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County Council Makes Grant and Endorses Resolutions

Navy League and Aid to Russia Funds Each Receive \$500—Nasagaweya Asks for Better Protection at Level Crossing—\$68,237.30 Spent on County Highway Last Year.

Halton County Council was in session at Milton on Tuesday with Warden J. M. McDonald in the chair and all members present. Following routine business, Mayor Frank Pullan, of Oakville and Mr. J. R. Davidson of the Navy League, made a stirring appeal to council on behalf of the Navy League of Canada. Major Pullan, speaking from personal experience referred to the intense suffering of the men of the Merchant Marine, carrying on their work in bitter freezing weather. "We should not hesitate to deny ourselves anything to give these men all the help they deserve," said Major Pullan.

Mr. Davidson, representing the Navy League said that the personnel of the Canadian Navy was now 30 times as great as in pre-war days, and there is nothing more vital to us," said Mr. Davidson, "than to maintain the morale of these men. If you give to the Navy League you are indirectly giving to the Red Cross and the Russian Relief, for of what use is producing the goods if you cannot get them across? It is impossible to measure what we owe to the men of the navy. If they should strike for shorter hours or more pay where should we be? The least we can do is to match their courage with our contributions."

Mr. Gilbert, was chairman with Council in Committee of the Week; Reports of committees later confirmed in open Council, were as follows: Printing.—The tender submitted by The Georgetown Herald for county printing was accepted. Rates were as follows: 100 auditors' report at \$1.25 per page. Minutes and by-laws at \$1.55 per page.

Education and Payment of accounts to the various High School Boards totalling \$36,602.

County Buildings.—Payment of accounts, \$406.47.

Communications re-Grants.—This committee recommended that the following grants be paid: Salvation Army, \$100; Ontario Conservation and Reformation Association \$25; Canadian National Institute for the Blind \$100; Canadian Aid to Russia Fund, \$500; Navy League of Canada \$500; Ontario Road Association fee \$15; Ontario Association of Rural Municipalities fee \$10.

Kent County asked endorsement of the following resolution: "That this County Council petition the War-time Prices and Trade Board to no raise the price of beef cattle that producers may be assured of a price equal to the net price obtainable in the U. S. markets, or lift the embargo on the exportation of beef cattle to U. S. markets." A similar resolution was received from Wellington County and both were endorsed by Halton Council.

The following resolution from Carleton County Council was also endorsed. "Be it resolved that men of military age, working on farms, be given preferred exemption from military service, as long as they work on farms and the decision as to whether they are required on a farm be decided by a local board who would have the power to allocate men to the employment in which they will be most useful to the country."

From Nasagaweya Council, an appeal to the County Council: "To have County Roads more adequately protected in icy weather by sanding and also better railway protection. That wire-wag signals be installed at Campbellville crossing and at crossing west of Campbellville where recent fatal accident occurred." The resolution was endorsed.

Instruction was given the County Clerk to answer a communication from Mr. W. M. Vansickle in regard to better railway service at Campbellville.

The following resolutions were also passed:

Moved by Heslop and May: That Victor Hall be appointed as caretaker of the Registry Office, building at a salary of \$150 per annum in addition to that which he already receives as caretaker of the Court House. This appointment to be retroactive to January 1st, 1943.

Moved by Robertson and Smith: That the Bell Telephone Co. by-law be laid over until the next regular meeting of the Council.

Moved by May and Heslop: That the Restoration Committee order 15000 trees from the Ontario Forestry branch.

Moved by Gilbert and May: That W. J. Robertson be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Leslie Kerns

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Halton Company Donates \$500 to Aid to Russia Fund

At the annual meeting here on Saturday of the Halton Union Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company \$500 was voted to the Canadian Aid to Russia Fund. This is not the only case in the past year in which this company has substantially aided the war effort. In the Victory Loan \$21,000 was purchased in Victory Bonds, and a donation of \$1,000 was made to the British Aid Fund.

