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Building By-Law Gets Final Revision By Council

Court of Revision Deals with Four Appeals—Mr. Caskey of Fire Marshall's Office Consults with Council on Building By-Law—Local License will Not Save Operators of Slot Machines from Prosecution

At the Court of Revision on Monday evening, four appeals were heard. Dr. Short's appeal against business tax for 1944 was allowed. Appeals of Chas. Wilson and D. McEnery were dismissed. E. Brada's appeal against business assessment of \$300 was reduced to \$225. The assessment roll was confirmed with these alterations.

At the regular session of Acton Council last evening, Councillors W. J. O. Oakes, C. L. Kirkness, and A. Mason were present and Reeve J. M. McDonald presided.

Mr. J. B. Chalmers, on behalf of the Canadian Legion, requested that the Reeve and Council publish an appeal for support of Poppy Day on Saturday, November 6th. He also requested use of the Council Chamber for November 5th and 6th. This was granted.

The Council also decided to do the same as usual in connection with Remembrance Day, as has been the practice in other years.

Mr. R. L. Parker asked consideration of the Council in securing permanent stage scenery for the Town Hall. This equipment was badly lacking in the hall. The approximate cost would be \$20 with a lot of work done on a voluntary basis. Council favored securing this equipment and a motion was passed.

The usual grant to the Free Library Board was passed by Council.

Mr. Caskey of the Fire Marshall's Department was present to discuss with Council the proposed building by-law for Acton. Fire Chief Gamble was also present.

Mr. Caskey pointed out the interest of the Department in the by-law. He drew attention to the fact that when changes were recommended by the Fire Chief they must comply with the provisions of the by-law. He also complimented Council on the way the by-law was drafted and its thoroughness.

The changes were gone over and certain changes were recommended. Reeve McDonald on behalf of Council thanked Mr. Caskey for his information and for attending the meeting. The changes are to be drafted into the new by-law.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

Bell Telephone Co. services	\$ 10.33
J. E. McMullen, rebuilding at Park entrance	83.00
F. L. Wright, insurance	1.95
Hayward Construction Co., gravel	254.60
Jas. Kerr, labor	5.15
Jas. McCullough, labor	2.40
Tom Harris, labor	2.40
Acton Free Press, advertising	6.00
Acton Free Library, balance of grant	100.00

The Reeve reported that the old truck had been sold for \$15 on the understanding that it was to be broken up and used only for repair parts.

A letter from County Crown Attorney Dick pointed out that the law prohibiting the use of slot machines must be enforced and if the Municipal authorities did not enforce it the Provincial authorities would enforce it. A license from the municipality would not prevent prosecutions.

The Clerk was instructed to purchase a quantity of snow fence. Chief Harrop was instructed to arrange for extra police protection for Halloween.

Some small supplies for the Fire Brigade were also to be secured. A heavy set of chains were also to be purchased for the new truck.

Halton Insurance Company Invests \$10,000 In Loan

At the meeting in Acton on Monday of the Halton Union Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co., the directors decided to invest \$10,000 in the Fifth Victory Loan. The Company has participated in all the loans and now has to date invested \$38,000 in the various issues.

ACTON BOYS ENLISTED This Week's Register

Gordon Beatty has joined the Royal Canadian Artillery.

BOMB WENT OFF THIS MORNING 11.35 TWO WINNERS PICKED

The little bomb announcing half-way mark in Acton and District quota went off at 11.35.

The estimates were immediately tabulated by the judges and winners were announced as Alfred Fryer, with an estimate of \$125.00, and J. B. Mackenzie & Son, with a \$25 War Savings Certificate.

Second prize Donna Anderson and a \$10 War Savings Certificate. Her guess was 11.50 a.m. When the next bomb goes there will be two more lucky winners. When in the question, but if your estimate aren't in the house they won't count.

ERIN TOWNSHIP RED CROSS DONATIONS FOR OVERSEAS FUND

The Erin Township Boys Overseas Fund is now open for donations. To date contributions have been received from Hillsburg, entertainment committee, \$125.00; Mrs. G. Marshall's group, \$10.00; Fisher's Orchestra, \$21.25. This fund is solely for treats for all the township boys overseas.

Eramosa Council Buys Hall Property at Everton Village

Will Use Building to House the New Road Maintainer and Snow Plow

The council for the Township of Eramosa met at the call of the Reeve in the Town Hall, Rockwood, at 1.30 p.m. on October 19th. The Reeve presided over a full attendance of members.

Council inspected the Agricultural Building, the Farmer's Shop and the Cheese Factory in Rockwood and the Community Hall in Everton, with a view to securing front-proof accommodation for the recently purchased maintainer and snow-plow.

