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SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BIG BEARDMORE PICNIC ON SATURDAY IN ACTON PARK



The camera caught some of the interesting features of The Beardmore Picnic in Acton, on Saturday, when over 1,400 enjoyed and participated in the Recognition to the employees of their part in Canada's War Effort. No. 1 shows Adam Hall, an employee with over forty years service and also seen Col. Beardmore as he chatted with Mr. and Mrs. Lynd Smith, another long service employee. No. 2 is a group of the youngsters as they got their fun from the clowns and No. 3 is Harold Adly, as

he won the lucky gate prize. No. 4 shows W. L. Williams as he drew the lucky number for the prize. No. 5 shows Capt. John Slatter in a moment of duty, straight and soldierly, in spite of his 70 odd years. No. 6 shows Dr. F. Beer, as the employees make funds. Last meeting Mr. R. R. Parker was requested to organize a fall entertainment and the Victory Minstrels will have a hand in the presentation, we understand. No. 7 shows the presentation ceremony of gold watches to those on the pension list and No. 8 is one of the little picknickers, puzzling as he walks. "Wonder where my Mummy is."

Recognition to Employees For Help in War Effort

Beardmore Co. Make Presentations to Long-Service Employees—at Big Picnic When Gathering of 1,400 of Employees, Families and Friends Have Outing—Band, Races, Entertainment, Ball Game, Dancing, Fireworks and Picnic Supper, Items on Saturday Picnic.

Although the event on Saturday was named a picnic given by the Beardmore Co. to the employees, it was more. True there was all the pleasure of the picnic outing and boundless entertainment but the highlight came when seventy employees on the long-service list were honored, the spirit was further shown in those three lines on the program "In recognition of their contribution to Canada's War Effort." The contribution to Canada's war effort was a seven-thousand-dollar stretch for renewed effort before finishing the game that Hitler started. When between 1,400 and 1,500 folks are entertained and fed from two o'clock in the afternoon until eleven o'clock in the evening and not a dull moment, it's some picnic. Such was the event that the Beardmore Co. tendered its employees, their families and friends last Saturday. The park had on a gala attire of streamers, lights and platforms and preparation. Perhaps the story is best told if we take the events in the order of the schedule rather than make an attempt at picking highlights. There was something of particular interest to all but our leanings went to John Slatter and his 48th Highlanders and then to the brilliant display of fireworks.

A sports program with races for all ages started at two o'clock. There were splendid prizes and good contests and lots of fun. Here are the winners: Boys' race, 3 years and under 6—Deamon O'Rourke, Ross Morton; Girls' race, 3 years and under 6—Barbara Joan Stuckey, Mary Synott; Boys' race, 6 years and under 8—Ronnie Mason, Russell Arlic; Girls' race, 6 years and under 8—

Mrs. A. McArthur 95th Birthday On Saturday

Mrs. Angus McArthur quietly celebrated her 95th birthday at the home of her daughter Mrs. Arthur Griffin on August 21st. Felicitations and congratulations from neighbors and friends from far and near were showered upon her on that occasion.

Despite her years this grand old lady keeps house for her son William and is quite alert and active and enjoys excellent health. The birthday was celebrated by a family gathering when all sat to a sumptuous repast, a birthday cake with candles decorated in pink centered the table. Mrs. McArthur received many gifts, bouquets, and cards of congratulations.

There is a family of four daughters: Mrs. J. O. Martin of Vineland; Mrs. R. L. Davidson, Acton; Mrs. Herbert Keefer, R. R. 2, Acton; Mrs. Arthur Griffin, R. R. 2, Acton; and two sons, Howard of Erin, and William, living with his mother on the homestead.

PTE. WILMER DAVIDSON INVALIDED HOME FROM OVERSEAS

Pte. Wilmer Davidson who has been overseas for 14 months and is now invalided home, is spending two weeks furlough with his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Davidson, before entering the hospital in Toronto, for treatment.

