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THIS WEEK

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TORONTO (CP)—The first session of Ontario's 21st legislature prorogued last week after a final sitting which lasted almost 15 hours. The end came at 3.25 a.m. on Thursday morning after the lieutenant-governor, Hon. Albert Matthews, had given assent to 87 bills and had reviewed legislation enacted by the house.

A total of 28 bills were pushed through third reading during the long final sitting, the largest single day's production by the house in some years.

In the closing hours the C. C. F. members asked numerous questions. Premier Drew reminded the house that the lieutenant-governor was waiting and that he would be unavailable after Thursday to prorogue the house. If the house did not conclude its business that night it would not be able to wind up until after Easter.

C.C.F. Leader Jolliffe said he appreciated the premier's remarks but added that his group did not intend to and never would "become a rubber stamp."

All in all, however, Mr. Jolliffe and his 33 followers, contrary to predictions, conducted themselves more in a spirit of harmony with the government than one of belligerency. The Opposition apparently was reluctant to provoke a major clash with the government during its first appearance in the house as a major party.

The vast majority of the C.C.F. members were green to parliamentary ways, but with one session under their belts, more clashes of a major nature may be expected to be provoked by the Opposition at the next session.

At the start of the session, Mr. Jolliffe announced his party's intention of supporting government legislation deemed by the C. C. F. to be in the best interests of the province. The Opposition broke tradition by not offering an amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne but when Premier Drew called for a recorded vote, the C.C.F. members voted solidly against the government.

However, in another instance the Opposition members voted with the government against former Premier Hepburn's proposal on third reading that a six months' hold be given a government measure giving wide power to the province's optometrical board. T. A. Murphy, Toronto Benchet, and Dr. H. Hobbs Taylor, Huron, both government supporters, voted with the 15 Liberals and the two Labor-Progressives against the government in this instance.

Immediately following prorogation, C.C.F. members attended the annual convention of the provincial section of the party here and helped re-elect Mr. Jolliffe as political leader.

The convention made it clear that the party will not co-operate with the Labor-Progressive party and supporting a resolution asking that the franchise be extended in municipal and other elections to all persons 18 years of age or older.

Religious education in Ontario schools will consist of two periods of instruction each week under regular teachers, Dr. J. G. Althouse, provincial director of education, announced here this week. He told the Secondary School Headmasters' Association that the two periods will be in addition to the daily religious exercises in the schools. Provision would be made to excuse from such instruction or exercise the children of parents or guardians who objected on conscientious grounds to such training.

ACTON INSTITUTE VOTE FUNDS TO WAR CHARITIES

The April meeting of the Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Geo. Lazenby. Owing to the absence of the president, through illness, Mrs. Lazenby, 2nd vice-president, presided. The motto of the month, "The Way to Have a Friend is to Be One" was given by Mrs. Earl Lambert. Current events covering many important matters were given by Mrs. F. Hunter. The District Directors met in Milton in March, the representative was Mrs. F. Anderson, who reported on matters discussed there. The main feature was the arranging of the District Annual, which is to be held in the United Church, Acton on May 18th. The Treasurer gave the financial reports to date and donations were voted to the local Red Cross and the Local War Service League. The meeting closed by enjoying a social time together with Mrs. Jas. Wilds, convenor, assisted by Mrs. Collier, Mrs. R. L. Davidson and Mrs. Geo. Lantz.

3,200 Ration Books Were Distributed From this District

Thirty-two hundred new ration books were issued from the Acton and district local Ration Board on March 29, 30 and 31 and April 1. On Thursday, March 30th, the records show 1400 books were issued. Included in this total are the number issued at the industrial plants in town.

The local Ration Board wish to extend their thanks to the industries in town for their fine co-operation in issuing the new ration books to the employees in their plants. They also appreciate very much the work of the volunteer helpers who issued all the ration books going out from the Acton and district local Ration Board.

RECEIVED DEGREE AT KNOX COLLEGE TUESDAY EVENING

At the ninety-ninth Annual Convocation of Knox College held in the College Chapel on Tuesday evening, the degree of Bachelor of Divinity was conferred upon Rev. Forbes Thomson, B. A., Minister of Knox Church, Acton.

