Acton Scout Troop Mark Twenty-fifth Birthday with Party

Commissioner Geo. Maron Was Guest Spenker - Scout Mothers Arrange the Disser

The twenty-fifth anniversary Scouting in Acton was marked Tuesday evening when Scouts and their fathers assembled at a banquet in honor of the occasion. The event was held in the Parish Hall and about seventy-five attended. The dinner arrangements were in the very capable hands of the Scout Mothers' Association and a delicious and satisfy- though. For the past few days two ing dinner was served. If the boys' of us have been looking after billets appetite called for a second piece of while the battalion is on the move. pie it was granted and many besides We are alone in a big English Manboys satisfied that yearning.

of First Acton Troop, was Chairman brought to us and we do our own and following the toast to the King cooking. Our time is entirely our solologuized on Scouting and some of own but believe me, doing nothing is his 'impressions. There were songs really boring but it doesn't take as led by Mr. F. Coles, which all enjoy- much energy-and marching. I sure ed. The toast to scouting was pro- wish I had Tax Faxs Paxes to read. posed by Troop Leader Dave Dills and We haven't received mail for quite Mr. Fred Coles, the Second Scout- a while as we have been on the move master in Acton replied. He gave so much and now we are quite a few many reminiscences of early Scout- miles from the battalion and they early highlights when Acton Troop Press comes regularly and I really was congratulated by the Duke of look forward to reading it. The people ing to present Scouts and those of great work in their "War Effort," and other years and the fathers, too.

The toast to "The Dads" was pro- them. I haven't seen an Acton boy posed by Jack Mainprize and the re- lately, they are spread all over the sponse was given by Mr. Arlof Dills. place and you can't find out where Mr. George Mason, District Commis- they are. sioner, was guest speaker at this gathering and his address was on the subject "Things Boys Like to Do." It was a message to fathers and some time in playing games to make the game of life more pleasant. All boys like to play games. That fact is the reason for the universal acceptance of acouting by the boys.

Mr. Mason had many practical suggestions for useful games for boys, such as workshops, pets, hobbies, and showed how attention to these developed the boy's life and character. Sincere regards to all my Acton He urged that fathers take outing trips with the boys-that the boy be is out. I'll be able to see you all in your returns and making sure that not allowed to grow away from you again. and that common interests be main-

tained. Boys like to belong to something. They like uniforms and assembling Mr. Dills. together and Mr. Mason felt there Editor. was no finer movement than the Cub Pack or Scout Troop with which to become associated.

by the gathering in honor of the Scouts in the services of the King. Cpl. Geoff. Boulton, a former Scoutmaster, was home on leave and presented several badges and awards to members of the troop. He also exbadges and the qualifications neces-

the mothers for the dinner and the were picked up and badly injured. lusty cheers from the boys gave evi-

Group Committe led in the closing by that day for the Wings Victory Camall repeating the Scout Promise. A motion picture of the "Royal Tour in Canada and the United States was shown by Mr. F. L. Wright and was enjoyed by all.

NOVELTY CONTESTS FEATURE GATHERING OF FRIENDLY CIRCLE

The Friendly Circle got together for a social time last evening. After the business was discussed Elsie Johnston and her group took charge. After an exciting hunt for partners Getting Ready for Dorothy Simmons sang two beautiful solos "A Basket of Old Fashloned Victory Loan Drive Roses," and "My Task." The first contest of the evening was given and Here This Month Bernice Reld and Peggy Richardson walked away with the prizes, after which Ethel Franklin played two

