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Community Sale Sends Christmas to Boys Overseas

Annual Event will Top all Other Years as Everyone Co-operates to make the Christmas Parcels Possible—Four Auctioneers for Two Nights to Dispose of the Offerings.

The Community Auction Sale has come to be almost a part of the community life here each year and this year's event seems to have topped them all. Complete returns are not yet available, but it appears that the event has paid for 213 boxes for the boys from Acton and district.

Treasurer J. M. McDonald yesterday reported returns made to him of \$733.43. Among the items were \$22.55 from the Victory Club on the first night; \$60.15 from the draw for three valuable prizes; \$21.55 from a draw for a chicken arranged by Joan Matthews; \$34.13 from sale of tags and \$47.50 on the draw for a half ton of coal.

Other returns will likely take the total over the \$1,000 required for the Christmas packages. At any rate the War Service League have faith because yesterday 213 packages went from Acton Post Office on their way to take Christmas from Canada to those serving overseas from Acton.

Auctioneers Roy Hindley, J. Elliott, R. T. Amos and Russell Johnson worked hard to bring every cent possible from the variety of articles for sale, and what a variety there was offered. Products of the garden, the workshop, goods from stores; used furniture, blankets, eggs, poultry, clothing and in sale parlance articles too numerous to mention. In fact, there was so much that the relay team of Hindley, Elliott, Amos and Johnson had to take a second night to clear it away. But they smilingly plowed through and were happy to have a share in raising the fund.

Some of the winners in the draws were: Ken Blow, with a chicken; and E. R. Force, a half-ton of coal. Other results were not procurable. Likewise the complete list of donors to the sale is not obtainable. Following is from the lists handed into the Treasurer up to Wednesday morning. It will be continued next week or when the list can be compiled.

Mr. W. J. Oakes, Mrs. F. McIsaac, Mrs. D. Lindsay, Mrs. P. Smith, Mrs. P. Smith, Storey, Mrs. Caldwell, Mr. Jas. Reid, Mrs. N. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Harding, Mrs. J. Lovell, Mr. Wm. Gowdy, Percy Wood, Mr. and Mrs. D. Waldo, Mrs. van Coezen, Mrs. G. Nellis, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. G. Somerville, Mrs. A. McCutcheon, Mrs. Bowen, W. D. Barber, W. Britton, Geo. Finney, G. Robertson, C. Landsborough, T. Richardson, Dr. B. D. Young, W. Linham.

Mr. R. Johnson, Mrs. Freeman, Miss Anne Dunn, Mrs. W. Smith, Ross Gordon, Victor Watson, Chas. Lashy, Fulton Bros., Jas. Gibson, V. Smyth, A. Berberich, Murray Clarke, Ed. Albright, H. Bridgeman, W. F. Darby, Duncan Moffat, Clarence Wilson, Malcolm Moffat, Chas. Fatt, A. H. Diamond, Mrs. D. Dawkins.

Mr. V. Rumley, Mr. D. Lindsay, Mr. McPhail, Mrs. S. Snow, Mrs. James Hepburn, R. Patterson, Miss J. Les-niewich, Jack Frank, W. Rossell, L. Gibbons, Mrs. G. Lantz, Mrs. F. Lawson, K. McKinnon, Mr. Woodhall, C. W. Swackhammer, J. H. Sprowl, Mrs. C. Hansen, Mrs. G. Hansen, Young Bros., Mrs. Arnold, Walter Fryer, Mrs. Ingles, S. Swackhammer, R. Warren, Mr. Blinnie, Mr. Wedge, Mr. Locker, Force Electric Products, Miss Gray, M. Pallant, Dave Elliott, Mrs. A. McEachern, Mrs. Papillon.

W. Middleton, Mrs. Mowat, Mr. J. Whitham, H. Switzer, J. McGregor, L. Wiecek, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Matthews, Alex. Mitchell, Ivan Harris, Acton Free Press, M. Storey, Mrs. T. A. Storey, J. Chapman, F. Lingard, Mr. W. Hall, Mrs. Pulker, Mrs. Wilds, N. Lambert, A. Ross, C. Cutts, Mrs. F. Anderson, Vic. Alger, W. Murray, D. Cripps.

