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Assessments Appealed At Court Of Revision Last Night

Few Changes Made in Roll for 1945 After Hearing Appeals—Sewage Survey Agreement Approved by Council—Other Items at Midnight Session

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

Members of Council took the usual declarations and sat as a Court of Revision on the 1945 Assessment Roll.

The first appeal was on the property of R. J. Hargrave on Young Street, who felt the increase on his property was unreasonable. The only improvement made was that the building had siding applied and the stucco removed. A garage on the property was also assessed for the first time. Comparisons were made with assessments on similar properties. The appeal was refused and assessment confirmed.

Mr. Davies appealed his assessment on the property at the corner of Young and Mill Street. He felt it was not assessed in comparison with similar properties. Land value was not changed but the assessment was reduced \$150 on the building.

Mr. Geo. Lantz appealed raise of assessment of \$400 on his property on Main Street. No improvements had been made and he felt it should not have been raised. The assessment was confirmed.

Mrs. Lawson appealed assessment on her property on Frederick Street. There had been an increase of \$200 on this assessment this year. It was raised to bring it in line with similar properties. Assessment on the building was reduced by \$200.

Mr. Peter Androchow appealed an assessment on property on Brock Avenue. There was an increase of \$150 on the land and building. Improvements had been made. The assessment was confirmed.

The roll was confirmed with the changes as noted on the various properties.

Mr. Palmer made inquiry if the waterworks was likely to be extended on Main Street to Scene Street. He was considering buying property in this section. Council could give no definite word as this installation depended on the decision of the ratepayers to install a sewage system.

Mr. F. S. Blow discussed with Council assessments on business property. Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

Bell Telephone Co. services	\$ 7.99
Cooper's Drug Store, supplies	70
E. E. Harrop, postage	4.51
W. Cutting, cutting grass	5.20
L. W. Agar, coal for hall	26.80
Acton Welfare Board accounts	24.83
Acton Boys' Band, annual grant	50.00
	\$120.03

The engineering firm of Armstrong Wood & Co. returned the signed contract with amendments as requested. The contract was read and studied by Council.

A letter was read from the Housing Administration, outlining the requirements necessary for Acton to take advantage of the new preferred arrangements for home owners. Council gave consideration of the requirements, but could not supply the need immediately.

Notices were read from hospitals regarding admittance of indigent patients and the Clerk was instructed to reply.

Council made arrangements to purchase \$3000 of the Seventh Victory Loan.

Chief Harrop was empowered to secure the extra police required for Halloween.

Council agreed to pay the usual expenses in connection with the Remembrance Day Service.

The Municipal employees requested that they be paid twice a month instead of monthly as at present. Council agreed to this request.

It was decided to purchase the tile required for Bower Avenue from Symon Hardware.

Councillor Oakes reported on the investigation regarding a drain on Elgin Street.

PAID SUPREME SACRIFICE



Lieut. Raymond S. Hillier a member of the Acton Junior Hockey team who is reported killed in action overseas on September 24th. His parents and family reside at Fort Perry. Picture by courtesy of the Fort Perry Star.

Casualties Reported On Acton Soldiers During Past Week

Information Concerning Wounded and Soldiers Known by Many of Our Readers

Mrs. Pearl J. Higgins has received further word regarding the wounds suffered by her husband, Gnr. James A. Higgins. A telegram this week states the nature of his wounds are shell fragments in the left forearm. Mrs. Higgins was assured that further information would be forwarded as soon as received.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Barden, Eden Mills have received further word as to the injuries suffered by their son, Pte. Lloyd Henry Barden. The 21-year-old soldier was wounded in action September 27 while serving in Italy with the Irish Regiment.

Three letters have arrived at his home, from the young soldierman. He declared in the letters that he was getting along fine, having suffered a slight injury to the sole of his foot.

Sgt. Alvin "Sammy" Taylor, 30, native of Moffat, lost his life in a plane crash at McLeod, Alberta. Mr. and Mrs. Mansell Taylor, 61 Erie Street, Stratford, received official word to that effect Thursday evening.

Born at Moffat, Nassagaweya Township, he went to Stratford with his parents when he was nine years of age. Before enlisting in December 1942 he was a clerk.

While in Stratford he was a popular member of the Badminton Club and was a member of Centennial Evangelical Church.

