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Twelve Home-Print Pages—Five Cents

138 Attended the Blood Donor Clinic Here Yesterday

Twelve Silver Buttons and Nineteen Bronze Buttons Are Awarded

138 attended the ninth Blood Donor Clinic in Acton on Wednesday morning. This is a slight drop from the 175 at the last clinic but in view of the present trend is a splendid record. Clinics all over have had decreased attendance since the cessation of hostilities in Europe. In the nine clinics in Acton 996 have attended.

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

L. O. Johnston, John Hardie, Melvin Storey, Donald Matheson, R. M. Blacklock, Howard Graff, Wilmer Watkins, Alfred Ralph, Joseph Jennings, Ross Gordon, Ray Mason and Claude Cook

Nineteen bronze buttons for three donations were awarded the following: Stanley Norton, C. Spies, Ruth Graham, Calvin MacIntyre, Mrs. W. Evans, Mrs. Gordon Moore, Grace Gibson, Annie Black, Charles Kirkness, Lawrence Webster, R. McEachern, Thos. Kennedy, Donald Robertson, Mrs. Earl Smith, Percy Woods (Chas. Patt, E. Patt, Emma Robinson, Ray Thompson

Following is the list of volunteers at the ninth clinic:

From the district adjoining Acton, O. L. Johnston, A. F. Marshall, M. J. Boulton, Ruby Walker, F. Ramsden, Fred Rinehart, Roy Johnston, Eva Hittelle, Ralph McKeown, Ruth Graham, Donald Matheson, Melvin Storey, Peter Kamin, Fred Hill, Eddie Watta, Calvin MacIntyre, Ross Gordon, C. J. MacIntyre, Ivan Robinson, Bert Avery, Mary Matthews, George Ingle, Ben Salmon, J. D. Miller, S. Miller, Howard Graff, Oscar Locker, Lloyd Bart, Mrs. G. Ingle, Mrs. F. Denn, Marion Diamond, A. H. Diamond, Wilmer Watkins, A. Hill, Alleen McMillan, Mrs. W. Watkins, Mrs. D. Drysdale, Annie Black, Mrs. O. Locker, Jos. Jennings, Lawrence Webster, Walter Huxley, Thos. Kennedy, A. L. Waddle, W. Thompson, Clarence Cole, Donald Robertson, Mrs. E. Smith, Chas. Patt, E. Patt, Ross Gordon, Violet Weaver, Clarence Wilson, Ray Thompson, Mrs. G. Somerville, Marion Matheson, Joseph Henderson, C. E. Davenport, Francis Whaley

Those residing in Acton: John Hardie, Ernie W. Segsworth, S. Norton, R. Spillvogel, C. Spies, Shirley Marchant, Robert Brooks, Wes Allan, W. F. Anderson, Wes Marchant, Grenville Masales, Gordon Bilton, Hamilton Deal, T. Jones, S. Collett, J. S. Sargent, Frank Gibbons, H. W. Palmer, George Muselle, Peter Andruschow, Gertrude Lindsay, R. M. Blacklock, Victor Masters, Eater Taylor, Mrs. E. Collett, George Holloway, Inez McEllan, Lloyd Brown, G. Kalbfleisch, Mrs. L. Masales, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. I. Harris, Mrs. W. Evans, J. D. Lappin, Mrs. F. Stuckey, Mrs. J. Kentner, Mona Smith, Eleanor Joque, Grace Gibson, R. J. Anderson, Jos. Whitham, J. A. Kirkness, Margaret Sinclair, Mrs. John Irwin, Karl Klantner, Beatrice Anderson, Mrs. G. Tansley, Fred Kentner, Alfred Ralph, Earl Davidson, John Crossy, Sylvia Jones, C. Cook, Chas. Kirkness, S. F. Stuckey, Miss Edna Fryor, Mildred Ross, Wm. Middleton, Emma Robinson, Herb, Ritchie, Doris, Sigaworth, Audrey, Gracchow, Mrs. L. Doby, C. A. Sinclair, Ray Mason, Mrs. H. Otterburn, H. Thompsonson, Mrs. Albert Harris, Marguerite Bader, Helen West, Evelyn Atkinson, Cecil Gamble, Douglas Priestley, Mrs. L. Atkinson, Margaret Toocood, Mrs. N. Wright, R. McEachern, Mrs. F. Pank, P. Woods, Laura Lovell

Of the group there were nine men and five women who attended for the first time. There were 71 men and 42 women who had attended previous clinics.

