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THIS WEEK

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Toronto (CP)—The Trades and Labor Congress of Canada concluded its 60th annual convention in Toronto this week and left no doubt about its position politically. The Congress reaffirmed its policy advocating formation of political action committees within local unions to enable labor to play a "non-partisan, constructive role" in formation of national policies, and instructed its executive to consider organization of a national political action committee.

The resolution proposing the latter move said a body would "serve as an instrument for rallying the widest public support to the post-war program and aims of the Congress and to aim for the achievement of co-operation for our program of full employment, a higher standard of living and social security for all Canadians."

The resolution went through after Kent Rowley of Montreal told the convention that the time had come "when we must take a stand in the political life of our nation."

Percy R. Bengough, re-elected president of the Congress, said it stood squarely for national unity and was not isolationist in international affairs. He added cryptically: "The fact we had so many government speakers at this convention is no barometer of the political leanings of the Congress. So long as I am at the head we will not become the dog running behind the wagon of any political party."

Highlighting the week's action by the Congress was its reaffirmation of its "no strike" pledge and approval of the principal of family allowances. It also urged increased income tax exemptions to \$2,400 for married persons and \$1,000 for single persons and extension of the franchise to all persons over 18.

One of the government speakers at the congress was Munitions Minister Howe, head of the new Federal Department of Reconstruction. He told the labor men that a job and a fair income for all those able and willing to work was the objective of the new department. The minister said he intended to ask labor to take an active part in the work of the department, but as yet the best form of organization had not been decided. Statistics indicated that 1,000,000 more jobs would be required than were available at the outbreak of the war, and Mr. Howe said he did not think it impossible that these jobs would be available.

CCF Leader E. B. Jolliffe and Mitchell Hepburn—who recently returned to active support of the Liberal—have taken jobs at Premier Drew's Progressive Conservative administration. In a Victory Loan address at North Bay, Mr. Hepburn said the issue in Canada is not going to be settled by hot-heads in Ontario or Quebec, but by the reasonable people who make up the mass of this country. If we want this country to be great, it little belittles any man to denounce any particular race at this time.

Mr. Jolliffe, in a speech at Durham, said that in his "fanatical attack on the family allowances act and by his demagogic denunciation of Quebec," Premier Drew had stirred up "fires of discord" and placed himself in the same class as the small politicians who have been stirring up feeling in Quebec against English-speaking Canadians.

Ontario lost a former veteran member of its legislature during the week. Hon. William David Black, former speaker and Conservative member for Ashtington for 3 years—believed the longest term served by one man—died at Kingston. He was 78. Premier Drew and many Ontario government ministers attended the funeral at Parham, his home town.

THE HORTOP-KIRKWOOD WEDDING WAS PRETTY AUTUMN EVENT

A quiet autumn wedding was solemnized by Rev. W. G. Kitchen when Jean, daughter of Mrs. Kirkwood, of Guelph, and the late Herb. Kirkwood was united in marriage to Harry Hortop, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hortop, Everton, Ont.

The bride wore a smart blue frock with corsage of bouvardia and Sweetheart roses. The couple were unattended.

A reception was held in the common room of the Y. W. C. A. after the ceremony. The bride's mother in navy blue with corsage of red roses received, while the groom's mother wore black with sequin trim and corsage of red roses.

The couple left on a trip to Ottawa and on their return will reside at Sheraton.

DIED OF WOUNDS



Gnr. Larry Bridges, wounded on Thanksgiving Day, while serving in Belgium and later died of the wounds sustained. — Picture through the courtesy of Brantford Expositor.

Service League Handles Funds of \$14,500 Since Start

Total receipts since its inauguration in 1942 of the Acton and Victory War Service League have been \$14,500. Since these funds are raised by the efforts of all citizens not only of Acton but of the district adjoining, it is pointed out that all are welcome to attend meetings of the League which are held the second and fourth Thursday of each month in the Council Chambers in Acton.

At the meeting last Thursday two more names were added to the list. Treasurer J. M. McDonald reported incomplete returns of the auction sale and \$932.68 turned in at that time. Cash donations of \$154.75 were turned into this amount by Mr. E. Tyler from his work for the sale.

Other amounts reported for the League funds were \$10 from the Dublin Literary Society; \$215.22 from the Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the I.O.D.E.; \$22.50 from salvage returns; \$38.00 from the Acton Fire Brigade; \$25 from the Buxy Bees of Nassagaweya and \$50 from the Nassagaweya Women's Institute.

