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## Dr. F. G. Oakes President of Acton Fair for Two Years

### Reports of All Departments Show Good Year and Fair Surplus

There was a good crowd on hand last Saturday afternoon at the annual meeting of Acton Fair and reports indicate the Fair made progress in spite of the handicaps under which it was operated. The loss of the arena for hall exhibits and a first night performance have had an effect but before the show of 1945 rolls around, the Board are hopeful that this will be overcome.

Total receipts last year amounted to \$1,822.94. The concert and dance brought in \$430. Prize money paid was \$1,209.85, which was slightly lower than a year ago. The Society closed the year with a bank balance of \$527.11. The auditor's report was presented by Messrs. A. T. Brown and F. L. Wright, who complimented Secretary-Treasurer C. B. Swackhamer on the excellent condition of his records.

New directors elected were: Messrs. Gordon Leslie, Wallace Swackhamer and A. Robinson.

Mr. D. McDougall was made an honorary director and Messrs. S. Woodhall and R. W. Lowrie were made life members.

Reports were received from the various departments and the disappointing feature of the year was the exhibit of horses. In Storthorn Cattle, Poultry and Sheep the entry was greater.

Associate Directors added were: Messrs. Geo. Wallace, Fred West, Clarence Coles, Fred Kenner, R. H. Elliott and B. D. Rachlin.

Delegates to the Fair Convention are Dr. and Mrs. F. G. Oakes, Mrs. Geo. Somerville and Secretary C. B. Swackhamer.

At the Board of Directors meeting which followed the following officers were elected:

President—Dr. F. G. Oakes.

1st Vice President Arthur Swackhamer.

2nd Vice President Howard Switzer.

Secretary-Treasurer C. B. Swackhamer.

In retiring from the chair a vote of thanks was accorded R. L. Davidson for the splendid way he had conducted the work of the past year.

Dr. F. G. Oakes, in assuming the Presidency, said it would be difficult to maintain the splendid record of the past president and in his term of office he asked for continued co-operation as in the past.

It was decided to hold the 1945 Fair on Friday and Saturday, September 21 and 22. It was also decided to hold the Field Crop Competition.

Another change was made and by motion the term of the President was extended from one to two years in office.

## BURNS SUPPER HELD IN KNOX CHURCH ON FRIDAY

The Ladies' Aid of Knox Church held their annual Burns supper last Friday evening. Owing to conditions of roads and weather, the crowd was not as large as usual. Piper Joe Findley of Toronto piped in the Haggis. Mr. D. McDougall carried in the Haggis and Rev. Edgar Foreman of Toronto gave the Burns' blessing. A hot supper was served by the Ladies' Aid.

A musical program followed in the auditorium of the church, with Mr. Wm. Burton as chairman. Rev. Edgar Foreman showed pictures of the life and home of "Bobby Burns". Piper J. Findley played a couple of selections on the bagpipes. Solos were sung by Messrs. Wm. Burton, George Musiele, Alex. Mann and Eldon Lambert. Mrs. Robertson and Mrs. Williams. Mrs. McCron played a piano solo and Mrs. Hall, contributed a guitar solo. Misses Jean and Margaret Robertson sang a duet. George Elliott and Jimmie Spielvogel played a cornet duet. Mrs. Robertson gave a Scotch reading. Knox choir quartet sang. The singing of the National Anthem closed the program.

Mr. Ormand Morse has been visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Ellis of Woodstock since Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Markle, Lorne of Millgrove and Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Inglis and Audrey Donaven of Hamilton were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Inglis, Sunday, on the event of Lois' third birthday.

Mrs. A. McPhedran has not been well since Christmas, but her friends are glad to hear she is improving.

Mrs. Mary Moore is visiting friends at Toronto and Oakville.

Mrs. Catharine McPhedran, R.N., is nursing Mr. Thomas McEwan at Milton Private Hospital.

## ACTON ENLISTMENTS This Week's Register

Jack Harris, Roy Chisholm, Sam Brunelle and George Turkoos have enlisted in the Canadian Army and are now stationed at London.

