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## Service of Prayer Marks Invasion Day in Acton

### Congregation Filled Knox Church for Brief Service When All Joined in Hour of Crisis—Need for Unceasing Prayer Urged in These Days of Trial Ahead

It would have heartened the boys overseas to have seen the congregation which filled the auditorium of Knox Church on Tuesday night in a service of prayer for their success on invasion day and the hard days ahead. It was a group of citizens from all walks of life who seemed to be vitally aware of the seriousness of invasion day. That grand old psalm used as the opening hymn seemed to be the prayer of all.

"O God our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home."

Preceding the service, a parade of organizations was led by the Boys' Band from the Town Hall to the Church. In it were the Lakeside and Duke of Devonshire Chapters of the I. O. O. F., members of Acton Branch of the Canadian Legion, Acton platoon of the Lorne Scouts and First Acton Troop of the Boy Scouts.

The ministers taking part were Rev. Forbes Thomson, Rev. A. W. Fosbury and Rev. W. H. Wallace. The prayers and the responsive reading and scripture reading were portions which emphasized the need for trust in God.

Rev. A. W. Fosbury's address was based on the first verse of John 17 and that portion "Father, the hour is come." The scriptural background of the Gethsemane of Christ when he faced his greatest crisis was fitting for the invasion day crisis. Christ had met his crisis in prayer and it was fitting that so we should meet the crisis.

We have had many hours of waiting since 1940 and there have been miracles of the present war and evidence of God's help. Mr. Fosbury traced the days of anxiety over the past few years but deplored our present lack of readiness with prayer. There was a need for prayer such as urged in the King's message, not for God to do our will but for us to how to God's will.

His final exhortation was for all people to pray without ceasing, in the homes, at our tasks and in our churches. He urged that all make their prayer. Those who stormed the beaches on invasion day morning expect this much of us—we must give it.

The choir that led the singing was one made up of members of the United, Presbyterian, Baptist and St. Alban's Churches. The congregation was well led by them and with Mr. F. J. Salt at the console of the organ and as that closing hymn rolled out it took on the prayerful, stately spirit of the meeting.

"Eternal Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
Who bidd'st the stormy winds be staid,  
And then the Nations Anthem too assumed that prayerful attitude of the gathering and the benediction took on a deeper significance.

## GRANDMOTHERS' PROGRAM FEATURE OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mrs. Geo. Lantz was hostess to the members of the Acton Women's Institute for the June meeting. Mrs. Wilderspin presided. The Grandmother's program was a special feature. The motto was a poem, prepared to include each of the thirteen members on the members life roll.

The current events were given by Mrs. Collier. Three other members gave papers: "Grandmother a Past and Present" by Mrs. Lazenby; "A Modern Girl's Opinion of the Old Time Dress of our Grandmothers" by Mrs. Jas. Dobbs, and a delightful story of a "Dear Old Mother" by Mrs. R. L. Davidson.

Routine business was dealt with and two cases of jam are to be sent to Britain with the Halton District consignment.

A report was given on the Russian Relief, two large cartons were shipped the week previous. A letter was received from the Toronto office in regard to the "Linen Shower" for the Russians. The ladies are planning to have two quilts ready to donate and Mrs. F. Wilds will be glad to receive further donations at the Home Bakery and full instructions regarding the draw for all donations received.

The secretary was instructed to send letters of appreciation to the United Church and Mrs. Geo. Robertson following the District Annual. The meeting closed with the peace prayer. A social time followed. The committee in charge were: Mrs. Hargraves, Mrs. Lambert, Mrs. Lappin, and Mrs. Marchant. The new president, Mrs. Lappin will have charge of the next meeting.

## \$15 and Costs are Assessed as Result of Accident Here

Eligio Francosato was fined \$15.00 and costs in police court yesterday on a charge of careless driving. The case arose out of an accident on Main Street last Thursday evening. Francosato's car and one driven by John Leishman were in collision. Francosato, proceeding toward Guelph made a left hand turn on the pavement opposite L. Waxman's home directly in the path of Mr. Leishman coming in the opposite direction. Evidence appeared that Francosato had failed to notice the approaching car and left Mr. Leishman no opportunity to avoid a collision. Chief Harrop investigated the accident and laid the charge.

