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THIS WEEK

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TORONTO, June 27 (CP)—Charges by Edward B. Jolliffe, Ontario C.C.F. leader that the government of Premier George Drew had maintained a "secret political police," are under investigation here by a Royal Commission under Mr. Justice A. M. LaBelle.

Seven witnesses, including Constable John A. Rowe of the Provincial Police gave evidence on behalf of the C.C.F. leader's allegation and Capt. William J. Osborne-Dempster, head of the alleged Gestapo, took the stand Monday, to answer Mr. Jolliffe's charges.

Mr. Jolliffe himself was the first witness called by the commission. Other witnesses included Miss Agnes McPhail, C.C.F. member of the last legislature and key investigator for the C.C.F. leader, and E. R. G. Hall, Camp Ipperwash soldier and former employee of M. A. Sanderson, Toronto, insecticide dealer said by Mr. Jolliffe to have used "misinformation" supplied by the alleged secret organization as the basis of a public campaign against C. C. F. political candidates.

At the beginning of this week's hearings, F. Andrew Brewin, Mr. Jolliffe's counsel, requested production by the government of all records of the special branch headed by Osborne-Dempster between June 30, 1943, and May 24, 1945. Provincial Police Counsel C. R. Magone argued against their production on the grounds of "security," while Mr. Brewin demanded that the government's privilege to withhold the documents be established. Mr. Justice LaBelle postponed decision on the matter.

The soldier vote in the Ontario general election, announced Monday shifted Wellington North from the Progressive Conservatives to the Liberals, but otherwise left party standings in the legislature unchanged from the result obtained at the civilian vote June 4.

The single change left the standing at: Progressive Conservatives 66; Liberals 11; C.C.F. 8; Liberal-Labor 3; Labor Progressives 2.

Of some 300,000 servicemen in Canada and overseas who were eligible to vote, 113,920 cast ballots.

The combined service-civilian vote in the election totalled 1,733,174 a new high compared with 1,313,938 in 1943 and 1,571,431 in 1937 which was the previous high.

Here is how the servicemen cast their votes, with the percentage in brackets:

Progressive Conservative 40.19 (35); C.C.F. 38.28 (34); Liberal 2.76 (2.5); Labor Progressive 2.67 (2.5); others 3.734 (3). Of the total civilian-service vote, 44 per cent went to the Progressive Conservatives, 27 per cent to the Liberals, 22 per cent to the C.C.F., three to Labor Progressives and four per cent to others.

Records appeared possible in two seats, Wellington North and Brantford. R. A. McEwing, Liberal, in North Wellington had a 27-vote margin over John Root, Progressive Conservative and Cpl. Stanley Dye, Progressive Conservative, had a two-vote lead over Cpl. D. D. Williamson in Brantford.

Acton Soldiers Serving Overseas Cited For Bravery

The latest list of Canadian servicemen to receive decorations overseas contains the names of three Acton men, Sergeant Hector C. Guthrie, Sergeant Frank Holloway and Capt. Wm. Anderson.

All these men were among the officers and ranks in the Canadian Army and were decorated in recognition of gallant and distinguished service overseas with awards of mentions in Dispatches.

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE FOR ACTON LEAGUE FOR JUNE-JULY

Acton Softball League, of which R. B. Mellon is President and Henry T. Jolley, Secretary-treasurer has drawn up the following schedule of games for June and July:

- June 14—Woolcombing vs. Legion
- June 17—Beardmore vs. Wildcats
- June 24—Legion vs. Wildcats; Woolcombing vs. Beardmore
- June 26—Wildcats vs. Woolcombing
- June 28—Beardmore vs. Legion
- July 3—Woolcombing vs. Beardmore
- July 5—Legion vs. Wildcats
- July 8—Wildcats vs. Beardmore; Woolcombing vs. Legion
- July 9—Wildcats vs. Woolcombing
- July 12—Beardmore vs. Legion; and Beardmore vs. Woolcombing
- July 16—Wildcats vs. Woolcombing
- July 19—Beardmore vs. Legion
- July 22—Woolcombing vs. Wildcats and Legion vs. Beardmore

Women's Auxiliary Formed in Acton

The meeting of the Acton Branch of the Canadian Legion held in the Town Hall Friday evening was of special interest in that all ex-servicemen and those still serving were invited to attend with their ladies. The response to this invitation was very gratifying, some seventy persons attending.

