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## Hughes' Clever Upholds Farm Bill House of Commons

**House Approves the Mudzi Bill**  
Hughes Admits His Bill  
Hasn't Yet Won

Members of this district will be interested to learn that Halton's measure in the House of Commons, designed to protect their rights, when the bill is introduced, does not win under discussion. Again we find the full speech in the House proceedings as far too lengthy for our columns and can only reprint extracts from the speech of July 28th.

Mr. Hutton (Acton): Mr. Speaker, the measure we are now discussing, is, in effect, to secure from government, during the transition period after the vote: While it is not a farmer; I have lived in a farming community all my life and I believe I know quite well of the farm problem. It would direct the attention of the House in its consideration of this measure to one part of the farm problem which this measure does not directly touch upon, and which is that the overall picture of the return to the farmer is not directly covered, nor is it intended to be covered, by this measure.

"As I understand the measure as it has been explained by the minister, its purpose is to take care of the extraordinary conditions which will arise as to rights of individual farmers, in the immediate post-war period, and it does not deal directly with the general farm picture. It wants to say at once that the farmers of my riding, with whom I have been in contact have been very greatly encouraged by a measure of this kind being introduced in to the House because my farmers believe that it indicates that in the future definitely we can measures are to be used in facing up to the farm problem. It should like to express the hope that this bill when enacted will work, so satisfactorily, that we shall carry its principles into our peace-time economy, using it as permanent instruments upon which to rest agriculture with security for the future of the nation.

It did not want to be considered as an escape clause, but to my personal knowledge, looking back over the past thirty years, the position of agriculture has been steadily deteriorating until it has now reached the point where you can buy a house on 200 acre farm in my riding for what it would cost to put up the present buildings on the farm. Less than ten percent of the farmers in my riding can afford to employ a hired man therefore on the farm has been reduced to what is practically drudgery. We all know that the live stock on the farm have to be fed and watered three times daily. The farmer without a hired man cannot go off with his wife for a holiday for a day or two or anything off that sort. One of them must remain on the farm to look after the chores.

Mr. Hansen (Mark-Sturbridge): Sure, they have to milk the cows. It has been that way since Adam and Eve.

Mr. Cleaver: Right you are, by my mind is that there is no hired man on the farm to take his turn under present conditions.

Mr. Hansen (Mark-Sturbridge): He would not stay there to-day anyway unless you chased him.

Mr. Cleaver: I have a suggestion that might keep him there, but it will come back to that.

Later in his address Mr. Cleaver made the following suggestion to aid the farmer in keeping help on the farm.

Mr. Hansen (Mark-Sturbridge): How would he keep him home on Sundays to do the milking?

Mr. Cleaver: Well, I think the present system, where the odd farmer has a hired man, is a fair one. The hired man is home one Sunday and the farmer is home the next Sunday. They alternate. My suggestion is this: Why don't the farmers in Ontario should have a second house on just as good as the one that is now there. In the early years of married life, while the children are young, that house could be occupied by the hired man. These would be necessary in getting the proper type of hired man on the farm if his wife and family had a good house in which to live. Then as the children grow up and the older they become the wife a home of her own. That sort of this farmer will then live in the second house. It can last back forty years. I well remember forty years ago that wheat and other grains sold at practically the same price as wheat and other grains were being brought in 1920. There has been no substantial change in the selling price of grain in that forty years. But look at the cost of hired help; it has gone up at least three hundred per cent. Look at the cost of farm implements.

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## Week's Invasion Casualties of Acton and District

### REPORTED MISSING



Mr. G. Jerry Gifford, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Gifford, Creswick, Ontario, who was listed as missing after operations over enemy territory.

### WOUNDED IN INVASION



Pte. Charlie Tyler, Acton, who has been listed as wounded in the invasion, is son of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Tyler.

### ACTION CASUALTY



Pte. James Waterhouse, Acton, whose mother received word on Saturday that he had been injured while on active service in France.

### DAID'S SUPREME SACRIFICE



Pte. Robert Cecil Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Wilson, St. Catharines, Ontario, who has been killed while on active service in France.

## Committed for Trial on Murder Charge in Milton Court

**Other Cases Heard by Police Magistrate Langdon at Milton**

In Police Court at Milton yesterday preliminary hearing of Mrs. Lois Bell on charge of murder was given and she (spouse) was committed for trial at the next assizes. The original charge of attempting to conceal child birth had been increased to the murder charge.

Fresh charges of Milton was fined \$25 and costs on ten days jail on charge of reckless driving of his motorcycle.