Mr. W. Ritchie, W. Stalker, J. Glendenning, L. Gilbert, A. Brown, Mrs. W. J. Gould, Fred Coles, Wilds Bakery, E. Sprowl, A. Swackhammer, J. Sprowl, A. W. Fobury, Mrs. E. Davies, Mrs. Drysdale, Mrs. E. Sunter, Ronald Salt, N. Robertson, Mrs. H. Lawson, Miss Coles, F. Wright, Mrs. O'Hara, N. Armstrong, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Wallace, C. Moffat, Mrs. G. Frank, Mr. S. Robinson, Mrs. McIntyre, Mrs. Grindell, Mrs. W. McIntyre.

Mrs. Nesbit, Mr. Barr, Mrs. T. Watson, Mrs. J. Irwin, Mrs. F. Crewson, Mrs. J. Hargrave, Mrs. D. McLellan, L. Lovell, Mrs. Cressy, W. Fryer, G. Benton, J. Massey, Mrs. J. Wilds, MacDonald's Bakery, Mrs. D. Johnston, Mrs. E. Dawkins, Mrs. C. Armand, Mr. P. Watson, Mrs. F. McCutcheon, Mrs. Bert Davidson, Mrs. D. Joe, Mr. Sandy McLean, Mr. E. E. Butler, Mrs. B. Evans, Mrs. M. Tyler, Mrs. G. Cunningham, Mr. Chester Black, Mrs. A. Near, S. Lorne.

ANOTHER ACTON CASUALTY



L/Sgt. Bill Mattocks of Acton, who was wounded overseas and is in hospital according to word received by his wife here.

Pte. Elwood Collier Died of Wounds Received August 8th

According to word received by his parents, Major M. B. and Mrs. Collier of Toronto, Pte. Elwood Collier, passed away October 7th, as the result of wounds.

The parents had received the word that he was wounded on August 8th, suffering injury to the eye and nose, but had not thought them to be serious. In his last letter dated Aug. 23rd he was in a convalescent hospital in France, but could not see with the injured eye. It was hoped he would return home soon. Nothing definite has been learned since, until Friday 13th.

Elwood Collier was the second son of Major M. B. and Mrs. Collier and was born in Acton and spent most of his life in Toronto, prior to the war. He was in his 21st year, and was attached to the Royal Regiment. He is survived by his parents, two brothers, Lt. W. M. Collier of Orillia (recently returned after service in Italy) and Ronald at home. He is a grandson of Mrs. E. F. Collier of Acton.

Reeve McDonald Chosen Chairman For Seventh Loan

Succeeds Mr. A. Mason who Retired Last Spring—Strong Committee Formed at Monday's Meeting

Organization for the Seventh Victory Loan for Acton and the district was completed on Monday evening at a well attended meeting in the Town Hall and a splendid committee named to carry on the job of raising Acton's quota or better in the next three weeks.

Reeve J. McDonald was the unanimous choice of the meeting as chairman to succeed Mr. A. Mason who found it necessary to relinquish this post at the conclusion of the last loan.

Honorary Chairmen elected are, A. Mason, Reeve Alex. Near, Nassageways and Deputy-Reeve W. Murray of Ebequing.

Mr. C. L. Kirkness was elected Vice-Chairman and J. H. Creighton, Secretary.

General Sales Committee is C. F. Leatherland, N. Baird and C. L. Kirkness and W. G. Mason is in charge of Pay Roll Savings.

Publicity Committee is B. D. Rachlin, W. J. O. Oakes and E. H. Elliott. Executive Committee—W. K. Graham, R. R. Arnold, W. G. Clayton, C. J. VanGozen, J. W. Wolfe, J. H. Boulton, F. S. Blow, E. E. Barr, W. J. O. Oakes, R. R. Parker.

It was decided to have Loan Headquarters this time in Mr. F. L. Wright's Office in the Cooper Block. The matter of appointing a salesman to replace Mr. C. F. Leatherland who has retired was left to the General Sales Committee and the Unit Organizers.

Anniversary at United Church Marked Last Sunday

Rev. E. M. Morrow, of Preston, Was the Guest Minister—Splendid Service of Song Arranged

Services marking the twentieth Anniversary of the United Church in Acton were held on Sunday last when good congregations attended and enjoyed the special features provided to mark another milestone in the history of the church.

The guest minister on this occasion was Rev. E. M. Morrow, a former pastor of the congregation now residing in Preston. He brought timely messages and was welcomed to the pulpit again by many friends.

