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Annual Meeting of Acton Red Cross Shows Fine Year

Plans Made for Campaign Which Opens March 5th—Officers Are Elected

The annual meeting of Acton and district Red Cross Society was held on Tuesday evening in the Council Chamber when reports of the year's work were received, officers were elected and preparations made for the annual Red Cross campaign which this year opens on March 5th and is to be completed by the end of the month. President A. Mason was in charge and there was a fair turnout of workers.

Treasurer W. K. Graham reported that in the war years of Red Cross activity over \$19,000 had been raised by the local branch. Receipts last year totalled \$6,118.26 and the campaign brought in a total of \$5,040.85. Of this amount \$4,337.55 had been sent to headquarters. Wool and materials had cost approximately \$370 and expenditures in connection with the Blood Donor Clinics had amounted to \$112.04.

Following is the report of the work room supplies made and forwarded. It was presented by Mrs. H. L. McDonald.

Knitting—90 sweaters, 236 pair of socks, 39 pair handkerchiefs, 1 skirt, 2 dresses, 1 pair pants, 2 pillows, 1 pair pillow cases, 2 fur coats, 1 tuckin, 2 baby's vests. A total of 810 articles.

Sewing—143 pair pyjamas, 111 nightgowns, 417 handkerchiefs, 1 skirt, 2 dresses, 1 pair pants, 2 pillows, 1 pair pillow cases, 2 fur coats, 2 pair child's slippers, 34 quilts. A total of 1,116 sewn articles and a grand total of 1,726 articles.

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The report of the Blood Donor Clinic was presented by the Secretary, Mrs. H. O. Boyes as follows:

In presenting the report of the activities of the Acton Blood Donor Clinic, since July 1943, I feel confident in saying that you will certainly agree with me that our progress has been most successful. With only two exceptions, and these were due to the weather conditions, we have shown a decided increase in the number of donors, which speaks well for the patriotism and the whole-heartedness of the donors, and the untiring efforts of the executives. May we continue with the good work and not be weary in well doing, with the confidence and satisfaction that our efforts have more than likely been the means of saving the lives of some gallant boys who are offering their all that you and I and all of us may live in peace and comfort in freedom. My victory attend them and God Himself defend them, and bring them back in triumph from the war.

Now for the details. There has been held 8 Clinics with the following donors: 1943, July 3rd, 67 donors; 1943, September 4th, 80 donors; 1943, November 13th, 96 donors; 1944, January 29th, 78 donors; 1944, April 8th, 126 donors; 1944, June 17th, 153 donors; 1944, October 21st, 113 donors; 1945, February 10th, 159 donors.

115 men received bronze buttons for three donations; 20 men received silver buttons for six donations; 30 ladies received bronze buttons for three donations.

Amount of blood given during these periods: A total of 333,720 c.c. were donated equivalent to 622 imperial pints.

In looking over these figures for a small village one can safely say, at best I think, that we have endeavored to do our part, if only a small part, for the good cause.

Officers elected were: A. Mason, President; Mrs. H. L. McDonald, First Vice-President; Mr. H. O. Boyes, Second Vice-President; W. K. Graham, Treasurer; Wm. Middleton, Secretary.

Mrs. A. B. McLean who has had charge of the Work Room for the past three years felt she could not continue. The Secretary was asked to write the Lakeside Chapter of the I.O.E. to request this society to take over the arranging and supervision of this branch with the assurance that the present committee and workers would give every assistance. The plans for the annual campaign for funds were to be arranged as in former campaigns. The objective was the same as last year and the campaign opens on March 5th to be completed that month.

BACK HOME AGAIN



Pte. Frank Holmes Former Goalkeeper Back from Overseas

Gradually the boys are coming back home again and Acton friends as well as his wife and mother, sisters and brother were delighted to welcome home again Pte. Frank Holmes, after four years overseas and five years in the army.

Frank is wearing dark glasses. It was at Boulogne in France that he was wounded and lost the sight of his right eye. He is still receiving treatment on the other eye, but otherwise looks himself and has added a little weight.

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ONE MAN MEETING

PEWSEY, Wiltshire, England, CP. Not a single member turned up for a meeting of the relief sub-committee. Clerk Leonard Hussey, sitting alone, conducted all the business himself as a one-man sub-committee, reading through the agenda item by item, approving this and disapproving that approved.

Delivery of New Pump to be Made Here This Month

Prices on Extensions of Water Mains to be Secured as Soon as Possible

Acton Public Utilities Commission meeting was held on Monday evening when Commissioner C. M. Hansen and Reeve J. M. McDonald were present and J. R. MacArthur presided.