FIRE EQUIPMENT PROVES EFFICIENCY AT BRIGADE TESTS

At a practice of the Acton Fire Brigade last week the fire pumpers threw four streams each fifty feet high. A test of the new nozzle recently secured proved that one man could easily handle the hose with pressure at 150 lbs. With the old type nozzle the line required two men and was harder for both of them.

Sergt. J. McGeachie Reported Wounded in Sicily Action

Word Received by His Parents Now Residing in Toronto

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. McGeachie received a wire last Friday notifying them that their son Sergt. Jim McGeachie had been reported wounded in action in Sicily on July 25th. No other details have been received regarding the nature or extent of his injuries. Many friends here will join with the family in hoping that the next word will be that the injuries are not serious and report satisfactory progress. Sergt. McGeachie enlisted with the 48th Highlanders in Toronto shortly after war broke out. He was in the first Canadian contingent to arrive overseas. He took part with the Canadians in France before that country surrendered to the Germans, and was on the train which was fortunate enough to learn of the collapse of France and withdraw from that country before being trapped.

Jim was a member of Tex Fax Pass Staff for four years and served his apprenticeship here as a printer. He was working at the trade in Oshawa at the time of his enlistment. Many of the sport fans will remember his baseball and hockey columns of Tex Fax Pass. He was a staunch follower of any sporting event. His letters from overseas to Tex Fax Pass have been most interesting. We look forward to his recovery with our readers and the hope that soon he may write again and tell of some of his experiences in the Sicilian campaign. A short time ago Sergt. McGeachie was mentioned in dispatches for his behaviour in action in the campaign now closed.

Service League Plans Fall Functions Christmas Boxes

Financial Statement Shows Receipts of \$711.54 and Disbursements of \$685.83

To keep cigarettes and boxes going overseas and to support with donations various war charities requires that the War Service League have plans underway constantly for raising funds. Last meeting Mr. R. R. Parker was requested to organize a fall entertainment and the Victory Minstrels will have a hand in the presentation, we understand. The Community Auction Sale is being arranged for the month of October. Committees are to be appointed at the next meeting.

Messrs. J. E. Gamble and Geo. Muscalle, on behalf of Acton Fire Brigade and Acton Branch of the Canadian Legion presented a cheque for \$401.76, the proceeds of the carnival held. It is to be used to send the boxes, cigarettes, etc., overseas. The financial statement presented last Thursday showed receipts of \$711.54 and disbursements of \$685.83. Included in this was \$3.00 contributed by a young group who call themselves "The Crescent Kids" and it was the proceeds of a booth they operated. Salvage for June was reported at \$26.77 and for July \$74.13. Instructions were given to arrange for purchase of Christmas cakes for the Christmas boxes and also a quantity of two pound tins of good quality honey.

It was drawn to the attention of the League that many folks were under the impression that Mr. R. W. Lowrie and the men who helped collect salvage are paid workers. Neither Mr. Lowrie nor any of his helpers receive any remuneration for their services. They do it gladly as part of their contribution to the war effort. There are no paid employees in any branch of the Service League work.

It was arranged to hold Service League meetings the second and last Thursdays of each month hereafter.

DONALD ROSS SUCCESSFUL AT THE UPPER SCHOOL EXAMS

Donald A. Ross was the only student writing Upper School examinations at Acton this year. He received the following standing: Comp. 3rd; Literature, 2nd; Algebra, 2nd; Geometry, 2nd; Trigonometry, 2nd; Physics, 2nd; Chemistry, 2nd; French Auth. C; French Comp., C. The certificate has been received by Secretary W. G. Middleton.