The special service of song arranged by the choir was also a feature of the anniversary. At the morning service Mr. Norman Baird gave a fine solo, "He Giveth More Grace." The choir anthems were: "Blessed are the Pure in Heart," and "Prayer of Thanksgiving."

In his opening remarks at the morning service, Rev. E. M. Morrow expressed his joy at returning to Acton after a few years absence and meeting former friends again. His sermon was based on the text, "Blessed is the Nation whose God is the Lord; and the People whom He hath chosen for his own inheritance."

In his discourse he deplored the tendency of the present day to emphasize the material defence rather than the reliance on the Kingdom of God. One of the tragedies of the times is to modernize our outward expression of our faith in God. It brought up the question was the generation losing faith in God?

"The Christian faith makes a contribution to the background of eternal certainties. No one could say that God didn't have a hand in the channel conditions that made possible the evacuation of thousands from Dunkirk. He urged a closer relationship to God in all our undertakings."

At the evening service Mr. Morrow chose as his subject: "The Key to the March of Time" and based his address on the text "And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord."

It was based on the Bible narrative of the three rulers, the first who gave a long and just reign and was succeeded by a son who carried on some of the traditions of the father, but a grandson who in the third generation lost his kingdom. He wondered if our present generation was not carrying on with the inheritance of the previous generation and there was not a degeneracy that would be evidence in the next generation.

God expects us to do something about answering our own prayers and a co-operation in working out a better life.

At the evening service Mrs. James Russell of Unionville, rendered as a solo: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," and Mrs. Velhulis solo was "Beyond the Dawn." The choir gave a splendid rendition of that well known anthem: "A Song in the Night."

At the evening service the usual denominational courtesy was observed and the services of Knox and the Baptist Churches were withdrawn so the congregations could join in the anniversary. Rev. Mr. Wallace assisted in the service.

During the day a special thank-offering was received. Many former members of the congregation took this occasion to return to worship in the home church and good congregations attended both services.

THE HILL-SIBBETT WEDDING IN TRINITY COLLEGE CHAPEL

Trinity College Chapel, Toronto, was the setting for the marriage of Eva Mary Urana, daughter of Mrs. Sibbett and the late W. A. Sibbett, to F.O. Gordon John Hill, RCAF son of Rev. S. H. Hill and Mrs. Hill of Hamilton. Rev. H. A. Jamieson officiated.

Given in marriage by her uncle, Mr. J. M. MacDonald of Acton, the bride wore a gown of white moire with sheer yoke, her long veil held with a braided headpiece of moire and seed pearls. She carried white chrysanthemum petals and gardenias. Miss Betty Munro, in pale blue crepe, was maid of honor; and Miss Helen Sibbett, bridesmaid for her sister, chose rose. They had headpieces of ribbon bows and veiling, and carried flowers of vari-colored gladioli petals with Tallman roses. The groomsmen was Mr. Robert Smith, and the ushers, Mr. Charles Scott and Mr. William Sibbett.

After the reception at the home of the bride's mother, the couple left for the Laurentians, and will reside in Gt. Mar.

More Casualties From Acton Are Reported this Week

L/Sgt. Bill Mattocks and Gunner James A. Higgins Reported Wounded this Week

More casualties to Acton soldiers continue to come in and last Friday, Mrs. Wm. Mattocks received word that her husband, L-Sgt. Bill Mattocks had been officially reported wounded in action.

The date he sustained his wounds was not available but he became seriously ill on October 9th and the nature of the wounds was described as bomb fragment wounds in the buttocks, abdomen and chest wall. No further word has been received since.

L-Sgt. Mattocks has been in Italy for eight months with the Canadian Forces and has been in the Army for two years. Prior to enlisting he was employed with the Acton Creamery.

Mrs. Mattocks and his little family reside here and friends will hope with them that good word of steady recovery will soon be received.

On Tuesday Mrs. Pearl Higgins, Church Street, received word that her husband, Gunner James Alexander Higgins was officially reported as wounded in action on October 9th. The nature and extent of his wounds were not yet available.

In the army since June 1942 Gunner Higgins has been overseas for a year. He joined the forces in Hamilton and prior to enlisting was a member of the Lorne Scots Reserve He is now serving with an artillery unit.