Acton Committee Named for Sixth Victory Loan

Same Officers Will Head the Organization with Only A Salesman Changed

The Victory Loan Committee for Acton and District have been organized for the Sixth Victory Loan and will hold their first meeting on Tuesday evening. Victory Loan headquarters will be the same as in the Fifth Loan—at the Kennedy Store on Mill Street. The meeting and other gatherings in connection with the Loan will be held here.

Officers will be the same as in the last loan and will seek the same co-operation of everyone to again make the loan here another success. Mr. Walter Linham, salesman for the rural section was unable to take the work this loan and in his place Mr. C. B. Swackhamer has been appointed. Following are the officers:

Honorary Chairmen—Reeve J. M. McDonald, Deputy-Reeve G. W. Murray.
Chairman—A. Mason.
Vice-Chairman—H. R. Force.
General Sales and Payroll Committee—J. M. McDonald, W. J. Beatty and A. Mason.
Group Payroll—W. G. Mason.
Publicity Committee—G. A. Dillis, E. S. Force, W. J. O. Oakes, R. R. Arnold.

Executive Members—E. S. Force, W. K. Graham, R. R. Arnold, W. H. Clayton, W. J. O. Oakes.
Salesmen—C. F. Leatherland, F. L. Wright, C. B. Swackhamer.
General Committee—Chris. Moffat, Geo. Musaele, Alex. Orr, J. H. Boulton, H. O. Boyes, F. Blow, Miss M. Z. Bennett, Mrs. R. R. Arnold, W. Coon, Harding Price, Chas. Cutts, Wm. Benson, Lorne Mullin, H. Elliott, Wm. Talbot, M. M. Lettch, Regents of the Daughters of the Empire, the Presidents of the Women's Institutes, President of the Scout Mother's Club.

HYNDS-CRUIKSHANK WEDDING SATURDAY IN TORONTO CHURCH

In High Park Baptist Church Saturday evening, the marriage of Eleanor Catherine Cruikshank, graduate of Women's College Hospital, and Charles MacPherson Hynds, assistant principal of Ajax Public School, took place. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Cruikshank, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hynds, Toronto, formerly of Acton. Rev. Clarence M. Keen officiated and Mr. Ross Georgeon was the soloist.

Mr. Cruikshank gave his daughter in marriage. She wore a dress of white slipper satin, a finger tip veil carried from a Juliet cap of lace, and carried a bouquet of Calla lilies. Her sister, Bernice Cruikshank, was maid of honor, gowned in robin's egg blue taffeta. Audrey McDermott, bridesmaid, wore rose pink taffeta. Both wore Sweetheart hats to match and carried bouquets of spring flowers. Donald Hynds, RCAMC, brother of the groom, was best man, and the ushers were Alex. Cruikshank, RCAMC, brother of the bride and Mr. Norman Lee.

A reception followed in the church parlors where the bride's mother received. She wore an Alice blue gown with matching hat and a corsage of pink roses. The groom's mother wore Romance blue with navy accessories and a corsage of red roses.

Report Furnished on Work of the Public Health Nurse

School Board and Council Co-operate on Payments Made to Other Schools—Sidewalks Requested on the Church Street Section—Other Items at Council Meeting Last Night

Councillors W. J. O. Oakes, C. L. Kirkness, J. H. Boulton and A. Mason were present last evening at the regular meeting of Acton Council and Reeve J. M. McDonald presided. Mrs. N. F. Moore asked Council if anything could be done to relieve the water backing up on her property on Main Street. The land and cellar was flooded and the property was being damaged. Chief Harrop had viewed the property and stated conditions were about the same as in previous years in this section. He corroborated the flood conditions complained about.

Councillor Oakes who had viewed the property felt that the condition was one over which the Council had no control. Mr. Harrop and Councillor Oakes were asked to investigate and report to Council.

Mr. Geo. Mason reported on the meeting of the Acton-Georgetown-Milton Public Health Nurse Committee. He gave the detailed report presented by the nurse, which had been published in the local papers, and also a synopsis of the meeting. Council thanked Mr. Mason for the report.

