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Council Approves Purchase of Truck and Snow Plow

Y's Men's Club and Council Reach Understanding on Conduct of Boys' Band—Permission Given by Highway to Open Maria Street Bridge—Court of Revision Adjudges Taxes on Properties—No Refunds on Dead Dogs.

Councillors W. J. Oakes, A. Mason, J. F. Davison and C. Kirkness were present last evening when Acton Council met in regular session and Reeve J. M. McDonald presided.

Mr. A. H. Brown was present to discuss with Council a depression in the sidewalk opposite his property caused by a drain from his property installed by him. Mr. Brown claimed the sidewalk was in bad condition before he installed the drain. Council pointed out that the owner of the property was responsible for drains from cellars to the town drains. Council felt Mr. Brown was obliged to make good drainage to the sidewalk and that he replace the sidewalk in good condition as soon as weather permitted.

Mr. F. J. Salt, on behalf of the Navy League, asked permission to hold a tag day on June 19th for the League. Permission was unanimously granted.

Mrs. Mochrie of Crews' Corners asked permission to hold a concert in the hall and the Junior Farmers also asked permission with share of proceeds for war services. Mr. Harrop was instructed regarding permits that must be secured under the War Charities Act and these must be secured before the hall was given for any of these events.

Mr. Harvey Walters was present to discuss with the Council repairs that were required on the ceiling of the Town Hall. Some of the loose plaster had been removed as dangerous. Mr. Walters gave an estimate of the total cost of putting in a complete new ceiling except the mouldings. Mr. Walters was instructed to remove immediately any plaster that was dangerous and Council agreed to call for tenders on the work.

Council adjourned and met as a Court of Revision. The case of Mr. John Porty was heard. His application for a building that was unoccupied and was now demolished. The building was assessed for \$300 and one shed was being removed to another property. A reduction of \$200 was granted on the 1943 assessment.

A letter from Mr. W. R. Norton objected to the business tax on his property for 1943. The business tax was transferred to the present occupant as requested. Court of Revision adjourned and Council resumed.

A committee of the Y's Men's Club and Mr. C. W. Mason discussed the Boys' Band. Some of the stipulations Council had imposed were brought to attention of Council and the committee asked that these items be clarified. While six instruments had been repaired a number of the other instruments require minor repairs. The committee asked that Council assume the cost to start the band with the instruments in good repair.

The following resolution was passed: "Resolved that after further discussion with the Y's Men's Club that the previous resolution regarding the Y's Men's Club be rescinded and that the Y's Men's Club be appointed a Committee of this Council to assist in managing the band, and that the Council assume the financial responsibility of repairing instruments and supplying music on approval by Council. And also resolved that our said committee be requested to assume all reasonable precaution regarding the care of the instruments which at all times remain the property of the Corporation."

The Reeve reported that the Public Health Nurse was now employed and the equipment was being secured. It was agreed that \$200 be paid to the Treasurer of the Public Health Nurse Committee to carry on the work.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

Bell Telephone Co., services	\$ 9.18
Acton Public Utilities Commission, street lights and other municipal services	174.88
William Cooper, police uniform	42.50
F. J. McCutcheon, cartage	4.95
N. McEachern, supplies for truck	17.55
T. Rumley, repairing saws	1.10
Symon Hardware, supplies	35.05
E. Harrop, postage	1.66
Across Pass Passa, printing and advertising	102.86
C. F. Leatherland, salary and supplies	93.63
Dr. W. G. Cullen, Treasurer Public Health Nurse Committee	200.00
	\$683.36

Mr. G. M. Hutt, said he was assessing (Continued on Page Five)

INVALID HOME



PTE. GORDON BABCOCK
Who has spent 17 months in England with the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps and is now in Chorley Park Hospital.

WOOL COMBING EMPLOYEES HONOR FELLOW EMPLOYEE

A very social gathering took place at the Wool Combing Corporation of Canada plant, occasioned by the departure of Jean Waddie to join the armed forces in the Air Force Service. The presentation which was ably delivered by Mrs. J. C. Cochran, who read as follows:

Dear Jean: It is with pleasure mingled with regret that we ask your kind acceptance of this gift. Pleasant in the opportunity afforded us to express our high esteem and heartfelt appreciation of the pleasant kindly disposition and cordial relationship we have all enjoyed during the long time of our association with you. Regret at the temporary separation, but you heard the voice of duty and nobly responded to the call. We commend you to God's tender care with the prayer that He will watch over you and keep you free from all harm and bring you safely back with honor from the war. We would further ask you to remember this and never to forget it. That if good wishes are of any avail then our's are with you always. With oceans of good luck and a fond remembrance on every wave.