It was decided to renew the fidelity bond and fire insurance on office fixtures with Mrs. H. L. McDonald.

A letter from the Consolidated Machinery Company advised that the new pump for the spring would be shipped February 23rd. Some difficulty had been experienced in obtaining certain parts but these had now been secured.

A steel filing cabinet was ordered to be purchased for the office to keep the records of each department in order.

It was decided to secure prices on the cost of laying water mains in a certain section. These prices were to be secured as soon as possible. The following accounts were ordered paid:

Hydro Dept.	
Bell Telephone Co. services	\$ 9.33
H.E.P.C. of Ontario, supplies	106.55
H.E.P.C. of Ontario, power	4,146.90
Federal Wire & Cable, supp.	17.97
MacDonald - Electric Ltd., supplies	42.69
Line & Cable, supplies	8.98
Can. General Electric, supp.	6.70
Force Electric, supplies	13.61
Northern Electric, supplies	48.32
Express and Office cleaning	7.10
Mrs. H. L. McDonald, insur.	14.25
Miss Brown, Postmistress, postage and unemployment stamps	25.33
Bell Telephone Co. line attachments	44.00
	\$4,466.66

Waterworks Dept.	
Power and Heating at Spring	\$37.34
S. H. McCron, supplies	2.80
Can. Gen. Electric, supplies	22.50
	\$62.64

Halton to Participate in Ontario Reforestation

Full Report on Health Service is Given by Reeve J. M. McDonald and Agreement Reached for Inauguration—Service Likely to Begin in May—County Makes Grant for Books for County Libraries

The February meeting of Halton County Council was held in Milton last Tuesday. The Warden presided, all members were present with the exception of Reeve Hillmer of Oakville.

Following the reading of the minutes and communications, council was addressed briefly by Mr. I. C. Marritt, zone forester of the Department of Lands and Forests. Mr. Marritt complimented the Council on the reforestation already done in the Northern end of the County and explained how this might be further increased and improved by the adoption of a 30-year plan, by which any land bought by the County could be placed under the supervision of the Government, who would assume all financial responsibility. At the expiration of the 30 years, County would have the choice of:

(1) County to repay the government half the cost of planning and supervision for the thirty years and from that time forward, the government and the County to share expenses.

(2) County to pay back all the cost of the 30-year plan to the government, the County from then on to be entitled to all returns.

(3) Government to pay cost of the land to which County would be required to relinquish all claim there-to.

All three options to be free of interest.

Reports of the Standing Committees were considered in Committee of the Whole with Mr. Gilbert in the chair. Special communications concurred in a request from Cobourg, that a request be sent to the Provincial and Federal Government to increase their grants to Children's Aid Societies, thus making a more equitable distribution of the ever increasing costs of administration, which are becoming a serious drain upon the finances of counties.

County Buildings Committee was in receipt of several local communications, all which were filed.

Accounts passed for payment as submitted by the Standing Committees, were as follows:

Finance	\$ 967.62
Education	6185.77
Printing	45.00
County Buildings	247.74
Agricultural Reforestation	88.18
Road Accounts	6962.07

Towards the end of the session a discussion took place and an agreement was reached whereby the County will co-operate with the Provincial Government in a Reforestation project. For this purpose it was moved by Mr. Near seconded by Mr. Cleave, that the Clerk be instructed to write the Minister of Lands and Forests requesting that the properties owned by the County be placed under the County Reforestation Act—Carried.

Mr. Marritt had previously explained to the Council that a decision as to the final disposition of reforestation areas does not have to be made until the expiration of the 30-year term.

Reeve J. M. McDonald gave a full report on information secured by him from the government with regard to School Health Service. At the present time it is expected that only the four rural townships will take advantage of this service, but that later it will be inaugurated throughout the County, in urban as well as rural centres. Under the County Health Service, there would be a full time Medical Officer, Sanitary Inspector, with a county office. This, it was thought would be less expense to the urban centres than their present set up. Expenses of the Committee in connection with the above amounted to \$29.55, payment of which was authorized by the Council.

A by-law was prepared and given three readings to authorize the execution of an agreement regarding School Health Service, between the Province and the County. It is expected service will begin in May of this year.

A grant of \$250 was given to set up a supply of books for the County Libraries. The books are to be rotated by the different libraries so all towns would have benefit of the books purchased.

Council adjourned to meet on March 13th, 1945.

POST-WAR SERVICE

SAINT JOHN, N. B. (CP)—A year's compulsory military service after the war for every Canadian youth aged 18 or 19, was suggested by Justice W. H. Harrison in addressing the Saint John branch of the Canadian Legion.