The mobile unit was in charge of Miss Anshie, assisted by Miss Anderson, Mrs. Lake and Mrs. Bell. The doctors in charge were Dr. W. G. C. Kenney, Acton and Dr. Waller, Rockwood.

Nurses convalesced by Mrs. Benton were Mrs. Cullen, Mrs. Brownlow, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Black, Miss L. Sproule, Miss Chant, Mrs. West, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Van Norman and Mrs. Finley.

Convenor of refreshments was Mrs. W. J. Beatty assisted by Mrs. C. Mathews, Mrs. F. Salt, Mrs. M. Schroeder, Mrs. H. Boulton and Mrs. R. R. Park-er.

Office Staff, Mrs. H. O. Boyes, Mrs. R. Heeley, Mrs. Mac Symon, Mrs. W. Middleton, Mr. Aubrey Gervais and Miss Dorothy Footitt.

Reception committee: Mr. A. Mason, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. McLean.

Mr. Perry Watson donated three quarts of cream and two quarts of milk. The Y.M.C.A. Club made the arrangements for the beds and tables and furnishings required.

ACTON AIRMAN WON D.F.C.



Flying Officer Erwin H. McKeown, who was last week awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He is the son of Mrs. Albert McKeown, R. R. 3, Acton.

Acton Airman Awarded D.F.C. for Overseas Service

Flying Officer Erwin McKeown Had 33 Operational Flights Over Germany

Honor won for "courage and devotion to duty" was given Flying Officer Erwin H. McKeown last week when he, with 36 other members of the R.C.A.F. was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He is a son of Mrs. Albert McKeown, R. R. 3, Acton.

The citation said "The following officers have completed in various capacities numerous operations against the enemy in the course of which they have invariably displayed the utmost fortitude, courage and devotion to duty."

F. O. McKeown returned from overseas service in February after having completed thirty three operational bombing trips over enemy territory from a base in England. He had been in the service for over three years and before enlisting was employed at Whitham's Garage in Acton. He attended Acton High School and since being discharged from the service is taking a special course of study at Queen's University, Kingston.

A brother, Lance-Corporal Gordon McKeown, returned from duty overseas with the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals. There are two other brothers and three sisters: Lloyd, on the family farm; Ralph, attending school; Mrs. Jos. Whitham, Acton; Mrs. M. Watson, Hamilton and Mrs. Duncan McMillan, Billingsford.

We join with other Acton friends in extending congratulations to F. O. McKeown on the honor won by him.

THE ROZELL-DURRELL WEDDING MAY 3rd AT WOLSLEY SASK.

The following item from the Wolsley, Sask. News will be read with interest by many of our readers: The groom, Mr. David Rozell, is the son of Mrs. Selma Rozell, Acton and is well-known here.

The home of Mrs. Corn Durrell was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Thursday, May 3rd, when, by a ceremony performed by Rev. W. Ingles, she, Mrs. Durrell, was united in marriage to David Rozell, Quornethy. The bride looked charming in a two-piece gown of pale-blue crepe, with hat to match. Her corsage was made up of American Beauty roses. She was attended by her sister, Mrs. Frank Pugsley, while Mr. K. Foster, Abernethy, supported the groom.

Mrs. H. Meek had charge of the door and guest host.

During the signing of the register Mr. Ivan Blakley, nephew of the bride, sang "I Love You Truly," accompanied by Mrs. Black who had charge of the wedding music.

A buffet luncheon was served at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. J. Blakley, to fifty guests. Rev. Mr. Ingles presided the toast to the bride to which Mrs. Rozell ably responded. Mr. Foster was also called on to make a speech.

For travelling the bride donned a gold-colored coat with white accessories. The happy couple left for points west to spend a brief honeymoon, returning later to their farm home south of Abernethy.

In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Rozell were at home to thirty friends in the Hotel Saskatchewan, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Edmund of Young, Saskatchewan. On the return of Mr. and Mrs. Rozell to Sinaluta they were greeted by forty friends who called at their home to welcome them and presented them with a hand painting.