Mr. Chas. Readhead was elected President of the company, Mr. E. F. Ford, First Vice-President and Mr. Leslie Kerns, Second Vice-President. The same Board of Directors will serve again this year. Messrs. W. A. Laby, T. L. Leslie, George Finney, Daniel Gray, J. E. Pearen and Victor Hall, Mr. A. T. Moore was again chosen to carry on the work of Secretary-Treasurer. Auditors elected were Messrs. E. D. Mahon and W. R. Hume.

While the attendance at the annual meeting was not as large as usual due to the blocked roads, it was a splendid enthusiastic annual meeting. Mr. Victor Hall presided.

WOLF CUB PACK ENJOY SLEIGHRIDE AND LUNCH AFTER

A very successful tobogganing party, sponsored by the Scout Mothers' Auxiliary, was enjoyed Saturday afternoon by the Acton Wolf Cubs. The Rev. E. A. Brooks and Mr. D. Richardson had charge of the boys and from all accounts had as good a time as they had. When they returned to the Parish Hall, Mrs. Banney, Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Richardson and Miss Betty Masters had a very satisfactory lunch ready, consisting of "hot dogs," doughnuts, cookies, and hot chocolate. The boys showed their appreciation by giving three rousing cheers for the Scout Mothers.

Metre System for Light and Water to be Adjusted

Commission Makes Transfer of Funds from Operating Account of Waterworks

The regular meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Monday evening. Reeve J. M. McDonald and Commissioner J. R. MacArthur were present, with Chairman C. M. Hansen, presiding.

A letter was read from the O.M.B. stating that the convention was being held in Toronto on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. Mr. Chas. Wilson was appointed a delegate to attend this convention.

The secretary was upon motion instructed to transfer \$500 from the waterworks account to the general account of the Corporation.

A letter from Wood, Gundy & Co. also the Dominion Securities presented a petition for investments. The letters were ordered filed.

The Secretary was instructed to pay the following accounts:

Hydro Department	
Bell Telephone Company—	
services	\$ 4.90
Dept. of Nat. Revenue	74.18
H.E.P.C. of Ont., Power, etc.	3,580.64
Johnstone & Humley, linoleum, felt paper, cement and laying	175.00
H.E.P.C. of Ont., lamps	58.69
MacDonald Electric Ltd., supplies	19.94
Canadian Line Materials, Ltd., line material	64.75
Inspection Dept., Meter inspection	23.85
Superior Electric Supply Co., supplies	19.85
C.N.R. and Mrs. Smith, express and cleaning	4.33
J. C. Matthews, postage	10.00
	\$4,036.04

A resolution was passed upon motion of J. M. McDonald and J. R. MacArthur instructing the Commission to enforce clause 16 of the Ontario Hydro Commission ruling, wherein all places having more than one family living in a house should be charged the rate as it is applicable for each family.

The matter of waterworks meters was also discussed and it was decided to secure the attitude of the council on this matter.

Reports, Program And Presentations at United Ch'rch Annual

A well-attended annual meeting of Acton United Church, heard splendid reports of the year's work when they assembled last evening. The Baby Band, Mission Band, Women's Missionary Society, Church School, C.G. I.T. and Trail Rangers Groups, Young Ladies' Friendly Circle, the Choir, Women's Association and the Young Peoples Union, all gave reports that proved many helpful meetings and a good financial condition.

The general financial statement of the Church showed total receipts of \$3,139.79 and a small credit balance on hand at the year's close. The Missionary and Maintenance fund showed \$767.25 forwarded from the congregation. The report of individual contributions showed a good increase over the previous year. This year the annual printed reports were made available for the meeting of the congregation and those attending received a copy.

A program of musical and literary numbers was enjoyed. Misses (Ethel) Pridham and Doris Wilson contributed piano duets; Mrs. A. W. Fosbury and Miss Helen Simpson and Mabel Harris gave a vocal trio; Mrs. Veldhuis, a vocal solo and Mrs. A. T. Brown a reading.

In the election of officers Mr. E. T. Theford was made an honorary member of the session and Dr. C. D. Shortt, A. T. Brown, Dr. W. G. Cullen, G. H. Brown and G. McKenzie were made members of the Session.

Members elected to the Committee of Stewards were Messrs. H. R. Force, R. Bean, G. McKenzie and Mansell Nellis.

