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Free Press took High Standing in Newspaper Contest

Wins Fourth Place in the Class for Papers Under 2000 Circulation

At the convention in Winnipeg today of the Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association, announcement was made of winners in the Better Newspaper Competition. The Free Press having less than 2000 circulation and came fourth for the Best All-Round paper in this class. In the past four or five years the Free Press has held two trophies and secured a half-dozen certificates. This year we are out of the first three by one point.

Winner of the Charles Clark Cup is the Comrox (B. C.) Argus with 86 punts; second Powell River (B. C.) Town Crier with 83 points, third Gananoque (Ont.) Reporter 82 points. The Free Press had 81 points and the Lacombe Globe 80 points.

The marks secured by the Free Press under the various headings were: 26 out of 30 for local news; 8 out of 10 for district news; 9 out of 10 for editorial page; 4 out of 5 for front page; 6 out of 10 for local ads; 5 out of 5 for national ads; 4 out of 5 for classified ads; 7 out of 10 for typography; 4 out of 5 for layout; 4 out of 5 for press work and 4 out of 5 for general.

Winner of the Malcolm MacBeth Memorial Shield for the Best Editorial Page was Powell River (B. C.) Town Crier 97 points; second Powell River (B. C.) News 93 points and third Comrox (B. C.) Argus 91 points. The score of the Free Press was 87 points.

For the M. A. James Memorial Trophy for the Best Front Page, the winner was the Peel Gazette, Brampton with 90 points; second the Watrous, Manitou with 89 points and third the Lacombe Globe with 89 points. The score of the Free Fress was 82 points.

We congratulate the winners of the various contests on the excellence they have attained and to British Columbia must go the honors in carrying off the majority of the prizes in this class. The Peel Gazette of Brampton and the Gananoque Reporter were the only two winners from Ontario.

The Field Crop Competition of **Acton Fall Fair**

Results of the Field Crop Competition of the Acton Agricultural Society for 1944 are announced. The Judge was Mr. R. J. McCormick of Brantford. There were ten entries AUGUST MEETING this year and here are the winners KNOX W. M. S. of the first eight places and the

J. E. Pearen, Acton, R. R. No. 3-90 and a half points. points.

1-87 and a half points. Robert Kerr, Acton, R. R. No. 2-85 and a half points.

Chester Allen, Acton, R. R. No. 2-85 points. C. B. Swackhamer, Acton. R. R. No. 2-84 and a half points.

-83 points. Arthur Swackhamer, Acton, R. R. No. 2-81 points.

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

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

Brampton-Sept. 2 and 4. Elmira-Sept. 1, 2 and 4. Fergus-Sept. 8 and 9. Georgetown-Sept. 15 and 16. Orangeville-Sept. 12 and 13. Acton-Sept. 22 and 23. Ancaster-Sept. 26 and 27. Arthur-Sept. 26 and 27. Caledon-Sept. 29 and 30. Cooksville-Sept. 26 and 27. Milton-Sept. 29 and 30. Aberfoyle-Oct, 3 and 4. Bolton-Oct. 13 and 14. Erin-Oct. 7 and 9. Grand Valley-Oct. 3 and 4. Markham-Oct. 5 and 7. Rockton-Oct. 7 and 9. Streetsville-Oct. 7. Woodbridge Octor and 2

PUNES PRANES

McArdle when they planted a tomb- George Laidlaw, magician. stone on his front lawn. The "grave" was complete with flowers and other embellishments. Police blamed "irresponsible young punks" for the pronk.

THIS WEEK

BY JOHN C. SCOTT

TORONTO (CP)-Premier Drew's radio address of last week in which he declared that his government would do "everything within its power" to see that the recently-passed Family Allowance bill does not go into effect has set the Ontario political spot boiling once more with reports of an early election or an early session

of the legislature. That speech set off a lot of firewas entered in Class II for papers works and Prime Minister Mackenzie King got into the fray this week when he announced that the proposed Dominion-provincial conference will not be held until after a Dominion general election and he quoted a portion of Premier Drew's speech to support his contention that desired co-operation would not be available before that date.

