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Cadet Training Will be Taken At School Here

Inspector's Report of Public School Commends Work of the Staff

Trustees V. B. Rumley, F. S. Blow, J. A. Chapman, G. A. Dills and Geo. Mason were present Tuesday evening when Acton School Board met and Chairman F. G. Oakes presided. Principal Stewart discussed with the Board the forming of a cadet corp at the Continuation School. Cost of uniforms was \$15 each, half of which cost was paid by the department. The course was compulsory from Grade 10 and about thirty-five were expected to enroll.

A motion was passed adopting cadet training in the Continuation School and authorizing the Secretary to fill in the necessary applications and forward to the department and also secure additional information.

Trustee Mason commended Mr. Stewart and the staff on the School Commencement that was presented this year and the forward step in training the students. The Board unanimously endorsed this appreciation.

Mr. Stewart appreciated the action of the Board and the co-operation given him by all in the commencement.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

Welker Industries, stocker	\$850.00
Acton Public Utilities Commission, services	13.61
Anderson & Co., supplies	5.25
G. Mann, supplies	.75
Moyer's Ltd., supplies	40.60
Vocational Guidance, supplies	.25
F. L. Wright, insurance premium	52.77
J. B. Mackenzie & Son, supplies	3.78
J. M. Dent Co., supplies	32.40
Bell Telephone Co., services	3.02
Ginn Co., supplies	1.64
Copp Clark Co., supplies	5.64
E. Cooper, supplies	1.50
Elliot Bros., supplies	8.63
W. D. Talbot, supplies	10.00
Symon Hardware, supplies	3.50
	\$1,056.34

The report of the Public School Inspector was received and studied by the Board. The report was very favorable on the Principal and his staff of teachers and the work being done in all grades. It was stressed throughout that consideration should be given to adding a kindergarten class and also manual training and household economics. It was also urged that a survey be made to assist backward students in suitable courses.

Some recommendations were suggested in improving the lighting in the class rooms, but the Board was commended on the attention given the school buildings and the general state of repair.

The resignation of G. A. Dills as a member of the Library Board was accepted and Mr. F. McIntosh was appointed as the member of the Library Board representing the School Board. It was decided to hold the first meeting of the 1945 School Board on Tuesday, January 9th at 7 p.m.

The Board by motion expressed regret that Mr. Geo. Mason was retiring from the Board this year and expressed appreciation of his work during the years that he had served. Mr. Mason in replying stated that he had enjoyed being a member of the Board but felt he should retire and that his successor, Mr. Norman Baird would make a splendid new trustee.

CHRISTMAS MEETING OF THE ACTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mrs. W. Marchmont was hostess to the members of the Acton Women's Institute at the December meeting last Thursday. The president, Mrs. Lappin, was in charge.

The roll call was answered by each member donating a Christmas gift. All the gifts were placed around a lovely Christmas tree. The motto "A Christmas Story" was read by Mrs. East Lambert. Current events were given by Mrs. Jas. Wilds. Mrs. Fred Anderson gave a few highlights of the Area Convention held in Guelph last month. A hearty sing song of favorite Christmas carols was enjoyed.

The drawing for the Christmas gifts was a special feature when each one received a small remembrance of the Christmas season.

The Social Group for the month, convened by Mrs. Lantz, assisted by Mrs. J. Hargrave, Mrs. Lappin, and Mrs. F. Wilds, served a delicious lunch. The cake for the mystery penny was donated by Mrs. Hunter, with Mrs. E. Lambert finding the mystery penny.

THIS WEEK

By H. L. JONES
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TORONTO (CP)—Mitchell F. Hepburn, who guided Ontario's political destiny for eight years as Liberal premier, will be back at the helm of the 16-man Liberal group in the legislature when it reassembles early next year. And it is probable he will have the title of provincial Liberal leader as well.

The fiery, 48-year-old member for Elgin accepted the house leadership at a party caucus at Queen's Park when Harry C. Nixon resigned and recommended Mr. Hepburn succeed him. A few days later Mr. Nixon issued his resignation as provincial leader as well, and in a statement said "I believe Liberals generally want him (Mr. Hepburn) as leader and Ontario will again elect him prime minister at the earliest opportunity."

Though there was no official word, political observers believe it likely that a provincial convention of the party will be called early next year and it is reported that Mr. Hepburn will be a candidate for the presidency and provincial leadership of the Liberals. Mr. Nixon will continue as provincial party leader until that time.