His wife and daughter Rosalee reside on Church Street in Acton and his parents are in Ireland. Prior to enlisting he was employed with the Beardmore & Co tanneries.

Friends will hope that word of good progress in his recovery will soon follow.

Mr. Charles Blinnie received word that his nephew, Sgt. F. J. Johnston was seriously wounded while serving in Italy. Sgt. Johnston enlisted from Acton in July 1940, he has been overseas about two years. His parents, Pte. W. H. Johnston and Mrs. Johnston are from Saskatchewan.

An Appeal For Halton To Measure Up In This Loan

Oakville, Ontario, October 16th, 1944.

Citizens of Halton County: Our government is calling upon Canadians to subscribe to a Loan to finance the War.

Much has happened in the past months to make us glad and thankful that we had a hand in making the last loan a success. Today final Victory is assured if there is no weakening in our efforts, both at home and on the fighting front. We know that our Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen are doing their part nobly, and we must not falter in our duty to them and to ourselves.

Subscriptions to the new Loan will open on the 23rd instant and will continue for three weeks. The minimum amount required by the Government is \$1,300,000,000 an increase of \$100,000,000 over the objective of the last Loan. This means that all of us must increase our subscriptions.

It is our duty as well as our high privilege to have a part in this task. You can aid by thinking, talking and working for the success of the Campaign.

A. T. WELDON, Chairman, Halton County National War Finance Committee.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP PRESENTED FOUNDER ACTON CHAPTER

Friends here will be interested to learn that Mrs. C. H. E. Smith, wife of Rev. Mr. Smith of Niagara-on-the-Lake, was honored by the I.O.D.E. of which she is regent and members presented her with a life membership.

Mrs. Smith was the founder of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter in Acton twenty-five years ago. While she resided in the rectory here she gathered the group at her home where the first organization was formed in Acton. It is 20 years since Mrs. Smith was given National membership in the Daughters of the Empire.

ACTON ENLISTMENTS This Week's Register

Victor Patrick has joined the Canadian Army and is now stationed at Brantford.

138 At Blood Donor Clinic In Acton Tuesday

ACTON SOLDIER WOUNDED



Mr. Peter Turkoz, of Acton, who suffered head injuries while on active service overseas. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Turkoz.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP PRESENTED AT MEETING OF KNOX W.M.S.

The Knox Church W.M.S. held their meeting in the class room on Thursday last. In the absence of the President, Mrs. Blow, Mrs. E. J. Hassard very ably conducted the meeting.

The devotional part was taken by Mrs. G. Lantz reading the Scripture lesson and Mrs. Patterson leading in prayer after which the Secretary-Treasurer's report was given.

Mrs. Cordner gave a reading on "Thanksgiving" followed by Mrs. Patterson's reading of a poem entitled "The Volunteer Organizer."

A pleasant surprise was given Mrs. H. Malnpriz when a Life Membership was presented to her "a gift from her family." Mrs. Gould presented her with a Life Members' pin.

A request was made for new or slightly used clothing for the babe to

The Commission Will Invest In 7th Victory Loan

Gordon Smith Resigns from the Staff After Service of Sixteen Years

The regular meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Monday evening. Commissioners C. M. Hansen and J. R. MacArthur were present.

Mr. Gordon Smith, who has been employed by the Commission since 1928 tendered his resignation. Miss Speight, the secretary, was instructed to fill out the necessary forms for the Commission and to apply for another helper through Selective Service. Mr. Smith in tendering his resignation, effective at the end of the month, thanked the Commission for the cordial relations which had existed between himself and the Commission.

The \$3000 in bonds which the Public Utilities hold that are being called in by the government are to be invested in the Seventh Victory Loan.

Superintendent Wilson reported that the culvert leading to the Spring Property had been extended by the Highway Department. This will make an improvement at the entrance to this property.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Hydro Dept.	
Bell Telephone Co. services	5.64
Canadian General Electric	
Co. supplies	26.53
MacDonald Electric Ltd., supplies	49.24
C.N.R. and Transports express H.E.P.C. of Ont., supplies	9.12
Whitham's Garage, Gas and oil	981
Dept. of National Revenue, sales tax	132.94
Canadian Line Materials, supplies	33.11
Line & Cable Accessories Ltd., supplies	39.43
Automatic Electric Ltd., supplies	39.00
James R. Kearney Corp. Ltd., connectors	68.10

Waterworks Dept.	
Hydro Dept. power at spring	\$ 58.57
Hydro Dept., September Operations	261.12
	319.69

Seven Donors are Awarded Silver Buttons for Sixth Donation and 38 Receive Bronze Buttons for Third Donations—More New Donors Needed if Clinic to be Maintained.