lovely piano solos. An egg relay was run and the win- ing held in the Council Chamber this ning side presented with a basket of evening in preparation for chocolate Easter eggs, while the losers Fourth Victory Loan which will be their regular meeting on Friday ev- been staying at the home of his looked on enviously. Margaret and launched this month. All members ening of last week with the President, daughter and son-in-law, Mr., and Pte. and Mrs. Morris Courtney. of Ethel Franklin sang "Juanita". Hats of the previous War Finance Com- Mr. Burkholder presiding. The fol- Mrs. William Anderson during the Acton and Pte. Hilliard Courtney of old and new, funny and smart were mittees and. Citizens who are wil- lowing program was enjoyed: solo by winter. It was the occasion of his Kingston, were Sunday guests of Mr. paraded and the girls all heartily ling to assist in this committee work Mrs. Geo. Robertson; plano solo by eighty-first birthday and they found and Mrs. Wm. Courtney. agreed that the hats modelled by are invited to attend this meeting. Mary Ritchie; reading by Mrs. D. Joe; him well. Alzeina Gibson and Miss Bennett real- The Dominion objective has been an- solo by Doreen Steeled plano solo by Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Britton spent a Saturday with her daughter Mrs. K. ly deserved the prize. After a boun- nounced at \$1,100,000,000-the high- Margaret Robertson; solo by Mr. few days in Toronto, where they went C. Nevills. toous lunch everyone agreed that a est of any of the war loans. Acton Chas. Cutts. Lunch was served and to see their granddaughter Miss

Overseas Mail

Serving in the Cause of Preedom.

Just a few lines to let you know am still doing well over here, although we are still fed up, walting for something to happen. According to the papers we shouldn't have long to wait, now, as the big offensive is promised for this year, and we may get some

They are sure-whipping us into shape lately. We have done awful lot of marching this year and

I am getting lots of rest right now sion and all we do is eat and sleep. Rev. Forbes Thomson, Scout Master mostly sleep. Our rations are ing: told of the problems' and the haven't sent any mail up. Tax Free Connaught. It proved most interest of Acton and Vicinity are sure doing we over here are really proud

one. As it turned out, that was only complete the work.

son's death and I was indeed sorry to nating. hear about it.

That's about all the news for now. friends. Let's hope before this vear

> Sincerely, PTE. J. M. McGEACHIE

Please accept my grateful thanks Help From Here for your kindness in sending me Tax Farz Parss all these months. It's true I don't get quite every copy but very few are lost. It is indeed very nice tions who have not yet completed to get all the news from my town and village of boyhood days.

It's rather dull over here these days plained the significance of these with the exception that a sneak raider sometimes gets through and drops an sary to win them. Second Class occasional egg and more often than badges were awarded Ken Adamson not they are brought down. Just a and Peter Kanis. First Class Badge | week ago a JU 177 was brought down was presented to Fyfe Somerville and not far from our former camp. The Jack Malnprize was presented with crew all baled out and it's surprising the green cord. Five year stars were how young they were, from nineteen awarded to Don Evans and Geo. Hol- to 23 years old. One of the crew baled out without his parachute and Jimmle Spielvogel was leader in strange to say he just didn't need voicing the thanks of the Scouts to it when he was found. All the others

Just lately I was on a week-end dence that the troop was with him. pass and the day after my return Mrs. E. W. Masters, President of the was given 9 days' leave, so away I Scout Mothers' said the group hoped went ugain. While in London I saw to-make this gathering an annual and heard our former Prime Minister Viscount Bennett. He was the prin- few days. Mr. J. H. Boulton, Chairman of the cipal speaker at Trafalgar Square

I must close for now as the lights are due to go out any minute now. I wish to convey my profound thanks to the Acton and District Comforts Committee for all their kindnesses to me by way of smokes, etc., during my stay in England. Just yesterday I got a carton from them.

So, Cheerlo for now, with kindest regards to yourself and staff.

HORACE W. GODFREY

An organization meeting of local War Finance Committee is be- DUBLIN LITERARY make the campaign a success.

Red Cross Campaign Goes Over \$4000 Mark—Returns Not Complete

Objective Shattered as Folks Endéavor to Boys' Band and Show Appreciation of Work Red Cross Is Carrying On

With not even all the returns from Acton yet complete and with Nassagaweya returns yet to come and part of those from Esquesing Township, the Red Cross drive for an objective of \$3,200 from this district has now reached over \$4,000. This was the report from the Treasurer, Mr. W. K. Graham when we called yesterday.

If these returns measure up to the same ratio that canvassers have met with elsewhere, the conclusion of the campaign should see Acton and District with a total of between \$4,500 and \$5,000 or fifty per cent. over the objective.