Council Discusses Steps For Installation of Sewage

Resolution Expresses Appreciation of Services and Regret of Passing of Miss Bertha H. Speight—Town Planning Survey Would Cost \$300—Fences at Park Discussed by Adjoining Property Owners

A meeting of Acton Council was held last evening at which Councilors J. H. Creighton, J. H. Boulton, W. J. O. Oakes and F. Davidson were present and Heese J. M. McDonald presided.

A group of citizens owning properties adjoining the Park were present to discuss with Council the building of a new fence at the park. The citizens felt that they should not pay any cost of the fence around the park and the entire cost should be borne by the municipality. The citizens were not particular as to the type of fence that was erected. Council expressed appreciation to the citizens for coming and discussing the matter but felt they should pay a portion of the cost.

Chief Harrop reported that Harry Oakley had erected a building for which he had not secured a permit and it was not in compliance with the building and fire by-laws. Fire Chief Chisholm was also present to discuss the matter. The Fire Committee arranged to inspect the building.

Mr. C. Denny desired to start an ice delivery business in Acton. According to the by-law, he would be required to pay the transient license fee of \$100 before starting business. Mr. Denny was selling ice manufactured by a Toronto firm and acting as agent and in that way was not liable for the transient trader's fee if carried on under the manufacturer.

It was decided to instal an additional street light near the corner of Church and John Streets.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

Acton Free Press printing and advertising \$310.36
Acton Library Board, on grant 200.00
Acton Milton and George town Public Nurse Committee 600.00

Johnstone & Buxley, flowers 12.00
Acton and Victory War Service League, steel posts 1.00

A letter from John Layng, architect stated the cost of making a plan of the town with zoning would be \$300. This would include a complete report.

A letter was received from Mr. J. W. Wolfe regarding water works frontage on lots. This account should have been billed according to contract and another account was to be prepared and sent with an explanation of the levy.

A letter was read regarding the hospital account of an indigent patient and referred to County Council.

A letter from Armstrong, Anderson & Co. engineers said they expected to be able to advertise for tenders for extension of water mains in about two weeks. It would require an additional two weeks to secure permission of Municipal Board to make this extension of mains. Plans were proceeding as rapidly as possible.

Lakeside Chapter of the I.O.D.E. requested permission to hold a tag day on Saturday June 16th for the Kinsmen's Milk for Britain Fund. Permission was granted.

Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. was given permission to hold a "Mile of Copper" day on June 30th. The Clerk read a copy of a letter sent to the Department of Municipal Affairs requesting information regarding the exemption from Poll Tax on men who had served in the war. No reply had yet been received.

The Clerk gave details from the registry office regarding a lot on Mill Street east, which had been retained as a continuation of George Street.

Mr. Harrop reported the drainage on Main Street at Gilmore's blacksmith shop had been repaired.

Preliminary steps in connection with the installation of a sewerage system were briefly discussed and it was felt necessary to hold a special meeting to go into detail. It was hoped this meeting could be arranged for June 15th.

The Clerk was requested to secure additional copies of the map of Acton for use in the Municipal Offices.

The following resolution was passed by Council "That this Corporation records its appreciation of the many years of loyal service rendered to this Village by the late Bertha H. Speight in her different phases of municipal employment and also express our sorrow and regret at her untimely demise."

Your home paper contains twelve pages this week and even then we are unable to include all the advertising that was requested.

Centennial Knox Church on Sunday Will Be An Event

Sunday will be a red letter day in the annals of Knox Presbyterian Church here when the congregation with their friends from far and near mark the hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Kirk in Acton. It will be an occasion when friends from far and near once again gather to worship in the church so well known and beloved and it will too be a time for reminiscence.

Guest speaker for the day will be Prof. D. W. Hay, M.A. of Toronto and guest soloists will be Mrs. E. M. Gowdy and Mr. C. G. Lyness. Another occasion of rare opportunity for fellowship will be the dinner being served in the church after the morning service.

As we intimated last week, a history of the Church down through the hundred years has been compiled and arranged under the guidance of Miss Isabel Anderson. This historical booklet is unique in many respects. It contains over sixty pages or double the usual size of church histories. While there are photographs of those of early years, there are also many of those of church officials to day.