## DANCE RECITAL PRESENTED HERE LAST EVENING

A large audience attended and enjoyed the recital presented in the Town Hall last evening by the pupils of Miss Shirley Elliott of Milton.

It was a varied program and included the following numbers:

Mairzy Doots, Jean Anderson, Peggy Dyer; Sugar Foot Strut, Maxine Gamble, Betty Anne Barr, Beverley Leitch, Joan Chandler, Doris Holliday; The Narcissus Ballet, Sylvia Stevenson, Jeannette Foster; Mixed Rhythm, Shirley Elliott; Hawaiian Parade, Marjorie Cudding, Marie Chandler, Linda Mann, Joyce Holliday; Modernette, Barbara McConnell; Military Tap, Ruth McCullagh, Delaine Gibbons; Little Bo-Boop, Frances Johnson, Verna Dryden; Flower Waltz, Joan Anderson, Peggy Dyer; Rhythmic Tap, Sunnie Emery; Dance Acrobatic, Helen Sameriville; Shoo Shoo Baby, Shirley Elliott; Ilkery, Dickory Dock, Frances Johnson, Kenneth Metcalf, Verna Dryden; Paper Dolls, Beverley Leitch, Maxine Gamble, Betty Anne Barr, Joan Chandler, Doris Holliday; Twinkle Toes, Sylvia Stevenson, Jeannette Foster; Hay-Foot, Straw-Foot, Freddie Johnson; The Navy, Ruth McCullagh, Patsey Chew, Helen Sameriville, Irene Nolle, Joy Romph; When Irish Eyes are Smiling, Doreen Ford; Swanee River, Jean Anderson, Sunnie Emery; In a Little Spanish Town, Carol Tyler, Delaine Gibbons; Waltzing in Rhythm, Shirley Elliott; Finale, The Whole Cast.

Mr. M. M. Leitch was chairman for the event.

## Upper Rooms of Public School to be Insulated

### Other Items at Regular Meeting on Tuesday of The School Board

Acton School Board met at regular session on Tuesday evening with Trustees J. Chapman, G. A. Dills and V. B. Rumley present and Chairman Dr. F. G. Oakes presiding.

A letter was read from the teachers of the Public School who are remaining on the staff thanking the Board for the salary adjustment and also for the holiday arranged for Victoria Day.

Arrangements were made for the annual inspection of the boiler by the insurance company inspector.

The Property Committee were asked to get definite word of when the heating improvements were to be completed.

Principal Smith requested details regarding the Honor Roll of those serving in the armed forces.

Principal Leitch was also present and addressed the Board in a farewell message.

The contract for insulating the upper rooms of the Public School was given J. B. Mackenzie and Son at a cost of \$275 for an insulation of two inches in thickness. The work is to be done in the summer vacation.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Frank Toth, Repairs	\$ 2.60
Toronto Star, Advertising	13.86
Globe & Mail, Advertising	9.48
L. W. Agar, hauling coal	6.85
W. D. Talbot, supplies	13.43
Bell Telephone, services	2.65
Acton Public Util., services	8.58
Acton Y. M. C. A.	45.00
Can. Hayner Co., supplies	20.83
	123.28

During July and August no meetings of the Board will be held unless called by the Chairman.

## Acton Can Get Houses Too

We have had various comments on our front page editorial of last week regarding the housing problem in Acton. Some say our estimate of 50 houses was only half enough, others that it was too high. That is not important but rather the immediate need for more housing and how to procure it.

Burlington is anticipating a building boom since local contractors have received word that the new housing loan regulations are now in effect and it requires only 10 per cent down payment if one wishes to build a home costing under \$4000. In addition to the down payment the time period for paying back the loan has been extended to as long as thirty years if the builder wishes.

We imagine what regulations will apply in Burlington will also be applicable in Acton. If they aren't now available they can soon become effective here if action is taken to secure them.

The problem has three requisites for solution. First, we believe the Council can take the steps to see that Acton comes under these new regulations and they are made available.

