## Golden Wedding Anniversary in Erin Township

Mr. and Mrs. Smith B. Griffin Honored by Friends-Number Present Who Attended Ceremony in 1853

the fifth line, Erin Township were at home to their friends on Monday, Dec- M. M. Leitch. ember 27th on the occasion of the

at the home of the bride's father, Mr. Christopher Swackhamer, at Church- of the National Anthem. ill, by Rev. Joseph Unsworth, Toronto. The bride was the youngest daughter of the family. Miss Alice Leslie, now Mrs. J. E. Pearen was HONORED BY FRIENDS flower girl. The bridesmaid and the AND NEIGHBORS groomsman were Mr. and Mrs. James Sprowl who through illness were unable to be present at the anniversary home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crewson occasion. There were however a on Sunday evening to honor AC2 number present who attended the Gordon Wagner, who was home on wedding ceremony fifty years ago, leave for Christmas. After music Mrs. Wm. Griffin, step-mother of the and carol singing, Mrs. James Moore groom, Mr. George Griffin, a brother invited Gordon to a seat in the centre and Mrs. Griffin, also Mrs. E. Lane, of the room. On behalf of friends Mrs. Jas. Snyder, Mrs. Frank Wood- she read an address and Mrs. Fred ward, sisters of the groom, and Mrs. | Crewson presented him with a lovely R. H. Wansbrough, Mr. A. Swack- leather toilet case. Gordon taken hamer and Mr. Clinton Swackhamer completely by surprise, in a few well sister and brothers of the bride and chosen words thanked the friends for Mrs. E. Pearen niece, also Mr. Peter the lovely gift. After singing "For Hiltz, a brother-in-law, Mrs. A. J. He's a Jolly Good Fellow" a bounte-Barnes, of Toronto, sister of the bride ous lunch was served by Mrs. Crewowing to lilness was unable to be son.

Lunch was served in the diningroom and Mrs. Elmer | Johnson of W. P. WATSON Hamilton, Mrs. Fred "McArthur of TO ADDRESS HALTON Acton, Mrs. Frank Day of Rockwood and Mrs. J. E. Pearen of Acton pour

Mr. and Mrs. Griffin have lived on the Griffin homestead, "Fairvue" all for Palermo Community Hall and their married life and the farm has will be held on Wednesday, January been in the Griffin name for 100 19th, states V. J. Lawrence, secretary years. They have one son, Mr. Harold Griffin and one grandson, Smith R. Griffin, Jr.

from the Cedarville School Section, Langton, newly appointed Chief of has returned from his trip to Britain Churchill United Church and a bas- Extension for Holstein Frieslan Ass'n. to Queen's Park. An early cabinet ket of roses from other friends. Mr. and Mrs. Griffin were the recipients

A number who were present spoke O. W. Foreman, Rev. J. T. Rees, Mr. George Griffin, Mr. Kenneth Mc-Dougall, Mr. Frank Day, and Mrs. H Caldwell. Mr. Griffin made a suitness, and for their words of congratthe lunch music was supplied by Mrs. Donald Matheson, Mr. A. Kerr, und Mr. Leslie Swackhamer.

#### FARM MECHANICS COURSES PLANNED FOR HALTON

An announcement has just been released by Agricultural Representative Public Utilities Commission was held J. E. Whitelock, that five two-day on Monday evening! Owing to the IN AUTO CRASH courses in Farm Mechanics are being absence of Reeve J. M. McDonald, held in Halton between January 4 and the 1943 officers carried on for this 14 inclusive. The points selected include Hornby, Georgetown, Kilbride, man Campbellville and Palermo. course will extend over two days. jects which will be covered by lectures, charts, lantern slides, and practical demonstrations include binder. mower, plow repair and adjustment. labor-saving methods and devices, tractor maintenance, rope work, care of seed grain, etc.

A similar group of courses were held in Halton a year ago, and dospite unfortunate weather and road conditions, were well attended. In order Commission thaw out water pipes for that others may have an opportunity of attending, five different centres. It was decided that under no conhave been selected this year.

