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Community Sale A Record Will Total \$800 at Finish

Splendid Response from Farmers and Town Folk Makes Certain that These Overseas Will Receive Their Christmas Boxes on Time—Sale Proceeds, Booth, Draw and Cash Donations Make Present Total of \$772.34.

The Christmas boxes for all those serving in the armed forces overseas will go forward and be paid for when sent, thanks to the response of the folks from Acton and vicinity to the appeal at the Community Auction Sale. The Acton and Vicinity War Service League told of the need and received a generous response. The Treasurer, Mr. J. M. McDonald reports receipts to date of \$772.34 with more to come and likely put it over the \$800.00 mark, a new high for this annual event.

The sale of goods by auction had receipts of \$195.85 on Thursday night and \$193.45 on Saturday night, a total of \$389.30. The net returns from the lucky draw were \$71.50. Joan Matthews turned in \$18.00 on a draw she organized for a dressed chicken. The booth operated by the Victory Club had returns of \$23.54, a total of \$118.04 from this source. Cash donations amounted to \$265, a grand total of \$772.34 to date.

All day long last Thursday the farmers from the district and the townfolk took their offerings to the Town Hall, until when the sale hour arrived the auctioneers and those in charge were readily aware could not all be sold that night. The farmers had contributed of their crop and the housewives had felled not. The merchant had taken from his stock and the buyers had come prepared to pay fair prices for the goods.

Reeve J. M. McDonald explained the purpose of the sale, the needs of the League and the service it was rendering to the war effort. Mr. A. Mason president of the War Service League thanked all for their help and spoke briefly on behalf of the Fifth Victory Loan.

And then auctioneers Roy Hindley, Jack Elliott, Bob Amos, Russell Johnson and Frank Fitch went to work. The bidding was brisk and there was no time wasted. It seemed there was a particular keen glint in the eyes of the auctioneers as they sold the goods and got good prices for such a worthy cause. Incidentally they all contributed their services to the cause just as the articles were all donated. We think there was an extra twinkle of the eye as some slow moving articles were paid for by the auctioneers themselves.

The Victory Club, a group of ladies who reside in the vicinity of Young Street, conducted a fine booth on Thursday evening. The products of home baking, and hot drinks were all contributed and their net returns were \$28.54.

In the lucky draw for a dressed chicken conducted by Joan Matthews the winner was Mrs. A. Mann and the efforts of this little girl netted \$18.00.

In the lucky draw in charge of Mrs. S. Matthews and Mrs. G. Somerville the winner of the wool blanket was Lorraine Hargreaves. Mrs. Wm. Johnston won the clothes hamper. A. Howard and Mrs. Wagner each won Christmas cakes.

Cash Donations
Following is the list of those who made cash donations. Every effort is made to have these lists correct but in the case of errors noted they will be gladly rectified. Official receipts will be mailed for all cash donations just as soon as possible.

R. H. Kingsbury, John Allen, Miss Pearl Smith, Mr. W. J. O. Oakes, Miss Hume, Mr. and Mrs. D. Walde, Mrs. John Lovell, Jas. Reid, D. N. McTavish, Mrs. C. Armstrong, Joe Herzog, Frank Funk, Lynd Smith, E. Butler, Wm. Croft, Errol Sprowl, Bentley Wilson, Geo. Finney, Miss Russell, Dr. B. D. Young, Mr. A. G. Clarridge, Geo. Wallace, Alex. McIsaac, Louis Waxman, Dr. Frank G. Oakes, H. Holmes, Ed Jennings, Bell Telephone Co., Fred Davison, Perry Watson, Wm. Cooper, Dr. Wylie, Legg Lovell, Harry Waterhouse, Wm. McLeod, D. H. Lindsay, W. J. McDonald, Jno. Williamson, Mrs. H. Perkins, G. Edwards, T. T. Nelle, Herb. Lee, Brown's Fruit Store, Leroy Agar, C. F. Leatherland, Harold Wiles, E. J. Hassard, A. T. Brown, Dr. W. Kenney, Carroll's Grocery, Symon Hardware, J. K. Gardner, Harry Mainprize, G. A. Dilla, G. W. Benton, E. E. Barr, Mrs. A. Nisar, Dr. H. S. Austin, Dr. W. G. Cullen, W. R. Norton, J. Hargreaves, F. J. McCutcheon, S. Elliott, Donald Brown, Nelson Turner, J. C. Matthews, Acton Creamery, E. D. Rachlin, E. Tyler, G. Wreley Masales, J. Chapman, A. J. Mursley, Storey

