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## Report of Health Nurse Received by the Council

### Tender for Tile Drain Accepted—Salary of Public Health Nurse is Increased—Cases of Indigent Patients to be Investigated before Acceptance—Other Items at Council last Night

The regular meeting of the Acton Council was held on Wednesday evening. Councillors W. J. O. Oakes, A. Mason, C. L. Kirkness and J. H. Boulton were present. In the absence of Reeve J. M. McDonald, Councillor A. Mason was appointed acting reeve.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Across Frazz Printing and advertising	\$ 12.00
W. D. Talbot, supplies	13.02
County of Halton, use of grader	22.00
Public Health Nurse accounts	19.03
W. Coles, clerk division court	8.00
Bell Telephone Co., services	13.38
Registry Office, Milton	5.00
Workmen's Compensation	1.00
Public Health Nurse Committee	200.00
	\$295.03

A letter from the Department of Agriculture requested that a Farm Commando Brigade be formed by the Council. This is the same service as operated by the Council in former years. Mr. F. L. Wright was again appointed as secretary of this organization.

A letter from the Guelph General Hospital notified of the admittance of an indigent person. This account was to be checked by the chief before accepting responsibility.

The School Nurse's report for Acton was presented to the Council. It is as follows: 7 visits were made to the Public School and 43 children were given eye tests, 39 home visits were made including: 24 visits on behalf of school children; 4 social welfare visits; 3 visits to pre-natal cases; 4 visits to pre-school children; 4 visits to adults. Three conferences were held with the Mother's Allowance representative and four visits to the Children's Aid Society on behalf of Acton children. Miss Walker also requested \$2.00 postage.

The St. Joseph's Hospital of Guelph, notified the Council of the admittance of an indigent patient. This account was also questioned.

A letter from the Assessor's Association requested that Acton forward the usual fee and belong to the Association. No action was taken on this request and the letter was filed.

Tenders were received for tile advertised for. The tender of Symon Hardware was accepted at \$203.46.

Mr. Boulton gave a report on a meeting of the Public Health Nurse Committee. He reported that salary increase of \$150 had been given Miss Walker for 1944. A sum of \$200 was to be paid by the Corporation Treasurer for the Corporation's share to the Committee treasurer.

The Department of Municipal Affairs requested a list of all Corporation Officials and their salary.

Mr. Fred Hunter desired information regarding the street line on Church Street. Council can not supply street lines for each taxpayer and Mr. Hunter would have to secure this survey himself.

A resolution was passed authorizing the sale of the Fifth Victory Loan Bonds held by the Corporation. Chief E. Harrop reported that Mr. Tom Harris had been secured to help with the town work instead of Mr. Kerr.

Council adjourned at 9.57.

## HALTON JUNIORS PLAN TO HOLD ACHIEVEMENT DAY

The annual livestock Judging Competition for Halton Junior Farmers, and the Achievement Day for Halton Junior Homemakers is scheduled for Saturday, June 3rd, states Agricultural Representative, J. E. White-locked. The young ladies have just completed projects in "Cottons May Be Smart", "Summer Clothes For Girls" and "The Milky Way" and a display of their handwork will be open to the public at the Milton Town Hall on the above mentioned date. We were also interested to learn that 35 Halton young ladies are enrolled in Girls' Garden Brigade work.

The young men will on June 3rd visit five of the outstanding livestock farms in Halton County, where they will judge a total of ten classes of the various breeds of livestock. This competition is open to all young men in Halton County under 30 years of age.

Registration takes place at 9 a. m. on June 3rd with the announcement of awards and presentation of prizes scheduled the same evening in the Milton Town Hall.

## Howard Norton Graduates in Class of Navigators

Among the graduates from No. 10 A. O. S. Chatham, N. B., as Navigators in the R.C.A.F. was another Acton young man, Howard A. Norton, of Acton, a son of W. R. and the late Mrs. Norton. Howard also received his commission as a Pilot Officer on the same day.

Howard attended Acton Schools and graduated from Acton Continuation School. Prior to his enlistment in Toronto on March 19th, 1943, he was employed by International Petroleum Co. Gustyquill, Ecuador.