In view of the shortage of new farm machinery, these courses are most timely and of real practical val- territory only if it was possible to do Agricultural Representative Whitelock is being assisted by J. R. Robinson, veteran farm machinery expert, and Arthur Diamond, a practical farmer from Rockwood district. The courses are free and open to all used. who wish to attend. Further details can be secured from the local branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture in Milton.

#### RATCATCHER NEEDED

SALISBURY, England -- (CP)-Because the city council here cannot get a part-time ratcatcher, they have applied for the release from the R.A. F. of their former additional sanitary inspector so he can assist in the work. Hydro Operations for Dec. ....

#### MISS WALKER ADDRESSED L. O. D. E. MEETING TUESDAY

The regular meeting of the Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. was held on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. A. J. McIsaac, with the regent, Mrs. W. G. Cullen in charge.

Donations were voted to the Acton Jollisse. Ontario C.C.F. leader. and Vicinity War Service League, the Red Cross Blood Donors Clinic, the ent government might realize the dif-Campa Library Fund and the Navy ficulties they face in legislating their

committee being in charge of Mrs. national C.C.F. conference.

Miss Walker, Public Health Nurse cessarily a probability." fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. for this district was guest speaker About seventy-five guests were pres- and gave a most interesting talk on

Mr. and Mrs. Griffin were married nurses in the community. The meeting closed with the singing

# AC2 GORDON WAGNER

Friends and neighbors met at the

# HOLSTEIN BREEDERS

The annual meeting of the Halton of the local club. W. P. Watson, assistant director of the Ontario Livestock Branch; A. M. Barr, Holstein Baskets of flowers were received, Fieldman for the District; and A. V. to be announced soon. Premier Drew

ers. The breeders plan to hold their session's opening date. also of many other varied and useful business session in the morning. This gifts, as well as telephone messages will be followed by a dinner and terest among the younger people in We Strick Our in terms of highest appreciation of is attended agricultural meetings held ject while he was there. the worth of character of Mr. and annually in flatton, and with a new "There is no doubt that we can Brewing Now Mrs. Griffin and offered congratula- breeding plan being offered for the have as many as we can handle of Uons among whom were, Rev. A. county, it is anticipated that this year's meeting will be no exception.

## able reply thanking all for their kind- Inaugura Meeting and some of the proposed reforms Werr and Mrs. H. Caldwell. During Utilities Commission on Monday Night

Ruling Made Regarding Service Work Outside the Municipality

The inaugural meeting of Acton meeting with C. M. Hansen as chair-

Pension Association requested that transport truck on the highway, a a hight be set, other than a Monday mile and a half west of Rockwood, evening, as their representative could last Friday morning. not attend a Monday night meeting. It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Commission on Thursday evening, January 20th.

and operation of motors, the question District No. 4 of the O.M.E.U. which E. Webb investigated. was ordered filed as the local Commission did not belong to the Associ-

> A request was made that the local farmers in the surrounding territory. dition would the employees go outside the local district and thawing would be done in the surrounding so without interferring with the work in the Municipality. The work outside the Corporation was to charged for at the cost to the Commission for the time and material

Secretary, Miss B. H. Speight was instructed to pay the following ac-

Hydro, Dept. Canadian General Electric Co., supplies .... Canadian Chomalox Co., sup-Mrs. Smith, cleaning office E. J. Hassard, paper towels ....

Waterworks Dept.

J. C. Matthews, postage ....

BY JOHN C. SCOTT

TORONTO (CP)-Possibility of an Ontario general election in the near Routine business was transacted. future has been suggested by E. B.

"This is no prediction, but the presown program," Mr. Jolliffe said in Nominations were taken for officers an interview in Winnipeg as he was for the coming year, the nominating en route to Toronto from the Regina

"An election is a possibility, not ne-

The C.C.F. leader said the "Liberals are fading out in Ontario" and the the splendid work being done by these Progressive Conservative premier, I.t.-Col. George A. Drew, has shown concern over the increased support in the

It is true that Col. Drew might face difficulties in the next session of the Legislature because he and his supporters do not command a majority over all the other groups. Progressive Conservatives won 38 seats in the Aug. 4 election, the C.C.F. 34 and the Liberals 15, while one Independent Liberal and two Labor Progressives were elected.

