

## Continuation School Commencement Packed the Hall

### Three Act Play, Presentation of Trophies Medals and Diplomas

The biggest crowd the Town Hall has seen or could see attended the Commencement of Acton Continuation School on Tuesday evening, in fact long before the program opened many were turned away as the hall was filled.

There were many features on the program and all of them interesting but of course the highlight was the three-act play "Fride and Prejudice". It had a cast of 25 and was a pretentious production for a group of young people, especially when many of them were taking part in their first performance. It was a story of a mother with three daughters who was most anxious to have marry according to her own ideas and to assure her of social security.

The setting of the play was however well before the days of our present plans of social security. "Fride and Prejudice" play a big part in disarranging the course of the love affairs of the eligible girls but of course all ends well as each pair are matched in the final act. The production was very well done and parts were taken well.

Following are the cast of characters: Mr. Bennet, Ralph McKee; Miss Elton, Wilfred Duvall; Lady Lucas, Betty Britton; Charlotte, Lucie Jean Harris; Jane Bennet, Joyce Desreault; Lydia Bennet, Shirley Kentner; Elizabeth Bennet, Bunny Anderson; Mr. Darcy, Raymond Arlic; Mr. Bingley, John Agar; Mr. Collins, Mac Sprout; Amelia, Jeanne Brunel; Mr. Wickham, Kenneth Allan; Felicia, Betty Masters; Amanda, Joan Somerville; A Young Man, Jack Stewart; Captain Denny, Fred Crewson; Miss Bingley, Marjorie Bliton; Agatha, Helen Holmes; A Second Young Man, Lorne Arlic; A Maid, Annie Thompson; Maggie, Lorna Frank; Mrs. Gardiner, Shirley Rolston; Lady Catherine, Lorraine Hargrave; Fitzwilliam, Clayton Fryer; Mr. Lake, Margaret Robinson; Mrs. Bennet, Joan Fargeter.

Directors of the play were Miss J. Barber and Mrs. R. Cartier.

Musical numbers in the program over which Dr. G. Oakes, Chairman of Acton School Board, presided were several numbers by a group from Acton Boys' Band; piano duet by Shirley and George Elliott; vocal solo by Joyce Desreault and a double trio number by Joan Fargeter, Jean Harris, Marjorie Bliton, Jack Stewart, John Agar and Ralph McKee with Mrs. E. A. Pulker as accompanist.

The School Choir under the direction of Miss Lynda Stewart, A.T.C.M., contributed two groups of two numbers each. Margaret Robertson was accompanist.

Margaret Blow and Jack Mainprize were winners of the special prize given by Lakeside Chapter, I.O.G.E., for the best all-round record throughout the four years in school. The presentation was made by the Chapter regent, Miss A. McCallum.

The School Board medals to the Athletic Champions for 1944 were presented by Geo. W. Mason to Elaine Arlic, Joan Somerville, Betty Britton, Joan Fargeter, Jim Spiletoegel, Lorne Arlic and Ralph McKee.

Trophy winners presented by Dr. Oakes were to Ernest West, Georgina Anderson, June Talbot and Doug Davidson who won four of the seven trophies awarded this year.

Secondary School Graduation Diplomas were presented to Margaret Blow, Douglas Davidson, Jack Gordon, John Mainprize and June Talbot.

Lower School Intermediate Certificates were presented to John Agar, Georgina Anderson, Raymond Arlic, Aldo Braida, Armand Braida, Wilfred Duvall, May Dyrill, George Elliott, Donald Lamb, Joyce Lamb, Delores Lappin, Lavina Lawson, Elizabeth Masters, Marjorie Norton, Eleanor Ross, Joan Somerville, Donald Van Goggen.

Principal C. A. Stewart, B.A. made explanation of the trophies, prizes and diplomas and addressed the audience of parents, friends and pupils.

**MARKED FIFTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR MARRIAGE**

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Lindsay, Acton, marked their fifty-third wedding anniversary on Sunday when they were at home at a dinner party with all members of their family with their grandchildren. We join with our friends in offering congratulations and best wishes for many more years together.

**SALVAGE TEAM FOR NEXT WEEK**

December 13—M. Nakonecny, G. McHugh, S. Crisp, W. Galloway, H. Marchment, N. Johnson.

## Back Home Again After 3½ Years Overseas

### First Acton young man to enlist in the R.C.A.F. and go overseas. Flying Officer Fred Turner arrived home in Acton yesterday, after three and a half years overseas and was welcomed by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Turner, Sr. and sister Miss Betty.