Mr. G. A. Dillis, as a member of the Finance Committee of the School asked co-operation of Council in the payment of accounts for pupils attending other schools. At present some of these accounts were paid by the town in the county rate and some by the School Board. It was felt that such an arrangement permitted an opportunity for duplication and was not in the best interests of the Municipality. Council agreed and felt that the School Board should attend to all these accounts and instructed that correspondence and all matters coming to Council be sent to the School Board.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

Acton Public Utilities, street light, services, etc.	\$166.93
Bell Telephone Co. services	7.60
D. H. Lindsay, bag of salt	.75
Norton Motors, supplies and storage	40.86
Symon Hardware, supplies	5.15
J. B. Mackenzie & Son, coal and supplies	30.55
	\$251.84

Permission was asked by Robt. Leavens to remove a frame cottage from one section of Mr. Fred Cooper's farm to another lot on the same farm. The matter was left to the Fire Committee.

The Reeve reported that he and Councillor Boulton had interviewed the Fire Brigade regarding purchase of a nozzle and it was requested that three types of nozzles be submitted so that a decision could be made on the equipment desired.

A letter from the Town of Milton requested information regarding the amount paid the Medical Officer of Health.

A letter from the School Board requested that the rink boards be removed from the open air rink and that the grounds be restored as arranged. Chief Harrop was requested to give this matter attention.

Council discussed the storage of wool in the arena and inspection of the property that had been made.

Letters from the Guelph General Hospital notified of admittance of indigent patients. One case was accepted and the other rejected.

Correspondence was read in connection with a claim for an accident. (Continued on Page Eight)

PENITENTIARY TERMS GIVEN CRIMINALS FOR ACTON ROBBERY

In police court in Milton yesterday, Samuel W. Shearing, aged 17, was sentenced to three years in Kingston Penitentiary and Raymond Kelly to two years, less a day at Guelph Reformatory. They were convicted of the theft in Acton from Wm. G. Bruce last week. Magistrate K. M. Langdon of Georgetown presided at the court.

MR. C. D. HENDERSON WON SCHOLARSHIP AT KNOX COLLEGE

Mr. C. D. Henderson, son of Mr. and late Mrs. J. J. Henderson, Nazsagaweya won the Fraser Scholarship for General Proficiency at Knox College it was announced this week. Mr. Henderson is a second year student at Knox. We join with other friends in extending congratulations.

Pretty Wedding Saturday in Church At Campbellville

Mid settings of pink and white carnations, snapdragons and lilacs, in St. David's Presbyterian Church, Campbellville, Saturday afternoon, Rev. John MacNeil assisted by Rev. Frank Lawson of Kitchener, solemnized the marriage of Evelyn Lucille VanSickle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William VanSickle, Campbellville, and James MacIntosh Dick, RCN-V.R., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Dick, Milton, Ont. Wedding music was played by Mrs. L. Crawford and Miss Mary Leuty sang.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of bluish sat in fashioned with net yoke below the sweetheart neckline, torso waist, and gathered skirt with a princess panel in the front and suggesting a short train at the back. Her full-length embroidered ivory veil was arranged from a halo of white gardenias and she carried creamy yellow roses.

Miss Verle VanSickle attended as her sister's maid of honor and another sister, Miss Della VanSickle, as bridesmaid, were gowned alike in street-length sky blue silk jersey. Their flowers were Daphne sweet peas and pink roses. The best man was Dr. R. G. D. McNeely and the ushers were E. M. Easley and George Newell.

A reception was held in the Sunday School rooms and later the couple left on a brief wedding trip. For travelling, the bride donned a suit in American Beauty wool crepe with navy accessories and a corsage of white carnations.

Rates of Pay Are Set by Erin Township Council

Payment of Subsidy on Tractor Made by Provincial Department—Borrowing Arranged

The Municipal Council of Erin Township met at Hillsburg on Monday, April 5, Reeve Edgar Huxley presiding.

A by-law was introduced and read a first and second time to amend by-law No. 4, 1944 for the purpose of borrowing money from the Royal Bank, Hillsburg by way of note or bills to meet the current expenditures of the Township for the year. The amount was \$30,000 at a rate of 4 1/2 per cent. per annum.

The following motions were introduced and passed. The Auditor's Report for 1943 was presented, received and adopted and the Treasurer instructed to have report printed in Journal of Proceedings for distribution.

Permission was granted for The Canadian Institute for the Blind to hold a tag day on Saturday, June 3 in the Township.

