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## Three Casualties Are Reported from Acton This Week

Pte. R. A. Johnson, Missing, Tpr. Bill Buchanan and Pte. M. Cutting Wounded

This community along with others across Canada continues to get each week its list of casualties as Canadian troops are in the thick of the fight and pushing back the Nazis closer and closer to Berlin. This week's casualties from Acton are Pte. R. A. Johnson, missing, and Tpr. Bill Buchanan and Pte. Melvin Cutting wounded.

In a message to his wife in Acton last Thursday Pte. Robert Anson Johnson was officially reported missing on August 23rd. No further word has been received by his anxious family. Pte. Johnson was one of the first to enlist from here on the outbreak of war. He has been overseas for four years. He was attached to the R. C. A. S. G. and trained in Canada at Hamilton and Camp Borden.

His wife and daughter Helen and son Earl reside on Main Street in Acton and a son Tpr. George Johnson is training with the Canadian army at St. John, N. B. His mother Mrs. Jacob Johnson and three brothers, Charlie, Fred and Frank reside in Milton, while Albert lives in Oakville and Jim is with the Canadian Army at Toronto.

Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Buchanan, Bower Ave., received a message stating that their son Tpr. Bill Buchanan was seriously wounded in action on September 1st. He was serving in Italy. No further word has been received.

Tpr. Buchanan enlisted two years ago with the Lorne Scots and has served with the Irish Regiment and Princess Louise Dragoons. He went overseas shortly after last Christmas. Before enlisting he was employed with Beardmore & Co. in the rolling department.

His parents and a brother Andrew Jr. reside in Acton. A sister Daisy is in England serving with the C. W. A. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cutting, Scene Street, also received a message on Saturday stating that their son Pte. Melvin Cutting was wounded on August 28th, but was still with his regiment. He is serving in Italy with the 48th Highlanders. In the army three years he has been overseas the past seven months. Before enlisting he was employed with the Beardmore Co. and Wool Combing Corporation.

Pte. Cutting's parents and Norman, Tom and Besale reside at home on Scene Street, Acton; Austin, who served in the first World War resides in Hamilton; Pte. Lloyd Cutting is serving overseas; Bill is at Camp Borden; Esther resides in Preston and Clara in Hamilton. There are three other sisters, Evellen, Lillian and Alma. Many friends in Acton of these missing and wounded soldiers will hope with the families that good news is soon received from them.

## ANOTHER ACTON CASUALTY



Pte. Melvin Cutting, of Acton who was wounded on August 28th, according to word received here by his mother.

## VENERABLE MINISTER

KINGSTON, Ont. (CP)—Rev. C. D. Baldwin, the oldest ordained minister in the Bay of Quinte Conference of the United Church recently celebrated his 90th birthday.

## ACTON ENLISTMENTS

This Week's Register

Pte. J. G. McIsaac joined the Active Service Forces and is now stationed at Brantford, Ont.

## REPORTED MISSING



Pte. R. A. Johnson of Acton, who has been reported missing in action. His wife and family reside in Acton and his mother and two brothers in Milton.

## New Steel Flume From Fairy Lake To the Tanneries

Workmen are engaged now installing a new welded steel flume from Fairy Lake to the plant of Beardmore and Co. where the water is used in the plant. The new flume is being laid alongside the old pipe which is being left in place.

The old pipe which has been in service about twenty-five years had developed a number of leaks through the years. The new pipe is the same size as the old steel pipe but welded instead of riveted. It is laid in sections about thirty feet in length and right in the bed of the creek. Some of us with more years of residence in Acton will recall the old wooden flume which used to carry the water from the pond to the mill wheel. Its length was not over 100 yards but it was fully three feet in diameter and if the gate at the dam was opened it created a great rush of water and power. However water for power has not been used at the mill for twenty-five years. Steam power was replaced by electric and diesel power.

## Contract for Gravel Awarded by the Esqueusing Council

Annual Grants to Fall Fairs Made—Other Items at September Meeting

The September meeting of Esqueusing Township Council was held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday afternoon, with all members present and Reeve May presiding.

Accounts were passed as follows: Bell Telephone Co., services \$5.65; The Georgetown Herald, supplies, \$4.05; Mrs. Viola Milohm, to cleaning Council Chamber, \$3.25; Geo. C. Brown, renewal Bond No. 2827, Clerk, \$5.00; I. M. Bennett, supplies, \$1.32; A. W. Benton, stamps, \$7.00.

Moved by Murray, seconded by Wilson, that road accounts as presented by the Road Superintendent be paid amounting to \$591.67.—Carried.