Mr. Norton and Marjorie attended the graduation ceremony in New Brunswick. We join with other friends of Howard in congratulations on the rapid advancement he has made since joining the R.C.A.F.

A group photograph of four of the class, including Howard, taken at the ceremony is shown in The Frazz Frazz window.

## Sure They've Heard of Acton Even Over in Italy

Major Bert S. Wemp writing in the Evening Telegram the other night of interviews with the British Eighth Army in Italy gives the following from the Acton lads who certainly are loyal to the home town:

Bombardier Thomas Nicol, Acton, whom I contacted a few minutes later said, "Don't forget my brother here," and he turned to Sergeant John Nicol also of Acton. There was a roar from a group of gunners protesting that nobody had ever heard of Acton. They even suggested "the Nicols had never been to Canada." I came to the Nicol's rescue by extolling the virtues of the town and naming the industries. The Nicols are now set. Somebody had heard of Acton.

## Resignations of Teachers Received by School Board

### Dealt With at Special Meeting on Friday—Kindergarten Not Possible This Year

A special meeting of Acton School Board was held on Friday evening to deal with the re-engagement of teachers for the next school term.

In the Public School resignations were received from Miss Jean McCall, Miss Frances Dills and Miss Nina Kelly. Regret was expressed in these resignations and the letters from the teachers expressed appreciation of the co-operation of the Board during the terms as members of the teaching staff. Salaries of the remaining five members were advanced \$50 each and the salary of Principal Smith was set at \$1800, the same as offered former Principal McKenzie.

The Secretary was on motion instructed to advertise for Grades two, four and six, with salary according to experience and qualifications.

Permission was granted for the Junior Red Cross to conduct the annual campaign in the public school.

A letter was read from Principal M. M. Litch, Mrs. Gould and Miss Baker stating that contracts would be signed if the Board agreed to pay salaries of \$2300 and \$1600 respectively. The Secretary was instructed to advise the teachers that the former contracts of \$2100 and \$1500 were all they were prepared to offer and requesting that a reply be received on Monday afternoon. Since that time resignations have been received by all the members of the Continuation School staff and the Secretary was instructed to advertise for applications for the vacancies.

In view of the increases in expenditure and salaries it was felt by the Board at this meeting that the establishment of a kindergarten class would have to be abandoned for this year. Estimates for the year have taken all the funds available and nothing remained for the salary of an additional teacher.

Details regarding insulation of the ceilings of the Public School and the installation of a stoker were left in the hands of the property committee.

## KILLED IN ACTIVE SERVICE



Sergt. Air Gunner Gordon McLellan, who was last week reported killed while on active service. His wife the former Anne Drennan resides in Milton and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. McLellan are residents of Acton.

## Annual Meeting Halton Institutes in Acton Thursday

### Mrs. Alex. Near was Re-Elected President—Stirling Address by Mrs. Clarence Hayes of Georgetown

The 43rd District Annual of the Halton Women's Institute held in the United Church at Acton on May 19, while not as largely attended as on some previous occasions, was nevertheless of a beneficial character with inspiration gained by the delegates representing seventeen senior and two junior Institutes to take back to their centres.

This meeting of members from various parts of the county serves as a stimulus through the interchange of ideas gained through the presentation of reports of activities being carried on, and discussions on common problems—sometimes uncommon—leads to the expression of thoughts which bring out the very earnestness with which the vast body of rural women are facing the tasks not only of every day life, but of things which affect their fellow citizens and countrymen across the Dominion and reaching overseas, in a world wide effort.

Mrs. Alex. Near, who was again elected president for the coming year, presided at the sessions, issuing a warm welcome to the ladies who had come from the branch districts. Mrs. Near spoke of the trend of war conditions which although favorable to the Allies would continue to mean heavy sacrifices on the home front. The opportunities of girls enlisted to find suitable work came as a boon at this time. The president asked the W. I. to extend a helping hand and welcome to the British girls coming here as brides, and they in turn would do much to enrich our lives and help our organization.

