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New Truck is Delivered Found Very Satisfactory

Showers and Public Conveniences are Urged by Local Industry—Meeting with Fire Marshal Arranged and Court of Revision Set for 1944 Assessment—Council Will Take Bonds in Fifth Victory Loan

All the Councillors were present last night when Acton Council met and Reeve J. M. McDonald presided. Mr. Chandler was present regarding assessment for dogs on his property. He had been assessed for 1943 in Rockwood and the dogs had since been disposed of. The terms of the by-law were read and it was pointed out that provisions were that the dogs must be assessed to the owner of the property on which they were found.

Accounts were passed as follows:

Wm. J. McLeod, painting	\$ 72.20
J. W. Barber, sharpening mower	5.00
Elliot Bros., well work	21.42
F. McCutcheon, hauling and spreading calcium	16.00
T. Rumley, work on mower	1.50
E. E. Harrop, conveyance	6.00
Ken. Marshall, labor	5.85
Robt. Brooks, labor	1.60
Jas. McCullough, labor	9.60
E. Close, labor	27.29
E. E. Harrop, postage account County of Halton, use of grader	4.93
Acton Library Board, grant	200.00
Acton Fall Fair, grant	203.85
Dept. of Highways, truck licence	2.00
Acton Public Utilities, street lights and services	162.88

\$561.42

A letter from the Selective Service office at Brampton notified Council that the Municipality was classified as an essential industry.

A letter from the Department of Municipal Affairs asked if the recommendations of the auditors had been carried out. These recommendations had had the attention of the Council.

A letter from the Fire Marshal informed Council he would visit Acton at the meeting of October 27th to discuss the proposed new building by-law.

A letter from the Township of Easington informed Council that they as yet had made no plans for preparing an Honor Roll.

Delivery of the new truck had been made and it was reported as very satisfactory. The required forms were ordered to be filled and forwarded to the Vehicle Controller.

Arrangements were made for the payment of the truck as delivered. Council also arranged to purchase \$3,000 of the New Victory Loan for the Corporation.

It was decided to hold the Court of Revision on Monday, October 25th at 8:00 p.m. for the 1944 assessment roll and a resolution was passed to this effect.

A letter from the Wool Combing Corporation pointed out that showers and public conveniences were desirable in the Community. The Company was willing to contribute to the construction and maintenance if such conveniences were provided in Acton.

The Clerk was instructed to reply stating the unfavorable experience Council had in maintaining public conveniences. It was pointed out that the Y.M.C.A. had facilities for showers and it was suggested the letter be forwarded to the Y.M.C.A. Board for their consideration.

Council suggested that new sections of sidewalk be repaired on Maria Street, on Main Street, Brock Avenue and Mill Street, and other sections as material and weather conditions permitted.

The Reeve was empowered to make arrangements for the sale of the old truck and the Clerk was instructed to arrange the insurance transfer to the new truck.

SCOUT MOTHERS' MET AT THE HOME OF MRS. HUNTER

The monthly meeting of the Scout Mother's Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. Hunter, with Mrs. J. H. Boulton in charge, in the absence of Mrs. E. Masters, the president. The main discussion of this meeting was to try and get more Scout and Cub mothers out to the meetings to share interest in their boys and to enjoy the meetings. After the business was over, a social hour was spent. Mrs. Boulton put on a contest which was won by Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Deserault. A dainty lunch was served by Mrs. Hunter, assisted by Mrs. Evans. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the hostess for the use of her home.

Annual Meeting of Acton Branch Navy League of Canada

The Acton Branch of the Navy League of Canada met on Tuesday evening for the annual meeting. Mr. Davidson, the organizing secretary for Ontario was present and gave a splendid address, telling of the work accomplished throughout the province. He also had many suggestions to offer for further activities.

A donation of \$5.00 from the Busy Bees of Nasagaweya was received. A report by the committee in charge of the draw at the Fall Fair showed that the receipts were \$121.79. The expenses were \$17.96, the net proceeds being \$103.83.

This Saturday evening a Bingo will be held in the Legion Hall for the purpose of supplying further funds for Christmas ditty bags of which it is hoped to be able to send 75. Many ladies are at work on knitted goods to go into the bags. A hand concert and dance are scheduled for two evenings in November.

The following ladies and gentlemen were elected to office for the coming year.

