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## Scenes from the Hundredth Anniversary Celebration of Beardmore and Company in Acton last Saturday



The Beardmore Co. Anniversary Celebration took in a great group who enjoyed the complete provision made to make the occasion a memorable one. No. 1 shows a section of the crowd lined up along the third base line watching the ball game. No. 2 is one small corner of the picnic supper when between 1500 and 2000 people were served in thirty-two minutes. No. 3 is two of the men back from serving overseas enjoying the celebration, Pte. Arnold Weaver and Sergt. Wm. Finlay. No. 4 shows Mrs. Jack Sweeney, and Brian, whose husband gave his life in the battle for freedom and Mrs. Gordon Lambert, whose husband is serving overseas and seated is Diana Sweeney and two children of Pte. and Mrs. Gordon Lambert. No. 5 shows a group of some of the old employees with Vice-President and General Manager, Mr. S. G. Bennett. They are left to right: Gen. Benton, Sr., S. G. Bennett, John Kennedy, Jack Morton and Wallace Frankum. No. 6 shows the Toronto Concert Band as they came in the Park entrance under the signs of 100th Anniversary.

### Memorial Service for Pte. H. Simpson Held on Sunday

Comrades of Canadian Legion Attended Service in United Church Here

On Sunday members of the Acton Branch of the Canadian Legion joined with friends in a memorial service for Pte. Harold L. Simpson, son of Corp. and Mrs. George Simpson, Acton. The service was held in the United Church in charge of his pastor, Rev. A. W. Foshary.

Having his discourse on John 11:16, verses 25 and 26, Mr. Foshary took as his subject on this occasion "I am the resurrection and the life." The word "resurrection" that is used here is the Greek word "anastasis." It is a word that suggests motion upward and onward. It conveys the idea of going on—of being promoted to a higher form of life. Death to the Christian is a step forward and upward in the experience of human life.

Christ has brought the hope of immortality out into the full sunlight of understanding. The true patriot that ever lived is his own witness to the fact of the resurrection and those who "follow in His train," who live His way of living, will continue to live as does He.

What do we mean by that word patriot? A patriot is one who loves his country and will do anything that is right to preserve and defend it. The true patriot looks beyond his own nation. He desires his country to be a power for good in the world. The blessings of freedom and enlightenment are meant for the whole world of men. Thus, whole nations are robbed of their God-given freedom, those who are still free are called upon to restore it. Harold Simpson belonged to that company of glorious young patriots who saw the need of freeing the world of a dark and ugly evil. Nazism aimed at not only the subordination of, but the ultimate extinction of those things of beauty which free men hold dear. It was inevitable that some of these young crusaders should pay the supreme sacrifice. But for them there was the assurance that such a sacrifice could not be in vain. The life laid down here would be taken up beyond the valley of the shadow. While the life of the world would be cleansed of its worst evils and, in time, please God, of them all. These young lives so seemingly short, have lived and learned so much in so short a time. To them the words of Christ "I am the resurrection and the life" have special meaning.

And we who are left behind must keep our covenant with them. Words spoken by Lincoln in his Gettysburg address are words which we ought to

### Police Court at Milton had Variety of Cases Yesterday

Five cases were heard in Police Court in Milton yesterday afternoon before Magistrate Langdon.

Wilfred George Fisher, of Hanover, who was convicted last week of stealing a bicycle near Acton, was given suspended sentence and ordered to pay the costs.

Jack Harris of Acton, charged with careless driving, resulting in an accident near Georgetown, was given suspended sentence and ordered to pay the costs.

Warren O'Connor parked a truck six feet on No. 5 Highway, west of Palermo, without lights and was fined \$5 and costs, including towing charges or ten days in jail. On a charge of driving a truck without a reflector, he was given suspended sentence. Another charge of driving a truck without being equipped with the necessary flares or lights, also drew suspended sentence.

Albert Pepin of Guelph, was fined \$10 and costs or ten days on a charge of being drunk in Acton Park on Saturday. Another charge of possessing and consuming liquor in a place other than a private dwelling drew a fine of \$100 and costs or 30 days in jail. Pepin and a woman from Guelph had 19 bottles of beer in a suitcase. Chief Harrop found them in the park after three had been consumed and sixteen bottles were intact in the suitcase.