Pte. John Hilts Wounded while Serving in Belgium

Pte. John Hilts, 19-year-old son of Mrs. Alice Hilts, Rockwood, was wounded in action October 6. According to the message received by his mother, no further details are as yet known. He had been serving in Belgium with the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry and is in a Belgium hospital.

Born and raised in Rockwood, he received his education there, but worked for the Guelph Soap Company three years prior to his enlistment. Interested in sports he specialized in baseball.

John joined the army eight months ago, trained at Ipperwash, and went overseas in August.

Pte. Donald Hilts, a brother, also is serving in Belgium. He is with Conny Smythe's famous 30th Battalion. A sister, Pte. Margaret Hilts, is with the CWAC stationed at Regina. Mrs. Alice Hilts, the mother, is a war worker at the Boardman Co. plant in Acton. She has two other children, Mae and Louis, both at home. Their father, now deceased served with the 29th Battery during the First Great War.

HALLOWE'EN PARTY AND AUCTION AT WOODSIDE SCHOOL

A very enjoyable Halloween party was held at Woodside School, S.S. 10 Erin, last Friday evening, with a good attendance. Mr. W. McIntyre acted as chairman for the program. The masquerade which created much fun, was judged by Mrs. Kerr, Mr. Davidson and Mr. Jolley.

The following are the prize winners: Girls class: Marjorie McDonald, Evelyn McDonald; Boys class: Teddy Freeman; Alan Johnson; Men's class: Mr. Norman McEas-hern, Mrs. Thos. Gordon; Ladies class: Doreen Jolley; Couple: Annie Letch and Wilma Butler; Comic: Frank Freeman.

A short program consisted of community singing, chairman's address, choruses by the school, solos by Della McIntyre and Marie Kerr, readings by Mrs. Caldwell and Wilma Butler. Two plays "Good Ghosts," and a shadow play "The Operation." The Red Cross quilt was displayed which realized over \$33.00. The lucky ticket was drawn by Edith Thompson and was held by Miss Clara Swackhammer.

Mr. R. Johnson conducted an auction of school garden produce. Lunch was followed by a dance led by the Shortell Orchestra.

Victory Loan Sales Lower Than Same Period Last Year

Bigger Sales will have to be Made in Final Period if Acton is to Reach Objective and maintain its Envious Record—Half-Way Mark is Still Awaited With Keen Interest by Bond Buyers

Just for curiosity we looked back in the files to see what was happening the second week of the Sixth Victory Loan. It's only six months ago so perhaps you will remember. Everyone at that time was speculating as to when the invasion would come. Well it came and a lot has happened since.

For a short time many felt that the rapid advance through France was an indication that the war would soon be over. But once again there has been another line to crack and a slowing up. Don't know whether it was a feeling of over confidence or not but in that Sixth Victory Loan in the second week Acton and District was lagging.

Now we learn from headquarters that here the Seventh Victory Loan got away to a fine start, but this week it has fallen off and with the Loan period half gone the half-way mark has not been reached. That thermometer at the Post Office just seems to crawl away from the start.

We know and you know that the Tannery whistle is going to blow at six and seven in the morning and at twelve and one at noon and again at six in the evening but the signal for Christmas dinner for a lot of bond buyers in Acton and District won't be one of those times. Matter of fact if the job doesn't get finished there'll be four estimators on the objective that will supply Christmas dinners for themselves. If you have not bought your bonds yet we suggest that you hurry now. The boys over there are waiting to see what Acton does this time.

Half-Way Mark is Reached in the Loan at 2.09 this Afternoon

Just as the last forms were going to press the tannery whistle announced the reaching of half way in the objective for Acton and District in the Seventh Victory Loan.

The official time of reaching the objective is 2.09 p.m. Thursday, November 2nd.

The estimates were immediately worked and we were able to get the following results from Chairman E. D. Bachlin of the Publicity Committee:

First Prize, Jacqueline Surbey, a 20 lb. turkey, with an estimate of 2.15.

Second Prize, P. E. Ryan, a 10 lb. turkey with the estimate of 2.01.

Third Prize, Jack Robson, a 12 lb. goose with the estimate of 2.35.

Fourth Prize, Marjorie Norton, a 12 lb. goose with the time at 2.35.

