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Acton First in County to Reach Objective in Fifth Victory Loan

Bomb Went Off on Friday at Three O'clock—1112 Applications from Acton and District Bring in Total of \$239,900 and Set New High Record—County Figures of \$2,399,000 at Present Indicate Halton County Has Again Gone Over the Top—Two Acton Industries Win Highest Awards

Acton and district set a new high record in the Fifth Victory Loan. On Friday at three o'clock the blitz bomb announced that this district had reached its minimum objective of \$239,900. Contributions received from headquarters in Oakville yesterday show that the Acton and district total now stands at \$239,900, nearly \$15,000 over the objective. Another very gratifying feature is that 1,112 applications were made which is also a record for participation. Acton was the first district to reach its objective in Halton County.

County figures are not complete, but stand at \$2,300,000 at present. A complete synopsis is anticipated before the next issue.

Acton industries made an outstanding job. On Friday morning the Beardmore employees held a ceremony at the plant when the special three-star award pennant was presented and floats proudly from the flag pole at the company's plant. The pennant was presented to Messrs. C. Hanson and Alex. Orr, representatives of the Employees' Association by Mr. Weldon, County Victory Loan Chairman. The employees raised \$38,850.00 or 16 per cent. of its quota and 97 per cent. of all the employees bought Victory Bonds. To win this award 90% of the employees must participate in the loan and subscribe 15% of six months' payroll.

Mr. S. G. Bennett addressed the gathering of employees and commended their fine effort and Mr. A. Mason, local chairman, also commended the Beardmore employees.

Friday evening it was reported to Victory Loan headquarters that the Wool Combing Corporation of Canada employees had also earned the same award and pennant.

Every other industry in the community made a splendid contribution and more than met their quotas. The Storey Glove Co. was the first to meet its objective.

It's a grand story and one on which much more could be written. It is typical of the response made to every appeal in the war effort here. Winners of the War Savings Certificates were Mrs. L. B. Linfoot, an employee of the Wool Combing Corporation and Mrs. W. F. Mooney an employee of the Mason Knitting Company. The award was presented by Reeve J. McDonald at Victory Loan headquarters. Mrs. Linfoot received a \$25 certificate and Mrs. Mooney a \$10 certificate.

More details on the Fifth Victory Loan will be published next week.

Frederick C. Wells Fatally Injured in Jumping from Truck

Frederick C. Wells, aged 70, was fatally injured on Saturday night when he jumped off a moving truck about a mile north of Milton. According to police, Wells was picked up by John Randall, Milton, while on his way home about 11.00 p.m. when the fatality occurred at Milton Hospital, where he died shortly after admittance. He was buried in the Provincial Constable John Revely conducted the investigation. Officials stated that an inquest would not be held. Mr. Wells was born in England and was unmarried and is survived by one brother, Harry Wells, Milton, and three sisters of London and Toronto. Funeral was held on Tuesday from Turner's funeral parlour, with interment in Evergreen Cemetery. Rev. J. B. Moore officiated.

MRS. H. L. BENNIE PRESIDED AT GUELPH W.M.S. MEETING

Mrs. H. Mainprize and Mrs. R. M. MacDonald, were in Guelph on Tuesday, November 9th, attending a meeting of the executive of Guelph Presbyterian W. M. S., held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. H. L. Bennie, of Elmira, presided at both morning and afternoon sessions. Plans were made for the annual meeting to be held in Guelph in January.

Miss Frieda Matthews, Field Secretary of the W. M. S. was present, also members from, Elora, Fergus, Campbellville, Preston, Hepler, Elmira, Galt and Guelph.

WELL DONE ACTON AND DISTRICT

On behalf of the Acton and District Fifth Victory Loan Committee, may I express their appreciation at the splendid response everyone made to the Loan. It was indeed gratifying to receive such hearty co-operation and attain such a splendid showing.

Acton has again gone over the top. Another war task has met a generous response. Thank you all.

A. MASON,
Chairman

From Italy's Olive Groves and England the Boys Write Home

In the recent acknowledgements to the War Service League, we gleaned the following messages sent to the home folks. Here's the way they put it:

Pte. F. Tournour writes from Italy: "These cigarettes are the first mail I have had in two months. The weather is grand here and we all have a good time. We were in Sicily for a while and we are in Italy now. The going is good at present. We are in a rest camp in an olive grove, but we will soon be on our way again."

