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## China's Millions Appeal for Aid as One of Our Allies

Free Press Will Acknowledge All Donations and Forward Through the War Service League — No Where Will Your Gift Go Further Than in Giving Aid to Those Who Suffer Not Only From War But From Famines and Pestilence.

In response to an appeal which is printed below, the Free Press will cooperate in the February Campaign in Ontario to raise \$250,000 for the Chinese War Relief Fund. Donations will be received at the Free Press, acknowledged through these columns and forwarded through the Acton and Vicinity War Service League to headquarters.

While everyone of our Allies is worthy of our assistance we can render, China has made a sacrifice and given aid to our cause long before we were adding our own cause through China or felt we had a war on our hands. For six years the Chinese have been fighting off the invading Japanese.

When war began, Germany had a population of 79,000,000 — the Japanese Empire a population of 105,000,000. Germany had been preparing for eight years — Japan for at least a generation. Germany thus far has overrun a territory of approximately 1,500,000 square miles. Japan an area of 3,450,000 square miles.

Germany has been unable to starve herself, or to cut off from us a decisive amount of essential war materials. Japan has captured most of the world's supply of rubber, tin, and other vital metals; has gained for herself ample quantities of oil (and of all the basic materials needed to outlast her enemies in a war of endurance). The territories Germany has occupied have a population of some 257,000,000; nearly all vigorous, freedom-loving people who hate the Nazis and are ripe for revolt. Japan has conquered territories with a population of 310,000,000 most of whom are docile folk who have little reason to love the white races and whose labor can make their Japanese masters the most powerful nation on the globe.

Nowhere can the money you give do as much good as in China. \$500 will endow 20 hospital beds for a year. \$20 will keep a refugee alive for a year. \$50 will equip a field clinic. The Chinese know how to make a little money go a long way. Its 405,000,000 people suffer not only from years of war, but from hunger and pestilence.

We were glad to answer the letter below that the Free Press will cooperate in this campaign. It is endorsed by your own local War Service League. What will your answer be to China's call?

January 30th, 1943.  
The Editor,  
The Acton Free Press  
Acton, Ontario.  
Dear Sir:

During the month of February, the Chinese War Relief Fund are appealing to the people of Ontario for \$250,000 to aid our gallant ally, China.

We earnestly solicit the active support of the Free Press in our campaign, and should appreciate it if you would receive subscriptions in our name and acknowledge by publishing the contributor's name (unless he prefers to remain anonymous) in your columns. Official receipts would be issued from Headquarters for income tax purposes.

We are enclosing a number of pamphlets which we believe will be of interest to you for subject matter. These can be used freely as we have the consent of the authors for their use in our campaign.

Will you give our request your earnest consideration? Your co-operation will mean so much to our success. We know China has your sympathy and respect in her epic struggle.

If there is any further information you desire, please write us and we will be glad to furnish it.

Sincerely yours,  
THE CHINESE WAR RELIEF FUND,  
HAROLD NASH,  
Campaign Director.

## VALENTINE PARTY HELD BY SCOUT MOTHERS' GROUP

The Scout Mothers and friends held a very successful Valentine party on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. W. Evans. There was much fun and laughter. A few prizes were won by Mrs. Ransy, Mrs. Blanch, Mrs. W. Kentner, Mrs. T. Jones, Mrs. R. Spillings, Mrs. Hollinger. A balmic lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. D. Richardson, Mrs. E. Masters and Mrs. Thoratinson. The ladies showed their appreciation by thanking Mrs. Evans very kindly for a grand time at her home.

## War Service League Will Assist in Chinese Relief Fund

Donations received last Thursday evening for the Acton and Vicinity War Service League included a \$50 donation from Acton Y's Men's Club; \$5 from Mr. W. K. Graham; \$21 from the Happy Four. These amounts were all for League funds for parcels, cigarettes, etc.

The Happy Four also gave a donation of \$38 for the Russian Relief Fund and the Acton Institute \$7 for the purchase of clothing for boxes to Russia. Accounts paid amounted to \$47.76. Mr. Lowrie reported salvage would bring in about \$75 for January.

