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When Five Bombers Were Named for Canadian Centres

Acton Only Centre in Ontario to Win Award for Community Contest — Delegation Saw Machines in Air — Aircraft Employees Spent Holiday at Plant to See the Demonstration — Planes Will in Few Days be Flown to Go Direct from Canada.

On Monday five new Mosquito bombers were christened and dedicated to five Canadian communities across Canada. In a few days these five most deadly fighters will be in actual combat. They will be the first Canadian-made machines to be flown direct from Canada into the main theatre of war.

The five communities awarded top places for Victory Loan promotional ideas were: Acton, Ont., in the under 3,000 population group; New Glasgow, N.S., best to 10,000 group; Moose Jaw, Sask., best to 30,000 class; Saskatoon, best to 100,000 group, and Vancouver, best over 100,000. New Glasgow also was honored for topping all classes.

The ceremony on Monday at the DeHavilland plant was a most impressive one. The five bombers were drawn up on the tarmac facing the entrance to the plant. The R.C.A.F. Band was on hand for a program. The ceremony was a brief one. Ralph Bell, director-general of aircraft production in introducing Mr. K. A. Henderson and speaking of Mosquito bombers said "No offensive aircraft of the war is more deadly or more sought after by combat pilots than the Mosquito." And as they performed later we realized what he meant.

The New Glasgow N.S. bomber was the first machine christened. Mrs. W. D. Ross cut the ribbon which held the name on each side and revealed the name on each side of the nose of the machine. Following this Mr. Henderson presented a framed scroll to the municipality.

For Acton, Mr. A. Mason performed this official action and readers may be assured that it was a thrilling moment for Acton representatives when the flags came away and the name "Acton, Ontario, Canada," was revealed on a machine ready to carry a ton of bombs on every trip in a fight for freedom. Another incident that added an extra interest to Actonians present and past was that K. A. Henderson known in Ottawa and other circles as Vice-Chairman of the National War Finance Committee and who was in charge that day for Mr. G. W. Spinney, Chairman of the Committee was Ken Henderson, a native of Acton and grandson of the late Hon. David Henderson. It was indeed an added touch for Acton to have him officiating. His father, Mr. D. M. Henderson was also present. It had many resemblances of a small reunion. Mr. K. A. Henderson is also deputy-governor of the Bank of Canada.

Major J. W. Corman christened the Moose Jaw bomber; A. H. Bence, M.P., from Saskatoon, had the honor for the Saskatoon machine and Pat Kelly now of Toronto and formerly of Vancouver unveiled the Vancouver bomber. The official party included the following: J. F. Bickell, president of Victory Aircraft; Amos Mason, Acton; E. S. Force, Acton; G. A. Dilla, Acton; W. H. Goodman, Toronto; L. J. Hodgson, Toronto; Pat Kelly, Vancouver and Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. H. Ingley, Moose Jaw; D. M. Henderson, Galt; Mrs. W. D. Ross, Toronto and New Glasgow; A. H. Bence, M.P., of Saskatoon; Mayor J. W. Corman of Moose Jaw; D'Arcy Dingle, Toronto; A. H. Gilmour, Toronto; J. J. Coombs, Toronto; Herbert Richardson, Ottawa; W. H. A. Hill, Saskatoon; R. D. Steers, Ottawa; D. I. McLeod, Toronto and R. S. Lampard, Toronto.

The big thrill of the day came when the five machines were put through their paces as the official party looked on. And incidentally the De Havilland plant was not operating that day and thousands of employees lined the enclosure and watched the product of their labors as they went into action.

One after the other in the order the machines were christened the bombers were started up and as the engines warmed the machines turned about and taxied off to the runway. Just from over the hill they came roaring down and at a take-off speed of over a hundred miles an hour they lifted and up and over the factory fence and into the air.