Pte. H. Woods writes from England: "I received another parcel of cigarettes from you and want to convey my utmost thanks to you all. They are worth their weight in gold over here and this parcel came just in the nick of time. I was just about out of smokes and that is a miserable situation to get into."

"Cookle" writes from England: "Thanks a million for the smokes which arrived in the most opportune time. Have been buying smokes at 56c for twenty, so you see how many we smoked. Shall never forget your kindness ever. So far everything is going as scheduled with a few hitch-ups. I have been fortunate enough to have a feed of venison recently and it was a treat indeed."

Pte. Margaret Buchanan of C.W.A.C. says: "I would not have missed the chance of coming over for the world. It is now getting very cold over here, but a different cold to Canada. It is much damper here. The days are getting shorter and the black-out comes early. We have very nice barracks here and the people treat us well. I have seen the King and Princess Royal and many more things of interest."

Cpl. H. W. Godfrey writes: "I am at a loss for words to express my great thanks for this carton of smokes, because I've had to do without for a long time. It really is a wonderful gift and I feel I must try to smoke a little less often in order to make this carton last a little longer."

Harold Robson writes that he was talking to Ted Clifford and John Drysdale and they both started talking about Acton right away.

Cards and letters of appreciation were also received from Sgt. J. Nicol, Signm. G. W. Williams, Arthur Gamble, Sgt. N. S. Lamb, L.A.C. Bewley, L.A.C. VanWyck, L/Cpl. F. C. French, Pte. A. E. Perryman, P/O F. G. Turner, Sgt. E. Bayton, Gnr. A. W. Sinclair, Pte. J. Scriven, Gnr. F. Kelly, Jamie Lamb, Cpl. P. Purdy and Sgt. L. R. Jamieson.

Two Remanded On Serious Charge in Milton Court

In police court in Milton last week Charles Ferrier and Jack Perkins, both of Nassagaweya, were remanded one week with bail set at \$5,000 each. They were charged with robbery with violence against Edward Cates, Nassagaweya. Mr. Cates is in the Hamilton General Hospital in a serious condition after being attacked with an axe.

Marshall Hilton, Milton Heights, was fined \$10 or 10 days on a vagrancy charge. Magistrate W. F. Woodliffe presided.

MRS. D. RICHARDSON ELECTED PRESIDENT OF SCOUT MOTHERS GROUP

The Scout Mother's Auxiliary held their November meeting at the home of Mrs. D. Richardson, two new mothers were welcomed into the group. Among the business discussed, was five dollars to be donated to the War Service League. Mrs. P. Watson officiated in the chair and the following officers were elected for the forthcoming year.

Honorary President—Mrs. E. Masters.

President—Mrs. D. Richardson.

Vice-President—Mrs. C. Ranney.

Secretary—Mrs. G. Desoreault.

Treasurer—Mrs. W. Evans.

Press Convener—Mrs. P. Watson.

Mrs. Masters, the retiring President thanked everyone for their hearty co-operation during the past year. At the close of the evening, a light lunch was then served by the hostess.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Mrs. Richardson for the use of her home. Mrs. H. Boulton kindly offered her home for the December meeting.

NOMINATION DATES ARRANGED FOR YEAR BY ACTON COUNCIL

At the meeting, last evening, of Acton Council, Councillors A. Mason, W. J. O. Oakes, F. Davison and C. L. Kirkness were present. In the absence of the Reeve, Councillor F. Davison occupied the chair.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

Acton Welfare Board, accounts, \$ 51.50
Acton Public Utilities Commission, services, 28.25
Bell Telephone Co. services, 7.97
Across Fats Pass, printing, 10.15
T. Harris, labor, 26.40
J. Kerr, labor, 1.60
H. Gordon, labor, 27.60
H. Wedge, labor, 19.20

Welfare Accounts for September, October and November (to be refunded by the Dominion Government) ... 134.94

J. B. Mackenzie & Son, supplies, 105.17
Norton Motors, on account, 473.00

8886.66

ACTON COUNCIL REFUSES TO HAVE ANY ASSOCIATION WITH KITCHENER COUNCIL RESOLUTION

A letter from the Department of Municipal Affairs requested information regarding the recommendations in the auditor's report. A committee was appointed to deal with the matter. Councillor Davison was appointed to discuss with Fire Chief Gamble, the question of attending the Fire Prevention School in Toronto for two days of the sessions.