The collector was instructed to collect by December 1st, an outstanding account, including Hydro charges. Accounts passed amounted to \$435.00 and council adjourned to meet at the call of the Reeve.

At the adjourned meeting on Oct. 22nd, with all the members present, the Council purchased the Community Hall, Everton, from the Trustees of the Church of Christ in that village at its assessed value of \$450.00.

The property consists of a lot, the brick church, 30 x 40, and sheds to accommodate ten teams; it was built by the Methodist in 1890, closed by them and sold to the Disciple Church in 1919.

On motion of Messrs. Benham and Leslie, the Clerk was instructed to arrange for the legal transfer of the property and the Reeve and Clerk were authorized to sign any necessary documents connected therewith in order to carry out the wishes of the council. Council adjourned to meet at the call of the Reeve.

MCKERSIE-McLELLAN WEDDING AT THE KNOX CHURCH MANSE

A quiet wedding was solemnized at Knox Manse on Saturday, October 16, when Gladys Muriel McLellan, Acton, was united in marriage to Alfred Lachlan Rupert McKersie, eldest son of Mr. W. McKersie, of Rockwood. Rev. Forbes' Thompson officiated.

The bride was lovely in a two-piece suit of beige crepe with brown accessories and a corsage of orchids. She was attended by her sister, Miss Inez McLellan, in a heavenly blue crepe dress and corsage of baby mums. The best man was Kenneth McKersie, of Guelph, brother of the groom.

Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. D. McFadyen, Guelph.

Later the bridal couple left for St. John, N. B., where the groom is at present stationed.

DERBY, England (CP)—Since the war began the London, Midland and Scottish Railway has hauled 1,000,000 cars of ammunition and army stores and carried 12,000,000 troops by special trains.

Over 600 Attend Anniversary Supper Of Knox Church

Over 600 people attended the Anniversary Supper, sponsored by the Ladies' Aid Society of Knox Presbyterian Church on Tuesday evening. Following the "Fowl Supper," an exceptionally fine musical program arranged by the choir was presented in the auditorium of the church.

A highly-appreciated organ recital by Mr. E. H. Lecoon of Guelph served as introduction to the program. Those taking part in the program were as follows: solo, Miss Bella Roszell; the Knox Quartette of Messrs. Mann, Burton, Muselle and Coles; violin solo, Mr. Elmer Smith of Rockwood; solo, Miss Dora Hansen; solo, Mr. Cecil Lyness, of Guelph; solo, Mrs. Douglas Gowdy, of Toronto; reading, Miss Beatrice Van Norman; solo, Miss Orpha Farr, of Woodbridge; solo, Miss William "Scotty" Burton; solo, Mrs. Murray Clarke.

Rev. Mr. Brooks of the Anglican Church extended warm greetings to the congregation of Knox Church; following the intermission, Mr. Wm. Cooper, on behalf of the Society, presented Private Edward Hansen, organist and choir leader with a leather-bound copy of "The Book of Praise," in appreciation of his fine services to the choir and congregation.

A hearty vote of thanks was extended by the large audience to Mrs. Wm. MacArthur, president of the Ladies' Aid for the excellent supper the Society had arranged. A very successful event was brought to a close with the singing of the National Anthem.

Fred Turner is Commissioned as Pilot Officer

Warrant Officer Frederick G. Turner, Spitfire pilot serving with the Royal Air Force overseas, has been commissioned as a Pilot Officer, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Turner, Agnes Street, Acton.

P. O. Turner was the only Canadian member of the Nigerian Squadron and took part in the Dieppe raid along with his only brother, Private William Turner, of the Hamilton Light Infantry, who is now a prisoner of war in Germany.

Fred, whose father is a veteran of the last World War, enlisted with the R. C. A. F. in Hamilton shortly after war was declared, and trained at Goderich, Toronto and Somerville, P. E. I., from where he graduated with the first graduation class of Somerville school in June of 1941, and went overseas a month later. He was promoted last spring to the rank of Warrant Officer.

Upon P. O. Turner's return from the Dieppe action, he tried to contact his only brother but found that he was listed as killed in action. Later the parents were advised that he was in a German prison camp, suffering from wounds, and still later that he was well and employed in a salt mine in central Germany, but he writes home now that he has been moved to a British and American officers' camp.

DIAPER PRODUCTION UP FIFTY PER CENT.