Four and half years ago he joined the Canadian Airforce. Coming back home again he finds Acton much the same, but of course the boys of his age are in various parts of the service or away from Acton. Many friends are indeed glad to see him home again, safe and sound. His brother Bill is a Prisoner of War in Germany since the Dieppe raid and at that time was reported killed in action.

## Overseas Men Write the Acton Service League

From a stack of correspondence received by Acton and Vicinity War Service League we glean the following extracts from letters from those overseas, who are served so well by the League.

I think I'm justified in saying that there are few boys over here who are as well looked after, as those who come from Acton. It's most comforting to know that you haven't been forgotten after being away all these years.

It shouldn't take us long to finish the job now, and then we'll be back there to show you how much we've appreciated all you've done for us.

Sgt. N. Wright says: This is the card which came with the cigarettes I received the other day. They just came in time too—I was nearly out. Some of the chaps have to wait quite a while for their parcels to catch up with them, but so far, I've been very lucky. Sincere thanks to the committee and yourself. Warm regards to all I know.

F/O F. G. Turner writes from England. As usual your most recent parcel of cigarettes reached me just in time. In three years you have never failed to keep me well supplied and I am very grateful. Soon I hope to be able to thank you in person. Until then

Pte. Walter Gibbons of the C.M.F. says: A few days ago, I received another carton of cigarettes from the League. I appreciate this very much and thank the good people of Acton and district and the swell people who operate the league. Good old Acton. You can't beat it.

We are all very busy over here. The weather is not too bad just now, but we do get quite a bit of rain at times. It gets dark quite quickly at nights, as I suppose it does in Acton. I received a copy of the Free Press last week and was glad to read the news of the home town. Thanks again for the smokes. Wishing you all the very best.

Jim Lamb writes from Belgium: I'm afraid I'm a little late in thanking you this time but I was very busy the last week. The cigarettes are more appreciated than ever these days, when mail is slower and the Y doesn't get around as often. Belgium is quite a bit nicer than France and we are warmly welcomed by the people. It's getting pretty cool outside now though, so we all hope it will be over soon. Thanking you again.

Cfn. E. B. (Boots) Grischow tells us: "Having just received my first carton of cigarettes from your organization, I am writing to thank you. I little thought soon after the league was formed and I participated in some of its meetings that I would one day be receiving some of its benefits. I have not heard of any other town of our size that has come near Acton in what it has done for us."

I have only been able to meet-up with one Acton boy since I have been here, but Bob Footitt was indeed a welcome sight. He was glad to see me too, to get more news of Acton. We will all be proud to come back to our Acton and thank personally all those who made our service overseas easier with smokes from home. Thanks again and I do appreciate the smokes.

Letters and cards were also received from the following: Pte. Will. Walde, Sgt. J. Wallace, Gnr. Frank Kelly, L.A.C. Bruce Fargeter, L.A.C. E. Lasby, W. Barber, Sgm. G. W. Williams, Cpl. H. G. Hayes, Spr. N. S. Land, Pte. J. Drysdale, Cpl. E. W. Coles, L.A.C. Frank VanWyck, Eban. N. Gibson, Pte. M. S. McEllan, Tr. C. H. Price, Pte. W. L. Turner, Pte. F. L. Tournour, L/S. H. V. Dron, H. N. Lambert, R. Finney, G. Appleyard, L.A.C. Land, Len Lambert, Wilson Bewley, Pte. A. W. Sinclair, W. E. Matlock, Cpl. O. R. Brown, Jack Honeywell, Jack Smallman, W. J. Graf, T. N. Cunningham, J. V. Swindlehurst, L/Sgt. H. Spencer, Pte. C. McDonald, George Hargrave, Spr. J. L. Elleppy.

## Council and Commission Are Elected on Monday

### Four Councillors Elected Have All Served Previously on Acton Council—J. R. MacArthur returned to Public Utilities Commission by Large Majority—Monday's Vote Was Not a Large One

With a vote of less than forty per cent of the electors, the Council and Public Utilities Commission were chosen for 1945 in Acton.

Five names were on the ballot for the four seats as councillor. J. H. Creighton headed the poll with 260 votes and a very close second was J. H. Boulton of the 1944 Council with 259 votes and W. J. O. Oakes a present councillor with 239 votes. Frederick Davidson, a former councillor who was defeated last year nosed out Harry Ware a newcomer in Municipal affairs by 8 votes. The vote for Davidson was 202 and for Ware 194.

The most decisive vote was for Public Utilities Commissioner where former Reeve J. H. Chalmers entered the field against the present chairman, J. Robert MacArthur. The vote was 259 for MacArthur and 133 for Chalmers.

