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Acton and District Soldiers Home From Overseas

This Week Saw More Happy Re-Unions as Men Get Back Home

Overseas since July 1941, Cnr. Osbert Pittman came back to Acton and district on Monday, August 13th. He had been with the 12th Field Regt since 1940 and served from the invasion through France and into Germany. Cnr Pittman's parents reside in England and he is a nephew of Mrs. Stephen Elliott. Before enlisting he was employed on the farm of Mr. L. L. Mullin, south of Acton.

While overseas, Cnr Pittman married an English bride, who will come to Canada later. Cnr Pittman and the Pastor and friends are glad to welcome him again to Canada.

Cpl James A. Milne, arrived from overseas at his home in Rockwood on Wednesday, August 16th. While serving in Holland last spring, Cpl Milne was injured in a motorcycle accident and still goes about on crutches. He came home on the Letitia and will be at Chorley Park Hospital in Toronto for treatment of his injury. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Max Milne, Rockwood.

Friday last at 3 o'clock found the family welcoming Cpl Karl Frank at Toronto, arriving home from overseas. He was seven days from the time he left England until he arrived in Toronto. He enlisted with the Lorne Scots and left Hamilton for overseas June 15th, 1941. He fought with the 49th Highlanders in Italy, France, Germany, Holland and Belgium. He spent three different periods in hospital, three months with his back, another time with a broken leg and infection in his toe and April last a telegram was received by the family that he had been severely wounded. It was later learned he had been hit by a German grenade in the right arm and will always have a scar. He obtained the stripes of Sgt., but lost one when in hospital for broken leg. He has spoken of the time at Christmas, he with a few others went to the rescue of a part of his regiment that had been cut off and was in enemy territory. He marvels yet how they made it.

Karl is the first of the No. 7, Nassagaweya boys to return and the second boy the Busy Bees Club of this district have been trying to cheer while "over there" and are welcoming home along with the entire community and those who have drifted from No. 7 that we went to school with.

Other arrivals this week whom we have been unable to meet and get more information are Pte. Murray Bauer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bauer, Pte. H. R. Nicholls, son of Mrs. E. Nicholls, Church Street, Corp. Jack Seriven and Bdr. Norman DeForest.

ORTON

The Mimosa and Marsville members of the United Church joined with Orton Sunday evening in a service of prayer and thanksgiving.

The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Howlett. Sympathy is expressed for the parents and family.

Among the servicemen returning home on the "Duchess of Richmond" was Cpl. Lloyd Dearing who was met in Toronto by his parents Norman and Mrs. Dearing and arrived in Orton Monday night. We are all pleased to have Lloyd home safely.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Locker (nee Beatrice Sockett) on the arrival of a young son in Lord Dufferin Hospital, Orangeville last week.

The Mimosa Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Wm. Ballentine last Thursday afternoon with a splendid attendance of members and friends.

Master Reggie Shaw is holidaying at Norval Camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Dearing and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred McCutcheon, Acton, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Milne, Toronto, are guests with the latter's sister, Mrs. J. Nevill.

Mrs. A. B. Gowdy and Miss Helea Gowdy, R. N., Toronto, spent the week-end at the Ballentine home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Reed visited in Elora Sunday.

A meeting was held Monday evening in the Hall to plan for a celebration for our overseas boys. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Grosvenor, Mr. and Mrs. John Hurd and Mr. and Mrs. C. Haven will be a reception committee to look after it.

Miss Wilma Thompson returned home to Hornby after holidaying with her friend Melba Dearing.

Jack McCutcheon, Acton, is spending holidays at this same home.

Milton Takes Two Games in the Juvenile Series

In the first game of the O.B.A. Juvenile series at Acton on Saturday, the Milton team won by a score of 10-6. The game was played in Acton.

Jack Kentner, Jr., catcher for the Acton team, was hit by a ball in the second inning of the game and suffered a compound fracture of the right index finger. The injury will put him out for the season.

The second game of the series was played last night in Milton and Milton won again by a score of 5-4. It was a keen contest with Milton coming from behind to take the game.

Acton team has now been eliminated and the Milton nine will continue their quest in the O.B.A. play-downs.

HALTON FARMERS URGED TO ORDER FERTILIZER AT ONCE

At a recent meeting of the fertilizer manufacturers supplying Ontario's needs, it was very evident that the fertilizer manufacturers are again facing quite an acute shortage of labor, and considerable concern was expressed as to whether deliveries could be made in time for fall use.

Particularly in the fall season farmers take delivery of their fertilizers over a very short period. This usually constitutes a very serious handicap in giving the farmers the service which the fertilizer manufacturers would like to provide.