Fifth Prize, Mrs. Chandler, an 8 lb. chicken, with an estimate of 2 p.m.

"And did the doctor say what was the matter with you, Freddie?" "Something that begins with rheum!"

"Ah, yes — room for improvement, no doubt."

Overseas Mail

Letters from the Local Boys Serving in the Cause of Freedom

Somewhere in Belgium

Dear Arlo,

This letter will no doubt be a surprise to you, but I thought you might be interested in hearing of some of the sights and countries I've seen since I left the old home town. I have been in and among quite a few French people and have found them very polite and very nice people. They certainly made us welcome, and have shown us good times. They bring us tomatoes and eggs for which we are grateful. I can't speak much French yet so find it difficult to understand them. I am in Belgium now and like it fine here. Just before I started to write this letter I just returned from a trip which took me through Ypres, Lille, Ghent, Arras and a couple of other places made famous in the last war. I always pictured them as small towns, but they are large cities. I had to drive one of the officers up through there on business. I drove my jeep all the way there and back. It sure was a cold journey in the open car. I saw many memorials, cemeteries and trenches left from the last war. They have never been filled in. The people here in Belgium are very nice also. A lot of them speak good English and most of their signs are in English as well as in Belgian. You ought to see the modern homes in this country they are away ahead of ours, and the roads are so smooth and wide its like riding on air. I had my jeep going its fullest speed and find it the easiest car to drive yet. Well, Mr. Dilla, I guess this is all for now.

So with many thanks to the I.O. D.E. and all the other friends who have sent me all those lovely parcels. Keep buying those Bonds and we will all be home soon.

I remain very sincerely
Gnr. M. J. Reid.

Memorial Service For Sgt. Donald Titt In Rockwood Sunday

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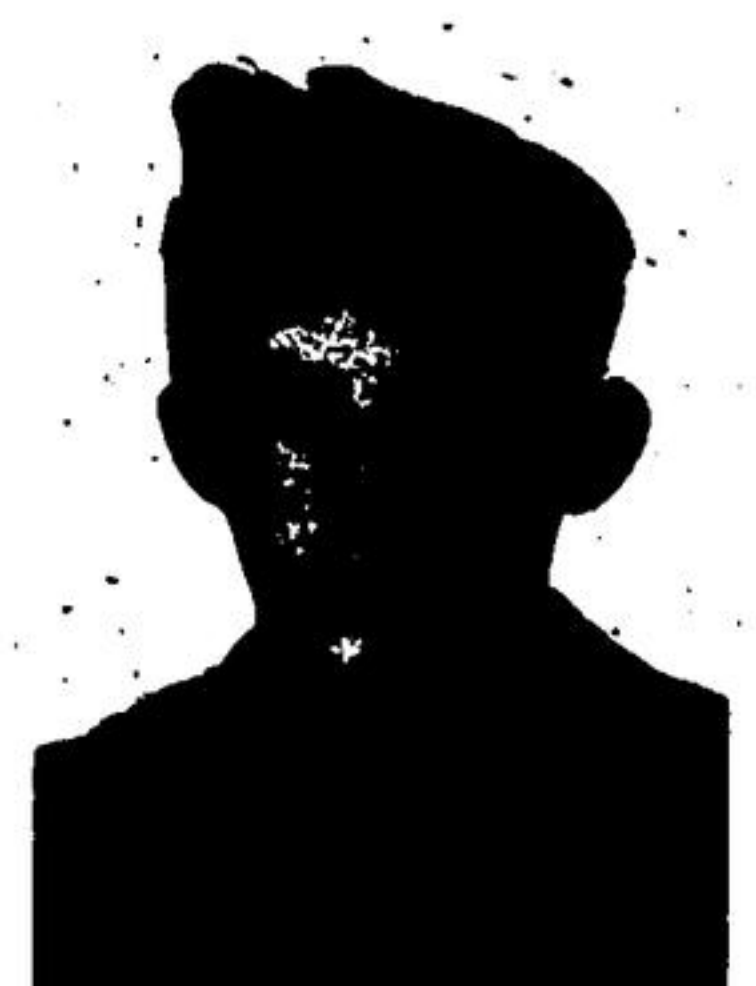
HALTON COMPANY PURCHASED \$35,000 IN VICTORY LOAN BONDS

At the meeting of the Directors in Acton on Monday of the Halton Union Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company it was decided to purchase \$35,000 of bonds in the Seventh Victory Loan. This company has been a large purchaser of bonds in each loan.