Liberals, the Progressive Conservatives can count on their support and Canada. the support of Former Premier Mitchell Hepburn, the legislature's lone Independent Liberal. It is most likely the two labor representatives will throw their support to the chief opposition party, the C.C.F.

Because of the strength of the official opposition, the coming sessiontlny of the legislature.

Other legislature gossip has it that Holstein Breeders is again scheduled a Liberal-possibly Roland Patterson, the C.W.A.C. His father is a veteran against the Reich. as deputy to Speaker James Clark preter at Archangel, Russia. at the last session and was popular among fellow legislature members.

Date of the next session is expected of Canada, will be the special speak- meeting is expected to decide on the

other program in the afternoon. This Britain about coming to Ontario after annual event is one of the most large- the war. He had bronched the sub-

the best type when we are ready to absorb them," Col. Drew said.

He said that while in Britain he talked with outstanding educationists, in Britain's new educational bill would be helpful to Ontario.

While Col. Drew was absent, Hon. Leslie Frost, provincial treasurer and acting minister of education, said in an address that Ontario's educational system is about to undergo major changes, including a financial operation which will cut away some of the burdens now being borne by real

### ESCAPED INJURY ON ROCKWOOD HILL

Fred Meadows of Rockwood escaped with a shaking-up when a coupe A letter from the Hydro Electric he was driving was struck by a large

The truck overturned in the disc after the crash, which smashed the front of Meadows' auto. 'The uccldent occurred in the Bernard cut, at A bill was presented for dues to the foot of a hill. Provincial Constable

#### WEEK OF PRAYER FINAL SERVICE TO-NIGHT IN ACTON

ber and adherent of the Protestant prised if the folks from town and bn the Rumanian boundary. Churches of Acton will be present in district don't pack Acton Town Halt Knox Church on Thursday evening four nights next week. Many of the (to-night) at 8.00 p.m. to take part players of the Victory Minstrels, 1943 in the concluding service of the Week are in the show and it's the same into a counter offensive seeking vainof Prayer.' All over the world this management. Frankly, it looks to us ly to recapture Klev, capital of the patient was received and the Clerk final service has been set aside as like the highlight of the season. an opportunity for Protestant people to make a public witness of their Miss Alice McCallum is searching faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; and town and district for some old-fashpeoples and nations of the world.

To make the occasion a worthy one every costume loaned means that the Rev. Professor F. W. Dillistone, much more contributed to the fund M.A., of Wycliffe and Knox Colleges, \$16.80 has been invited to address the congregation-his subject will be . "The 2.00 Fellowship of the Universal Church." 2.00 Only the most serious of reasons should prevent Protestant Christians 15.00 from adding the testimony of their producer of tin, manganese, bauxite, Rome. presence to the total witness of this Iron ore and chrome, as/well as valu-\$271.72 service of worship and praise.

## Missing Two Years Now Prisoner of War in Thailand

Word That Brought a Happy New Year to Acton Home

Unheard of since the fall of Singapore in January of 1942, Armour Sergt. Jack Boyes, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Boyes, has sent word that he is a prisoner of war in Thailand. This was joyful word that came to Mr. and Mrs. Boyes in Acton on New defeated Cermany and a crumbling was dispensed with, Mr. Somerville Trustee elect J. A. Chapman sub-Year's morning and certainly the hap- Japan. And they say that confident- was chairman for the following pro- scribed to the eath of office. Army at Dunkirk and was serving in recently-won empire. Singapore at the time of the Japanese ing that he is healthy, a prisoner-of-

encouragement and hone. It is now hoped that Mr. and Mrs. of the warring countries. Boyes will be able to get into comis plant manager of the Wool Comb-However, if the government's leg- ing Corporation here and came from