Charles Meyers of Milton was remanded until September 6th on a charge of seduction against Lily Turner, Milton.

Arnold Scott was remanded until September 6th on a charge of indecent acts.

### TRIBUTE IN SERVICE



Pte. Harold Simpson, Acton, killed in action on July 27th, for whom a memorial service was held Sunday in Acton United Church.

## Beardmore Co. Celebrate 100th Anniversary Saturday

Employees, Families and Friends Provided with Elaborate Picnic and Entertainment — Each Will Receive Leather Windbreaker and those Overseas a Box as Memento of 100th Anniversary of Founding of Canada's Largest Tanners — Third Generation Now Heads Firm

Al. Harvey put it very aptly on Saturday when addressing the 1500 to 2000 folks attending the Beardmore Co. picnic. "You've got a fine community spirit in Acton folks. You don't find such a spirit in many places. It's taken a hundred years to get. For Heaven's sake, don't lose it." And so it was on Saturday, just a great big family that took in a mighty large section of the community out picnicking together and marking an auspicious occasion—the founding a hundred years ago of the Beardmore and Co. tanneries.

No stone had been left unturned to make the occasion one to go down in the annals of history of the Company and in the life of Acton. Even the weatherman smiled and gave a delightful afternoon with bright warm sunshine.

First surprise of the afternoon came when the employees were handed their program at the gate and a little white card with a message from Col. A. O. T. Beardmore, President and Mr. S. G. Bennett, Vice-President and General Manager. It told them that each employee would receive as a memento of the 100th Anniversary a leather windbreaker and measurements and arrangements would be given at the office. It was a delightful and complete surprise.

The program opened at 1.30 with a series of races and contests for all ages and sizes and splendid prizes for the winners, and here are the lucky contestants.

Boys under 4 years—Harry McFadden, Garry Walker.

Girls under 4 years—Teresa Arbie, Catherine Smith.

Boys 4 and under 6 years—Ernie Lawson, Jackie Walker.

Girls 4 and under 6 years—Nora Job, Helen Landsborough.

Boys 6 and under 8 years—Desmond O'Rourke, Ross Morton.

Girls 6 and under 8 years—Shirley Wilson, Joyce Palmer.

Boys 8 and under 10 years—Russell Arbie, Donnie Anderson.

Girls 8 and under 10 years—Catherine Brennan, Olive Cryderman.

Boys 10 and under 12 years—Ronnie Anderson, Donald DeForest.

Girls 10 and under 12 years—Marlene Bolton, Shirley Fryer.

Boys 12 and under 14—Freddie Kentner, Gord. Thompson.

Girls 12 and under 14—Shirley Bolton, Dena Braida.

Boys 14 and under 16—Lorne Arbie, Harold DeForest.

Girls 14 and under 16—Betty Musters, Shirley Rolston.

Young Women's and Men's 3-legged race, 16 years and over—Joan Parzeter and Ken Papillon, Shirley Kentner and Hartley Cole.

Married Women's Clothes Pin Race—Mrs. Beatrice Anderson, Mrs. Mabel Burkholder.

Ladies' and Men's Wheelbarrow Race—Dorothy Footitt and Pte. E. Footitt, Mrs. Doris Kentner and Freddie Kentner.

Ladies' Spot Race, over 40—Mrs. W. Crofts, Mrs. A. Braida.

Ladies' and Men's Thread-the-Needle Race—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson, Frances Rawlings and Robert Sly.

Ladies' and Men's Cigarette Race—Mr. and Mrs. Norman Morton, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson.

Men's Boat Race, over 40—Fred Kentner, John McLaughlin.

Just as the race program concluded the Toronto Concert Band, under the direction of Bandmaster J. D. Wilson, paraded in at the park entrance, under the big welcome and 100th Anniversary decorations and for half an hour delighted the crowd with a program of selections.