President—Mr. H. Boulton.
Vice-President—Mr. M. Leitch.
Secretary—Mr. F. J. Sall.
Assistant Secretary—Mrs. N. Wright.
Treasurer—Mr. J. Creighton.
Publicity—Mr. W. Colos.
Ditty Bags—Miss A. McCallum.
Reading and Games—Mr. S. Lorne.
Assistants to Miss McCallum—Miss Irene Fryer, Mrs. S. Lantz, Mrs. T. Lappin, Mrs. Geo. Gibbons, Mr. H. Spillwoegel.
Assistants to Mr. Lorne—Messrs. E. Davidson, L. Welck, J. Greer, R. Bean, F. Pink.
There is a fund in the bank of \$173.00.

OBITUARY

ISAIAH COON

Resident of Acton most of his lifetime, Isaiah Coon passed away on Monday, October 4th, at the Victoria Hospital, London. He had been in failing health for the past two years. He was in his eighty-eighth year.

Isaiah Coon was a son of the late Stephen Coon and Deborah Wood and was born on the Second Line in Erin Township. For many years he was an employee of the Board for Co. in Acton and resided here until 1916, when he moved to Guelph and later to Kitchener and London. His wife predeceased him twenty-two years ago. Three daughters remain to reverse the memory of a beloved father, Mrs. Jas. N. Taylor, London; Mrs. Jas. A. Green, Guelph, and Mrs. Earle Brown, Kitchener. Three grandchildren and two great grandchildren also remain. One brother, Jacob, of Vancouver, B.C., also remains. To all of these, sympathy of many friends here goes at this time.

Mr. Coon was a man of sterling character, loyal to his church and a citizen whom all respected.

The funeral was held on Thursday afternoon with services at the Johnson & Rumley Funeral Home, conducted by Rev. A. W. Fosbury. Interment was made in Fairview Cemetery, Acton. The pallbearers were: Messrs. Wm. Worden, G. H. Brown, Wilfred Coles, Fred Cleaves, Howard Masales, all of Acton and Enoch Wiswell, of Guelph.

MRS. HANNAH WORDEN

After an illness of three years, she passed away on Monday, October 4th, at Weston Private Hospital, Hannah Glover, wife of the late Hiram H. Worden of Acton and Guelph.

Born in Erin Township, deceased was the daughter of the late Thomas Glover. During her early married life she resided in Acton, later moving to Guelph, where her husband predeceased her in 1917. For the last seventeen years she has resided with her only son, Ernest, in Weston. In addition to her son she is survived by a granddaughter, Margaret Jean and three sisters, Mrs. E. D. Graham, Toronto; Mrs. Thos. Dawson, Cookstown and Miss Agnes Glover, Fergus. A brother, James Glover, of Brandon, Man., passed away six years ago.

The funeral was held on Wednesday, October 6th, from the Ward Funeral Home, Weston. The service was conducted by the Rev. Harry Dawson, pastor of Central United Church, of which deceased was a member, assisted by the Rev. George W. Barker, of Kingsway. The pallbearers were Messrs. W. G. Hutchison, Toronto; W. G. Howell and J. H. Hockin of Guelph; F. E. Jeffrey, G. D. Brundrit and C. Lorne Fraser of Weston. Burial took place in the family plot at Fairview Cemetery, Acton.

Submarines sank 470 ocean-going cargo ships in the first three months of Germany's First Great War U-boat campaign.

Continuation School Winners in Field Day Last Week

Sports Events for Girls and Boys in Keen Contests

Following are the winners of the athletic events held by the Acton Continuation School on Wednesday and Thursday of last week. Championships were announced in last week's issue of the Free Press.

Girls' Events

Standing Broad Jump, Senior—Margaret Blow, Joan Pargeter, Joan Rumley; Junior—Alleen McIsaac, Leah Verle Gould, Joan Coles.

Running Broad Jump, Senior—Margaret Blow, Joan Pargeter, Betty Masters; Junior—Helen McLellan, Mary Smith, Joan Coles.

Hop, Step and Jump, Senior—Margaret Blow, Joan Pargeter, Margaret Masters; Junior—Joan Coles, Betty Masters, June Dunn.

High Jump, Senior—Margaret Blow, Betty Britton, Joan Pargeter; Junior—Shirley Elliott, June Dunn, Betty Masters.

Baseball Throw, Senior—Helen Holmes, Margaret Blow, Joan Rumley.

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75 Yard Dash, Senior—Joan Pargeter, Eleanor Ross, Betty Britton; Junior—Joan Coles, Shirley Elliott, Leah Verle Gould.

Three-legged Race—Margaret Blow and Shirley Kentner, Eleanor Ross and Joan Somerville, Lena Lawson and Joan Pargeter.

Slow Bicycle Race, Senior—Bunny Anderson, Helen Holmes, Shirley Kentner; Junior—Helen McLellan, Betty Masters, Joan Somerville.

