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Local Interest Centred On When 2nd Bomb Explodes

Winner of First Award in Miss of Invernesshire Scotland—Miss Stuckey Feels This Was a Lucky Break for Her.

Last Friday evening Chairman W. J. O. Oakes of the Acton, Enquiring Public Relations Committee called at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Stuckey to present Mr. Geo. Stewart with his War Saving Certificate prize of \$25 as a result of the local contest. Mr. Stewart is not in good health and was not favorable to having his picture taken when receiving the award. However, he was loyal to the community's interests and when it was explained to him that Acton's contest was entered with those of other communities for a Dominion award he consented.

Mr. Stewart is a native of Invernesshire, Scotland and lived for several years in Glasgow. He has been a resident of Acton for many years and his investment in Victory Bonds was to the limit.

After receiving the certificate from Mr. Oakes, Mr. Stewart insisted that it immediately be turned over to Miss Reta Stuckey. Talking to her, we asked how she accounted for being able to estimate the time so closely. Her reply was that she felt the bomb would go off some time after

the men were out of the factories and she based her estimate on this plan. Commenting on the award Mrs. Stuckey said this is one lucky break for Reta and as we recalled the many years she has so patiently and pleasantly borne her illness we readily agreed that she richly deserved the award and have the hope that it is only the start of more luck for her.

Another Chance Yet

Sometime within the next few days somebody else is going to win another \$25 War Saving Certificate. That is of course provided that Acton, Enquiring does reach the quota of \$225,000. Just when that day, hour and minute will be is something that no one knows.

This point is don't put off until the last minute your bond purchase. Don't fail to have your guesses deposited at Victory Loan headquarters early. Make sure that Acton reaches quota and that someone gets the \$25 prize. It can be done if everyone goes the limit.

Last week after the bomb exploded several guesses were brought in to headquarters. They were worthless in the contest. Only the yellow slips are now of any use. Only they are good if they are in the box before the bomb explodes. Don't forget to signify whether your guess is a.m. or p.m.

WINNER OF FIRST \$25.00



Chairman W. J. O. Oakes of the Acton Public Relations Committee presenting to Mr. George Stewart the \$25 War Savings Certificate he won in the First Guess in the Local Contest. Mr. Stewart later turned the prize over to Miss Reta Stuckey who has been an invalid for the number of years. It was Miss Stuckey who made the estimate of the time that won the prize. The question now is who will win the Second \$25 prize.

Garage Men Give Big Boost To Salvage Drive

The scrap drive conducted by the Garage Men's Association brought one of the finest piles of salvage that has been reported. This event was in connection with the concert a week or so ago in Acton Town Hall in which the admission was an addition to the salvage pile.

Well, here are the results: 5,210 lbs. of iron, 1,420 lbs. of rubber, 125 lbs. of fat, 150 lbs. of bones and in addition a good collection of cartons. It's a result any group might be proud of and it was turned over to the Acton and Vicinity War Service League.

MARRIED AT JASPER PARK ON APRIL 28th

Friends of Mrs. F. S. Selwood, formerly of Calgary, will be interested in hearing of the marriage of her daughter, Miss Edith Selwood, to Mr. Reginald Edward Gardiner.

The ceremony took place at Jasper Park, Alberta, on April 28th, and was performed by the Rev. Mr. McInnes of the United Church. The bride is also the granddaughter of Mrs. A. E. Nicklin of Acton.

SCOUT MOTHERS MAKE DONATIONS TO SEVERAL FUNDS

The regular monthly meeting of the Scout Mothers Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. H. Thorarinson. The president, Mrs. E. Masters opened the meeting with the ladies repeating the Scout Mother's Promise. Reports were read.

It was decided to donate \$5 to the Navy League and \$5 towards expenses for the commando training for the scouts at Blue Springs May 22nd. After the business was disposed of the meeting closed with the benediction.

A social hour was spent. Mrs. Boulton put on a competition the prize being won by Mrs. Masters and Mrs. Evans. Mrs. Thorarinson served a dainty lunch after a very enjoyable evening. A vote of thanks was tendered the hostess for the use of her home. Mrs. Masters kindly offered her home for the next meeting.

