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County Council Makes Grant to the Red Cross Branches

Pupils from Schools of County Will again be Guests of Council at April Meeting—Discussion on Making Provincial Government from County Council Warden

Haltom County Council met in Milton on Tuesday. All the members were present and the Warden in the chair in the afternoon.

Mr. Murray was chairman in committee of the whole when the reports of the Standing Committees were considered and amended and later passed in open council.

At the morning session, the absence of the Warden, the ex-Warden J. M. McDonald, occupied the chair.

Officers of the Lorne Scots addressed Council with regard to the work of the Regiment and asked for continued financial assistance. Activities of the regiment were outlined by Col. Hertram and Capt. McClure followed by a financial statement by Capt. Smith.

The following motion was passed by Council: Moved and seconded by Messrs. McDonald and Hillmer "That the Lorne Scots Regiment of Haltom, Peel and Dufferin be granted the sum of \$200 and the regimental band a grant of \$400.

Committee reports dealt only with payment of accounts which were covered by the following motion: Moved by Messrs. McDonald and Craig, that the following accounts be paid:

Finance	\$1,714.45
Printing	45.72
County Buildings	384.80
County Road	786.24
	\$3,131.21

The County Buildings Committee recommended that the Registry Office building be re-decorated, new lighting system be installed and any necessary repairs be attended. Council agreed and further added that not only the Registry Office lighting be improved but the whole lighting system in the county buildings be revamped and a recommendation as to their findings along this line be brought in by the Committee at the next meeting.

An appeal from the Red Cross resulted in a motion by Messrs. Near and Smith, "that the five Haltom County branches of the Red Cross be granted the sum of \$1500 to be equally divided amongst them. Carried.

The Warden asked the opinion of the Council on the desirability of otherwise of entertaining the Public School pupils again this year. All members were in favor, it being the consensus of opinion that such a meeting was decidedly of educational value. The County Engineer Mr. Roy Smith agreed to take charge of all preliminary arrangements but asked that the municipalities encourage the selection and sending of pupils to the meeting.

Mr. Smith stated that Haltom County has received considerable publicity in other counties through this educational feature. Full reports as published in the Acton Free Press and Canadian Champion in the two previous years have found their way as far ahead as Nova Scotia. Prizes will be given for the best letters the same as last year.

Mr. Ferris addressed Council with regard to the booklet in Haltom County to be compiled and sent overseas with a view to bringing Haltom to the attention of industrialists in Great Britain who may be wishing to expand after the war. Completion of the booklet is expected by the next meeting after which printing tenders will be called and the number of copies to be ordered decided upon.

Mr. Hillmer, very much in earnest, created a new topic for discussion, by stating that he would like to see Haltom County Council go on record as being in favor of the Provincial government being done away with and in its place a government be formed with a personnel made up entirely of the Warden of the various counties of the province, headed by a member of the Federal Government with meetings taking place two or three times a year.

Mr. Craig, while admitting Mr. Hillmer's suggestion had a certain amount of merit, reminded the members that in some quarters the opinion was that the County Council should be dispensed with.

The Warden drew attention to the fact that the Warden's office has always been regarded as a part time job and in some cases it might not be possible for the Warden to take (Continued on Page Five)

WOUNDED—BACK HOME



Corp. Bill Matlock of Acton who was wounded last October and returned home again with other Canadian soldiers arriving in Toronto last Friday. He still requires hospital treatment for his injuries.

FRIENDLY CIRCLE ENTERTAINS LADIES OF OTHER CHURCHES

The Friendly Circle of the United Church lived up to their name in every way, when they entertained as guests the Young Ladies Societies of the Baptist, Presbyterian and Anglican Churches.

The devotional period was in charge of Mrs. Roy Johnston. Miss Irma Wilderstein welcomed the guests. Mrs. Chas. Henderson read the Scripture lesson and Mrs. Richardson led in prayer. Mrs. Johnston led in the responsive reading. Mrs. Fosbury and Miss Hella Roszell sang solos. Miss Bennett gave a very interesting and entertaining talk on "Happiness".