Although there have been no new branches formed during the past year, some branches had reported increases in membership. The fact that only one in ten women in Canada was affiliated with any women's organization meant a great opportunity to the W. I. which was already the biggest women's organization in Canada but which could double its 72,000 membership. Mrs. Near spoke of the important work being done by women's division of the airforce.

The secretary's report, read by Mrs. W. H. Burton gave a detailed statement of receipts and expenditures with explanations of federation fees and other expenses. She urged branch secretaries to submit reports every four months. The total receipts for the district had been \$6,073.66 and total expenditures \$4,778.90 in the summary of branch reports. The auditors report was given by Mrs. David Wendover of Palermo.

Branch reports were given by delegates from Acton, Ashgrove, Bannockburn, Burlington, Campbellville, Dublin, Georgetown, Hornby, Limehouse, Mountain Union, Nassagaweya, Nelson, Norval, Omagh, Palermo, Scotch Block and Palermo Juniors. Esqueuing, and Norval Juniors did not answer. The president was pleased with the earnestness and sincerity of these reports. Highlights of these branch activities included participation in blood clinics, overseas box contributions, accident prevention, serving refreshments at auction sales, supporting a school lending library, presentation of a copy of the Atlantic Charter to a township, supplying village street lights and honor roll. There had evidently been no wasted time in these places.

Those reporting for standing committees were: Agricultural and Canadian Industries, Mrs. Gasley, Milton. (Continued on Page Five)

## Acton Troop Scouts Presents Badges to Thirteen Members

Something unusual in the line of Scout meetings was held on Thursday evening by Acton Troop at their scout hall.

After the flag break, opening ceremonies and inspection, the troop was drawn into horseshoe formation and investiture of the following eight scouts was held: Bill Hutt, Roy Kirkness, Gordon Lawson, Bill McKinnon, Monte Hanney, Sheridan Romphf, Harold Smith and Harold Townsend. The new scouts were welcomed to the troop by the Scoutmaster, Rev. H. F. Thomson.

At the conclusion of the investiture Mr. T. Jones, chairman of the Group Committee made the presentation of badges to the following scouts:

Ken Allan—1 year Service Star; second class badge and laundryman's badge.  
John Barr—1 year Service Star; cyclist's badge.  
Bill Clayton—3 year Service Star; electrician, plumber, entertainer and friend to animals badges.  
Allan Corry—1 year Service Star; second class badge.  
Doug. Davidson—2 year Service Star; laundryman and cyclist badges.  
Jim Dennis—1 year Service Star; second class badge.  
James Dills—1 year Service Star; printer and entertainer badges.  
Roy Kirkness—Second class badge.  
Jack Mainprize—5 year Service Star; entertainer, plumber, weatherman and kniffer badges and Grade B (red) cord for holders of 12 proficiency badges.  
Andrew Nicol—1 year Service Star; second class badge.  
Sheridan Romphf—Second class badge.

Jimmie Spielvogel—1 year Service Star; laundryman, musician, entertainer and friend to animals badge.  
Dave Dills—5 year Service Star; knitter, airman, aero engineer and Silver Wings.

Patrol Leaders Jack Mainprize, Doug. Davidson and Bill Clayton were presented with new plastic Patrol Leader Hat Badges.

At the short Court of Honor the Scoutmaster congratulated the Patrol Leaders on the improvement of the patrols, both in appearance and advancement. Several night hikes were planned for the near future.