An appeal was received from the Chinese War Relief Fund and it was decided this appeal would be handled through the League and the Free Press jointly with all moneys forwarded from Acton in this one amount.

## Eramosa Council Plans to Purchase New Snow Plow

Resolution of Council Deplores Waste of Funds in Maintaining Highway No. 7

The Council for the Township of Eramosa met in the Town Hall, Rockwood at 1.30, the meeting had been postponed from the previous day on account of snowbound roads; the members were all present with the Reeve in the chair.

The report of the Chairman of the Board of Health for 1942 was accepted on motion of Messrs. Benham and Leslie.

Moved by Messrs. Benham and Pinkney and carried: That this Council appeal to the Minister of Highways and to Ross A. McEwing, Esq., M.P., against the deplorable waste of public funds in maintaining No. 7 Highway between Acton and Guelph, especially in the Village of Rockwood. The excess use of sand and snowplow has ruined the road for local horse traffic and inconvenienced local residents severely. We would appreciate prompt and effective measures to stop the wasteful and useless expenditure of public money and request that some consideration be given to local traffic.

By-law No. 3, providing for borrowing up to \$15,000 as necessary was passed on motion of Messrs. Rutherford and Leslie.

Moved by Messrs. Benham and Pinkney and carried: That the Canadian Aid to Russia Fund be granted \$100 with the hope that the great fight made by Russia will be continued until the Axis is destroyed.

By-law No. 4 on motion of Messrs. Leslie and Rutherford, provided for an estimated expenditure of \$3,000 on township roads in 1943. The Road superintendent was instructed to advertise for 6000 yards of crushed gravel for 1943.

Moved by Messrs. Rutherford and Benham and carried: That arrangements be completed to purchase a Le Plante-Shoats snowplow through the County of Wellington for next winter's operation, if a satisfactory price can be arranged; and that contact be made with the owner of a satisfactory tractor with a view of contracting for operation of the snowplow.

Council instructed that letters from the Association of Rural Municipalities and from the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto, be filed. A letter from the Department of Highways, stated that the account for 1942 road expenditure had been approved by the Divisional Engineer.

Council authorized payments amounting to \$322.59 and adjourned to March 8th at 1.30.

## LOCAL BOWLERS DEFIEAT FISCHERS THIS WEEK'S GAME

The McCutcheon bowlers defeated the Fischer Hotel team 5-2 last week in the Guelph City Major League. The Score:  
G. Masales 224 160 — 384  
C. Leahman 212 174 208 — 594  
O. Krull 208 289 232 — 727  
A. Sheffield 201 182 205 — 588  
W. Corry 255 165 198 — 588  
N. Morton — — — 219 — 219  
McCutcheons 1068 970 1063 — 3101  
Fischers 878 981 989 — 2828

## Institute Reports Good Response To Clothing Appeal

Acton Women's Institute February meeting was held at the home of Mrs. J. F. Wilds. The president, Mrs. Wilds was in charge, opening the meeting. The 'Legend of St. Valentine' was given by Mrs. G. W. Masales. Current Events were reviewed by Mrs. J. Dobbie. Roll Call was answered by 'Don'ts for the sick room.'

The sum of \$5 was voted to buy children's stockings for the Russian Relief fund. On Monday four more large boxes were packed at Mrs. J. F. Wilds for the Russian Relief. The Secretary has received two letters from headquarters in Toronto. 'Thanking the branch for packing and sending sale. The articles were most welcome. The people are responding most generously to the appeal and are sending in an abundance of good warm clothing. Their contributions are not cast-off but rather a proof that our people are, in fact, sharing their abundance with the Russian people.'

Mrs. J. F. Wilds then conducted a fun, parade contest which showed real good sportsmanship and fun. Seventeen members and five visitors were present. The meeting was closed by singing 'The Maple Leaf and God Save the King.' After which Mrs. Wilds and her committee served a Valentine lunch and a social half hour was spent.