Sheep claims were paid as follows: T. H. Price, 1 sheep killed, \$20.00; F. W. Shortill, valuator, \$2.00; Spencer Wilson, 1 registered ewe killed, \$13.00; Meldrim Stark, valuator, \$2.00; Frank Robertson, 1 lamb killed, \$11.00; A. N. Stark, valuator, \$4.00.

Moved by Murray, seconded by Currie, that relief account be paid as presented by the Relief Officer, \$39.25.—Carried.

Moved by Cleave, seconded by Wilson, that this Council accept the tender of Armstrong Construction Co. for gravel at the following prices. Crushed gravel, \$1.00 per cubic yard. Pit run, 80c per cubic yard. Gravel delivered on the roads of the Township of Esqueusing under the supervision of the Road Superintendent.—Carried.

Moved by Currie, seconded by Cleave that the cheque of the Blythe Construction Co. be returned.—Carried.

Moved by Wilson, seconded by Currie, that this Council do hereby apply for subsidy on the amount of \$22,403.22 under the provisions of the Highway Improvement Act.—Carried.

Moved by Currie, seconded by Murray, that the Treasurer pay Grants to Acton and Esqueusing Agricultural Societies, \$75.00 each, and \$25.00 to the Halton Agricultural Society.—Carried.

Moved by Cleave, seconded by Wilson, that we do now adjourn to meet on Monday, October 2nd, at 2 o'clock or at the call of the Reeve.—Carried.

## Plan And Cost Of Fire Alarm System Given Council

Material Ready for Acton's Part in Halton County Booklet—Drainage on Mill Street Section to be Surveyed—Carload of Wood to be Secured—Other Items at Council Meeting Last Night

Councillors J. H. Boulton, W. J. O. Oakes, Chas. L. Kirkness and A. Mason were present last evening when Acton Council met in regular session and Reeve J. M. McDonald presided.

Messrs. R. R. Parker, J. Greer and M. Shroeder as a committee from the Board of Directors of the Y.M.C.A. discussed with the Council the matter of discontinuance of the rental of the public toilets, which had been closed had cut the revenue. They requested consideration of Council in assisting in financing this Community enterprise.

Council pointed out the difficulties since the budget for the year had been drawn up and powers were limited in making grants. The matter was discussed and will be further considered by Council. It was agreed to make Council familiar with the proposed plans for changing the building to give greater facilities.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

Acton Public Utilities Commission, street lights and other services	\$167.02
Guelph Sand and Gravel Ltd., sand	1.20
Acrow Faux, Paves, advertising	2.40
Symon Hardware, supplies	2.60
W. Coles, Clerk and Bailiff fees	8.00
Acton Fire Brigade, convention expenses	24.20
J. B. Mackenzie & Son, supplies	55.67
Acton Welfare Board, account	26.69
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W. Fryer, mowing grass	8.25
Norton Motors, supplies	25.58

The Acton Fair Board requested permission of Council to lay a water pipe in the park to the cattle pens. Permission was granted on condition the Fair Board assume all responsibility.

The Clerk reported that he had a visit from Mr. Clarke of the Highways Department re the drainage on Mill Street near the C.N.R. tracks. It was recommended that levels be taken before any work was done. It was decided to engage the services of a surveyor to take levels.

The Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. were granted permission to hold a tag day on September 22 and 23, the proceeds to go to the Acton and Vicinity War Service League.

Notice was received from Ernest Sigworth that he intended to leave the employ of the Corporation, September 1st. Since the first of the month, H. Oakley had been filling the position and he was to be asked to continue.

The residents of Cameron Street requested that the trees be topped as they were a menace in their present condition. Chief Harrop was instructed to attend to this matter.

A letter from the Township of York, requested information regarding vacant houses for families being evicted. Since Acton is in a similar position, no help could be given.

The Department of Munitions and Supply notified Council that several carloads of wood were available, if required. There were approximately 17 cords to the car. It was decided to secure a carload of this fuel.

Notification was received from the Hospital for Sick Children of admittance of an indigent patient. Another patient was admitted to the Ontario Hospital, Cobourg.

A letter from J. K. Mahon, returning officers for Halton, asked if the boundaries used in the last Dominion election were satisfactory. If any changes were desired, Council was asked to inform him. The boundaries were considered satisfactory.

It was decided not to instal a special telephone on the fire alarm.

A letter from the Guelph General Hospital advised of admittance of an indigent patient.

A motion was passed setting October 25th as the date for the Court of Revision on the 1945 Assessment Roll.

