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## 175 Make Record Clinic For Acton District Tuesday

### Largest Clinic Held Here was the One on Tuesday—Total of 869 Have Volunteered at the Eight Clinics—Thirteen have been Awarded Silver Buttons and 33 Have Earned Bronze Buttons

The eighth Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic, held in Acton on Tuesday morning set a new high record, when 175 volunteered their services in this service which has meant the saving of so many lives on the battlefronts. This is the eighth clinic and 869 have so far volunteered in these eight clinics. There were 32 new donors at the clinic on Tuesday.

Thirteen Silver Buttons were awarded to the following who have given six blood donations:

Grant Kalbfleisch, Arthur Diamond, Orrie Lamb, I. Masters, Elzo Marzo, Joseph Whitlam, Rev. A. W. Fox, Max Pallant, George Robertson, William Middleton, Fred Kentner, Alex. Near, Charles Leahy

Thirty-three Bronze Buttons for three donations were awarded the following:

Joseph Henderson, Allan Kirkness, Duncan Moffat, Esther Taylor, Mrs. Wilmer Watkins, Robert Brooks, J. H. Creighton, Mrs. Nell McNabb, Ralph McKeown, James McNabb, H. F. Holmes, Miss Ruth Walker, Grenville Masales, Mrs. Margaret Robertson, Alvin Moore, Miss Margaret Toogood, Melvin McCutcheon, Mrs. Wm. Arthur Diamond, Mrs. Len Atkinson, Margaret Sinclair, Miss Ellen Close, Miss Eleanor Jacques, Mrs. Betty Dolphin, Karl Klanser, Miss Martha Lutz, Mrs. J. Somerville, Sam Tennant, H. McEachern, Norman Orr, Douglas Robertson, Mrs. Audrey Grinchow, Miss Edna Fryer

Following is the list of volunteers at this eighth clinic:

From the District adjoining Acton: Alfred F. Marshall, Arthur H. Diamond, George Lockie, L. O. Johnston, Mrs. Wilmer Watkins, Allen McMillan, Mary Matthews, James McNabb, Arthur Hill, Mrs. Andrew Frank, Ruby Walker, Roy Johnston, Jeanie Lockie, Oscar Lockie, Margaret Robertson, George Robertson, C. J. Vancouver, Ray Thompson, Calvin McIntyre, Mrs. E. C. Loan, Mrs. Robert Wynn, O. Ross Gordon, Mrs. Lloyd Marsden, Mrs. David Douglas, Donald Matheson, Helen M. Akitt, Ruth McLaren, Mrs. Chas. Harbourn, Charles Hurd, Norman Orr, Howard Graft, Lloyd Marsden, Douglas Robertson, George Ingles, Gordon Smith, Melvin Storey, Mrs. Elva Smith, George Smith, William Allison, Ivan Richardson, William Johnston, Edward Watts, Roy M. Blacklock, Mrs. Marion Diamond, Alex. Near, Clarence Wilson, James Allison, Duncan Moffat, Charles Leahy, Mrs. Elvin Fisher, Melvin McCutcheon, Roy D. Awrey, Manie Near, Joseph Henderson, Wm. T. Early, Bert Awrey, Ben Salmon, Charles Cutts, Joseph Jennings, James Wilson, Fred Hill.

Those residing in Acton: Harry Boulton, Wilma West, Hamilton Peal, John Hardie, Grant I. Kalbfleisch, Doble Lappin, Robert Brooks, Dorothy Wright, George Holloway, Orrie Lamb, Mildred Hoop, George Bowman, Alice McNabb, John Creighton, Fred Stuckey, Dorothy Barber, Fred Anderson, Earle Davidson, Lorne Masters, Ralph McKeown, Elzo Marzo, Mrs. E. Collett, Lloyd Brown, W. E. Dawkins, Thomas Jones, Harry F. Holmes, Claude Cook, Joseph Whitlam, Rev. A. W. Foxbury, Mary F. Parker, Wesley Marchant, Thomas Neffe, Max Pallant, Mrs. Amos Mason, Grenville Masales, Rev. Stanley V. J. Morgan, A. W. Ralph, Stanley Norton, Mrs. Gordon Moore, Mrs. Henry Hunter, Mrs. Grace Townsend, William Middleton, Rudolph Speltzger, Mrs. Ivan Harris, Herbert Ritchie, Mrs. Pearl Holmes, Mrs. Wm. Evans, Mrs. Frank Pink, Alvin Moore, Mrs. Edith Stuckey, Mrs. Jessie Kentner, Eleanor Joquin, Evelyn Wilson, H.

