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## County Council Increases Grant to Red Cross Branches

Meeting Grants Total of \$1,000 to Be Divided for Five Branches—Request Was for \$5,000—Lorne Scots Band and Regiment Granted \$1,000—Meeting to Be Arranged to Discuss Railway Service at Campbellville.

Col. Bertram, Capt. Smith and Capt. McClure represented the Lorne Scots Regiment at the County Council in session last Tuesday at Milton. Col. Bertram outlined the activities of the regiment during the past year and announced the intention of the Lorne Scots to embark on an active recruiting campaign in the near future adding it was one reason why they were making an appeal to the Council to increase its grant this year if it were at all possible. Capt. McClure spoke on behalf of the band and asked that the Council give it what support it could. Capt. McClure stated that the annual upkeep of the band was approximately \$1,800. Twenty-nine former members were now on active service. Capt. Smith gave an accounting of the regiment's disbursements.

Mr. E. A. Whitlock, Halton County Agricultural Representative, made a brief but stirring appeal to the council in the interest of agriculture. Mr. Whitlock spoke of farming activities of 1942 as being a "marvellous achievement" notwithstanding bad weather and labor difficulties. "I feel," said Mr. Whitlock, "that our farm people are worthy of the sacrifices of our boys in the armed forces." Reference was also made to farm labor difficulties likely to be encountered in the coming season which Mr. Whitlock felt could be materially assisted by an organized exchange labor program. Mr. Whitlock asked each member of the council to do all in his power to assist any such co-operative movement which might be started in his community. Mr. Whitlock concluded by saying, "It is generally acknowledged that the Anglo-Saxon race is given to grumbling but when the going gets tough they keep on going until the job is done." This characteristic, he felt, applied very truly to agriculture.

Reports of Standing Committees were considered in Committee of the Whole with Reeve W. J. Robertson in the chair. Letters were read from the Red Cross branches of Acton, Burlington, Georgetown and Oakville appealing for financial assistance and suggesting that Council give a grant of \$5,000 to be divided among the County branches. Some discussion followed and while members were unanimous in their high regard for the splendid work the Red Cross is doing yet in view of the fact that a county-wide personal campaign is already in progress it was felt that Council would not be justified in giving too large a grant which, in effect, would be to make people pay twice, once voluntarily and again through county taxation. It was therefore moved by Mr. Hillmer, seconded by Mr. Craig, that Halton County Council give a grant of \$1,000 to the Red Cross to be divided equally among the five districts.—Carried. An amendment by May and Brown to give \$2,000 was defeated.

Moved by Mr. Hillmer, seconded by May that the Lorne Scots Regiment of Halton, Peel and Dufferin be granted the sum of \$600 and the Regimental Band a grant of \$400.—Carried.

Some discussion as to whether corn-borer inspectors should be appointed or the service discontinued took up considerable time. The matter was finally settled by a motion which carried and was moved by W. J. Robertson and C. H. Hooley that corn borer inspection be continued and that they be appointed as follows:

Nelson, Chas. Readhead; Trafalgar, L. Patterson; Esqueving, W. Campbell; Nassagaway, R. J. Anderson. The rate of pay to be the same as 1942.

A letter was read from the county solicitor, Mr. W. I. Dick with reference to the railway service at Campbellville and as a result it was decided that council should request that a meeting be arranged with representatives of the C.P.R. Railway Board for the purpose of arriving at some agreement for better service.

Mr. Roy Smith, County Engineer, suggested that the County Council, sometime in the near future, invite as their guests representatives of the various public schools throughout the county in order that children in higher grades might become better acquainted with the functioning of municipal bodies, knowledge, which Mr. Smith asserted, was sadly lacking. The suggestion met with approval by the council and necessary arrangements were left to Mr. Smith. Council adjourned to meet at the call of the warden.

## MINSTREL SHOW ARRANGE FOR ANOTHER PERFORMANCE

To comply with a local demand for another presentation of the 1943 show of the Victory Minstrels, the group will again give the entire performance in Acton Town Hall on Saturday evening, April 3rd. The Saturday evening performance was arranged to meet the request from workers on night shifts in Acton industries and to allow many from the rural sections and from the city who are in Acton during the week-end to see the show. Full particulars are given in an announcement this week on another page regarding seat sale, plan of hall, etc. The show has already been presented to over a thousand paid admissions in its three nights run before.