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BUYS FOR PILOT OFFICER



Mrs. Alex. Mann purchases the first Victory Bond in the fifth loan from Salesman C. F. Leatherland. It was bought for Pilot Officer Austin Buck, who is on operational duty overseas and sent word to make the purchase.

DELIVERY WAGON AND MILK UPSET LAST THURSDAY

The Masales Dairy lost a good delivery wagon and a quantity of the load last Thursday morning, when the wheel of the wagon stuck on Church Street and the wagon and load of milk was upset. Lorne Masales was in the wagon at the time and it was fortunate for him that Joe Woods was delivering in the same section at that time and was able to extricate him from the upset vehicle. The wagon was smashed beyond repair and Lorne was literally deluged in milk.

Baptist Church Observed the 101st Anniversary Sunday

Splendid Sermons by Rev. H. E. Morphy of Kitchener—Service of Songs Greatly Enjoyed

Splendid sermons, a fine service of song and a joyousness that accompanied all birthday muffled the 101st anniversary last Sunday of the Acton Baptist Church. Rev. H. E. Morphy of King Street Baptist Church, Kitchener, was the guest speaker. Mr. Morphy is one of the younger ministers of the church and he delivered messages of courage and present day application based on the teaching of the Bible.

The choir anthem at the morning service was "Put Your Trust in God" and Mrs. J. Ostrom took the solo part. Mrs. Ostrom also contributed a splendid solo to the service.

At the evening service the choir was assisted by the octette of male voices from Knox Church who rendered two splendid numbers in addition to the choir anthem. Mr. Chas. Lansborough presided at the organ.

Mr. Morphy's morning discourse was based on Matthew 28, verse 14. This is the story of Jesus coming to his disciples walking on the stormy sea and of Peter's attempt to go to Him and his failure through lack of faith. Mr. Morphy impressed the fact that in all our storms of life Jesus is near at hand. He is always watching from the mountain top. He urged all to keep close touch with Jesus always and we will not sink. The arm of Jesus has lost none of its power to save.

"A Royal Refusal" was the subject of the evening address of Mr. Morphy. It was based on that section of the Bible which tells of Daniel's trial in being cast into the den of lions. The real secret of Daniel's courage was because of his high and holy conception of the human soul and his strength lay in his daily fellowship with God. In speaking of Daniel's temptation to drink the wine and eat the rich foods with which he was tempted, Mr. Morphy urged young folks to show the same courage in refusing to become interperate in the use of intoxicating beverages. Intemperance he said is one of the blackest marks of our history of to-day.

At the evening service the usual denunciation courtesy was observed and the services of the United and Presbyterian Churches were withdrawn. The church was packed to capacity.

From England and North Africa the Boys Say Thanks

If all those folks who helped make such a splendid success of the community auction sale and who have so loyally supported all the activities of the Acton and Vicinity War Service League could only go through the cards and letters from the boys overseas we know they would be glad for everything they have done. There are between twenty and thirty of these "thank-yous" in the last batch on our desk. Let's just glance at them, just a few.

Johnnie Moore says: "My grateful thanks for cigarettes received." Frank Jones writes: "I am receiving your cigarettes every month. They certainly mean a lot to us. In recent weeks I've been talking to a few home town boys and they all have been receiving their cigarettes real well and they all join with me in saying thank you."