Mr. Nixon, dean of the Ontario Legislature who has represented Brant for 25 years and who has been Ontario Liberal leader since April, 1943, said he was convinced the change was in the best interests of the province and the party. He denied rumors that he might resign from politics and said he would give Mr. Hepburn his support.

Mr. Hepburn resigned as Ontario premier in October, 1942 and later assumed the mantle of independence toward the Liberal party. Last October he announced his intention of returning to active support of the Liberals in both the provincial and federal fields.

Later in the week at St. Catharines, Mr. Hepburn gave notice of what course he plans for the Liberals. Speaking to a service club, the newly-chosen Liberal house leader said the party does not want an election "while the boys are overseas" and his group does not intend to join with the C.C.F. party in the legislature "because we have nothing in common with them." He declared the C.C.F. were "Socialists and I am frank to confess I don't know what Socialism really means except that it stands for confiscation."

Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton, in his first political action since he succeeded Col. J. L. Ralston as defence minister, accepted an invitation to seek a seat in the Commons in a by-election to be held in the federal riding of Grey North, February 5th. The General will be Liberal candidate for the seat left vacant by William P. Telford, who resigned because of ill-health. Progressive Conservative quarters immediately announced they would contest the by-election, with Mayor Garfield Case of Owen Sound as their standard bearer.

Plans for a province-wide system of "calamity insurance" to provide protection against disasters such as the cyclone which swept Middlesex in June, have been suggested at London. Bert Taylor, president of the Ontario Agricultural Council and ex-warden of Elgin county, advanced the idea to the Middlesex county council. He was high in his praise for what had been done for Middlesex cyclone victims, but said that joint effort by the county and the province would be more effective in repairing catastrophe damage and reimbursing the sufferers.

Progress Made on Report of Sewage Disposal System

Public Health Nurse Engaged to Succeed Miss Walker — Bank Interest on Borrowings Reduced — Fire Hazards to be Cleared Away — Appointment of Medical Officer of Health Urged by the Department

The regular meeting of the Acton Council was held in the Council Chambers last evening. Councillors J. H. Boulton, W. J. O. Oakes and A. Mason were present. Reeve J. M. McDonald, presided.

The following accounts were passed for payment in the 21st report of the Finance Committee:

Mrs. Olla B. Somerville, returning officer	\$ 6.00
F. L. Wright, returning officer	6.00
W. Coles, returning officer	6.00
Miss Madge Chapman, poll clerk	4.00
Mrs. Isabel Watson, poll clerk	4.00
James Gibbens, poll clerk	4.00
Acton Y. M. C. A., rent	10.00
Dept. of Munitions & Supply wood	176.05
Dickie-Seagrave, supplies	71.82
Bell Telephone Co., services	10.12
Metallic Roofing Co., culvert	129.15
Municipal World, election supplies	5.33
Township of Equeusing, taxes	13.54
Welfare Accounts	5.04
Canadlan Ice Machine Co., calcium chloride	33.50
Direct Winters Transport, freight	4.40
Acrow Fax Press, printing and advertising	33.68
W. I. Dick, certifying voters' list	8.14
J. B. Mackenzie & Son, cement	24.62
Acton Public Utilities Commission, services	169.94
E. E. Harrop, trip to Hamilton	6.00
Elliot Bros., supplies	.50
Norton Motors, November account	40.92
Stewart Elliot, wood cutting	18.00
William Stubbington, labor	7.20
Wellington Gardner, labor	5.85
Acton Fire Brigade, annual grant	500.00
	\$1,302.80

Mr. J. A. Chapman of the Canadian Legion was present to discuss with Council the acknowledgement of the service given by the enlisted men returning from overseas. It was felt a reception committee should be formed. This was left for the new Council to look after early in the new year.

A letter from the Department of Health urged the appointment of a local Medical Officer of Health.

The list of those in arrears of taxes was checked over and discussed. They are to be notified that action will be taken if the taxes are not looked after.

An account of St. Michael's Hospital was accepted.

A letter from the Board of Health of Waterloo enclosed a resolution, re Venereal Disease which was sent to all Boards of Health. The Council concurred with the resolution.

A letter from the Bank of Montreal notified Council of a reduction in interest rate from 4 1/2% to 4% on Corporation borrowings.

A light was sanctioned for Alice Street and the Public Utilities Commission was to be notified of this. A by-law was read the necessary number of times appointing Roy M. Smith as corporation engineer under the Ditches and Watercourses Act.