Yours sincerely,
All the Wool Combing Corporation Employees.

Acton Soldiers Returned Home From Overseas

Sergt. Max Storey Selected to Take Officer's Training Course

After several months of service overseas three men serving with the armed forces arrived back in Canada last week. Pte. Gordon Babcock and Spr. Sam Gibly of Limehouse were invalided back to Canada and are in Chorley Park Hospital.

Sergt. Max Storey, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Storey of Nassagaweya, arrived back in Acton last Thursday afternoon. He is one of a group of six who have returned to Canada and will take the officers' training course. Sergt. Storey has been overseas for sixteen months and was with the Perth Regiment.

Sergt. Storey arrived in London the day previous with his unit and spent a day with a sister in Kitchener before coming on to Acton. Speaking of rations in England, Sergt. Storey said it is not a question of having sufficient coupons but the goods are not available even with coupons. There is no paper for parcels and London newspapers are only four pages with the news pretty well boiled down.

On landing in Acton Sergt. Storey's first call was on the convenor of the parcels committee of the Acton and vicinity War Service League, Mrs. H. Malnprize, to tell the League how he enjoyed the smokes and the parcels. They were just what was needed and provided many a treat at night to share with his comrades in the hut. He said he never missed a parcel and the smokes arrived with clocklike regularity.

Sergt. Storey also told the War Service League of the handicaps under which the British people carried on. A section of a store would be destroyed but business was still conducted in the portion that still stood.

Relation of Missions In Post War World Address at W.M.S.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church held their special Easter, Thank Offering meeting on Thursday, April 8th in the Sunday School Room of Knox Church. There was a very large attendance including a number of ladies from the various churches. The president, Mrs. Fred Blaw very ably presided and the devotional period was conducted by Mrs. E. E. Barr. Mrs. Forbes Thomson and Mrs. W. Gould kindly assisted. Most interesting and impressive were the solos rendered by Mrs. C. Leishman and Miss B. Itzell.

The guest speaker of the occasion was Miss Pelton of Toronto who gave a highly instructive address on the subject "The Work of Missions Relative to the Post War World." At the close of the address Mrs. E. J. Hassard presented Mrs. F. Blaw on behalf of her daughter Doris, with a life membership certificate and a society pin. After exchanging congratulations the meeting was brought to a close by Mr. Forbes Thomson pronouncing the Benediction.

Acton Delegates Attend Provincial Annual of W.M.S.

The twenty-ninth Annual Meeting of Ontario Provincial Society W.M.S. of the Presbyterian Church, met this week in St. Andrew's Church, Guelph. Members of Council, provincial officers and delegates were entertained at a supper in St. Andrew's Church on Monday night at 8 p.m., by the ladies of St. Andrew's.

Those from Acton, attending all sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday were Mrs. R. M. McDonald, Library Secretary of Guelph Presbyterian Church, Mrs. F. S. Blaw, President of Acton Auxiliary and Mrs. H. Malnprize, Corresponding Secretary of Guelph Presbyterian, who, on Tuesday afternoon, presented the annual report of the Presbyterian.

Attending the Tuesday evening session were Mrs. F. Thomson, Mrs. R. O'Hara, Miss Marguerite Roszell and Mrs. Geo. Lantz. Mrs. V. A. Smith, of Hamilton, Provincial President, presided at all sessions. Mrs. W. P. Gamble of St. Andrew's Church, Guelph was general convenor of arrangements and everything that could be done, was done to make the visitors comfortable and welcome in the city of Guelph.

The report of registration was given as Provincial Officers, 28; Corresponding Secretaries, 18; Presidents 25 and Visitors, 75.

Throughout all sessions the necessity of planning in Missionary work for the post war period was greatly stressed. "The Christian worker of to-day will be the peacemaker of tomorrow."

Halt's Objective Is \$2,400,000 in the Fourth Victory Loan

At the executive meeting of the County Victory Loan in Milton last week the County objective was announced as \$2,400,000. This is the largest objective yet, but is only part of the County's share of the Dominion's larger objective. The figures for the local objective have not yet been released.