Gordon Cook (Cookie): "My mail of late hasn't been very prompt, but received a Fax Pass to-day. The news of Acton is welcome any time of any day and I appreciate all the thoughtfulness of you people back home." J. McHugh writes: "Just received cigarettes. They took a long time reaching me since my address has changed so many times. I'm in N. Africa and believe me it's terribly hot. It's grand swimming in the Med. sea. It's so lovely and warm."

Other cards were from E. Lasby, P. Purdy, Dave Hodge, Jack Small, G. O. Young, Neil McNabb, G. O. Britton, O. R. Brown, J. Scriben, F. Turner, E. Patrick, H. Heatley, Arthur Ford, G. A. Bleses, D. C. Price, R. S. O'Hara, J. F. Braag, Harold McIntyre, W. J. Gibbons, Cliff McDonald, W. R. Elliott, M. J. McMillan, B. Rutledge and Norm. Gibson, M. Buck, H. W. Godfrey, Bruce Pargeler, P. A. Elliott, Albert E. Mills, Ted Clifford.

CHOIR LEADER AND CHOIR MEMBERS ARE MADE PRESENTATIONS

On Friday evening the members of Knox Church Choir and their friends met at the Manse, the hospitable home of Rev. and Mrs. Thomson. A delightful social evening was enjoyed. Humorous readings were given by Mrs. Desseault and Mr. Charles L. Kirkness. The well-known "Loch Lomond" was given as a solo by "Scotty" Durie with a full chorus singing out the refrain. Several games were enjoyed and a fitting climax was the presentation to honored guests present. A quintette number, led by Miss Isabel Anderson who read two beautiful poetical addresses to the recent brides who were guests, Mrs. Howard Switzer and Mrs. Norman Wright, who were presented with gifts by Mr. W. Benson and Mr. Clarence Coles.

Following words of thanks by the girls, the next number was led by Miss D. Folster, who read an address of sincere appreciation to Mr. F. J. Salt as organist and choir leader for many years and Mrs. Ada Near presented Mrs. Salt with a gift from the choir. Mrs. C. Coles also presented Mrs. Salt with a bouquet of baby mums. Mr. Salt made a reply of appreciation and expressed his desire to assist the choir with the musical service at any time he could help.

Several other members spoke a few words. The group was led in a merry sing-song by Mr. Salt. A delightful lunch was served by the social committee convened by Miss B. Roszell and Mrs. C. Cole.

The evening's arrangements were in charge of Mrs. F. Anderson, assisted by Miss Margaret McPhail and Joyce Desseault. A vote of appreciation was given Mr. and Mrs. Thomson for the delightful evening enjoyed. Mr. Thomson replied.

MISS HAZEL WILSON NAMED SUPERVISOR AT WESTERN HOSPITAL

Miss Hazel Wilson, R.N., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wilson, Acton, has been appointed medical supervisor on the staff of the Western Hospital in Toronto. Since entering the nursing profession, Miss Wilson has attained marked success in her work. In graduating she won a scholarship and spent the year following graduation in a special course at the University of Toronto.

A few weeks ago she was appointed to the Examining Board of Nurses writing for their nurses certificates. Last week announcement was made of her appointment as medical supervisor at Western. Tax Fax Pass joins with many others of this community in extending congratulations on the honors and position she has won.

—It requires over \$12,000 sales of Victory Loan every day of the campaign for Acton to reach its objective. Buy early. Explode the bombs!

Executive Head of Fifth Victory Loan is an Actonian

Graham Towers, Has Kenneth Henderson as Able Lieutenant in Succeeding Mr. G. W. Spinney

Acton has many interests in the Fifth Victory Loan and a desire to see our objective more than reached and most of all participation by every citizen. Executive head of the National War Finance Committee is Kenneth Henderson, a native of Acton, who spent his boyhood here, a grandson of the late Hon. David Henderson. The Financial Post had the following biographical sketch of Ken Henderson, which will be read with real interest by many Fax Pass readers:

One other notable item in Mr. Towers' roster of accomplishment is his ability to pick able young men to carry on the many-sided interests of the bank. One of the ablest of these is 39-year-old Kenneth Henderson, who left a promising and lucrative security business of his own in 1934, to be Security Adviser to the newly-formed Bank of Canada.