## WATER MAIN BROKE AND DRAINED THE BIG STEEL TANK

A break in a watermain supplying the plant of Beardmore & Co. caused the big tank to drain on Tuesday morning. Citizens were without water in most parts of town until the break was located and the section shut off. The pump had to again build up a supply of water. However, the service was interrupted less than an hour while the change was made. The interruption occurred about 7.30 a.m.

## Mason Knitting Co. Send Home News To 25 Acton Men

Through the Mason Knitting Company another group of 25 men from Acton and District and all former employees of that company who are serving in the Canadian Armed forces will receive each week a copy of the home paper. This makes the third Acton manufacturing firm to accept responsibility for a group of 25 or over Acton men to get the home news each week.

The Acton Machine Co. now located in Toronto, also sends copies to members of their staff now in the armed forces and many business men and individuals subscribe for copies to go to friends and relatives in Canada and overseas. Letters received from the men indicate that this weekly letter from home is one of the appreciated things they get regularly.

All these copies regularly subscribed for are not affected in any way by the ruling announced last week. According to present rulings only newspapers subscribed for in the regular way can be sent from the office of publication to overseas addresses.

## No Blame Attached at Inquest Here Last Thursday

Evidence Showed Care Taken by G. W. Masales and First Intimation of Accident Was When Mr. McKay Was Found On Road—Death Resulted Two Days Later in Hospital.

A verdict of accidental death with no blame attached to anyone was returned by a Coroner's Jury last Thursday afternoon at the inquest here inquiring into the death of the late Hugh McKay of Acton. Dr. Syer of Milton was in charge and Crown Attorney W. I. Dick conducted the inquiry.

Five witnesses were heard at the inquest. Dr. C. D. Shortt who attended Mr. McKay, Douglas McEachern, Donald Brown, G. W. Masales and Chief E. E. Harrop. Mr. McKay, an elderly man, and totally blind was in some manner in collision with the rear of a delivery

## Erin Township Estimates \$10,000 for Roads this Year

Apply for Subsidy On \$3,929.56 Spent Last Year — Other Township Business

The Municipal Council of the Township of Erin, met at Hillsburg on Wednesday, February 3rd when the following municipal business was transacted.

The Clerk was instructed to write the Department of Highways for subsidy on \$3,929.56 expenditure on township roads in 1942.

The Treasurer's report for \$15,000 was renewed, premium \$60. Smith Griffin was appointed Weed Inspector for the year 1943.

By-law No. 5 to provide for expenditure on township roads in 1943 was passed and forwarded to the Department of Highways for approval. Blanks were filled in for the following amounts: machinery, \$500; superintendence \$1,000; maintenance and repair \$8,500—total estimated expenditure \$10,000.

The following amounts were ordered paid:  
Municipal World, Twp. supplies \$56.68  
Roads 70.60  
Miscellaneous 22.63  
Council adjourned to meet at Hillsburg on Monday, March 1st, 1943.

## Bridge Over The Railway Siding Now Being Repaired

The bridge over the Maria Street siding of the C. N. R. is now being repaired. Late last week a crew of men with the C.N.R. started the work. The entire planking has been taken off. Where timbers were found unsound new timbers are being put in and a complete overhaul job is being made. The weather this week has been quite a handicap with this work.

## TOILET BAGS AND SEWING BAGS FROM THE RED CROSS

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For women not in uniform, courteous mother who are carrying on in changed surroundings, sewing bags are being supplied. Articles needed for these are buttons, mending cottons and mending wools.

It is suggested that organizations hold showers or teas to secure these articles. They should be left at the Red Cross rooms in the Post Office on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday afternoons from 3 to 5 o'clock.

## Miss M. Z. Bennett Addressed Meeting Of United W.M.S.

On Tuesday afternoon, the monthly meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society was held at the home of Mrs. R. MacArthur, Main Street. The opening exercises were conducted by the President, Mrs. Caldwell. A very interesting business period followed.

One item much appreciated was a letter from Miss Ruth Nelson, Missionary teacher at Ekcaroo, Sask.

The devotional part of the meeting was in charge of Mrs. A. W. Forsbury, who gave a very practical and helpful talk on 'Life as we make it,' which left a worth-while impression on all.