He quoted Premier Drew as having said his one ambition in the political field outside of Ontario "is to see an end as soon as possible of the weak and incompetent government power at Ottawa to-day and to assist In every way I can to assure that John Bracken (National Progressive Conservative leader) is the next J. B. Mackenzie & Son, fuel Prime Minister of Canada."

Premier Drew's statement regarding the "baby bonus" was protested by Liberal Leader Nixon and A. A. McLeod, leader of the two-man Labor Progressive party representation in the legislature.

Nixon Comments

Former Premier Nixon said he was shocked by the premier's address and said Mr. Drew was using the Family Allowance Act "to stir up Ontario against the rest of Canada."

Mr. Drew had said the bill was an 'obvious bribe" and that under many millions of dollars from the pockets of the people of Ontario would go to the province of Quebec under the measure. He said the time now has come for the people of Canada to kay that Quebec "is not going to receive preferred treatment while It refused to bear its full share of the burden of war.'

Mr. MacLeod said the Ontario premier has "entered into a sinister conspiracy" with Premier-elect Duplessis of Quebec "to sabotage the the federal government's program cuss. of social security."

When queried on the report of ar early Ontario election Premier Drew said "absolutely nothing in it at all' and when asked about reports of fall legislature, session said " it is most unlikely that that baby bonus bill would call for it but there are other matters that may."

Mr. Nixon later said that if a special session is held he will see that the family allowance question is raised as an issue.

AT MRS. F. McCUTCHEON'S

Knox Church W. M. S. held thelr August meeting at the home of Mrs. Hugh Reld, Acton, R. R. No. 2-90 Fred McCutcheon on August 10th President, Mrs. Blow, opened the meeting by giving a reading and a Miller Bros., Georgetown, R. R. No. prayer on behalf of our soldiers and also paid special tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Wm. Thompson, who, when living, took a very active part in the work of the Society. She also made suitable mention of other members who have passed on in re-Griffin Sprowl, Acton, R. R. No. 4 cent months. The devotional period was taken by Mrs. Geo. Murray reading the scripture lesson and Mrs. R M. McDonald leading in prayer. The making and quilting of quilts was discussed.

M'as Bella Roszell favored the meeting with a solo entitled "He is the One." Mrs. E. J. Hassard gave an interesting reading, the title of which War Service League The Department of Agriculture has was "Faith." The meeting was closed by prayer, after which a dainty lunch was served by Mrs. McCutcheon and her helpers.

JIMMIE FAX THE WELL-KNOWN COMEDIAN COMING ACTON FAIR

The committee in charge of entertainment features at Acton Fair has been fortunate in securing for the concert in the Town Hall the first night the Fax Fun Company. This group of artists is headed by the well known Jimmle Fax, who has been a popular concert comedian as long as most of us can remember. His appearance will bring many recollections and those who knew him earlier days will not want to miss hearing him again. It is said of him "that his humor may cease to be instructive but will never cease to be

innocent." Jimmie Fax has in the group with FROM MILTON WOMAN HAMILTON (CP) - Pranksters him Bob Wilson, Jean Simpson, Miss played a gruesome trick on Herbert Pat Matthews, versatile dancer and

> Canadian hens have really scratching for the last few Egg production in 1943 was 42 per a ring from Mrs. Annie Graham. cent, higher than in 1939.

Council and Commission Agree to Spring Changes

More Cases of Indigent Patients for Council's Attention Change Made in Maintenance of County Roads-Other Items at Last Night's Meeting of Acton

The August meeting of Acton Council was held on Wednesday evening. Councillors W. J. O. Oakes and L. Kirkness were present and Reeve

Council .

J. M. McDonald presided. Superintendent Chas. Wilson of the Public Utilities Commission was present to discuss with the Council the advisability of installing a new pump at the apring. Permission was granted for the purchase of a new pump and also for connecting the second spring to the present pump house.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Acton Fublic Utilities Commission, street lights, power, etc. Bell Telephone Co., services Acros Fazz Pazzz, printing and advertising Norton Motors, gas, etc.