This week the county headquarters were set up in Oakville and Acton. For the northern section of the county the headquarters are in Acton in the Nelson block on Mill Street, where Mr. Lampard is in charge. Organization throughout the town and townships in the county is now almost complete.

Official Visit of the D.D.G.M. to Walker Lodge Here

Many Visitors Also Attended the Lodge and Social Gathering, Which Followed

Monday evening was a memorable one in the annals of Walker Lodge, A.F. & A.M. when Rt. Wor. Bro. James Weepers, D.D.G.M., of Wellington District paid his official visit to the lodge. On the ritual and work in the lodge room the representative of the Grand Master praised W. Bro. W. G. Middleton, and his staff of officers, on their efficiency.

On this occasion a number of visitors were present from neighboring lodges in Guelph, Galt, Georgetown, Campbellville, Milton and other points. Following the lodge work, the brethren assembled in the gymnasium of the Y.M.C.A. where a splendid banquet and a social time was enjoyed. The Worshipful Master W. G. Middleton very capably presided and directed the event. The toast to the King and the Craft was honored, Mr. Arthur Stegel an accomplished tenor soloist gave several numbers during the evening. W. Bro. J. F. Salt was his accompanist.

The toast to Grand Lodge was proposed by W. Bro. H. L. Ritchie and in replying Rt. Wor. Bro. Weepers told of some of the functions of Grand Lodge and urged that more junior officers attend this gathering to become better acquainted with its working. He said the condition of Masonry in general and in Wellington District in particular was never higher and that membership was showing a splendid increase. Mr. Weepers also told of the dispensation of benevolence that Grand Lodge administered and he stressed the value of the educational work being conducted in the Order.

Referring to the effect of the war on the Order the Grand Lodge representative said that while Lodges may be hampered in Europe Masonry can never be stamped out or held down.

The toast to the visitors was proposed by W. Bro. Gordon and responses were made by W. Bro. Sanderson of Waverly Lodge, Guelph; W. Bro. Smith of Galt; W. Bro. Britton of Guelph; W. Bro. McDonald of Campbellville Lodge; W. Bro. Clinton of Speed Lodge; W. Bro. McCormack of Georgetown and W. Bro. Cleghorn of Galt.

W. Bro. A. H. Krause of Galt, expressed appreciation of the splendid banquet served by the ladies in a vote of thanks. Bro. Locke McKersie, the candidate of the evening also spoke briefly.

The Junior Warden's toast by Bro. M. Steele brought this very enjoyable gathering to a conclusion.

SCOUT MOTHERS TO PURCHASE SWEATERS FOR WOLF CUB PACK

The regular monthly meeting of the Scout Mothers' Auxiliary was held Monday evening at the home of Mrs. E. Barr. A very fine report was given of the Scout banquet recently held in the Parish Hall. A vote of thanks went out to Mrs. J. H. Boulton for her work, also to all Scout mothers who helped, and for donations sent to help make the event a success. It was decided that sweaters be bought for the Cubs who are without uniforms at present.

After the business was disposed of the meeting closed with the benediction. A social hour was spent. Mrs. D. Richardson gave a reading which was enjoyed by all. Mrs. Barr assisted by Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Thorarinnson served a light lunch. The president Mrs. E. Masters poured tea. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the hostesses for the use of her home. Mrs. Thorarinnson kindly offered her home for the next meeting.

More Events Are Scheduled to Assist War Service League

Disbursements of \$104.80 and receipts of \$20.50 were shown in the Treasurer's statement passed at the meeting last Thursday of Acton and vicinity War Service League. Of course this report showed the need for more funds and the Dublin Institute and Scout Mothers have arranged for the old-time fiddlers of Guelph to give a concert here on May 4th and the Acton Institute have arranged for a euchre on April 30th.

The Victory Orchestra turned in \$15.50 as a result of their dance and plan another event for this month. The Carry On Club of Crews' Corners sent a donation of \$5.00.

In connection with salvage it was pointed out that there was now a great need for more fats. These will be collected by the salvage collector if a card is shown in the window. They should be in metal containers. There is also a demand and need for more waste paper.

There was also quite a discussion regarding the securing of additional voluntary help at the salvage rooms to assist Mr. Lowrie. It requires regular attention to keep the material moving.