## LAKESIDE CHAPTER HELD SOCIAL NIGHT IN HONOR ST. PATRICK

The Lakeside Chapter held a St. Patrick's party in the recreation room of the Y.M.C.A. last Wednesday evening. About 100 guests assembled for an evening of games and fun. The room was decorated in green and white and shamrocks. Contests and quiz games were enjoyed. Mrs. Bennett gave a reading on the story of St. Patrick and Mrs. Richardson told an Irish story. Several games of court whist were played. The winners of the various contests were: Miss Baker, Mrs. Middleton and Mrs. Youngblood.

Mrs. Beatty tendered a vote of thanks for the invitation, on behalf of the guests.

## W. H. Porter Tells of British Farmers at Halton Meeting

Other Features at Annual Meeting of Jersey Breeders—Lorne Ella Rockwood Is President

At the postponed annual meeting of the Halton Jersey Cattle Club which was held in the Hymby Orange Hall on Thursday of last week, Watson H. Porter, editor of the Farmers' Advocate was the guest speaker. Mr. Porter was a member of the Bomber Press which spent some weeks in Britain late last summer. The speaker gave a graphic description, first, of his experiences flying in a bomber to and from Britain; second, of agricultural conditions in Britain; third, of his impressions gained visiting our boys in the armed forces including the air command; and last, his impressions of the British people and also of the damage to British cities by enemy bombing.

Fourteen hours after leaving Montreal the party of Canadian pressmen landed in Britain. The speaker stressed the tremendous possibilities of the aeroplane as a means of transportation in the post war period. Mr. Porter predicted that the day was not far distant when we in Canada, would have huge air liners pulling a string of gliders, the individual units of which would be cut off at various large centres. He even felt plans would be developed by which such air liners would be enabled to pick up additional gliders at various cities en route, without making landings.

In his intensely interesting description of developments in British agriculture, Mr. Porter pointed out that in 1942, increased agricultural production in Britain had permitted the release of 5 million tons of shipping space for other commodities. The speaker pointed out that Canadians generally had a conception of Britain as a small country, a place of small holdings, small fields, etc. Consequently it was a surprise therefore, to find in many English countries, that the fields are larger than even in Western Ontario. Furthermore, their farming is extensively mechanized with one tractor to every 100 acres of cultivated land in Britain. On every side, stated the speaker, there was an amazing amount of cereal crops. In live stock products the dairy cow holds No. 1 priority. It has been found in Britain that on the average, 10 acres in wheat will sustain 20 persons for one year; 10 acres in potatoes will sustain 40 persons for one year; 10 acres devoted to dairying will sustain 4 persons for one year; 10 acres devoted to beef will sustain 1 person for one year. It is therefore easy to realize, states Mr. Porter, why British agriculture has been built with the emphasis on production of potatoes, cereals, sugar beets and

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## Mother and Daughter Gathering at the United Church Here

A few weeks ago the fathers and sons were to be the forefront in special services and gatherings at the United Church but this week the mothers and daughters were the prominent ones. On Sunday morning a mothers and daughters service was featured when the mothers and daughters' choir led the singing and rendered several anthems. Mrs. Veldhuis and Mrs. Cullen sang a duet and Jean Harris, Annetta Evans, Eleanor Beatty and Georgina Anderson sang a quartette number. The subject of Mr. Fosbury's sermon was "The Devotion of a Daughter."

Last evening there was a fine gathering of the mothers and daughters at the church. The C.G.I.T. girls sang a chorus and quartette number; Mrs. Beatty and Eleanor contributed a duet; and Mrs. Veldhuis and Miss Doris Wilson and Miss Ethel Pridham gave a piano duet.

The guest speaker was Miss S. Bennett of Georgetown who pointed out in her fine address the possibilities that the young women have today in many fields of business life and other activities which were not open to them a few years ago. In speaking of the new order of life that was prophesied after the war Miss Bennett drew attention to the fact that of all the speakers, on this subject to which she had listened, only Madame Chiang Kai-Shek had said that this new order could only be good if it was a Christian order. Many others may have thought that the new order must be Christian but only she had expressed it.

Mr. H. Caldwell presided over the program and at the close mothers and daughters enjoyed a delightful lunch and a social time.

## SPRING ROBINS THIS YEAR COME IN BIGGER BUNCHES

The first robins we had reported to us this spring were those seen on March 18th by Gordon Smith when he was attending the pumps at the waterworks spring. It wasn't just one robin but a whole flock that were reported that morning. And none of us will be disappointed if spring comes in big bunches too.