Road conditions have hampered the completion of the rural canvas, but it is now proceeding and should soon be ready for complete returns.

Canvassers in every district reported from the outset better donations and a greater appreciation of the work of the Red Cross. This was noted in the industrial canvass which gave a splendid start to the campaign. It has followed right through with

We imagine this will be splendi news to the boys serving overseas. Acton and district are backing them up not with just what they asked for but with sufficient to supply their every need when they are nick, wounded or a prisoner of war. Most of the re-We were on a scheme last week for jurns are in cash, which will mean three days and it really was a tough that extra calls are not necessary to

mothers, an urge for men to spend with about five hours' sleep, which done a magnificent job on a war efwas in the woods, with one blanket. fort. Every amount given went in I guess the family will be quite to make that total and we learn that grown up by now Arlof. Give my most cases where donations were not best regards to them and also Mrs. given illness or some very reasonable Dills. I read about Mrs. McPher- cause was the reason for not partici-

Just as soon as returns are complete we will be glad to publish the figures. In the meantime we suggest you assist the canvassers by handing cessful campaign.

Chinese Relief **Fund Thanks for**

At the request of some organizatheir plans to assist the Chinese War Relief Fund we will defer sending in the contributions until the end of the present week so that they may be included in the amount forwarded. This week we received the following letter from Mr. D. H. Clark, the cam-

THE ACTOM FREE PRESS. Acton. Ontario.

Dear Mr. Dills: This will acknowledge and than you for your-letter of March 11th. Will you please thank the citizens of Acton, through your columns, for their generous response to the appeal of The Chinese War Relief-Fund. As requested in your letter, indi-

vidual official receipts will go forward from this office within the next Again expressing our appreciation

and thanks, we remain, Yours very truly. CHINESE WAR RELIEF FUND. D. H. CLARK.

Campaign Secretary The fund has since last week had unother lift of nearly 325. In checking our figures published last week we find that the total should have been \$157.10 instead of the amount totalied. All items were listed but the addition was incorrect. Here is the standing of the fund at present: Previously Acknowledged 16.85 Acton Continuation School Mrs. Jas. McCaig, Mimico Miss Jean McCaig

MUSICAL, SOCIAL the PROGRAM, AT

Mrs. W. G. Cullen

The Dublin Literary Society held called on Mr. William Frank who has Rauen of Elora on Sunday. spent in dancing.

Present Fine Concert

Mr. Elias Easterbrook

NASSAGAWEYA

enezer United Church held a meat l ering present.

Mrs. Edward Byerman of Incersoll visited relatives and friends in Nassagaweya over the week-end.

The song of the spring birds are heard again this week.

BALLINAFAD

Pte. Allan and Elwood Perryman of Camp Borden are home on a weekend leave with Mr. and Mrs. E

Mrs. Jameson and Mrs. M. Swindlehurst, spent a few days in Toronto.

Mrs. A. Price. the beginning. They went three days | Once again Acton and district has winners were Mrs. T. Givens and Mr. | well-meritted round of applause. Bert McMenemy.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirk of Toronto, spent

Sunday with the Misses Young. The March meeting of the W.M.S. was held at the Manse. There was pave a fine vocal solo. Miss Dorothya good attendance which was most encouraging. The roll call was an- W. Coles accompanied her. It was a swered with Scripture verses. worship service as outlined in the Missionary monthly, was led by Mrv. Jus. Kirkwood, assisted by Mrs. F. G. Shortill, who same the solo parts. The you have a share in this very suc- topic from the Study Book was given by Miss B. Hilts. Mrs. McKny re-Well done again Acton and District! ported that new or good second hand clothing would be required for the May. Mrs. A. O. W. Foreman read the H. R. McCutcheon Estate. some interesting temperance items, and Mrs. F. J. Shortill gave a short visited on Friday at the home of Mr. talk on the stewardship of time. The and Mrs. D. F. Robertson. April meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. R. McEnery.