We've all been startled by low flying planes which sometimes seem to skim the housetops. These five new latest type machines got in formation and then came swooping in at twenty to thirty feet over our heads with a roar that was deafening and they were miles away in seconds. They

Union Jacks Are Presented by the Branch of Legion

On Sunday last at 2 p.m. the Local Branch of the Legion went to Rockwood for the purpose of presenting a flag at the Cenotaph. About 25 members were present in spite of the rain. Comrade Padre Rev. E. A. Brooks was in charge of the dedication of the flag which was presented by President Comrade George Mussette and in dedicating the Padre said: "Brethren in the Lord, for as much as men at all times have made for themselves, signs and emblems of their allegiance to their rulers and of their duty to uphold these laws and institutions which God's Providence has called us to obey, we, following this natural and pious custom, and remembering that God himself led his people Israel by a pillar of fire by night and a pillar of cloud by day are met together before God to ask His blessing on this flag which is to represent to us our duty to Him and to our country. Let us therefore pray Almighty God of His mercy to make it to be to those who follow it, a sign of His presence with them at all times and to increase their faith and hope in Him, Who is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords."

Then placing his hand on the flag the Padre continued, saying: "In the faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate this flag, that it may be a sign of our duty to God and to our country. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit—Amen." The flag was then affixed to the flag-pole and slightly elevated. The Padre offered two more prayers and the flag was raised to the top of the pole. The hymn "O God our help in ages past," was sung and the benediction was pronounced to bring the ceremony to a close.

The veterans then journeyed on to Sodom Cenotaph where the same service was held in the presentation and dedication of the flag there. Padre Comrade Rev. Pickering officiating.

The Mid-Summer Repairs at School Topic of Board

Heating and Some Lighting Alterations—School Books and Kindergarten Are Subjects

Many items seemingly irrelevant to school matters in summer holidays were dealt with at the meeting of Acton School Board on Tuesday evening.

Trustee F. Blow of the Property Committee reported on partial improvement of the heating system which could be carried out during vacation. After hearing the report the committee were asked to try to complete the arrangements as outlined.

The lighting in Grade II at the school was reported by the Property Committee to be in need of what arrangements were possible under present restrictions.

The Board is also making a study of other schools who supply books to all students of the public school and a letter was read from Inspector Skuce in connection with this question. Further information is being gathered and the matter will be given some study before a decision is reached.

The success of the Kindergarten classes at the Y.M.C.A. and the further development of Kindergarten classes in connection with the school is also having study by the Board.

It was decided to hold no meeting in August.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

W. Coles, assisting caretaker	2.00
Bell Telephone Co., services	2.50
Georgetown Lumber Co., supplies	1.40
F. Toth, repairing balls	4.25
Globe & Mail, advertising	2.03
Acton Public Utilities, services	8.05
J. B. MacKenzie & Son, supplies	24.93
J. M. Dent, supplies	.80
La Fraicals a la Page, supplies	1.20
Across Faxx Paza, supplies	1.19
Bond Hardware Co., supplies	19.80
C. Anderson & Co., supplies	14.25
	87.70

Trustees W. H. Clayton, F. S. Blow and G. W. Mason were present at this meeting and Chairman, G. A. Dills presided.

WHEN MOSQUITO BOMBER WAS NAMED "ACTON"



At the De Havilland Aircraft Factory in Toronto on Monday when Acton was honored by having a Mosquito Bomber named after the Village which was the only Ontario Community to win an award for outstanding promotion in the Fourth Victory Loan. This Mosquito Bomber named "Acton" will soon be making history over Europe, as it will be flown direct to the combat area. Shown above is the scene in Toronto, Monday, as the Acton representatives Messrs. A. Mason, E. S. Force and G. A. Dilla, stood in front of the "Acton" Bomber and received for the village the "Award of Merit" from Vice-Chairman K. A. Henderson, now of Ottawa, but a former resident of Acton.