## Acknowledgements To Service League From Overseas Boys

Another group of letters and cards have been received by the Acton and Vicinity War Service League from the boys overseas. They do appreciate the parcels and cigarettes that are being sent. This week we can just give you a list of the boys that have been heard from: R. M. Stoney, R. Heatley, H. Turkoz, Jack Honeywell, L. Frank, T. L. Tournour, George Williams, Doug. McDonald, B. Rutledge, A. A. McMullen, H. W. Godfrey, K. N. Buck, B. Fields, P. Elliott, J. M. Alger, W. Taylor, E. Landsborough, Harold McIntyre, K. A. McDonald, George Stringer, J. D. Graham, R. Biggin, D. C. Price, and Gordon Cook.

Sgt. Gordon Cook enclosed in his letter a snapshot he had taken of the grave of Corp. Tom of Georgetown who was killed in army manoeuvres overseas. The snapshot is on view in The Fair Pass Window.

## Red Cross Drive is Over \$2000 Mark Now in Acton

Balance of Town and the Rural Subscriptions Yet to Hear From—Industrial Lists Have Given a Fine Start—Just Five More Days to Reach Quota of \$3,200.

Completion of the first phase of the local Red Cross campaign reveals that well over \$2,000 of the objective of \$3,200 has been raised. This means that to the balance of the campaign in Acton and that of the district adjoining goes the task of making up \$1,200.

The canvas of the stores and business places and the homes where contributions were not made in the industries is going on now. The rural canvas is also in progress. The campaign closes next Wednesday. It means just five more days in which to get that nearly \$1,200. It can be done and the Red Cross workers feel confident that every one will do a part to bring success again by next Wednesday.

## Eramosa Council Has Special Meeting Regarding Roads

Plans Made to Clear Snow Blocked Roads—None of Mail Routes Were Passable

A special meeting of Eramosa Council was held at 8:30 p.m. on March 18th, in the Dominion Hotel, Rockwood, with all the members present and Reeve D. D. Gray in the chair. The Reeve stated that he had called the meeting and invited a number of ratepayers to discuss the problem of opening roads now unfit for either sleighs or wheels.

Several ratepayers attended and submitted that there was serious loss and inconvenience in some sections through blocked roads and consequent inability to dispose of produce and live stock at the proper time. It was also established that not one of the five mail routes from Rockwood was open all the way for either a cutter or car.

It seemed to be the general opinion of the ratepayers present that the cost of purchasing or renting a snowplow with the consequent increase of taxes, would be readily offset by the savings of a large number of ratepayers, and the convenience of open roads would be almost a clear gain.

The Reeve thanked the ratepayers for attending and expressing their views; he assured them that the council would use every effort to open the roads immediately and would give serious consideration to the purchase or rental of snow equipment for next winter.

After arranging with the Road superintendent for immediate commencement of snowplowing, the council adjourned at 11:45.

## Mail Canning Applications to Office at Georgetown

An announcement in another column gives details regarding the completing of forms for securing sugar for canning purposes. The members in Acton of the local ration board inform us that the applications should be forwarded to P. B. Harverson Local Ration Board, Secretary at Georgetown for this district. The coupons will be issued from this office. We suggest you clip the announcement on another page and write the above address on that announcement.

Tell your friends or any you find inquiring. Do not take your application there but mail it to the address given above. That is where it will secure the proper attention.

## GEOGRAPHY MATCH FEATURE OF JUNIOR FARMERS' MEETING

The regular meeting of the Junior Farmers was held at Lorne School on March 18th. After the business meeting Henry Nellis acted as chairman for the following program: piano solo by Dorothy Frank; reading by Molly Cutts; solo by Charles Cutts; Gordon Leslie and Howard Sutzler were chosen captains for a Geography match. Gordon Leslie's side being the winners. Charles Cutts gave a recitation.

Lunch was served and the remainder of the evening spent in dancing.

## Iron Ore Body May Be Developed In Milton District

Possibilities of developing a magnetic iron ore body near Milton, Ont., are being examined by Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines and Hanna Iron Interests of Cleveland.

A churn drill is being put down to about 1,800 feet, from which depth a diamond drill will be used to seek the ore. First indications of ore were found several years ago when a syndicate drilling for oil ran into magnetite.

Samples assayed 54.7 per cent. iron, 42 per cent. manganese, .057 per cent. sulphur, 8.8 per cent. silica and traces of phosphorus and tantalum.

The field work, mapping and interpretation of all data outlined a large magnetic iron mass or zone at a depth of 2,200 to 2,500 feet under the surface.

The zone was indicated to be between 2,000 and 11,000 feet in length, 2,000 to 2,500 feet wide and from 2,200 to 5,000 feet thick.