Momila Benson was charged with theft of money from Mrs. Annie Graham, 401 Street, Milton. He was remanded for sentence.

Milton Magistrate K. M. Langdon presided at the court session.

### RED CROSS CONCERT AT GREENWOOD SCHOOL RAISED \$1000-\$200

Under the auspices of the Greenwood Red Cross group, a successful program was given in Greenwood School on Sunday evening, August 6th and was well-attended. Mr. Arthur Swankhamer was chairman for the program which was enjoyed by all.

The program included the following numbers: solo, Miss Blanche McInerny; violin solo, Miss Dorothy Frank; with Miss Margaret Somerville on the piano; solo, Mary Hold; piano solo, Miss Margaret Robertson; solo, Mr. Wm. Burton; music selections, the Anderson family; solo, Mrs. T. Henderson; reading, Mrs. A. White; vocal duet, Misses Joan and Margaret Robson; solo, Betty Clarke; piano solo, Mr. Kinney; hymn "I'll Blow Blest Rock of Ages"; solo, Miss Marle McComb; solo, Mrs. Murray Clark; solo on coronet, Mr. Chas. Landshough; piano solo, Mrs. Gordon Atkinson; solo, Anderson family; solo, Mr. Fred Colas; pianola for the program were Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Robson and Mr. Kinney.

A vote of thanks was tendered the artists by Miss Eva Peacock. The collection amounted to \$2000.

## Two Accidents At Beardmore Plant On Tuesday

When his right hand was caught in a grinding machine at the Beardmore Co. factory here Monday afternoon, Napoleon Katalaputti suffered injuries that necessitated amputation of the hand. Katalaputti came to Acton from Mississauga to work in the plant here and had just been transferred from another department that day to work in the yard. He was attended by Dr. W. G. Conroy and taken to Guelph Hospital by ambulance for treatment.

Monday morning, about 7:30 a.m., Morton had the misfortune to have the thumb of his left hand caught in the cutting machine and had just been transferred from another department that day to work in the yard. He also was taken to Guelph Hospital for treatment and was able to return home that afternoon.

### KILLED BY LIGHTNING WHILE OPERATING FARM BINDER

Donald D. Hadley, forty-three year old farmer of 11th line, East Zorra Township was killed by a bolt of lightning on Friday as he was driving a binder on his farm just south of Tavistock. He is a son of Mr. George B. Hadley, Acton.

### Couple Struck by Car Driven by John Harris, Acton

A bad accident took place on the Glen Road last Saturday night when Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hadley were both struck by a car while on their way to Glen Williams. The force of the impact hurled the victims into a 6-foot ditch. Dr. R. T. Paul was called and attended the injured couple, later having them removed to Toronto General Hospital, where it was found Mrs. Hadley was the most severely injured. She had a possible broken arm, cuts and abrasions. Mr. Hadley was allowed to return home.

The car involved was driven by John Harris of Acton, and is said to have had defective lighting equipment. When struck, Mr. and Mrs. Hadley were walking facing the traffic, the car coming up from behind them.

Chief W. G. Marshall and T. G. Ray Marion investigated. A charge will be laid.

### DATES OF FALL FAIRS ANNOUNCED FOR EVENTS OF DISTRICT

The Department of Agriculture has compiled a list of Ontario Fall Fairs for 1944 and the following are the dates of interest in this district:

- Brantford—Sept. 2 and 4.
- Kitchener—Sept. 1, 2 and 3.
- Fergus—Sept. 8 and 9.
- Georgetown—Sept. 13 and 14.
- Acton—Sept. 22 and 23.
- Amherst—Sept. 26 and 27.
- Colborne—Sept. 28 and 29.
- Chelmsford—Sept. 26 and 27.
- Milton—Sept. 28 and 29.
- Aberfoyle—Oct. 3 and 4.
- Roxton—Oct. 13 and 14.
- Elora—Oct. 7 and 8.
- Glen Valley—Oct. 3 and 4.
- Markdale—Oct. 3 and 4.
- Bethune—Oct. 7 and 8.
- Stratford—Oct. 7.
- Woodstock—Oct. 7 and 8.

### Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, on a rate per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of \$1.00.

Garden Party at All Day Inn, Elora Mills, Tuesday, August 15th. Admission 35 cents and 20 cents.

Remember Friday, August 18th, dance at Brantford sponsored by the Big-Bass Club, with Dance-Music Orchestra, admission 40 cents. Proceeds for war work.

Dance in Town Hall, Acton, Thursday, August 27, sponsored by local 30, National Union Show and Leather Workers, Dance-Music Orchestra, admission 25 cents. Old time.