Acton Welfare Board, relief County of Halton, grader Whillier & Co., assessment notices E. E. Harrop, postage Walter Cutting, cutting grass

at park

29.21

\$426.31 A communication from the Free port Sanatorium notified Council that a returned service man had been admitted to the hospital. As this pat lent had not resided in Acton but in Erin Township, the hospital was to be notified to this effect.

have been made to take care of relief of Officer W. D. Watson. sickness accounts.

phone Co. of Kitchener had inter- and Mrs. Wm. Watson and was born man province of East Prussia. The ton. Anyone wishing to help by givto arrangements for fire calls. This He graduated as Pilot Officer (Nav- cessful crossing of the Biebrza Riv- phone your name to Hillsburg Drug

notified the Council that their next | Watson, Acton. regular meeting would be held on Tuesday, September 5th.

Notification was received from the Ontario Legislature that the Corporation was the licensing authority now for all halls, etc.

The Blyth Construction Company gave prices for painting strips on the roadways. No action was taken. A letter from the Department of Municipal Affairs pointed out the responsibilities of Council in regard to the passing of a by-law for licensing public halls and other information. The letter was filed.

Mr. Roy Smith notified Council of a change in regulations regarding the Kentner, Lena Lawson, Barbara Lawmaintenance of county connecting son, Joan Pargeter and Mauretts links. A list of work contemplated Rowles assisted. was requested before a grant will be

A lotter from the Guelph General By-Laws Passed Hospital asked Council to reconsider a patient in the hospital there. Council admitted that this patient was indig-

The Canadian Institute of Sewage and Sanitation notified Council that their membership had been accepted. The matter of street drains was discussed and it was decided to get in Other Items Dealt with were touch with the highway engineer.

Various Efforts Raise Funds For

Through the untiring efforts of Mrs. Stan. Matthews, Mrs. Geo. Somerville, Mrs. E. Perryman, Howey Price and others, \$78.00 was realized from sale of tickets on the pure bred Sunnydale Sow donated to the League

by Mr. R. N. Brown. Miss Margaret Thompson was the winner and the sow was sold for \$56.00, half of which was donated to the League by Miss Thompson.

Nassagaweya Busy Bees sent along a further donation of \$25,00. Mrs. Jack Scriven gave \$2.00 to the

Lillian Mitchell and Doreen Hutchinson, an Acton visitor, devoted an afternoon to a victory sale which netted \$6.30 for the League.

SIX MONTHS GIVEN FOR THEFT OF RING

In Police Court in Milton yesterday afternoon, Emilie Burnier was sentenced to six months in the Ontarlo Reformatory on a theft charge. The charge arose from the theft of Mill Street, Milton.

TO EDIT FARM PAPER



Andrew Hebb, former editor of the Newmarket Era and Express, one of Ontario's brightest weekly newspapers, who is leaving Newmarket to ed- Monday when the German radio anit the publication for the Ontario Federation of Agriculture. Mr. Hebb is Past President of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association and well-5.17 known throughout Canada.

P.O. W. D. Watson Died in Action Word Received Here

A letter from the Department of of Grand Valley who have received people of France to rise against their for purcels received and hopes for Health notified that arrangements word of the death of their son, Pil- Nazl conquerors.

erseas in March last. He was a German soil. A letter from the School-Board grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas

RECEPTION HELD FOR MEMBERS OF ST. ALBAN'S, ST. JOHN'S

On Friday evening, August 11th the Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Pulker received members of the parish of Acton and Rockwood at the Rectory Those pouring tea were Mrs. Kingsmill and Mrs. B. Pargeter Acton and Mrs. J. Lister and Mrs. Nightingale of Rockwood. Mrs. Allan Adams of Toronto, Miss Phyllis Mackie, Misses Norma Kentner, Irma