NASSAGAWEYA S. S. No. 7

Congratulations to Lincoln Coreland upon his recent carriage. Kennedy each had a quilting bee for a heart condition. All wish for him a the Busy Bees last week.

The dance under the auspices of the Busy Bees was well attended considering the disagreeable weather They cleared \$15.62 from the door and booth and sold tickets on a quilt am- of Guelph visited on Sunday with Mrs. ounting to the sum of \$12.95. Murray Currle, holding ticket No. 152, was the winner of this, the Victory

Friends and relatives of the late Culvin Campbell of Moffat, were saddened by the news of his death last Wednesday. Many attended the funeral at Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church Saturday afternoon. Interment was made in Fairview Cemetery, Acton. Deepest sympathy goes to his widow and son and daughterin-law who are left to mourn the loss of a loving and kind husband

The closing meeting of the Radio Farmers' Forum, which has been held from house to house of its members during the winter, was held at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Frank und took the form of a progressive euchre party and supper. Over twenty attended and all report an enjoyable time.

tute held a dance at Brookville Hall day. last Wednesday evening. A large crowd attended. All report a splen- day with Mr. and Mrs. H. Hurd of did time and a good sum was realized | Erin. for the ladies' effort.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Frank spent the week-end in Guelph at the home of their daughter and son-in-law. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Silcox. They

Assisting Artists

deed with the progress which has ening offensive. been made by the Boys' Band under ressful auction sale of surplus stock The artists who assisted in making a Burma, which have been forced back Public School children. on Friday last. There was a large varied hand program were also ap- on the Mayu peninsula by Japanese Plans were outlined for future accrowd present and good prices were preciated. Mr. E. S. Force of the Y's counter-offensives, probably will be tivities to raise funds. The Victory Men's Club who are sponsoring the The Women's Association of Eb- band was chairman for the evening.

The band gave a number of where ward before the monsoon. ple supper on Tuesday evening March | tions and the progressive steps in show how the different tones must limit of their endurance. solo numbers.

Kenneth Anderson and Andrew cornet duett.

Headlining the assisting artists were the Lumbert Twins of Rockwood. These boys have been appearing on programs in the district as-Mrs. Arthur Spear is spending a sisting many war efforts, but this is few days in Toronto, with Mr. and the first time that an Acton audience has had the privilege of hearing them. The euchre party in aid of the Red They sing together splendidly and Cross was well attended. The prize everyone of their numbers drew a

> Kenneth Anderson gave a comle song. Miss B. Van Normun and Mrs. G. Desserenult gave elocutionary numbers and Miss Van Norman also Frank gave a violin solo and Mrs. The well-rounded program and the event proved most enjoyable and a fine

OSPRINGE

start for the Boys Band.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fines moved bale this year. It was planned to hold on Monday to their farm on the Sec-Easter thank-offering some time in | and Line, which they bought from Mrs. Norman Robertson of Acton

The farm on the First Line owned by the late Mary McTavish was sold last week to McAllisters of Guelph. Sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Archie Sinclair in the death of her brother Frank Wilkle of Guelph. Friends of Mr. William Brown who makes his home with the Grundy family will be sorry to learn he is Mrs. W. W. Dredge and Mrs. W. | confined to the Guelph Hospital with

> A number from here attended the funeral of the late Agnes Juckson on Friday at Mimosa. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin McCutcheon

speedy recovery.

A group of the younger folk enjoyed a party held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Simpson's Marsville, last Friday night, under the auspices of the Garden Club, and all report un enjoyable time. Miss Shirley Landoni of Dracon.

who has been at the home of her uncle Wallace Greyson since fall, returned home on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lane accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Mel Barden of Hillsburg, visited with Mr. and

Mrs. Moore, Acton, recently. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Watson of or been pushed into the sea." Dundas and Mrs. L. Lyons of Erin, statement was made by Sir Bernard Elliott Home, Guelph. spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery in a message to the

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Reed visited Mr. The Nassagaweya Women's Insti- and Mrs. Piercey of Elora on Sun- Line in Southern Tunisia. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hurd spent Sun-

> Mr. Carl Humberstone visited Mr. H. Graham who has been confined to report he is much improved. Mrs. John Reed visited Mrs.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Courtney and Billy, Mrs. Mickeljohn of Fergus spent

Mrs. Norman Cook spent the weekmost pleasant evening had been district will need the help of all to the remainder of the evening was Vivian Ellis who is in uniform and end with her sister, Mrs. R. Overland

of Orangeville.