Pie Plate Race—Lena Lawson and Joan Pargeter, Alleen McIsaac and Joan Coles, Margaret Blow and Shirley Kentner.

Kicking the Shoe—Margaret Blow, Merle McCutcheon, Joyce Lamb.

Relay Race—Team of Margaret Blow, Betty Britton, June Dunn, Helen Holmes and Margaret Robertson.

Boys' Events

Running Broad Jump, Senior—David Dills, Kenneth Allan, Bill Clayton; Intermediate—Doug Davidson, Jack Stewart, Ken Pufflin; Junior—Lorne Arbie, Walter Party, Paul Deserault.

Standing Broad Jump, Senior—David Dills, Ralph McKeown, Bill Clayton; Intermediate—Doug Davidson, George Elliott, Donald Force; Junior—Lorne Arbie, John Agar, Ray Atkinson.

Hop, Step and Jump, Senior—David Dills, Ralph McKeown, Ken Allan; Intermediate—Doug Davidson, Donald Force, Jack Stewart; Junior—Lorne Arbie, John Agar, Ray Atkinson.

Shot Put, Senior—Ralph McKeown, Jack Mainprize, Earl Masales; Intermediate—Jack Stewart, Clayton Fryer, Wilfred Duval; Junior—Lorne Arbie, John Barr, John Agar.

Rugby Throw, Senior—Bill Clayton, David Dills, Earl Masales; Intermediate—Jack Stewart, Don Force, Wilfred Duval; Junior—Lorne Arbie, Paul Deserault, Donald Lamb.

High Jump, Senior—Bill Clayton, David Dills, Ralph McKeown; Intermediate—Doug Davidson, Jack Stewart, Hartley Coles; Junior—Lorne Arbie, Ken Adamson, Ray Atkinson.

Pole Vault, Senior—Ralph McKeown, Bill Clayton, Earl Masales; Intermediate—Hartley Coles, Clayton Fryer, Ken Pufflin; Junior—Lorne Arbie, Ken Adamson, Ray Atkinson.

100 Yard Dash, Senior—David Dills, Ralph McKeown, Jack Mainprize; Intermediate—Jack Stewart, Doug Davidson, Wilfred Duval; Junior—Lorne Arbie, John Agar, Paul Deserault.

400 Yard Dash, Senior—Ralph McKeown, Ken Allan, David Dills; Intermediate—Doug Davidson, Hartley Coles, George Elliott; Junior—Lorne Arbie, Paul Deserault, John Agar.

800 Yard Race, Senior—Kenneth Allan, Bill Clayton; Intermediate—Doug Davidson, Hartley Coles, Wilfred Duval; Junior—Lorne Arbie, Jack Aldridge, Paul Deserault.

Sack Race—Lorne Arbie, Doug Davidson, Bill Clayton.

Blind Horse Race—Doug Davidson and Hartley Coles, Armand Braido and Wilfred Duval, Lorne Arbie and Ken Adamson.

Wheelbarrow Race—Jack Mainprize and David Dills, Andrew Nicol and Donald Lamb, Doug Davidson and Hartley Coles.

Relay—Team of David Dills, Doug Davidson, Hartley Coles and Jack Mainprize, Lorne Arbie, Ray Atkinson, Paul Deserault.

Mrs. Gordon Agnew Addressed Meeting of United W.M.S.

The Autumn Thankoffering meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church was held on Sunday evening in the church.

The president, Mrs. Caldwell conducted the service. The devotional period was in charge of Rev. A. W. Fosbury and Mrs. Gordon Agnew. Those assisting were: solo, Mrs. H. Veldhuis; cornet solo, George Elliott; Anthem, "Son of My Soul" with Miss Dorothy Simons as soloist.

The visiting societies were from Ballinacraig, Churchhill and the Baptist Church.

Mrs. Caldwell introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Gordon Agnew of Chiga, whom we all like to have among us. She took for her address, "Cause of War in China." The high cost of living for the people and the cost of postage for sending medical supplies made not a very bright aspect for the people in that land across the sea, but are hoping that help in the very near future could be sent for them, and that war would do much further damage to their country. All enjoyed the talk and gave her a very hearty welcome to visit again. Rev. Mr. Foreman, of Ballinacraig, closed the meeting with prayer.

District President Visited Acton Branch of Women's Institute

The October meeting of the Acton Women's Institute was held on Thursday, 7th, at the home of Mrs. J. E. Gamble. The President, Mrs. Wilder-Ginn was in charge. The motto was well given by Mrs. Dohie on "Success." Current events were reviewed by Mrs. Collier.