Tuesday's Meeting **Esquesing Council**

Routine Nature - Accounts Passed for Payment

their regular meeting on Tuesday gloomy for the Wilhelmstrasse. evening. Deputy-Reeve G. W! Murray, Councillors George E. Cleave, months has apparently been giving these will come the need for seeds. were present. Reeve C. H. May pre-

as follows: The Municipal World, Ltd, supplies

Bell Telephone Co. H.E.P.C. Brampton, light at Council Chamber Dr. C. K. Stevenson, treatment to patients

son, that road accounts as presented \$6,479.08—Carried.

for the year 1944 was given the re- Foreign Minister Sir Henrik Ramsay quired reading and passed. Another by-law to distribute the in- this time the Finns wanted peace. terest accruing from the Railway Bonus Fund amongst the various are Hantti Hackzell and Carl Enkell. school sections was passed.

meeting provided for additional road expenditure for the year 1944. Council adjourned to meet Tuesday, September 5th at two o'clock or at the call of the Reeve.

It is estimated that two pounds of soybean oil will make enough giveerine to fire five anti-tank shells,

Weekly War Commentary

By MICHAEL O'MARA

Opening the fourth major front against Hitlerite Germany, a great Allied army awarmed over the beaches of Southern France Tuesday on a 100-mile front between Nice and Marseilles. Seaborne assault troops -British, American and Frenchstormed ashore and early dispatches indicated that first objectives had been reached in less than an hour against a minimum of resistance.

Troop landings were supported by strong naval and air forces and Canadian haval units were among those participating in the new invasion. Allied planes which for four straight days had battered the coastal defences of Southern France laid down a terrific bombardment ahead of the attucking forces.

An official announcement said the landings were neede at several points news until Wednesday was the word nlong a broad front.

on German-held territory the Allies well-known here by many friends, had been massing men and materials was reported lost in action. This for months on the Island of Corsica. news is reported in another article First hint of the Allied move came this week. nounced that large Allied convoys had been seen passing Gibraltar.

7th Army Trapped Meanwhile in northwestern France Allied armor and infantry narrowed

the German escape corridor in the NEWS ITEMS OF THE Falaise-Argentan area to a little ERIN TOWNSHIP more than 10 miles. Artillery fire has sealed off the corridor, trapping the German 7th army estimated to number 200,000 men. Canadian troops and a half miles from Falaise.

On the Eastern front, the Russians He had been reported missing on have rammed an armored spearhead for August were Miss V. Cowan, Miss Mr. McDonald of the Bell Tele- July 23. He was the only son of Mr. to within a dozen miles of the Ger- May Hall, Elmer Reld, C. C. Hamilviewed the Clerk and Reeve in regard in Grand Valley on March 3, 1922. new Russian thrust followed a suc- ing their blood at the next clinic was left over for a full council to dis- igator) on Dec. 10, 1943 and went ov- er, the last major obstacle before Store.

where Soviet troops have established S.O.S. for these Jackets. Will the a huge bridgehead west of the Vistula ladies or convenors of our Township River below Warsaw, German tank please help? This is an urgent reand infantry units were making quest. strong counter-attacks,

Announcement was made Wednesday at Allied headquarters in Rome that Allied troops are firmly established in southern France and that all initial objectives have been taken. derground newspapers in the Occupied have been disclosed, but operations were said to be proceeding according despite the grim risks run by those to plan. The British radio announced that Allied troops had captured five

towns, including one five miles inland. French frontier dispatches to Switzerland declared that the Allies had ulready occupied Cannes and Nice. Berlin admitted that fresh Allied landings had stretched the front in southern France to 120 miles from the Toulon naval base to the Italian port ing by disguising him as an orangof San Remo.

brink of disaster in the east and west jumped about on his trapeze to show and are hard put to limit the pace of how well be had learned his part. Sudtheir retreat in Italy, the enemy is dealy he fell into the next care, suffering commensurate set-backs on where two lions were prowling up and the diplomatic front.