The President, S. Snow, called the meeting to order and proceeded with the opening ceremonies, during which the usual address was observed and Rev. A. W. Fishery offered prayer. Most of the usual business was dispensed with and the initiation of eight young "Old Soldiers" was carried out. These men had all recently returned from the war zones overseas and the precision with which they obeyed the commands of the Sergeant-at-Arms, Ben Bayliss, as they marched to the President's Station was very impressive and lent much to the serious solemnity of the ceremony. The obligation these young Veterans took includes "As in war, so in peace, loyalty to my King and country." The President's charge to the candidates stressed that the Legion had nothing to offer except service to others at all times.

The initial purpose of the meeting was to take the first steps towards organizing a Women's Auxiliary in connection with the branch. In this connection, Mrs. Thomas Greve of Georgetown who is the Zone Commander, was present to set forth the "Aims and Objects" of such an organization. After this was done the ladies retired to the Council Chamber and chose the officers who will be installed at an early date by the Provincial President and the Charter will also be presented at that time. Much enthusiasm was evident and we wish the ladies every success in their undertakings.

VOLUNTEERS FAIL AND STORAGE ROOMS PACKED TO ROOF

Mr. R. W. Lowrie and the Salvage Committee for which he has worked so faithfully in the War Service League, have a problem on their hands that can be solved by others. The Salvage rooms on Elgin Street are banded full of material waiting to be baled, ready for shipment. Teams to do the work have not come forward and if the room is not cleared of one's the salvage collection in Acton will have to stop right when it is needed for the want of storage space.

Mr. Lowrie told us he will be at the room every night if volunteer teams will only put in an appearance. It could all be cleared away in a week or so if teams volunteered for each night. That's the need if you will help get in touch with Mr. Lowrie or Mr. Wm. Middleton.

FATHER SENDS WAR SOUVENIRS TO RONALD COLEMAN

There was real variety in the collection of war souvenirs received this week by Ronald Coleman from his father, Pte. Wm. S. Coleman, with the Canadian Army overseas. There was a toy tank, airplanes of a German soldier, German stamps, German money, French currency and ornaments from German uniforms. The collection was on view in The Para Para window for a day during the week.

Winners at Music Festival Last Week In Nassagaweya

Nassagaweya Music Festival was held last week in Brookville Hall 11 Peachell of Guelph, was adjudicator, and the prize winners were:

- Two part choir, S.S. No. 3, S.S. No. 1
 - Two part song, S.S. No. 7, S.S. No. 9, S.S. No. 3
 - Senior girls solo: Marie Synott from S.S. No. 9; Joan Frank, S.S. No. 3; Neasia Henry, S.S. No. 3
 - Baritone Solo: Delbert Henderson, S.S. 3; Peter McPhail, S.S. 10
 - Junior girls solo: Donna Frank, S.S. 3; Margaret Wright, S.S. 5; Martina Hood, S.S. 10
 - Duet: Joan Frank and Verna Cove, S.S. 3; Hazel Kennedy and Ronald King, S.S. 7
 - Junior boys solo: Duncan Campbell, S.S. 3; Forbes Cole, S.S. 5; Jimmy McPhail, S.S. 5
 - Senior boys solo: Billy McLean, S.S. 5; Allen Clarke, S.S. 9; Ronald King, S.S. 7
 - Sight singing: Marjory Service, S.S. 6; Audrey Rhinehart, S.S. 4; Neasia Henry, S.S. 3
 - Piano solo: Gladie I. Helen Agnew, Marilyn Moore, Bobby Lush, Grade 2; Darlene Thomas, Marjory Service, Grade 5; Audrey Rhinehart.
- The children were under the direction of Mrs. B. Clement, music teacher.