## Young Liberals of Halton County Select Delegates

At the meeting of Halton Young Liberals on Friday evening, Mr. L. Cadeau was chosen as chairman. Mr. Hughes Cleaver, M. P., addressed the meeting and told a little about Canada's great war effort and also told about the contention of Young Liberals to be held in Winnipeg on May 29 and 30. Mr. L. Cadeau and Miss Jane Fisher were elected to attend the convention at their own expense. Miss Spence played several violin selections and Mrs. Emerson led a singing. The main business of the evening was the selection of two delegates to the convention with all expenses paid. The following nominees addressed the gathering: Mr. Finlay Temple, Burlington; Miss Lois Merry, Trafalgar; Mr. E. Cook, Milton; Miss Olga Hyalop, Burlington; Mrs. Allison Ball, Trafalgar; Mr. Stanley Turner, Trafalgar; Miss Diane Myers, Burlington; Mrs. Buttery, Burlington; Mr. Grant Campbell, Nassagaweya; Miss Mina Conkell, Burlington; Mr. Russell Stackhouse, Burlington; Miss Shirley Sherwood, Nelson; Miss Charlotte McCullagh, Esqueuing; Mr. Geo. Henderson, Esqueuing; Mr. John Lawson, Esqueuing; Mr. Joe Ross, Esqueuing; Miss Irene Currie, Esqueuing; Mr. Will Alexander, Esqueuing; Mr. Stuart Miller, Esqueuing; Mrs. Cavell, Milton. Messrs. Cook and Bray acted as scrutineers and on the fourth ballot Mr. Grant Campbell and Miss Irene Currie were elected.

The meeting closed with the National Anthem.

## HOLSTEIN AND JERSEY BREEDERS TO HOLD FIELD DAY AT O. A. C.

The Holstein and Jersey breeders of Halton and Peel have again made plans for their annual Field Day and Picnic at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph on Saturday, June 10th. Under the energetic leadership of W. H. Robinson and Edwin Harrop, respective presidents of the Halton Holstein and Halton Jersey Clubs, an outstanding program is being prepared. Favorable weather permitting, it is anticipated that upwards of 1000 Holstein and Jersey enthusiasts will be in attendance at Guelph for this popular annual outing.

## Complete Returns of Sixth Loan Figures Now Available

### DELEGATES GIVE A REPORT AT MEETING OF BAPTIST GROUP

The B. Y. P. U. meeting was held on Tuesday evening. The program was arranged by Eddie Crowson. The scripture was taken by Miss Olive Root. The topic was given by Miss Wilma West and Mr. Coles telling of the events of the convention in London which they attended over the week-end.

Helen West, Jean Matheson, Mrs. Landsborough and Mr. Coles are to act as leaders for the coming year on the commission system. The commission system consists of Service, Stewardship, Devotion, and Fellowship. Kenny Anderson favored with a cornet solo, followed with a duet "Beyond the Sunset" by Wilma and Helen West.

## Hughes Cleaver Answers Editorials Globe and Mail

### Radio Broadcast Last Thursday Tells Why Certain Groups Want Public Hearing

Last Thursday evening, Hughes Cleaver, member of parliament for Halton spoke over the Hamilton radio stations and gave his answer to the criticisms of the War Expenditure Committee. Following is the text of his address.

Canada's War Expenditure Committee has been functioning now since 1941. This year the Conservative opposition in the House opposed the appointment of the Committee and following this unsuccessful effort to do away with the Committee a campaign has been waged by a few members of the daily press to discredit the work of the Committee because its meetings are held in secret. I welcome this opportunity to discuss the reasons why some people are so anxious to get rid of the Committee and the reasons why our meetings are held in secret.

War Expenditures Committee is composed of 24 private members of the House of Commons. Every party in the House has representation on this Committee in the same ratio as it has representation in the House. This is the way in which all Parliamentary Committees are set up. Based on party representation in the House, Liberals have 18 members and the opposition groups have 6 members on the Committee. There is a similar committee in the Old Country, and there the tables are turned. On the British Committee the Liberal Party has only 2 members.

Great Britain had a War Expenditures Committee during the Great War. We had no such Committee in Canada, but the British Committee did such good work that in 1940 a request was made for a similar committee here and in January 1941 the first Canadian War Expenditures Committee was appointed. It was given similar powers to those held by the British Committee and it was to function as nearly as possible in the same manner as the British Committee. We were distinctly told that we were not to be a propaganda committee, we were to be a public accounts committee. Our sole task was to search out waste and to effect economies in connection with our war effort. The Committee has the widest possible powers of inquiry. We can call any witness before us to give evidence. We can call the Prime Minister, the Cabinet Ministers or the highest ranking officers in any of the armed forces. We can make any war industry, large or small, open its records to our scrutiny. Such wide powers would only be permitted in the time of war and these powers carry with them a corresponding responsibility on the part of the committee that its powers should be properly exercised.