> Serut. Jack Boyes is an only son of actions. Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Boyes, Acton, and was born in Leningrad, Russia, ready in being-the drive of Russia Provincial Agricultural Commission A further amount of \$10 was apwhere Mr. Boyes was employed by in the east. As the new year ar- of Inquiry will be the special speaker, proved for Art supplies for this term. the Thornton Woollen Mills until the rived Red Army troops were staging The primary purpose of the meeting

time of the revolution. trical and Mechanical, Engineers hitherto unknown in the Second Great and those who have not secured their the first of the 21st legislature - branch of the Imperial army in 1938 War annals of that tough force. promises to be one of the most inter- and went to France during the first esting in many years. The Liberals week of the war. Evacuated at Dun- in being - the Italian front where regular need show has been cancelled Mr. J. H. Reed was re-engaged as may have only 15 seats but those 15 kirk, he was stationed at London dur- dogged British, United States and and the Seed Display Day is to be truant officer, Mr. Geo. Mann as members evidently control the des- ing the blitz and from there he went Canadian troops are fighting to win substituted as a service medium for caretaker and Mr. W. G. Middleton to Singapore.

member for Grey. North - will be of the last war, during which he serchosen speaker. Mr. Patterson acted ved the Imperial army as an inter-

and is known as "The Land of the Others are in the Middle East. White Elephant." Bangkok is the chief town and has an estimated pop- can invasion would probably shake ulation of 630,000.

a rehearsal of the local musical com- against Germany are being shaped edy under preparation to raise funds and struck and will not wait upon for Acton and Vicinity War Service Nazism's collapse. Lengue, and being rushed to be ready for presentation next week. Some way or other we always seem to stick our nose into these local affairs and this one was no exception.

still unsatisfied with the name of the Admiralty Island and Rubaul, the latshow. After listening we named it, ter the Japanese air and supply base "Soup Stock" and afterwards got per- at the northeastern tip of New Britmission from him to let it go under nin. that name. If it isn't appropriate, blame the editor of your newspaper the Russian front aimed at Klev, apand not the director of the show.

arranged by Mr. Parker for all local talent. Moratio Jones loses the family fortune in a stock swindle and the weeks-have now taken the offensive. family social status is regained through the sale of Mrs. Jones' famous soup. But the show is more than one of those unravelling plays. Songs Army under Gen. Nikolal Vatutin and dances of other days and the poured through a wide breach in the present are worked into the four acts German defences. and when the radio program struggles for the new and the old and makes a compromise it brings in a tine pro-

But that's all I'm going to say. or thirty Acton folks have devoted night's amusement and your admis League. Not often you can have your If is to be hoped that every mem- cake and eat it too. So we'll be sur-

Miss McCallum right away because

#### WEST AFRICA BUSY

LAGOS (CP)-To aid the war ef fort, West Africa has become a great important port of Pescara, gateway to was not able to do heavy lifting. able agricultural products.

# Weekly War Commentary

By FRANK LOWE Canadian Press Staff Writer

The year just born will probably be long remembered as the year when mankind fought its most mammoth

captured that place. The word on that will make any history may offer munity singing and also gave a voc New Year's day was a cablegram for comparison seem small and un- ul solo. from his wife in England saying she important -- must be close at hand had received a card from him stat- if these predictions can be made so of The King. Lunch was served and confidently. And they must be ready the remainder of the evening spent in war in Thailand, and is working for to roll, needing only the command to cards and dancing. pay. Every word on that card carried transfer them from the blueprints onto the fields and waters and skies SEED DISPLAY

The hupending battle that naturalmunication with their son. Mr. Boyes by draws prime attention is the con- JANUARY MEETING templated western invasion of Europe. That is the blow that will eventislation is not too displeasing to the England when the plant was estab- unity destroy Germany, but with it ton Crop Improvement Association Oakes. lished to build the new industry in there must of necessity be many recently announced that a special

Sergt. Boyes joined the Royal Elec- breaching German lines in a manner growers who have seed grain for sale lal tuition which were approved.