Besides his parents there is one sister, Olive, surviving.

Many friends here will regret to learn that Gnr. Larry Bridges has died of wounds received in action in Belgium. According to word received by his wife who now resides at 77 Nelson St. Brantford, Gnr. Bridges was wounded on Thanksgiving Day in Belgium. Later his arm had been amputated and then word was received of his death on October 20th.

Gnr. Bridges came to Acton from England to join his brother, Leslie, and was employed with Storey Glove Co. for five years learning the fine glove trade. Later he worked for the Simcoe Glove Co. at Simcoe.

He enlisted in 1940 and has been overseas for three years. Surviving are five brothers, Alfred, George, Ernest, Frederick of England and Leslie of Preston; and six sisters, Edith Florence, Jessie, Ethel, Winnifred of England and Lillian (Mrs. Jas. Smith) of Acton. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bridges of Clayton Hill near Bristol England. He married E. Molly Blakemore of Simcoe in 1936. There are no children.

He was a member of the Halton Rifles later the Lorne Scots while a resident of Acton. He was on duty at the Croydon airport in England during the big blitz.

Acton friends will indeed regret to learn of the death of this young man and extend sympathy to the members of the family in the burden they have been called upon to bear.

Word was received on Tuesday night that Gnr. Herbert MacPherson, son of A. M. MacPherson had been wounded in France on October 19th. (Continued on Page Eight)

A LETTER TO YOU

Acton, Ontario, October 24, 1944

Fellow Citizens:

As local chairman of the Seventh Victory Loan Campaign, I feel it is my duty to try and impress upon all citizens the extreme necessity of backing this loan to the limit.

While our boys overseas seem to have victory well within their grasp, they still need much ammunition, material and supplies to complete their task. It is our obligation to provide these things with our dollars. Let us see to it that we do not fall short of our obligations and thereby prolong this bloody conflict, causing unnecessary loss of life and suffering and delay the return of the boys, who have been so long overseas, to their loved ones.

Let us pattern our giving in such a manner that when these boys do return, we may look them in the eye, shake their hand and honestly say "You have done your duty, and we have made every effort to do ours."

By subscribing generously to this Seventh Victory Loan, you will save lives, prevent further misery and suffering and shorten the time for the return of our dear ones.

Remember their sacrifices and buy bonds; buy one more than before.

J. M. McDONALD
Chairman of Seventh Victory Loan Committee.

Acquitted on a Murder Charge at Fall Assizes

Mrs. Louis C. Bell, 35, Oakville, was acquitted on a charge of murder at the Fall Assizes in Milton. She was convicted on a lesser charge of concealment of birth. Charges arose out of the death of her 2 1/2 hour old infant on June 17th. She was sentenced to one year in jail to date from the time of her arrest on June 17th.

Witnesses for the prosecution were tenants in the same flat as Mrs. Bell. Dr. Wm. James Deadman, Pathologist of Hamilton performed the autopsy on the babe and stated the cause of the death was a fractured skull, damage to the brain and hemorrhage of the brain lining.

Mr. Peter Campbell and Dr. J. Campbell of London, uncles of Mrs. Bell, testified that she had been in poor health since childhood and was of a nervous disposition. In his plea before the jury, Mr. C. Bogart, counsel for defense stressed the fact that Mrs. Bell was under nervous strain, physically and mentally.

Jury spent the night on Court Room benches. F. D. J. Kelly said that he was very sorry they had to sleep on benches and he would charge them after a short recess, rather than have them spend another night in the Court Room. The verdict was returned at 8.30.

\$178.63 Gross Sales on Boy Scout Apple Day

Scout Apple Day was a grand success in Acton this year. The gross sales totalled \$178.63 which will mean a profit of approximately \$115. for the Troop. This amount is a new record for the Acton Scouts and was an increase of 57% over last year's figure which was the previous record.

The money raised through Apple Day will be spent in financing the troop in the coming year and will be used to provide the Scouts with badges and equipment.

To the citizens and visitors who so generously contributed to the movement, the Leaders and Scouts all say "Thank You."

The Victory Loan thermometer at the Post Office warms up slowly at the start but surely it will boil over at the finish.