A letter from the Council of Kitchener requested that Council endorse a resolution for more equitable distribution of liquor. Council decided that they did not want anything to do with such a resolution or interference with matters under the control of other legislative bodies.

Accounts for indigent patients, relief and other problems took up much of Council's time in discussion and giving instructions for the various cases.

It was decided to have Mr. F. L. Wright to attend next Council meeting to explain the policies and coverage.

A by-law was passed setting the Municipal Nominations for Friday, November 26th at 7.30 p.m. and the election, if necessary, for Monday, December 6th, from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Polling subdivisions were to be at the Town Hall and Y.M.C.A. building. Deputy returning officers were appointed, L. Atkinson, F. L. Wright and W. Cole.

A WOMAN'S PRIVILEGE

ATCHEISON, Kas. (CP)—A wedding with an unexpected ending: Probate Judge Phill Scheckel started reading the marriage ritual to a young couple and came to the place where he asked the girl: "Do you take this man to be your lawful wedded husband?"

Much to his surprise she said: "I don't!" Of course that halted the ceremony. The girl declined to explain. The judge invited her to come back if she changed her mind.

Parent's Night at Acton School Has Big Attendance

Parents' Night at Acton Schools has come to be a feature anticipated with keen interest by citizens here. This was evidenced last night when hundreds of parents and friends visited the school, saw the pupils in the classroom, viewed exhibits of their school work and had the opportunity to get acquainted with the teaching staff.

Both the Public and Continuation School buildings were open but only pupils of the Public School were at their desks. There were many fine exhibits in every room and teachers and pupils are indeed to be complimented on the success again of the Parents' Night at Acton School.

The members of the B.Y.P.U. met in the church Tuesday evening for a Remembrance Day Service with Mr. W. Coles in charge. Part of the Legion Order of Service was used and proved most interesting and impressive. Mr. Coles related several incidents of World War I. Mr. E. L. Wright presented a film, also several color pictures of local interest. A vote of thanks was given Mr. Wright and Mr. Coles for an interesting evening. Prayer, led by Mrs. C. Lincoln concluded the program.

RYF.P.U. HOLDS REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE ON TUESDAY

The Annual Remembrance Day Service was held this year in Knox Presbyterian Church. Those groups taking part in the service at the Cenotaph and the church parade were the Lorne Scouts, the Guelph Musical Society Band, the Lakeside and Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the L.O.D.E., the Acton Branch of the Canadian Legion and the 1st Acton Boy Scout Troop.

At the Soldiers' Monument the names of those men who died in World War I were read by George Muscillo, Bugler W. Gavannah played the Last Post and Reveille and Rev. A. W. Fosbury pronounced the Benediction. Wreaths were deposited at the Monument on behalf of the Province of Ontario, the Municipality of Acton, the Canadian Legion, Duke of Devonshire and Lakeside Chapters of the L.O.D.E. and Acton Women's Institute.

Rev. W. M. McKay of Toronto, conducted the Church Service and the Legion Quartette of Messrs. W. Coles, G. Muscillo, Wm. Burton and Ted Hanson sang "God Bless Our Native Land."

Remembrance Day Service and Parade Held on Sunday

Guelph Musical Society Band Led Parade—Service at the Monument and Knox Church

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Liquor Store and Customs Urged by County Council

GAMES AND SOCIAL TIME FEATURE ACTON INSTITUTE MEETING

The November meeting of the Acton Women's Institute was in the form of a social and Mrs. Lovell and Mrs. Gibbons entertained in their home on Frederick Street. The motto was taken by Mrs. Hunter and current events were reviewed by Mrs. R. L. Davidson. Roll call was answered by imitating a farmyard fowl or animal.

After general business, the company enjoyed several games of Bingo and all the program. The social committee served a real nice lunch. It was in charge of Mrs. F. Anderson, Mrs. Hargrave and Mrs. Callier. After lunch, cup reading was very much in order. A hearty vote of thanks was given Mrs. Lovell and Mrs. Gibbons and the meeting closed by singing "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows."

104 Blood Donors at Red Cross Clinic Here on Tuesday

Acton's third blood donor clinic on Tuesday was the largest and most successful yet. One hundred and four people volunteered to the call which tops the last clinic when 87 responded. There was a splendid response from those in the district adjacent to the town as well as those residing in town and some of the donors responded for the third time.

Following are the lists of donors.