GENERAL SECRETARY ADDRESSED MEETING OF THE R. Y. P. U.

Rev. I. A. Gregory, general secretary of the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec visited the Acton church Tuesday February 13th. He showed a technical film of B.Y.P.U. activities at Camp Kwanand during the 1944 season. Prior to showing the pictures, Mr. Gregory addressed the group and told something of camp life and the benefits derived from attending camp. Members of the United Y.P.U. were also in attendance. The president conducted a brief devotional period and introduced the speaker. The service was brought to conclusion with the benediction, pronounced by Rev. Gregory. Lunch was served by the committee and the group enjoyed an informal hour with the speaker.

The regular meeting of the B.Y.P.U. was held on Tuesday, February 20th at the home of the president, with a good attendance. Following the business period, Olive Root led in an interesting and informative discussion on the first of the series "His Life and Ours, His Baptism." Mrs. Chas. Landborough conducted the devotions.

Miss Jean Matheson conducted several lively games and lunch was served bringing to a close a most enjoyable evening.

Memorial Service Last Sunday for Pte. Wilson Gordon

Legion, Orange Order and Boy Scouts Join with Friends and Family in Tribute

Members of Acton Branch of the Canadian Legion of the Acton L.O.O. and the First Acton Troop Boy Scouts attended along with many other friends, the memorial service Sunday afternoon for Pte. Wilson Gordon, who was killed in action overseas. The service was in the United Church and conducted by Rev. A. W. Foabury the pastor.

During the service, Miss Dorothy Simmons sang the very appropriate solo "Someday I'll Understand."

The message that Mr. Foabury gave the family and congregation was one of hope and inspiration, an assurance of a continuance of eternal life and that just as in the mineral world only more so was nothing wasted, there is but a transformation and continuance of life.

Mr. Foabury based his message on the scriptural text found in First John 2: 25. "This is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life." He stressed that it is not the length of life that counts, but the quality that goes into that life. He said the spirit that prompted young men who had every desire to live, who loved life, but were willing to sacrifice it for the things they believed right, has the essence of the eternal in it. He urged that arrowing friends endeavor to look beyond the momentary darkness and try to see the brightness of a brighter day and make a determination that the suffering and sacrifice of war shall not be in vain.

While the congregation stood in bowed silence "Last Post" and "Reveille" were sounded by Mr. Chas. Landborough.

MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD



On Sunday afternoon at a memorial service in the Acton United Church Legions, L. O. L. members and Boy Scouts and friends joined with the family in paying tribute to Pte. Wilson Gordon who was killed in action overseas.

REPORTED WOUNDED



Pte. Ivan Vickers who was this week officially reported wounded while serving with the Canadians in Holland.

Acton Group of Boy Scouts Elect Officers Hear Reports

The annual meeting of the Acton group committee of the Boy Scouts Association was held on Friday, February 9th in the Council Chamber.

Chairman Tom Jones gave a resume of the work done by the committee during the past year and felt that the results were gratifying and that the work of the Scout and Cub Pack leaders had accomplished much in their efforts to help the boys along.

The committee also extended their sincere thanks to the Scout Mothers' Association for their generous financial and material assistance during the year.

Scoutmaster Rev. R. F. Thomson spoke on his work with the Scouts and was very favorably impressed with the progress the boys were making. He felt, however, that the troop was rather unwieldy as there were 30 members and that much more could be done if the troop were split into two groups and the services of another Scoutmaster secured. The "Apple Day" results created a record, total proceeds being \$115.00.

Owing to the absence of Mr. W. G. Mason and Mr. George Hollinger, no report on the Cub Pack activities were available. The officers for 1945 are: President, T. G. Jones; Vice-President, W. Coles; Sec. Treas., D. Richardson; Committee, L. W. Agar, B. Pargeter, F. Kingsmill, C. Ranney, Rev. Mr. Pulker; Scoutmaster, Rev. R. F. Thomson; Assistant Scoutmaster, Jack Mainprize; Troop Leader, Doug Davidson; Cubmaster, Pack No. 1, W. G. Mason; Cubmaster Pack No. 2, George Hollinger.

Another Casualty Reported for Acton Soldier This Week

Pte. Ivan Vickers Wounded Early This Month—Definite Word Awaited by Friends

Word has been received by Acton friends from his parents, who now reside at Canfield that Pte. Ivan Vickers is officially reported wounded on February 9th. The nature or extent of the wounds are not known and word is anxiously awaited by the family and friends here. He had just returned to the lines recovered from a slight wound received in September and was serving in the Holland sector.