Sergt. Boyes' wife is a member of sive bomber blows may be aimed money will not be awarded by the ent salaries. Mrs. Heard was en-

### Other Probabilities

Thailand is now Japanese held most simultaneously with the cross- ment Association are to congratulated ments by the new chairman or a country on the Malay pentasula that channel try. British troops are poised on their initiative. was before the war known as Siam. in the Mediterranean and may strike It has a frontage on the Indian Ocean at any one of a dozen spots there.

Too, repercussions from the Europit has been announced that powerful ing up his forces.

This action probably will start shortly, because statements from milthe war against Japan will be waged Inaugural Council the war against Japan will be waged The other night we rambled in on energetically even us the final blows And, in the war aganist Japan, the WONGAV

United States marines continued the Allied advance in the southwest Pacific by occupying the Cape Gloucester. New Britain, airdrome. 'The vic-Getting out publicity for the big ev- tory gave the Allies a spot from which ent next week, we found Mr. R. R. to operate against the enemy's lines Parker with a fine presentation but connecting Kavieng, New Ireland, the

That German counter-offensive or pears to have boomeranged and the You see the show was written and Russlans-after fighting stubborn defensive battles in the area ugainst massed German armor for some As a result a routed German army is reeling back toward the 'Polish ployee.

frontiers as the Russian Ist Ukrainian

#### Russia Halls Victory Russin hailed the action as the most

important Soviet success since the County of Halton, hospital ac-Dnleper line was broken. The breach and see it for yourself. Twenty-five in Nazi defences-185 miles wide- Dr. W. G. Cullen, M.O.H. salary was said to be the biggest hole ever months of rehearsal to give you this made in German lines. On the northern end of the break victorious Red sion price goes to the War Service Army troops were approaching Poland and on the southern end Soviet units headed for, the Dnieper River on Main Street wherein it was al-

weeks after Marshal Fritz Von Man- matter was referred to the insurance nstein's Nazi army had been ordered company for adjustment. Ukraine, and regain control of the Also found out at rehearsal that Dnieper River basin at all costs.

By G. A. D. 224 guns, a tribute reserved only for major successes.

On Italy's Adriatic front, victorious Canadian 1st Division troops pressed meeting and informed Council that

Troops from the Dominion's Mari-(Continued on Page Four)

#### DUBLIN COMMUNITY MAKES PRESENTATION TO THREE SOLDIERS

On Monday evening the members of the Dublin Literary Society and the Dublin Community met to honor of School Board three of the boys from the school section who have joined His Majesty's Active Service Forces, Margaret Committees Appointed and Offic-Somerville read addresses to Melvin Jordon, Alex. Waldie and Donald Ross and Rachel Mullin presented each of them with a fine fountain

With the theme of victory in 1941 The boys each thanked the com- ton School Board on Tuesday evening. customarily cautious military leaders munity for the gifts and everyone Trustees V. B. Rumley, F. S. Blow, have come out with the flat prediction joined in singing "For they are jolly F. G. Oakes, G. A. Dills and J. A. that the next 12 months will wer a good fellows." After the business Chapman were present. plest greeting that could welcome ly, even though Germany still con- gram, tap dance by Helen Somerville; 1944 for them and their friends here. trols most of Europe and while Japan reading by Verna Webster; duett by Oakes was elected Chairman of the Sergt. Boyes was with the British holds, practically unmolested, her Beryl and Hugh Jordon; reading by Board for 1944. Mrs. Linham: plane sole by Margaret Tremendous battles-engagements Hobinson, Mrs. Robertson led in com-

The meeting closed with the singing

# AND SPEAKER FOR

President Edwin Harrop of the Halother complementary and auxiliary Seed Display Day will be held in the Chapman. Milton Town Hall on Saturday, Jan-The complementary action is al- uary 29th. A. Leitch, Chairman of the list of supplies which were approved. their biggest offensive of the war, is to afford an opportunity for Halton list of text and work books for specrequirements to get together. In view arrange to have the coal at the school One of the auxiliary actions is also of the local shortage of seed grain, the now outside stored in the bin. and to hold airfields from which mus- Halton farmers. In other words prize as Secretary for the year at the pres-Crop Association. This would appear gaged as music supervisor until the to be a wise step in view of the local midsummer term. keed grain situation, and the officers Others will probably be opened al- and directors of the Crop Improve-

