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## ACTON GETS DOMINION PRIZE

### Re-Union by Pupils and Officers at Knox Centenary

200 Veterans Register at Sabbath School Centennial at Knox Church on Sunday — Rev. John Wallis Comes Back to Home Church for Services—Rev. A. C. Stewart, Former Minister, Also Joins Re-Union.



THURSDAY EVENING AND BUFFET LUNCHEON

The services marking the hundredth anniversary of the Sunday School of Knox Church provided a time for re-union, re-dedication and joy to not only members and friends of the church here, but to many others now residing elsewhere who fondly remember this as the home church. The whole service and arrangements were very fitting and especially the choice of having Rev. John Wallis come back to the church where his grandparents, and parents and himself had attended and where he had attended the "baby class" and received the inspiration to become a minister of the gospel. There were splendid congregations morning, afternoon and evening. In an historical note Rev. Furber Thomson drew attention to the forming of the Sabbath School on January 1843 by John Burns, Esq. The Sabbath School preceded the establishing of the church three years later, in fact being the way for the founding of the church.

There were sixteen attended the first Wednesday evening service and during the winter the number grew to twenty-five. On the first Sabbath in May the school was regularly organized in the school house on lot 21, third concession, Esquimaux, with Mr. Burns taking charge of the senior division and Mr. James Lindsay the junior division. These were the beginnings. Mr. Burns and Mr. Damon Kennedy senior were associate superintendents till the close of the year 1847, and Mr. Kennedy retained the position until the close of his life. The other teachers at the opening of the school were Messrs. James Lindsay, Alexander Grant, Alexander McDonald, Lachlan McDonald, Isabella McDonald and Robert Swan.

Rev. John Wallis was reminiscent in his morning address to the congregation as he recalled his first visit to Sunday School and paid tribute to Miss Mary McChure his first teacher and to Rev. J. C. Wilson and Rev. A. C. Stewart, ministers whose influence had done much to guide him to enter the ministry. It was a delight too that Rev. Mr. Stewart was able to be present on this occasion and take part in the services.

Mr. Wallis' address was entitled, "The Home and the Church," and was based on the seventh verse of the eighteenth Chapter of Acts—"And he departed thence and entered into a certain man's house, named Titus, one that worshipped God, whose house joined hard to the synagogue."

To parents of children he urged that every child be at Sunday School every Sunday. That they be not satisfied to send them, but to bring them; that they do not make the Sunday School a substitute for the church and that they have the good old family pew. He urged parents to show an appreciation of teachers and officers of the Sunday School.

To teachers and officers of the Sunday School he urged taking the Bible as a text book and aim that every pupil shall have a Bible and make use of it. Emphasize the memorization of Scriptures. Determine that every child graduating from Sunday school have intelligent sympathetic understanding of the Lord Jesus Christ. By prayer, teaching and example lead pupils so that they too may accept Jesus Christ.

Mrs. Ann Somerville of Toronto, contributed as a solo "The Beautiful Garden." Her return to the home church on this occasion and her splendid contribution to the service of praise were much appreciated. The choir contributed an anthem and Pte. E. A. Hansen led and presided at the organ.

### Christian Crusaders From Guelph Visit Acton B.Y.P.U.

The regular meeting of the Baptist Young People's Union was held in the church Tuesday evening. After a brief business session the president welcomed the Christian Crusaders from York Road Church, Guelph, and introduced their president, Mr. Ramsey, who was chairman for the service.

Mr. Bill Round led a lively sing-song with Mrs. Seabrook at the piano. Mr. Seabrook read the Scripture lesson, followed by prayer by Mr. Walter Hunt. Mr. Dave Fulton sang "My Ain Country," in his inimitable way. The Crusaders' Quartette comprised Mrs. Seabrook, Ramsey, McKim and Seabrook sang "There's a New Name Written Up in Glory." Mr. Sam McGill rendered a very lovely accordion solo.

Rev. Gordon W. Seabrook chose as his subject "Obedience" and brought in very impressive message to everyone present, urging obedience to the teachings of the Master. The quartette sang "Lead Me to Calvary," followed by a hymn and closing prayer led by Mr. Ayles.

