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Airmen and Soldiers Get Back Home This Week

Pte. Herb Woods and Sgt. Jack vanGozen and Martin Buck in Week's Arrivals

There were not so many arrivals from overseas to Acton this week but last Thursday Pte. Herb Woods got back home and received a royal welcome. His mother, Mrs. George Woods had arranged a home-coming party. Besides his wife and Martin and mother all the members of the family and friends from Toronto, Guelph, Kitchener and Georgetown were on hand in Acton to greet him. It was a joyous homecoming.

Pte. Woods has been in the Canadian Army nearly five years with four years overseas. He has been serving in France, Holland and right through to Germany and fortunately came through without serious injury. Before enlisting Pte. Woods was employed with Heartmore & Co. and was the goal keeper of the 1938 'D' Intermediate Championship Acton Hockey team. He came back to Canada on the "New Amsterdam."

Sgt. Martin Buck came back to Acton from overseas and was welcomed by his sister, Mrs. Alex. Mann and other Acton friends. He was with No. 6 Bomber Command and has been three years and three months overseas. He has been with the R.C. A.F. since the start of the war.

While in England Sgt. Buck married and his wife and daughter now in Birkenhead, England, hope to soon join him in Canada. A brother is with the Indian Command. Before joining the Airforce, Sgt. Buck was employed with the Acton Machine Shops. He came back to Canada on the "Stratheden."

Another arrival to his home near Acton on the "Stratheden" was Sgt. Jack vanGozen, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. vanGozen of Nasagaweyn Township. Jack has been in the R.C.A.F. for four and a half years and spent three and a half years overseas. He was welcomed home by his parents and brothers and friends here and all arranged to see him. Before enlisting Sgt. vanGozen was employed with Nort Motors in Acton.

FITZIMMONS-MILNE WEDDING AT EDEN MILLS HOME

"Heather Green" the country home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Milne, of Eden Mills, was the scene of a pretty wedding when Miss Charlotte Milne, of Guelph, and Mr. James W. Fitzsimmons, of Niagara Falls, were united in marriage. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. J. C. Greer of Knox Presbyterian Church, on the lawn where baskets of flowers were tastefully arranged.

Given in marriage by her father, Mr. J. A. Milne, the bride wore a strap-length dress of Queen's blue with white accessories and a corsage of pink roses. Mrs. Harold Bannett, of Hamilton wearing a frock of printed silk jersey, fascias, accessories and a corsage of white roses, was her sister's only attendant.

Mr. Harold Bannett, brother-in-law of the bride, supported the groom. The wedding music was played by the bride's sister, Mrs. R. Barnett, of Arkell.

Following the ceremony dinner was served in the spacious dining room, decorated in pink and white, by four messes of the bride. Approximately forty-five guests were present. The bride's table was attractively arranged with the three-tiered wedding cake and tall tapers in silver holders. Later the young couple left on a wedding trip to Guelph, London, Woodbridge, Brantford, Elgin, Ararat and Rockwood.

NEWSPAPER EDITORS MET AT ELORA FRIDAY

Editors and Mrs. J. A. Tull were among the forty weekly newspaper folk who gathered at Elora last Friday for the annual meeting of the Wellington, Dufferin and Perth Press Association. While business discussions were held by the newspaper editors, the ladies visited the well-known Elora Rocks and Gorge and other places of interest in this splendid village.

Dinner was served the guests at the Inagulls Hotel, and at the close of the afternoon session, Mrs. K. Marston editor of the Elora Express, entertained the visitors and served a delectable buffet supper.

Officers elected for next year are: Albert Ross of Milverton Sun, President; J. L. Landborough of Grand Valley Village, Vice-President; and Arthur Carr of the Palmerston Observer, Secretary-Treasurer. The gathering next year will be held in Paris, Ont.

Fire Destroyed Norval Store Last Week

Fire at Norval last Wednesday threatening many homes and business places in the pretty village on the Credit, caused estimated damage of \$10,000 before being brought under control by the combined efforts of Brampton and Georgetown fire brigades.