KNOX SUNDAY SCHOOL TO MARK 100th ANNIVERSARY

The 100th anniversary of the Sunday School of Knox Presbyterian Church will be marked by special services on Sunday, June 6th. The guest minister will be Rev. John R. Walde, M.A., B.D., of London.

The Victory Loan Quiz Contest Selects Winners

At the elimination contest for County honors in the Victory Loan Quiz held at Milton on Monday, Almah Bradley of R.R. 1, Hornby won the Junior group. Chas. Lewington, Milton won the Intermediate group and Walter Sergeant of Georgetown won the senior group.

Contestants are entered from Halton, Peel and Wentworth counties and last night Walter Sergeant as the representative of Halton Schools competed in Hamilton for the Division Championship. The winner of this event will go to Toronto on Saturday for the final competition in the contest.

Those competing from Acton school at Milton on Monday were James Dilts, Ray Everdall and John Mowat.

Service League Plans More Boxes For Overseas List

Receipts Amounted to \$611.12 at Last Meeting—Minstrel Show Netted \$384.09

Receipts of \$611.12 and expenditures of \$283.42 were reported at the meeting on Thursday of Acton and Vicinity War Service League.

Largest amount in the donations was that from the Victory Minstrels which amounted to \$384.09, the proceeds of the concert put on in Acton. The Victory Orchestra turned in \$55.12; Bannockburn Women's Institute \$49.25; Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the I.O.E. \$31.00; Acton Women's Institute, \$30.00; Dublin Literary Society \$26.76; Carry-On-Canada Club \$18.75; Busy Bees of Nassagaweya \$10.00; Scout Mothers, Dublin and Bannockburn Institutes \$5.95.

Expenditures included two lots of cigarettes sent to the boys from the district, now overseas, at a cost of \$277.52 and expenses in connection with salvage of \$5.90.

The secretary was instructed to send a letter to the Garagemen's Association thanking them for the splendid results they had obtained in their collection of scrap metal and rubber.

Stanley Joe was added to the list of boys overseas.

The Committee in charge of that work was instructed to prepare another box to be sent to all the boys on the overseas lists. This box will go forward just as soon as arrangements can be completed.

A letter was read that had been received from the Kinnerton's Milk for British Fund by Rev. Mr. Fosbury. The motion was passed expressing the willingness of the League to cooperate if a tag day was organized. Two donations from the funds have already been sent to this fund.

One Plane Takes Off Another Grounded in Fields Nearby

Machine Grounded Week Ago in R. N. Brown's Fields Has Runway Rolled for Trip Home

More air activity was witnessed in the fields on Mr. R. N. Brown's farm adjoining Acton on Sunday when a plane brought a pilot to take back the machine grounded the week before and came to grief itself. The other machine which had been repaired during the week had a perfect take-off.

On Sunday a pilot was flown down in a single engine plane to take back the repaired machine to the training centre. Mr. Brown had rolled the land in the field for an emergency take-off. After a test run the plane made a lovely take-off, circled the field and headed for home.

Then the single-engine machine attempted to take-off. It was not so successful and crashed and nosed over a fence. This plane was damaged but the pilot escaped with only a sharking up. Now more repairs have to be made to get this second machine away. Yesterday it was loaded on trucks and went back home by road.

This is three planes in the past six months that have used Mr. Brown's fields for forced landings. Last year he removed a number of fences so a machine could take off that had landed in a hay-field. This year the land was rolled to assist the crew. It is said that airforce men have Brown's fields in their mind when they have to make a forced landing in this vicinity because of the cooperation given them in getting the machines back in the air.

FRIENDLY CIRCLE GROUP HAVE SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY MEETING

On Sunday the Friendly Circle invited mothers and friends to a special mother's day meeting. The president Mrs. Richardson opened the meeting with a lovely poem "Mother of Mine." Miss Dorothy Simmons favored the gathering with the beautiful solo "My Mother's Song." Mrs. Wm. Waterhouse and Miss Lois Dawkins sang a lovely duet "Face to Face." Miss Alzina Gibson read the lesson and Miss Bennett took over and taught the lesson about the disciples and the healing of the lame man at the temple gate.