The material for use in the County of Halton booklet for distribution overseas, as compiled by the Reeve, was perused by Council and met with hearty approval. Pictures are to be secured for illustration concerning Acton.

Councillor Boulton submitted plans and estimates for the installation of a fire alarm system in Acton. The plan drawn up included 10 signal boxes. It was estimated material and equipment would cost \$2,218.50. Installation was estimated at \$1,075. The total cost was estimated at \$3,293.50. The matter was left over for further consideration.

## Cases Heard at Milton Police Court Yesterday Afternoon

Several cases were heard by Police Magistrate Langdon in court in Milton yesterday afternoon.

Arnold Scott of Oakville, who was charged with gross indecency was remanded till September 20th.

Harold Williams, Jr., John Ford and Harold Dickie all of Welland were remanded till September 20th for sentence and convicted on a charge of armed robbery on September 2nd. Mr. Williams, service station owner on No. 7 Highway, 2 miles east of Oakville was forced into his station at the point of a gun, bound and gagged and was robbed of about \$50 and three cheques. Dickie was arrested in Welland and the other two in Trenton. All three have previous records. Constables Lemon and Jackson investigated.

Gordon Hilton was charged with careless driving on January 21st, 1944 on Highway No. 25. About 9:30 p.m. the car he was driving hit Mr. Thomas McKerr, who was returning home from Milton and who was walking on the left hand side of the road. Mr. McKerr was in the hospital for six and a half months as a result of injuries received. Hilton declared that he saw him coming and he seemed to step into the path of the car. He stopped and took him to the hospital. The road was clear and there was no traffic at the time of the accident. The case was remanded until September 20th, when the defence will secure more witnesses.

## FINE COPY OF HALTON COUNTY ATLAS PRESENTED FREE PRESS

We are indebted to Mrs. J. R. Kennedy and Miss M. R. Nelson for the presentation this week of a copy of the Atlas of Halton County published in 1877. It was originally the copy owned by the late D. Kennedy.

Like many historical books of early days copies of this Atlas are very scarce. This one is in remarkably good condition with not a page missing and we value it as a reference work concerning the whole of Halton and the thoughtfulness of Mrs. Kennedy and Miss Nelson in entrusting it to our keeping. It fits into our historical collection admirably and is indeed appreciated. We are still searching for a copy of the early history of Nassagaweya, compiled by Joshua Norriah and would be glad to secure a copy for reference with our historical booklets concerning the County of Halton.

## Lakeside Chapter Makes Donation For Overseas Boxes

The regular meeting of the Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. was held on Tuesday evening in the Y.M.C.A. with the regent, Miss Alice McCallum presiding.

The meeting opened with the prayer of the order and 28 members responded to the roll call.

Reports were then given by the various secretaries. Further plans were made for the bazaar which is to be held in November. Plans were also made to hold a social evening later this month.

A donation of \$142.00 was voted to be given to the War Service League for overseas Christmas boxes.

Current events were given by Miss Viola Waller, after which a sing-song and games were enjoyed under the leadership of Mrs. George Wallace. The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

## PRESENTATION MADE AT STANLEY PARK TO NEWLY WEDS

On Wednesday evening Sept. 6th a large number of friends and neighbors gathered at Stanley Park, Erin, to honor Mr. and Mrs. George Robertson on their recent marriage. The first part of the evening was spent in dancing. Marguerite and George were called to the front to take their place while an address was read by Mr. Edin Houston. Roy Miller and Ray Pinkney presented them with a beautiful chandelier suite. George very fittingly replied and on behalf of himself and Marguerite thanked everyone for the gift. "For they are jolly good fellows" was then sung and the rest of the evening was spent in dancing.

## WOUNDED ON SEPT. 1st



Pte. Bill Buchanan who has been wounded while serving in the invasion of France.

## Employees Acton Industry Enjoy Picnic at Erin

Employees of the Acton Machine Shops enjoyed a delightful picnic at Stanley Park last Saturday afternoon. There was a ball game and races for all and topped off with hot supper served in the dance hall by Mrs. Blow. In the evening the dance hall was provided and employees and members of their families enjoyed an evening of dancing.