After this those attending were divided into four groups and many interesting and lively games were contested. The acting of the song, "One Meat Ball" brought rounds of laughter. Mrs. Rognvaldson was leader of the games and kept everything going at full speed.

A buffet lunch was served with Mrs. Fosbury and Miss Bennett pouring tea. Miss Esthers Taylor of the Anglicans, Miss Wilma West of the Baptists and Mrs. Anderson of the Presbyterians spoke words of thanks for one of the best evenings of the season.

High Officials Visit Walker Lodge Monday Evening

Paul Grand Master of Alberta and District Deputy Grand Master of Wellington Here

Monday was a red letter day in the annals of Walker Lodge A. F. and A. M. when for a third time in the seventy one years since the lodge was founded it was honored by the visit of a Past Grand Master of the Masonic Order. The distinguished visitor was Past Grand Master of Alberta, Paul Ellis. He was a visitor with former Reeve Hartley Harrison in Toronto, who brought him to Acton to visit his mother lodge here.

Another distinguished visitor on this occasion was Rt. Wor. Bro. Thos. Green, District Deputy Grand Master of Wellington District, who represented the Grand Master of Ontario, T. Wardley, who was unable to be present. There were many visitors of neighboring lodges and former officers of Grand Lodge and a large attendance of the members of Walker Lodge.

In the social time, which followed the session in the Lodge Hall, Most Wor. Bro. Ellis gave an address that will long be remembered by those who were privileged to hear it. It was a straight from the shoulder, western style of challenge to Masonry to live up to and exemplify in their lives the teaching of Masonry to study and know what their order stood for, a clarion call to live out the beautiful teaching of the Masonic ritual and a closer study of the Book of Books.

Other speakers during the evening were: Wor. Bro. J. M. McDonald, Rt. Wor. Bro. Thos. Green, of Guelph, Wor. Bro. Herb. Ritchie, Wor. Bro. McCormick of Georgetown, Rt. Wor. Bro. John Kenney of Guelph, a mason of sixty years standing, Wor. Bro. Featherstone of St. Clair Lodge, Milton, Rt. Wor. Bro. Frank McNiven, of Milton, Bro. C. H. Harrison of Toronto and Rt. Wor. Bro. Dickie, of Georgetown.

VICTORY CLUB HELPS IN RED CROSS BY MAKING DONATIONS

The Woodside Victory Club held a social evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gordon last Friday evening. The winners for the week were ladies, Mrs. Will McDonald, Mrs. John Gray, for crocheted socks, Howard Craft and Mr. Acton Swackhammer, St. A collection of \$10.20 was received.

During the last week three quilts were quilted at the home of Mrs. Will Butler. Mrs. Will McDonald and Mrs. R. L. Davidson. The ladies held a beauty at Mr. Gordon's side they decided to give \$30 to the Red Cross drive, \$15 to the and \$15 to the family of Mr. Hill who lost all their household goods in a fire.

Three residents were overcome by cold and flu in their home here during the week. It would be wise for everyone to clean pipes and the chimneys often these days to avoid such occurrences.

Servicemen Return to Acton and District From Overseas

Cpl. Douglas McDonald Brings English Bride to Canada

More service men from Acton and district arrived home during the past week and have been welcomed by family, friends and reception committees.

Cpl. Bill Matlock who was wounded in action last October was among the wounded to be returned to Canada. He was serving in Italy when he was wounded by bomb fragments and had been there for eight months before being wounded. He has been in the Army for over two and a half years. Prior to enlisting he was employed with the Acton Creamery Mrs. Matlock and family reside in Acton and were on hand at the reception centre in Toronto on his arrival there. All hope he will soon recover from his wounds and be able to return home permanently from hospital.

Cpl. Douglas McDonald, R.C.A.F., returned to his home at Crewe's Corners and brought an English bride to Canada. They arrived in Toronto on Friday and have 30 days leave. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. McDonald, Crewe's Corners. He has a brother, Cpl. K. A. McDonald serving in Italy and a sister, Dorothy at home.

In the air force since November 1940 he has been overseas three and a half years. He trained in Quebec and at St. Thomas.