The first thing Graham Towers will tell you about Ken Henderson is that he has "market sense." That's important when you are making your living in the security business and trying to advise your clients what to buy or sell. It becomes of incalculable value when it's a matter of advising about the sale, disposition or distribution of a government portfolio that now stands in the multi-billion dollar brackets.

Henderson comes of "merchant" stock—which probably goes a long way to explain his "market sense." His father and grandfather had a prosperous general store in Acton, Ontario, where Kenneth was born. Grandfather Henderson also represented Halton County as a Conservative in the House of Commons for 20 years; and a Privy Councillor at the time of his death.

During the last war, two branches of the family joined forces. The Acton business was closed out and the Hendersons moved to Galt to join up with another family enterprise doing business in coal and lime.

In the last war, Henderson was just old enough to be a farm Commundo (they were called Soldiers of the Soil in those days). Later he went to McGill University where he graduated in Commerce in 1925. After a summer at home, he joined the firm of Wood, Gundy and Co. as a junior, was sent to the firm's office in Montreal in 1927. A few years later he formed a partnership in Montreal with "Casey" Collier (recently named president of the Investment Dealers' Association) under the name of Collier, Norris, and Henderson.

In the fall of 1934 he went to Toronto to open a branch office of this firm. The office was nicely started when Graham Towers approached him to join the central bank then being organized. In January, 1935, he came to Ottawa. He had an important role in every securities plan in which the bank and the government have been interested since that time. As soon as war broke out, Henderson had two big jobs to do. There were the first two big war loans to float (this was prior to the First Victory Loan in June, 1941) and then the vast security operations of the Foreign Exchange Council Board to be looked after. Later on he organized the setting up of the machinery for sales of War Savings Certificates.

When this organization was later merged with the National War Finance Committee, Henderson came full-time to the Spinney organization to do a sort of super-charger job in making sure that no one got prematurely complacent about plans and programs.

When the time came for Mr. Spinney to return to Montreal, Henderson was considered the logical, unanimous choice for executive chairman and boss of the NWFC Management Committee. His associates and his "boss", Governor Towers, are content to let the results of the forthcoming Victory Loan campaigns confirm the wisdom of their choice.

(Note—And perhaps it's only a coincidence but the head of Acton's Victory Loan Committee, Mr. Amos Kenner, resides in the house where Ken Henderson's grandfather resides until his death. It does seem these financial affairs of the Fifth Victory Loan have a real historical interest in Acton.)

BARBER SCARCITY
DAGENHAM, England (CP)—Barbers are so scarce in this Surrey town that boys have a new excuse for staying away from school. Shops are so crowded out of school hours, they say, that they have to miss their lessons or go long haired.

Acton Editor Will Also Publish the Milton Champion

Announcement is made concurrently this week in The Canadian Champion, Milton and Tax Across Fax Pass of the purchase of The Canadian Champion by G. A. Dilla of Acton, who will assume joint editorship and ownership of the two papers after November 1st.

Sale of the Milton paper was made necessary owing to the death last month of Mr. John Blight and the ill health of the other proprietor Mr. F. Leonard White. These partners have published The Canadian Champion for the past seventeen years and Mr. Dilla has been publisher of Tax Fax Pass for the past sixteen years.

A statement regarding publication of The Champion will be made next week. The two offices will be operated both in Milton and Acton with some adjustments to suit the mechanical equipment in the two plants. Mr. Dilla will continue to reside in Acton but will of necessity divide his time between the two publications.

The sale includes the purchase of the building owned by Messrs. Blight & White.

OCTOBER MEETING OF KNOX Y. W. A. AT HOME OF MRS. F. W. ANDERSON

The October meeting of the Knox Y. W. A. was held on the second Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Fred Anderson. The President Mrs. R. O'Hara was in charge. The devotions were taken by Mrs. H. Walters and Mrs. H. Price.