Fire broke out in the general store of Mrs. J. Black, the cause believed to have been an explosion of wax, being prepared for the preservation of fruit. Flames spread rapidly. At 12:30 the call went to Brampton for assistance and the fire brigade were at the blaze in less than ten minutes. Twelve hundred and fifty feet of hose were laid from the mill dam. The prevailing intense heat of the weather scorched the hose spread across the pavement, making fire fighting more difficult.

It was impossible to save the store and apartment house, several rooms being occupied by tenants. The store and building was burned to the ground. When a small amount of ammunition, included in the store stock, exploded, the firemen were forced to take precautions to minimize further possible injury. Equipment and merchandise missed from the store in a supposedly secure location caught fire during the blaze and suffered further damage before it could be extinguished.

Slight damage was caused to a barber shop on one side of the destroyed building and a residence on the other. Neighbors assisted firemen in carrying out the contents. Firemen of the Georgetown and Brampton brigades were successful in keeping the flames practically confined to the one building. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

Seventy years ago on the same site a building was completely destroyed by fire and in this tragic conflagration an eight-year-old sister of Mrs. Black was fatally burned.

F. S. C. P. McLaren Of Campbellville Reported Missing

Flight-Sergeant Charles Peter McLaren, 21, is missing on active service after an operations. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William W. McLaren of Campbellville. Flt-Sgt McLaren enlisted with the R.C.A.F. upon leaving school, and is believed to have been serving as wireless operator on transport planes carrying supplies from India to China. His brother and three sisters are: James, Margaret (Mrs. Bradley), and Miss Ann, all at home, Miss Eleanor, Hamilton.

Gordon Robertson Injured When Dairy Truck Overtaken

Lloyd Coulson Driver Uninjured and Mrs. B. Howison Escapes Serious Injury

Gordon Robertson, aged 11, of Eder Mills sustained a fractured left arm and a head injury when the milk truck of Watson's Dairy turned over on its side on the Second Line a mile north of Acton, opposite the farm of Mrs. Ross, Melhild.

The accident occurred about 12:15 yesterday when Lloyd Coulson, 19, of St. Joseph's drove the truck west on Second Line, and was overtaken by the usual delivery of milk and cream. In the cab with him at the time were Mrs. Beatrice Howison, R.R. 2, Guelph, and Gordon Robertson, 11, Eder Mills. The truck sustained severe damage and although the boys and arms but Coulson escaped a bad shaking-up and minor bruises was not injured.

The load of milk was upset and many of the bottles broken and spilled on the road. The road is a gravel surface with some loose gravel on it. Apparently the truck struck some of the gravel and went out of control into the ditch narrowly missing a big boulder and turned over on its side.

After receiving treatment by Dr. Kenneth at Acton, Gordon Robertson, the most seriously injured, was taken to the Hospital in Guelph. It is said his injuries were sustained when he opened the door of the cab to attempt to get out before the machine overturned and was caught beneath the truck.

The truck was not seriously damaged and not all the load of milk and cream bottles were broken. One can of milk was not even damaged. Traffic Officer Ray Mason, Acton, investigated the accident.

The weather has been quite summery with temperatures in the eighties and humidity between 80 and 90

\$1700 Contributed From Acton to Hospital Fund

Objective Has Been Exceeded but There is a Week Left to Make a Contribution

With another week to go to finish up the industrial campaign for funds for the Sick Children's Hospital fund, the amount raised in Acton to date is now over \$1700 on an objective of \$1200. This amount includes \$56 which was sent in by Acton subscribers before the local fund opened.

The campaign in Acton was sponsored by the Acton Y.M. Men's Club, who agreed to take this responsibility at a meeting of citizens. It has been a splendid success and it is hoped that the loss will make Acton's contribution \$2000 to this splendid cause.

Following are the donations acknowledged this week. The campaign will close next week. This is the last chance to make your contribution. Subscriptions may be made at either Bank, Johnstone & Rumley, Symon Hardware, B. D. Riddle and Cooper Drug Store.