Picnic Yesterday Of Sunday School Of United Church

Sunday School Pupils, teachers and members of the United Church congregation, enjoyed the annual picnic in the park late yesterday afternoon and evening. The picnic supper with all the spread possible in wartime was featured shortly after six o'clock and was thoroughly enjoyed.

Following the supper a program of races and novelty contests was enjoyed. The relay races were particularly hilarious and all were keenly contested. The following were the winners:

Boys and girls under 5 years — Brian Thorarinson, Sheila Fosbury, Billy Ingles.

Boys 5 and 6—Johnny Lambert, Sidney Oakley.

Girls 5 and 6—Joan Chandler, Betty Fosbury, Marie Chandler.

Girls 7 and 8—Elaine Hufnagel, Marilyn MacDonald, Christina Lamb.

Boys 7, 8, 9 and 10—Billie Ramshaw, Albert Oakley, John Mowat.

Girls 9 and 10—Irene Evans, Marie Parker, Frieda Harris.

Boys 11 and 12—Freddie Kontner, James Dilla, Harvey Ingles.

Girls 11 and 12—Lois Verle Gould, Glennia Parker, Bertha Ingles.

Boys over 12—Jack Stewart, George Elliott, Freddie Kentner.

Girls over 12—Shirley Elliott, Joyce Lamb, Mary Williams.

Boys, relay—Jack Stewart's team.

Girls relay (egg and spoon)—Erma Wilderspin.

Leap frog, boys—Jack Stewart and Don Lamb.

Three-legged race, girls—Marie and Glennia Parker.

Pie-plate race—Joyce and Don Lamb.

Teachers' and officers' race (lucky spots)—Mabel Harris.

Novelty Relay—Mrs. Mowat's side.

Kicking the shoe—Mabel Harris.

Another Tragedy as Little Boy Sustains Fatal Burns Friday

Free Year Old Lad Dies From Burns Sustained at Farm Home Near Acton

Last week-end had another tragedy for a child in this district when Kenneth Nelson died at the General Hospital in Guelph as a result of burns sustained the day previous at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred F. Marshall who reside on the former Elliott farm a mile south of Acton.

Kenneth, who is not yet three years old, was having his afternoon sleep in an upstairs room when his mother, Mrs. Edgar Nelson who was outside, noticed smoke coming from the upper rooms of the home. She rushed in to find fire had made some headway in the bed-rooms and the bed in which little Kenneth lay was enveloped in fire. Mrs. Nelson grabbed the child from the burning bed and rushed with him to the yard. Kenneth was badly burned and in making the rescue, Mrs. Nelson sustained bad burns on her arms and to her head.

The Johnstone & Rumley ambulance was called from Acton and Dr. W. G. Cullen gave emergency treatment and mother and child were rushed to the General Hospital in Guelph. Here early the following morning little Kenneth succumbed to his terrible burns. Mrs. Nelson is reported as making satisfactory progress in recovering from her injuries.

The fire in the home was confined to the upstairs rooms. With the help of men from Acton Fire Brigade and the assistance of neighbors the blaze was soon extinguished, but not until the upstairs rooms were badly damaged. Kenneth was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Nelson and besides the parents two little sisters remain, Barbara, aged six and Beverley Joyce almost a year old. Many friends sympathize with them and the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Marshall in their tragic sorrow.

The funeral of little Kenneth was held on Monday afternoon with a service at the Johnstone & Rumley Funeral Home, conducted by Rev. A. W. Fosbury. Interment was made in Fairview Cemetery, Acton.

MRS. L. AGAR IS HOSTESS FOR MEETING WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The regular monthly business meeting of the Women's Association of the United Church was held at the home of Mrs. L. Agar on Tuesday with Mrs. Ivan Harris presiding. Tuesday devotional period was taken by Mrs. James Moore. After the business was disposed of Mrs. Agar assisted by Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Fosbury and little Sheila Fosbury, served a variety lunch which was enjoyed by all present and a social time was spent. A very hearty vote of thanks was given Mrs. Agar for her home and hospitality, also to those who assisted with lunch.