Pte. Vickers enlisted in November 1942 and went overseas in July of last year. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Vickers moved from Acton to Canfield some time ago. His sister, Mrs. Roy Denny resides at South Porcupine and another sister, Mrs. N. Hurst in Toronto. A brother Ross is at home with his parents.

Many friends here will anxiously await word with the family and hope with them the wounds do not prove serious.

SCOUT MOTHER'S PLAN LOCAL NIGHT FOR SCOUTS AND CUBS

The February meeting of the Scout Mothers was held in the form of a euchre at the home of Mrs. R. Spellvogel. Those winning prizes were Mrs. R. Anderson, Mrs. N. Morton, Mrs. W. Kentner, Mrs. G. Demersault, Mrs. Kingsmill and Mrs. Lovell. The Auxiliary are planning to entertain the Scouts and Cubs with a social in the near future. A Valentine lunch was served by the hostesses in charge.

Union Agreement Complete at the Beardmore Plant

Negotiations of Several Months Concluded in Mutual Agreement Signed Yesterday

Beardmore & Co. Limited, Acton, Ontario, reported to be the largest tannery in the British Empire, yesterday signed a collective bargaining agreement with the National Union of Shoe and Leather Workers (C.I.).

The Agreement provides for grievance machinery that enables a Union Steward to attend to complaints of workers right from the start of any dispute without loss of basic pay. The company will deduct union dues from the pay of any employee at the request of the employee; those who are temporarily transferred for the convenience of the Company carry their higher rate to the new job or receive the rate of the job they are doing.

The agreement is recognized and lay-offs and promotions are subject to consultation with the Union Shop Committee; lay-offs will be provided morning and afternoon. The Union is recognized as the sole collective bargaining agency; rehabilitation and employment of returning servicemen and vacations are provided for. The agreement also provides that every effort will be made to settle disputes without resorting to strikes, slowdown or lock-outs.

The agreement was negotiated by a committee consisting of Harry Arbie (chairman), Mrs. A. Demersault, Frank Gibbons and Jack Bruce. Mr. Oliver Hodges, National Representative of the Union assisted in the negotiations.

Mr. S. G. Bennett, President, and Mr. W. J. Beatty, Secretary-Treasurer, signed for the Company, while H. Arbie, President of Local 26, NUSLW and Oliver Hodges, Representative, signed for the National Union of Shoe and Leather Workers.

The agreement was signed following negotiations extending over several months and finally through a Board of Conciliation. Recent negotiations have been carried on in an atmosphere of mutual trust and determination to see that the agreement was fair to all parties. This feeling was voiced at a General Union meeting called last night to ratify the agreement, by President Harry Arbie. He said "I am satisfied that this is a good agreement, for both the employees and the Company. It is my intention and the intention of the Union to maintain and develop a spirit of mutual trust and co-operation between Local 26 and the Management of Beardmore & Company."

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Brides to Acton From Overseas Arrived Last Week

First of the brides of Acton arrive men coming to Canada to join their husbands arrived last Friday. They are Mrs. F. G. Turner, wife of Flying Officer Fred Turner and Mrs. Leo Close, wife of Pte. Leo Close, who was invalided home a short time ago.

They are now getting settled in Acton, meeting and getting acquainted with members of the families whom they had not met before and learning of the severity of our Canadian winters, which unfortunately this year was a very severe one.

Mrs. Close is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reilly, Malins Road, Mile End, Portsmouth, Hants, England and she and Pte. Close were married October 1st.

Many friends of Flying Officer Turner and Pte. Close will welcome these new Actonians and endeavor to make them feel at home in Canada and more particularly in Acton.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or other Events, under this heading, are charged a cent per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 50¢.

Junior Farmer's meeting in Lorne School, Monday, February 26, at 8:30 p.m. Valed. Program.

Legion Dance, Town Hall, Acton, Friday, Feb. 23rd. Harvey Fisher's Orchestra. Admission 50¢ 33-2

Rapid Euchre, Y. M. C. A., Friday March 2nd, auspices Senior Men's Card Club. Admission 25¢

The ladies of St. Joseph's Church will hold a Tea and Baking Sale Saturday, March 17, at 3 o'clock in Town Hall, Acton.

SKATING CARNIVAL Georgetown Arena, Friday, March 2nd. Prizes for races and costumes followed by public skating for all. Music by 25 piece band. Auspices Lorne Sports Band. Admission 15¢ and 25¢ B

FOUL NAZI TRICKS

LONDON (CP)—Allied planes are being fitted with identification lights that can be changed during flight. The identity color is changed several times daily to foil tricks by German intruder planes.