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## Commission Mourns Loss of Miss Bertha H. Speight

### Resolution Passed at Meeting on Monday—Plans Proceeding for Water Extensions

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

A resolution of tribute was passed by the Commission for the splendid, conscientious, efficient and cheery service that the late Miss Bertha H. Speight rendered not only to the Commission as Secretary, Treasurer and Municipal Treasurer, but to the citizens of Acton as a whole. The Commission joined with a host of many other friends in mourning her passing and are mindful that in the success of Hydro, Water and Municipal affairs in Acton, her loyalty and untiring effort and ability have been leading factors and her example of conduct of these great trusts have indeed set a high standard.

A rebate was requested on a water service due to freeze-up during the winter. As the Commission felt the freeze-up had occurred in the pipes while crossing the highway this request was granted. The consumer had taken all possible precautions to eliminate the danger of freeze-up on their own property.

Superintendent Wilson reported that the engineer was planning to be in Acton on Tuesday to take borings of the soil at both the spring property and on the proposed waterworks extensions. The engineer plans to be ready to call for tenders on this work by June 1st.

Haxter Laboratories requested that the main feeding their plant be increased from 2 to 4 inch size in order that their machines could work up to capacity. The necessary arrangements are to be made and a 4 inch meter purchased.

The Treasurer was instructed to pay the following accounts:

| Hydro Department                |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| Bell Telephone, services        | \$ 6.91 |
| F. L. Wright, insurance         | 23.50   |
| Mrs. H. L. Macdonald, insurance | 57.50   |
| Force Electric, supplies        | 1.53    |
| Northern Electric, supplies     | 100.32  |
| Can. General Electric           | 45.25   |
| Line and Cable, supplies        | 28.55   |
| Symon Hardware, supplies        | 8.42    |
| H.E.P.C. of Ontario, power      | 1445.41 |
| Express                         | 2.35    |
| <b>\$1717.74</b>                |         |
| Waterworks Department           |         |
| Canadian Brass Co., supplies    | \$59.12 |
| Symon Hardware, supplies        | 3.06    |
| Power and heating at spring     | 47.55   |
| Express                         | 70      |
| <b>\$110.43</b>                 |         |

## C.C.F. Candidates Address Meetings in Nassagaweya

The Federal candidate of the C. C. F. for Halton, C. C. Browne, addressed a meeting at Brookville Hall, Nassagaweya, on May 17. After outlining the C. C. F. policy in respect to home, job, education and health, Mr. Browne stressed the need of security for Canada, by lighting the monopolies which are sapping the very life of the people. In contrast to the enemy which has been created by these monopolies between farmers and laborers the Saskatchewan C. C. F. farmer government has done the following things: Passed bills to help labor by raising wages and shortening work hours; taken over the Hydro system, reducing the service charges immediately; passed a marketing act to help farmers; and made farmers secure on their farms by the Farm Security Act. The government has also taken over a large brick-making business, has expanded and improved it getting ready to provide returning soldiers with jobs.

Mr. Browne spoke with contempt of the "Social Salicide" pamphlet which has been sent out in millions from coast to coast a combination of half truths, distorted facts and many downright lies. They are the product of a paid agitator and have cost many thousands of dollars, he said.

Cecil Millward, Provincial C. C. F. candidate, then addressed the meeting. He told that the reforms of the C. C. F. party are drawn up by the people and not by the leaders. All the promises made by the other two parties will not be fulfilled any more than they have been in the past. Only by planning such as we see done by the provincial government in Saskatchewan today, can we make Canada a home for her heroes.

An informal and lively discussion followed.

The two candidates addressed a meeting at Eden Mills on the same evening.

## Knox Church to Mark Centennial Sunday, June 3rd

Elaborate plans have been in progress for some months by various committees for the fitting observance on Sunday, June 3rd of the 100th Anniversary of the founding of Knox Presbyterian Church in Acton. Institutions have been sent to many former members residing elsewhere and it is expected that it will be the occasion of a grand reunion at the Old Kirk.

In connection with the Centennial a committee of which Miss Isabel Anderson is convener have gone to some extent to prepare a historical booklet giving the church history through the first 100 years of its founding. We have assisted in printing many Church history books but have never been so associated with as complete and full a production as the one now in preparation.