On June 20th last year he married Miss Gladys Jellies of Bradford, Yorkshire, England. They were married at Zeals, Wiltshire, England. Friends welcome him home again, and his bride to the new home in Canada.

Mr. L. B. Stephens, a brother of Mrs. J. Massey, Acton and Mrs. Melville Brown, Milton, was also among the latest group of Canadian soldiers to get leave back to Canada. His has indeed been a long army service. He joined the army in September 1939 and has been overseas five years. He served in England, France, Belgium and Holland. All are glad to welcome him after his long absence.

Lt. Hugh McCullum, who enlisted in 1941 with the R.C.A.F. is another former Acton service man to return to Canada for thirty days leave. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor McCullum formerly resided here but now live at Streetsville. He served overseas in France, Belgium and Holland. Friends are indeed glad to welcome him home.

Sergeant Jim McGeachie is another former Actonian to be among those returned to Canada this week, according to word received by the Farr Press from his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. McGeachie, now residing in Toronto.

Jim went overseas with the 48th Highlanders in the first contingent. He enlisted shortly after war broke out. He served in France before the surrender of that country to the Germans and was on the front which fortunately was turned back. He got the regiment back to England before the country was in enemy hands.

He was in the invasion of Sicily and was wounded there on July 25th, 1943. He was again wounded in Italy. He served his apprenticeship as a printer on the Farr Press staff and for the past year or so has been on the printing staff publishing in Italy the edition of the "Maple Leaf", a paper for the active service forces. When on the Farr Press staff he wrote many of the Junior Hockey and the baseball stories and was an ardent follower of Acton sports.

We are delighted he has recovered from his wounds and is safe home again in Canada. Along with many other friends here we will look forward to a visit from him in the community where he grew up.

Nine New Members Enrolled in Duke of Devonshire Chapter

The Duke of Devonshire Chapter, L. O. D. E. held their officers' tea at the home of Mrs. W. L. Beatty on March 10th. The report Mrs. J. C. Matthews presented.

Nine new members were enrolled and welcomed to the Chapter. Mrs. Sall, Mrs. Clayton and Mrs. Hamilton received war service badges which were presented to them by the Honorary Report Mrs. Beatty. The Chapter decided to adopt a school at Trout Creek. Miss Pearl Smith gave an interesting talk on "Our Badge". Mrs. Sall and Mrs. Hamilton were nominated to represent the Chapter on the War Brides Reception Committee. Mr. Matthews was chosen to represent the Chapter on the County of Halton Advisory Council for the Institute for the Blind.

The guests at the tea included the officers of the Lakoski Chapter and the teachers of the Continuation and Public Schools. Mr. Frank Beatty of Guelph, Mrs. Benton and also a war bride, Mrs. Leo Close and Mrs. J. C. S. Mrs. Gowdy and Mrs. Stewart contributed piano solos. There was a very attractive arrangement of table with the Vice Regents, Mrs. Blow and Mrs. Mainplide.

Erin Council Makes Appointments at March Meeting

Information to be Secured Regarding Dental and Health Services in Rural Schools

Erin Town Council met in Hallsburg on March 5th.

A by-law was passed appointing the following as Fence Viewers, Pound Keepers and Sheep Inspectors for the year 1945 and until their successors are appointed:

Fence Viewers: Duane McMillan, Chester Hunt, Joel B. Leslie, Norman Lewis, Geo. C. Hunt, Wm. E. Harbour, Jesse McEnery and Robt. A. Rowan. Pound Keepers: Robt. A. McEnery, S. E. Smith, John McDowell, R. D. Graham, Morgan Graham, Norman Jackson, Kenneth Reid, Mungo C. Nodwell, David Stewart, Wm. Engles, Angus Thompson, Norry Simlah, Stanley Somersetville.

Sheep Inspectors: North Division, Albert Wheeler, West Division, Earl Jessop, South Division, Burna McKinnon, East Division, Gordon Jackson.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the Ontario Department of Health for information regarding dental and health services in rural schools.

