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Two More Acton Soldiers Pay Supreme Sacrifice

Gnr. Franklin W. Near and Pte. George Taylor Reported Killed in Action

Two more Acton homes were saddened during the past week, when word was received that Gnr. Franklin W. Near, son of Mrs. Ada Near, and Pte. George Taylor, son of Mr. James Taylor had both paid the supreme sacrifice and given their lives on the battlefield.

Gnr. Franklin Woodrow Near was reported killed in action on April 17th according to word received by his mother here. He was serving in Holland. Enlisting in September, 1939 shortly after the outbreak of war, he trained at Clichy, Kingston and Petawawa. He landed overseas on Christmas Day 1940. For 18 months he served in Italy and was a dispatch rider at the time of his death.

Besides his mother here he leaves a brother William H. of Fort Erie and a sister Marjorie A. of Detroit. In their bereavement they have the sympathy of many friends here. Before enlisting Franklin was employed with Beattimore & Co.

War's burden have indeed fallen heavily on Mr. James Taylor and family. Of four sons in the service, two were previously wounded and one invalided home. Last Friday Pte. George Horace Taylor, the youngest of the family was officially reported killed in action. He was twenty-one years of age and was killed while serving in Germany. He enlisted two years ago and has been overseas for 10 months.

Born in Acton, a son of James and the late Mrs. Taylor, he had spent his life here. He went to Acton Public and Continuation Schools. We got to know him more intimately than most boys as he came to work in the First Pass Office after school and on Saturday mornings. He was courteous, willing and one of the finest lads we have had about the office. When he left school he entered the employ of the Anacanda Brass Co. at Toronto, leaving that firm to enlist.

In the loss the father and brothers have sustained they have the heartfelt sympathy of many friends here. Last week Bdr. Herb Taylor was reported seriously wounded. Word received this week is that the shrapnel wounds in the left forearm and right thigh have greatly improved and his condition is not so serious.

INJURED WHEN STRUCK BY CHAIN FALLING FROM RACK

Struck by a large chain which fell from a rack, Roy Hutt, ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hutt, Main Street, suffered injuries to his right side and chest. Given first aid treatment by Dr. Kenney he was taken to the General Hospital in Guelph for examination and treatment of his injuries.

McDONALD-CRAWFORD WEDDING AT MANSE IN GEORGETOWN

A very pretty but quiet wedding took place at the Presbyterian Manse, Georgetown, by Rev. C. C. Cochrane on Saturday, April 14th, when Helen Crawford of Powassan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crawford and Alex. McDonald, second son of Mrs. and the late Angus McDonald of R.R. No. 4, Acton were married.

The bride and groom were the bride's friend, Evelyn Edwards, of Rockwood and the groom's man the groom's brother, Mr. Joe McDonald. The bride was attired in blue street length dress with a corsage of red roses with hat and accessories.

The bridesmaid wore a street length dress, sand colored, trimmed with black and black accessories and a corsage of pink roses.

The groom's gift to the bride was a silver locket and to the groomsmen a leather bill fold. The bride's gift to the bridesmaid was a pearl necklace.

At the reception, held at the home of the groom's mother, Mrs. McDonald received the guest attired in rose colored dress with matching flowers.

At the sumptuous wedding supper tea was poured by Mrs. W. J. McDonald and Mrs. Edwin Currie of Milton, assisted by daughters Mrs. V. Hepburn and Miss Doris and Miss Marion Stitt of Milton. The toast to the bride was proposed by Rev. C. C. Cochrane.

After the reception a dance was held with music by W. Summers, Garnet Kay, Russell and Wm. McDonald Jr. The cake was cut by Doris Weller of Long Branch.

The happy couple left amid showers of confetti and good wishes to Mount Forest and Durham, the bride travelling in brown tailored suit.

HE GAVE HIS LIFE



Pte. Geo. Taylor, youngest son of Mr. James Taylor, Acton, who was killed in action while fighting in Germany. Three other brothers also served, two wounded and one invalided home.

