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LEADING LARGEST GROUP



Col. George Drew, leader of the Progressive-Conservative party, whose party has secured 38 seats of the 90 in the Ontario Legislature and leads the largest group returned in the election yesterday.

Ontario Liberals Defeated Stan Hall Wins in Halton

CCF Make Big Gains from Both Old Parties—Drew Leads Biggest Group in Legislature but Has Not Sufficient to Form a Government—Leaders of All Parties Win Seats—Blakelock Drops From 1,874 of Majority in Last Election to Second Man in Halton.

Ontario voters went to the polls yesterday to select a government for their province. In the three-cornered contest they failed to give any one party sufficient numbers to carry on a government but the vote gave evidence that there was dissatisfaction with the former Liberal regime. From over 60 seats in the 1937 election the Liberals have emerged with 15 seats. The combined Progressive Conservative and CCF parties have 71 seats.

The Ontario summary this morning gave the Progressive-Conservatives 38 seats, the CCF 33 seats, Liberals 15, Independent Liberal 1 and Labor 2 with two ridings not yet complete. In a legislature of 90 this leaves no one party with sufficient members to carry on a government and while Col. Geo. Drew leads the largest group the election has reached no definite decision other than to defeat the Liberal regime, which has carried on since 1934. E. B. Joffe, leader of the CCF has issued a statement that his party will not collaborate with either of the old parties but with only 33 seats he cannot form a government either.

In Halton County Stan Hall, the Progressive-Conservative candidate, conceded the seat although returns this morning are very incomplete. 54 out of 66 polls have reported and these returns gave Stanley Hall, Progressive-Conservative 3,953; Thomas A. Blakelock, Liberal, 3,215; John Wilkinson, CCF, 3,028 and J. G. Foster, Independent, 38.

In Acton Stanley Hall headed the poll with 506; John Wilkinson was second with 290; Thomas A. Blakelock third with 230 and E. G. Foster with 10.

The vote in Acton was as follows: Town Hall, A-M—Hall 76; Blakelock 61; Wilkinson 61; Foster 2.

Y.M.C.A.—A-M—Hall 77; Blakelock 62; Wilkinson 91; Foster 2.

QUIET, GEORGE, QUIET!

In Canada there is still one fellow who lives on the fat of the land. He is the girdle manufacturer.—Picton (N.S.) Advocate.

Fair Night Event Will Have Big Program This Year

Plans are now pretty well completed for the first night performance at Acton Fair this year. Since the arena is being used for wartime warehousing of wool, the big show will be held out of doors. The Merry Mad Cap's Revue, a company of eleven artists have been engaged for the major attraction. The space in front of the grandstand and the stage will be floodlighted. Right here the high jumps for horses will be held and the potato race, musical chairs and other features put on.

A public address system will be used and it is hoped in this way the usual big crowd can see and enjoy the show again this year. The midway will also be lighted and open the first evening.—The Merry Mad Cap's Revue is a group of professional artists and their program is very highly spoken of in the district in which it has been presented.

THE OLD CHURCH MOUSE WAS BUSY DURING THE WEEK

Last Sunday morning during the service at St. John's Anglican Church, Rockwood, Keith Hamilton, a member of the choir, put his hand into the pocket of his cassock to discover that the Church Mouse had been busy since the last Sunday and had used the pocket for a nest. Keith found himself disturbing the slumbers of six new-born, half-inch baby mice with their eyes not yet open. He gave no indication of his interesting discovery and the service proceeded unaware of his predicament. Afterwards the story provided something of a unique sensation for the members of the congregation.

Winners of the Field Competition Are Announced

Secretary C. B. Swackhamer has received word of the results of the Field Crop Competition in connection with Acton Fair this year. The event was judged by Mr. J. E. Whitelock and J. E. Pooren won first place with a score of 91 points. Following are the winners of the competition and their scores: J. E. Pooren, 91; Robert Kerr, 90; Miller Bros., 89; H. Swackhamer, 87; Gordon Leslie, 85; G. Sprawl, 84; Chester Allan, 81; H. Reid, 80.