Following are the results of the races:

- Girls 5-6, Nita Jennings
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- Girls 6-9, Doris Jennings, Virena Johnstone, Merle Overholt
- Boys 6-9, Joe Jennings, Delma Walters
- Boys 9-12, Andy Molozzi, Joe Jennings
- Girls 12-16, Shirley Kralston, Ada Jennings
- Boys 12-16, Marlin McCrystal, Melbourne Blow
- Young Women, Rena Braida, Shirley Kralston
- Young Men, Nino Braida, Mart. McCrystal
- Married Ladies, Mrs. R. L. Davidson, Mrs. M. C. Overholt
- Married Men, Ken, Blow, R. L. Davidson
- Lucky Ticket, Mr. Rolfe Hube
- Kicking shoe, Mrs. Roy Johnstone
- 3 Legged Race, Margaret Blow and Andy Molozzi; Doris Graham and Nino Braida
- Time Race, Earl Taraswell, Andy Molozzi
- Birthday Prize, M. C. Overholt.

## Acton Fair Has Big Program For 1944 Show Again

Fair Night Concert, Bands, Dances and Outstanding Livestock Exhibit are Promised

Meeting changing conditions, Acton Agricultural Society has prepared a program for the 1944 even on Friday and Saturday, September 22nd and 23rd that will prove attractive to exhibitors and a bigger crowd of spectators. One of the finest livestock prize lists of any rural fair has been further improved with new classes and added prizes for 1944.

Last year Acton Fair had a horse show and showing of cattle and other livestock, second to none. Indications are that competition among the topnotchers in these classes of exhibitors will be even better this year.

The big arena is still doing a wartime job, but a large tent has been secured and a display of grain, roots and vegetables, plants and flowers will be shown here. Another feature will be the exhibit of the Consumer's Branch of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board.

Another change this year is holding a concert in the Town Hall with a dance to follow. Old timers will welcome the opportunity to hear Jimmie Fax and his own company again. The reserved seat sale looks as if the hall will be packed for this event.

A good midway will again be on hand the second day. Two bands will play in the school children's parade and provide programs on Saturday afternoon. The Lorne Scots Band and Acton Boys' Band. The Kansas Farmer comes back to amuse those in the grandstand and Ken Budd and his rodeo six will do some trick riding and other events.

Of course there will also be familiar potato race, musical chairs, high jumping horses, road race, baby show, dances and the multitude of other events that go to make Acton Fair an outstanding event each year and a place where more and more friends plan to meet again.

## New Pump for Spring Purchased by Utilities Comm.

Contract Awarded for Painting Water Tower on Main Street to Wm. McLeod

The meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Thursday evening, September 7th. Commissioners C. M. Hansen, J. R. MacArthur and Reeve J. M. McDonald were present.

The tenders for painting the water tank, which was left over from the last meeting were considered. Wm. J. McLeod was the successful tender with a price of \$475.00. This included the cost of the paint and Mr. McLeod requested that the Commission buy the paint and deduct it from this price. The Langmuir Paint Co. was the successful tender for supplying the paint.

The contract was signed for the purchase of a new pump to be installed at the spring property. This is a Peerless pump and it will supply 150 gallons of water per minute to the tank on the Main Street site. The pump is to be installed between January 1st and May 1st, 1945. It is 40 cost \$1,524 plus \$50 for installing.

Contracts for the Employees' Pension Insurance were presented to be signed by the Acton Commission. This is the pension scheme entered into early this year by the Acton Commission.

The matter of a new truck was discussed and it was decided to ask for prices from local dealers to be further considered at the next meeting on September 18th.

Miss H. H. Speight was instructed to pay the following accounts.

Hydro	
H.E.P.C. of Ontario, supplies	\$15.86
Symon Hardware, supplies	31.00
Sutherland Schultz Electric, repairs	4.50
MacDonald Electric Ltd., supplies	18.28
Canadian General Electric Co., supplies	3.04
C.N.R., freight and express	1.98
	\$74.64

Waterworks	
Acrow Faux Paves, advertising	\$ 90
Hydro Dept., power at spring	48.82
	47.72

## WOUNDED IN THIGH



Pte. John Albert Irwin, who has sustained a bullet wound in the right thigh while serving in France. Before enlisting he was employed with the Beardmore Co. here.

## 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.

Acton Boys' Band Concert in Town Hall on Sunday, September 17, at 8 o'clock. Collection.

The ladies of St. Joseph's Church are holding a Bingo September 19th in St. Joseph's Hall.

Legion Dance in Town Hall Thursday, Sept. 21. Al Watson's Orchestra. Admission 50c. Active Service personnel admitted free.

Churchill United Church Harvest Anniversary services October 1st, 1944. Rev. F. M. Stewart, B.A. of Belwood, will preach at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Shirley Elliott's Dancing School will open Monday, September 18, at St. Joseph's Hall, Acton, at 6 p.m. All children wishing to learn dancing to be sure and be there.