The meeting closed by singing the National Anthem and prayer by Mrs. Fosbury.

GUARDING RATION BOOKS

LONDON, (CP)—The British Government isn't taking any chances of a new issue of identity cards and ration books getting into the wrong hands. Special security measures have been adopted to guard the documents and supervise their distribution.

Acton Legion Holds Picnic on Monday Evening

The picnic which was to have taken place in the Park on Monday evening by the Legion was transferred to their hall on account of the uncertain weather.

A goodly crowd gathered and enjoyed the strawberries and cream and other good things supplied and helped down with soft drinks. After the eats the children were taken outside and a few races were run off and some fun for the youngsters.

In the hall the ladies were treated to an evening of Bingo and the men gathered in another room to arrange further activities which must be held for the different war funds. Comrade President Musselle outlined the programs the first of which is a convention in Milton next Sunday afternoon.

The evening's pleasure closed at 10:00 p.m. to make way for the Wood Combers' dance.

CONVENTION REPORT HEARD BY GROUP ATTENDING R.Y.P.U.

The Acton B.Y.P.U. regular meeting, was held in the church on Tuesday evening, with the President in charge. Following a sing-song led by Mr. Anderson, a brief business discussion was held. The roll call was answered with "My Favorite Hymn."

Mr. Anderson gave a reading and Miss J. Matheson played a piano solo. Mr. L. Atkinson led in prayer. The Scripture lesson was read and Mrs. Chas. Landsborough gave the topic. She gave a report of the B.Y.P.U. convention held recently in Brantford, which proved most interesting. Mrs. McMullen read the Lord's prayer. A hymn and closing prayer led by Miss Worden brought the service to a close.

MRS. E. LAMBERT HOSTESS FOR JULY INSTITUTE MEETING

Mrs. E. Lambert was hostess to Acton Branch of the Women's Institute when the losing side entertained the winners. The president was in charge and roll call was answered by "A New Member." Since August is the picnic month, Mrs. F. Anderson and Mrs. E. Lambert were appointed to arrange the entertainment part of this event.

Following the business part of the meeting several games of bingo were enjoyed and Joyce Lambert gave an instrumental number which was enjoyed. Mrs. Lambert served a dainty lunch at the meeting's conclusion and a social time was enjoyed.

Commandoree at Blue Springs Had Stiff Tests

Rockwood and Acton Patrols Get "A" Rating—Boys Had Good Three-Day Outing

(By Jim Watson, Mimico, Ont.) The Halton District Commandoree, the new 1943 version of this enterprising Scout Association's annual out-door training project, was carried out at Blue Springs Scout Reserve, over the recent holiday week-end.

Although the attendance was not as great as had been anticipated due to the changing of the Dominion Day holiday, eight patrols, representing Scout troops of Oakville, Acton, Brampton and Rockwood registered with Camp Chief, Commissioner George Mason, at the opening ceremonies on the Saturday afternoon.

Upon entering the gates of the reserve, the patrols were given their initial inspection by Commissioner David Johnston of the Lakeshore District who acted as Chief Observer for the course. Mr. Johnston was assisted by a group of out-of-town Scouters who carried on inspections during the entire week-end.

Once the patrols had been assigned to their camp sites, traditional Blue Springs weather set in, and the boys spent their first night under canvas—and all the next day—in a heavy down-pour. Although rain necessitated holding the first camp-fire and Sunday morning Scout's Own service indoors, it challenged the full resources of all teams competing for a standard in good camping.

Presents a Good Opportunity

A camping competition, as carried on at the "Commandoree," presents a boy an excellent opportunity for training in woodcraft, physical development, initiative and self-reliance.

Carried out under the direction of a staff of Scout leaders with years of experience in various phases of Scouting, the camp is well supervised at all times, yet the Patrol Leader and his little group of boys are left entirely on their own, as far as possible.