Step No. 2 is strictly up to the individual who wants to own a home. Victory Bonds are as good as cash. \$400 is the minimum requirement for a \$4000 house. The next step is to select the type of home you require and can afford to maintain. If you get \$40 a week you can maintain a \$4000 house. If it's only \$25 you can select according to your income.

Perhaps the most difficult part of the whole arrangement is to get some one to undertake the construction of your home. Regulations are still in force and materials and labor are scarce but such will not always be the case.

If you want a home in Acton make your plan and your savings now. It's possible that by the time you are ready the builders will be ready to look after your needs. Homes don't come by wishful dreaming but by realistic effort.

The housing problem can be solved in Acton by those who are most vitally interested—the people who want the houses.

## Mr. John Marshall Marked His 91st Birthday Tuesday

We join with friends here and especially throughout Nassagaweya Township in extending birthday greetings to Mr. John Marshall on the occasion of his 91st birthday marked on Tuesday. In spite of his years, Mr. Marshall is still quite active and does light work. A small gathering was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Anderson on Sunday in honor of the occasion.

Mr. Marshall was for over twenty-five years Clerk of Nassagaweya Township and one of the best known citizens of that Township. He always took a keen and active interest in every phase of the community for the betterment of it. Friends wish him many more happy and healthful birthday occasions.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary last October 21.

Norman Marshall of Eden Mills is a son; and daughters are: Mrs. N. Anderson, R.R. 1, Rockwood; Mrs. S. Truesdale, Puslinch; and Mrs. G. R. Rudd, 187 Glasgow Street.

## Highway Overseer Suddenly Stricken Monday Morning

Fred Hamilton, Rockwood, one of the best known and highly regarded of highway overseers in the province died suddenly on Monday morning. Mr. Hamilton had been ill for some weeks from a heart ailment but seemingly recovered sufficiently to again assume part of his duties. He was at work with his men just east of Acton on Monday morning when he was suddenly stricken and passed away before medical aid could reach him.

Mr. Hamilton has charge of No. 7 Highway from Guelph to Brampton. Those who travelled the sections in his control and those in other parts of the province regarded him as the most conscientious and capable overseer in the province.

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon with service from his late residence in Rockwood. Interment was in Rockwood Cemetery.

## Drinking Fountains Damaged by Unknown Persons

### Bank of Transformers to be Rewired Now that Proper Material Available

Those present at the Public Utilities Commission meeting on Monday evening were Reeve J. M. McDonald and Commission C. M. Hansen, with Chairman J. R. MacArthur presiding. The agenda for the meeting of the accountants and secretaries of the Hydro was presented and turned over to Miss B. H. Speight, as she is attending from the Acton Public Utilities Commission.

The secretary, Miss B. H. Speight was instructed to pay the following accounts:

Hydro Dept.	
Canadian Westinghouse Co.,	
* repairs	\$ 19.70
Line & Cable Accessories Ltd., clamps	13.70
Force Electric Products supplies	6.63
H.E.P.C. of Ontario, power Canadian Line Materials Ltd., Line Material	3,824.70
MacDonald Electric Limited supplies	9.77
C. N. R. and Transport, express	3.39
C. N. R. freight	2.41
Powerlite Devices, repairs	16.80
H.E.P.C. of Ontario, water heater supplies	58.08
Ellis & Howard Ltd, supplies Geo. MacDonald & Co, stationery	8.38
Mrs. H. L. McDonald, truck insurance	19.85
Dept. of National Revenue, sales tax	44.10
Grand & Toy, Ltd, supplies	79.96
Post Office, postage	76.79
	15.00
	\$4,209.91

Waterworks Dept.	
Hydro Dept. power at spring	\$ 43.62
Hydro Dept. May operations	198.58
Canadian Brass Company, Ltd, supplies	59.15
Francis Hankin & Co, meter repairs	92.50
	\$393.88

The Treasurer was instructed to transfer \$500.00 from the Waterworks Account to the General Account of the Corporation.

Superintendent Chas. Wilson had estimates prepared on the installation of proper wiring for a bank of transformers that are supplying power to the Wool Combing Corporation plant. At the time of installation the proper wiring was not available but has since been released. The change over was sanctioned by the Commission.