Weekly War Commentary

Specialty Weitless for The Actes Free Press BY IL H. GORDON Canadian Press Hatt Weller

which will deluge much of India and all of Burms with torrents of rain The parents, friends and citizens and floods next October, raises a diswho attended the concert last even- mal prospect for Allied efforts to help palgn which has been conducted during in the Town Hall were pleased in- China withstand Japan's strength- ing March.

> the British and Indian forces in men's Institute and \$15 from the nullified by the weather, unless a Minstrels hoped to make their total sudden initiative carries them for contribution over \$350 as a result of

30th, with a good program provided, Iraining the boys were explained by Allied efforts to re-open the Burms the Scout Mothers are arranging for which was enjoyed by the large gath- Mr. Mason. A few months ago none Road to China and the Chinese, in the Old Time Fiddlers to come to of them could blow a horn. Mr. Mason carnest need of supplies and muni- Acton this month for a concert. The gave a demonstration on a born to tions, are likely to be pressed to the garage men too are sponsoring a con-

sisting Mr. Mason and Mrs. Anderson attention. They could be helped if ranged for the events. played the accompaniments for the the Allies could increase the supply Mr. Boulton on behalf of the Canof arms and munitions which Chins, udian Wool Combing Company offighting now for five years against ferred to give to the League their aca better-armed foe and with little as- cumulation of bailing wire and metal Agar and Armand Braido gave a sistance, has needed since she was at- strapping. He would advise when a

> Fighting Hiner 1937 Since 1937 the Chinese have ab- fer was accepted with thanks as this sorbed Japanese punishment and their salvage item brings in approximately refusal to capitulate under the most \$150 a year. adverse conditions has tied up forces. Two more names were added to the of Japanese which might have been overseas list to be sent boxes and used elsewhere-against the United other Items, Bruce Pargeter and Miss States, Australia, New Zealand, or for Dalsy Buchanan. a stab in the back at Russis.

Japanese and Russia have just sign- LOCAL BOWLERS ed a renewal of an agreement that LOST IN GAMES permits Jupanese fishing fleets to use BY 5-2 SCORE Russian waters for their activities.

This agreement, renewable yearly. has been judged generally in the out- again outlucked as they lost to Censide world to be a gauge of Russo- trai Ontario this week 5-2 despite Jupanese relations. It has lapsed some good bowling. for short periods repeatedly but has The Score: so for been renewed each year. Its at want latest renewal has been taken as an' indication that Russin will not de-

clare war on Japan. Russia is believed to have a powerful eastern army watching the Janunese, but to be unwilling to take on u new for while the Germans are engaging such a huge proportion of its

forces in the west. Hold Bonets Bases At the week-end the Nazl drive in the eastern Ukraine appeared to have lost a good deal of its momentum and Moscow dispatches were optimistic over the outcome of the fighting in this vital area. For two weeks the German High Command had thrown

great masses of troops and tanks ngainst the Red Army's defences from Belgored to Chuguey, east of Khar kov. in an attempt to effect a crossing of the Donets River, but their assaults were repulsed. It is probable that the Germans linve been forced to withdraw sev eral divisions from this front to bol-

ster their defences in the Smolensk aren to the northwest where the Russinns continue to advance. Soviet communiques at the week-end did not disclose the exact position of the advancing troops, but some units are believed to be within 30 miles of the blg German base which is the distributing centre for a large part of the northern front. offensive operations on both

Springlike weather is restricting With the coming of summer it probable the Germans will undertake unother offensive on the Eastern Front, but it is unlikely that it will assume the proportions of the attacks In 1941 and 1942 in view of the threat of Allled invasions in the 'west and across the Mediterranean.