From time to time throughout the entire week-end, camp site inspections were held under the following classifications: Personal Inspection; Use of Camp Site; Equipment; Food; Safety and Sanitation; Leadership and Organization; Ingenuity and Originality, and Patrol Enterprise.

Each camp observer carried score sheets for each patrol taking part, and patrols were graded following each inspection. Grades were marked A, B, or C, according to whether the patrol was "excellent," "good," or "fair," in the opinion of the Scouters. At the close of the camp, the patrols were given crests denoting the final standing they had achieved.

This form of Scouting has been hailed by both Provincial and Dominion Headquarters as one of the finest methods of boy training.

Best Commandoree Training

The new innovation in Scout camping, Commandoree training tactics, was introduced by District Commissioner W. George Mason of Acton, in order to combine a good up-to-date physical training program with the camping and Scoutcraft projects. A special Commandoree course was set up, and one of the main features of the week-end was an afternoon race over the many obstacles.

Balancing rails, water hazards, scaling walls, stepping stones, ditches, overhead ladders, and fence vaults composed a very trying test—yet one which any teen-aged boy would welcome as a chance to work off that extra vitality. In producing the Commandoree, Halton County has utilized the physical developing powers of the

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JULY WEDDING OF ACTON COUPLE IN TORONTO SATURDAY

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at four o'clock Saturday afternoon, July 3, at the Fairbanks Presbyterian Church, Toronto, when Hazel Irene, only daughter of Mrs. John Bell, Rockwood, and the late John H. Bell, Hamilton, became the bride of Alexander Jamieson, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Orr, Acton. Rev. F. J. Ferguson officiated.

The bride was lovely in a street-length dress of white sheer, with matching hat and white accessories and wore a gold locket and chain, the gift of the groom.

The bridesmaid, Miss Martha Orr, sister of the groom wore a street-length frock of pale pink lace and white accessories. Mr. Kirkby Williams, brother-in-law of the groom, was best man.

Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held at the English Room, Diana Street, Toronto. After a short honeymoon the happy couple will reside in Acton.

The Nassagaweya Council Accepts County Proposal

Claim Municipalities Are Not Honoring the Judge's Recommendations

Nassagaweya Township Council conceded to Halton County Council's resolution, agreeing to assume the reduction of their local assessment, when they met a week ago to consider Nassagaweya's notice of appeal.

After a long argument the council passed a resolution sponsored by Councillors Egur, Ellenton and Lloyd Crawford, "authorizing the clerk to withdraw the appeal if the county lives up to the agreement reached at the last meeting of County Council of \$8,122 and it be assumed by the other eight municipalities." Councillor William Vansickle voted against the motion.

The resolution passed by County Council reads: That Acton, Georgetown, Oakville, Burlington, Milton, Trafalgar, Nelson and Esqueping municipalities absorb the \$8,122 reduction in Nassagaweya's local assessment.

Reeve Alex. Near reported the local assessment in the county increased \$372,612 but the equalized assessment remained the same for 1944 as in 1941.

Councillor Vansickle: "County Council haven't been living up to their agreement," (referring to the Judge's recommendation. All new property be added and property torn down or destroyed be taken off each year and reported to the council).

"Milton had a decrease of \$6,376, but fell down giving us no support," the Reeve stated. "They didn't ask for a reduction but are helping us pay our obligations. All the other municipalities were against us too."

"The only way we will be satisfied is that when the assessment throughout the county is based on equal bases," Wm. Vansickle stated.

Council were unanimous in saying they were not satisfied with the present arrangement but would honor Nassagaweya's agreement.

CANADA CONTRIBUTES ALLIED FOOD POOL

How can Canada be short of food when the country is producing more than ever before. A large part of the answer to this question was supplied recently by J. M. Sinclair, director of retail and wholesale foods, W.P.T.B. when he revealed that Canada is a large contributor to the United Nations food pool which helps feed troops of all the Allies in the European war theatre.