Urchin: "Porter, can I help me?"
"You? How could you help me?"
Urchin: "Well, I could do the groaning when you carry the trunk."

Pretty Summer Wedding Saturday Knox College Chapel

Knox College Chapel in Toronto, was the setting on Saturday for a lovely summer wedding when Dr. Elizabeth Emily Harrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Harrison, formerly of Acton, became the bride of Mr. John Henry Sault, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sault, all of Toronto. Rev. Dr. C. A. Williams officiated.

With her graceful gown of pearl tone satin, the bride wore a long veil held with a Sherry Queen of Scots headress of married net trimmed with seed pearls, and carried a cascade of gardenias, swansonia and stephanotis. She was given in marriage by her father, Mrs. John Windler, matron of honor for her sister, Mrs. Gerald Berler, Miss Elizabeth Arnold and Mrs. John Stewart, bridesmaids, chose two-tone suits of byzantine moire with perky flared bellows, matching hats with large veils, loped brims and carried cascades of many sweet peas, orchids, butterfly roses and gladioli. Little Mary Watson, cousin of the bride was a charming little flower girl, dressed in pink organdy and with a wreath of flowers in her hair.

Mr. John Reid was groomsmen and the ushers were Aircraftman John Windler, U.C.A.F., and Flight Lieut. Gerald Woolf, R.A.F. Prior to the ceremony Mr. Gerald Berler of Baltimore, Md., sang beautifully "The Lord's Prayer" and during the signing of the register he sang "O Perfect Love." Mr. Simeon Joyce was at the console of the chapel organ.

During the reception at her home on High Park Boulevard, the bride's mother received, wearing an aqua sheer dress, wide-brimmed hat of aqua net with crown of violets, and corsage of carnations, pansies and Sweetheart roses. The groom's mother assisted, wearing a two-piece navy blue ensemble with large navy taffeta hat and corsage of Joanna Hill roses and gladioli petals.

For a trip to Quebec the bride changed to a two-piece crepe dress of navy-trimmed with boneline, a wide-brimmed white hat and corsage of gardenias and stephanotis. Mr. and Mrs. Sault will live in Forest Hill Village.

The bride is a graduate of Ontario Ladies' College and the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto.

Among those attending from Acton were Mrs. D. C. Russell, Miss Jessie Russell, Mrs. Wm. Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Matthews and Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Dill.

Esqueuing Council Makes Grants to County Fall Fairs

By-Law Passed to Assess Township for Year—Other Items at Monthly Meeting

Esqueuing Township Council held their regular meeting on Monday evening, Deputy-Reeve G. W. Murray, Councillors G. E. Cleave, George Currie and Wm. A. Wilson were present. Reeve C. H. May presided.

Moved by Murray, seconded by Currie, that road accounts be paid, \$920.58.—Carried.

Moved by Wilson, seconded by Currie, that Board of Health accounts be paid: Dr. C. K. Stevenson, treatment to patient No. 10, \$16; Department of Health, Insulin supplied to March 31st, \$120.—Carried.

Other accounts passed: Bell Telephone Co. services, \$ 5.18; The Georgetown Herald, account to date, 29.34; Letter Shop Supply Co., 60.00; H. E. P. C., Brampton, lights at Council Chamber, 3.72; Mrs. S. Milnehan, to cleaning Council Chamber, 3.60; I. M. Bennett, to account paid for overhauling Typewriter, 23.14; H. Robertson, stamps, 4.00.

Moved by Cleave, seconded by Wilson, that relief account be paid: \$161.—Carried.

Moved by Wilson, seconded by Cleave, that grants be paid to the Acton Agricultural and Esqueuing Agricultural Societies, \$75 each and to the Halton Agricultural Society \$25.—Carried.

Sleep claims of \$11 to Lloyd G. Burt and \$2 to J. Nelson Stark were paid.

A by-law was passed to distribute the interest accruing from the Railway Bonds Fund amongst the various school sections entitled thereto.

Another by-law to assess the Township for the year 1943 was passed by Council.

Council adjourned to meet on Tuesday, September 7th, at two o'clock or at the call of the Reeve.