Expansion of Industry Planned by Local Firm

Council Agrees to Give Co-operation to Facilitate Enlarging Armco Plant—Public Meeting to Discuss Acton Aid to Sick Children's Hospital—Bathing in Fairy Lake to be Stopped—Council Endeavors to Secure Arena Release

- Councillors J. H. Creighton, J. H. Boulton, W. J. O. Oakes, and F. Davison were present last evening at the June meeting of Acton Council and Heese J. M. McDonald presided. Accounts were passed for payment as follows:
- J.B. Mackenzie & Son, supplies \$ 14.15
 - E. P. Bowman, plan of Acton 2.00
 - W. D. Talbot, supplies 150.42
 - Beardmore & Co. Ltd., copies of waterworks plan 44.78
 - County of Haldon, calcium chloride 324.96
 - Acton Welfare Board for May and June 15.19
 - Walter Cutting, cutting grass at Park 54.60
 - C. MacCall, sharpening mowers 17.00
 - Bell Telephone Co., services 7.93
 - Acton Public Utilities Com., various services 197.39
 - County Treasurer, on County rate 5287.34
 - Medical Welfare Board, June and August 1944 1.12
 - The Carwell Co., supplies 2.65
 - Acton Public Utilities Com., exchange on cheques 90
 - Acton Free Press, printing and advertising 32.63
 - Symon Hardware, supplies 1.25
 - Elliott Bros., supplies 6.00
 - Harry Oakley, cutting wood 25
 - Newton Motors, garage account 34.98
 - E. E. Harrop, expenses re convention 20.25
- \$6,227.64

Correspondence was read in connection with indigent patients in hospitals. Council refused payment and the Clerk was instructed to reply.

Mr. N. Dunn of Toronto, solicitor for Armco Ltd., addressed Council on behalf of the Company and other directors of the company were also present. The firm desired to expand the industry. They preferred to remain in Acton if facilities could be secured and a suitable site. It was planned to have a building with 11,500 sq. ft. of manufacturing space. It would be of modern construction of brick and steel and modernly equipped including a tunnel kiln. Arrangements were to be made for a railway siding and truck loading. The company planned to purchase five to six acres of land to provide for future expansion. It was anticipated that annual production would be about a million dollars. The plan under consideration would call for about 75 employees.

The company requested that Maple Avenue be closed to allow for construction of a siding. The co-operation of Council was asked in planning this development within the limits of their powers. Reeve McDonald said he believed the Council would give every co-operation possible. He felt the location was suitable for a factory site. Plans for the sewage disposal were shown the company representatives and this installation had been provided for in this section. All Council expressed a willingness to give all assistance within their power.

Miss Pearl Smith gave notice that she had fallen on the sidewalk on Mill Street and suffered injuries to her hand. She was holding the Municipality responsible as it was cleaned the sidewalk was faulty. The matter was referred to the Insurance Company for adjustment.

Dr. Cullen asked a rebate of his business tax for 1945 as he had not practised in Acton this year. Council decided to cancel business tax after June 7th as this was the first intimation that he was not going to continue practice in Acton and he had carried a professional card until the present.

A letter from Dr. W. G. C. Kenney, M.O.H. urged that Council consider a donation to the new Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto. A letter from the campaign committee was also sent with the letter.

Council felt the cause was a worthy one and should be dealt with by a committee of citizens. Council decided to call a meeting of citizens for Wednesday evening, July 4th. Councillors Oakes and Creighton were named a committee from Council.

Mr. Palmer desired to construct a garage on his property on Scene Street. It would encroach about three feet on Scene Street. After discussion Mr. Palmer agreed to construct his garage on his own property. A letter from Dr. R. Kenney, M.O.H. pointed out that there were impurities (Continued on Page Eight)

HOME AFTER FIVE YEARS



Pte. George Lazenby, who was wounded in Dec. 1943 and has been overseas over 2 1/2 years, was welcomed home to Acton again last Friday.

PTE. WM. TURNER MARRIED OVERSEAS TO MISS D. A. GERRARD

From an English newspaper, May 21st issue, we gather the following item of the wedding of Pte. Bill Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Turner, Acton.