Another group of Acton young ladies have joined the W. R. C. N. S. and report for training shortly. They are Miss Florence Salt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Salt; Miss Margaret Somerville; daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Somerville and Miss Patricia Bayla, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben. Bayliss.

## BACK HOME AGAIN



Corp. Geo. Bayliss, star defence man of the 1938-39 Acton Championship Intermediate B Hockey Team, who arrived home on Monday after serving overseas for three and a half years and being twice wounded.

## Corp G. Bayliss Arrives Home From Overseas

Another one of Acton's soldier sons has returned after three and a half years overseas. Corp. Geo. Bayliss came home on Monday.

Wounded on June 29th with shrapnel he returned to the lines and was wounded a second time in October. The injuries this time were bomb fragments in the throat and chest.

In the army four and a half years he has been overseas for three and a half years. Before enlisting he was employed with Beardmore & Co.

Not only his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bayliss and his sisters here, Patricia and Dorothy, but a host of friends here are delighted to see him return.

He was a star defence man on the 1938-39 Acton Championship Intermediate B Hockey team and a popular young man here. Incidentally when we met him on the street yesterday he assured us he was glad to be home too.

## CAMPBELLVILLE

The W.M.S. of St. David's Church held their January meeting at the home of Mrs. S. Cairns, with the president in charge. Although the weather was extremely cold, twenty-five ladies were present. The Scripture lesson was read by Mrs. Chas. Roberts and prayer was offered by Mrs. Gilmour.

The annual reports were presented by the different secretaries, and all were most encouraging, showing an interesting year's program, with the allocation well oversubscribed. Mrs. Menzies gave a report of the Annual Presbyterian meeting held in St. Andrew's Church, Guelph.

Miss E. J. McPhail gave an introduction to the study book for this year. The prayer for the Glad Tidings was read by Mrs. George Inglis. The roll call was answered by payment of member's fees. The meeting closed by the National Anthem and the Lord's Prayer.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. McPhedran, Mrs. King and Mrs. Cairns, and all enjoyed a pleasant half hour.

Pte. Murray Mahon, Forestry Corps of Huntsville and Mrs. Mahon visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Mahon on Sunday.

Miss Eleanor McLaren, Hamilton, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McLaren.

The young people of the village are enjoying the skating on Crawford's pond.

Miss Verle VanSickle spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. VanSickle.

Miss Florence McIntosh has taken up her new duties in Toronto, as a stenographer for Mr. William VanSickle, who is president of the Ford Dealers' Association.

Miss Lyle Cairns was the overnight guest on Monday of her grandmother, Mrs. Samuel Cairns.

James Bradley, R.C.A.F. spent the week-end with his wife.

Mrs. Teresa Wheelahan is holidaying at the home of Mrs. Phillip Metzger, Watford.

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## C-O-N-T-A-C-T

### The Link Between the Armed Forces and the Home Town —Acton—

Attending various meetings and conversing with many individuals and finally sitting in the other day with a committee of one of Acton's industries has shown that perhaps your local paper The Free Press can be of service in another way. With most of those from Acton overseas receiving copies of the home paper regularly through the courtesy of some of our industrial plants and through individual subscriptions the home paper will conduct a contact column each week to tell the service men a little of something of particular interest to them from the home town.

To make this column the success it should be and the service it can render we suggest that in each industrial plant a small committee be set up with a chairman appointed whose duty it will be to send in on or before Saturday noon the items of particular interest from that plant.

For instance we find that one of the chief difficulties facing welcoming committees is to find out when the boys are coming home. Relatives and friends of returning men can help in this connection.

We understand the Women's Institute has a welcoming committee for overseas brides. The name of the head of that committee might be given in this column and the telephone number.

We learn that in some of our local industries committees have been set up to meet the returned men and talk with them regarding their plans after they are settled. We invite all such groups to use this column to tell something about these plans.

Then of course there is the welcoming committee in connection with the War Service League and Legion. The column might help contact the men overseas and tell them about this work prior to their coming home.

In brief this is the idea. Men and women in the armed forces have been told about the general plans for their rehabilitation. We hope this column will be able to present the local side of the picture.