On behalf of the B.Y.P.U. executive, Wilma West expressed the appreciation of all present to the Crusaders for an inspiring and interesting program.

### No Appeals at Court of Revision in Esquimaux Twp.

Routine Matters Dealt With at Regular Session on Monday

A Court of Revision for the Township of Esquimaux was held Monday at 1.30. George E. Cleave, George Currie, C. H. May, G. W. Murray and Wm. A. Wilson were present.

After taking the required oath, it was moved by Wilson, seconded by Currie, that C. H. May be chairman of this Court of Revision.—Carried.

As there was no appeal against the assessments for the year, it was moved by Currie, seconded by Murray, that the rolls as finally revised and corrected for the year 1943 be now passed by this Court and the Clerk be authorized to certify to said rolls.—Carried.

The June meeting of Esquimaux Township Council was held immediately after the Court of Revision. All members were present and Reeve May presided.

After the correspondence had been read it was moved by Currie, seconded by Cleave, that the road accounts be paid \$601.57.—Carried.

Other accounts passed for payment included: Bell Telephone Co. services \$5.69; Harry Robertson, stamps, \$14; J. Sanford, relief account, \$20; claims for sheep killed, valuator's trips total of \$53; Cecil Chisholm, dog licenses, equalization S. S. No. 17 and postage \$35.16; Arthur W. Benton, dog licenses, postage, etc., \$81.84; J. Sanford, Board of Health Account \$14.50; Relief Accounts of \$87.40 were also passed.

Fence viewers for Ward 3 and 4 were appointed in a by-law passed at this meeting. Harry Bessey was appointed for Ward 3 and D. D. Wallis for Ward 4.

Council adjourned to meet again on Monday, July 5th, or at the call of the Reeve.

### Service League Getting Boxes Ready For Those Overseas

Chocolate and chocolate bars, socks and underwear, entertainment tickets and blood donor clinic were all items that show the activity that comes under the head of the War Service League and formed part of the business dealt with at the meeting last Thursday evening.

Packing the boxes for the boys overseas gets to be more of a problem as more boxes for the boxes become more scarce. 150 boxes of tins were purchased and arrangements made to get 150 chocolate bars. Mrs. Erickson, convener would like all the ladies to send in the socks and complete those they are knitting to be included in the boxes.

The Secretary was asked to write the industries in Acton requesting that they send a representative to the next meeting with a list of men who are willing to work in the salvage business. Mrs. Lawson is the best representative of the Women's Institute at the Service League and Mrs. White was urged to continue her attendance and service as well. The Institute plan to hold extra parties to secure league funds.

The name of Lieut. Nora Kenney was added to the list of the women overseas from Acton. Insurance on the salvage building was to be paid. The League agreed to help with the Red Cross Donors' Clinic in whatever way possible.

### First Prize in Community Contest in Victory Loan

Number Will Be Named After Acton in Recognition of Publicity Event

Wood has just been received that Acton has won the first prize for the Dominion of Canada in the Community Contest in connection with the Fourth Victory Loan in the class for communities under 3000 population. That achievement explains the honor you heard that was set off this afternoon.

Teams winning Honorable Mention in this contest were: Inverness, Ont., and Outlook, Ont. The name of Wood is that one of the four winners will be named "Acton" and carry the right to the very best of the way with every hand.

Naturally the local National War Finance Committee are pleased that this recognition has been earned on this plan which has been local. Further funds will be given here of the complete contest. Only a wire has been received telling of Acton's award just before press time.

### W. J. Beatty is Chairman Y.M.C.A. Board for Year

The first meeting of the new board of directors of the Y.M.C.A. was held on Monday, June 7th, all business pertaining to the 1942-43 season was closed up, plans were made for the necessary building work to be done during the summer and the executive officers for the next year were elected as follows:

Honorary President—Amos Mason, President—W. J. Beatty, Vice-President—J. W. Wolfe, Secretary—Chas. Board, Treasurer—M. Schreiber. The new President appointed the following directors as committee chairmen: Finance, J. W. Wolfe; Membership, E. S. Furee; Program, W. G. Mason; Special Features, W. J. Board; Property, E. R. Parker; Card Club, Thos. C. Jones and M. Schreiber; Publicity and Advertising, E. S. Furee. The auditors selected were Messrs. E. R. Arnold and W. H. Clayton.