A very gratifying report on the booth at the Acton Fall Fair was received showing a good financial balance. During the business period a request from the Blind was received and \$5.00 was voted to that fund and also \$100. to the War Service League towards the Christmas Parcels.

A request was also received for volunteer helpers to assist the social committee at the next blood clinic. Six members offered to give their assistance.

Mrs. Wm. Gowdy, who recently moved to Acton from Limehouse, was well spoken a few words of encouragement to the members and being a member of the Historical research department for Halton District was particularly interested on that subject and urged for a deeper interest by our members.

Mrs. Alex. Near, District President for Halton County was the guest speaker and gave a very inspiring talk on Women's responsibility and opportunities in this present world crisis.

A vote of appreciation to Mrs. Near and all who had assisted with the meeting was given by Mrs. F. Anderson.

A social half hour was enjoyed. The group in charge of the latter were Mrs. J. Dohie, Mrs. J. Wilder, Mrs. Lovell and Mrs. W. MacArthur.

ERIN

There is quite a demand for good heavy horses as is evident in the fact that Neil E. McKinnon has shipped sixty horses to Quebec during the past two weeks.

At a meeting of Erin Township Council on Monday, a motion was carried in which \$200 will be given to the Red Cross and Women's Institute branches for the purpose of sending Christmas boxes to each soldier overseas from Erin Township.

Some time during the late evening last Friday, thieves broke the lock on the gasoline pump at the Bush Hardware and helped themselves to the gasoline. It is not known how much gasoline was stolen, but it is thought the party filled the tank of their car.

Archie McLeod, who is employed with Mr. Charles Bruce, lot 16, First Line, Erin, suffered an unfortunate accident, when picking pears. The ladder broke, when he was trying to get some choice fruit at the top of the tree, throwing him to the ground. He was removed to the Guelph General Hospital, where the X-ray revealed both arms fractured above the wrists.

—Advocate.

sales, Jack Mainprize, Bill Clayton; Intermediate—Wilfred Duval, Jack Stewart, Clayton Fryer; Junior—Jack Aldridge, Lorne Arbie, Ken Adamson.

Bicycle Race, Senior—David Dills, Bill Clayton; Intermediate—Doug Davidson, Jack Stewart, Don Force; Junior—Lorne Arbie, Ray Atkinson, Paul Deserault.

Fifth Victory Loan Monday More Prizes Offered Again

CONCERT AT GREENOCK PROVIDES FUNDS FOR OVERSEAS BOXES

The Greenock Red Cross Group held a very successful concert in the local schoolhouse last Friday evening.

Miss Elva Pearen, convener of the group, extended a welcome to those present and introduced the chairman Mr. Arthur Swackhamer. After the singing of "O Canada" the following program was given: Mr. J. M. Card (Guelph), gave an interesting illustrated lecture on Bermuda.

The musical numbers consisted of vocal selections by the "Happy Gang" quartette of Arkell; vocal duets by Neil and Norman Lambert; vocal solos by Mrs. Murray Clarke and saxophone solos by Mr. H. B. Hammond. Miss Audrey Checkley of Rockwood gave acrobatic performances.

Mr. J. M. Card made the draw for the quilt, the lucky ticket being held by Mr. Kenneth Allan, of Acton. Pic and coffee were served after the singing of the National Anthem. Mrs. Geo. Wallace moved a vote of thanks to those who had donated their time and talent toward the success of the concert.

The proceeds for the evening are to be used for Christmas boxes for the local boys who are in active service.

World's Fastest Plane Makes Flight Canada to England

Pilots Who Flew the "Acton" Bomber Tell of Trip in Canadian Built Machine

Through the courtesy of Mr. W. H. Reid, of Toronto, a former Actonian, we have received some more details of the "Acton" Bomber and its flight as the first Canadian built Mosquito to land in England. Here are the details of the trip:

Royal Canadian Air Force aircrew manned the first Canadian built aircraft to be ferried across the Atlantic for operational use in Britain. Flying Officer Jack C. Uren, C10630 of Sioux Lookout, Ontario, was the 22-year-old pilot and Flying Officer H. C. Bob Bevington, C11024, of 331 Hillside Avenue, Toronto, the 33-year-old navigator who brought the world's fastest plane, the Mosquito, in a series of hops to Greenland and Iceland and finally to Britain—a distance of approximately three and a quarter thousand miles—in 14 hours 44 minutes. Both fliers are members of the Ferry Service of Transport Command.

The Mosquito was named Acton, Ontario, by reason of its high place in the Fourth Victory War Loan drive and it was followed to Britain by the Mosquito named after New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, flown by an American civilian pilot of the R.A.F. Ferry Command.