It would alleviate the situation very materially if all farmers who are in a position to do so, would order and take delivery of their fall fertilizers without delay, or inconvenience to the farmers is bound to occur, and it is at least possible that farmers might not be able to get their fertilizers in time for use.

It appears that adequate quantities of fall fertilizers are now ready for shipment, and if ordered at once, prompt delivery can be guaranteed, but later orders may be subject to considerable delay.

Water Heaters Not Yet Available In Quantity

Commission Makes Transfer from Operating Account of \$1000.

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

The list of arrears were checked and notification was to be sent to customers in arrears advising them that accounts must be paid by August 28th, or the service would be discontinued.

It was decided to collect for all repair work when the appliance was taken from the office to avoid the cost of carrying these items on the books.

No action was taken on the installation of water heaters yet, as these are not yet available in quantity. A letter from the H.E.P.C. gave the standing of the local Commission in regard to the monies taken in on water heaters.

Mr. McLeod had reported to Superintendent Wilson that the painting of the water tank would be proceeded with shortly.

The Treasurer was authorized to transfer \$1000 from the Waterworks account to the General account of the Corporation.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Hydro Department	
Express and Office Cleaning	\$ 13.57
Acton Free Press, printing and advertising	24.64
Packer Electric, transformer	214.75
Bell Telephone, services	7.56
Grand and Toy, office supplies	24.00
Force Electric, supplies	1.53
Canadian Chomalog, repairs on range	6.80
Tremco Company, roofing material	28.62
Kearney Corporation, supplies	28.13
Sangamo Company, supplies	2.79
	\$352.33

Waterworks Department
Acton Public Utilities, power and heating \$ 48.07

A request from the Acton Branch of the Canadian Legion requested a donation for their celebration to be held on Labor Day. The Commission were of the opinion that a donation could not be given, but instructions were issued to find out from the H.E.P.C. of Ontario if it was permissible to make a donation to this organization or other similar worthy causes.

Contractor Ready to Start If Depts. Give Approval

Council Arranges to Meet Board of Health Requirements—Highway Department Rulings and Those of Department of Municipal Affairs to Get Work Started—Contract for Garbage Collection Passed and By-Law Approved

Councillors A. J. O. Oakes, J. H. Boulton, J. H. Creighton and F. Davidson were present at a special meeting of Acton Council on Monday evening and Reeve J. M. McDonald, presided.

The Clerk gave a detailed report on a conference he had with the officials of the Department of Municipal Affairs regarding the proposed extension of water mains and the enlarging of the reservoir at the spring.

A letter was read from Dr. Berry of the Ontario Department of Health advising the department approved of the water main extensions but approval of the reservoir was withheld unless the bottom of the reservoir was lined. The Council agreed to take the advice of the department and have the bottom of the reservoir lined.

Forms to complete were received from the Department of Highways, outlining the construction and placing of the mains along Queen Street. Superintendent Wilson and members of the Public Utilities Commission attended the meeting and supplied Council with information requested by the Municipal Board.

Motions were passed authorizing the laying of a cement bottom in the reservoir as suggested by the Department of Health and also that the bonds be sold through a brokerage firm and that Mr. Commins of the Department of Municipal Affairs be consulted in regard to this arrangement.

It was arranged that the Clerk and Reeve and Engineer Anderson and the Municipal Auditor would visit the various officials in Toronto on Wednesday and present the information that had been requested. It was pointed out that the contractor was ready to start work on Thursday and if the matter was further delayed the work could not be done this year.

Council approved of the action and expenses which had been incurred in arranging for V-J Day celebration in a baseball tournament and orchestra for a dance.

The by-law arranging for the issuing of debentures for the installation of the water mains and the construction of a reservoir at the spring was given the first and second readings by the Council. The amount of the debentures was not to exceed \$25,000 and in denominations of \$100, \$500 and \$1000 amounts, and the rate will be three per cent.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

Thos. Cutting labor	\$10.80
Norton Motors, July account	46.52
Bell Telephone Co. services	8.76
Acton Public Utilities Commission, various municipal services	201.15
Whillier & Co. supplies	83.37
J. F. Hartz Co. sterilizer	22.50
	\$37.310

A by-law covering the contract with Thos. Cutting for the collection of garbage for the year from August 2nd, 1945 to August 2nd, 1946 at the sum of \$1500 was read and passed. The contract and by-law carried the usual clauses and provided for the same collection schedule as at present.