The fourth chapter of the study book, entitled 'Education,' was well taken by Miss Bennett, showing how we the people of to-day are the road makers of to-morrow, for we are opening up the way for the coming generations.

At the close of the meeting Mrs. MacArthur, assisted by Mrs. G. Rognevaldson, and Miss Ethel Pridham, served tea and home-made cookies. A very hearty vote of thanks to all who had helped in the program and to Mrs. MacArthur for her generous hospitality, closed a helpful and instructive meeting. A generous offering for the China Relief Fund was gratefully received.

## Esqueuing Council Makes Contract to Plow Roads

Special Meeting Last Thursday and Regular Meeting on Monday

A special meeting of Esqueuing Township Council was held in Georgetown on Thursday. All members were present and Reeve C. H. May presided.

The purpose of the meeting was to arrange to have roads opened. Moved by Currie, seconded by Wilson: That the Reeve be requested to engage Armstrong Bros. to plow the snow on the roads in the Township. —Carried.

Moved by Wilson, seconded by Cleave: That we do now adjourn to meet Monday February 8th, at 2 p.m., or at the call of the Reeve.—Carried.

Esqueuing Township Council held their regular meeting on Monday afternoon. Deputy Reeve G. W. Murray, Councillors George E. Cleave, George Currie and Wm. A. Wilson were present and Reeve C. H. May presided.

Moved by Murray, seconded by Cleave: That the road accounts be paid \$768.65.—Carried.

Moved by Currie, seconded by Murray, that Joseph Sanford, tax collector, return all the rolls in his possession to the treasurer on or before April 10th, 1943.—Carried.

A by-law providing for road expenditure for the year was read and passed by Council.

The Clerk was instructed to advertise in the local papers for applications for the office of Township Treasurer.

Council adjourned until Monday, March 1st, at 2 p.m.

## Missionary from Manchuria Speaker at Knox Services

On Sunday, Knox Presbyterian Church had as guest speaker, Rev. Edward Johnson, missionary from Manchuria. He was a missionary in Manchuria for six years and at present is educational secretary for the Presbyterian Church in Canada. He spoke to the Sunday School in the afternoon.

## Health Committee Members Named for Acton Unit

### The Christmas Parcels Welcomed By Acton Soldiers

By airtel, by regular letter and by postcard messages have been coming to Mrs. Wm. Bracken, Convenor of the Parcel Committee of the Acton and Vicinity War Service League, telling how the men from here enjoyed their Christmas parcels.

Before us on the desk are over thirty of these letters. Let's just glance at them.

Trp. John McHugh, "It was swell to think of me at Christmas and you don't know how glad I am to have some real Canadian food for a change. I've never before if you had hundreds of £."

Sgm. Geo. Williams says: "Without gifts of this kind from home and from different societies, Christmas would be very dull for us lads from Canada."

L.-C. J. K. McKeown: "Parcels such as these are extremely welcome as they break the monotony of everyday rations, which are sometimes pretty small."

Trp. J. O. Young: "It is great work the committee is doing. I hardly know how to express my appreciation."

Pte. Britton: "Thank you and the rest of the committee."

Sigm. Frank Jones: "From the bottom of my heart, thanks a million."

Pte. Jim McGeachie: "We were on special training and the only thing we could enjoy was our Christmas parcels. There are eleven in the hut and we all shared each other's parcels. Several of the Acton boys are right beside us and getting along fine."

Trp. Arthur Gamble: "There was everything in that box a soldier desires. You people are sure doing a wonderful job."

Cpr. H. Taylor: "The fellows over here wouldn't know what to do if they ever lost the goodness of heart of the people back home."

Sgt. E. Terry: "It's going to be hard to keep all the nice things that are in the parcel until Christmas, so far I have only cheated a little bit."