Mrs. Richardson thanked the mothers and friends for coming, after which Mrs. Wm. Waterhouse's group served light refreshments.

SUPPLIES SENT FROM RED CROSS HERE THIS WEEK

Supplies forwarded this week from the Red Cross headquarters in Acton included the following articles: 28 pair seaman's stockings; 2 tuck-ins; 16 pair gloves; 2 dozen airforce socks; 2 pair mitts and 4 sweaters.

Nassagaweya Leads County Acton is in Second Place

County Has Almost Half of Quota to Reach in Last Few Days—Acton Needs \$55,000 in Subscription to Attain Objective—Banks Will Remain Open Saturday Afternoon for Late Subscriptions.

The Fourth Victory Loan is now down to the home stretch and the next few days will have the winners picked. Returns from Halton County compiled yesterday show that Nassagaweya Township is leading in percentage of objective obtained in spite of the fact that the quota there is double that of last year. Acton and Esqueping district adjoining is in second place and Georgetown and Burlington are tied for third place.

The county taken as a whole certainly has a lot to make up in these last few days if the objective will be reached, as a matter of fact just a little over half the amount has been raised.

Here are the figures reported yesterday:

	Amt. Raised	% Quota
Nassagaweya	77,000	77%
Acton	170,000	75%
Georgetown	221,550	54%
Burlington	284,450	54%
Milton	189,850	51%
Oakville	339,600	44%
	1,270,900	1,400,000

That's the story from the county. That means a lot of last minute run to finish the job Saturday. To help in this rush the Chartered Banks will remain open on Saturday afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock.

\$55,000 More in Acton

The job in Acton and Esqueping means that in these remaining days \$55,000 must be received. In the first half the objective was reached. The next week we slipped a little and for the past few days we haven't any slack left but have some to take up. A quarter of our objective is left for these last few days of the campaign. Acton and every district in Halton has not failed in any call since 1939. With Victory the closest of any period during that time we cannot fall now.

Yesterday we received the following reports on the Dominion totals. Ottawa, Ont., 11.04 a.m., May 12/45. Tax Across Fax Pass.

Tuesday's loan results \$64,339,950 making cumulative total of \$855,302,350. Cumulative total compares with \$661,281,700 in preceding drive. G. W. Spinney, Chairman National War Finance Committee made urgent appeal particularly in regard to the \$500,000,000 asked from General canvasser and payroll savings. Receipts now under these heads are about \$100,000,000 short.

CAMPBELL CARROLL, Dominion Public Relations Section.

Acton Institute Elects Officers For The Year

Mrs. Wilderspin was honored to Acton Women's Institute annual meeting at her home. Mrs. J. F. Wilder, the president was in charge. The motto was "Ways to Kill the Institute," given by Mrs. R. L. Davidson. Current events were given by Mrs. J. F. Wilder. Roll call was answered by paying of fees. Mrs. Lantz was acting chairman and Mrs. R. L. Davidson was acting secretary for the election of officers which resulted as follows:

Honorary President—Mrs. J. F. Wilder.
President—Mrs. G. Lazenby.

1st Vice-President—Mrs. V. Wilderspin.
2nd Vice-President—Mrs. R. Johnson.

Sec.-Treasurer—Mrs. J. E. Gamble.
Directors—Mrs. G. Lantz, Mrs. Jas. Wilder, Mrs. J. Lovell.

District Director—Mrs. Fred Anderson.
Rep. to District Annual—Mrs. Lazenby, Mrs. Gamble, Mrs. R. Johnson.

Committees:
Booth—Mrs. J. F. Wilder.
Sick and Visiting—Mrs. E. Davidson, Mrs. V. Wilderspin.

Plantist—Mrs. E. Lambert.
Assistant Plantist—Mrs. H. L. Davidson.

Layette—Mrs. E. F. Collier.
Auditors—Mrs. J. F. Wilder and Mrs. Geo. Lantz.

Program—Mesdames Doble, Hunter, Johnson and the president.
The financial report will be given next week.

