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Halton Raised 102 Per Cent. of Quota in Fifth Loan

Total of \$2,554,350 was Raised This Time—Complete Figures for the Various Municipalities are now Available—Industries Made a Remarkable Showing with Beardmore Co. Leading the County

The summary of returns from the Fifth Victory Loan for Halton County has been issued from headquarters in Oakville, as it appeared on November 6th at the close of the loan. It shows that Halton as a whole raised 102% of its quota. The quota was this loan \$2,500,000 and the amount raised was \$2,554,350. Last loan the quota was \$2,350,000 and the amount raised was \$2,556,350. While we have obtained our county objective this time, it will be well to remember that we did not in Halton reach the amount in this loan to equal that of the Fourth Loan.

Three units in the County passed their objective. Oakville secured 114 per cent, part of Nelson Township 111 per cent, and Acton and Burlington each 107 per cent.

Here are the tabulations for the various municipalities:

Acton—107 per cent. of quota raised \$240,750. Had 1,122 applications. Population according to 1941 statistics 1954. This amount also included a district of Esqueping Township to the Seventh Line and to Lincoln and to the Nassagaweya Town Line. The population of this section is not given separately, but would not amount to over 350.

Burlington—107 per cent. of quota raised \$268,750. There were 1229 applications. Population 4375.

Georgetown—79 per cent. of quota raised \$183,150. There were 882 applications. Population 2488.

Milton—88 per cent. of quota raised \$154,900. There were 449 applications. Population 1922.

Oakville—111 per cent. of quota raised \$301,050. There were 1,925 applications. Population 5994. This also includes a section of Trafalgar which is not included in the population figure.

The Townships are divided into sections with parts attached to each Municipality and to carry out the same figures. The entire results can not be tabulated.

Esqueping Township had three sections attached to Acton, Milton and Georgetown. The sections attached to Milton and Georgetown raised \$164,650 and the section attached to Acton approximately \$25,000, a total of \$189,650. The population of the whole Township is 3192.

Nassagaweya Township is a separate unit and 92 per cent. of the quota raised \$84,900. The population is 1618.

Nelson Township raised a total of \$342,756, well over the quota of \$312,000. The population is 3836.

Trafalgar Township raised 90 per cent. of its quota in the section attached to Milton for \$64,750. The section attached to Oakville is not given separately so that a complete tabulation is not possible. Trafalgar has a population of 4219.

In the whole county there were 7488 applications received. A glance at the payroll savings division shows the Beardmore Co. of Acton leading with 139 per cent. of its quota and raising \$46,550 from 389 applications. There were only two other plants in Acton in this group, who employ more than fifty employees. The Storey Glove Company had 136 per cent. of its quota and stood second in the county. The amount raised was \$4,650 from 52 applications. The Wool Combining Corporation had 100 per cent. of its objective and raised \$11,000 from 161 applications.

In the smaller industries in Acton, Mason Knitting Company led the Acton list with 170 per cent. and 47 applications. Force Electric Products had 133 per cent. of its objective. Baxter Laboratories, 116 per cent., Armaco Limited, 108 per cent., Canadian Wool Company 100 per cent., Acton Machine Shops, 94 per cent. and Ajax Engineers 66 per cent.

GETS JAIL SENTENCE WHEN APPREHENDED FOR BEGGING IN ACTON

Oscar Conoly was apprehended by Chief Harrop on Wednesday of last week when he was begging on Bower Avenue and Frederick Streets. He appeared in Police Court at Milton yesterday and was fined \$10 and costs or 10 days in jail by Magistrate Woodhull. Conoly took the ten days in jail.