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## Knox Church Plans to Mark Centennial During the Year

The annual meeting of Knox Church, held last Thursday evening was well attended. Rev. R. P. Thomson was elected chairman for the evening and Mr. V. B. Rumley, secretary. Mr. Thomson reported that sixteen new names had been added to the membership roll and nine removed by death.

Miss M. Rozzell, secretary-treasurer briefly outlined the activities of the year. Mr. V. B. Rumley, secretary of the Managing Board, enumerated the splendid improvements made to the church property, such as the re-decoration and the installation of a new heating system, and pointed out the gratifying fact that all were paid for. Mr. George Smith, chairman of the board, thanked the church members for their generous assistance. The secretaries and treasurers of the various organizations gave detailed reports, all of which pointed to a successful year.

New managers elected for a two-year term were: Mr. G. Somerville, Mr. D. McDougall, and Mr. J. McLellan, while the name of Mr. F. Blow was added to those of Mr. R. N. Brown and Mr. D. McDougall as Trustees. Mr. F. Rawlings was appointed auditor.

Votes of appreciation were tendered to Rev. R. P. Thomson and Mrs. Thomson for their inspiration, hospitality and spiritual guidance and to Sgt. E. A. Hanson, organist and choir-master, and Miss M. Rozzell, secretary-treasurer for their faithfulness and efficient service. Mr. Thomson expressed his pleasure at the co-operation of the congregation, which had made possible such a satisfactory year.

Since this year marks the hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Church, plans were made for a centennial celebration. The following committees were appointed:

Honorary Chairman: Rev. R. P. Thomson  
Honorary Committee: Mrs. W. J. Gould, Mrs. W. Leahy, Mrs. Wm. Kenney, Mrs. E. Coedines, Mrs. William Sprue, Mrs. Wm. Robertson, Mrs. Alex. Macdonald, Mr. D. McDougall, Mr. Wm. Cooper, Mr. D. Waldie, Mr. Thos. Watkins, Mr. A. T. Mann, and Mr. John Kenney  
Chairman: Mr. V. B. Rumley  
Secretary: Mrs. H. Mainprize  
Active Centennial Committee: Mrs. E. J. Hassard, Mrs. R. M. McDonald, Mrs. G. Somerville, Miss Isabel Anderson, Mrs. D. McLellan, Mrs. Wm. McArthur, Mrs. F. Blow, Mrs. Dron, Mr. Wm. Gowdy, Mr. H. L. Ritchie, Mr. A. Robinson, Mr. F. Cole, Miss L. M. Gray, Mr. A. K. Mann, Mr. H. Mainprize, Mr. W. K. Graham and Mr. John Watkins.  
Visiting Committee: Mrs. E. J. Hassard, convenor; Mrs. G. Murray, Mrs. W. McArthur, Mrs. W. Cooper  
Reception Committee: Mrs. J. M. McDonald, convenor; Mrs. S. Matthews, Miss M. Garvin, Mrs. R. F. Thomson, Mrs. F. Anderson, Miss A. Stalker  
Publicity Committee: Mrs. G. Somerville, convenor, Mrs. G. Lantz, Mrs. G. Muselle  
Historical Committee: Miss Isabel Anderson, convenor, Mrs. R. P. Watson, Miss H. Wallace

At the conclusion of the business part, a bounteous lunch was served by members of the Ladies Aid, to which organization special tribute was paid for their splendid service and financial assistance.

## The February Meeting Esqueusing Council on Monday

The February meeting of Esqueusing Township Council was held on Monday afternoon. Deputy-Reeve George E. Cleave, and Councillors George Currie, C. H. May and R. N. Brown were present and Reeve G. W. Murray presided.