Out of a possible vote of approximately 1100 there were about four hundred voters. There were eight spoiled ballots for the Utilities Commission.

Following is the summary of the vote by Polling subdivisions for the various offices.

POB COUNCIL		
Town No. 1	No. 2	Total
Creighton 121	73	260
Boulton 121	69	259
Oakes 113	64	239
Davidson 91	65	202
Ware 88	57	194

POB PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSIONER		
MacArthur 121	71	259
Chalmers 57	43	133

The new Council will not assume their seats until the first meeting in January. Reeve McDonald was again accorded an acclamation.

The Council for 1945 will according to the vote be J. M. McDonald, Reeve; W. J. O. Oakes, J. H. Boulton, J. H. Creighton, J. F. Davidson.

The School Board are elected by acclamation this year and will comprise of Dr. F. G. Oakes, G. A. Dill, J. A. Chapman, F. S. Blow, V. B. Runley and N. Baird.

The Public Utilities Commission will be the same as last year, Reeve J. M. McDonald, J. R. MacArthur and C. H. Hansen.

### WEARNE-GIBBON WEDDING IN TORONTO ON-NOVEMBER 27th

In a quiet ceremony at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Rathbone, Kingsway Cres., Elsie Elaine Gibbon, daughter of Mrs. Gibbon, and the late David Gibbon, Sundridge, became the bride of Sgt. Pilot Leslie Wearne, R.A.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Wearne, Perth, Australia. Rev. H. Stalton officiated at the double ring ceremony.

Given in marriage by her brother, Dr. George Gibbon, the bride wore a dress of white wool with gold and brown accessories and her flowers were pink 'mums. Her bridesmaid, Miss Mildred Gibbon, wore red velvet with a corsage of white 'mums. Sgt. Pilot W. Williams, R.A.A.F., Perth, Australia, was best man. The reception was held at the Old Mill where the guests were received by the bride's mother in a beige ensemble and corsage of bronze 'mums.

### TAYLOR-HENSON WEDDING AT LONDON LAST MONTH

A quiet wedding was solemnized in London, on November 20th by Rev. J. Peck when James Henry, son of Mr. James Taylor and the late Mrs. Taylor of Acton was united in marriage to Eva May only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Henson of Lucan.

The bride wore a street length dress of green crepe with brown trim and accessories and wore a corsage of better time roses. The bride's attendant, Marlon Nichol of London, wore a dress of white feather flannel with blue accessories and also a corsage of roses.

The groom was attended by Ronald Higgins of London.

The bride and groom left on a short trip to Windsor. They also stayed a couple of days in London and Lucan. The bride travelled in a brown tulle-trimmed suit and accessories. On return, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor will reside in Acton.

The young people have had their first skating of the year on the Mill Pond.

### NOW PRISONER OF WAR



Pte. George Aldridge, who last month was reported missing while serving with the Canadian Army in France is now reported a Prisoner of War.

## Elections in Other Municipalities on Monday's Voting

### Results in Communities in Which Readers Will Be Interested

#### BURLINGTON

Mayor—Gordon Blair, 483; John Blair, 418. Reeve—Norman Craig (accl.). Deputy Reeve—E. W. Smith (accl.). Council (first six elected)—John Wilkinson, 643; W. G. Fraser, 602; C. E. Palmer, 521; E. R. Leather, 520; A. P. Cadeau, 450; R. H. Stackhouse, 314; R. L. Moxham, 302; Rolfo Busby, 236; R. M. Emerson, 209.

#### GEORGETOWN

Mayor—Harold Cleave, 573, Joseph Gibbons, 470. Reeve—Kenneth R. McDonald (accl.). Council—Ward 1, Garfield McGillivray and W. C. Thompson (both accl.); Ward 2 — John T. Armstrong and Clifford Bradley (both accl.); Ward 3 (first two elected)—S. W. Orr, 230; Thomas L. Lyon, 227; James Goodlet, 154; Hydro Commissioner — Graham Farnoll (accl.).

#### ORAVILLE

Mayor—M. J. Campbell, 921; Dr. Maurice Lunan, 540. Reeve—Charles V. Hillmer (accl.). Deputy Reeve — Alfred E. Whitaker (accl.). Council (first six)—Howard Litchfield, 1,042; P. W. Chambers, 885; Angus MacMillan, 934; Col. R. O. Bull, 643; Basil Megaffin, 618; Kent Hunter and Gilbert Walklett, tied with 568; L. O. Ribble, 468. Water and Light Commissioner — Hillmer Lofquist, 857; George Clark, 573; By-law to erect a new sewage disposal plant—For, 482; against, 27.