Halton Breeders Prominent at Holstein Sale

Halton County breeders sold four head and bought two at the All-Canadian Sale held November 13th at Oakville, when 69 head sold for \$71,610, an average of \$1,037 each, the highest ever made at a Holstein consignment sale in Canada and the highest on the continent since 1920. Morley Watson, Tansey, received \$1,625 for Snowball Sylvia Alcarra, a great producer and Grand Champion this year at the Milton Black and White Day. She was bought jointly by Gordon W. Smith and W. G. Whitney, Millerton. W. S. Hall, Oakville, secured \$800 for a two-year-old heifer and \$755 for a five-year-old cow, both of whom went to J. K. Harper, Hamilton. E. J. Meagher, Oakville, received \$1,625 from Wm. J. Murphy, Lindsay, for a three-year-old heifer and bought a two-year-old heifer consigned by the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, at \$725, and a year-old heifer calf from Stanley B. Watson, Agincourt, for \$700.

The top price of \$5,100 was paid by Glenn L. Bassett, Flint, Mich., for a two-year-old heifer consigned by C. J. Chandler, Hudson Heights, Quebec. Second highest price was \$2,700 received by Hay's & Co., Calgary, Alta., for a six-year-old cow that went to Van Hoosen Farms, Rochester, Mich. Hay's & Co. also received the highest price for a bull, Hays' Great Journey, an eight-month-old calf bringing \$2,000 on the bid of H. J. McFarland, Picton, Ontario. Altogether 24 head sold for at least \$1,000 and eight reached the 20,000 mark. Approximately 2,000 attended the sale and consignors and buyers were from five provinces and three states.

MRS. HARRIS HOSTESS FOR MEETING OF FRIENDLY CIRCLE

The November meeting of the Friendly Circle was held at the home of Mrs. I. Harris last Wednesday evening. The meeting began with a contest conducted by Miss Lois Dawkins. There was a short devotional period during which Mrs. Roy Johnston read the Scripture, Mrs. Bean led in prayer and a Remembrance Day topic was given by Miss Elsie Gordon.

The president conducted the business session. It was decided to raise funds by December 15 and pay off the organ debt of about \$130.

An enjoyable piano duet was given by Misses Doris Wilson and Ethel Friedman. Lunch was served by the group in charge.

J. Martin Hassard Graduates as Officer at Brockville Centre

Last Saturday Cadet J. Martin Hassard, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hassard, Acton, graduated as an army officer. He received his certificate at the ceremonies at the Canadian Army Officers' Training Centre at Brockville, Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Hassard have three sons in the active service forces and are represented in each of the branches of the armed forces. Sergeant Hassard is in the R.C.A.F., Lieutenant Martin is in the Army and the youngest son, Kenneth has joined the Navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Hassard attended the graduation ceremonies at Brockville, when Lieutenant Martin Hassard received his commission.

APPLE PEELING CONTEST ON PROGRAM AT DUBLIN LITERARY

The Dublin Literary Society held their regular meeting on Friday evening. During the business discussion it was decided to have the next meeting in the form of a progressive euchre.

Mr. Jordan was chairman for the following program.

THIS WEEK

Specially Written for The Acton Free Press BY JOHN C. SCOTT (Canadian Press Staff Writer)

TORONTO (CP)—Rural users of electrical power supplied by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario are expected to save an estimated \$400,000 annually as a result of a reduction of rural rates and a merging of all 120 rural power districts into one district.

Changes in hydro's set-up, as far as rural districts are concerned, were announced this week by Premier Drew and the commission. It also was stated that the service charge to primary producers will be eliminated and the service charge to other rural consumers reduced. Adoption of a uniform kilowatt-hour rate for all classes of service in the rural areas was announced and it was stated that a greater use of electricity, stimulated by rate reductions, would bring about even greater savings.

An advisory council, consisting of representatives from municipal, labor, farm, industrial and mining groups, will be set up to advise the government and the commission in regard to the needs of all consuming groups.

And while on the subject of things rural, it might be well to report that county wardens and representatives of county agricultural committees have endorsed a plan whereby county agricultural units will be set up to study and make recommendations on various farm problems.

Clifford Graham, field manager of the Holstein Breeder's Association of Canada, has been named by the government to act as liaison officer between the county committees and the provincial government.

Charges against the C. C. F., made by Premier Drew in a banquet address at the one-day convention of the Ontario Progressive Association here, have been repudiated in a statement issued by the Ontario C.C.F., which said the premier's attack was "a tissue of misrepresentation and falsehood."