Halton Presbytery Met in Milton On Tuesday

Rev. F. S. Dowling of Burlington was elected the new Chairman of Halton Presbytery at the meeting held in Milton on Tuesday. The other members of the Executive will be: Rev. N. J. Truax, Carleton Place, Secretary; Rev. R. C. Todd, Georgetown, Treasurer; Rev. D. A. Facey, Bronte, Past Chairman; Rev. J. B. Moore, Milton, Convener of Pastoral Relations; and Professor Graham of Burlington.

The guest speaker was Rev. Dr. R. Mutchmor, Toronto, Secretary of Evangelism and Social Service. He emphasized the spiritual movement, "A Crusade for Christ," which will shortly be launched throughout the United Church under the leadership of the Moderator, Right Rev. Dr. J. H. Arnpur. To promote it in this Presbytery a special committee was elected comprising Revs. F. S. Dowling, chairman; E. B. Eddy, J. B. Moore, and A. W. Fosbury, and Mrs. E. J. Caldwell, Acton and R. F. Sanderson of Oakville.

The Pastoral Relations Committee reported that Rev. A. L. Sanderson of Waterdown had accepted a call to Dentonia Park Church in Toronto East Presbytery, and that there were vacancies at Waterdown and Hornby, where Rev. J. O. Totten is retiring after long and faithful service in the United Church ministry.

A special vote of thanks was extended to the Session of Knox Presbyterian Church for their kindness in placing their Sunday School Room at the disposal of the Presbytery. Halton Presbytery will hold their next regular meeting at Burlington in September.

War Service League Arranges for Gifts for Overseas Brides

Looking after the boys when they were overseas has been a well-performed task of the Acton and Vicinity War Service League. Now with so many returning home again comes another function for this organization—welcoming the brides the boys bring back from the old land to the new Canadian homes. Mrs. Maddox is the convener of this committee. A definite amount has been set for a shower of useful gifts in the new home and each bride will receive the same. Suggested items are 2 pair of sheets, 2 pair pillow cases, 2 pair bath towels, 2 pair tea towels, 2 wash cloths and 4 face cloths.

At the meeting of the League the secretary reported receipts of \$467.86 and disbursements of \$1,088.36. The defalcation arranged by the Bell Telephone Co brought in \$125 and the Victory Club turned in \$25 from a Bingo and quilt sale.

The report also included the following contributions to the League's funds: Acton Women's Institute, \$25; Bannockburn Institute \$50; Beardmore Foremen's Association \$40; Dublin Women's Institute \$60, and salvage \$150.42.

BRIDE OF MONTH HONORED BY A SHOWER OF GIFTS

A happy gathering assembled at the home of Miss Dorothy Footitt, who very efficiently acted as hostess. The occasion was a shower for Miss Gwen Hill, bride to be.

The numerous presents were of a most serviceable nature, which were not only a great surprise but, highly appreciated by Miss Hill. A very dainty lunch was served, followed by a number of songs and a social time enjoyed.

Eighth Victory Loan Started As Whistle Blew Monday

Added Incentive to Pass the Objective Before Germany is Finished Off by the Boys Over There—Two Contests for Local Bond Buyers in this Loan

The Tannery whistle blew at nine o'clock on Monday morning, everywhere one looks along the street and in the store windows, the Eighth Victory Loan is heralded and Messrs. F. L. Wright, Geo. Muselle and Murray Clarke are making the rounds to every resident of Acton and District to make this loan, which looks like the final one to be sold before the collapse of Germany, a success the same as all seven of its predecessors.

Local bond buyers have two contests to participate in during this loan. In addition to the local contest that marks half-way and objective in Acton there is the home for a service man which is explained in detail in another column. Get your entry forms on these but above all, get your bonds early.

The objective for Acton and district this loan is \$235,000. It is a little larger than usual but if Acton is to maintain its place in the spread we effort it has held thus far, the final figure will need to go away over that objective amount. It will take the combined effort of every buyer in the past. It will need a larger amount from each buyer. In these days when Victory over Germany is in the air, everyone will want more bonds to celebrate liberation from over five years of war.

The pledge flag floats in front of the Post Office. The thermometer is just starting to show some red at the very bottom of the indicator. The question is not one of whether it will reach the top, but how soon. Can we beat V-Day in this home front Victory and finish the job before Germany collapses?