Amount previously acknowledged	Total
Edged	\$881.70
Frankie Bean	1.00
Betty Bean	1.00
C. M. Davidson	1.00
M. Grundy	3.50
Mrs. E. J. Caldwell	5.00
Wm. Gowd	5.00
Mrs. C. M. Hansen	2.00
W. A. United Church, Acton	5.00
Employees Beardmore & Co. Ltd.	297.25
Contributions sent direct to Toronto as confirmed by campaign committee	536.60
Mrs. E. Nickolls	2.00

FRICKER-TYERS WEDDING AT ST. JOSEPH'S RECTORY

A pretty wedding was solemnized at St. Joseph's Rectory, Acton, on Saturday, July 21st, at 3:30 o'clock, when Margaret Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Tyers, became the bride of Gordon Raymond Fricker, son of Mrs. Clarence Winfield and the late Mr. Fricker, Rev. Fr. V. J. Morgan officiated.

The bride wore a white sheer street length dress with white accessories and a corsage of red roses. The bride's sister, Katharine Tyers, was bridesmaid, in a pale blue jersey dress with white accessories and corsage of tea roses. Mr. Robert Howison, of Limehouse was groomsmen.

After the ceremony, a reception was held at the bride's home, where Mrs. Tyers, wearing a printed silk dress and corsage of mauve sweetpeas assisted by Mrs. Winfield, dressed in pale blue crepe and corsage of pink sweetpeas, received the guests. Following the reception, about thirty sat down to the wedding dinner.

For the wedding trip to Niagara Falls, the bride changed to a blue suit with white accessories. Upon their return, Mr. and Mrs. Fricker will reside in Glen Williams.

Guests were present at the wedding from Guelph, Toronto and Campbellville.

No Paper August 9 The Office Will Be Closed Week

There will be no issue of The Free Press next week, August 9th will be the 10th and 11th for all on holidays. Advertisers and correspondents are asked to send in copy for this week August 9th and material received during the week will be published in the issue of August 16th.

This week's issue contains two of the Sunday School Lesson reviews for this Sunday and next. There are also two weeks of "Twenty Years Ago." Next issue will be closed all week.

MANY IMPROVEMENTS MADE TO PROPERTY LIMEHOUSE CHURCH

Considerable interest has been taken in the improvements being made in the grounds of the Limehouse Presbyterian Church. Within recent weeks the old grave-shed has been torn down the grounds levelled by plowing and filling, weeds and waste have been disposed of, a circular gravel driveway installed, and a driveway of flat stone has been laid.

Available permits and labor is available considerable landscaping of the grounds planned. Much of the lawn will be seeded down in grass, blue spruce, cedar and shrubs will be planted in time to benefit from the fall rains. With its natural advantage of location and view, it is hoped that the site of the Limehouse Church will become one of the beautiful spots of the township.

News Spotlight

By FRED KEENER, Canadian Press Staff Writer

Britain looks to Labor for its peacetime government. In a smashing victory the labor party led by Clement Attlee was returned in the general election July 5 with 390 seats compared with 195 for the Conservatives.

On announcement of the result last Thursday Winston Churchill submitted his resignation to the King who immediately called on Attlee to form a new Labor government. At the week-end Attlee was sizing up the men the new prime minister had chosen for key posts in his cabinet.

Ernest Bevin, who organized British productive manpower and was minister for a long year, was chosen as foreign secretary. The experienced Labor minister in the wartime national government declared that the new Labor government intended to speak to "common men to common men of other nations."

Other Labor stalwarts chosen for top cabinet positions included Hugh Dalton, who will become chancellor of the exchequer and Herbert Morrison, who will be lord president of the council and leader in the House of Commons. Lord Pitt Rivers, Sir Stafford Cripps, president of the Board of Trade, and Sir William Jowitt, lord chancellor.

The British Labor press hailed the new ministry as men likely to give Britain a new deal. The cabinet was expected to give first priority to the defeat of Japan. Prime Minister Attlee and Mr. Bevin left for the Potsdam conference on Saturday. There the meeting prevailed that final agreements should be signed quickly. Attlee's decision to return to the conference as soon as possible cleared up any worries over the sessions being unduly prolonged.

Britons voted for the Labor party. Most observers agreed that Mr. Churchill was in no sense repudiated as a politician and the head of the conservative party.

The people of Britain demonstrated that they wanted fast and definite action on such urgent matters as housing, the repair of war damage, plans for orderly demobilization of such armed forces as can be spared from the war against Japan and occupational work in Europe.

The scope of Labor's victory surprised even the most ardent supporters of the party which has not been in control of the government for 17 years. It was the first time in British history that Labor has had a clear majority. The Press Association termed Labor's victory the "most astonishing and significant of the century."