Supplies of wearing apparel will be sufficient for this winter provided people will buy only what they need. This assurance was given by J. A. Klein, Administrator of Women's Retail Merchants' Association recently. Production of children's underwear and outer wear will reach 1941 figures, he said. Production of babies' diapers is now 50 per cent. higher than it has ever been. He said shortages were due to hoarding and to buying speccs caused by unfounded rumours.

Earlier Copy Please!

In view of the fact that both the Canadian Champion and the Free Press will be printed in this office commencing next week it will be necessary to have copy in earlier in the week. Copy for display advertising to ensure insertion must reach us not later than Tuesday evening and news articles cannot be assured of insertion after Wednesday afternoon.

The co-operation of all will be appreciated and enable us to maintain mailing schedules of both papers.

THE ACTON FREE PRESS

SOMETHING TO SMILE FOR



F. L. Wright's first sale of Victory Bonds in the Fifth Loan was to Wm. Roszell, manager of the Acton plant of J. B. Mackenzie & Son. They were both happy to be in on a deal like this and start Acton and District toward its \$225,000 objective. No wonder they both smile.

Fine Addresses and Service of Song at Anniversary

Knox Church 98th Anniversary Had Congregations that Filled Edifice on Sunday

Congregations that filled the church at both morning and evening services enjoyed the 98th anniversary occasion of Knox Church last Sunday. There were two-guest speakers during the day and the musical part of the service had special attention and two guest soloists.

At the morning service, Rev. W. J. McIvor, M.A., B.D., of Guelph, was the minister in charge. His subject was based on the text found in the 3rd verse of the sixteenth chapter of Matthew: "And in the morning it will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and lowering. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but ye can yet not discern the signs of the times of to-day." Mr. McIvor was hopeful of good results after the war. The emphasis of life he felt should be placed on the value of the human soul; the quality in things that are beautiful, true, honest, of good report and lovely.

The soloist in this service was Mr. Willie Dorington, of Acton, who rendered the fine solo numbers: "The Stranger of Galilee" and "Just for To-day." The quartette of Messrs. C. L. Kirkness, Alex. Burton, W. Coles and Geo. Muselle, contributed a splendid number and the choir anthem had a violin obligato by Mr. E. Smith, which was much enjoyed.

The speaker at the evening service was Rev. Frank Lawson, B.A., B.D., of Kitchener, a minister who spent several years at Nasaagweya Church and was popular through this community. His message was based on the 17th and 18th verses of the 26th chapter of Deuteronomy. His subject was "Canada at the Crossroads." Just as Israel was a chosen nation, Mr. Lawson felt Canada was a chosen nation, just so long as we are true to the will of God. The only hope of mankind is in the gospel of Jesus Christ and the sermon was a strong exhortation for Canadians in these days of glorious opportunity to follow in the footsteps of the victorious Christ.

The musical part of this service also had commendable attention. Mr. Cecil Lyness, of Guelph, was guest soloist and his rendering of "The Twenty-third Psalm" and "I will not forget Thee" were enjoyed by all. A girl's double trio composed of Misses Helen Holmes, Joyce Desaurault, Margaret McPhail, Inez McLellan, Dora Hansen and Margaret Somerville, contributed a fine number. The choir anthem was "Just for To-day" and Miss Dora Hansen took the solo part.

The music for the anniversary was under the direction of Pte. Ted Hansen, who also presided at the console of the organ.

The minister, Rev. Forbes Thomson was able to attend the evening service and enjoy the anniversary occasion with his congregation. The usual denominational courtesy was observed and the services of the Baptist Church were withdrawn and the evening service of the United Church. The Rev. Mr. Fosbury assisted at the evening service.

During the day a special anniversary offering to the fund to provide new heating equipment for the church met a generous response from the members and adherents.

Oakville Editor Loses Son in Flying Accident

Many friends throughout the county feel deep sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. George C. Atkins of Oakville, in the loss of their son, George, as the result of a flying accident while training with the R. C. A. F.

The funeral of L. A. C. George C. Atkins, held from St. John's United Church, Oakville, on Tuesday, October 19th, extended Oakville's mourning to the fourteenth graduate from Oakville High School who has given his life for the cause of freedom in this war.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. C. Atkins, Howard Avenue, are the first among the bereaved parents to have the comfort of a funeral at home. The community expressed its sorrow in the loss of "Junior." Its deep sympathy with his parents and remembered to all of those who have fallen in the service.

L. A. C. George C. Atkins died in his twentieth year from injuries suffered in a flying accident during a night snow-storm at Yorkton, Sask., on Friday, October 16th. He was born in Hamilton, Ontario, and came to Oakville twelve years ago. During his school years in the public and high schools he enjoyed to the full the work and fun of the youth of the town.