Accounts passed for payment included Municipal World, 10 subscriptions \$10; Bell Telephone Co., services, \$9.50; A. W. Benton, stamps, \$7.00; Joseph Sanford, postage, \$10.

Relief accounts presented by the Relief Officer amounting to \$29.30 were ordered paid.

Road accounts of \$1,671.45 presented by the Road Superintendent were also paid.

By-law No. 5 to provide for road expenditure for 1945 was read and approved and passed by Council.

Council adjourned until March 8th or at the call of the Reeve.

## NOW PRESUMED DEAD



Flying Officer Jerry Taylor Guthrie, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Guthrie, Crews' Corners who has been missing since all operations last August, and is now officially presumed dead.

## E.O. Jerry T. Guthrie Now Officially Presumed Dead

Last August Flying Officer Jerry Taylor Guthrie was reported missing after all operations. Now his parents Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Guthrie of Crews' Corners have received word that this young officer is now officially presumed dead. A card has been received regarding him since August.

He had been in the airforce three years before reported missing and overseas a year before enlisting he was employed with Beardmore & Co. in Acton. Two brothers are also serving overseas, L. Sgt. Hector Guthrie and L. Col. Douglas Guthrie. Many friends here of this bright young man will have deepest sympathy with the parents and family in this latest word received and the apparent loss of this young man.

## Letter to Parents L. C. A. E. Perryman from His Captain

The letter given below was received by Mr. and Mrs. E. Perryman from the Officer Commanding the unit in which their son, Lance Corporal Allan Earl Perryman served, until he fell in battle on August 5th, 1941. It contained so much of interest to many friends here of this bright young man, that we received permission to publish it.

Headquarters 5th Cdn. Inf. Bde. 20 Jan. 45

Dear Mrs. Perryman:

It is with deep regret that I must write this letter to you, assuring your son. I had from various means received word about his death, but hesitated to write until it was officially known to be true. Having lost my only brother in the R.A.F. I and my family were fully aware of the harm of receiving wrong information, so I have withheld letter until such time as I was sure that the fact was known to our government.

A statement from one of my Cpls who was wounded the same time as your son, said that he died from the operating table at the German field dressing station. The Cpl was later released by the Americans and flown to England. As yet I have not seen him in person to get all the details.

The Sgt. of the Platoon who later escaped from a German P.O.W. Camp stated that your son set an example of the highest order, not only to the men of his own section, but to other members of the Platoon, while they were in action. Knowing Perryman as well as I did, would say that he lived up to my expectation and trust that was always placed in him by me.

As you know he had been slightly wounded in July, evacuated to hospital, and when well again, merely walked out of the hospital and hitch hiked back to us, breaking all rules and regulations that are laid down that men leaving hospital will report to a re-inforcement unit and then be sent back to the front in the proper manner. The Brigadier, when he heard about it was quite pleased with his method of getting back, as it showed the type of man he was. I remember very well at the time going out and giving him a lecture about it, then turning toward my office with a smile on my face and writing numerous letters to various people to straighten out the tangle.

Your son and Richardson, whom I believe lives near you, were the youngest N.C.O's in the Platoon and the most promising ones, to me, I always called them my two kids, because actually that's all they were, under fire they proved themselves to be men of the highest order. I can honestly say that your son can never be replaced in this Platoon, as men like him are far and few between.

If at any time you have any questions you would like to ask me, please write and I will do my best to answer them.

Please convey my thoughts to his father and tell him he had a son really to be proud of.

Sincerely,  
I. W. BEDELL, (Capt)

## Transfer Funds From Waterworks To General Account

## Winter Conventions of Electric Associations Have Been Cancelled

The regular meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Monday evening. Commissioners C. M. Hansen, J. R. MacArthur and Reeve J. M. McDonald were present.

It was decided to transfer \$2500 from the Waterworks Department to the General Account of the Corporation.

The rule was to be enforced regarding water meters as it is a consumer's responsibility to protect the meters from frost or other damage. A reminder was to be inserted in The Free Press to this effect. Each consumer was notified last year through the press and by a copy of the add attached to each bill.