In the first few weeks there will likely be a great deal of information to impart. But we think as a rule a column of space will prove sufficient. To make it a success will require a good deal of co-operation.

We invite industrial committees to become co-editors and make this their column. We are convinced it can fill a definite place. We will be glad if these groups will suggest a suitable heading for this column under which it will appear each week.

All of us sincerely hope many of those overseas will be returning to Canada this year some of them to go back to civilian life. It's not too early to make our local contacts.

We'll welcome items from the boys overseas too giving their viewpoint. We hope the column can be used to develop this contact that seems to be an essential link.

We'll gladly welcome suggestions in keeping with the above outline. Keep the items brief. Pack in the facts and items you want those overseas to know each week.

## DEBATE ENJOYED AT MEETING TUESDAY OF KNOX Y. P. S.

Knox Y.P.S. held their regular meeting on Tuesday.

Inez McLellan opened the meeting with the call to worship. The Scripture was read by Joyce Desrosiers. Mr. Thomson conducted the Bible study. Plans were made for the visit of the executive of the Guelph Presbytery Y.P.S. and the installation of Officers for Sunday evening.

An impromptu debate entitled "The present forms of recreation are adequate for the needs of the Community" was enjoyed with the affirmative side winning.

## PROG-CONSER. NOMINEE

Mr. A. S. Nicholson, of Burlington, who will be the Progressive-Conservative candidate for Halton County at the next federal election.

The business meeting of the Arts and Crafts for the year 1944 was held at the home of Mrs. Cyril Bradford, Georgetown, Thursday, January 27th. Many of the members from Georgetown and Acton were in attendance.

The president, Mrs. Moyer, opened the meeting with a review of the year's work, which proved to have been a year of considerable progress throughout the organization.

Mrs. Moyer thanked the committee and all who assisted for their excellent handling of the November Exhibit held in Georgetown. She then spoke of the growing interest shown in handicraft, especially in the Public Schools, at the Fall Fair convention to be held later in Toronto.

The Georgetown group of handicrafters having been asked to send a small exhibit. Reports were read, and officers for the coming year elected. These are as follows: Mrs. Moyer, president; Mrs. Anne Lawson, vice-president; Mrs. W. J. Beatty, Acton, representative, 2nd vice president; Mrs. Bryna, secretary; Mrs. Milne, treasurer; Mrs. Balleina, assistant secretary; Mrs. J. Thompson, librarian.

The meeting ended with general discussion and tea was served by the hostess.

## Special Speakers And Other Features At the Y.M.C.A. Party

Despite severe weather conditions, Friday evening last, a large number of persons were present at the Y.M.C.A. Party.

One of the main attractions for this event was the showing of Blood Transfusion with motion pictures. Mr. Earl Maynard of Toronto, technical expert for Ingram and Bell, the distributors of Baxter Laboratories products was in charge of the films. The picture showed the various stages of blood transfusion from the time the blood was taken from the donor until it was administered to the patient. The second film showed the various products made and marketed by Ingram and Bell, wholesale distributors of medical supplies across Canada. It showed making medicines tooth paste and surgical instruments. The last film shown was one taken by Mr. Maynard himself showing palemino horses at a fair and during exhibitions, along with part of a North York Hunt Club meeting. Mr. Maynard gave brief running commentary on each of these films.

Mr. Wm. Henson introduced Mr. Maynard and Mr. W. J. Beatty extended a vote of thanks to him at the conclusion of the films.

Fit Officer Joe Connell, a past president of the International Y's Men's Clubs, spoke briefly. His talk was very timely. He expressed his hope that a teen age class of both boys and girls would be formed at the Acton Y. Fit Officer Connell's talk had to do with improving the juvenile problem and also how to greet veterans just back from the war.

Mr. Wes Wolfe introduced Fit Officer Connell and Mr. E. S. Force tendered a vote of thanks.

Dancing was the concluding attraction on the program and of course a very dainty buffet lunch was served in the game room by the committee in charge of arrangements. There was also cards in the card room for those desirous of playing.