During the business period gratifying reports were given on the recent annual rummage sale and afternoon tea which was held in the Council Chambers. Plans were made for the fall thank offering to be held early in November when Miss Freida Matthews, returned missionary will be the speaker. Several articles of baby garments were received for the fall sale to be shipped in November.

The study topic was taken from "The Glad Tidings" and was given by Miss Margaret Roszell. Sale of Christmas cards was dealt with in a motion designating the funds for the local church fund.

At the close of the meeting the program committee of Mrs. L. Walters, Mrs. F. Terry, Miss Laura Wiles and Mrs. H. Price served a delightful lunch. Mrs. S. Matthews expressed appreciation to the hostess and committee on behalf of the auxiliary.

Hospital Ship Brings One of Four Sons Home

When the Canadian Hospital Ship Lady Nelson docked at Halifax, last Thursday, Gunner J. H. Taylor, son of Mr. James Taylor, Brock Avenue, Acton, was one of the passengers.

Gunner Taylor has been overseas two years and was with the 16th and 43rd Batteries. He enlisted in June 1940. Genr. Taylor took ill in England and was sent to Canada, arriving in London on Sunday aboard a special army hospital car. Prior to enlisting he was employed in Acton at the Storey Glove Company.

Mr. Taylor has four sons in the armed forces and all of them were in England until the return of Gunner J. H. Taylor. Many friends here will be glad when he improves in health sufficiently to be able to visit here.

PRISONER OF WAR BUYS



Mrs. John Irvine was an early bond buyer from F. L. Wright and bought a bond as instructed by her husband, Company Sergt. Major Irvine, who is in a German Prison Camp. Mr. Wright's first sale was made to Mr. Wm. Roszell, but unfortunately the plate did not arrive from the engravers in time for this issue and a picture of his first sale will appear next week.

Fifth Victory Loan Starts When Will Bomb Explode?

BOUGHT IN EVERY LOAN



Mr. G. A. Young of the Fourth Line, was Walter Linham's first sale on Monday morning. Mr. Young has bought bonds in every loan and says he is only too glad to buy to the limit to speed victory.

Dr. W. J. Quinn Speaker at Knox W. M. S. Meeting

The autumn thanksgiving meeting of the Presbyterian W.M.S. was held on Thursday afternoon last in Knox Sunday School room when Mrs. F. S. Blouie presided.

The devotional part of the program was conducted by Mrs. Harry Malprize and Mrs. Wm. Cooper. Elmer Indlov rendered a musical selection accompanied by Mrs. F. Thomson.

The speaker Dr. W. J. Quinn was introduced by Rev. F. Thomson. Dr. Quinn is a missionary home on furlough from Jobat, India; where he has been in charge of the mission hospital. His address was illustrated with a fine variety of slides showing life and his work among the poor in India. It was appealing to the audience who have a deep interest in missionary work.

Commission Puts \$2500 in Fifth Victory Loan

Also Make Transfer from Waterworks Department to the Corporation General Fund

The Acton Public Utilities Commission met in regular session on Monday evening. Reeve J. M. McDonald, Commissioner J. R. MacArthur and Chairman C. M. Hansen were present.

A letter was read from the H.E.P.C. of Ontario notifying the local Commission that they were empowered to purchase Fifth Victory Loan Bonds but old bonds must not be sold in order to purchase new bonds.

The Secretary, Miss B. H. Speight, was instructed to transfer \$500.00 from the Waterworks account to the General account of the Corporation.

Superintendent Chas. Wilson reported that repairs had been made to the water service feeding the impounding shop on Mill Street which had been leaking.

The Secretary was instructed to purchase \$2,500.00 worth of Fifth Victory Loan Bonds and to have them registered in the name of the Public Utilities Commission.

The list of arrears was checked and instructions were issued for their disposal.