Superintendent Wilson also reported that the drinking fountain at the Y.M.C.A. building had been disconnected shortly after it had been installed for the season by some unknown persons, also that the fountain at the Park had been broken. The Park fountain was to be left off and only a tap was to be used while the Y.M.C.A. fountain was to be repaired. Chief Harrop was to be asked to give some police protection to the public property which is being damaged.

The list of arrears was checked and instructions issued for their disposal.

## Halton Schools Win Honor Flags in Certificate Sale

The following schools in the Canadian School Financial Corps were listed by Mr. George R. Harris, Intermediate Organizer for Halton and Wentworth and pennants were awarded to the teachers. This shows that these two schools have exceeded their objective which was given them in connection with the sale of War Saving Stamps and Certificates.

S. S. No. 4, Trafalgar—Teacher, Miss Ilaa Bessey with an objective of \$75 had raised \$82.50.  
S. S. No. 3, Nelson—Teacher, Miss E. Scott, with an objective of \$75 has raised \$112.75.

We have been advised that S. S. No. 2, Esqueping, Teacher Miss Hazel Irving, with an objective of \$60.00 has raised \$63.50 and that the Town of Milton with an objective of \$1,000. has considerably exceeded their objective. The last two schools have not been presented with their honor flag but this will be done this week.

## PROLIFIC FAMILY

CANBERRA (CP)—In 1849 Frederick and William Newnham arrived in Australia and today Frederick has 231 descendants known to be living and William 238. A hundred of them assembled at Melbourne and admired a family tree 13 feet long. Youngest was three months and the oldest 81.

## Invasion of Continent Started Tuesday Morning

### Dr. Schofield Addressed Meeting of Federation

Evidence of the popularity of Dr. Schofield of the Ontario Veterinary College was seen in the large audience which gathered in Brookville Hall June 6th. The occasion was the monthly meeting of the Federation of Agriculture in Nassagaweya.

Before the program started the audience sang "Onward Christian Soldiers" and Dr. Schofield led in prayer for the invasion forces.

A piano solo by Audrey Hinchart and some community singing made a short but enjoyable program.

Dr. Schofield's knowledge of world affairs and trends was shown in his able and entertaining address. His denunciation of the superior minded individual and of the evil of national superiority was thorough. It had led to this terrible war. It has not yet been stamped out. It has led to this form of dictatorship which holds in Germany. The only difference in the two governments of Russia and Germany is that the former has a benevolent aspect and stresses the uplifting of man. Of our own democracy he had much to suggest in improvement. We have freedom, but our justice does not cover social justice. The exploitation of man is utterly wrong. The privileges of the undeservingly rich men are gained at the expense of the sufferings of the poor. He left the thought specially for the young that truth was the only worth while gem worth digging for. We must all drop our trivialities and pretences for we only deceive ourselves with them. Judge a man by asking "Does he care more for the truth than anything else?"

A Diamond, president and A. Service paid tribute to Dr. Schofield. The ladies served a bountiful lunch.

## MEETING OF THE UNITED WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION

The regular monthly business meeting of the Woman's Association of the United Church was held at the home of Mrs. B. Veldhuis with Mrs. D. Richardson presiding. The devotion was taken by Mrs. E. Jennings.

After the business was disposed of, Mrs. Veldhuis, assisted by Mrs. Fosbury, Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Cunningham and Johan Veldhuis served a very dainty lunch. A very hearty vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Veldhuis for her home and hospitality and also to those who assisted with the lunch.

## One Injured When Car Overturned on Monday Night

### Three Other Occupants Not Injured — Car Badly Damaged

Mrs. John Schaffer of 1650 Bathurst Street, Toronto was injured and narrowly escaped death when a car driven by her husband went out of control on the highway three miles east of Acton and turned over in the ditch. The other occupants of the car were not seriously injured and included John, a twelve year old son and L. Cpl. J. W. Arthur of Camp Borden.

Just what was the cause of the accident is hard to understand. Witnesses said the speed was about 30 miles an hour when suddenly the car travelling east went off the road. The car careened to the opposite side of the road and turned over in a four foot ditch. Mrs. Schaffer was thrown out of the car in some manner and the car rolling over had her pinned beneath it.