## Public School Pupils Assist Five Funds In March Drive

Activities by the Public School pupils and teachers the past month have raised \$90.00 for war charity funds. These activities included the sale of tickets for a popular film at the Gregory Theatre and a collection taken by the pupils in each grade.

The fund has been appropriated as follows: Junior Red Cross \$30; Senior Red Cross \$15; Chinese Relief Fund \$15; Russian Relief Fund \$15; Acton and Vicinity War Service League \$15.

## LOCAL BOWLERS HAVE HIGHEST SCORE OF ANY SINGLE GAME

The McCutcheon Bowling team last to City Cab 4-3 in this week's play in the Cuelph City Major Bowling League. The McCutcheons deserved a better break than this on the night's play. They scored 1293 in the third game, this being the highest score for a single game ever made by an Acton team.

The score:

N. Morton	227	163	292	682
L. Lehmann	125	211	293	629
M. Holmes	206	206	206	618
G. Masales	211	226	437	874
A. Sheffield	161	182	195	538
W. Corry	181	289	297	767
McCutcheons	900	1065	1293	3258
City Cab	951	1170	1076	3197

## Mr. Mrs. Wm. Young Mark Anniversary Golden Wedding

On Monday evening March 22nd, between fifty and sixty friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Young gathered in their home on the 4th Line to spend a few hours with them on their golden wedding day and wish them the best of luck in years to come.

The lathering was called to order by Mr. Richard Brown and a program of community singing enjoyed; instrumental by Mrs. Clara Cole; solo by Mr. Wm. McDonald; reading, Mrs. S. Morrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Young were called forward and the following address was read by Mrs. Stanley Matthews and Mrs. Wm. McDonald and Mrs. R. L. Davidson presented Mr. and Mrs. Young with an electric heater, bed-room lamp and smoker stand.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Young: We, a few of your friends and neighbors felt we could not let this day pass without wishing you both many good wishes for your Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Few couples are spared the joys of living together so long. You both have always been willing to give a helping hand in your quiet way whenever needed. And we all wish you the best of health and luck in the years to come. We wish you to accept these gifts as a small remembrance. You have passed many anniversaries, Wood, cotton, linen and silver too. And then the thirty and fortieth. Have been spent together by you. And now you have come to the Golden.

Like sunbeams sent from above And may you be spared To celebrate the Diamond, Both with everlasting love.

Signed on behalf of your neighbors and friends—Wm. McDonald, Chris. Moffat, R. L. Davidson.

Mr. Young thanked the friends and hoped Mrs. Young and himself would be spared to use the lovely gifts and said it was nearly 24 years since he and the family had moved from the north. Jolly Good Fellows was sung and the rest of the evening was spent in a social time.

## Council Gets Information For Truck and Snow Plow

## Chinese Relief Fund Now \$152.10 One Week to Go

Donations to the Chinese Relief Fund which closes next Wednesday have brought the total up to \$152.10. Perhaps the next week can see it reach the \$200 mark before it closes. This week the Public School remembered the fund when it was making a distribution to various war charities. Previously acknowledged: \$135.10 A. L. Starkman 5.00 Mrs. C. Hansen 2.00 Acton Public School 15.00

\$152.10

## THE BOYS OVER THERE APPRECIATE THE FOLKS HERE

In a letter to his parents Pte. William Davidson, somewhere in England, sent his thanks to the Overseas League of Acton for their grand presents at Christmas and the cigarettes which he has received every month. "These remembrances are ones the boys shall never forget," he says, and what also makes the boys over there rejoice is to know they are not forgotten. "We are here to do our bit and we know the folks back home in Acton are behind us every one."

"I receive The Fair Pass and it is a letter from home. I would like to thank Mr. Bishop, Fred McArthur's family and Jack Allan's for their parcels and the Mooney family and Walter Couke for the cigarettes. The spirit of the people over here is wonderful and they are always so good to us. But we are all hoping it won't be too long before we are back in good old Canada."

## Good Exhibit Halton Seed Show Held Last Week

Dr. F. G. I. Christie Was Guest Speaker—Gordon Leslie Wins Trophy—List of Prize Winners

The annual Halton Seed Show which was held in the Milton Town Hall on Friday and Saturday of last week was well attended by a large group of farmers from all sections of the county on Saturday afternoon. The number of entries was slightly lower than in previous years but the quality of the grain left nothing to be desired. Exhibits of cereal grains represented approximately 4,000 bushels offered for sale; entries in the small seeds division were extremely light. Fifteen growers exhibited entries in the ten bushel classes of oats and barley. These were auctioned off by Tom Chisholm, well known auctioneer of Milton district. Prices in general were satisfactory.