Premier Drew said that those who believe in National Socialism in this country instead of progressive evolution and that Canada should end the British partnership, can find in the C.C.F. the opportunity to carry their beliefs into effect.

He quoted Harold Winch, British Columbia leader of the C. C. F., as stating in an address that C. C. F., if elected, would introduce Socialism and enforce it by using power of police and military forces to suppress opposition.

(Mr. Winch later denied portions of press reports of his address and stated he had said when a C. C. F. government comes to power it will be because the people have given it a mandate to institute a Socialist program. "If big industry and high finance" refuse to obey the law, any law, they would be in the same position as one who broke the law today and would have to be handled as lawbreakers by police and military.)

In this connection the Ontario C. C. F. statement said, after a C. C. F. government is elected, "any individual or group attempting to deny the wishes of the people and the constitution of Canada, they will be dealt with as lawbreakers." Mounted police and armed forces would never be used to suppress those who sought merely employment and freedom of expression.

The statement denied the C. C. F. is anti-British and said Premier Drew's attempt to tag the party with the label "National Socialists" and therefore suggest the C. C. F. is in some way associated with or similar to Nazism is "a deliberate piece of misrepresentation."

MISS MADDOCK AT KNOX W.M.S. MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Knox W. M. Society was held in November at the manse on Thursday with Mrs. Blow presiding. Mrs. W. Gould and Mrs. H. Malinprize took charge of the devotional part. The two-minute silence of Remembrance Day was reverently observed.

The guest speaker for the occasion, Miss Maddock of Cuelph, was introduced by Mrs. Blow. Miss Maddock gave a highly interesting address, the subject being "Who was the first missionary?" It was most inspiring and highly instructive. The selection of the 1944 nomination committee was Mrs. Forbes Thomson and Mrs. Fred Blow. Special prayer was offered by Mrs. R. M. McDonald on behalf of our deacons. The meeting was brought to a close by all repeating the Lord's Prayer. A dainty lunch was served and a very social hour which was enjoyed by all the members.

Truck Struck by Morning Train at Mill Street Crossing

Driver and Helper Escape Injury But Loss of Lumber is Streaked Along Track

A tractor-trailer truck of N. O. Hipel, Waterloo, was struck by the morning train, shortly after ten o'clock on Tuesday morning. Fortunately the two men in the cab escaped injury, beyond bruises and a shaking up. The accident occurred at the Mill Street high crossing of the C.N.R. here.

The truck was in charge of Roy Lester, 51, of Preston, and his helper was Wardlaw Marshall, 41, of R.R. No. 2, Ayr. They had a load of cut lumber on the truck at the time and this was strewn all over the tracks at the intersection. Fortunately the machine had almost cleared the track as the train came along and the trailer was hit on the rear end. The wheels and tire of the machine were badly damaged.

Lester has had 17 years driving experience and an accident free record until this mishap. Chief Harrop investigated the accident and after examination by Dr. Kenney, the men were able to proceed with their work of cleaning up the wreckage.

PRETTY CHURCH WEDDING HERE ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The United Church, Acton, was the setting for a pretty wedding Saturday afternoon when La Verne Peace Smith became the bride of Cpl. Earl Chisholm Byler. The bride is the daughter of Mr. David B. Smith, of Toronto, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Ryder, Cuelph. Rev. A. W. Fosbury performed the ceremony.

The bride given in marriage by her father looked lovely in a gown of white brocaded satin with finger length veil caught in a headpiece of pleated brocaded tulle. She carried a cascade of mauve mums. Miss Mona Smith, the bride's sister, was dressed in street length dress of dusty rose crepe with brown accessories. She carried a cascade of bronze mums.

The groomsmen was James McCaig, of Toronto, and James Mr. Albert Williams, Georgetown, and Leslie Swackhamer, cousin of the groom. Miss Fern Brown, organist of the church, played the wedding music. During the signing of the register Mrs. A. W. Fosbury sang "O Promise Me." White and yellow mums decorated the church.