Firemen from 28 Municipalities Convened Here

R. Kerr, of Petrolia is Elected President of Association—Parades, Midway and Drumhead Service

One hundred and forty-five firemen from twenty-eight municipalities participated in the Forty-Second Annual Convention of the Ontario Volunteer Firemen's Association held here on Saturday and Sunday.

Sessions were Saturday morning and afternoon in the Town Hall and the following were elected as officers for the ensuing year.

President—R. Kerr, Petrolia.
1st Vice-President—F. S. Gray, Trafalgar.

2nd Vice-President—F. Mitchell, Lexington.

Secretary—George Thorpe, Humber Bay.

Treasurer—T. Waugh.

Past President—F. Shaw, Oakville.
Hon. President—H. A. Higgs, Stenford.

On behalf of the Village of Acton, Councillor A. Mason extended a welcome to the visitors at the opening sessions on Saturday and Rev. Forbes Thomson led in prayer.

A feature which proved most interesting and instructive to the convention was the demonstration given by E. McNeil of York Township. This demonstration showed how furniture and contents of homes and other floors could be spared water damage if tarpaulins were used properly.

On Saturday evening a parade was held along the street led by the Acton Boys' Band and the Acton Fire Pumpers. At the park a midway with games, refreshment stands, bingo, etc., was conducted jointly by the firemen and the Acton Legion. Music was also provided for dancing. A truck, kindly donated by Mr. J. Williamson and decorated by the boys, carried the band in this first parade for them.

On Sunday afternoon a parade and drumhead service was held. The parade was held by Legion Scouts Band and the Acton Branch of the Canadian Legion joined with the visiting firemen to make a very good showing. The parade left the Town Hall by Bower Avenue to Frederick and Mill and Main Streets and Knox Avenue to the Park. It was led by Reeve J. M. McDonald.

At the park Reeve McDonald extended a welcome to the visiting firemen to Acton for their convention. The service was conducted by Rev. E. A. Brooks, M.A., of St. Alban's Church and Rev. F. Thomson, B.A., of Knox Church. The Lorne Scouts Band led in the singing of the hymns.

In his address to the gathering Mr. Brooks said this gathering provided an opportunity to say a word of appreciation to the firemen for their vigilance in protecting our lives and property and the service they constantly rendered. The text for Mr. Brooks' remarks was found in Psalm 8, which had been read responsively. "What is man, that Thou art mindful of him and the son of man, that Thou visitest him. Thou makest him lower than the angels, to crown him with glory and worship."

The text, the speaker said, was a religious estimate of what man is. He urged a responsibility of man because of what he made you. Man was made to have dominion over all but is not willing to accept responsibility. He urged a greater acceptance of responsibility in the homes, in the community, in the community of nations. In our dealings too with other nations exercise of self-control was needed that we do not give way to hatred. And finally he urged a greater responsibility to the Church of God.

The benediction and National Anthem concluded the service. A collection was taken to defray the expenses of the gathering.

JUST TWO MEETINGS HELD IN ACTON ON POLITICAL CAMPAIGN

Conditions have changed in political ways and in the campaign closed with yesterday's voting, only two meetings were held in Acton.

Last Thursday, T. A. Blakelock, the Liberal Candidate held a meeting and sponsored a moving picture show at the Gregory Theatre. There was a fair attendance. Speakers were Hon. T. B. McQueen, Minister of Highways; Hughes Cleave, M.P. for Halton; and F. A. Blakelock, the candidate.

On Friday evening a meeting was held in the interests of the C.C.F. Party in the Town Hall. There was only a small attendance. The speakers were Wesley Melvor a former associate of the U.F.O. and the candidate, John Wilkinson.

Incidentally the candidate who won the riding held no meeting but used the most newspaper advertising space.

Sergt. Jim McGeachie In the Big Battle On Island Sicily

First mention of any of the men from Acton being in the big Canadian drive in Sicily was in Rosa Munro's article on Tuesday morning and it was Sergt. Jim McGeachie who was in the Nissoria-Agrigola battle with attacks on July 24th and July 25th, which softened up the enemy for the breakthrough which is going to speed the end of this campaign. The ridge captured by the Canadians is referred to as "Hell's Hill."