Jack Malnprize organized some games in the Church basement. The Social Committee served a delightful lunch and a short discussion followed.

The Fall Rally of Guelph Presbytery, Y.P.S. will be held in Knox Church, Guelph on November 13th.

PAID SUPREME SACRIFICE



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Rev. J. B. Dennis of Centennial Evangelical Church of which he was a member, was in charge. Rev. E. E. Pletch, a former minister, and now of Hanover, assisted, and Ft. Lt. H. G. Martin from Centralla paid tribute for the Air Force.

Ft. Lt. Martin had charge of the graveside service, and LAC M. J. Dwyer sounded the Last Post and Reveille. The pallbearers were Sgts. J. Martin, J. Logan, C. Cassidy, J. Robinson, G. Anaka and J. Hunterduar. P.O. H. E. Irwin, Centralla was the officer in charge of the service. Interment was in Avondale Cemetery.

Among the many people from other places at the funeral were those from Guelph and surrounding district, Acton, Toronto, MacLeod, Alta., Pontiac, Mich., Eden Mills, Moffat, Rockwood, Blyth, Brucefield, Hanover, Mitchell, Puellich, Orton, Milton, Brantford, Paris, Brighton, Centralla and Sebringville.

SOIL-BINDING GRASS

CAPETOWN (CP)—A new variety of grass has been discovered in Swaziland by a South African grass expert, C. J. J. Van Rensburg. He states the grass should provide excellent sheep pasture and help bind the soil if planted in eroded areas under climatic conditions similar to that of its natural habitat.

DUCKING UNSCHEDULED

RIVERHURST, Sask (CP)—A dray horse broke through the top of a storage well near the F. T. Hill home. A runaway was dug down to the animal at an angle of 45 degrees and it was able to climb out, well-chilled after its two hour bath.

ATTENTION FOR THOSE OLD "BEST FRIENDS"



Tommy guns and .30's are mighty handy items of equipment for the men who slug it out daily with Herr Hun and the weapons get plenty of attention. These men of the Cape Breton Highlanders, just out of the front line in Italy, clean their weapons before taking a short and well-earned rest. They are: Cpl. Michael Gulka, Port Arthur, Sgt. Bill Mattocks, Acton, Ont., Ptes. James Webber, St. John N. B., Raymond Rolfe, Sydney, N. B., Leonard Groves, Sydney Mines, N. S., and L/Cpl. McKinnon Glace Bay, N. S. (Canadian Army Overseas Photo)

Hallowe'en Had Orderly Fun Led By Boy's Band

Street Parade and Visits to Home Band Had Social in Town Hall

Hallowe'en in Acton on Tuesday was like old times when the Acton Citizen's Band used to take the leadership in making fun. A new generation took hold on Friday, when Acton Boys' Band, in costume, varied and grotesque struck up the band for a parade. It was a signal for the youngsters to give the door bells a rest and follow the band.

Many youngsters and oldsters were in costume. The treats asked for at the home were limited—not by any desire on behalf of the householders, but simply because treats weren't procurable in any quantity in the stores. Before eight o'clock we saw one youngster proudly exhibit her bag however, and announce to a fond parent that she had had it full. The hand-outs couldn't have been too meagre at that.

Following the parade, the boys of the band with their friends and parents held a social in the Town Hall. There were games, fun and dancing. A plentiful lunch was served by the mothers and there were Hallowe'en treats for all the band boys and their girl friends. Centre of all the fun, leading the band in their play as in their musical training was the leader, C. W. Mason.

The party was kept up until midnight or better and a fine time was enjoyed and Hallowe'en proven to be pleasant without being destructive.

Some groups of larger youths made the trips about town moving things that were loose or easily moved, but the extra police under Chief Harrop broke up many of these raids and saved any serious damage to property about town.

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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 5c.

Dance in Orange Hall, Brampton, on Friday, November 3rd. Stewart Elliott's Orchestra.

Remember Knox Y.W.A. Rummage and Baking Sale in Town Hall, Saturday, November 4th.

Dance in Erin Town Hall, Saturday, November 4th. Harvey Fisher's Orchestra. Prize for Spot Dance, Admission 35c. Dancing 9 to 12.