The reception was held at 16 Cuelph Street where about sixty guests were entertained at a buffet lunch. The bride's aunt, Miss E. Hawthorne, received the gift force blue crepe dress with corsage of bronze plume mums, while the mother of the groom assisting, chose a black crepe dress with corsage of mauve plume mums. For travelling the bride chose a beige corduroy suit with brown and green accessories. Guests attended from Toronto, Hamilton, Georgetown and Eden Mills.

Boys Overseas Were Watching the Victory Loan Here

Here are some more notes from the letters to the War Service League from the boys overseas:

J. N. Cunningham M. M., says: "Many thanks for the cigarettes that I received from the Acton Club. I assure you that they are most welcome, and are appreciated by my shipmates and myself. No doubt that Acton is progressing rapidly with the Victory Loan drive as they did with the last one. Our ship is doing fine again this issue. We are leading all ships of the same class, so I hope we win out again. Our skipper was awarded the O. B. E. medal for displaying courage and skill, so all in all we are quite proud of our ship." Ted Clifford writes: "I'm in good health, just waiting for that eventful day when we set foot on the continent."

B. D. Hodge tells us: "Thanks a million for the smokes I received to-day. They were sent in July but eventually arrived out here in Italy and are really going to get. The show over here is going fairly well and we all hope to be home by this time next year."

Others who sent cards and letters of appreciation and thanks were: Gnr. Frank Toth, Signal, R. E. Biggin, Rfn. I. F. Bragg, Pte. A. Johnston, Rfn. J. M. P. Cpl. A. Purdy, Pte. P. A. Elliott, Pte. Cliff McDonald, Gnr. A. E. Mills, Pte. C. A. Ronald, Pte. F. Tournour.

Weekly War Commentary

Specially Written for The Acton Free Press BY JOHN C. SCOTT (Canadian Press Staff Writer)

The determination of the Germans to oust Allied forces from the foothold they have obtained in the islands of the Aegean Sea is an index to the importance the Nazis attach to fortifying their hold on the Balkans.

Small British forces landed on four Aegean Islands in September—Kos, Samos, Leros and Symi—taking advantage of the confusion caused in the Axis camp by the capitulation of Italy.

Since then the Germans have captured Kos and Symi and they have "launched" a determined attack on Leros.

The importance of these Aegean Islands in German strategy is not hard to evaluate. As long as Crete and the smaller Greek and Italian islands in the Aegean are in German hands, an Allied thrust pointed from the Middle East into the Balkans—at Salonika, for instance—is out of the question.

Germany already has her hands full keeping the turbulent Balkan countries under control and she is in no position to deal with a full-scale Allied offensive in that region. For the Allies, on the other hand, a thrust into southeastern Europe from the Aegean may be part of the grand strategy plan designed to crush Germany.

It could form a vast pincer move against the Balkans—with Russia providing the other arm of the pincer in her drive across the Ukraine towards Irtanika.

The prospect of Allied forces driving towards a union with the Russian armies in the Balkans must be enough to give Hitler nightmares—if he has time to think of it amid his other worries. At any rate, the anxiety of the Germans to maintain their hold on the Aegean straitlines shows how much they fear the consequences of an Allied invasion in that quarter.

With guerrilla forces already battling the Nazis in Greece, Yugoslavia and Albania, with other guerrillas active against the governments of Bulgaria and Hungary, and with Russian armies in Germany evidently cannot afford any more trouble in that quarter of Europe.

With Southern Italy in Allied hands another avenue of approach for a fresh breach in Hitler's fortress Europe would be across the Adriatic into Albania or Yugoslavia.

A thrust in this direction would enable the Allies to take advantage of the patriot forces fighting in those countries and would compel the Germans to divert more troops from other fronts to meet the new threat. Even if the Germans manage the Allies out of their remaining Aegean footholds, the prospect will not be much brighter for Hitler and his cohorts. The danger will not only have been postponed, not eliminated.

Found Jap Base

On the other side of the world the Japanese position in the South Pacific also is none too bright. In those superb support of the Allied invasion of Bougainville in the Solomons, an American South Pacific carrier fleet in its latest foray around Rabaul, Japan's mighty New Guinea air and sea base, has knocked off another Japanese cruiser and two destroyers besides destroying 88 Japanese planes.