Mr. John Lambert and Dr. W. G. Cullen were made members of the Trustee Board and C. H. Harrison was made an honorary member of the Board. The pastor, Rev. A. W. Fosbury presided over the program and election.

To show in a small way the appreciation of the congregation of the splendid work Rev. and Mrs. Fosbury are doing in the congregation and community, a silver basket filled with sandwiches was presented to Mrs. Fosbury and a purse with a sum of money was presented to Mr. Fosbury. The concluding feature was a social time with a lunch served by the ladies of the congregation.

ACTON BOYS' BAND TO MAKE FIRST CONCERT APPEARANCE

For months the Acton Junior Band has been practicing once and twice a week under the direction of Mr. Charles W. Mason. Next Wednesday evening February 10th, they are scheduled to make their first public appearance in the Town Hall.

A program of musical numbers, band, solo, duets, has been prepared. Every citizen is invited to this concert. Your presence at the event will lend encouragement and we know all will be pleased with the program presented. A collection is the only charge. Give the boys a boost by your presence on Wednesday and encourage them with as liberal a collection as possible. This is the group that will keep Acton with a band. Program starts at 8 p.m.

DR. A. J. BUCHANAN IS APPOINTED MAJOR



Dr. Allan J. Buchanan who was prior to the war, a dentist in Acton and still retains his home here, has been promoted to the rank of Major. Major Buchanan served in the last war in the 164th Battalion and enlisted in the present war in January 1941. Since then he has been adjutant for the 26th Company at the Dental Office, R.C.A.F., Toronto, and in charge of the dental clinic at No. 1 Manning Depot. Before enlisting he was prominent in community affairs, had charge of the local unit of the Lorne Scots, was Chairman of the School Board and other Acton community affairs.

A host of Acton friends join in congratulations on his steady advancement since joining the armed forces.

The Week at OTTAWA

Specially Written for The Acton Free Press BY DOUGLAS GREEN Canadian Press Staff Writer

An indication that the position and prospects of Canadian farmers will be carefully studied by members during the present session of Parliament was given in the speech from the throne read by the Governor-General, the Earl of Athlone.

The speech made it clear that one of the government's objectives in proposing the establishment of a comprehensive scheme of social insurance was to ensure adequate incomes for primary producers. Gordon Graydon, (Prog. Con. Peab), temporary house leader of the party pending the election of John Bracken, National Progressive Conservative leader, has expressed the opinion that the party can best serve the Dominion by seeing that the interests of no one class of citizens are championed to the exclusion of others.

Both Mr. Bracken and Mr. Graydon are expected to keep the needs of Canada's farmers, hard pressed shortage of labor, before their colleagues.

The likelihood that as the war continues emphasis will be placed upon still further increases in acreages sown to coarse grains in Western Canada is seen in Trade Minister MacKinnon's announcement that wheat marketings in that area during the crop year starting next August 1 will be limited to 14 bushels an authorized acre. Payment will be the

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Sailors Appreciate Work of Local Branch Navy League

The Acton Branch of the Navy League of Canada held its regular meeting recently and the correspondence read showed how much the activities of this branch are appreciated by the men of the Royal Canadian Navy. Miss McCallum received a letter from 2nd Radio Officer F. Singleton containing thanks for the "ditty bag which I received and I would like to assure you that the gift is highly appreciated."

Miss Lamb received thanks for the ditty bag sent to "Bill" Pudge a quartermaster on a minesweeper.

This week Mrs. E. Davidson received a letter from Chesley Wynn in which he says that the cook on his vessel is an Acton man—Jack Smallman. He also appreciates the gift of the ditty bag.

Mrs. Shultis of Rockwood was present at the meeting representing the Rockwood Institute.

In an earlier report, it was mentioned that the Rockwood ladies had brought in some socks. It should also have been said that a number of scarves were brought in. These ladies are still at work for the navy. Large shipments of magazines and knitted goods have been made and the League is now asking particularly for used clothing. The next meeting of the branch will be held on Tuesday next, February 9th.

MRS. F. CLEAVE HOSTESS OF MEETING WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION

The regular monthly business meeting of the Woman's Association was held at the home of Mrs. F. Cleave on Tuesday with the President, Mrs. Ivan Harris in charge. The devotional period was taken by Mrs. J. Moore. The ladies are still making quilts and will have several for sale later on. A donation was forwarded to the Chinese Relief Fund.