Warden McDonald Central Chairman of Emergency Labor

Halton Urban Centres Organize to Supply Labor to Assist on Farms

On Wednesday evening of last week, Mayor Geo. H. Dawson of Milton, Reeve Norman Brown of Georgetown, Reeve J. M. Campbell of Oakville, Deputy-Reeve Norman Craig of Burlington, and Warden J. M. McDonald of Acton, together with representative citizens from the various centres and also Halton Agricultural War Service Committee officials, met in the Agricultural Office, Milton, to lay plans for the supplying of Emergency Farm Labor to Halton farmers.

Notwithstanding the fact that Halton farmers in common with all Canadian farmers have done a magnificent job up to date under serious handicaps, it was the opinion of those present at the meeting, that Canada is faced with critical food shortages in the coming year. This situation is serious, not alone from the standpoint of our war effort, but also from the standpoint of domestic consumption, particularly in our urban centres.

It was therefore the unanimous opinion of all urban representatives present that action should be taken immediately to set up the necessary organization in the respective urban centres of the county to make emergency labor available not only for haying and harvest but also for seeding. Several of the centres have already taken steps to locate experienced tractor operators now employed in industry, who would be available to go out where required the odd day or half day or a few hours in the evenings. Agricultural War Committee officials present were of the opinion that this is sufficient mechanized equipment available to do the job providing labor is available to operate it to its maximum efficiency.

In Acton, the contact man is Mr. F. L. Wright and his phone is 95. Citizens are urged to contact this official at once and indicate when they will be available to help out in the emergency with which we all, urban and rural alike, are faced. Certainly if the crop cannot be put in quickly, once soil conditions are favorable we cannot hope to have much of a crop to harvest. Farmers wishing to avail themselves of this type of emergency labor are requested to contact the same official.

It was the opinion of Agricultural War Committee officials that farmers requiring this type of emergency labor would be prepared to pay fifty cents per hour for experienced tractor operators and forty cents per hour for casual help during emergency periods. It was also the unanimous feeling of the meeting that owing to the fact that practically all town folk, having motor cars, are limited to AA Category, that the necessary transportation would of necessity have to be supplied by the farmer receiving the help.

A splendid job was done in most (Continued on Page Eight)

Council Buys \$3000 of Loan Truck Purchase Approved

CEMETERY VISITORS PLEASED WITH GROUNDS ON MOTHER'S DAY

There were many visitors to Fairview Cemetery on Mother's Day and in spite of the backward season the grounds as a whole were in fine condition. Usually caretaker Fryer aims to have all the new graves to the winter levelled and sodded before this date. The late season for the first time made completion of this work impossible. However visitors as a whole were delighted with the neat and tidy appearance of this sacred spot on Sunday.

NEW APPOINTMENT MADE FOR CLERK OF DIVISION COURT

Mr. W. Coles has been appointed Clerk of the Division Court and Bailiff, succeeding Mr. E. T. Bedford who recently resigned from the position after filling it very satisfactorily for the past five years. Mr. Coles received notice of his appointment this week from the provincial department. Mr. Coles is a veteran of the South African and the First World War and attended the summer camp last year with the reserve army. His appointment to this position will meet with general approval.

REPORTED MISSING



PLT.-SGT. K. H. BUCK Who has been reported missing following air operations over enemy territory. He enlisted from Acton in 1940.

Sergt. K. H. Buck Reported Missing in Overseas Raid

Word Received by His Sister Here—Three Other Brothers Also Serving Overseas

Mrs. Alex. K. Mann, Acton, received word during the week that her brother, Plt.-Sergeant Kenneth H. Buck is missing after air operations over Germany early this month. While Plt.-Sergt. Buck's home was at Owen Sound he was employed with the Beardmore Co. here at the time of his enlistment in October 1940.

He trained at Toronto, Montreal and at Fingal. He received his wings as a wireless air gunner in October 1941 and then proceeded overseas. About a year ago the plane in which he was returning from a raid over Germany was forced down in the English Channel. Although seriously wounded and suffering from exposure he recovered, the only one of the crew to survive the ordeal. Following his recovery he was on instructional duty and just within the past month he had been transferred to operations again with the R.A.F. Last March he was married to A.C.W. Dorothy Watkins of the R.A.F.