Attack on Japan
The continued attack by the Anglo-American carrier fleet on the Japanese homeland has failed to bring any effective defence from the Japanese navy or air force in the more than three weeks that the Allied fleet has been prowling near Japan.

Japan is in a far more vulnerable position than Germany was before D-Day. Japanese industry is to a great extent concentrated close to the sea and offers good targets for air attack or naval bombardment, while coastal sea transport, on which the country relies, is subject to a destructive blockade.

In Burma, a large-scale attempt by Japanese troops to break through the Pegu Yomas to a point east of the Pegu Yomas beyond the Salween River has failed. The enemy has already lost more than 10,000 men in attempting to break through into India.

To Punish Nazis
British four political parties are discussing a program for the punishment of such Nazis as are not yet wanted for war crimes, it is reliably reported.

It is proposed to punish Germany of Germany of Germany and to make possible a new state on an anti-fascist basis in central Europe. The program of what was to be regarded as a Nazi trial by punishment shall consist, too, he may fear, Langell of the charge if wrongly accused of being a Nazi, and when he may again be regarded as a member of absent society.

ESAF headquarters in London has announced that a force of approximately 8,000 R.C.A.F. men will participate in pulling and occupying Germany. Nine fighters and two heavy bombers, four fighters and three medium transport will compose the R.C.A.F. occupation force, it was announced at Ottawa earlier this month.

Holidays in Local Factories Now the Order of Day

It has become the custom in many Acton industries to close the plant for a week so that everyone may enjoy the annual vacation and late July and early August seem to be the popular periods.

This week plants of The Storey Glove Co., Wood Combining Corporation, Canadian Wool Co. and Force Electric Products are closed. Next week the plant of the Mason Knitting Co. will close for holidays. Plants having materials in continuous process, however, do not find it possible to arrange the complete shut-down for holidays.

Sir Harold Alexander Governor General For Canada

Appointment of Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, one of the front-rank architects of victory in Britain, as Governor-General of Canada, put an end to speculation in Ottawa as to who the new appointee would be. The name of Winston Churchill, former Prime Minister of England, was the latest name to a list which included those of H. H. Vincent Massey, Canadian high commissioner to the United Kingdom, Gen. Crear, commander of the 1st Canadian Army; Viscount Cranbourne, former Dominion Secretary and the Duke of Windsor.

As Supreme Allied Commander in the Mediterranean theatre, the 53-year-old general planned the mighty co-ordinated blow that shattered Axis power in that area. Gen. Alexander was the last Allied soldier to leave the beaches of Dunkerque when the British Expeditionary Force evacuated the French port at the end of the Battle of France.

The Empire's youngest Field Marshal, Sir Harold is the son of the fourth Earl of Caledon. He was born in County Tyrone, Northern Ireland, and educated at Harrow and Sandhurst before beginning his military career with the Irish Guards.

Routine Business At Meeting of the Utilities Commission

A meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Monday evening when Commissioners C. M. Hansen and J. R. MacArthur were present.

It was decided to sell the gas engine that had been at the spring pump house to Mr. Martin Kelly as it had no further use and was not at present in running order.

No word had been received from Mr. W. J. McLeod when he would start the contract for painting the water tank. This contract was given last fall.

A discussion took place regarding the installation of water heaters. No decision was made as the heaters are not available.

A request from the Veterans Affairs organization required information in regard to Mr. Turner, who is in Operation Street Hospital for a chronic brain removal of fluid. An inquiry was passed giving the required information.

The following accounts were paid for payment:

Hydro Department	
Acton Free Press printing	\$ 7.81
Bill Leaping Co. services	5.00
Pack and Electric supplies	9.12
Hydro Electric Power Commission, office, metres and power	4019.50
J. R. MacKenzie & Son, supp	1.40
Force Electric supplies	2.13
Canadian Lime Materials supp	19.70
Sutherland Schultz Electric Co. Ltd. supplies	27.97
Moloney Electric Co. supplies	270.50
Northern Electric supplies	91.80
Lane & Cable Accessories supplies	67.67
Canadian General Electric supplies	85
Macdonald Electric supplies	11.59
Sydney Hardware supplies	85
Express and Office cleaning	6.37
	\$4627.26

Waterworks Dept.
Power and heating at spring \$48.82
The Commission adjourned to meet on Monday, August 20th, the second regular meeting night in August.