This latest victory raised the toll taken of the Japanese navy at Rabaul this month to two cruisers and five destroyers sunk and 10 or 11 cruisers and 13 destroyers damaged. The sinking or destruction of 15 Japanese warships and 88 planes by the American force was achieved without surface loss and at a price of 17 planes.

In Italy, Allied armies continued to forge ahead and by the end of last week a British 8th Army patrol had crossed the Sangro river along the eastern end of the Nazi winter line and American 5th Army troops in sharp fighting had occupied several more towns north of Venafro. On Mount Camino, overlooking Mignano from the southeast, Allied forces had battled back to seize again high-grounds they had occupied early in the week but lost in German counter-attacks.

Canadian troops in Italy now appear to be taking a less active part in front-line fighting as the 8th Army pushes northward and it is possible some formations are getting a chance to rest. In more than two months of campaigning, the Canadians have had only one week's rest, after the capture, east of Salerno Bay, of the town of Salerno. (Continued on Page Eight)

Frances Cripps and Geo. Fisher Win Trips to Chicago

At the annual Achievement Days for Halton Junior Homemakers and Junior Farmers, Frances Cripps of Milton and George Fisher of Georgetown were awarded the championship trips to Chicago. The young ladies completed the Supper Club Unit and Cotton Accessories for the club girls' bedroom. The Bank of Toronto Trophy and Specials for the three high young ladies from a township were won by Charlotte McCullough, Georgetown; Marjorie McCready, and Ruth Wilson, both of Milton. The Halton Women's Institute Special of a trip to Chicago was won by Miss Frances Cripps.

In the Junior Farmer Competitions, the Bank of Nova Scotia Trophy and Specials for Inter-township competition were won by the Esqueping Township team composed of Douglas Currie, Agnes McNabb, and George Fisher, all of Georgetown. The Norval Juniors Challenge Cup was won by George Fisher, who was high man of the combined competition in Livestock and Grain, Seeds, etc. Agnes McNabb coached the high team, and thereby won the Palermo Juniors Trophy for High Coach, the team members being Douglas Currie, who was incidentally the high man of the day in Livestock; Ward Brownridge, and Fraser McNabb. The Dr. Anderson Trophy for Inter-Club Competition was won by the Norval Club. Other winners were as follows:

The Donald Robertson Trophy for High Man in Horses, John vanSickle, Palermo. The Duncan Campbell Trophy, for High Man in Beef Cattle, Donald Peer, Milton. The Harmanston Trophy, for the High Man in Dairy Cattle, Craig Alexander, Georgetown. The Mason Knitting Trophy for High Man in Sheep, Reg. Smith, Palermo. The Thos. Blanket Trophy for High Man in Swine, Douglas Currie, Georgetown.

Miss Freda Matthews Guest Speaker at Knox Y. W. A.

The November meeting of Knox Y.W.A. was held on Tuesday evening at "The Manse."

Mrs. O'Hara had charge of the meeting. The Bible lesson was read by Mrs. F. Anderson and Miss Florence Elliott led in the Glad Tidings prayer. Two well-chosen readings were given by Mrs. Letch entitled "God's Way is Best."

Mrs. McLeod, the Young Women's Secretary of Guelph Presbyterial, spoke a few words of encouragement to the members and introduced the guest speaker, Miss Freda Mathews, of Toronto, Field Secretary of Presbyterian Mission work, but who for many years was a deaconess working in the west. The text she spoke from was "Look ye to the fields which are white with harvest." Her message was one of a personal touch, having seen the need and the results derived from our missionary activities.

Mrs. C. Leishman sang the hymn "My Saviour" and Miss Margaret Brown rendered a piano solo.

At the close of the meeting Mrs. Walter Kenner moved a vote of appreciation to the speaker and all who had assisted. The offering was received and the dedicatory prayer was given by Mrs. A. McIsaac.