That the Council authorize the Treasurer to deposit a sufficient amount in the Bank of Nova Scotia, Acton to be used in payment of the township road cheques.

That the Council and Road Superintendent be a committee to inspect the Roads and Bridges in the Township to meet at the call of the Reeve.

That Township employees be paid at the following rates per hour: Man and team 60 cents, Man 40 cents per hour and weed cutting with mower 75 cents. Rates to become effective April 1st.

The Treasurer reported the receipt of \$634.57 from the Provincial Department of Highways being the final payment of subsidy on tractor.

The following accounts were ordered paid:

Brock, Davis and Dunn, Auditors and stationery	\$146.57
John Thomson and Son, Funeral expenses of indigent	40.00
Mrs. Wilson Awrey use of hall	15.00
Geo. Bryan, stamps	2.40
Wm. Y. Gray, sheep killing	20.00
Gordon Jackson, inspected	3.00
Relief accounts of \$203.119 were passed. Road accounts amounted to \$48.15.	

Council adjourned to meet at Hillsburg on Monday, May 1st, 1944 at 1 o'clock or, at the call of the Reeve.

Delegates Appointed from I.O.E.E. to Attend Convention

Mrs. Dryden opened her home for the April meeting of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter, I. O. E. E., at which Mrs. H. Mainprize, first vice-regent, presided. In her opening remarks the sympathy of the Order was expressed for the regent, Mrs. J. C. Matthews and Mrs. J. W. Wolfe, press secretary in their recent bereavement.

The war convenor reported 32 articles sent in to Red Cross and a delegate was appointed to attend the Provincial convention in Hamilton on April 18-19-20.

The meeting adjourned to accept the invitation of the Lakeside Chapter to be their guests at their 26th anniversary party.

Mrs. Skuce, Milton, Provincial Educational Secretary gave a delightful interpretation of William Lyon Phelps "Happiness." Refreshments were served and, an enjoyable social half hour was spent.

Masonic Brethren Gather for Official Visit of D. D. G. M.

Presentations Made to Former Masters in Recognition of Service in the Past

The official visit of D.D.G.M. Bisel to the Walker Lodge, A.F. and A.M. on Monday evening was an outstanding occasion in the meeting of the Lodge. Not only was there a large attendance of members, but many visitors were present from the Lodges in the neighborhood and the lodge hall was packed.

A feature of the visit of the representative of the Grand Lodge was the presentation and recognition to three former members of the lodge. V. Wor. Bro. John Kenney was presented by D.D.G.M. Bisel with his fifty year jewel emblematic of fifty years a member of Walker Lodge.

W. Bro. A. T. Brown was made a life member of Walker Lodge and the presentation was by W. Bro. D. N. McTavish. The past Master's jewel was presented to W. Bro. W. G. Middleton by W. Bro. C. A. Darby.

Following the work of the Lodge Room a delightful banquet was served in the Y.M.C.A. Gymnasium by the ladies of the lodge members when between 150 and 200 sat down to the tables. W. Bro. W. M. Near, Master of Walker Lodge was in charge of a well arranged toast list.

Following the toast to the King, the toast to the Grand Lodge was proposed by Rt. Wor. Bro. Dean Leisle and responded to by D.D.G.M. Bisel. Both speakers stressed the need for planning now so that masonry shall meet well its obligation to those who return from overseas and to the dependents of those who do not return.

The toast to the visitors was ably proposed by W. Bro. Geo. Gordon and responded to by W. Bro. Foster, of Campbellville; W. Bro. Hawker of Speed Lodge, Guelph; W. Bro. Freure, of Guelph Lodge and W. Bro. Wilson, Georgetown.

The toast to the Junior Warden brought this very delightful fraternal evening to a close. W. Bro. Near and his officers were the subject of many congratulations on its splendid success.

EASTER THANK-OFFERING MEETING OF W. M. S. OF UNITED CHURCH

The Easter Thankoffering meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church was held in the Sunday school room on Tuesday with Mrs. E. J. Caldwell presiding.