After the business was disposed of lunch was served by Mrs. Cleave and the lunch committee of several ladies and a social time was spent. A very hearty vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Cleave for use of her home and hospitality. The meeting closed by repeating the Mizpah Benediction.

THEFTS FROM MILK BOTTLES DRAWS 30-DAY TERM

Harvey L. Miller, aged 17 years of Georgetown, was sentenced to 30 days imprisonment by Magistrate Woodliffe at Milton yesterday. The charge was for stealing various small sums of money, mostly from milk bottles, and amounting to approximately \$275. The thefts were made between January 26th and February 1st in Acton and the charge was laid by Chief E. E. Harrop of Acton.

Miller has not been working for some time and is at present on probation for a year for theft of cigarettes and tobacco in Georgetown last July.

35-DAY DOG

LONDON, (CP)—It cost W. G. R. Thomson, a collector, £120 (\$536) as a fine at £1 a day, for delaying for about four months the shooting of a chow dog ordered destroyed by the courts.

Public Health Nurse Committee Chose Officers

Divisional Group To Aid Prevention Industrial Accidents

With a view to creating renewed interest in the work of accident prevention, a divisional organization of the Industrial Accident Prevention Associations to be called the Grand River Valley Division has been formed. This division will embrace four zones centralizing on Brantford, Kitchener, Galt, and Guelph respectively. Mr. J. A. Wadlake, of Brantford, has been elected divisional chairman, and Mr. F. D. Howell of Brantford, divisional secretary. Mr. J. Bennett of Galt was largely instrumental in developing the interest which culminated in the formation of the new division.

Each zone has an executive committee. The members of the Guelph Zone executive are Messrs. H. P. Gings, Alvin French, W. R. Bruce, Howard Tiller, J. A. Woodard, H. B. Morris, A. W. M. Carmichael, F. W. Marsden (Fergus), Russell Duncan (Elora), J. M. McDonald (Acton), with J. Cruzen of Guelph as Zone Chairman.

At the first meeting of the Guelph Zone committee held in the Guelph Y.M.C.A. January 28th, A. W. M. Carmichael was made Vice-Chairman, and H. B. Morris, secretary.

Mr. Wadlake and Mr. Howell came from Brantford to attend the meeting and gave much valuable advice. The steps to be taken in the development of the activities in the Guelph Zone were fully discussed. It is expected that a meeting of Managers and Superintendents will be convened shortly to confer their wholehearted support, and that a determined effort will be made to get all plants employing more than 50 or more organized with safety committees.

Sub-Committee Makes Report to House of Commons

Hughes Cleaver Chairman Says Aircraft Production Slowed by Loss of Key Men

Aircraft production in some instances has been seriously interfered with because of loss of key men to the armed forces, a sub-committee of the House of Commons which studied this branch of war industry, said in a report tabled in the House.

The sub-committee, of which Mr. Hughes Cleaver, member for Halifax, is chairman, is a unit of the House War Expenditures Committee, found that regional boards under the National Resources Mobilization Act had been working efficiently, but that difficulty had arisen because after a man had received one or two calls for service—and received postponements, he became uneasy.

Such a man "enlists partly owing to the fact that he does not know as to whether further postponements will be granted, partly because he does not wish to be looked upon as a slacker, and in part because he wishes to enlist in the armed forces of his choice rather than be drafted into the army," said the report.

"A man with aircraft experience naturally favors the air force.

"This problem demands immediate and serious consideration." The sub-committee, headed by Hughes Cleaver (Lib., Halifax) held 69 sittings and heard 47 witnesses since its last report to the House July 15, 1942. It was assigned to an examination of aircraft production, shipbuilding and Government-owned companies.

At the outbreak of war Canadian plants were producing 40 planes annually, but now the industry employs more than 75,000 persons and produces more than 400 planes a month, the report said.

"In order to achieve this tremendous expansion in capital facilities and production, the Government advanced very substantial capital assistance and in most instances little new capital has been used.

