shipping them wherever there is a fighting front.

They are building ships as fast as they can to offset their own heavy losses off the Atlantic coast and in deep-sea trade. They are seeking to promote faster building despite labor-capital misunderstandings arising from a variety of causes, chiefly contingent on the fact that the country, hoping as most nations did to keep out of the fight, is still, like others, learning.

### Japanese Admission

At the week-end Japanese dispatched for the first time admitted the danger of the United States threat to the Solomons. These reports said the Japanese were engaged in fierce fighting to ward off the seaborne invaders.

Great care was being taken by the Navy Department at Washington to avoid over-optimistic reports of the offensive, but it appeared likely that U. S. marines controlled the island of Tulagi with its big harbor. Overhead Allied aircraft were reported to be smashing attempts of the Japanese to reinforce their troops in the Solomons.

Control of the Tulagi naval base by the United States might, conceivably force the Japanese to revise their whole plan of operations in the Far East. In United States hands, Tulagi would become a constant threat to enemy communications in the area northeast of Australia. A vigorous offensive by the United Nations in the Solomon Islands and New Guinea undoubtedly would cause the Japanese to think twice before undertaking any campaign against India. The Indian government's measures to put an end to violence engendered by Mohandas K. Gandhi's campaign against British rule were meeting (Continued on Page Eight)

## August Meeting Makes Transfer of Waterworks Funds

### No More Increases in Power Load Without Approval of the Power Controller

Transfer of \$500 was made from the Waterworks Department of the Public Utilities to the General account of the Corporation at the August meeting of the Commission.

A letter from the Power Controller gave notice that after July 15th all applications for increases of power load of 25 horsepower and over must have the approval of the controller. Application stating the use of the power and the type of industry, must be given.

Another letter was received regarding the billing on dwellings having more than one household. No action was taken by the Commission.

A letter from the Electrical Association stated a ruling had been acquired regarding Unemployment Insurance and where a certificate of permanency of occupation was received participation in the plan was optional.

Regarding water service extension to two lots on Victoria Avenue the Commission were ready to proceed as soon as approval of Council was given. Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

Hydro Department	
Bell Telephone Co., services	4.90
H.E.P.C. of Ontario, power	3,777.68
C.N.R. and Miss. Accounts	17.28
Norton Motors, supplies	17.28
Acton Free Press, printing	15.66
Bank of Montreal, paper	1.12
Symon Hardware, supplies	3.28
J. E. Holdcroft & Co., poles	239.77
Alex. Smith, Cartage	15.00
Geo. McDonald & Co., supplies	6.75
McDonald Electric Co., supplies	21.96
Canadian Line Materials, supplies	33.00
W. H. Cunningham & Hill, supplies	16.33
Whitman's Garage	11.82
Singano Co., Ltd., supplies	72.00
Acton Free Press, Adv.	1.00
Ellis & Howard, supplies	11.69
J. C. Matthews, Postage	10.00

## Waterworks Department

Canadian Brass Co., supplies 9.28

## ACTON MACHINE SHOP EMPLOYEES PICNIC AT EDEN MILLS

On Saturday afternoon last a very enjoyable picnic was held at Eden Mills by the employees, their wives and families, of the Acton Machine Shops. In the afternoon the men took part in a game of baseball. A good program of races and contests was presented under the direction of Mrs. F. S. Blow.

The following were the winners of the events:

- Girls 7 and under 11 Lillian Jennings, Leta Jennings.  
Boys 7 and under 11 Fred Jennings, Joe Jennings.  
Boys 10 and under 15 Bob Wilson, Bob Bruce.  
Young men Nino Braldo, Wilfred McEachern.  
Young women Rena Braldo, Evelyn Wilson.  
Orange race Rena Braldo, Kenneth Blow.  
Married Men Kenneth Blow, Wilfred McEachern.  
Ladies' kicking shoe Mrs. Braldo, Mrs. Locker.  
The race Evelyn Wilson, Rena Braldo.  
Bean guessing Mr. Oscar Locker, Mrs. M. Overholt.  
Low prize Kenneth Blow, Oscar Locker.  
Special Mrs. J. Jennings.  
Youngest child on grounds Gloria Ely McEachern.

After the banquetous supper a seven-way electric floor lamp was presented on behalf of the employees, to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Blow, in honor of their recent marriage. Kenneth, on behalf of his wife and himself made suitable remarks expressing their appreciation of the gift. Dancing was enjoyed in the hall as a finale to this splendid afternoon outing.

## Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings in the city or other events under this heading are placed on this page free with a minimum charge for advertising of 25¢.

Knox Church Ladies Aid Society will hold an Afternoon Tea at the home of Mrs. Fred McCutcheon on Tuesday, August 25th, at 3 p.m. Silver collection. Everybody welcome.