There are a number of illustrations, not only of all the ministers of the Church, but also of present group now holding office, the choir and many other groups. There is also a photograph of Rev. J. W. Rae and the choir in the old church, some Sunday classes of other days and pictures that will bring happy reminiscences.

The book will make between 50 and 70 pages which is about double the size of the average Church historical booklet. It is most complete in dates and other facts and names of early members of the Kirk. We understand the limited number being printed are to be available at the Centennial Sunday on June 3rd. It is a book that any one interested in Acton and its early days will want to have in their collection.

The speaker on this occasion is to be Prof. D. W. Hay, M.A. of Knox College, Toronto, and Mrs. D. W. Gifford, Toronto, and Mr. C. G. Lynch, Guelph, will be guest soloists. The Ladies' Aid are arranging to provide dinner for the visitors back home on that day.

## GORDON HILL WEDDING IN THE LIMEHOUSE CHURCH

Limehouse Presbyterian Church was the scene of a pretty wedding when Gwendolyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hill, of Limehouse, became the bride of Allan W. Gordon, R.C.A.F., Kingston, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Gordon, Rockwood. The ceremony was performed before a background of sandragons and palms by Rev. C. C. Cochrane.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of white slipper satin designed on princess lines, with sweetheart neckline, inserted lace panels and full skirt. Her full-length veil was held in place by a halo of orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of American Beauty roses and baby's breath.

Mrs. Lloyd Thomas, sister of the groom, wearing a gown of soft pink taffeta with sweetheart neckline, long torso and full skirt, was matron of honor. She wore a shoulder-length veil with headpiece of pink roses and carried a bouquet of Briarcliff roses and maidenhair fern.

Miss Vivian Hill, gowned in a frock of soft blue taffeta with high neckline, long torso and full skirt, was bridesmaid. Her shoulder-length veil was held in place by pink roses and she carried a nosegay of sweet peas.

Mr. Lloyd Thomas, of Rockwood, supported the groom and Mr. Fred Hill, Limehouse, and Mr. Robert Holmes, Toronto, were ushers. The wedding music was played by Mrs. C. Meredith. During the signing of the register, Miss Helen Meredith sang "I Love You Truly."

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Club Ritz. The bride's table was attractively arranged with a three-tiered wedding cake and low bowls of sweet peas.

Receiving with the young couple were Mr. and Mrs. A. Hill and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Gordon. Mrs. Hill wore a two-piece ensemble of light blue crepe with matching accessories and corsage of pink carnations. Mrs. Gordon chose a two-piece frock of navy sheer with matching accessories and corsage of Talsman roses and bouvardia.

For the wedding trip the bride wore a blue suit with gold-colored topcoat and blue accessories. They will take up residence in Kingston.

Guests were present from Toronto, Hamilton, Acton, Rockwood, Belwood, Limehouse and Georgetown.

## LOCAL DOG TOOK HIGH STAND IN GUELPH SHOW

The English Bull dog named Show Girl and owned by Mr. Lawrence Wick, Bower Avenue, won the following prizes at the Guelph Kennel Club International All-Breed Annual Spring Dog Show, 1945 held on Saturday, 1st in Open Class; 1st in the over-40 lb. class; Best female in the whole dog class.

## Acton and District Raised 109% in Eighth Loan

### Complete Returns are now in and Halton County Raised 137% of Quota with Milton and District Winning Plaque with 157% of Objective Raised — Oakville Stood Second

Final returns in the Eighth Victory Loan show that Acton and district raised a total of \$260,000 or 109 per cent of the objective. Of this amount there were 1092 applicants in Acton for an amount of \$239,200 and 76 applicants in the part of Acton adjoining Acton for \$20,800. In Halton County there was \$1,213,150 subscribed or 137 per cent of the objective. In the Seventh Loan Acton and district subscribed a total of \$263,250 made up of 1093 applications from Acton for \$235,050 and 71 applications from Esquing for \$28,200.