The wedding took place at Fleetwood Methodist Church on Monday, William Lyle Turner, of Acton, Ontario, and Miss Dorothy Alexander Gerrard, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gerrard, of "Polperro," Akerahot-road, Fleet. The Rev. A. H. Lowe, officiated, and Miss Marjorie Whendley was the organist, who played for the hymn "O, Perfect Love" and other appropriate music. The bride, given away by her father, wore a white figured satin dress with train, with white feather headpiece and veil, and carried a bouquet of pink sweet peas. The bridesmaid was Paddy Gerrard, sister of the bride, who wore a turquoise tulle dress, with pink feather headpiece and veil, and carried a nosegay of pink cotton flowers. Charles Hunter was best man. The reception was held at Birmingham, the bride going away in a green tuxedo costume, with wine-colored accessories. The bridegroom had recently been released from a prisoner of war camp in Germany, where he was interned for three years after being taken prisoner at Dieppe.

Men from Overseas Are Getting Back Home in Acton

This Week Brought More Happy Homecomings in This Community

Acton is glad to welcome more of its soldier sons and those who now call Acton their home, back from their various overseas assignments.

Pte. Geo. Lazenby came back on Friday. He has been overseas for 2 1/2 years and was with the Princess Pats. He enlisted September 16th, 1919 in Winnipeg. On December 22, 1944 he sustained severe wounds in the abdomen and spent many of the months since in Hospital. Friends are indeed glad to see him looking better and improving nicely. Before going in the army he was employed with Beardmore & Co. here. Friends join with his parents and sister in extending a welcome home.

Mr. John Rogvaldson, Bower Ave. welcomed two sons home during the week. L.A.C. Ellis Rogvaldson and Corp. Clarence Rogvaldson were both air frame mechanics at Skipton-in-Skiel, Yorkshire in No. 66 Bomber Command, which is known all over England for its efficiency. They served with the Tiger and Paracane Squadrons and have been overseas since 1943.

The brothers were fortunate in being able to come home together, landing at Halifax from the Ile de France, and arriving in Toronto on Saturday. Before enlisting in 1941 and 1941 their home was at Winnipegosis, Man. Their father and brother Gordon here are joined by friends in rejoicing in their safe return.

Gnr. Neil Patrick was another Acton soldier to arrive home during the week. He has had several years overseas, and family and friends are indeed pleased in his safe return.

First Garden Party of Season Draws a Crowd

Threatening weather did not deter a good crowd from attending the Lakeside Chapter, I.O.D.E. garden party in the park on Monday night. There was the odd sprinkle of rain, but it did not interfere with the program seriously.

The program was under the direction of Russ Creighton and as usual he gave variety and a good standard of talent. Russ himself was master of ceremonies and introduced some old time violin numbers and Eddie MacNeil was at the piano and also gave some old time numbers on the violin.

Louie Spencer is a dancer of some ability and Ruth Gilbard has a repertoire of numbers that are in the top class for such performance. A duet dance number by them was very pretty and well done. Red Roderick is a juggler who has appeared in Acton before, but nothing more was cleared up on this trip from his bag of tricks than on the previous occasion. Of course a favorite on any garden party program is the comedian and in Sandy Christie a Scotch comedian, the place on this program was well filled.

A booth operated by the Chapter was a sell-out of everything long before the program was completed. In fact the intermission rush terminated its stock. Fortunate folks observed it was good while it lasted. Late entries have no opinions based on fact. The event was the first of the season in Acton. The Boys' Band paraded the streets before the event and gave help to the event.

WILSON-CAMPBELL WEDDING ON MONDAY IN ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

The St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Acton, was the scene of a quiet but charming wedding Monday morning when Therese Evangelina daughter of Mrs. Campbell and the late Hugh Campbell of Acton, became the bride of Donald Joseph Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Wilson of Detroit. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father V. J. Morgan and Miss Irene Muldoon was at the organ throughout the service.