## ACTON JUNIOR FARMERS HOLD REGULAR MEETING

The Acton Junior Farmers held their regular monthly meeting in the Lorne School on Monday, with a good attendance.

After a half-hour of supper, Miss Edna Aitken gave a report on the week's Short Course in "Co-operation and Community Rural Leadership," which she had attended at the O.A.C. from the 1st to 6th of January.

Mr. Gordon Leslie gave some highlights of the Junior Farmers' Conference, which was held in Guelph from January 22 to 24. This was the first conference of this kind ever held. He and Miss Margaret McPhail the two delegates from the Acton club will give a more detailed account of its activities at the next meeting.

Numerous amusing games and contests were enjoyed, after which lunch was served and the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing.

This also completed the third series of three Farm Forum broadcasts listened to by the Junior Farmers and despite the weather they were all well attended. Very enjoyable evenings were spent at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McPhail, Mr. and Mrs. A. Aitken and Mr. and Mrs. H. Switzer.

The meetings for the series previous to this one were held at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Davidson and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Davidson, where a good time was had by all.

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## PAID SUIT REME SACRIFICE



Fahre-Corp Allan Earl Perryman whose parents Mr. and Mrs. E. Perryman, have received word that he was now listed as killed in action on August 5th, 1944.

## \$15,489.09 Raised by War Service League Shown in Report

Total cash receipts of \$15,489.09 were shown in the balance sheet of the Acton and Vicinity War Service League presented at the meeting in the Council Chamber last Thursday night. Salvage brought in \$3,718.68; donations \$4,117.10; Bingo \$162.81 and other sources \$3,490.50.

During the period the League has operated \$9,341 has been spent in cigarettes and comforts sent to the soldiers overseas; yarn \$575.00; entertainment \$229.77; expenses \$349.48; contributions to various war charities \$2,797.14; salvage expenses \$404.81; miscellaneous expenses \$75.73.

It will be interesting to learn also that during the past year a total of \$5,203.93 was raised with \$1,135.08 from salvage; donations of \$2,624.67; entertainments \$1,529.18. The report for the year showed entertainment expenses of \$99.79; cigarettes and parcels \$3,963.68; contributions to war charities \$417.45; salvage expenses \$486.72; miscellaneous expenses of \$21.84 and a cash balance of \$299.85; a bank balance of \$1,522.95 is shown.

Donations received at Nov. 9 meeting included \$58.22 from the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E.; \$114.55 from Beardmore Foreman's Association; \$75.00 from Acton Women's Institute and \$26.35 from K. Burdick's Rodeo Troop; \$322.00 from Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E.; \$76.56 from Duke of Devonshire I.O.D.E.; \$10.00 Dublin Walker; \$15.00 Acton Continuation School; \$68.00 Canadian Wool A. Club; \$4.34 Junior Hockey Club; \$249.85 Salvage.

New names added to the overseas list were Ben Corless, Albert Mills, R. Allen, W. Williams and R. Braida. The demonstration of the Bell Telephone Co. was arranged for April 4.

## COLLIER-THOMPSON WEDDING AT RICHMOND HILL

St. Mary's Anglican Church, Richmond Hill, lovely with white chrysantheums was the scene of a pretty wedding on Saturday, January 27th, when Katherine Mary (Joan) Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Thompson of Richvale, became the bride of Lieut. William Melcor Collier of Toronto. The Rev. Roy W. F. Wrixon officiated. Miss Lucy Terex presided at the organ.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, looked charming in a floor-length gown of white satin, with lace insert, fingertip veil, with coronet head dress, tipped with pearls. She carried red roses. Her bridesmaid Miss Lily Swan wore a floor-length gown of pale blue tulle, with shoulder veil and her flowers were yellow roses. The groom, wearing the Kilt of the 48th Highlander, was attended by Ordinary Seaman Geo. Ben Thompson, brother of the bride. The ushers were Cpl. Frank Elliott and LAC Basil Fox, both of the R.C.A.F. During the signing of the register, Miss N. Fisher sang "Because."

The bridal party left the church to the strains from the pipes of Sgt. Major Hamilton McCarrroll, playing the "March of the Isles."