Three of Halton County's newspapers will observe a week's holiday next week, the Aerow Press, The Canadian Champion, Milton and The Georgetown Herald.

Premier Geo. Drew Met Haltonians at Informal Reception

Mr. Stan. Hall, Member of the Legislature for Halton was Host at His Home

Quite a number from the district gathered with the large crowd from all parts of Halton at the home of Mr. Stan Hall, M.P. to meet Hon. Geo. Drew and Mrs. Drew and other members of the Ontario cabinet at a delightful and informal reception last Wednesday evening.

The fine grounds and lawn of Mr. Hall made a splendid place for such a gathering. The Girls' Empire Band were in attendance and provided a program of music to entertain during the evening. Hon. Geo. Drew and Mrs. Drew both spoke.

A lunch and light refreshments were served and a special luncheon enjoyed. Other cabinet members including Hon. T. E. Kennedy, Minister of Agriculture were present and met the citizens of Halton county.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall made a beautiful host and hostess and citizens of Halton enjoyed this opportunity of meeting the newly elected Premier and other members of the Legislature.

Among those present were: Premier George A. Drew and Mrs. Drew, Hon. George Dunbar, Provincial Secretary, and Mrs. Dunbar, Hon. T. E. Kennedy, Minister of Agriculture and Mrs. Kennedy, Hon. Charles Daley, Minister of Labor, Hon. Dana Fort-escue, Minister of Planning and Development, and Mrs. Fortescue, Hon. William Webster, liquor commissioner; Kebo Roberts, of St. Patrick's riding, Toronto; Gordon Graydon, Dominion House, Dr. R. K. Anderson, ex-M.P. (Federal) for Halton and Mrs. Anderson, Allan S. Nicholson and Mrs. Nicholson, Burlington, Crown Attorney W. I. Dick and Mrs. Dick, Lloyd D. Dingle, K.C., and Mrs. Dingle, Burlington; Flight-Lieut. T. P. DeBonne, of Guelph; Cpl. Edward Francis, of Georgetown, D. G. Thurs, President Canadian Legion, Post 60, Burlington, and others.

DATES FOR FAIRS IN ONTARIO FOR 1945 ARE ANNOUNCED.

The list of Fall Fair dates has been issued this week for the Province of Ontario. It includes 231 fairs being held this year, a slight increase over the number held in the province last year. The following are dates of the fairs in this district in which our readers will be interested:

Fair Name	Date
Brampton	September 1-3
Fergus	September 7-8
Georgetown	September 7-8
ACTON	September 11-15
Cooksville	September 14-15
Orangeville	September 14-15
Galt	September 20-22
Grand Valley	September 20-21
Shelburne	September 18-19
Bolton	September 25-26
Castleton	September 26-28
MILTON	September 28-29
Aberfoyle	October 1-2
Elgin	October 6-8
Markham	October 4-6
Streetsville	October 2-7
Teesswater	October 2-7
Woodbridge	October 6-8

Constable Phil F. Semetz of the Ontario Provincial Police recovered the lost stolen from the 1934 and 1934 station wagons, Edna over the woods and a car and game equipment including an Odeno truck and traps and been taken. The articles were found hidden in the bush.

Coming Events

Annual meeting of Mothers' Union on Oct. 6th. Events include a luncheon, are charged to each person. Attendance of 25.

Bingo every Tuesday night in St. Joseph's Hall, \$22.50 in sea level, Admission 25c.

Dance in St. Joseph's Hall, Wednesday August 2 (to-night), Everybody welcome. Admission 25c.

Garden Party at W. R. Macdonald's farm Eden Mills, August 8th. Lee Post Concert Co. of Hamilton is the talent.

Open air dance in Acton Park, Saturday, August 4th. Supplies Acton Legion. In case of rain it will be held in Town Hall.

Euchre, Acton Ladies Orange Beneficent Association No. 1101 will hold a euchre in the L.O.L. Hall, Creighton Corners Thursday evening, Aug. 8th at 8:30 sharp. Refreshments, Admission 25c. Everyone welcome.