BOYS' BAND ARE ASSISTED IN CONCERT BY LAMBERT TWINS

Acton Boys' Band under the leadership of Mr. C. W. Mason gave another enjoyable evening in the Town Hall on Sunday evening and were greeted by a large and appreciative audience. The band was assisted by the Lambert twins of Rockwood with vocal duets. It was an all boys program.

The band shows steady improvement and is rounding into as fine a band as Acton has had. Their uniforms add to their appearance very much. Mr. George Mason of the Y.M.C. Club was chairman for the evening.

Overseas Christmas Away From War Service League

218 Parcels Went from Acton Post Office in 53 Mail Bags to Make Biggest Christmas Mail ever forwarded—The Community Speeds its Christmas to Those Serving Overseas in Collective Effort

It may seem that Christmas is a long way off but the Christmas shopping for the War Service League has been done weeks ago and last week—Wednesday—to be exact—the Christmas mail went from Acton Post Office to the boys from Acton and District overseas.

We told you last week about the community sale and the splendid response, but we'll never be able to tell you about all the things that enter into making the War Service League of Acton and Vicinity, such a broad and all inclusive organization.

There were 218 boxes packed by 19 girls on Tuesday night and each box weighed approximately 11 lbs. The postage alone cost \$282.96 and required 53 mail sacks. The total cost was between \$1000 and \$1100.

Each box contained a piece of Christmas Cake, a big bar of chocolate 4x8 inches, 2 coffee bars, 5 packages of gum, 1 package of Oxo, 1 tin prepared meat, 1/2 lb. cheese, a tin of peaches, 3 packages of soap, 2 lbs. honey, 5 packages of hot chocolate, 2 bars Castile soap, tube of tooth paste, tube of shaving cream and a pair of socks or a sweater.

It's a big task but since the Service League is community wide many had a hand in many ways. Some went without things they needed to give to the boys, others helped in rounding up supplies. It's a story that never will be completely told but its a fine example of what a community can do collectively.

OVERSEAS CHRISTMAS MAIL



Above is shown the Overseas Christmas Mail of Acton and Vicinity War Service League as it left the Acton Post Office last Wednesday for the boys overseas. Postmistress Miss Fern Brown and Miss Jessie Coles and Caretaker Cameron Leishman are almost hidden as the fifty-three mail bags were stacked ready for the mail train.

Seventh Victory Loan Needs 230,000 From Here

ACTON SOLDIER WOUNDED



Gnr. James Higgins who was wounded on October 19th suffering bomb fragment wounds in the left forearm.

Knox Church Marks Ninety-Ninth Anniversary Sunday

Rev. Arthur Cochrane of Port Credit Guest Speaker—Visiting Soloist, Mr. Cecil Lyness

Nearing the century mark, the Knox Presbyterian Church in Acton, marked on Sunday its ninety-ninth Anniversary with boisterous services and splendid congregations attending. The Anniversary speaker on Sunday was Rev. Arthur Cochrane, Ph.D. of Port Credit, one of the younger men of the church and a brilliant speaker. Special music also featured the service and Mr. Cecil Lyness of Guelph was the visiting soloist. The choir was arranged anniversary music and was under the direction of Cpl. Hanson who presided at the console of the organ.

The messages Dr. Cochrane brought on this anniversary occasion were exhortations for faith and that more people come to realize that fulness and sufficiency are found in the house of Jesus alone. His morning sermon was based on the scripture found in the 16th Chapter of Acts. The soothing of the certain damsel told about in this scripture was likened to our present day faithlessness in palmistry, cup-reading, etc. This scripture also brought out the power of money and its effect on the chief magistrates.

Dr. Cochrane in this address also drew attention to the various kinds of prisoners there are not all of whom are in prison, and many who are in prison had the freedom of spirit and are not prisoners. The only faith that matters; the only thing necessary to be freed from prison is "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."

In the spirit of song a young ladies sextette contributed a sacred number and the choir rendered an anthem.

Mr. Cecil Lyness, tenor soloist of Guelph again delighted the congregation with his number at this service.

"I believe in the Holy Catholic Church was the subject of Dr. Cochrane's address at the evening service. "The Church" he said, "is that which is made and created by God's Son. The Church is something only that you can believe in." It was an enlarging on the morning subject of faith because the Church and faith go hand in hand. The Church as he saw it was not the building or the people or any private type of Christianity but made up of all mankind and the thing in which we have faith.