Weekly War Commentary

Specially Written for The Acton Free Press by GUY RHOADES Canadian Press Staff Writer

As "General Mud" takes over in the Russian spring a summarizing of the Red Army's work during the winter shows the season of snow and ice has left the Germans in a slightly worse position than they were when they opened their big summer offensive last year.

The satellite armies, according to an estimate of the British Information Service, have been practically annihilated and vast hordes have been made of the "top layer" of the Nazi army itself—veteran divisions which had more experience of modern war than any troops in the world.

The Germans, the British Information Service correspondent "Veritas" declares, "must write down the period from the summer of 1942 to the spring of 1943 as an almost completely wasted effort with a very heavy bill of costs attached to it." "Veritas" expressed belief the waste entailed by Germany's failure to cripple the Russians in the last three months will prove to be the turning point in the war.

The Russians on the other hand have improved their position considerably by regaining the rich grain-growing regions of the North Caucasus in time for spring sowing, ensuring that many will eat next winter who might otherwise have gone hungry.

New Offensives
Veritas sees signs that in the spring all both sides are preparing to launch new offensives to come when the ground dries out sufficiently to give the armies new mobility.

Other important news besides that from Russia is contained in the day-by-day story of the Allied aerial offensive against Europe, the bombing of manufacturing plants of the Nazi war machine, the destruction effected in the centres of the enemy's submarine nests on the Atlantic coast and his repair shops elsewhere.

The Germans are represented in neutral quarters as becoming tired from the air raids. They are experiencing what Britain felt during the heavy blitzes in the Battle of Britain. Britain's experience did not crack the British people and Germany's probably will not crack the Germans, for they are a stubborn race, but it will undoubtedly slow them down in their home-front jobs, causing disruption of essential services which keep people working.

Prepara for Summer
German efforts to cross the Bonel's River in the sector east of Kharkov have been repulsed by the valiant Russian defenders and there is little activity elsewhere on the long Eastern Front. After their victorious winter offensive in the eastern Ukraine and the Caucasus the Red Army needed time to prepare for summer operations and the spring thaw period is being used to advantage.

The German army, of course, is also profiting by the lull, but the High Command has far greater problems than its Russian counterpart. Hitler's generals, while awaiting the next Russian blow, realize that at any time the United Nations may start their offensive at one or more points on the boundaries of the "Fortress" (Continued on Page Eight)

Lorne Scots Open Campaign For More Reserve Recruits

BACK FROM OVERSEAS



SERG. E. M. STOREY
Who has returned to Canada after 16 months overseas and will take an Officer's Training Course at Brockville.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE HAS STARTED WORK IN THE MUNICIPALITIES

Miss Walker, Public Health Nurse for Acton, Georgetown and Milton assumed her duties the first of the month and is now getting quarters ready in each municipality and the program under way. Miss Pimock of the Ontario Department of Health accompanied Miss Walker and assisted in planning the quarters and equipment needed.

The room known as the old chemistry room at Acton School has been set aside for her use here and is being fitted up to meet the requirements. New equipment for the room is being purchased by the local committee, and a meeting of all the representatives of the towns participating was held in Georgetown last evening.

Miss Walker will spend about two days each week in each of the municipalities.

Road Costs and Gravel Contract of Eramosa Approved

Auditors' Report Accepted at Meeting in Rockwood on Monday

The Council for the Township of Eramosa met at 1:30 on Monday in the Town Hall, Rockwood, with Reeve D. D. Gray in the chair. Councillors Wm. J. Pinkney, R. H. Bonham, Roy I. Leslie and Jos. R. Rutherford were also present.

The auditors' report for the first quarter of 1943 was accepted on motion of Messrs. Rutherford and Pinkney; on the recommendation of the auditors and by authority of the Hydro-Electric Commission, the Council ordered that \$412.12 of Hydro arrears be struck off the tax register; other uncollectable taxes struck off on recommendation of the auditors amounted to \$23.74. The collector was instructed to use statutory methods to collect two outstanding dog accounts.

On motion of Messrs. Benham and Rutherford it was decided to continue the present relief system with the salary of the Relief Officer at \$10 per month.

On motion of Messrs. Leslie and Benham, the salary of the Road Superintendent at 35c per hour with 15c per hour for transportation allowance was set.

Letters were ordered to be filed with the Minister of Highways approving the estimated road expenditure of \$9,000 for 1943, approving the gravel contract for 1943 and thanking the Council for their recommendation resulting in less sanding and snow plowing on No. 7 Highway.