The Secretary was instructed to pay the following accounts:

Hydro Dept.	
Bell Telephone Co. services	\$5.42
Whitman's Garage, gas and oil	22.80
MacDonald Electric, Limited supplies	23.77
Packard Electric Company, repairs to transformer	70.50
H.E.P.C. of Ontario, power	3,988.58
Canadian Line Material, L.L. wire, etc.	56.28
C.N.R. and Transport, exp.	2.12
Dept. of National Revenue, Sales Tax	126.26
	\$4,285.74
Waterworks Dept.	
Hydro Dept. Sept. operations	235.84
Neptune Meters, meters	258.55
	\$494.39

First Reports are Encouraging. But Help of All Will be Needed—Ballot Boxes at Headquarters and at Post Office—Soldiers Write to Have Purchases Made on Their Behalf for when they Come Home Again.

Amid the blowing of whistles and ringing of bells, Acton and District launched into the job of raising \$225,000 as its part of the Fifth Victory Loan on Monday. Reports at Victory Loan headquarters of the first few days are very encouraging, but indicate that every person who is able will need to go the limit if Acton is to avoid its first failure.

Last night we called at Victory Loan headquarters and Chairman A. Mason and Reeve J. M. McDonald of the general sales committee, stressed the urgency of the help required from every citizen.

First day returns show that those in the armed forces are out not only to make their lives but to put every cent they can spare into speeding the Victory and making Acton go over the top.

First sale of a bond by C. F. Leatherland was to Mrs. Alex. Mann, of Wellington Street. She purchased the bond for her brother, Pilot Officer Austin Buck, who is on operational duty in England. His word was to buy from his funds here, all he could afford. Mrs. Mann has four brothers on active service, all with the air-force. Sgt. Martin But was reported missing some months ago and no later word has been received.

F. L. Wright's first sale was to Wm. Roszell, manager of the Acton plant of J. B. Mackenzie & Son, and it was early in the morning, before the bells had stopped ringing. Another first day sale by Mr. Wright was to Mrs. John Irvine, whose husband, Sergt. Major Irvine, has been a prisoner of war in Germany since the D-Day raid. The word received by Mrs. Irvine was to back the campaign as much as possible.

Walter Linham was out on his territory bright and early and his first sale was to Mr. G. A. Young of the Fourth Line in E. Quaeing. Mr. Young has bought bonds in every loan and his thought was that he was glad to be able to share in some way in bringing victory.

When Do The Bombs Go?
Estimates of when the half-way mark and quota will be reached are being made by everyone. This year each bomb will declare two winners, but only the estimates deposited before the bombs go off can count. There are first and second prizes for each mark.

Last year the half-way mark was reached ten days after the campaign opened, shortly after six o'clock. That was on Wednesday of the second week of the campaign. The quota was reached on a Monday evening—twenty-two days after the campaign opened. When those bombs will go off in this Fifth Loan Campaign depends entirely on the response made by everyone. On that response depends entirely too, whether any one wins the prizes totalling \$70 in War Savings Certificates. The objective is big, but if everyone helps we can raise that \$225,000 just as we did last time.

The local thermometer will be in place on the Post Office the end of the week to indicate progress in Acton and District. This year it will give the percentage obtained, rather than the figures. Watch for the figures, but be sure to have your estimates in before the bomb goes off.

Coming Events

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

Dance in Brookville Hall, Monday, October 25th, 1943. Al Watson's Orchestra. Auspices Nassawagweya Women's Institute.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Knox Church, Acton are holding an Anniversary Fowl Supper and Musical program on Tuesday, October 26th from 5.30 to 8.00. Admission, adults 50¢; children 25¢.

Moving picture, sponsored by Extension Dept. of Province of Ontario, and sent by O. A. C. will be held in Church Hill Church, October 22nd. Picnic and tea served. Silver collection. Proceeds for boys overseas. Auspices Church Hill W. A.

Come to the Rummage and Home-made Baking Sale in the Town Hall, Acton, on Saturday, October 23rd from three until six o'clock. Auspices of the Ladies' of St. Joseph's Church.