OFFICERS ELECTED BY BANNOCKBURN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The annual meeting of Bannockburn Women's Institute was held on Wednesday, April 17th at the home of Mrs. H. Johnston in Georgetown. The roll call was answered by the paying of fees and sixteen members joined for the year 1945-46.

The annual reports were presented and after several items of business had been discussed, Mrs. D. A. Russell was appointed chairlady for the election of officers. The following are those elected to the various offices for 1945-46.

President—Mrs. N. McEachern.
Vice-President—Mrs. S. Morrison.
Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. W. J. McDonald.

District Director—Mrs. S. Russell.
Directors—Mrs. D. Morrison, Mrs. S. Lindsay, Mrs. D. Russell, Mrs. M. Coles, Mrs. J. Brooks.
Planiat—Mrs. C. Coles.

Delegates to Convention—Mrs. N. McEachern, Mrs. Wm. McDonald, Mrs. D. Russell, Mrs. Jolley, Mrs. C. Coles.

Reporter—Mrs. C. Coles.
Asst. Reporter—Mrs. S. Morrison.
Auditors—Mrs. S. Morrison, Mrs. A. Kerr.

Representative to Acton and Vicinity W. S. I.—Miss Edna Russell.
Lunch Committee—Mrs. A. Brook, Miss M. Young, Mrs. M. Coles, Mrs. S. Swackhamer, Mrs. E. Evans.
Program Committee—Mrs. H. Johnston, Mrs. W. Rozell, Mrs. B. Fox, Mrs. Jolley, Mrs. R. Kerr, Mrs. Maddox.

Flower Convener—Mrs. Jolley.
Red Cross Convener—Miss Edna Russell.

The meeting closed with the National Anthem and lunch was enjoyed. A vote of thanks was moved to Mrs. Johnston for her hospitality.

DOMINION HOTEL CHANGED HANDS THIS WEEK

The Dominion Hotel on Main Street has been sold this week by Mr. Harry Holmes to Mr. J. Royston of Bothwell, who takes possession of the business and premises the first of May.

The Dominion Hotel is one of the oldest established hotels in Acton. The building was modernized a few years ago. During prohibition time, the building was used as a factory for the Ryder & Mowat-Glove Company. When the firm ceased business about twenty years ago the building was acquired by Mr. H. S. Holmes, father of the present proprietor. Since 1935 Mr. Harry Holmes has conducted the business.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Holmes will be glad to learn that they plan to continue to make their home in Acton.

Victory Loan Buyers To Provide Home For Service Man

Concrete expression of the theme for the Eighth Victory Loan Campaign early rehabilitation of the fighting man is the announcement to-day that a new brick home is to be given free during the campaign, to a serviceman from Halton or Wentworth counties. Under a plan just approved, servicemen will be qualified on the purchase of bonds by next of kin and friends.

Businessmen and industrialists, rallying behind the loan drive, have donated the house to the Victory Loan Committee. "Nomination" cards will be provided all bond purchasers. The conditions, as outlined on the reverse side of the cards, state:

"In the interests of the Eighth Victory Loan, a group of public spirited business firms have undertaken to give a new home to a member of the Allied Armed Forces (general service). A committee of the donors has decided to choose the recipient as follows:

1. Each purchaser of Eighth Victory Loan Bonds in the Counties of Halton and Wentworth will be permitted until May 12, 1945 (the closing day of the campaign) to nominate on this card; (a) a member of the Allied Armed Forces (general service), or (b) an honourably discharged veteran (general service) in this war, or (c) the next of kin of one who made the supreme sacrifice in this war.

2. These nomination cards may be secured by phoning local Victory Loan Headquarters (Acton 95) or by writing or calling at the same address.

3. The name and address of the bond purchaser and where the purchase was made (Victory Loan Salesman, Bank, pay-roll savings or group pay roll organization with firm's name) must be provided in the appropriate space.

4. Completed nomination cards must be turned into local Victory Loan headquarters on or before May 14th. On the front of the cards, the bond purchaser will enter his name, tell where he purchased the bonds, and give the name, address, and active service unit of the man nominated.