"Commendation should be expressed with respect to the entire group from the director of aircraft production (R. P. Bell) down to the youngest apprentice for the remarkable results which have been achieved."

Favor Cost-Plus Contracts

The sub-committee upheld use of the "cost plus" type of contract in emergency circumstances. But it expressed "considerable concern" over excess profits and accelerated depreciation.

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School Board Hears Details of New 'Plus Entered' Into by Acton, Georgetown and Milton

Each Municipality Will Have Four Representatives and Each Share in the Costs Equally.

Trustees Dr. F. G. Oakes, F. S. How, V. E. Humley, W. H. Clayton and W. G. Mason were present Tuesday evening when Acton School Board met in regular session and Chairman G. A. Dills presided.

Purchase of a list of supplies and books was approved by the Board and left for the attention of the supply committee.

Principal M. Kelly and Principal G. McKenzie discussed with the Board the salary increase that has been occurring in children under 16 years of age stopping school and securing part-time, and the truancy that has become more prevalent. In order to deal with the situation it was arranged that the Board and the Truant Officer discuss the matter at the next meeting.

The principals also inquired if the Board had given consideration to paying a cost of living bonus in addition to salaries. The matter was discussed at some length and left over until the next meeting for further information.

The secretary read a letter in which Mrs. C. Heard accepted the offer of the Board to teach music in the Public School for the year.

The Secretary also reported receipt in full for the past month of non-resident fees from the Principal of the Public School.

Trustee W. H. Clayton who was the representative of the Board at the joint meeting of the three municipalities regarding engaging the services of a Public Health Nurse gave a complete report. The meeting was held in Milton and officers elected were President, Geo. Dawson, Milton; Secretary, Dr. C. W. Williams, Georgetown; Treasurer, Dr. W. G. Cullen, Acton. The Public Health Nurse Committee will be composed of four representatives from each municipality, Acton, Georgetown and Milton.

The expense of the project will be divided in three equal parts among the participating municipalities. Each municipality will furnish and equip suitable quarters for nursing and each municipality will bear its own expense separately for furnishing and equipment.

The committee anticipated being able to secure the services of a nurse for \$1500 per year with a car allowance of \$500 additional. She would be employed for the calendar year and be allowed one month's holiday during the year. Each municipality would sign an agreement covering the services. The School Board was asked to attend the next meeting of Acton Council on February 10th when the municipalities' representative would be chosen for the Health Nurse Committee.

Chairman G. A. Dills gave a report on an interview he had with Inspector Gray on his visit this week to Acton School where he had spent two days.