The reception was held at "Bainnagowan Farm," Maple, the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Fitch. The bride's mother received the guests wearing a gown of dusky rose with gold sequin trim, with corsage of American chrysanthemums. The groom's mother chose a dark brown costume with a corsage of yellow roses.

For travelling costumes, the bride wore a frock of fuchsia wool, with brown fur coat, with matching accessories. After a honeymoon trip to Huntsville and other points, the young couple will live at Orillia, where the groom is stationed, following his return from overseas. Guests were present from Toronto, Newmarket, Acton and the surrounding district.

## L/Cpl. Perryman Now Reported Killed In Action

### Wounded In July and Back in the Lines—Again—Later Was Reported Missing

"Deeply regret to inform you that B-135834 Lance-Corp. Allan Earl Perryman previously reported missing is now officially reported killed in action fifth August, 1944."

That was the tragic message received January 27th by Mr. and Mrs. E. Perryman, sixth line, just north of Acton. Another bright young man of this district has given his all in the fight for freedom. In their hour of trial Mr. and Mrs. Perryman, the brother Pte. Elwood in Italy, and the sisters, Mrs. Campbell, Geolph, and Lena, Betty and Georgina at home have the sympathy of all.

Lance-Corp. Allan Perryman enlisted in November 1942 and went overseas the following June. He was with the invasion forces on D Day. On July 25th he was wounded in action but returned to his unit three days later. He received a letter from him dated August 3rd in which he stated he was well and glad to be back with his platoon again.

He was a couple of days later reported missing and no further word was received until the message given above came last week.

## TIRE AND WHEELS STRIPPED FROM CARS PARKED AT NORVAL

Tires and wheels were stripped on Saturday night from two cars which had been left by skiers on a snow-blocked roadway half a mile from the Y. M. C. A. ski camp near Norval police reported. Police believe a burglar alarm attachment on one of the cars frightened the thieves and the tires on a third car were untouched. The autos which were stripped of tires are owned by Donald E. Davis, Oakwood Ave., Toronto, and Sidney Russell, Westminster Ave., Toronto.

Provincial Constable Ray Mason, Acton, investigated the theft. The skiers were spending the week-end at the camp and were forced to leave their cars some distance away since the road into the camp was blocked by drifts. Resting on their chests in the deep snow, the cars were noticed by Bruce Robinson, R. R. 3, Malton, milk-truck driver, at 9 a.m. Sunday. Robinson walked in to the camp to notify the owners.

## HALTON INSURANCE COMPANY HAS SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Mr. E. F. Ford, Hornby, was elected president at the annual meeting on Monday in Acton of the Halton Union Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co. Mr. Leslie Kerns, of Freeman was elected Vice-President. On the Board of Directors, Mr. Arnbid Marshall of Moffat is a new member, succeeding Mr. Geo. Finney who has removed from the district.

The financial statement and auditor's report presented at the meeting showed the Company in its fifty-fifth year to have had success and expansion. Losses paid during the year amounted to \$22,849.48.

The total assets of the Company are given as \$104,474.54 with a surplus of assets over liabilities of \$74,600.75 which is an increase of \$17,044.49 during the year. The book value of bonds and debentures held by the company is \$84,000.

At the end of the year the Company had direct policies in force of 2703 for an amount of \$11,920,640.

## DRUG THEFT SOLVED

MONTREAL (CP)—An investigation conducted jointly by the Royal Canadian Police, Montreal, and provincial police, helped uncover part of a loot of \$75,000 in drugs reported stolen here, at Ottawa and in New Brunswick. Men attempted to sell the drugs here at \$50 an ounce.

## Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged no extra per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 2c.

Knox Church Choir Concert, Friday February 23rd.

Dance Ballinafad Hall on Tuesday, February 6th. Admission 35c. Proceeds for War Work.

The annual meeting of the Acton Group Committee of Boy Scouts Association will be held in the Council Chamber, Acton, Friday, February 9 at 8.30 p.m. All citizens interested in welfare of the Scouts or Cubs are cordially invited.