Every district in the County exceeded their objective with Milton leading the list at 157 per cent and thereby winning the County plaque which will be presented at a sacred band concert on Sunday evening. Standing of other groups were Oakville 147%, Georgetown 139%, Burlington 124%, Nassagaweya 111% and Acton 109%.

In the Payroll Savings groups of industries with over fifty employees, everyone of the Acton industries went well over their quota. Beardsmore and Co. attained 118%, Storey-Glove Co. had 108% and Wood Combining Corporation 106%.

In the smaller industries in Acton having under fifty employees, Ajax Engineering topped the list with 200%, Mason Knitting Co. was second with 128%, Force Electric Products raised 105%, Haxter Laboratories had 100%, Arrinto Co. 82%, and Acton Machine Shops 70%.

The Committee in charge of the Eighth Loan in Acton have every reason to be proud of the fine showing made again and the following is a message from Chairman J. H. Boulton to the citizens of the town and district.

At the beginning of the Eighth Victory Loan Campaign, as Chairman of your local committee I made an appeal to you to help finish off the European section of the War by buying Bonds.

You stayed right in there pitching and by so doing again we passed our quota. Please accept my personal thanks for this splendid effort.

I also wish to express my deep appreciation and thanks to every member of the committee, our three salesmen and Mrs. Matthews who looked after the office end of the work in a very efficient and cheerful manner, everyone pulled his weight 100 per cent, thank you all.

J. H. Boulton, Chairman  
Eighth Victory Loan Committee

## Messages Gladden Hearts as Prisoners are Liberated

With the close of war and the occupation of Germany, the messages from overseas are more encouraging. Now the opening phrase quite often reads "I'm glad to inform you." It was one of these better messages that Mrs. John Irvine, Bower Avenue, received on Monday.

"Pleased to inform you that Company Sergeant Major John Irvine previously reported prisoner-of-war in Germany is now officially reported safe in the United Kingdom, May 19, 1945."

Friends rejoice with Mrs. Irvine. Teddy and Keith in this splendid word now received. It was in August 1942 that CSM Irvine was reported missing after the Dieppe Raid and in October of that year he was reported a prisoner-of-war at Camp Stalag 81B. In July 1942 he had been awarded the Canadian Efficiency Medal. He was with the Lorne Scouts since 1940 and spent most of the time overseas.

Mr. Jas. Doble, now C.N.R. agent at Clifford, and formerly of Acton, has received official word that his son, Warrant Officer James Robert Doble, has been liberated and was safe in England on May 13th. He enlisted in August 1941, with the R.C.A.F., when 18 years old, and went overseas in September 1942, as a navigator, on a Halifax bomber. Shortly before being taken prisoner on a night raid over Germany he was promoted to Warrant Officer.

W.O. Doble was born in Acton and attended Acton Public School. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Doble, Brock Avenue, and many friends here rejoice with them in this good news.

## WAR PRISONER RELEASED



CSM John Irvine, who has been released from German prison and is now back in England.

## THIS WEEK

By FRANK HINDIE  
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TORONTO (CP) The sun shined out again this week after the down-pour which had Ontario folk referring to "30 days and 40 nights" of rain, but its rays revealed a flood which had caused damage estimated at least \$50,000,000 to much-needed crops throughout the province.

Thousands of acres of farm and fruit lands had suffered in the month-long deluge and seed had rotted in the soggy soil in many areas. Some farms were inundated by floods brought on by spring swollen rivers and streams and the five-inch rain-fall which had started in the middle of April and continued until this week. Early analysis of damage brought home that the province's overseas food commitments might be endangered.

Western Ontario and the Niagara peninsula fruitlands were among the areas most seriously affected. Thirty-five houses in the Wallaceburg area of Western Ontario were isolated by three feet of water from the swollen Sydenham River. Chatham merchants were warned to move their merchandise out of reach of the flooded Thames whose level was nine feet above normal. Approximately 4,500 acres of farm and other land in the Wallaceburg vicinity were under water. Worst damage appeared to be centred in the Lambton and Kent counties.

A record total of 311 candidates appeared likely to contest the 90 provincial seats in the June 4 Ontario general election, compared with 283 in the 1943 election and the previous high of 293 candidates in 1923 when there were 11 seats at stake.