A picture of the first choir, the one of 1841 and the present choir are included. Knox Church has had ten ministers during the 100 years. All of their pictures and sketches of their ministry are included in the record. There are over thirty reproductions of photographs in the book. It is bound in a light blue leatherette finished cover on which is a fine engraving of the present church. It is a compilation of which Miss Anderson and her committee may well be proud and a book that will be cherished not only now but in the years to come by those who are fortunate enough to secure one from the limited number prepared.

HONORED BY FRIENDS ON TWENTY-FIFTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Cole, Guelph and Miss Elinor Davenport, Acton gave an informal party with one hundred and twenty-five guests, for their parents, Mrs. and Mrs. C. E. Davenport of Nagsawaga at Brookville Hall on Friday evening, May 25th on the occasion of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

A small table nicely decorated stood in one corner of the room to hold the gifts of the family, and although their sincere request of no gifts was mostly respected a few of their more intimate friends did quietly add several to those of the family.

The groom of twenty-five years ago presented his bride with a chest of silverware in the Lady Hamilton pattern. Just before lunch was served Mr. Davenport on behalf of himself and Mrs. Davenport spoke a few words of welcome to their guests and of the pleasure they received in being able to celebrate the happy occasion with their friends and thanked those who in any way were helping to make the evening a success. He also explained their wish that no gifts be presented.

Music was supplied by Mr. Alex. Near, Mrs. Wm. Harris, Mr. Stewart and Mrs. Wm. Frank, Jordan brothers and Mr. John Henderson. Their eldest son Tpr. Arthur Davenport was unable to be with them as he is in the army overseas.

Guests besides neighbors were from Acton, Guelph, Milton, Campbellville, Birminghamthorpe, Aurora, Hornby and Moffat.

BOYS' BAND TO HOLD JAMBORRE IN ACTON PARK

Arrangements have been completed for a Band Jamboree to be held in Acton Park, Saturday, June 16th. Ingersoll Y's Men's Club and Guelph Y's Men's Club are sending their bands to take part in the afternoon competition. Bolton Citizen's Band will also be a contestant.

An afternoon and evening program have been planned. The evening program features the Ingersoll, Guelph, Boulton and Acton Bands together, over one hundred and twenty-five boys taking part.

A 24 page souvenir program complete with pictures of the bands has been compiled for the occasion and the committee are looking forward to a big day for the boys.

The committee in charge consists of R. Bean, chairman, S. Lorne, C. Heard, G. Kalbfleisch, W. Clayton, E. Lambert and W. Benson.

PRISONER OF WAR HOME



Pte. N. H. McDonald who was taken as Prisoner of War last October returned to his home near Acton last week.

More Acton Men Return Home from Overseas Service

Pte. W. Lock and Pte. N. H. McDonald Get Home After Years Overseas

More servicemen returned to their homes in this district during the week. Pte. W. Lock arrived home last Wednesday after being overseas since December 1910. He was with the I.C.A.M.C. and had been on the continent since D-Day. It was coming to a new home for Pte. Lock since he went overseas Mrs. Loe L. Has moved from Toronto to their home at Crossway's Corners, but he felt he was among friends.

Talking to him after arriving home he recalled that it was Christmas Day 1910 he landed overseas. He had chicken for dinner, but (quintlings) were lacking and some of the things we consider very essential. Friend are glad to see him return and come through unscathed.

On Friday Pte. N. H. McDonald, son of Mrs. Angus McDonald, Fourth Line was welcomed home by his mother and members of the family. On October 17th Pte. McDonald was reported missing in action. Then in November word came that he was a prisoner of war in Germany. Regular messages have been received from him since that time and now at last he is home again.

Pte. McDonald enlisted in April 1913 and went overseas the following January. His mother, brothers Sandy Joe and Archie at home; Russel and Ken in Milton and sisters Mrs. Wm. Lillie of Everton and Mrs. Edwin Currie of Milton are indeed glad of his safe return. Another brother Clifford is serving overseas.

NOW REPORTED DANGEROUSLY ILL IN OVERSEAS HOSPITAL

Many friends will regret to learn that Mrs. Herbert Price has received word that her husband Pte. Herbert Price is now reported dangerously ill in hospital in England. Pte. Price was reported to be making satisfactory progress following the wounds sustained and had been able to write some letters. All will hope that better word may soon be received.

THE HANNOCKBURN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE HOLD MAY MEETING

The Hanoockburn Women's Institute held their May meeting at the home of Mrs. D. J. Morrison. The roll call was an interesting feature of the meeting when the members replied by exchanging flower slips. It was decided to raise some money by making a fancy quilt and selling tickets on it.