A letter from W. C. Waller requested an adjustment in the collection of garbage cost. No adjustment was made as this is a year-round service. (Continued on Page Eight)

BACK HOME AGAIN



Sgt. M. A. Tyler who returned to Canada on the hospital ship "Lettitia" and is now at his home on Park Avenue recovering from wounds received in France.

Back In Acton After Wounded In France Battle

Sgt. Matt. A. Tyler, Park Ave., was one of Canada's wounded soldiers to arrive on the hospital ship "Lettitia" and reached home in Acton on Sunday evening. Wounded in both legs and one arm on August 17th he still has one leg in a cast and goes about on crutches although the wounds are healing satisfactorily.

In the Canadian Army since August 1940 he has been overseas since November 1940. He was met in Toronto by his wife and three children, Bobby, Carol and Phyllis Loraine and is now at home for thirty days before reporting to the hospital in Toronto.

Sgt. Tyler was in the action at Caen but describes the Falaise engagement as something more terrific and the bombardment of the place as something never to be forgotten. Not a building was left standing and not a street was discernible when the infantry went in after the shelling.

Matt who used to be the heavy-weight hitter on Acton's baseball nine has lost considerable weight and says it's not all from his sojourn in the hospitals but partly from losing appetite for cold canned rations while in the front line.

Not only the family but the brothers and sisters, Ted of Acton, George Mrs. Huffman and Mrs. T. Stapleton of Hamilton, but a host of Acton friends are glad to see him home again and hope his injuries will continue to improve. Another brother, Pte. Chas. Tyler is overseas and has also suffered wounds.

SLIPPERY STREETS CAUSES COLLISION OF MOTOR CARS

Slippery streets were blamed Monday afternoon, when an RCAF station wagon and an automobile collided on Macdonnell Street near the YWCA in Guelph. The accident occurred about 3:25 o'clock. Driving the Air Force vehicle was LAW P. E. Watson, of No. 4 Wireless School. The motor car was owned and driven by Ralph F. McKeown, 18, of R. R. 2 Acton. Police Sergeant Frederick Minshall and P.C. Robert Warden investigated the incident.

Toronto Was In The Avalanche of Snow In This Storm

The snowstorm of Tuesday certainly tied up everything in Toronto. Schools and stores were closed. Daily papers were not printed because they could not be delivered and private automobiles were banned from car lines. Delivery of milk and bread was stopped and fire halls became retail outlets for these commodities.

The storm seemed to centre about Toronto and some of us who have listened to descriptions of city papers telling about big storms out in the snow belt and back in the sticks secured a certain relief when Toronto got a taste of the real thing and found they didn't function any better than we do in such unusual occasions.

We have plenty of snow here too, but delivery of milk and bread were uninterrupted. Up until noon it was difficult to get about in a car but by evening most of the roadways were passable.

For the first time in a year we were not able to make the trip on No. 25 Highway between Acton and Milton on Tuesday but by Wednesday the road was ploughed out and we had made the trip on Monday without incident.

Chief trouble seemed to emanate with the malls. Malls were late Tuesday and Wednesday and copy did not reach the office from rural correspondents as usual. It has badly disrupted routine in getting out this week's edition which we hope will reach you on time but if it doesn't blame the storm. If it does you will know some one worked long and irregular hours to compensate for the delays of usual services.

PLOW SOON HAD ALL THE STREETS CLEARED FOR TRAVEL

The value of a plow to clear the roadways about town came early this winter. The snowfall by Tuesday morning had traffic not only on the highway but on the other streets badly snarled. It was not moving by noon.

But on the No. 7 highway plows had made a couple of trips through by noon and a two car lane was made. Several of the roadways had been well ploughed by noon and good headway was made and most of them were cleared for traffic by evening. It certainly was appreciated after even a few hours tie-up and most people would not want to do without the convenience now.

Bro. J. M. Steele Elected Master Walker Lodge

The annual election of officers of Walker Lodge A.F. & A.M. was held on Monday night. The following were the officers elected for the ensuing year.

I.P.M.—Wor. Bro. W. M. Near.
Worshipful Master — Bro. J. M. Steele.

Senior Warden—Bro. H. C. Helwig.
Junior Warden—Bro. C. F. Leatherland.

Chaplain — Ver. Wor. Bro. W. M. Cooper.

Treasurer—Bro. W. K. Graham.

Secretary—W. Bro. F. J. Salt.

Senior Deacon — Bro. T. M. McCutcheon.

Junior Deacon—Bro. W. J. Beatty.

Inner Guard—Bro. I. M. Harris.