RAILWAY CONTRACTOR NATIVE OF ACTON DIES IN VANCOUVER

Alexander R. Mann, 82, a veteran of railway construction in Canada, died at his home in Vancouver, Sunday night.

Mr. Mann had been a semi-invalid for several years. Born in Acton, Ontario, July 21st, 1861, son of Hugh and Ellen Mann, young Alexander was educated in Acton public schools and went to Winnipeg in 1879 as a farmer and contractor. For nine years off and on, he worked with Canadian Pacific Railway gangs that pushed steel into British Columbia.

Then he opened a lumber business in Fort Frances, Ontario, and in 1890 helped build the Long Lac branch of the Canadian National. From Ontario he moved to British Columbia to work on the Nakusp and Skeena Railway for the C.P.R. from 1893 to 1894, and then contracted to move ore in the Skeena district for the next three years. He built the Columbia West-coast Railway in the Kootenay district in 1898 and then went back to two Ontario jobs, the Rulley River branch of the Canadian Northern Railway for three years after 1899 and the Neepawa and McCreary line for the same railroad in 1903.

From 1903 to 1904 when he built the C.P.R.'s Greenwood branch in British Columbia, Mr. Mann operated under his own name, but by the time he began work on the Toronto-Studven Railway in the Canadian Northern Northern Construction Company had been formed with Mr. Mann as president.

Two years later he was working on the Canadian Northern's Goose Lake line in Alberta and Saskatchewan and from 1910 to 1915 his company helped push the Canadian Northern from Edmonton to Vancouver. Four years later his firm developed Great Falls for the Manitoba Power Company, Limited of Winnipeg.

Major jobs in Eastern Canada included the Veteranship terminal at Three Rivers, Que., and the Detroit-Windsor tunnel under the Detroit River. His firms also built Section 8 of the Welland Canal in Ontario, and the Wolf's Cove Terminal at Quebec for the Federal Government. In 1925 they completed a major power development in Newfoundland. During the Great War they built 11 small steamships at Vancouver.

Mr. Mann retired a year ago as president of Northern Construction Co. Ltd.

Survivors include his widow, the former Jennie Malcolm, of Owen Sound, and a son, Hugh Mann, both in Toronto; and two daughters, Mrs. Kathleen Stead, Vancouver, and Alex. Mann, Fort Saskatchewan, Alta., and a sister, Mrs. Joe Allen, Tisdale, Sask.

FATHER AND SON CALLED SAME DAY

LONDON (CP)—Raymond Hutchinson, 42, who volunteered for the Royal Navy in 1941, and his 18-year-old son, James, received their call-up papers on the same day and were ordered to report on the same day, at the same time and at the same place.

They didn't ask for the call-up together but both expressed preference for the navy, the father when he volunteered and James when he had his medical examination on reaching 18. They won't be posted together, however, because James is going as a wireless mechanic and the father as a writer.

Acton Near Half-Way Mark in Victory Loan

PRESIDENT OF FARMERS' ASSOCIATION PURCHASES MORE BOND PURCHASES

The following statement, just received by wire from Mr. Alex. McKinnery, President of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture:

"Subscriptions by farmers to former loans have demonstrated that there is no body of citizens more concerned in victory of the Allies in this province and the Federation of Agriculture appeals to all farm people to support this loan even more fully than they have in the past."

ALEX. MCKINNEY, President Ontario Federation of Agriculture

COTTON WEAVING INDUSTRY

HAMILTON (CP) Hamilton will soon have a new cotton industry in cotton weaving as a result of a grant of about \$15,000 made under the Colonial Development and Welfare

Letter from Italy by Sgt. J. McGeachie Tells of Customs

Women do the Work and the Men Take It Easy—Washing Done at Family Creek

Italy, Sept. 19, 1943

Hello Acton: Just a note to let you know we are doing the here in Italy and in the best of health. We are taking it easy right now, and covering a lot of country in a hurry. We are in a great big house right now, overlooking the Mediterranean and it is a very nice spot. That is where I came across this Fascist writing paper, so I am putting it to use.

I don't know when this letter will be posted, it will probably be months before you receive it. Our mail apparently is coming through now as there was some in to-day. However, I got my old dependable carton of smokes from the Acton Service League just before we left Sicily and they sure came in handy. I have also had a couple of copies of "The Free Press" which not only I, but my whole platoon read. News and reading material is very scarce here. The last letter I had from home was dated June 16th, so I'm away behind in my news.

The people here are very friendly and have showed absolutely no desire to fight against us. A surprisingly large number of them speak perfect English and they are quite glad to see us.