Baseball followed between two outstanding ladies softball teams from Toronto, Simpson's and York Arsenal.

It proved a fine attraction and was won by the Simpson team.

But for those who didn't like baseball, a group of troubadours strolled about the grounds, singing and entertaining and Bo-Bo the clown had a following of delighted youngsters wherever he went and he was always going some place.

Al. Harvey was the genial Master of Ceremonies for a program by a group of professional artists. The Lane Sisters gave dainty dance numbers and the Ripley's clown acrobats are well-known for their clever numbers.

Feeding the Thousands

Feeding one to two thousand is no small task and when the call for supper came it looked like an impossible job. Large serving tents had been erected and six serving lines were provided. In thirty-two minutes every one of the crowd had been served and the repeaters were being looked after. Cole Bros. of Toronto had charge of this part of the event and a large and efficient staff handled the job. There were assorted sandwiches, weiners and rolls, fruit cake, assorted small cakes, ice cream cups and tea, coffee, milk or chocolate milk. During the afternoon the

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### Lieut. Curtis M. Cole Native of Acton Killed in Action

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Adamson, Acton that their nephew, Lieutenant Curtis M. Cole was killed in France on August 15th. Lieutenant Cole is the son of the late John Cole and Mrs. Cole, 28 Eridale Ave., Toronto. He was born in Acton and was attached to the Armored Division—First Hussars of London.

Many friends here of Mrs. Cole and the family will join in sympathy in the sacrifice they have been called upon to make.

### SCHOOL INSPECTOR FOR HALTON COUNTY TAKES OTTAWA POSITION

L. L. Skuce, Milton, Public School Inspector for Halton County for the past few years, is leaving to-morrow to assume position of Science teacher at the Collegiate at Ottawa. A temporary Normal School employee will replace Mr. Skuce for this coming year.

### Another Casualty Reported To-day in French Battle

Just as we are going to press word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. John D. Irwin that their son, Pte. Albert John Irwin has been wounded in France. Details of the injuries are not available at the moment. A fuller account will appear next week.

### WOUNDED BY SHRAPNEL



Gnr. Jos. Taylor, son of Mr. James Taylor, Acton who has suffered shrapnel wounds in both arms and burns while serving in France.

### More Casualties Listed for Acton District This Week

Pte. H. Webster Killed in Action Gnr. W. J. Taylor, Sgt. M. A. Tyler, Pte. H. W. Robertson Wounded

This week's casualty lists brought more of war's grimness to homes in Acton and in the district immediately adjacent. One more has made the supreme sacrifice and three more Acton boys are reported wounded. Pte. Howard Webster, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Webster, Acton has been killed in action on Tuesday, August 15th, Gnr. W. J. Taylor, son of Mr. Jos. Taylor was wounded August 14th, Sgt. M. A. Tyler was wounded on August 17th and Pte. Roy William Robertson was wounded August 13th. L/Cpl. A. E. Perryman now is reported missing since August 6th.

On Saturday a telegram was received stating that A104166 Pte. Howard Arlington Webster has been killed in action on August 15th, 1944 while serving with a Canadian Highland Regiment in France.

Howard, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Harold Webster of Acton, Ont. was born in Bury, Quebec and came with his parents to their farm home just south of Acton twenty-four years ago. He attended the Dublin School and was a member of the Church of England. He worked on the home farm for several years but at the time of his enlistment had been in the employ of the Sterling Rubber Company of Guelph for some five years.

On September 21st, 1940 Howard was united in marriage to Ada, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. (Continued on Page Five)

### Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, 10 cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 25c.

"Victory" Club bingo on Friday night in the Town Hall at 8 p.m. 15 games, 3 specials and door prize. Auspices of Acton and Vicinity War Service League.

Dance in Orton Community Hall on Sept. 6th. Drifting Cow Boys of C. K. C. R. Kitchener. Modern and Old Time Dancing. Admission 35 cents.

Shirley Elliott's Dancing School announces the registration day of Sept. 6 from 2 to 5 p.m. in St. Joseph's Hall, Acton. Anyone wishing to give their child dancing lessons please register on above date.