Fortunately Calvin Clark, Georgetown, J. D. Williamson and Geo. Graham were there almost when the accident happened and were able to get the car off Mrs. Schaffer. She was treated by Dr. W. G. C. Kenney and taken by Johnstone and Rumley ambulance to Toronto hospital. Beyond chest injuries the extent of her injuries was not determined. Other occupants of the car escaped with a severe shaking up.

The body of the car was rather badly damaged. The only cause that the accident could seemingly be contributed to is that something went wrong with the steering gear. The pavement was dry and clear. The accident happened between seven and eight o'clock. Traffic Officer Ray Mason investigated the accident.

## Greatest Assault Force in History Crossed Channel and Established Bridgeheads in France — Good Progress is Reported in First Days of Driving the Nazis Out — Canadians Won Beach-head in Less Than 3 Hours

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D-Day arrived Tuesday, when British, American and Canadian troops landed on the Normandy coast of France and began what Gen. Eisenhower called a crusade in which "we will accept nothing less than full victory."

Initial landings of the greatest amphibious assault in history were preceded by Allied heavy bombings of the invasion coast and were accompanied by a mammoth air cover, 11,000 aircraft in all taking part in the operations. Seaborne troops, headed by Gen. Montgomery surged across the Channel from England by 4,000 regular ships and additional thousands of smaller craft.

They were preceded by massed flights of parachute and glider forces who landed during the dark. More than 640 naval guns, ranging from 4 to 16-inch, hurled many tons of shells accurately into coastal fortifications which the Germans had spent four years preparing against this invasion day.

Initial German opposition in all quarters was less than expected and as a result Allied losses, in general, were much less than expected. Losses of aircraft carrying airborne troops were extremely small although the air-borne attack was on a very large scale.

A high officer of Allied headquarters described the landings as actually the third phase of the battle to crush Hitler, the first having been the gigantic air assault and the second the offensive in Italy.

At the same time word came from Moscow that the Russian army was massing in preparation for another great attack from the east as its part in defeating Germany.

The condition of the sea—the Channel was rough and there was a shower of rain at dawn on D-Day—caused some anxiety at supreme headquarters but the troops got ashore even though many were seasick. Prime Minister Churchill told the British House of Commons on the day of the invasion that the operation was "undoubtedly the most complicated and difficult which has ever occurred."

Lt.-Gen. H. D. G. Crearer, the Canadian Army Commander, sent a personal message to Canadian assault forces on the eve of the invasion stating he has "complete confidence in our ability to meet the tests which lie ahead." He said the Canadians would have a vital part to play in the assault.

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## SPECIAL EVENTS BEING ARRANGED FOR ACTON FAIR

The Kansas Farmer and his hired man will have a day off for Acton Fair and will be there on Saturday, September 23rd according to word given the directors at a meeting on Friday night. While it is not known whether the arena will be available this year, in the event of it not being available a large tent can be secured for part of the hall exhibit.

The type of first night performance will of course depend on whether the arena will be secured. Several new classes were proposed for the poultry list and the Board agreed to meet on June 23rd to complete the prize list. Acton Fair dates this year are Friday and Saturday, September 22nd and 23rd.

## SOUTHERN ONTARIO LIBERALS FORM GROUP HALTON INCLUDED

Halton is one of the constituencies in the newly organized Southern Ontario Liberal Association, along with Welland, Lincoln, Eldon, Wentworth, the Hamiltons, Niagara Falls, Peel and Dufferin-Simcoe.

A group of representatives met at the Royal Connaught on June 3rd under the Chairmanship of E. Corman, M. P. and after hearing fighting speeches from Hon. Colin Gibson, Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, Hughes Heaver, M. P., Thos. Ross, M. P., Col. H. S. Hamilton, President Ontario Liberal Association and others completed the new organization, with the following officers:

President—L. Flaherty, Hamilton.  
Vice-president—Jas. Plett, Stoney Creek.  
Secretary—Harold Menden Hamilton  
Treasurer—L. M. Root, Dunville.