The devotional period was taken by Mrs. B. Mowat and the Easter lesson "Christ is Risen" responded to by Mrs. Caldwell. The Easter scripture reading was given by Mrs. S. Reid. Items on the program included a solo by Mrs. A. W. Fosbury "Light of the World" by Stephen Adams and a duet by Miss Helen Simpson and Mrs. B. Veldhuis, "He Lives."

Mrs. Caldwell introduced the guest speaker for the meeting, Mrs. Wilcox of Rockwood formerly of the China Inland Mission and who is now retired. Mrs. Wilcox gave a talk on woman as a leader of groups in the earliest days of Christianity and told of the people she had met in China and the advance that is being made in Bible Study there. It proved very interesting and was enjoyed by all. A very hearty vote of thanks was given Mrs. Wilcox for her helpful talk. Members of the Anglican and Baptist Societies were present on this occasion.

Lunch was served and a social time was spent.

Weekly War Commentary

By PAT USCHER
(Canadian Press Staff Writer)

Splashing successes scored by Red Armies along the southern front, combined with powerful British and American air blows, are threatening Hitler's control of the Balkans.

The Russians have driven deep into Rumanian territory, plunged westward almost to the Tatar Pass leading to Czechoslovakia, roled to the outskirts of Odessa on the Black Sea and in so doing have trapped and obliterated great numbers of soldiers. Working in conjunction with the Russian land campaign, Allied bombers operating from Italy have smashed at vital targets like Budapest, Bucharest and the Ploesti oil fields in Rumania.

These bombing raids mark the full development of plans forseen when the great Italian airfields of Foggia fell into Allied hands last autumn. Seizure of these air bases brought vast new areas of Europe within the range of allied air power.

The new phase points to complete co-ordination of Anglo-American air power, not only with their own ground forces, but also with the Russian forces. As the Russian armies move westward and southward this co-ordination will become more complete and effective.

The mighty Russian southern offensive confronts the Germans with the problem of halting the Soviet deluge on two separate fronts. One lies between the Carpathians and the Black Sea—and guards the big Ploesti oil fields which help to keep the Nazi war machine running. The other runs from Brody to a point west of surrounded Ternopol and north to Stanislavow, covering the industrial and rail city of Lwow. Hitler must hold this line to defend the Galician oil field, which stretches west along the Carpathian foothills from Stanislavow to Krakow, and the great war industries of upper Silesia.

Concentrate on Odessa
At the week-end, however, Soviet communiques had failed to mention for five straight days the 70 mile long front inside Rumania. Dispatches concentrated on the battle for Odessa where at the beginning of this week Germans and Rumanians were reported in flight.

The enemy troops were getting out of the big Black Sea port, scene of long-drawn Russian resistance to the Nazi invasion in 1941, as the Russian siege arc was drawn tight around the city. And 45 miles northwest of Odessa the right flank of Gen. Rodion Y. Malinovsky's 3rd Ukrainian Army was tightening a cordon around the remnants of five or six shattered German divisions—perhaps 25,000 to 50,000 men—trapped north of the rail junction of Hazzelnyaya when that strategic stronghold was captured last week.

Resistance of other large German forces surrounded near Skala and in Ternopol to the northwest was gradually weakened as the pressure of Red Army troops was stepped up. Repeated Nazi attempts to relieve the Ternopol garrison were repulsed, the Russians said, adding also that enemy efforts to cut through the Skala pocket also were proving unsuccessful.

Japs Increase Pressure
In the India-Burma situation the Japanese threat to Imphal has increased and enemy forces have developed an even more threatening push towards the railway line through Assam which supplies Allied forces in northern Burma. The continued pressure indicates the Japanese are making a determined effort to sever the railway and establish a firm foothold in Indian territory before the start of the Monsoon season in about five weeks. (Continued on Page Five)

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.

Dance 19th April at Brookville Hall. Al Watson's Orchestra. Sponsored by Nasasagaweya Women's Institute. B

Acton Fire Brigade Dance, in Town Hall, Acton, April 28th. Fisher's Orchestra. Admission 50c. 41-3

Bigno, sponsored by Springs Women's Institute on Saturday Evening April 15th, in Legion Hall, Acton. Bazaar at 3 p.m. Special Prizes.

The Acton Junior Farmers' Annual Dance in Acton Town Hall on Friday, April 14th. Fisher's Orchestra. Admission 35c. Lucky Draw 40-2