#### QUELPH

Mayor—Gordon L. Rife, 3,091; William G. Taylor, 1,216. Council—William B. Thain, 2,343; Brydges, 2,336; R. O. Barber, 2,313; Len Owen, 2,157; Phil. Bennett, 2,062; Jim Bennett, 2,059; R. Kenyon, 2,012; Harry Worton, Jr., 1,844; Albert J. Frank, 1,782; F. L. Freudeman, 1,787; Clifford Allan 1,730; Defeated candidates—L. Brown, C. W. Dempsey, W. P. Evans, E. Henson and W. Stephenson.

#### ERAMOSA

Roy L. Leslie defeated his fellow councillor, William J. Pinkney, for the newly-created position of Deputy Reeve of Eramosa Township in voting Monday. The vote was 319 to 248.

Councillor Joseph R. Rutherford headed the poll for council with 380 votes, and Councillor E. H. Benham was re-elected with 376 votes. A new member on the council board will be T. G. Hutchinson, who polled 320 votes. The defeated council candidates were Fred L. Cox, who polled 288, and Hugh Sampson, with 79.

#### ERIN TOWNSHIP

Nominations will be called in Erin Township again on Monday, December 11, for the purpose of obtaining two councillors needed to fill the township seats.

#### CPL. W. NICOLAK EARNS PROMOTION SERVING IN ITALY

With The Canadian Army in Italy, (Delayed)—Corporal William Nicolak of Acton, Ont., now in Italy with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, has recently been promoted to the rank of Lance Sergeant. His promotion was most popular with the men serving under him and all agree that he was most deserving of his raise in rank.

A team of men and women working in Northern England, have created a record. In 47 hours, 33 minutes they built a full-size tank-landing craft for use by the United States navy.

## Brief Session of Public Utilities Commission

### The regular meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Monday evening.

Commissioner C. M. Hansen and Reeve J. M. McDonald were present with chairman J. R. MacArthur presiding.

At the request of the H.E.P.C. of Ontario a motion was passed prohibiting work on primary lines while they are alive, by the employees.

Due to the shortage of labor no pipe thawing is to be undertaken on the consumer's property this year.

The secretary was instructed to pay the following accounts:

Hydro Department	
Canadian National Railway, Express,	40
Office Cleaning, expenses,	1.25
Cables, Conduits and Fittings, coils	123.99
H.E.P.C., Hydro lamps,	63.51
Canadian Brass, supplies,	9.12
Sutherland Schultz Electric Co., repairs and labor,	8.25
P. U. Commission, London, Repair,	1.95
Canadian Line Materials, 3 Insulators,	20.66
Sangamo Co., energy meter	17.50
Miss Fern Brown, stamps,	10.98
F. L. right, guaranty bond,	8.00

#### Waterworks Department

Sanitary Wiper and Waste Co., Light Wipers	21.00
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A notice was to be inserted in the paper notifying consumers of their duty in protecting water meters from frost, etc.

## Federation of Agriculture Elects Officers for Year

"Don't Wait to Live" was the subject of a very instructive and entertaining address by Prof. W. D. Tolton of the Extension Department of the O.A.C., Guelph. The occasion was the Annual Meeting of the Federation of Agriculture held on November 28th.

Briefly outlining the stages of development in every individual through "I am" "I can" "I should" "I will", the speaker said that many people never reached the last stage. He urged his listeners to start now as individuals and as an agricultural industry to set out on an upward march with a united, strong and firm will to improve the world we live in.

He contrasted the proud, lonely, product of free enterprise to the wealthy one with the co-operative happy social-minded leader of democracy. The mind dies if it is not fed and one of the most crying needs of rural people to-day is suitable subjects of conversation to keep minds from premature death.

From our infancy we have been taught too much to compete with our fellow men. The teacher who makes the child feel that he is inferior if he is not able to do so much as his neighbour is not teaching co-operation, not teaching citizenship, fit for to-day's world.

Rural schools should teach agriculture but it must be taught and handled co-operatively. Later when the child leaves school his early teaching will not help him "make the most efficient use of his land, labor, and machines," only then will we reach the ultimate goal, that of supplying the people of the world with good food at reasonable rates.

"Let us quit playing around with agriculture," said Prof. Tolton "Let us take the chance of working together in organized groups putting to work the creative energy inherent in all of us. Let us not wait to live. It may be later than we think."