The Canadian regiments in the attack were the Royal Canadian Regiment and the 48th Highlanders. Sergt. Jim McGeachie is attached to the 48th Highlanders and went overseas with the first Canadian contingent. He was also in France and one of the group who barely got back before France fell and the allied troops were ordered back to England. Before enlisting Sergt. Jim McGeachie spent several years on The Free Press staff. He wrote many of the sport columns in hockey and baseball and covered four years of apprenticeship in the printing. He has, since going overseas, written several letters to the editor which all readers have enjoyed with us.

Here is the item referred to as given in the press dispatch:

Under the biggest artillery barrage on this front the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry attacked on the night of July 26 and broke through the German line in this bitterly defended hill. The German rout was not ended until Agrigola fell two days later.

Looking at Nissoria-Agrigola battle broadly, it was the two attacks Saturday afternoon, July 24, and Sunday night, July 25, by the Royal Canadian Regiment and the 48th Highlanders respectively, which softened up the enemy for the breakthrough which is going to speed the end of this campaign.

Cpl. L. E. Arnold and Cpl. Bill Gamm, both of Toronto, who fought all night in the Nissoria battle, joined with Sgt. Gunn to say: "We made the Germans eat dust before we left the ridge that night."

The troops, including Cpl. Jim Brannan and Cpl. Al Rohrer, Canadian Army welterweight champion in 1911, both of Toronto; Cpl. Al Trinkovon, Weston, Ont.; Pte. Eric Fisk, Cpl. Charles Ashdown, both of Toronto; Pte. Ian Inglis, Antigonish, N.S.; Cpl. Tommy Kelly, Long Branch, Ont.; Cpl. Mickey Seymour, Toronto; Cpl. Merle Maulders, Winnipeg, and Sgt. Jim McGeachie, Acton, Ont., referred to the ridge as "Hell's Hill."

Salvage Teams From the Town Lined Up Now

Industries and Business Men Put in Team to Pack Salvage Material

Much of the funds which enable the Acton and Vicinity War Service League to carry on the work come from the salvage collected in town and district. But this salvage has to be baled and sorted and made ready for shipment after it has been collected. Here are the teams from Acton industries and business places who have agreed to do this work. The first named on each team is the team captain and he or she will see that the team is on hand at the salvage room on the date shown.

If every team does a share it means only a couple of hours work once a year. Clip this out for reference. Mark your date now. It will be noted that for several of the dates two teams are asked to work the week named.

Salvage Teams
August 11—Beardmore & Co. Ltd.—C. Townsley, L. Williams, J. Wilson, Mrs. E. Anderson, Miss S. Marchmont, Miss J. Lorenz; Storey Glove Co. team.

August 18—Beardmore & Co. Ltd. J. Lambert, F. Kontner, N. Morton, Mrs. D. Kontner, Mrs. F. Kirkdall, Miss M. Stumph; Beardmore & Co. Ltd.—B. Bayliss, W. Bauer, T. Pappillon, Mrs. D. Morton, Mrs. M. Loulett, Mrs. B. Cleave.
August 25—Beardmore & Co. Ltd. E. Masters, A. Ralph, J. Adamson, Miss J. Whalley, Mrs. I. Nodwell, Miss M. Tyder, Town—E. E. Barr, E. Tyler, E. Bralda, L. Lovell, B. MacArthur, W. Middleton.

September 1—J. Witham, J. Massey, R. Hargrave, T. Nolle, H. Elliot, A. McLean; Ajax Engineers—Charles Spinks, Sam Snow, Fred York, Bob Levens, George Ritchie, Henry Cripps, Reg. Wilson, Bill Coon.

September 8—M. Pallant, C. Leishman, Gordon Smith, W. Rossell, J. Lambert, G. Wilson, E. Cripps, H. Co. Ltd.—C. Atkinson, E. Cripps, H. (Continued on Page Five)

WINNER IN HALTON COUNTY



Stanley Hall, Progressive-Conservative who led the field of four candidates in Halton County in the Provincial Election yesterday. He defeated Thomas Blakelock who has been Liberal Member for Halton since 1929.