Mr. Lyness gave two lovely solos at the evening service, "Ninety and Nine" and "The Lord's Prayer". A men's chorus rendered a rousing gospel number and the choir anthem had a fine violin obligato by Mr. Elmer Smith.

It was a joy to the congregation and all present that the minister, Rev. Forbes Thomson was able to be present at the Anniversary Services with the visiting minister. At the evening service the usual denominational courtesy was observed and the services of the Baptist and the United Churches were withdrawn so that the congregations could join in the anniversary occasion. Rev. Mr. Wallace of the Baptist Church assisted at the evening service. During the day the thank-offering of Anniversary time was received and met with a good response.

Bond Holders are Estimating when Half Objective will be Reached and when Acton and District Quota will be Attained—Tannery Whistle will Announce Progress—Early buyers will Help Finish the job and Reach the Large Objective

With the news of constant gains on the German front from all sides, folks paused and questioned when the whistles and bells blew and rang out in Acton on Monday morning. Was the War over at last? Some day the bells will ring out that glad news and the whistles will shriek for joy but Monday morning's serenade was a reminder that the job isn't finished, that Canada needs a response—a greater response—from every man woman and child to meet the needs of the Seventh Victory Loan.

The quota is bigger than ever this time but the job is not impossible. In another column, Chairman J. M. McDonald, who heads the Acton and district committee makes an appeal to every citizen.

Acton has during the last few campaigns carried on a blitz bomb contest in which every bond buyer could participate. With Christmas just around the corner, the publicity committee have arranged the usual prizes and made them appropriate of the season and for more participants. This time the tannery whistle will mark the completion of half-way in the campaign and when the objective has been reached at \$230,000. The coupons the salesmen supply when you purchase your bonds give a full explanation of the plan.

Once again buy your bonds and your extra bonds—early and get more opportunity for participation.

In the sixth Victory Loan the half-way mark was reached on the second Monday after the campaign opened. The objective was attained a week later on a Monday. That may be some help to you in formulating your estimates.

Over 700 Attend Fowl Supper of Knox Ladies Aid

The fame of the fowl suppers put on by the Ladies Aid of Knox Church at the time of Anniversary occasion has grown through the years. On Tuesday evening at this annual event over 700 partook of the fine chicken supper provided with all the trimmings and the whole crowd which at times was lined up to the street were served in about three hours.

Following the supper a concert was provided in the auditorium of the Church which was enjoyed by the crowd attending. Artist on the program were Mr. Cecil Lyness Tenor Soloist, Miss Wilva Bell elocutionist and Mrs. Lila Klein, soloist, all of Guelph; Miss Lynda Stewart, A.T.C.M. in piano and vocal numbers, Mrs. A. Wright, Erin, vocal solos and the male section of the choir in chorus numbers; Kenneth Anderson contributed instrumental numbers on the violin and cornet.

Mr. Wm. Benson thanked the ladies for the Anniversary supper and Mr. Chas. Kirkness gave the reading, "The Ladies Aid". Chairman for the program was the minister Rev. Forbes Thomson.

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.

Y.M.C.A. Halloween Party Postponed until Friday, November 3rd.

Euchre under the auspices of the Scout Mothers' Auxiliary in the Parish Hall, November 2nd. Admission 25c.

Legion Dance in Town Hall, Thursday, Nov. 2nd. Al Watson's Orchestra. Admission 50c. Active Service personnel admitted free.

Dance at Brookville, Tuesday, October 31st. Sponsored by Busy Bees Douglas-Hume Orchestra. Admission 40c.

Tea-Cup reading at the St. Alban's Guild Bazaar, Sale of Baking and vegetables, Saturday, October 28th, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Modern and Old Time Dance in Oddfellows' Hall, Milton, on Friday, Oct. 27, at 9.30 p.m. Proceeds for cigarette fund for boys overseas. Bloomsbury Orchestra of Rockwood. Local manager, Robt. Hamilton. Admission 40c each. Musicians.

ACTON ENLISTMENTS

This Week's Register

Gerard Karley has joined the Canadian Army and is now stationed at Brantford.

Don Evans has joined the Royal Canadian Navy and is now stationed on the coast coast.