Owing to the lack of accommodation in Toronto, the winter convention of the Electric Association has been cancelled.

The following accounts were passed for payment as follows:

Hydro Department	
Express and Office Cleaning	\$ 7.95
Underwood Elliot Fisher, Ltd., repairs	19.75
Grand & Toy Ltd., office supplies	5.12
Line and Cable, supplies	210.00
Public Utilities, supplies	7.00
Sutherland Schultz Electric, supplies	280
Force Electric Products, supplies	-4.10
Zenith Electric Supplies, supplies	23.55
Macdonald Electric Ltd., supplies	10.01
Northern Electric, supplies	41.85
Sangamo Co. Ltd., repairs to meter	18.15
	\$142.43
Waterworks Department	
Canadian Brass Ltd., supplies	\$ 1.88
W. H. Cunningham and Hill, supplies	18.03
	\$20.91

## L. Sgt. W. A. MANN SAVED OFFICER'S LIFE ON NORMANDY BEACH

Awarded mention in despatches in an honors list announced by the Canadian Army. Lance-Sergeant William Alexander Mann, 21, of Ferguson, braved danger on the beaches of Normandy to save an officer's life on D-Day, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Mann, Ferguson, formerly of Acton.

The young N.C.O., then a bombardier, was on outpost duty for the Royal Canadian Artillery, when he saw that Captain Goddard, of Brantford, had been wounded. Mann carried him safely onto the beach and cared for him. The captain's parents, who live in Brantford, have written to Mr. and Mrs. Mann about the incident.

At the age of 19, Mann enlisted with the Royal Canadian Artillery at London, Ont., in October, 1940. He trained at Sussex, N.B. and proceeded overseas in July, 1941. He was in England until D-Day, when he went to France, and has been in action in Belgium and Holland.

His parents received a letter from him written early in November from Holland, and then did not receive any further mail until Monday of this week. He was in England at the time the letter was written on January 7th. Apparently, he had arrived in England in time for a grand Christmas dinner.

## Former Actonian Awarded Purple Heart and Emblem

Mrs. Frank Kelly, Main Street, Acton, has received word that her son, P.F.C. William Kelly, serving with the American Army in France has been awarded the Purple Heart and Oak Leaf Cluster. Pte. Kelly sustained a flesh wound on the left side of his head and in the left shoulder. The wounds made good progress, and he was able to go back in the lines again.

Pte. Kelly was born in Acton and spent his boyhood days here, going to the United States when a young man. Friends will be glad to know his wounds were not serious and congratulate him on the award word.

## 1945 Tax Rate For Acton Will Be 13.75 Mills

At a special meeting of Acton Council last Thursday evening, the estimates for the year were considered and it was decided that the rate for 1945 would be 13.75 mills, less the provincial subsidy of one mill if received. This would make a net rate for 1945 of 12.75, a reduction of 2.75 mills.

Total receipts were estimated at \$182,250 and total expenditures at \$175,500, leaving \$7,750 to be raised by tax levy.

Included in the estimates this year is an amount of \$2,700 for replacing sidewalks and manholes, on right and left. \$500 is provided for sewerage plants.

The Clerk reported that tax arrears had been nearly all paid, where action had been instituted. One citizen appeared at Council meeting regarding his tax payments.

Mr. VanNorman complained of the ditch which had been made at Gillmour's blacksmith shop. He had damaged his car twice when getting to his garage. Council promised attention as soon as weather permitted.

Another letter was received from the School Board making 1945 estimates, less the provincial grants, with arrangements to be made by Council if these grants were not received as required.

The Treasurer was by motion authorized to hold a tax sale in 1945 to clear some small properties in arrears.

All Council was present at the Special Meeting and Reeve J. M. McDonald presided.

## Ross Segsworth Heads Halton Holstein Breeders

Ross Segsworth, Freeman, was elected President of the Halton Holstein Breeders' Club at the Annual meeting held February 5th in the Community Hall, Palermo. Emerson Ford, Hornby was chosen as first Vice-President, Claude F. Licket of Georgetown, as second Vice-President while Victor J. Lawrence, Oakville, was re-elected as Secretary-Treasurer.