Those from the district and points outside of Acton—Ralph McKee, L. O. Johnston, Joseph Henderson, Edward Watts, William Ritchie, W. J. Ritchie, W. D. McIntyre, George Lacey, Walter Huxley, Douglas Nodwell, Wesley Beatty, Charles Fair, Dan Hindley, Donald Graham, Donald Matheson, John E. Graham, C. J. VanGozen, Howard Graff, Ross Huxley, William Gibson, Ross Gordon, Leonard Nightingale, Joseph Jennings A. H. Diamond, Douglas Robertson, W. L. Ferguson, Leon Berberich, Cecil Atkins, Charles Lushy, Otto Hill, Donald Ferguson, John A. Milne, Harold Ferguson, George Robertson, Malcolm Moffat, Ernest Fair, Wilbert Smith, Duncan Moffat, Rudolph Kraus, Clarence Wilson, Robert Somerville, Calvin McIntyre, Ivan Richardson, E. M. Blacklock, Elias Easterbrook, James Allison, Dr. B. D. Young, Roy Johnston, William Allison, R. Mulder, Wilfred Brownlow, Alex. Near, E. Fisher, John Black, Joseph Pouchey J. S. Sargent, Fred Stewart, Willard Britton, Cameron Kitching.

Largest Clinic to Date—Town and District Make Fine Response to Appeal

The donors from Acton were—A. Ralph, Orrie Lamb, Douglas McEachern, Stanley Collett, G. A. Sinclair, H. Thorarinson, J. Creasy, A. Ryan, Arthur Robson, M. C. Smith, T. T. Nollo, E. S. Force, Clifford Renard, C. Muscillo, Herb. Ritchie, Wallace Frankum, Harry Dennis, Sam Tennant, Norman McEachern, William Benson, John Bruce, Gordon Roggonvoldson, George Benton, Claude Cook, William Middleton, Ben Rachlin, George Gibbons, Gordon Hansen, Lloyd Maxales, Thomas Jones, Fred Kenner, T. Harris, Charles Kirkness, Fred Long, Grant Kalbfleisch, R. Mason, Wesley Wolfe, Charles Spier, Wesley Allen, Glenn Ityler, William Williams, Max Pallant, Sam Snow, George Holmes, Frank Robertson.

The doctors in charge were Dr. W. G. C. Kenney, Acton, Dr. Walter Rockwood, and Dr. W. G. Cullen, Acton.

The nurses were in charge of Mrs. G. W. Benton and the following staff: Mrs. Huxley, Miss Walker, Miss F. Moffat, Mrs. D. Gordon, Mrs. L. Brownlow, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Thomas Miss A. E. Anderson, Mrs. Anne Black, Mrs. E. VanNorman, Mrs. Finlay, Mrs. Val. Force, Mrs. Smotherst.

Mrs. H. O. Boyes was in charge of the secretarial duties and was assisted by Mrs. Heeley, Mrs. Terry, Mrs. Adamson, Miss Boyle and Mrs. Leatherland.

Mrs. W. J. Beatty was convener of the lunch committee and the ladies of the Women's Institute assisted.

The reception committee were Mr. A. Mason, Mrs. W. H. Clayton, Mrs. A. B. McLean.

The Acton Y's Men's Club had the responsibility of arranging the building and equipment and organizing the clinic and securing the donors.

Member from Oakville feels that Halton is Being Neglected—The County Council Endorses Resolution Urging Opening of a Liquor Store in Milton and a Customs Office in Oakville—Not in favor of a Deer Hunting Season

An evening session of Halton County Council was held in Milton last Thursday with all members present with the exception of Reeve Brown, Georgetown and Deputy Reeve Smith of Nelson.

Mr. W. M. Birkell, Toronto addressed the meeting and urged that the County Council endorse Resolution No. 252, which would be a sound investment that they questioned whether they had the authority to raise the public's money. Said the warden: "If we were to buy Victory Bonds with money taken from the taxpayers then we are putting a load on the people which I don't think we are entitled to do."

Reeve Blair, chairman of the Finance committee, was of the opinion that since the County of Halton had no surplus they therefore had funds with which to invest. The following resolution was passed: Moved by J. Blair, seconded by N. Craig, that the County Council find it impossible to subscribe to the present Victory Loan due to the fact that there is no sinking fund or surplus money on hand.