Wars are wasteful and besides waging war is a totally new enterprise for a peace-loving democracy. At the outbreak of war we had no war machine of any size and we had no past experience to guide us. We had to start from scratch. A few examples will suffice: Our aircraft industry has been expanded from a total prewar personnel of less than 1,000 workmen to over 100,000 workmen. We had never built a warship in this country. Our Canadian navy has expanded from 15 ships at the outbreak of war to over 600 ships which we have today, and practically all of these have been built in Canada. Before war came we had never built a heavy gun in this country.

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## Nassagaweya Won Plaque for Unit Obtaining Highest Per Cent. Over Quota—Storey Glove Co. Highest in County in Payroll Savings Group—Canadian Wool Co. Receive Three Star Pennant for Participation in the Sixth Loan

Final returns of the Sixth Victory Loan received from headquarters in Oakville this week show that Acton just reached a little over its objective. \$226,950 was subscribed for a quota of \$225,000. It's perhaps the closest in all six loans that this community has come to getting over the line but never once has it failed. Last loan Acton was first in quota by a substantial margin.

It is rather interesting to note that Acton had the greatest number of applications to population. There were 985 applications. Burlington and Oakville with double the population secured much larger amounts from 1230 and 1876 applications respectively. This however, is not equal to the fifth loan figure of 1122 applications. This year the district of Esqueuing in which Mr. C. B. Swackhamer was the new salesman surpassed any previous marks in total sales and hit a new high of \$19,900.

The payroll savings plan was of course popular in Acton. The Storey Glove Company had any other industry in the County in this group by subscribing 141 per cent. of its objective. This group comprises industries of over 50 employees. Both Beardmore and Company and the Wool Combing Corporation in this group went well over their objective.

In the group payroll plan of industries under 50 employees Acton Machine Shops, Ajax Engineers, the Canadian Wool Company Ltd., Force Electric Products and Mason Knitting Co. all exceeded their quotas by a good margin.

This morning Chairman A. Mason of the Acton Committee visited the plant of the Canadian Wool Co. and presented to the employees the pennant they had won. The men all assembled in the plant and were briefly addressed by Mr. Mason.

Nassagaweya had the highest percentage of its quota—125 per cent. With a quota of \$95,000 this township raised \$118,500. Nassagaweya won the plaque for the unit in Halton County attaining the highest standing. Our congratulations go to Nassagaweya and the Committee in charge there who made such a fine job not only in the Sixth Victory Loan but in the ones that preceded.

Halton County as a whole secured 112 per cent. of its objective with a quota of \$2,250,000 in the Sixth Loan a total of \$2,528,250 was subscribed. Results in other centres were Oakville, 121 per cent., Burlington, 110 per cent., Georgetown, 122 per cent., and Milton 103 per cent.

It was another highly successful loan and local committees may well feel proud of the achievement.

## LOCAL CONSIGNMENT TO NATIONAL HOLSTEIN SALE

Several local breeders have consigned animals to the Fifteenth Annual National Holstein Sale to be held at Brampton. The National is Canada's top annual Holstein sale, the entries being hand-picked from the country's choicest herds. R. C. Given & Son, Georgetown, are consigning three head; Harold Bingham, Georgetown, two; and F. Felletier, Milton, H. A. Dolson & Son, Georgetown, Dr. Chas. N. Blanshard and E. Segsworth, Freeman, one each.

## 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 5c.

Tag Day for the Blind, in Acton, Saturday, May 27, under the auspices of Duke of Devonshire I.O.D.E.

Rummage Sale, May 27th in Town Hall, under the auspices of Knox Y.W.A. Tea will be served. 4c-2

Y. M. C. A. Field Day, Saturday, May 27th, at 2 p.m. in the park. For boys and girls 12 to 14 years.

Dance Recital by pupils of Shirley Elliott, Town Hall, Acton, Wednesday, June 7th at 8.30 p.m. 30 Talented children, all in glorious costumes. Don't miss this hit of the season. Admission: Adults 35c. Children 20c. 47-2