Three brothers, P.O. Austin Buck, Sgt. Martin Buck of the R.C.A.F., and Cnr. George Buck of the R.C.A. are also in service overseas. At home are Sgt. Richard Buck stationed at Brantford, Albert of Waterloo, Herbert of Owen Sound, and Bill of Acton, Mrs. A. K. Mann of Acton, and Mrs. Marion Graham of Toronto. All are anxiously awaiting further particulars and many friends here hope with them that favorable word may be soon received.

His father, Martin L. Buck, a veteran of the First Great War passed away several years ago and his mother, Mrs. Janet A. Buck in January, 1942.

Council Will Not Nominate May 24th as Holiday Contrary to Government Wishes—Arrangements Made for Park Maintenance—Cement Mixer for Town Use to be Purchased.

Councillors W. J. O. Oakes, Chas. Kirkness, J. F. Davison and A. Mason were present last night when Acton Council met and Reeve J. M. McDonald presided.

The Reeve reported that he had attended a meeting in Milton last week regarding the farm labor situation. An organization similar to that used last year was suggested. Mr. F. L. Wright, who had so efficiently been the secretary last year at request of Council attended the meeting and was asked if he would carry on again this year. Mr. Wright expressed a willingness to serve again. At present tractor drivers were needed and these would be paid 50c an hour. Council agreed to run an advertisement calling for tractor drivers.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:
I. H. Fryer, wood \$ 3.00
Acton Public Utilities Commission, street lights, Town Hall and other services 174.19
J. E. Mackenzie, supplies 340.05
Workmen's Compensation Bd., assessment 55.82
Across Four Pines, advertising 7.45
Hazen Gordon, labor 6.30

Mr. A. McIsaac drew attention to flood conditions which had prevailed on Tuesday at his property. Council agreed to give attention to the damage done.

Mr. A. McIsaac and Mr. Woods presented details regarding Dodge trucks and snow plowing equipment on which a tender had been submitted. They submitted prices on chassis and body of the truck.

Another quotation on the equipment was received from Norton Motors.

The two quotations were given careful consideration by Council and the tender of Norton Motors was accepted for the complete equipment. The Dodge equipment was \$2,422.20 for truck, body, clearance lights and hoist. The price on the Ford truck body and hoist was \$2,040.00. The Reeve and Clerk were authorized to complete the arrangements. The total cost including the snow plow was to be \$2,500 complete from the Norton Motors.

Several manufacturers had made inquiry regarding what was to be done in Acton on May 24th and if a holiday was to be observed here on that day. It was felt that council should co-operate in the war effort and no holiday would be observed in Acton on that day. The government had asked that only 6 holidays be observed in the year and in view of war industries here it was best that no extra holidays be sanctioned.

Councillor Kirkness reported that he had made an inspection in the Park. Chief Harrop reported that he had made arrangements for horse and man for grass cutting two days a week if necessary. Council agreed to inspect the park and make plans for maintenance.

Tenders for plastering the ceiling in the Town Hall auditorium were received from Harvey Walters and J. A. McMullen. The tender of Harvey Walters was accepted at a contract price of \$300.

Further information was submitted to Council regarding material for repairing roads and broken sidewalks. This material would dry in six hours. Prices were submitted. It was decided not to purchase at present.

A letter from the Letter Shop Supply Co. asked opportunity to quote on Voters' Lists. The letter was filed.

A letter from the Royal Exchange Assurance gave information regarding the coverage for liability on the present policy.

A letter from the Board of Directors of the Y.M.C.A. pointed out that (Continued on Page Five)

Coming Events

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

St. Alban's W. A. are holding a Baking Sale in the Parish Hall on Saturday, 15th, 3 p.m.

Lakeside Chapter I.O.E. sponsoring Master Bingo under the auspices of Acton and Vicinity War Service League, in Acton Town Hall, May 19th, 15 games, 2 Specials, Door Prize, Tickets 25c. 45-2.