A Canadian Press survey shows that the Progressive Conservative forces of Premier George Drew, whose government had 38 seats in the last legislature, have nominated 90 candidates in every riding. The C.C.F., official opposition in the last legislature with 32 members, has 88 candidates in the field. The Liberals have 79 official candidates and eight others with party support. Five Liberal Labor, two I.A.W.-Labor and a total of 87. The Liberals had 16 members in the last house. The Labor-Progressive party has 31 candidates nominated, mostly in northern and industrial ridings.

Six Independent candidates are in the field as well as four Labor, two Independent-Labor and one each of Socialist-Labor, Independent Progressive, Conservative and Independent Soldier.

Additional candidates may still qualify between now and official nomination day May 28. All but two of the 311 candidates in the Canadian Press survey have already filed nomination papers and their names have been sent overseas to be placed before the overseas voters in their election May 30 to June 4.

## FRIENDS HONOR MRS. JAS. GIBBENS ON 70th BIRTHDAY

Last Thursday evening, a group of friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mrs. E. Coles to honor Mrs. James Gibbens on her 70th birthday. The evening was enjoyed by the play of Bingo and a sing song. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess and everyone conveyed congratulations to Mrs. Gibbens on attaining her 70th year.

Mrs. Gibbens replied suitably and thanked everyone for a memorable evening and the lovely gifts which she received.

## Crowd Packed Gregory Theatre For Liberal Meeting

Gregory Theatre in Acton was filled on Wednesday evening of last week in spite of heavy rain, when the Liberal candidates, Hughes Cleaver and Mrs. Mary S. Pettit addressed the electors. It was noted too that the audience stayed until the meeting ended and listened intently to the addresses.

Mr. Cleaver, the Federal member for Halton has of course appeared many times before Acton audiences and his clear-cut reasoning and sound logic on the problems of the day were as clearly presented on this occasion as has been his procedure in the past.

Mrs. S. Pettit, the Provincial Liberal candidate made her first appearance before an Acton crowd and impressed the electors with her sincerity for public service and her ability to be a real influence if elected to the provincial legislature.

Featured on the evening program was the well known tenor, Mr. Tom Stewart of Clarkson who delighted the audience with his numbers "Mother Machine", "Black Legend", "Home on the Range". This was Mr. Stewart's first appearance before an Acton audience and all were delighted.

Prior to the addresses a well known film was shown which seemed also to please the audience. During the afternoon Mrs. Pettit and Mr. Cleaver visited a number of the industrial plants in Acton and met those employed there.

## HALTON DEANERY SUPPORTS PROGRAM OF BIBLE LESSONS

Taking cognizance of an allayed move to oppose the Ontario Department of Education's program for Bible Teaching in the Public Schools of the Province the Halton Deanery of the Church of England in session at Georgetown on Tuesday, May 15, passed the following resolution:

"That the Deanery of Halton strongly and unanimously approves Bible Teaching in the Public Schools and expresses appreciation of the action of the Department of Education in the course they are pursuing."

At an hour when we have been sacrificing our all in defense of Christian freedom and democracy every Christian citizen should be heartily behind this great forward movement in our Public School system.

One of the major reasons for the move on the part of the Department of Education was the unpleasant and disturbing fact that approximately 50 per cent of the non-Roman children were receiving no Bible education whatsoever. That is the situation which the secular education proponents would return us.

In a democratic system the desires and rights of minorities are conditioned by the desires and rights of the majorities. To make the rights of the minority dominant over those of the majority would not be democracy at all. There exists in this country a tendency to postpone just that latter theory. It is not entirely absent in the pleading of those who are critical of this situation in our schools. In this case the rights of the minority are well safeguarded by the privilege on non-participation if they so choose.

## ROCKALONG INSTITUTE ELECTS OFFICERS AT THE MAY MEETING

Mrs. Charles Harris was hostess to the members and friends of Rockalong Women's Institute when they met for the May meeting. The president, Mrs. A. Shultis occupied the chair.

Roll call was answered by the payment of fees. The financial report was given by the secretary-treasurer was given by the War work convener, Mrs. Robt. Johnson and the flower convener, Mrs. Henry Maude.