### CRIPPLED COLT GETS EXTRA CARE BY ATTENTIVE MOTHER

A friend of ours the other day said "Here's one for Andy Clarke on the neighborly news broadcast," and here is the item he told us. Out on the farm of John F. Sinclair near Balfour a mare gave birth to a colt whose rear legs have been paralyzed since birth. The colt cannot stand up to feed as most colts can and the mare, unaided by anyone, is meeting the situation by laying down beside the colt so that it can be fed and it is hoped will gain strength and perhaps the use of its legs. And these are called dumb animals.

### Fugitives From The Reformatory Have Brief Freedom

After nearly forty-eight hours of freedom, the two men who escaped on Tuesday afternoon from the Ontario Reformatory were re-captured early Friday morning. Due to close surveillance of the roads leading from the scene of the escape, all retreat had been cut off and constant search by the guards was finally rewarded.

When apprehended, the men surrendered without resistance. They had been hiding in an old building. One was caught outside the building and the other was discovered by one of the great roof beams. The capture was made by Reformatory guards.

Peter Garmay and Bruno Canzaro, both of whom were regarded as trustees, had been at work in the Reformatory grounds on Tuesday afternoon when the chance to escape was seized.

The fugitives made their getaway in a car owned by Miss M. O. Hughes, teacher in a nearby school. The two youths entered the school and demanded the keys for the car. When she refused to hand them over and ordered them to leave, one of the prisoners held her while the other deliberately opened her purse, which was on her desk, and hurried from the building with the keys.

After giving his companion sufficient time to get the motor running, the prisoner who had prevented the teacher from raising an alarm ran from the room and leaped into the auto before the pair sped off in the direction of Rockwood. Miss Hughes said that the prisoner who detained her in the school was not rough with her, but that she was helpless to prevent them from taking the car.

### WON HIGH STANDING AND AWARD IN GRADUATING CLASS

Dr. W. R. and Mrs. Somerville and Miss Cecilia have spent the past week visiting with relatives and friends in Acton and vicinity. They had attended graduation exercises in Physiotherapy at Toronto University, Miss Cecilia had been presented to the graduating class by W. J. Dunlop, B.A., B.Paed., L.L.D. The Canadian Physiotherapy Association prize for highest standing was presented by Miss Rita Harwood and awarded to Miss Wilma Somerville. Wilma is now training for 6 months at Victoria and Sick Children's Hospital in London.

### Desert Survivors Tell Story to Two Audiences in Acton



MR. JOHN MARSHALL MARKED NINETYETH BIRTHDAY SUNDAY

Last Sunday, June 6th, Mr. John Marshall of Nassagaweya celebrated his ninetieth birthday at the home of his daughter Mrs. Nelson Anderson. All the members of the family were present. Mrs. Nelson Anderson, Mrs. Reginald Rudd, of Guelph, Mrs. Sheldon Trosdale of Puslinch and Mr. N. S. Marshall, Elton Mills. Mr. Marshall has nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

We join with many others in wishing Mr. Marshall birthday wishes and the hope that both he and Mrs. Marshall may enjoy many such occasions together with their families. Mr. Marshall was born in Nassagaweya Township at lot 25, concession 3 and during his 90 years has had close contact with the affairs of the township and has seen many changes. For over a quarter century he was clerk of the township and he and Mrs. Marshall are undoubtedly the persons the most familiar with township history and have taken a keen interest in all in this work. Church affairs at Elzevier also claimed much of his attention. The ninety years have indeed been years of fruitful endeavor and accomplishment for good. Congratulations.

### Only One Appeal at Revision Court in Eramosa Township

Meeting Called to Arrange Unit of The Federation of Agriculture

The Council for the Township of Eramosa met as a Court of Revision and for general business, in the Town Hall, Rockwood, at 1.30 on June 7th, with all the members present and the Reeve in the chair.