An exhibit of labor saving equipment which included models of a buck-rake, chicken shelters, hog waterers, open back hen nests, feed hoppers and other poultry equipment created a great deal of interest.

The Saturday afternoon meeting was conducted under the able chairmanship of President Edwin Harrop of the Halton Crop Improvement Association. W. E. Breckon, past president of the Ontario Crop Improvement Association spoke briefly on problems faced by Halton farmers in 1943 and the most effective manner of getting maximum results from the manpower and mechanized equipment now available. His sound practical and thought provoking address was favorably received by the large audience.

The guest speaker, Dr. F. G. I. Christie, president of the Ontario Agricultural College, in his usual forceful style reviewed the accomplishments of Canadian farmers since the outbreak of war. It is almost unbelievable when one realizes that our Canadian farmers with tremendous shortage of manpower have been able to increase their exports of Bacon to Britain from a point where it amounted to some 22 million pounds in 1931 to over 6000 million pounds in 1942; eggs from a few thousand dozen in pre-war years, up to approximately 40 million dozen in 1942. And at the same time, stated Dr. Christie, our farm people have supplied greatly increased amounts of nearly all kinds of farm produce to our domestic markets. The speaker pointed out that 1943 calls for greater increases practically all down the line. While

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## Y's Men's Club to Sponsor the Boys' Band—Forestry Department Willing to Supply Trees for Ornamental Purposes in Public Parks, Etc.—Hospital Accounts for Indigents Continue to Mount Up

Councillors W. J. O. Oakes, A. Mason, J. F. Davison and C. L. Kirkness were present last evening when Acton Council met in regular session and Reeve J. M. McDonald presided. Mr. J. Porty was present to request consideration on taxes on a house that had been partially torn down since the assessment had been made. Council agreed to make inquiry and see what could be done. It was decided to hold Court of Revision at the next meeting of Council.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

W. I. Dick, preparing and certifying six copies of 1943 Voters' List	\$ 6.00
Bell Telephone Co., services	8.18
Fyr-Flyer Co., valves	31.95
The Ontario Gazette, tax sale adv.	5.50
Tax Collector, Y.M.C.A., taxes	153.59
Miss Evelyn Braida, refund	
Town Hall rent	7.00
Corporation Tax Collector, bal. of license fee	14.65
Jenkins & Hardy, Auditors Report	304.01
E. R. Wilmer, Journal	1.90
Dept. of Highways, license for Trucks	4.00
	\$533.78

The Reeve reported that he had secured additional information regarding the cost of a truck with steel box dump, body and snow plow attachment and special gear for snow plowing. The cost of this outfit was secured from one firm. Further inquiry was to be made and Council was unanimously in favor of securing this equipment during the year.

The Clerk read correspondence with County Clerk regarding hospital accounts for indigent patients.

A letter from the Chinese Relief Fund asked permission to hold a tag day in either April or May. Permission was granted.

The Board of Transport Commissioners acknowledged receipt of the council's letter regarding the Maria Street bridge.

A letter from the Acton Y's Mens Club stated the club was willing to sponsor the Acton Boys' Band. The resignations of the former committee were accepted and the offer of the Y's Mens Club was accepted. All instruments are to remain the property of the town.

It was felt advisable that Council should be consulted when changes were being made in the Y.M.C.A. building. It was also felt that an outside entrance should be made from the basement recreation room.

The Reeve reported that the Forestry Department was prepared to supply trees to the municipality for ornamental purposes with only the cost of transportation. Council felt that any boards or organizations should make early application so that a requisition for the number that could be used would be secured.

Council discussed the granting free use of the hall for various functions in connection with the war effort. Chief Harrop was instructed to have organizations apply to council for consideration on any cases.

Chief Harrop submitted his report of an accident when Mrs. Leonard Atkinson had fallen on the sidewalk on Elgin Street and injured her knee.

## Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged to costs per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 50c.

Dance at Brookville Hall on Friday April 2nd, auspices of Busy Bees Club. Admission 25c.

Dance on Saturday, March 27, in Town Hall, Acton, proceeds for War Service League. Admission 25c.

The Acton Junior Farmers will hold a "Hard Times" party on April 1st at Lorne School. Come in Costumes. Ladies provide.

The Scout Mothers' Association are giving a 25th anniversary banquet for the Boy Scouts of Acton in the Parish Hall of the Anglican Church on Tuesday March 30th, at 6.45.

Euchre and dance to be held in Balinford Community Hall on March 28th. Please bring lunch and own sugar. Proceeds in aid of the Red Cross.