F/O Uren had made five Atlantic trips, three with Hudsons and one with a B. 25 and, finally, the Mosquito, and votes the latter his best trip. "Of course," said this tall fair haired pilot who joined the Air Force from High School, "the fact that it was made in Canada perhaps made the difference. Seriously, though, it was a very nice kite to fly—although Bob and I were a little cramped for such a long trip since the Mosquito is not a transport plane. There was good weather all the way across and only for two hours did we have to fly with instruments. Arriving in Britain though, someone pointed out all the figures on the plane and they add up to thirteen—I'm glad that fact escaped my notice before we set out. But it was quite a good omen that it was an Ontario built machine, with an Ontario name and manned by an Ontario crew."

"On the take-off from Canada" Bob Bevington said, "we looked pretty small beside the line up of a giant four-engine Liberators waiting to be ferried across. But although, as Jack has said, we were a little cramped, it was a good trip in a good kite."

Bevington, before joining up formerly worked in the office of the Maple Leaf Gardens.

Both fliers thought highly of the workers who made the plane and would be making most of an hour in cable of congratulations to the workers of the DeHavilland factory responsible for Mosquito manufacture.

The September 3rd issue of "Aeroplane" a widely read British publication contained a picture of the "Acton" Bomber in England. The page from the English magazine is to be seen in The Free Press window.

Acton and District is Asked to Meet Quota of \$225,000—Bond Buyers will have Opportunity to Win War Savings Certificates for Estimate of Local Progress in the Campaign

Monday morning Acton and District will start with the rest of Canada on the Fifth Victory Loan. There is no need to tell of the urgency of the job being undertaken. Our share of Canada's objective is \$225,000. It will take the combined bond purchasing power of every citizen to meet that obligation.

Once again bond purchasers here will have the opportunity to participate in the contest on the progress of the local objective. Every purchase of \$50 of bonds entitles the purchaser to two estimate slips, one on when the half-way mark will be reached and one on when the quota is obtained. The plan is simple. The more bonds you buy the more estimate you can make.

This year two prizes are offered on the time the blitz bomb will go off. The closest estimate will receive a \$25 War Savings Certificate and the next closest a \$10 War Savings Certificate. No one knows when that time will be, but purchasers can readily make calculations based on previous loans.

Here are the simple rules of the contest:

1. When you purchase your bond be sure to secure from the salesman two competition tickets. You get a ticket on each bond for each \$50 purchased.

2. When half of the Acton objective of \$225,000 has been reached, that is \$112,500, a cannon bomb will be fired that can be heard in Acton and for four miles.

3. When the full quota of \$225,000 has been reached, another bomb will be fired.

4. Write on your competition tickets your estimate of the day, hour and minute these two bombs will explode and sign your name and leave the tickets at Victory Loan Headquarters in Acton.

To the bond purchasers estimating the closest to the correct time two \$25.00 War Savings Certificates will be awarded. The second closest estimate, two \$10 War Savings Certificates will be awarded.

Only Fifth Victory Loan subscribers can participate. Buy your bonds early and share in the two opportunities for winning these extra \$35.00 prizes. Someone is bound to win. It might as well be you.

Judges' decision on the winners is final. Listen for the Blitz Bomb. It means in Acton two prizes. Only estimates deposited before the bomb explodes can be accepted or counted in the event.

ORTON

Mrs. John Reed and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Reed visited in Everton last Sunday with Mrs. Wm. Usherwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lane accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Dickson spent Thanksgiving week-end motoring to North Bay.

Messrs. Mark Dearing, Hamilton, and Sam Dearing, Burlington, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ballentine.

Mr. and Mrs. Russel Watson and daughter, Gail, spent the week-end at Mr. P. Watson's.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dolson, Toronto, renewed acquaintances with friends here over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Nokes, Toronto, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Dearing over the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gale, of Calgary, are visiting the latter's brother, Wm. Ballentine and family and other relatives.

Mr. Wm. Gray, of Los Angeles, is a welcome visitor with his brother Earl and sisters Mrs. Wes. McGowan and Miss Ella Gray.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Conventions or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, in cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 25c.

Euchre in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, October 19th, under the auspices of the Scout Mothers. Admission 25c.

Keep Saturday, October 16th open! Friendly Circle are having an afternoon Tea, Baking and White Elephant Sale in United Church, 3-6 p.m.

Dance, Brookville Hall, Thursday, Oct. 21st, sponsored by Busy Bees. Doris Hull's Orchestra, Jim Brooks floor manager.