Sgt. James Dobie Reported Missing After Air Raid

Was Born in Acton and Had Been Overseas Since September 1942

Sgt. James Robert Dobie, Clifford, is officially reported missing August 18 as the result of air operations, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Dobie. He was their only son. Sgt. Dobie was navigator on a Halifax bomber, and was attached to the Ferry Command of the R.A.F. before going overseas in September, 1942. He has been on bombing raids for the last six months, and took part in the Dusseldorf raid recently. Enlisting in the R.C.A.F. at Hamilton on August 4th, 1941, he trained at Valcartier, Quebec, and Ancienne-Lorette, Quebec; Moncton, N. B. and the bombing and gunnery school at Mont Joli, Que., as well as navigation school, Rivers, Man. He was reported for promotion to Warrent Officer early this month.

Sgt. Dobie, who was born in Acton, attended public school here, and high schools at Wingham and Listowel. He enlisted immediately after matriculating from Listowel high school. His father is Canadian National Railways agent at Clifford, and the family moved there a year and a half ago from St. Marys. Mrs. Dobie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Dobie, reside on Brock Avenue, Acton, and Sergt. James was the only grandson and spent his holidays here. Many friends here join in hoping that soon word of his safety will be received.

Post-War Improvements Discussed by the Council

Program Contests Make Interesting Meeting Dublin W. I.

The Dublin Women's Institute held their August meeting at No. 8 School, Nassagaweya, with the president in charge. Roll call was answered by a canning hint. The date for the project was set for Nov. 17. Mrs. vanGoozen offered her home for this meeting. Items on the program included: solo by Verna Webster; chorus by four girls accompanied by Mrs. G. Robertson; scrap book by M. Somerville; paper by Mrs. Anderson entitled "The dawn of the New Era"; Mrs. Storey gave a monologue and Margaret Robinson and Jenn Frank contributed a duet and four girls of the chorus sang a number.

Several prizes were distributed. The first one was for the mother with the largest number of sons in the service. Mrs. Wm. Wallace won this one as she has two sons overseas and two in the service in Canada. Mrs. N. McLaughlin won the prize for the oldest pupil present who attended No. 8 School. Prizes for the lady present, now farthest from her birthplace went to Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Robertson, both from Scotland. Mrs. Wm. McLaughlin received a letter from a soldier serving in England thanking her for the sweater which she had knit and had been received by him.

Some community singing was enjoyed and a quiz contest which was conducted by Mrs. Storey and Mrs. McIntyre. The meeting closed with the National Anthem. Lunch was served and a social time spent.

SHIPMENT SUPPLIES MADE FROM THE RED CROSS ROOMS

Last week's shipment from Red Cross headquarters in Acton included the following: 53 shirts, 52 blouses, 5 odd blouses, 3 pair boy's pants, 3 pair boy's underpants, 6 boy's blouses and 10 quilts.

Word Received that Acton Bomber is Now in Operations Overseas—Drainage and Hospital Accounts Among Other Council Problems—County Equalization Figures Are Presented.

When Acton Council met in their August session last night, Councillors W. J. O. Oakes, C. Kirkness, F. Davidson and A. Mason were present and Reeve J. M. McDonald presided. Councillor Mason reported regarding the activities of the Public Health Nurse. Miss Walker was having one month's holidays. A meeting of the Committee was to be held immediately when a full report could be presented.

Permit had been granted to purchase the truck for the municipality and was to be secured as soon as possible. The plowing equipment could not be secured before October. Mr. Robson of the Dominion Warehousing Corporation asked that the light service in the arena be discontinued. The clerk was instructed to notify the Commission to have the service discontinued. A letter from J. B. MacKenzie & Son asked that the drainage on (Concluded on Page Five)

Coming Events

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

Grand Concert by the Guelph Legion Concert Party in Brookville Hall, Friday, September 3rd, auspices of Ebenezer W. A. Proceeds for war work. Refreshment booth. Admission 15c-35c.

A corn roast and social evening will be held at Churchville United Church on Monday evening, August 30. A good program by J. H. Finney, entertainer, and lantern slides of Mexico and the United States, will be shown by J. M. Card of Guelph. Admission—Adults 25c, S. S. children, free.