New Ruling Affects Fifty Subscriptions Going Overseas

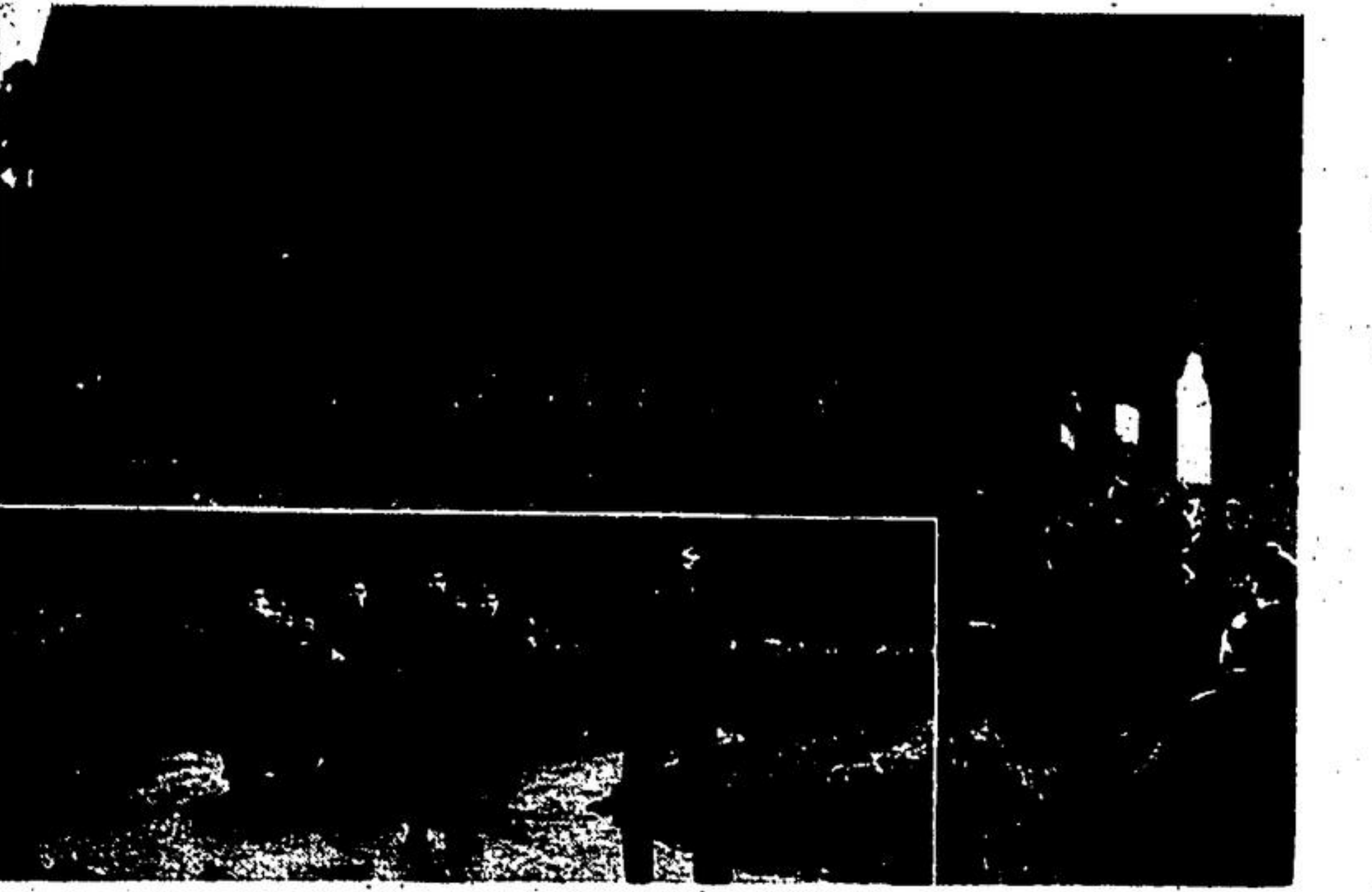
This week we have received notice of a new ruling regarding the sending of copies of The Free Press and all other papers overseas. It reads "Mailings for overseas destinations must be confined to copies addressed to bona fide subscribers."

The ruling means that about 50 copies being sent each week to the boys of Acton and district who are in the first contingents will have to be dropped from our lists unless arrangements are made for them by individuals or groups, or from organizations. We have been happy to give this service for three years. We regret that regulations are now in effect and this service cannot be continued further.

This will not cause any interruption in the service arranged for by Col. A. O. T. Beardmore and Mr. S. G. Bennett for Beardmore employees overseas, or those being sent in Canada and overseas by the Force Electric Producers or those who are subscribers for individual copies as these are bona fide subscriptions. It will only affect those who have been looked after directly from this office. These papers will be sent this week and next only—February 4th and 11th, unless arrangements are made in the meantime for regular subscriptions to the home paper.

The group rate is available to any organization for groups of 10 or 20 subscriptions paid for by the organization or firm at one billing in advance. This rate will gladly be explained on inquiry at The Free Press.

LORNE SCOTS AT DEDICATION IN BRITAIN



Men of the Lorne Scots attended dedication ceremonies in a village church in Britain when a plaque was unveiled as a mark of appreciation to the men who have worshipped in the church during the present war. The plaque, presented by Lieutenant-Colonel Louis Keene, E.D., bears the following inscription: "Erected as a mark of appreciation by Lieut.-Col. Louis Keene, E.D., Officers and men of the Lorne Scots of Canada who worshipped in this church during the Second World War." Men of the famous Canadian unit march into the ancient edifice (upper photo) before the ceremony. In the lower photo, a pipe band plays tunes familiar to men of the unit as they swing along on their way to the dedication.