In view of the blocked roads in the county there was a surprisingly large attendance of 60 breeders. W. H. Robinson of Georgetown, the 1945 President presided at both the business session and the noon hour banquet. The latter was just as by the wishes of the club members and was really something to remember.

Agricultural Representative J. E. Willock supervised the program and introduced the guest speaker C. J. Graham, Director of the Agricultural Representative Branch, Ontario Department of Agriculture.

"The three basic interests of dairy farmers should be good farm practices, breeding fine dairy cattle and marketing their product," said Mr. Graham. "In the past, he continued, too little attention has been paid to the marketing end of the business, but the product he prepared with the idea in mind of meeting the requirements of the particular market in which it will be sold. As a case in point he quoted the recent declaration of the Hon. Robt. S. Hudson, British Minister of Agriculture to the effect that "Britain will in the post-war years buy cheese and butter according to price and quality." Mr. Graham expressed his conviction that if Canadians were to retain their wartime hold on the British market, they must pay very careful attention to quality.

## Reduction of 2.75 Mills Made in the Levy This Year—Provision Made for Repairs to Sidewalks and Streets—Tax Arrears Are Nearly all Cleared up—Tax Sale to be held in 1945

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## Overseas Mail Letters from the Local Boys Serving in the Cause of Freedom

Holland, January 17, 1945

I have been receiving C. H. O. the Free Press regularly and want to write and let you know that they are appreciated. Received quite a host out of today's copy with the statistics of Acton's industries, was a real boom to me.

You see Arlo all the lads in my unit come from all over Canada and I have a time convincing them there is such a place as Acton. However, have some of them convinced that it is a town of prime importance. Two of the lads from St. Thomas took some ribbing when comparing their city with our village, even went as far as to cut out the editorial, tuck it in the bulletin board. Our T. D. (myer) was a school mate of Jack Graham and he backs me up—but also a lad from Orangeville, but the rest of the lads never heard of Acton. However, they have listened to me talk so much about it, have put it on the top of their list as places to see after the war.

Had a day with Harold Mooney recently and was one of the best days I have had since coming overseas. Talked for hours and picked up three years like hours.

Please convey my thanks to the War Services for the smokes which I receive regularly, can't even explain how much they are appreciated. Give everyone my best and keep plugging the old home town.

All the best, as ever  
"COOKIE"

On Monday night Mrs. Caldwell's class entertained the Sunday School class of Mr. J. F. Bean at a toboggan party. After the tobogganing the group enjoyed a real satisfying and delicious supper at the home of Mrs. Caldwell on Knox Avenue.

Boy Scouts and Wolf Cubs of Ontario, Western Quebec and Manitoba have been asked by the Agricultural Supplies Board to assist in a drive for milkweed pods this fall. The pods are used to replace kapok which is in tremendous demand for military life jackets.

St. Alban's Guild are having a Valentine Tea and Sale of Baking Saturday, February 10th, Parish Hall.

The W. A. of the United Church are holding a St. Patrick's Supper on Friday, March 16th.

Watch for Monster Carnival and Skating Party Georgetown Arena, Auclair's Lorne Scots Brass Band, B.

Bingo under auspices of Acton Fire Brigade, Town Hall, Acton, on Saturday February 17th. 14 games and 3 specials. Admission 25c. 32-3

## ACTON ENLISTMENTS This Week's Register

Ted Perkins, son of Mr. Harold Perkins has enlisted in the army and is stationed at Chatham.

Herb Dron has joined the Canadian Army and is now stationed at Orillia.

W. E. (Bill) Marshall, enlisted in the army last week and is stationed at Exhibition Barracks, Toronto. He is the fourth son of Mr. Earl Marshall. Marshall is stationed at Trenton and Pte. Robt. Marshall at Camp Borden and Pte. James Marshall has been in Italy for fifteen months with the Seaforth Highlanders, a fifth son. Gordon Marshall has been rejected from all three branches of the service for medical reasons.