The election of Directors was presided over by Mr. Whitlock, and Mr. Paul Fisher briefly addressed the meeting. Officers are A. Diamond, President; G. Robertson, Vice-President; E. Davenport, Second Vice-President; A. Service, Secretary-Treasurer. The president, A. Diamond, was chosen as delegate to the Annual Convention of the Federation on December 5th to 7th, in the King Edward Hotel, Toronto.

### CHRISTMAS FLAVOR AT MEETING OF UNITED WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The regular monthly business meeting of the United Church Women's Association was held at the Parsonage on Tuesday with Mrs. D. Richardson presiding. Several Christmas anthems were sung and the Devotional period was taken by Mrs. D. Richardson and Mrs. E. Jennings.

Cards are to be sent to the sick and shut-ins during the Christmas season. After the business was disposed of Mrs. Fosbury assisted by Mrs. Veldeus served a very dainty Christmas luncheon. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Fosbury and her assistants for her home and hospitality.

## Acton Home Mourns Loss of Another Airman

### Sgt. Samuel Wilfred McCron Killed While on Active Service Word Received Here

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. McCron, Mill Street received the sad message on Tuesday that their son, Sgt. Samuel Wilfred McCron, RCAF, had been killed while on active service and that burial was made at Surrey, England, on December 3rd.

This is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. McCron to pay the supreme sacrifice. Two years ago, Bill was reported missing and since that time no further word has been received regarding him. In their troubled time, Mr. and Mrs. McCron will have the sympathy of their friends here. They have moved to Acton, just recently from Barrie.

Sgt. McCron joined the RCAF two and a half years ago and has been overseas for five months. His wife and son reside at Fort William. Besides his parents, three brothers and two sisters remain to share his loss.

Albert, serving in India with the Air Force and Wallace and Paul at home. Two sisters reside in Toronto, Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Mitchell.

Before enlisting, Sgt. McCron worked at Jellico. Most of his training for flying was secured in Manitoba.

### OFFICERS ELECTED BY LADIES ORGANIZATIONS AT EBENEZER CHURCH

The annual meeting of the W.M.S. and the W.A. of Ebenezer United Church was held at the church, the officers elected for the W.M.S. are:

Honorary president, Mrs. John Marshall; President, Mrs. Pickering; Vice-President, Mrs. Trousdale; Secretary, Mrs. A. Wilson; Treasurer, Mrs. Kitching; Temperance and Good Cheer secretary, Mrs. Richardson; Assistant, Mrs. Thos. Diamond; Mission Band, Mrs. Harry Fatt; Assistant, Miss Mildred Wilson.

The Woman's Association officers are: President, Mrs. W. F. Darby; Vice-President, Mrs. Geo. Thomas; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Annie Fulton; Pianist, Mrs. Clare Pickett; Flower Committee, Mrs. A. Wilson; Mrs. W. F. Darby, Mrs. Clare Pickett, Mrs. Ellen Easterbrook, Mrs. Harry Fatt and Mrs. Kitching.

The finances of the W. A. are very encouraging. The remainder of the afternoon was spent finishing work on a quilt for war work. By way of a social time there was a hot water dinner.

### 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 25c.

Dance at Orange Hall, Brampton, on Friday, December 8th, Stewart Elliott's Orchestra.

United Church Christmas Concert Wednesday, December 13. Christmas Carols, old English style, Live Dolls, Etc. 2-3

Drifting Cowboys playing for dance at Brookville, Monday, December 11th sponsored by Buys Beer. A girl vocalist. Admission 50c.

Bannockburn Women's Institute will hold a sale of baking and novelty sale in the Council Chamber on Saturday, December 9th from 3 to 5.30.

Legion Dance in Town Hall, Thursday, December 14th. Al Watson's Orchestra. Admission 50c. Active Service personnel admitted free.

Knox Presbyterian Sunday School Concert will be held on Thursday, December 21st in the Sunday School Room. Everybody Welcome.

National Union of Textile Workers Local 22, Dance in Acton Town Hall, Saturday, December 19th. Stewart Elliott's Orchestra. Admission 35c. 22-2

Cont's to the Christmas Concert at S.S. No. 7, Nassagaweya, on Friday, December 22nd at 8.00 p.m. Ladies please provide. Admission 20c 22-2

The Bannockburn School Christmas Concert will be held in the school on Friday evening, December 22nd. Admission 25c and 15c. Followed by a dance.

Bannockburn United Church W. A. will hold a "Figs in Blanket" Hot Supper in the Hall, Friday, December 8th. A good program, Admission 35c and 20c. Supper served at 7 p.m.