Mrs. Wm. Pasmore took the chair for the election of officers as follows: Honorary President, Mrs. Albert Shultis; President, Mrs. Douglas McNabb; First Vice-President, Mrs. C. O. Plank; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Wm. Black; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Dunbar; District Director, Mrs. J. Inglis; Pianist, Mrs. Wm. Black; Assistant Pianist, Miss Doris Watson; Directors, Mrs. A. Shultis, Miss Doris Watson, Mrs. Edgar Johnson; Auditors, Mrs. Wm. Pasmore, Mrs. Chas. Harris; Flower Committee, Mrs. Henry Maude, Mrs. G. L. Graham.

A donation of \$3.00 was given to the Jam Fund and it was decided to give aid to a family in need. Delegates were appointed to attend the annual meeting.

The meeting closed with the National Anthem after which the hostess and her committee served lunch.

## Esquing Council Requests School Area in Township

### Eight Sections Petition Council to Form Area—Other Items at May Meeting

Owing to the news that Germany had surrendered unconditionally, Esquing Council meeting was postponed for one week. Deputy Reeve George E. Cleaver, Councilors George Currie, S. H. May and H. R. Brown were present. Reeve G. W. Murray presided over the meeting.

A letter from the Department of Highways approved of the amount of \$11,500 for the year 1945.

A letter from the Federation of Agriculture, conveying the thanks of the County Board for the service rendered on the collecting of the Education Tax for 1944, was received.

Letter from the Georgetown Re-valuation Committee was read and will be dealt with at the next meeting.

Accounts passed for payment included Bell Telephone Co. services, \$167; Georgetown Hydro, \$71.50; A. W. Benton, supplies, \$8.75; H.E. P.C. Hamilton, \$106; Welfare Dept. Stratford, \$200; Ontario Hospital, Woodstock, \$17.50; Relief Accounts, \$49.15.

Moved by Cleaver, seconded by May that this Council request that a School Area be formed of School Sections No. 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11, according to petitions received and that the Clerk be instructed to prepare a by-law in accordance with the School Area Act, Carried.

Moved by May, seconded by Currie, that the Reeve and Treasurer are authorized and empowered to sell and assign the following Dominion of Canada Bonds, registered on the books of the Department of Finance at Ottawa, in the name of the Township of Esquing: Clergy Reserve Fund \$5,000; 1929 \$100, 1931 \$100. Carried.

Moved by Currie, seconded by Cleaver, that the road accounts as presented by the Road Superintendent be paid, \$765.35. Carried.

Moved by Cleaver, that the Treasurer be instructed to forward membership fee of \$20.00 to the Association of Assessing Officers. That the Township Assessors, A. W. Benton and Cecil Chisholm be delegates to the Convention to be held in Niagara Falls on June 13th, 14th and 15th. Carried.

Moved by May and seconded by Cleaver, that this Council adjourn to meet June 5th at 10 o'clock as a court of revision, and at 2 o'clock as a council or at the call of the Reeve. Carried.

## I. O. D. E. GROUP REALIZE \$130 FROM SALE AND TEA

A very successful tea, baking and rummage sale was held in the town hall, Saturday May 19th by group one of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E., convened by Mrs. Wesley Masales.

The beautiful braided rug made and donated by Mrs. Masales was won by Mrs. Geo. Gibbins.

Mrs. Jos. Whithorn was the lucky winner of the attractive cake which was made and given by Mrs. W. H. Clayton. The proceeds amounted to \$130.

## Lakeside Chapter I. O. D. E. Mile of Money, Saturday, May 26th.

Band Concert in Acton Park, Sunday, May 27th 8 p.m. Come out and give the boys your support.

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Legion Dance in Acton Town Hall, Saturday, May 26th, Stewart Elliott's Orchestra. Admission 50¢. Come out and help build a memorial hall for the boys.

## Euchre and Dance, Thursday, May 24th and every second Thursday until further notice in St. Joseph's Hall, Acton at 8 p.m. Good prizes—Admission 25¢. Everyone welcome.

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## Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings. On every other Friday, under the heading, are listed in cents per line, with a minimum charge for an announcement of 25¢.

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