The Reeve and each councillor took the oath of members of Court of Revision. The only appeal was that of Fred Hanson, Sr. that the assessment on his house at Ouelic was too high. The Court confirmed the Assessor's figures, but decided to reduce the taxes for 1943 by \$3 on account of the property being vacant for the past two years. The assessment roll was confirmed as audited and the Court of Revision closed.

The auditors' report for the months of April and May was accepted on motion of Messrs. Leslie and Pinkney. Moved by Messrs. Rutherford and Pinkney and carried: That in response to requests from ratepayers that a township unit be formed in connection with the Federation of Agriculture; a public meeting be arranged for 8.30 p.m. in the Town Hall, Rockwood, on Tuesday, June 22nd.

Moved by Messrs. Rutherford and Benham and carried: That by-law No. 3 for 1943 of the Police Village of Rockwood, granting partial exemption of farm lands in the said Police Village be approved, and the clerk is hereby instructed to act in accordance therewith. Accounts amounting to \$4,080.51 were passed for payment and council adjourned to July 12th, at 7.30 p.m.

### Pilot Officer Robert Spence and Flt. Sgt. Johnny Wood Visit Beardsmore Co. Plant and Encourage Them on the Home Front to Keep the Supplies Rolling Along — Were Shot Down on the "Mail Run to Tobruk."

When you get in a spot where a new pair of airforce shoes just last four days and you have a trek of 500 miles to make through the desert, you're naturally interested in footwear. When your shoes get into a condition that it takes half an hour to wive them on in the morning and twenty minutes to wive them in the evening and you can't get a new pair you, like to know what goes into your foot protection.

That's likely the reason that Pilot Officer Bob Spence, D.F.M., and his Australian gunner, Flt. Sgt. Johnny Wood were so interested in the making of shoe leather when they visited the plant here on Monday of Beardsmore & Co. These young men had their plane knocked out near Tobruk when they were on a "mail run." With one engine of their Wellington bomber shot away and the rest of the ship badly damaged they had to jettison their bombs and bail out. That happened twelve miles from Tobruk last October 8th when the Germans and Italians held that city. How they got back to the British lines and survived in the desert for twenty-seven days is quite a story of adventure. The airman told it to two audiences in Acton on Monday.

But they spent the whole day in Acton and it was the editor's privilege to be with them much of the time. The party coming to Acton was in charge of Mr. Robert Cumline of the Publicity Department of the Department of Munitions and Supplies, Mr. H. R. Keele, of the National Film Board, Sgt. Gordon Berry, photographer with the Department of Information and the honored guests, Pilot Officer Spence and Flight Sgt. Wood. They were met at the Y.M.C.A. building by Reeve J. M. McDonald and Counsellors A. Mason, W. J. O. Oakes, J. F. Davison and Chas. Kirkness. Reeve and Mr. McDonald entertained the party at noon dinner and the Reeve had arranged one of his good catches of speckled trout for the visit.

The afternoon was spent by the party in a tour of the Beardsmore Co. plant. They started right in at the hide house where the raw product comes in and followed through the beam house, yard and all the processes until the leather was made up into soles or belts.

The afternoon was more of a visit than a plant tour. The boys stopped and talked with workmen here and there and posed for some pictures. One of their comments was "Gee Whiz, there seem to be veterans here from every war except that of 1812." And once again they remarked "Most everyone in here seems to have some member of the family in this do." Actually there are many veterans of (Continued on Page Eight)

### Coming Events

- Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, will be charged for at a minimum charge of 25¢ per announcement of 25¢.
- Opriange Garden Party, July 8th.
- Afternoon Tea and Sale of Baking, Parish Hall, June 19th, from 3.00 to 5.02.
- Dance Wednesday at Elzevier Park. Al Watson in old and modern. Saturday nights, Gibson-Boyd, modern. 49-3.
- The Lakeside Chapter I.O.O.F. will hold a "Mile of Pennies" on Saturday, June 12th, from 12 noon to 10 p.m. Proceeds for War Service League. 49-2.
- Anniversary services will be held at Limehouse Presbyterian Church on Sunday, June 20, Rev. J. L. Self, B.A., of Norval, will be guest speaker. Special music by the choir assisted by the Lambert Twins, Rockwood and other soloists. Service at 2.00 and 7.30 p.m., D.E.F.