Additional Land for the House of Refuge Approved

Another Acton Publication Wins Honor Award

The Y's Men's World for July-August tells of the selection of the 10 Honor Awards for 1943 for Y's Men's Bulletins. Acton's Bulletin known as "Y's Guy's Noos" is among the clubs receiving this award. Only one other club in Ontario was a winner and that was London.

Other similar awards went to Bridgeport, Conn.; Chattanooga, Tenn.; Halifax, N.S.; Oak Park, Illinois; Olympia, Wash.; Pasadena, California; Shreveport, Louisiana; and Wilmington, Delaware. These ten winners were selected from among 169 active clubs. The judges' comments on Acton were brief and all good. "We like your Neositorials."

A letter has been received by the President of the Club, Bill Benson, from the Regional Director extending congratulations to the club, the officers and the editor of the bulletin. "Those who have had charge of the work this year are Messrs. B. D. Rachlin and Gordon Roggvaldson.

We join in congratulations to these fellow editors in our community, who have accepted the "Honor Emblem" will carry next year the "Honor Emblem" for 1943."

Vacation School At St. Alban's Church Had Good Attendance

A five day Vacation School for the children of St. Alban's congregation and Sunday School made the Parish Hall last week a scene of busy activity from 9:30 till noon. Under the direction of the Rector, Rev. E. A. Brooks, assisted by Mrs. S. Snow, Miss Esther Taylor and Mrs. J. H. Price and with a total registration of nearly fifty boys and girls a varied program was carried through each day.

Activities began each day with the "school" hymn. "New every morning is the love our waking and uprising prove" followed by prayers, scripture read by one of the pupils, Bible picture study, hand-work, crayoning, a recess for outdoor games, a story period, Prayer Book instruction and a second hand-craft period closing with noon-day prayers. The enthusiasm of the children and the mounting registration each day were encouraging features of the school which marked its success beyond all expectations. The week's work was brought to an end on Friday morning with a service in the church in which the children's choir took part very reverently. Awards were made for work done and a very happy week was concluded with requests for more.

Nasagaweya Reduction of \$8,122.00 on Equalized Assessment is Assumed by Other Municipalities—Resolutions of Other County Councils Are Endorsed by Halton County Council—Other Items of County Business.

A special meeting of Halton County Council was called last Tuesday night and held in the Court House, Milton. The meeting was called to consider the advisability or otherwise of purchasing additional farm land adjacent to the House of Refuge in Brampton. The acreage of the House of Refuge farm land at present owned by the County is 48 acres with another 100 acres across the road rented for farming operations.

Reeve John Blair of Burlington, Halton's representative on the Board of Commissioners to the House of Refuge, explained to the council why the question of purchasing more land has arisen at this time. He said it had become known to him that 200 acres of land immediately adjacent to the House of Refuge was to be sold by public auction in the near future. He was also aware that if the owner of the farm now rented by the Council of Halton and Peel received a good enough offer that this same farm would be sold. Thus, since the 48 acres owned by the county was totally inadequate to accommodate the large number of livestock on the House of Refuge farm it was therefore imperative that more land should be secured. The 200 acres in question comprised two separate hundred-acre farms known as the upper and the lower farm. There were no buildings on the lower farm but on the upper farm there were two houses and other good buildings. The Warden remarked that for these two houses, could be put to good use for housing some of the hired help necessary to the House of Refuge.

In response to questions by the council Mr. Blair stated that it might be necessary to purchase the lower farm in order to obtain the upper but that the lower farm could very well be used as pasture and hay land. Dr. Heslop said that sheep could be raised on it quite profitably; that 200 sheep would bring in better returns than 15 milch cows. Mr. Blair further stated that there was a reserve bid on the property the amount of which had not been disclosed and it was also known that another prospective buyer was in the market so that he wanted some authority from the council as to how high bidding should go when the property was auctioned, and if the council was agreed that an effort should be made to secure the property, Mr. Blair also reminded the council that property owned by the county was exempt from taxation whereas the rental on the 100 acres (Continued on Page Eight)