#### CATTLE PRICES HIGH

YORK, England (CP)-Prices up to 1.700 guinens (\$7,990) were paid at the Burma front into action. Already the British Frieslan Cattle Society annual sale here, with the top for a units of the British fleet have been 19-months-old bull, male champion at detailed to that sector where Lord the show preceding the sale. Several Louis Mountbatten has been build- other bulls topped the 1,000 guinea Letters from the Local Boys

Only Matters of Urgent Import ance Dealt With-Regular Meeting Nights are

Arranged The inaugural meeting of Acton

Monday. Councillors Mason, Oakes not like last winter. It seems hard to Kirkness and Boulton and Reeve J. believe that it's just over a year since M. McDonald were all present and I left Canada and near 2 years in the subscribed to the oath of office. It was decided to hold Council when away from home.

meetings on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Arrangements were also made to the civilians as they can't get their advertise for unother municipal em-

The hospital account of W. Lushbrook was discussed and a letter from County Solicitor W. I. Dick fifthy and I'd rather live back home gave the information that the county any day than here. now had this matter for attention. Accounts were passed for payment

counts for 1943 ..... \$355.27 and supplies ...... 108.25

ns follows:

Council also received notice of a accident sustained by W. W. Fenton leged the Municipality was liable for The German debacle came just six damage sustained to his gar.

> Another letter for an indigent instructed to reply.

Councillor Oakes presented a pet-Premier Stalin labelled the Rus- ition signed by nearly all the mersian success a "rout" as he issued a chants on the business section comto unite in prayer on behalf of the loned costumes. If you can help tell triumphant order of the day stating plaining of the type of sand being it was comparable only to the victory spread on Mill Street and the manner of Stalingrad. The victory was sal- in which it was being applied. Chief uted in Moscow with 20 salvoes from Harron was instructed to take up the matter with Mr. Cunningham, highway supervisor in this district.

> on beyond bloody Ortona toward the owing to his physical condition he Councillor Kirkness reported proat the School grounds.

Mr. Clifford was present at the

# Dr. F. G. Oakes Chosen Chairman

ials Are Engaged for the Year

At the inaugural session of the Ac-

Dr. Oakes assuming the chair thanked the members for the honor conferred, and assured all that he would give his best efforts to the office, and congratulated the retiring chairman. G. A. Dills on his conduct of Board affairs during the past year. He welcomed Mr. J. A. Chapman the new member of the Board. "

Committees were appointed as fol-

Finance-G. A. Dills and V. B. Rum-

Property-F. S. Blow and Dr. F. G. Supplies--W. G. Mason and J. A.

Principal M. M. Lietch submitted a Principal W. E. Smith submitted u

The Secretary was requested to

Arrangements were made for the countersigning of checks and documember of the finance committee.

It was arranged to have the regular meetings the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

### Overseas Mail

Serving in the Cause of Freedom

I received five of your most welcome papers some time ago and saw what has taken place back home. Alternoon From what I have read and been told in letters, I won't know the place when I get home.

As I am in the hospital and not

able to sit up I hope you will excuse

all blunders I may make in this letter. I feel fine and hope to be out by December 20th. By now I guess you have had your Council was held at 12.45 p.m. on taste of winter and I sure hope it's

> army, the time sure does travel fast The conditions here are fair for us army personnel but not too good for needs as we can. We get along very well with them and they are interesting to watch working with their very, very old machinery. The place is very

> I want to thank the people of Woodside and Churchill for the lovely gift they have given me. I was using my gas wallet for a writing case up till lately, I sure hope it arrived safely and I can sure do with it. To all friends and neighbors, I wish many thanks and hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As I have had no mail for some time, I am out of news so will have to close for now with hopes of having some in the near future.

For now, I will say Cheerlo and all the best. Yours sincerely.

Charles Burgess

### **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 sc.

January 12, 13, 14, and 15, the show you've been waiting for in the Acton Town Hall. Reserved seats on sale gress being made on the outdoor rink Saturday at Hassard's Drug Store. Get yours early.