Given in marriage by her uncle, Mr. Joseph Gibbons, the bride wore a gown of traditional satin fashioned with a deep oval neckline and long sleeve with short sleeves. Accompanying the moulded midriff was an applique of fine, princess lace and matching lace panels swept down the skirt to the hemline. Her full length embroidered tulle veil was caught to her head with a Mary Stuart coronet of matching lace and she carried a cascade of white roses, swainsona and bouvardia.

Attending the bride were her two sisters, Mrs. Gerahd Merner of Toronto and Mrs. William T. Hoyle of Acton, both wearing softly flowing frocks of jetal white sheer over tulle. They wore chaplets of pink flowers with short shoulder veils in matching shade and carried cascades of pale pink carnation petals and roses. Austin McCann attended the groom as best man and John Fitzmaurice was usher. The reception following the ceremony was held at the home of the bride's mother, where she received her guests wearing a frock of pearl grey tulle. Her matching grey hat was accented with blue and she wore a corsage of red roses and stephanotis. Miss Wilson, mother of the groom, assisting with the receiving, had chosen for the occasion a frock of plumage blue with a hat in a matching tone and a corsage of mauve sweetpeas and pink carnation petals.

Later the bride changed into her going away costume, a printed silk frock in tones of blue and white over which was worn a matching blue coat. Blue accessories and a corsage of pink delight roses and cornflowers completed her costume. The bride and groom will make their home in Detroit.

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News Spotlight

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A new spearhead pointing at Japan has been made possible now that the island of Okinawa, 325 miles south of the Japanese home islands -- is in Allied hands. The last major organized resistance was smashed last Thursday morning with only small isolated pockets still to be wiped out.

Losses have been heavy for Japanese resistance in the 82 days of battle were desperate. From the very beginning the island's importance was recognized by both sides and earlier in the campaign, the Japanese radio had said Okinawa was to be a crucial battle of the Pacific war.

Seizure of Japanese oil fields in Borneo won't cut down the drain of stock on this continent, since most of it will go into army stores in preparation for the final blow against Japan now gaining momentum.

Additions have been made to the R.A.F. force serving in the Far East, Gen. Marshall disclosed last week. Another announcement is expected soon concerning a new "secret weapon" that was used against the Germans in the final months and has been used with great success against the Japanese.

The exact spot where the Japanese first invaded the Philippine Islands has become their death trap. It was December 10th, 1941, that the enemy landed at Aparri on the north tip of the Luzon peninsula and Saturday it was announced that Aparri was recaptured by American infantrymen advancing north down the Cagayan valley.

Plans for a new Polish government were finally approved by Britain, the United States and Russia at conferences in Moscow which unravelled the tangled skein of Polish diplomacy a troubling issue among the United Nations for nearly a year.

The days of the London Polish government, meanwhile, appear to be numbered. Responsible British quarters say the London Poles will be shorn of British and American recognition as soon as the recognized Warsaw provisional government pledges itself to free elections.

A responsible British source reported Saturday that Britain is ready to accept the American plan for a mass trial of German's top war criminals. Justice Robert Jackson, chief American prosecutor of war criminals, had announced the United States plan for a collective trial of Germany war leaders and their organizations before a high military tribunal.

In the war in the air, nearly 500 Superfortresses dropped a record load of demolition bombs on 10 war industrial sites in Japan's home islands in a daylight attack Tuesday. Seven of the objectives were in the Nagoya area, two of them in Osaka and the 10th near Kobe. The Japanese claimed without confirmation that eight Superforts were shot down by anti-aircraft fire and 14 damaged.

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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.

Come to the Strawberry Tea at the United Church, Saturday, July 7th, at 3 p.m.

St. Alban's Sunday School and Congregational Picnic Saturday, June 30th, 2:30 p.m. Just bring your family.

Help the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. with their mile of money for war service and welfare work, Saturday, June 30th. 51-2

Busy Bees Dance, Monday, July 2nd at Brookville with—Gibraltha Orchestra. Next one on the usual Tuesday, July 17th, Admission 50c.

Garden Party, Tuesday, July 10th in Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church Grounds. Special artists, Mr. T. Simpson and his concert troupe. Proceeds for the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto. Aspicues Nassagaweya W.I. 52-2B