The Canadian National Institute for the Blind was granted permission to hold their annual tag day on Saturday June 2nd in the township.

A resolution granting sheep inspectors \$2.00 per trip from date was passed. Tom Hindley was refunded \$200.00 in dog taxes for 1944.

Accounts were taxed and preferred paid as follows: Delegates to Good Roads Convention as expenses \$25.00; general accounts, \$25.14; relief accounts, \$188.77; road accounts, \$75.00.

Council adjourned to meet at Hallsburg on Tuesday, April 3rd at one o'clock or at the call of the Reeve.

Mrs. Thomson Has Brother Killed in Action Overseas

Sympathy of many friends in Acton and district will go to Rev. and Mrs. F. Thomson in the world received last week that Capt. Norman A. Donaldson, a brother of Mrs. Thomson was killed in action late in February.

Capt. Donaldson enlisted as a private in 1932, and after getting his commission as lieutenant at Three Rivers, Que., in January 1943, went overseas. That July he had been twice wounded, once at Falaise last August when he received a bullet in the left side and again at Bergen-Op-Zoom, Holland, October 29th, with a bomb fragment hole in the right shoulder. On his return to his regiment, the 5th and Sutherland Highlanders, in January, he was promoted to captain. Born in Toronto, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Donaldson, Silverthorn Avenue, Capt. Donaldson was educated at General Mercer, public school, Oakwood Collegiate and Western Tech. He was employed by the C.P.R. before enlisting. Surviving besides his widow and parents are a brother, Pte. Robert Donaldson, at Camp Borden, and a sister, Mrs. Catharine Thomson, Acton. Pte. John Gibbons and Sgt. Matt Tyler of Acton served with Capt. Donaldson in England and France.

Lower Rates for Hydro Are Announced for Acton

SERGEANT JIM MCGEACHIE HOME



Wounded while serving in Sicily in July 1943 and again in Italy Sept. 29th, McGeachie arrived back in Canada this week after five years overseas. He went with the first Canadian contingent.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP PRESENTED BY KNOX W. M. S. TO MRS. LASHBY

Knox Church W.M.S. held their meeting in the Class Room on Thursday, March 8th. The president, Mrs. F. Blow opened the meeting by a Scripture reading and a prayer.

The devotional period was taken by Mrs. R. M. McDonald and Mrs. H. McIntyre. The secretary and treasurer reports were given and after which the business of the meeting was discussed. A letter of appreciation was received from the family of the late Mrs. Harvey.

Mrs. Blow read two letters from Miss Nellie Anderson, missionary in Georgetown, British Guiana, one of the letters telling of a disastrous fire, which took place in the heart of Georgetown's business area, burning two city blocks, just one block from where Miss Anderson lives.

Mrs. G. Murray and Miss A. Stalker presented Mrs. W. Lashby with a Life Membership in the W.M.S. and on behalf of the Ladies' Aid Society, Mrs. W. McArthur and Miss Wallace presented Mrs. Lashby with a purse. Mrs. Lashby has been an active worker in both Societies since they were organized and it is regretted she is moving from Acton.

A reading entitled "Easter Peace" and written by Miss Laura Gray, was read by Mrs. G. Murray. Mrs. Patterson also gave a reading from the Study Book. Refreshments were served and a social half hour spent.

The Red Cross Campaign Now in Progress Here

Must be Completed This Month Acton and District Has Never Yet Failed

The Red Cross campaign for \$3500 for Acton and district share is in progress now. In town the canvass in the industries is not yet complete. This however is to be completed this week and next week the campaign here will centre on the door to door solicitation to meet the need.

In every drive for funds or any effort in connection with the war this town and district has never failed to more than meet the objective that has been asked.

Now with victory just in sight and the probability that this will be the last wartime appeal of the Red Cross we will need to make sure that the record is not broken.

The objective is not high. It is the same as raised last year. But it will just as last year take the combined and cooperative assistance of every citizen or there will be failure.

There is no necessity to draw attention to the extra demands of the Red Cross with more and sick requiring attention. It would be superfluous to repeat the work that the Red Cross is doing in this war. Every home that has members in the fighting forces knows at first hand what is being done and carried on for the past five years.