We only wish space permitted further glimpses into these letters but all we can do with the rest of them is give you the names of those who wrote, telling about the Christmas packages. Pte. Norm Gibson, Sgt. L. Jamieson, Pte. G. W. Stroyan, Sgt. E. A. Clifford, Cpr. W. M. Caldwell, Pte. R. McArthur, Pte. W. R. Elliott, Cpr. F. W. Near, Cpl. Jas. Wallace, L.-Cpl. N. L. McNabb, Trp. J. C. Jocque, Pte. R. V. Vance, Pte. Cliff McDonald, Sigm. W. H. Barber, Able Seaman Gordon Gibbons, Pte. R. C. Wilson, Pte. G. P. Cook, L.-Sgt. R. M. Storey, Able Seaman Herb. Dron, Spoker Jack Honeywill.

That's the work that is being done by Acton and Vicinity War Service League. There's no lacking of evidence how the boys feel about the home town and the folks who carry on.

## Ration Books Will be Issued in Acton Starting on the 19th

A letter from the Gutta Percha Rubber Co. urged that the proper amount of equipment for fire protection be arranged early so that requirements could be met promptly.

## By-Laws and Agreements On Other Matters Passed at Meeting Last Night — Council Appoints Committee to Supervise Junior Boys' Band — Petition Regarding Income Tax Payments Presented to Minister of Finance by Hughes Cleaver.

Acton Council met last evening with Councillors A. Mason, W. J. O. Oakes, C. Kijikness and J. F. Davidson present and Reeve J. M. McDonald presiding.

Mr. L. Waxman was present and Reeve McDonald pointed out to him that there were complaints regarding the way the garbage was being collected this year. Mr. Waxman told of the difficulties encountered on road conditions this year. He promised an improvement as soon as weather conditions were better. It was agreed that if the present schedule could not be carried out an announcement would be made of a new schedule in Tax Free Press.

Trustees W. H. Clayton, F. S. Blow, G. W. Mason and Chairman G. A. Dills of the School Board were present as requested by Council to discuss the new Public Nursing Service for Acton, Georgetown and Milton. Mr. Clayton, who attended the inaugural meeting in Milton, reported the details of the plan. Reeve McDonald also gave details on the nurse who had been recommended to organize the work. Everything in the way of equipment and service would come in the \$1,000 allotted for this work. An agreement was to be drawn up and no municipality would withdraw without a year's notice. The agreement was read by the Clerk and approved in connection with this.

Council and School Board expressed approval of the agreement. The by-law covering this was read as required and passed by Council.

Members of the Acton Committee appointed were Dr. W. G. Cullen, W. G. Mason, Reeve J. M. McDonald and Councillor A. Mason. The School Board agreed to supply a room at the school.

Reeve McDonald expressed the pleasure of council at the attendance of the Board and the co-operative spirit shown and Chairman G. A. Dills said the Board was always willing to work for the general good of the community.

The by-law striking the rate and setting forth the dates for payment of taxes was read as required and passed. The rate was set at 46½ mills taking into consideration the provincial subsidy of one mill. Dates were set forth as usual in April, June, August and October, for payment with the usual penalties for non-payment.

The usual by-law authorizing the borrowing of money from the Bank of Montreal up to \$30,000 to meet current expenditure was passed by Council.

The agreement with L. Waxman for the collection of garbage for 1943 was read and approved. The by-law covering garbage collection was also read and passed.

A letter from the Gutta Percha Rubber Co. urged that the proper amount of equipment for fire protection be arranged early so that requirements could be met promptly.

A letter from St. Michael's Hospital notified Council of admittance of an indigent patient.

A letter from the Department of Public Health gave details of the amounts paid for the maintenance of tubercular patients.

A letter from Mr. Hughes Cleaver, M.P., acknowledged receipt of petition and letter regarding the payment of income taxes. A letter from Hon. Mr. Haley was also received and stated the government was adopting further extension of plan of payment of current income tax.

Forms from the Municipal Dept. of the Province regarding the surety bonds on municipal employees were filled in as requested.

A letter from R. E. Robson of the Dominion Warehousing Company (Continued on Page Eight)

## Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, in cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 2c.

Dance by the Happy Four, Town Hall, Acton, Saturday, February 13th. Admission 25c.

See announcement of "Grand Piano Recital" on page 5. Three performances in Acton Town Hall, to-night, to-morrow afternoon and evening.