They have some very quaint habits though, and firmly believe in letting the women do the work. The women carry enormous loads on their heads, while the men ride alongside them on a donkey. Donkeys and mules are very common, and are the main mode of transportation.

Washing clothes is never done in hot water, you just find a creek somewhere and use stone as a washing machine. It's surprising how good a job can be done. The sun bleaches everything and it dries in no time. We get lots of fruit to eat, mostly peaches and grapes. We occasionally barter with the civies and manage to buy a few eggs, or maybe a chicken in exchange for some bully beef or canned stew. We don't do too bad for grub but it's mostly canned stew. We get a bar of chocolate and 7 cigarettes per day and occasionally get some boiled sweets.

We had it pretty tough at the beginning of the campaign and did a lot of marching around or I should say over, the mountains. When we go long distances now, we usually move in transport and we see some lovely scenery, also lovely bombing done by the R.A.F. and Americans. They don't miss very often. I haven't met any Acton boys yet, but one of them, Bill Nicholock, was inquiring for me in Sicily, when we were in rest camp.

It looks as if Jerry is forming a line now, so what our job will be, we will have to wait and see. Everything seems to be in the Allies favor now and a definite verdict should be reached before very much longer.

My regards to all my Acton friends and thanks again for the Cigs. Hoping to see you all soon. I remain Sincerely, JIM McGEACHIE

First Bomb Did Not Go Off As Noon as Last Loan—Four Winners are yet to be Declared—Acton Among Leaders in Halton County Sales—Will Need Help of All if Objective of \$225,000 is to be Reached.

As this article is being written Acton had not yet reached the half-way mark in the Fifth Victory Loan. It is now a day behind the last loan's schedule. Before the paper goes to press that bomb may go off, a Victory Loan Headquarters reported on Wednesday night, sales had amounted to 45 per cent. of the objective.

Comparing our own district with the Dominion total and with the progress in the last loan, the results are down, but Victory Loan Headquarters here is optimistic that Acton will again go over the top. In the County of Halton, Acton holds a place among the leaders in the percentage of its quota raised.

Well, there's two little bombs just waiting to explode and make four people have \$20 in War Savings Certificates. The big question is who gets them? Last time it was Miss Ireta Stacey and Mr. Percy Evans, who won these additional prizes. This time there will be four winners; two \$25 Certificates and two \$10 Certificates.

The following telegram from Dominion Headquarters gives some idea of Dominion Loan progress: Ottawa

Free Press: Following is latest progress Victory Loan. Tuesday's sales yielded \$70,044,300 virtually same as Monday's subscriptions and bringing cumulative total of Canada's Fifth Victory Loan to \$557,323,500. Corresponding cumulative total stood at \$503,436,100 for same period last year. Public Relations Section of National War Finance Committee.

There are just two days of this week and next week to make that \$225,000 for Acton and Victory. The boys over there are waiting to see what Acton does. Read their letters in this issue. We said we would back them up. Well, here's our opportunity.

Just as in every other effort, if all of the folks in Acton and District plan and help to win, that \$225,000 will be oversubscribed. It's a chance to help speed the Victory and bring the boys home sooner. Even a \$50 bond will buy a bomb to blast Berlin. The Acton Musquito bomber needs four of these every time it makes a raid.

Local Winners In Victory Loan Quiz at School

The Victory Loan Quiz Contest for Acton district was held at the Acton School last Friday afternoon and winners were declared.

Patsy Chew was the winner in Group A; Teddy Reichlin was Group B winner and Christie Lamb won Group C honors. Schools from the rural district near Acton competed in the contest. The judges were Miss M. Z. Bennett, Rev. A. W. Fosbury and Rev. Forbes Thompson.

The Halton County contest will be held in Milton Town Hall on Friday evening, October 29th, at 8.15 p.m. The winners from Acton will compete in the county event. County winners will compete in district finals on November 3rd. The Ontario finals will be held on November 6th, when the winners will be guests of the Robert Simpson Co., Toronto.

This war is being fought not for territories but for men's minds. We are fighting, not to preserve our way of life, but for a chance to recreate and spread it.—Grand Forks (B.C.) Gazette.

Coming Events

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

Firemen's Annual Dance, December 3rd. Fisher's Orchestra, lucky door prize. 18-4

Dance, Brookville, Thursday Nov. 4th, sponsored by Busy Bees Club, Doris Hull's orchestra, Jim Brooks floor manager.

Dance in Orton Community Hall, on Wednesday evening, Nov. 3rd. Harvey Fisher's Orchestra. Lunch served. Admission 50c.