The meeting opened with a piano solo by Mrs. C. Coles. Mrs. Gordon Bowen favored the meeting with a lovely vocal solo. The report of the District Annual held at Campbellville on May 10th was given by Mrs. C. Coles. The meeting closed with the National Anthem and a social half-hour was enjoyed.

PROG-CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATES MEET ELECTORATE AT DANCE

A dance arranged by the Progressive Conservative Association was held in the Town Hall, Acton on Tuesday evening. The heavy rain interfered some with the attendance, but an enjoyable evening was held. Stewart Elliott's Orchestra provided the music.

During the evening the Provincial Candidate Stan Hall and the Federal Candidate Allan Nicholson addressed the gathering.

Three Candidates for Halton County in Provincial Election

Official Nomination Meeting in Milton on Monday Afternoon Had Only a Small Attendance

Official nominations for the Provincial Election held in Milton on Monday were termed by those attending as the most quiet of such events in years. About 100 people attended.

Mr. W. C. McDowell, Georgetown, is returning officer for Halton and announced the following nominations for the election on June 10th:

Stanley Hall, farmer, R. R. 2 Streetville, Progressive Conservative.
Mrs. Mary S. Pettit, farmer, R. R. 2 Freeman, Liberal.

W. C. Millward, electrician, 10 Smith St., Burlington, C.C.F.

For the meeting that followed, Mr. Gibson of Oakville was chairman and each of the candidates had the privilege of addressing the audience for half an hour.

There are 68 polls to be open in Halton in the Provincial election which included the advanced polls.

Memorial Service At Everton Church For Pte. Gordon Mack

Twenty five members of the John McCrae Branch, Guelph, Canadian Legion visited the Everton Church of Christ Sunday to conduct a memorial service for Private Gordon Mack. The young soldier died in action. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Mack R. R. 4 Rockwood.

Rev. D. H. Marshall, minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Guelph gave the main address. Rev. Mr. Marshall is pastor of the McCrae Branch. He was assisted by Rev. Mr. Ferrier minister of the Everton Church of Christ.

Pastor Denver was hugler. The party conducted the Legion ceremonial burial rites, based on the colorful military procedure. Charles H. Vance president of the McCrae Branch, was in charge.

C.C.F. CANDIDATES HOLD SECOND MEETING IN ACTON

Bert Leavens, Provincial C.C.F. secretary gave a most appealing and instructive speech in the Gregory Theatre here, May 29th. He told of the highly paid slanderous propaganda which was flooding the country at the present time.

He outlined the security offered by the C.C.F. party, started twelve years ago by Mr. Woodsworth.

The speaker made an impassioned speech of appeal for better treatment of old age pensioners and blind people. He quoted the disgraceful record of the deaths of 70,000 children under one year of age, 20,000 mothers in the same period because there was no medical care available for them.

C. C. Browne, federal candidate, and Cecil Millward Provincial candidate also spoke briefly. Robert Duncan, Oakville was chairman.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, etc., given in other Events, under this heading, are charged, in cents per line, with a minimum charge for any one meeting of 25.

Knox Sunday School picnic will be held in Acton Park on June 16th.

The Lakeside Chapter I. O. D. E. Victory Garden Party, June 25th in acton Park. Russa Creighton and his variety entertainers.

Dance at Brookville, June 5th, with Gallbraith's Orchestra. Sponsored by the Buay Bees and held every other Tuesday. Admission 40c.

Mrs. Bert Weeks will present her Victory Concert in the Hillsburg Town Hall, under auspices of Hillsburg Town Band, Wednesday, June 6th, 8:30 p.m. Adults 35c. Children 25c.

Euchre, Acton Ladies Orange Benevolent Association No. 1101 will hold a euchre in the L.O.L. Hall, Crossway Corners Thursday evening, May 31st at 8:30 sharp. Refreshments. Admission 25c. Everyone welcome.

The Knox Church Centennial of Acton will be held on Sunday, June 3rd, morning and evening. Informal meeting at 3 p.m. Professor D. W. Hay will preach. Mrs. D. M. Gowdy of Toronto and Mr. Cecil Lyness of Guelph guest soloists. Dinner will be served following the morning service.