Old-fashioned Concert by United W. M. S.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church held an old-time concert in the school room on Tuesday evening. Those taking part were in old costumes, some dating back as far as 150 years, and they looked very quaint indeed. A good program was presented and a good attendance was enjoyed.

A short dialogue "Don't believe all the gossip you hear" had the following cast: Mrs. Caldwell, Mrs. J. W. Moore, Mrs. A. T. Brown, Mrs. A. W. Fosbury, Mrs. M. Z. Bennett.

Other numbers on the program were a reading "Measuring Rod" by Mrs. A. T. Brown; duet by Mrs. Caldwell and Mrs. J. E. Gardner, "Thinking of Home and Mother"; piano solo by Mrs. W. G. Waddy; vocal solo by Mrs. B. Veldhuis, "Old Fashioned Meeting"; duet, "Whispering Hope," by Mrs. A. W. Fosbury and Miss Dorothy Simmons. A bale was packed for the Indian of new and old articles.

Fairs Association Held Meeting at Orangeville

Ten Fairs of District No. 5 Gave Encouraging Reports—Heard Address

The meeting of the Fall Fairs Association of District 5 was held in Orangeville Public Library on Saturday afternoon, November 13th, with the largest attendance for some years.

District Director, E. M. Readhead was in charge, assisted by Mrs. Harold Marshall, Orangeville, representative for the Women's Division.

Encouraging reports were received from ten fairs, namely, Orangeville, Georgetown, Acton, Streetsville, Beeton, Caledon, Woodbridge, Shelburne, Brampton and Milton.

Mr. W. A. Wilson, Georgetown gave a short talk of Fair Improvement. Mr. Fred McBride, Brampton, discussed Fair Concessions and Amusements, giving some practical ideas.

At this time, Mrs. H. Marshall introduced the lady speaker, Mrs. E. I. McLoughly, Galt, who spoke on "Problems Concerning our Juniors," her address was thought-provoking and most beneficial to all delegates.

Following this, Mr. C. B. Swackhammer, Acton, gave some fine thoughts on "Fair Management" and Mrs. John Pawley, Caledon, added his views on "Increasing the number of fair exhibits."

Mr. J. E. Whitehead, addressed Agricultural Representative, addressed the gathering on "Special Live Stock Field Days," and Mrs. K. B. Stewart, Dufferin Agricultural Representative spoke on "General progress of Junior Farm Boys and Girls Clubs." These two informative addresses added much to the program.

To conclude the afternoon, Mr. J. A. Carroll, Superintendent of Fairs, Toronto, addressed the meeting on "Fairs in General." He brought timely and valuable information, summing up the 235 Ontario fairs in general, and answering many questions pertaining to them.

A resolution was passed, asking the Minister of Agriculture to consider the restoration of grants to fairs, re "Standing Field Crops."

It was decided to hold one meeting for District 5, about the same time in 1944.

Mr. E. M. Readhead thanked the speakers and all persons contributing to the success of this splendid meeting.

R. J. SCOTT TO ADDRESS HALTON FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE

Announcement has just been made by President Paul Fisher of the Halton Federation of Agriculture, that a County Meeting open to the public, is to be held in the Milton Town Hall on Monday, November 22nd, at 8.00 o'clock. R. J. Scott, who is a member of the executive committee of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, is to be the guest speaker. Mr. Scott, is also a member of the newly appointed Commission on Agriculture. The program will also include a movie entitled "Bacon for Britain" which has just recently been released, also a short address by M. M. Robinson of Burlington, who is so widely known to Halton rural people.

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.

Navy League Dance, November 27 in Acton Town Hall.

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

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

Opening meeting of 19th Farmer's on Friday, Nov. 18th. Crokinole at 9:15 sharp. Lunch and dance.

Dance at Brockville Hall, Nov. 22. Sponsored by Nassagaweya Women's Institute. Music Al Watson's Orchestra

Dance in Orton Community-Hall on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Harvey Fisher's Orchestra. Admission 35c. 9 p.m. sharp.

Variety entertainment and social at United Church School Room Tuesday, Nov. 30th. Proceeds for China Mission Field.