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A question regarding an open season for deer hunting in Halton County was raised. According to several of the members, many complaints had been received relative to the damage and destruction being caused by deer, particularly in the northern part of the county. One taxpayer had complained that his turkeys and corn had been completely destroyed. Another said he had seen as many as six and seven deer in his cabbage patch at one time. But the question was raised as to whether the request for an open season was more desired by hunters than by farmers.

A resolution was finally passed to the effect that Council was not in favor of deer hunting in Halton County at the present time.

A by-law was passed, approving a by-law passed by Trafalgar Council to close part of the ninth line, Trafalgar, in concession four, south of Dundas Street.

Deputy Reeve Hillmer of Oakville, said it was the opinion of many in the south end of the county that a grave injustice had been done to Oakville by the government at Ottawa by closing the Customs office in that town, thereby causing great inconvenience to industries located in that district. (Continued on Page Eight)

FRIENDS MAKE PRESENTATION TO TWO ACTON YOUNG LADIES

On Friday evening, a few friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McLeod to spend a social evening with Misses Isabel McLeod and Margaret Smith, before they leave for Ottawa, where they have secured positions with the Civil Service.

The evening was spent in games and during the evening Miss Rena Bradla read an address and Misses Dorothy Clayton and Helen Early presented the girls each with a leather writing case. They both thanked everyone. Afterwards Mrs. McLeod Mrs. Ritchie and Audrey MacArthur served a dainty lunch.

We all join in wishing these girls the best of luck in their new adventure.



Reeve J. M. McDonald of the General Sales Committee of Acton and District Fifth Victory Loan, hands out two War Savings Certificates to lucky winners at Victory Loan Headquarters. Mrs. L. B. Linfoot standing next to the Reeve received a \$25 Certificate and Mrs. W. F. Mooney a \$10 award for their estimate in the Blitz Bomb Contest. The bomb went off at three o'clock exactly on Friday afternoon. Mrs. Linfoot's estimate was three o'clock that day and Mrs. Mooney's estimate was for five minutes after three on Friday.

Halton Juniors Stage a Home Plowing Competition

Halton Junior Farmers in co-operation with the Halton Plowmen's Association sponsored a Junior Farmers' Plowing Competition which attracted fifteen entries. The plowing was done on the home farm, and was judged this past week by Robt. Watson, veteran plowman of York County.

Jack Marchmont of Hornby won the J. E. Whitelock Special for the best entry in the Competition. Other awards were as follows:

Walking Plows

Class 1—Jack Marchmont, Hornby; Norman Vivian, Freeman; Jack Hamilton, Freeman; Charlie Thompson, Limehouse.

Class 2—Ward Brownridge, Georgetown.

Tractor Plows

Class 4—Lorne Darling, Milton; Jack Taylor, Freeman.

Class 5—Irwin Shepherd, Freeman; Gordon McDonald, Georgetown; Elaine May, Hornby; Murray May, Hornby; Wm. Braun, Norval; Ford Wikson, Bronte.

Scots Build Ships Far from the Sea

LONDON (CP)—Pre-fabricated escort ships for the Royal Navy are being built at small factories in the heart of the Scottish countryside.

Hulls, stems, sideplates and engine bonneters are being built on a sectional plan by firms which previously manufactured nothing but civilian goods. They were converted to shipbuilding at the height of the Battle of the Atlantic when more escort vessels were needed to protect convoys.

Construction methods were broken down to enable the highest proportion of unskilled and semi-skilled labor to be used. Men and women were trained for specialized work. Success of pre-fabrication methods in building escort ships led shipbuilding experts to predict they will be used to build the great fleet of merchant ships Britain will need after the war.

DELUGE OF ARTICLES

No place on earth, we believe, is so much propaganda received as in a newspaper office. Every crackpot with a universal panacea for the world's ills deluges us with articles on his pet theories. We wish they would attend to emptying the wastepaper baskets. — Cariboo Observer, British Columbia.

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 25c.

Old Tyme Concert at Acton United Church, November 16, 8 p.m. Admission 25c. Don't miss it.

Dance Brookville Hall sponsored by Busy Bees Club, November 18. Fisher's Orchestra. Ernie Packer floor manager. Admission 35c.

Lakeside Chapter I. O. O. E. Christmas Fair and Bingo, Saturday, November 20th, 3-to-10 p.m. 20-2

Dance Georgetown Arena, Friday evening Nov. 19th. Al Watson's Orchestra. Proceeds for Soldiers' overseas parcels. Admission 50c.