138 from Acton and district responded to the call for blood donors at the clinic here on Tuesday morning. While the number is down a little from last record clinic it is still a splendid response from the town and the district.

Following were the donors on Tuesday morning:

Those from the district and points outside of Acton: L. O. Johnston, Mrs. M. Robertson, W. Beatty, Minnie Frank, Helen M. Akitt, Mrs. D. Douglas, D. Matheson, Frances White, Mrs. F. Dean, E. Pasmore, J. MacNabb, Ross Gordon, Roy Johnston, M. Storey, Aileen McMillan, Chas. W. Lashy, E. Fisher, Bert Awrey, Mansel Nellik, H. Awrey, Howard Graff, Mrs. E. Fisher, Mary V. Matthews, George Lacey, Mrs. M. J. Bolton, Wm. Kee, Marion Eby, Dr. B. D. Young, Roy Blacklock, Alex. Walde, Arthur H. Diamond, Harold Ferguson, Edward Watts, Ruby Walker, Ivan Richardson, Lloyd Johnston, Wm. Ferguson, Clarence Wilson, Arthur Hill, Joseph Jennings, Wm. Allison, Alex. Near, Ernest Somerville, Mrs. Robert Warner, Mrs. W. Watkins, Marion Diamond.

The Donors from Acton were:

J. D. Lappin, G. L. Kalfelisch, Orrie Lamb, Ralph McKeown, H. Holmes, A. Ralph, J. Whitham, Lloyd Masales, E. Marzo, C. T. West, D. McEachern, J. E. Lambert, H. Ritchie, L. Masters, C. Swackhammer, Clarence Coles, Mary F. Parker, S. Lorne, A. Moore, V. E. Dawkins, J. W. Wolfe, J. H. Boulton, S. Collett, Wm. Allen, A. Kirkness, F. G. Oakes, Robert Brooks, G. Bowman, J. Cressy, Margaret Elliot, Claude L. Cook, Wm. Dobbie, Mrs. J. Kentner, John Harvie, Flora Hunter, George Somerville, Wilmer Watkins, Mrs. D. Drysdale, Pearl Kennedy, Inez McLellan, Margaret Somerville, Rev. A. W. Fobury, George Musselle, Wilma West, George Holloway, Doris Kentner, Mrs. E. Anderson, Percy Woods, Grace Townley, Marguerite Ryder.

Doctors in attendance were Dr. W. G. Cullen, Dr. W. G. C. Kenney and Dr. Waller.

Mrs. Geo. Benton was in charge of the following group of nurses: Mrs. Val Force, Mrs. Black, Miss Walker, Mrs. W. C. Cullen, Mrs. Bradley, Miss McPhedran, Miss Marjorie Near, Mrs. Tarrwell, Mrs. D. Gordon, Mrs. W. Finlay, Mrs. VanNorman and Mrs. H. Smetthart.

Mrs. W. J. Beatty was convener of the Refreshment Committee of members of Acton Woman's Institute. The (Continued on Page Five)

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, to cents per line, with a minimum charge, for any announcement of 50¢.

- Acton Boys' Band Concert in Town Hall, Sunday, October 22nd at 8 p.m.
- Don't forget the Friendly Circle Tea, Baking Sale and Bazaar, October 21st at 3 p.m. in the basement of the United Church.
- Dance in Erin Town Hall, Saturday, October 21st. Harvey Fisher's Orchestra. Prize for Spot Dance. Admission 35¢. Dancing 9 to 12.
- Come to Bachelors' Dance in the Norval Parish Hall on Friday evening, Oct. 27th. Harvey Fisher's six piece orchestra. Dancing 9 to 1. Admission 50¢.
- Modern and Old Time Dance in Oddfellows' Hall, Milton, on Friday, Oct. 20, at 8:30 p.m. Proceeds for cigarette fund for boys' camp. Elementary Orchestra of Redwood. Song manager Robt. Hamilton. Admission 40¢ each.