Other letters filed were from the Aid to Russia Fund, the County Clerk and the Department of Municipal Affairs.

The county hospital account for 1942 was received, amounting to \$272.75, the treasurer was instructed to pay this amount, less \$54.25 which was believed to be collectable from an estate, 1939 and 1940 hospital accounts amounting to \$351.25 were also ordered to be reclaimed. Council adjourned to May 10th at 1:30 after passing accounts for \$933.58.

Messages from Lt.-Col. L. H. Beutram, Commanding Officer, Urges All Within Age Groups to Become Trained for Service in Defending Canada.

To keep the unit up to strength the Lorne Scots have the past week and for several weeks ahead, will conduct an active campaign for more recruits for the unit. An illustrated article on page seven of this issue gives in picture form some of the camp activities at Niagara-on-the-Lake last year, and explains the need for maintaining the Reserve Army at full strength. Here is a letter to the public from the commanding officer.

Brampton, April 1st, 1943
An Open Letter
To The Public.

In the great general appeal for strength increase of the Reserve Army in Canada, I am confident that the counties of Peel, Dufferin and Halton will do their part. During the past year, The Lorne Scots Reserve Battalion has supplied many gallant lads for active service. Thirty-nine of these men went forward as candidates to Officers' Training Centres.

Lessons learned in the Reserve Army made soldiering easy for these men when they joined the active forces; and rapid progress and promotions have been the result. I am personally proud of them and have no fear that they will unflinchingly do their duty in carrying the flag of victory for The Lorne Scots.

At home we are called on to "Mind the Fort" and it is my personal wish that all loyal citizens who are eligible will assist in this great work.

I look forward to the 2nd (Reserve) Battalion "Lorne Scots" making a creditable showing in the forthcoming drive, and will appreciate the co-operation and support of everyone.

L. H. BEUTRAM, LT.-COL.,
Officer Commanding

The Lorne Scots (P.F. & H. Regt.)
The recruiting office in Acton are at Mr. F. L. Wright's office or with Mr. Fred Coles, at Agar's Coal Office.

To be eligible for the Lorne Scots Reserve, a man must belong to one of seven age groups: 17 and 18 years of age, single men 42½ to 50 years, married men 28½ to 50 years, Great War veterans up to 55 years (these four are open to men of categories "A", "B" and "C"), all men 17 to 50 years in category "C," those who have received Active Army post-ponement and those who have been called and been rejected for Active service.

ACTON PUPIL WINS FIRST PRIZE IN COUNTY ESSAY CONTEST

In the annual essay contest on the subject "The Life of Lord Nelson," two pupils of Acton Public School were among the prize winners and Aileen McEneaney won the first prize of \$5 in the competition. Dena Bralton won fifth prize and \$1.

This contest is conducted each year in accordance with the wishes of Mrs. Colin Campbell, O.B.E., of Wilmberg in memory of her father and mother Dr. Anson Buck and Keturah Howell Buck. It is open to public school pupils in the county and this year there were 23 essays entered.

The second prize of \$3 was won by George Harisdand of No. 1 Nassagaweya.

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 25c.

Guelph Old-Time Fiddlers Concert in Acton on Tuesday May 4th. 42-3

Dance in Brookville Hall, sponsored by the Busy Bees, Friday, April 16th, 1943. Admission 25c.

The Ladies of St. Joseph's Church are holding an Easter Variety Food Sale on Saturday April 24th in the Town Hall, Time 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. 42-2

The Acton Junior Farmers will hold their annual dance in the Town Hall, Acton on April 16th. Fisher's five-piece orchestra. Dancing from 9 until 2. Admission, 30c.

An address "Nutrition in War Time," by Mrs. Gordon Agnew, in Acton Town Hall, on April 27th. Drop your questions regarding nutrition in the box in the Post Office. Collection in aid of War Service League, Auxilias Lakeside Chapter I.O.E.

Well Done -- Thank You

On behalf of Acton and District Red Cross Branch, I want to give hearty thanks to all who worked and to the public as a whole for the splendid response given to the annual appeal for funds.

Only in united effort by all the people of Acton and the vicinity could such a figure well over the quota asked be secured. Again Acton and District has not failed or faltered in a war task assigned to this district. I share with you the joy in the fulfillment of this task.

A. MASON, President,
Acton District Red Cross.