Director of Ceremonies—Ver. Wor. Bro. F. McIntosh.

Senior Steward — Bro. J. B. Watkins.

Junior Steward—Bro. L. W. Lovell.

Organist—Bro. E. S. Cooper.

At the close of the elections Rev. Bro. W. J. McIvor of Guelph gave a very inspiring and thought-provoking talk. He stressed the necessity of Masons helping one another and showing an example to citizens by the way they live. Lunch was served at the close of the meeting.

TWO HALTON HOLSTEINS NOMINATED FOR ALL-CANADIAN TEST

Two Halton County Holsteins have been nominated for the third Annual All-Canadian Contest. Both were prize winners at the Oakville Championship Show. Strathaven's Supreme Comrade, owned by W. S. Hall, Oakville, is a nominee in the class for three-year-old bulls: He was first and Reserve Grand Champion at Oakville. Last year he received Honorable Mention for All-Canadian two-year-old.

Meadowood Lochivar, owned by Dr. Chas. N. Blanshard, Freeman, is nominated in the two-year-old class. He was second at Oakville and first and Reserve Grand Champion at Milton.

Weekly War Commentary

By H. L. JONES
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For months now Allied gains along the Western Front have been small and hard as Gen. Eisenhower's armies at many points fought for each blood stained yard against some of the most determined and effective opposition the German army has ever offered.

All along the front the seven Allied armies now in the line are gaining or at least holding firm, ground previously gained. But nowhere is the advance rapid enough to satisfy the hopes of many on the home front.

There is belief in many quarters that the present war of position in which the Allies have been forced to engage ever since their forward units outran their supply lines following the spectacular break out of Normandy, means just so much costly effort with little tangible gain.

That is an erroneous conception. Actually, although recent territorial gains are recorded in yards rather than in scores of miles, the battle of attrition now being waged is winning the war against Germany just as effectively as would manoeuvres more visible on a map.

The enemy is estimated to be losing 9,000 casualties a day—a figure which by present German standards represents almost a division. He no longer can afford losses on this scale.

Already his forces are spread thinly along the front from the Netherlands to Switzerland. He has perhaps 1,000,000 men in the line—many of whom by the Allied yardstick are totally unfit for combat—and behind that he has few large reserve units.

Allied Superiority
The Allies have considerably more than 1,000,000 men in the line now, by recent estimates, and behind them ample reserves of well-trained, hardy replacements.

But the enemy has no further reserves to draw upon, and as he loses his present forces daily his efficiency must wane too. The defending forces are being spread thinner and thinner. Allied pressure is not relaxing.

Not by great sweeping territorial gains, but by the brutal business of killing Germans, will military victory be achieved. When the line is drawn tight enough it will snap, and then will come the spectacular march on Berlin.

Allied gunners continued to pound Saarbrücken and to the south the last German defences in Alsace were reported cracking. Allied airmen are bombing the escape bridge over the Rhine near Colmar. The northern (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 25¢.

Dance, Brampton Armouries, Friday, December 15th, Harvey Fisher's Orchestra.

Nominations for Equeusing Township will be held on Friday, December 22nd, 1 to 2 p.m.

Dance at Orange Hall, Brampton, on Friday, December 15th, Stewart Elliot's Orchestra.

Dance to-night in Town Hall. Al Watson's Orchestra. Auspices Acton Legion. Admission 50c. Come and help the Legion.

Dance in Erin Town Hall, Saturday December 16th. Harvey Fisher's Orchestra. Lucky spot dance. Admission 35 cents.

The Acton Junior Farmers Christmas party in Lorne School, Monday, December 18th at 8:15 p.m. Ladies Bring Lunch.

New Year Frolic in Acton Town Hall, January 1st. Merry Makers Orchestra. Pavages and Notemakers. Admission 50c. Sponsored by the C. W. A. & S. Club. 24-3

Come to the Christmas Concert at S.S. No. 7, Nasagaweya, on Friday, December 22nd at 8:00 p.m. Ladies please provide. Admission 20c. 24-3

The Annual Meeting of Erin Township Red Cross will be held Wednesday, December 20th, at 3:30 p.m. in the Presbyterian Church, Hillsburg. The Honor Roll for our Township boys overseas will be dedicated at the meeting. Relatives are especially requested to be present. Mrs. J. Keenan, British bride will be guest speaker. Everybody invited.

JUST 10 MORE DAYS UNTIL . . .



LAST SHOPPING WEEK . . . SHOP IN ACTON