A committee of the donors will determine the selection of a duly qualified nominee for the home by drawing by lot one of these cards and their decision will be final; such drawing must take place on or before June 2nd, 1945.

For further information may we suggest that you contact local Victory Loan headquarters in Acton.

W. M. S. HAD CHARGE OF EVENING SERVICE IN UNITED CHURCH

The Woman's Missionary Society conducted the evening service in the United Church last Sunday in the absence of the Pastor, Rev. A. W. Fosbury, who is ill.

Mrs. E. J. Caldwell, president, spoke on the influence of religion in the home and on the San Francisco conference. She was assisted in the service by Mrs. A. W. Fosbury, Mrs. R. L. Johnston, Mrs. E. T. Thetford, Mrs. A. W. Fosbury and Cpl. Ives Chalmers sang a very beautiful duet.

THE PEEL GAZETTE DAMAGED IN FIRE IN BRAMPTON BUSINESS BLOCK

Brampton police were on Monday investigating causes of three fires, one of which did \$25,000 damage in the business section Sunday evening.

Starting in the rear of a tire shop about 7 o'clock, the fire gutted the Masonic Hall and an apartment, but the Peel Gazette newspaper plant out of commission and threatened the municipal office before it was brought under control. Municipal files were carried to safety by firemen and soldiers from the nearby camp.

Furniture was carried from the apartment of Cecil Doyle adjoining the hall before the flames swept through the building. Located above the printing plant, which suffered heavy water and smoke damage, the Masonic Hall was completely destroyed.

"We won't be able to carry on in the present premises because of the water and smoke from the fire and because the building is now unsafe for occupancy," said Ollie Adams, manager of the Gazette. Large quantities of paper were destroyed and machinery was damaged. A short while later minor fires were reported from the rear of Savage's implement warehouse and at the rear of the Chalmers Publishing Co. plant, where a shed burned down.

PAID SUPREME SACRIFICE



Gnr. Franklin W. Near, younger son of Mrs. Ada Near, Acton, who was killed in action on April 17th, while serving as a despatch rider.

Loose Gravel Causes Truck to Overturn Monday

Usually information about news items have to be sought out. Its seldom one just literally drops on an item especially as fresh as the one we encountered on Monday afternoon. The road to Milton has as most know been torn up and there is plenty of loose gravel on it.

As we picked up some copy at a farm gate a truck went past and in the dust of new gravel we noted it was red. It was out of sight as we started away from the gate, but a mile or so down the road we were confronted with the bottom of the truck facing us across the middle of the road and the front wheel still spinning. Two white clad and very white-faced men emerged from the top side, unhurt except for a few scratches, but very much shaken. The truck was one owned by the Burns Packing Co. and the driver explained that it was his first mishap in twenty some years of driving. Very little damage was done to the truck, but the loose gravel had put it out of control and in its sideways skid it went over in the road.

A tow truck from Acton was sent down and soon put the machine back on the road.

THREE HILLSBURG SOLDIERS REPORTED WOUNDED OVERSEAS

Mrs. Isabel Bessey, Hillsburg, has received word that her son, Everett, who was on active service in the hospital suffering from burns and a wound.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hall, Hillsburg, also received word that their son, Gordon, was wounded. The extent of his wounds are not yet known.

Billy Macdonald of Hillsburg has been in hospital suffering from an injured hand. While in hospital he inquired about Col. R. J. Nodwell, and found that he was stationed next hospital down the line, so was able to visit him while there. All three boys went overseas with the 100th L.A.A. Battery, of Guelph.

LOCAL DOG FANCIER DOES WELL AT LONDON AND WINDSOR

At the London Canine and Breeder's show, held Saturday, the Fair Glen Kennels, English Setters owned by F. L. Rife did exceptionally well. Cinderella of Fair Glen won first in the open female class and then went on to be Best of Winners. While Champion Rummy of Fair Glen went Best of Breed at Windsor on Sunday, the same pair of setters repeated their wins and Champion Rummy went on to Reserve Winners in the Sporting Group.

Both shows had large entries of setters and over 40 different breeds were represented.