Make your contribution graciously and generously. Remember that the canvassers are volunteer workers and busy people who should not be expected to make a second trip for your contribution.

March is slipping by. The job must be completed this month.

Domestic Users and Power Accounts will Benefit from New Rates Effective with Next Billing—Other Items at Commission Meeting last Thursday.

A meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Thursday evening last. Commissioner C. M. Hansen, Reeve J. M. McDonald and Commissioner J. R. MacArthur attended.

As requested by Resolving Council, the Commission decided to continue the billing of that account every three months for the street lighting service at Beardsmore Crescent. This is to facilitate the bookkeeping of Esopus City Council.

The new Hydro rate, effective at the next billing period, were discussed. There have been raised by the H.E.P.C. of Ontario and are now effective. They mean a considerable saving to power users and also a saving for the domestic consumer. The following charges are now effective:

Domestic: 2.0 per kilowatt hour for the first 60 kilowatt hours per month. Plus 1.0 per kilowatt hour for all additional consumption during the month. Minimum bill \$3.00.

Commercial lighting remains the same as before.

Power Users: Service charge \$1 per H.P. per month of contracted load or maximum demand. Consumption charge 1.0 per kilowatt hour for first 50 hours. Plus 1.25 per kilowatt hour for second 50 hours. Plus 0.50 per kilowatt hour for all additional monthly consumption. The local discount is now 25%.

Water Heaters: 37¢ per 100 watts per month gross.

Street Lighting: No Change.

These rates are all of course subject to the 10% prompt payment discount.

The cost of power from the H.E.P.C. to the Municipality has been reduced by \$1.00 per H.P. per year. The old rate was \$28.50 and is now \$27.50 per year. This rate applies for 1945.

The Deputy Secretary was instructed to pay the following accounts:

Hydro Dept.	
Grand & Toy Ltd. office supplies	\$ 5.65
H.E.P.C. of Ontario, office supplies	3.11
H.E.P.C. of Ontario, lamps	35.58
James R. Keatney Corp. supplies	25.68
Canadian Line Materials, supplies	57.45
Canadian General Electric, supplies	13.95
MacDonald Electric Ltd. supplies	9.60
A.M.E.U. Fees	5.00
Express and Office Cleaning	6.76
	\$180.78

Waterworks Dept.

Acton Free Press, advertising \$ 1.00
Canadian Brass Co. Ltd. supplies 23.46
Power and Heating at Spring 57.06
\$81.52

SPRAY EQUIPMENT

All gardeners should be equipped with the proper utensils for measuring spray and dust materials. These are relatively inexpensive but will be found very convenient. Some gardeners say they are essential. The list of essentials include a cheap set of scales graduated to ounces, a gallon and pint measure, as well as a set of measuring spoons. A strong wooden tub or half barrel will be found useful in which to mix or dissolve the different ingredients which are included in many of the commoner spray formulas. A large funnel, equipped with a strainer, is also a necessity to prevent big particles from entering the spray tank and clogging the nozzle.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Conventions, or other Events, under this heading, are charged to the advertiser with a minimum charge for any announcement of 5¢.

The ladies of St. Joseph's Church will hold a Tea and Baking Sale Saturday, March 17, at 4 o'clock in Town Hall, Acton.

Acton Fire Brigade St. Patrick's Day Dinner, Friday, March 16 in the Acton Town Hall. Stewart Elliott's Orchestra. Admission 50¢. Proceeds to Acton War Service League.

Friends and Neighbors of Crewe's Corners will hold a miscellaneous shower and euchre at the Orange Hall on Friday, March 16th at 8 p.m. Sharp to welcome the English bride of Cpl. Douglas McDonald, R.C.A.F. Refreshments served. Everybody welcome.

ACTON ENLISTMENTS

This Week's Register

Hirvey N. Hurren of Acton has enlisted in the Canadian Infantry and is now stationed at Toronto.
Pte. H. T. Jolley of R.R. No. 2, Acton, has joined the 17th Battalion "D" Co., and is now at St. John's, Que.