Montgomery Confident "We will not stop nor let up until and Mrs. Lorne Allen and family, 5th Tunks has been captured and the en- Line. emy either has given up the struggle |troops of the British 8th Army as they and Mrs. Harold Sunter were Mr. Corstarted their assault on the Mareth don Riddells, Norval and Miss Mary

The message rang with the same note of confidence that encouraged Guelph Road, spent Sunday with the the army months ago at El Alamein latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. and the Doughty general has proved Hortop. he is able to fulfil his promises. The Mareth Line is proving a tough nut day to her home after visiting friends Seaforth hospital, but we are glad to fo crack, but Nazi resistance will be in Toronto. beaten down by Montgomery's hammer blows.

ed the 8th Army to surrender the on Friday accompanied by Mr. and bridgehead across the Wadi Zigzaou. Mrs. Geo. Young and Marilyn, Mrs. At other points the British are inch- Norman Robertson, Acton, Mrs. D. G. ing forward and a communique Satur- Robertson. Ospringe, attended the day night operations are proceed- funeral of her neice, the late little ing according to plan in spite of stiff Agnes Jackson, Mimosa.

El Hamma area behind the Mareth (Continued on Page Three)

Service League Grants \$100 to Red Cross Branch

Several Items Planned for April to Replealsh Treasury of the Legrue

Acton and Vicinity War Service rague made a donation of \$100 to the local Red Cross at the meeting last Thursday evening in the cam-

Donations turned into the organi-In five abort weeks the efforts of zation were \$20 from the Dublin Wo-

the fourth performance scheduled for The monsoon, it appears will built April 3rd. The Dublin Institute and cert, the admission to which will be all be secured by the use of the three; They could be belied by an offen- by a donation of scrap metal or valves on the instrument. Mr. and kive Allied surge in the South-west rubber. The efforts were approved Mrs. E. W. Anderson have been as- Pacific which would divert Japan's by the League and dates are being ar-

truck load was ready and only asked that it be promptly removed. The of-

The McCutcheon bowlers were

N. Morton	214	197	230	641
C. Leishman	192	270	182-	644
G. Mavales	178		152	330
O. Krull		235	334-	569
A. Sheffield	206	184		390
W. Carry	234	332	199-	765
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McCutcheons	1024	1218	1077-	3339
Cantral Outaria	1194	* 184	****	-

SPECIAL SONG SERVICE WITH DR. AUSTIN AS GUEST SOLDIST

A special service of song and Scripture has been arranged for Sunday evening in the United Church. Dr. H. S. Austin will be the guest soloist and will contribute five solos to the service. He will also assist the choir In the anthems. Mrs. A. W. Fosbury and Dr. Austin will contribute a duett, "Love Divine, All Love Excelling."

The service will have the Scripture passages based on the solo and praise selections. The pastor Rev. A. W. Fosbury will be in charge.

EVERTON

Sunday visitors at the home of Mrs. Jas. Black were Mr. Will Black, Town Line, Mrs. George Robertson and daughter Joyce and son George Guelph Road.

Week-end and Sunday visitors us

the home of Col. and Mrs. Will Head were Mr. W. Fletcher, Mr. J. Grieves, Mr. and Mrs. F. Murray and Mr. and Mrs. Kitchener Head, all of Guelph. Fus. Harvey Jestin of Ningara spent his leave last week with his family and on Wednesday he and 'Mrs. Harvey Jestin visited Mr. and Mrs.

Duncan Kingsbury at Freeman. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Couling visited on Sunday at the home of Mr.

Miss M. Sunter has returned to her This home having spent the winter at the Sunday visitors at the home of Mry

> Morley, Guelph. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Palframun,

> Miss Jennie Toyell returned Satur-

Mrs. G. G. Robertson spent a few days last week with her daughter. Field Farshal Erwin Rommel forc- Mrs. George Young, Town Line, and

Mrs. E. Shepherdson is spending a British units which reached the few days in Guelph. Mrs. W. Uherwood spent a few days Line after circling the German flank last week in Guelph with her daughter, Mrs. E. M. Awrey.