MRS. H. L. BENNIE GUEST SPEAKER AT KNOX Y. W. A.

Mrs. H. L. Bennie, of Elmira, was the guest speaker for the Trunk Evening meeting of Knox Y. W. A. last Thursday evening. Mrs. Bennie gave a very inspiring message on "W. M. S. in Action and in Duty."

Mrs. F. Terry presided and was assisted on the program by Mrs. Wilds and Mrs. Otterbein, Mrs. Somerville, Mrs. Price and Mrs. O'Hara. Mrs. Maplesden and Mrs. Bowen contributed vocal solos and Mrs. Thomson a piano solo.

Mrs. F. Anderson gave a review of the Y. W. A. Mrs. Muselle presented Mrs. O'Hara with a life membership certificate. The closing prayer was given by Mrs. Matthews. A social time was enjoyed and a delightful lunch was served.

Stanley Hall is Unanimous Choice for Prog. Cons.

Nomination Meeting at Milton Last Friday Hears Provincial and Federal Candidates

An enthusiastic meeting of about 400 was held in the Town Hall, Milton, on April 20th to nominate a candidate to contest the County of Halton in the coming Provincial election on June 4th.

The meeting opened with some very timely remarks by the President, Mr. Duncan McCallum, who started nomination proceedings. On motion it was decided to have an open nomination and Mr. Stanley Hall was nominated by Mrs. Grace Hallet, of Oakville, seconded by Mr. L. E. Fleck of Georgetown. On motion, nominations were closed and Mr. Hall duly nominated for the Progressive Conservative Party in this riding.

Mr. Hall, then came to the platform and very ably outlined the work of the Drew Government for the short time they were in office showing how they had implemented the 22 points they had promised before the election only 2 years ago, also outlining the encouraging letters he had had congratulating the Drew Government and himself on the bill regarding "Religious Education in the Schools."

Mr. Hall also explained the working of the stock yards before taken over and now showing the amount of money that has been saved for the Government is doing.

Mr. Hall gave some very illuminating figures on the amount of monies paid to different schools in this county, and generally pointed out the very worth while legislation that the Drew Government had put in force in the short time they had been in power, and promising that he and his government if returned would continue to put in force the very best legislation for the country as a whole.

As the Federal election so closely follows the Provincial election so closely, Mr. A. S. Nicholson, the Federal candidate for Halton spoke at the meeting, first congratulating Mr. Hall on his nomination and then outlining the work that he and his organizers were doing. He also introduced to the meeting Mr. Peter Tulley, of Burlington, who is assisting Mr. Nicholson in the county organization.

Mr. Nicholson gave some very impressive accounts of his recent talks with the National Leader, Mr. Braken, telling of the work he was doing in the interest of the country as a whole. The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

Former Prisoner Now Back in Allied Hands

The Allied advance in Germany brought the good news to Mrs. Angus McDonald, and family on Tuesday that Pte. Norman McDonald a prisoner of war is now officially reported safe in Allied hands on April 12th.

Pte. McDonald has been a prisoner of war for some months. He had written home briefly that he was well and received the Red Cross parcels regularly. He has been overseas with the Canadians for some years.

PIONEER M.D. CELEBRATES

THE PAS, M.D. (CP)—Dr. Arthur Rose recently celebrated his 85th year as a medical doctor. The pioneer physician came north 43 years ago when The Pas was part of the Northwest Territories.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Conventions, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, in cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 25c.

Gung Ho C.G.I.T. group are holding a tea, baking sale and bazaar in the United Church on Saturday, April 28th, 3 to 6 p.m.

Old Time Dance, Brookville Hall, April 30th, auspices Nasagaweya Women's Institute. Admission 35c, ladies provide or 35c. Alex. Near's Orchestra.

Legion Dance in Acton-Town Hall, Saturday, April 28th, 50c. Victory Orchestra. Admission 50c. Come out and help build a memorial hall for the boys.

Euchre and Dance at Bannockburn School on Friday, April 27th under the auspices of the Woodside Victory Club. Cards faced at 9 p.m. Lucky prizes. Quilt Draw. Shortliff's Orchestra. Admission 25c.