Germany and Turkey-an indication ice. Then one of them came up to the that the Turks are certain the Ger- bars and said: "For goodness sake be mans face ultimate defeat-together with rumored attempts by Romania and Bulgaria to get out of the war, Esquesing Township Council held make the outlook in the Balkans

In the north, Finland, for many George Currie and Wm. A. Wilson consideration to the possibility of signing a separate peace treaty, and preliminary negotiations between Accounts were passed for payment that country and Russia, representing the United Nations, are through the Axis. neutral channels in Stockholm. The latest Finnish cabinet has been

6.39 labelled as one put in power to make peace and significantly includes two 4.05 experts on Russian affairs, replacing leaders who only six weeks ago at-57.00 tempted to commit Finland to com-Moved by Currie, seconded by Wil- plete collaboration with Germany. The shake-up which brought Baron

by the Road Superintendent be paid Mannerheim out of political retirement to succeeed Risto Ryti, and oust A by-law to assess the Township Prime Minister Edwin Linkomies and was the first clear-cut indication that Replacing Linkomies and Ramsay

Prime Minister Hackzell is a former A third by-law passed at this embassador to Russia, and Foreign Minister Enckell has a record of accord with the Russians dating back on to 1920 when he, as secretary of state signed the agreement for Finnish independence with Lenin.

> Complicated Position The position of Finland in the war is a complicated one. She is not often (Continued on Page Five)

First Issue in Seven Weeks With No Local Casualties

lesues Since Invasion Have Carried from Two to Six Listed from Acton and District

Since June 15th, every issue of the Free Press with one exception, July 13th, has contained reports of from two to alx casualties among soldiers from Acton and district. Last week as the highest when six pictures of young men from here were reported killed in action, missing or wounded. It seemed as if this community was getting hit pretty hard and war came home with a seriousness that hit

many homes. Now this week we have up until Wednesday afternoon no casualties to report from Acton and district and it's the best news we have written in

these seven weeks. The only dark spot in the better that Pilot Officer W. D. Watson, on-In preparation for the new assault ly son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Watson,

May the weeks that follow find a luck of casualty news from the battlefronts. Homes will be happier and it's the news we would rather not have to make our weekly issues.

RED CROSS SOCIETY

Letters from oversous have been received from R. Salmon, A. Irwin, on Tuesday were reported only two C. Simpson, R. Ferguson, H. Spencer, L. Bragg, R. Steen, J. Ferguson, F. Coincident with the Allied invasion Tarzwell, C. Burgess, K. McDonald, Much sympathy is felt here for Mr. in the south the French Committee E. Bryan, T. Curry, L. Dearing, Sgt. and Mrs. W. W. Watson and family of National Liberation summoned the McCutcheon, sending thanks to all an early home coming.

Blood donors to Orangeville Clinic

Second quota of pneumonia jackets In the area of Central Poland are now ready. Britain has sent an

A TWIST IN THE LION TALE

Nothing could better illustrate the fine spirit of those who run the un-Few official details of the fighting Countries of Europe than the character of the humorous stories includedwho print the papers and by those who read them.

Here is a story taken from a recent issue of the Belgian secret paper, L'-Alouette:

A young man called Bebert was called up for compulsory labor service. His uncle, a keeper at a Zoo at Antwerp, enabled him to go into hidoutang. One day his mother came to As German armies totter on the see him. Bebert was delighted, and down. Bebert's mother yelled with Final break in relations between terror. At first the lions took no notquiet, Madame. Do you want to give the whole lot of us away?"

Three immediate and imperative needs of occupied peoples will be food, clothing and medical care. After agricultural implements, household goods, educational facilities and s thousand things which have been elther destroyed or "New Ordered" by

Coming Events

Annuncements of Meetings, Conerts, or Other Events, ander this heading, are charged, to rente per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of ac.

Legion dance in Town Hall, Thursday, August 24. Al Watson's Orchestra. Admission 50 cents.

Dublin's Women's Institute are holding a Sacred Concert in Dublin School on Sunday evening. August 20th at 8.30 p.m. Silver collection for war work.

Prepare now to spend Labor Day, Monday, September 4, at Georgetown and attend the Lorne Scots Jamborce. A full day of sports and entertainment of the highest calibre is being planned and apendered by Company.