BURLINGTON

Plans have been completed by the Civilian Committee of the Sea Cadets here for a Father and Son banquet to take place on August 22nd, at 7.15 p.m. at the Brant Inn.

Sunday was reception day for more Burlington boys returned from overseas. The first to arrive was Signaller M. Franklin whose parents reside on Bellview Ave. He was met at Toronto at the exhibition grounds by them and his fiancée, Miss Stroud, of Milton.

Don Greer, son of Mrs. S. J. Groer, Hurd, Ave., has arrived home from overseas. "Don" was attached to Gen. Crear's staff during the drive through France and into Germany. Don returned by the same boat as the General, and was also aboard the special train conveying him to Ottawa.

A rumor is current in Toronto that a Burlington man may be chosen to succeed Mitch. Heppburn as leader of the Liberal party in Ontario. The Ontario Liberal Association-convention was scheduled to be held in Toronto in October, but owing to the ban on conventions, due to moving the troops from overseas the meeting may possibly be cancelled until a later date.—Gazette.

WOUNDED AND HOME



Cpl. James A. Milne, of Rockwood, who came home on the Letitia. He suffered leg injuries in a motorcycle accident in Holland last spring.

THE HASSARD-BAKER WEDDING AUGUST 4TH AT DALHOUSIE MILLS

The marriage of Miss Patricia Baker, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. Y. Baker, of Dalhousie Mills, Ont., and Pte. Sgt. Harvey J. Hassard, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hassard, Acton, took place on Saturday, August 4th at half past one in Dalhousie Mills United Church, with Rev. W. D. Reed officiating. Mrs. Geo. Palmer, aunt of the bride, was at the organ. The church was prettily decorated with ferns and larkspur, and the pulpit draped with the Union Jack.

As the bridal party took their places, Miss Lillian Scott, Newfoundland, sang "The Lord's Prayer," accompanied at the organ by her sister, Miss Peggy Scott, and at the singing of the register Miss Scott sang "I'll Walk Beside You."

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a floor-length gown of white slipper satin, a three-quarter length veil held in place by a rosebud trimmed bandeau. She carried a bouquet of pink roses and baby's breath and wore the bridegroom's gift, a string of pearls.

Miss Mary Baker, sister of the bride, was maid of honor in a gown of pale blue sheer, and Miss Dorothy Underwood, bridesmaid, wore pink net over tulle. Both wore shoulder length veils held in place by flowers to harmonize. The maid of honor and bridesmaid carried bouquets to match their costumes.

Sgt. Ted Hansen, of Toronto, was best man and the ushers were L.A.C. Andrew Baker and Leading Seaman Ken Hassard, R.C.N.V.R.

A reception was held at Chateau Stanley, Summerstown, where the dining room was prettily decorated in pink and blue and with a profusion of flowers, and the tables most attractively laid. Mr. John Morris of Alexandria entertained the guests with a number of songs.

The bride's mother wore navy blue with white accessories and a corsage of white gladioli. The mother of the bridegroom was gowned in peach colored crepe, with which she wore a fur neckpiece, a corsage of pink rosebuds and black accessories.

For travelling, the bride wore a cocoa brown suit of gabardine, a cloche hat of the same color with honey tan trimming and honey tan gloves. Later the couple left for a visit to Georgian Bay and will go by plane to Halifax where they will reside.

Guests were present from many outside points, including: New Jersey, Newfoundland, New York, Toronto, Acton, Trenton, Ottawa, Montreal, Alexandria and Summerside.

The bride is a graduate of Queen's University, Kingston.

BRIDE-ELECT ENTERTAINED GIFTS PRESENTED

On Wednesday evening, August 15, Mrs. Chas. Davidson entertained friends and neighbors at her home in honor of her sister, Miss Ellice Bride, whose marriage takes place this week. The rooms were decorated with pink and white streamers and the tea table was centered with a bouquet of pink and white sweet peas.

After games and contests were enjoyed, the bride-elect was presented with a huge mock wedding cake, inside of which were the gifts. After opening the gifts the bride thanked everyone.

The hostess, assisted by Mrs. C. Hudson, Mrs. J. Stewart and Mrs. H. Switzer served a dainty lunch. Mrs. Dolson and Mrs. J. Davidson poured tea at the dining-room table.

Acton Union Asks Public Ownership Of Coal and Sale

Public ownership of coal is asked for in a resolution recently sent to the Ontario Federation of Labor by Local 26. The Ontario Federation of Labor represents all the Canadian Congress of Labor Unions in Ontario, and is set up among other functions, as a coordinating body for C.C.L. Unions in dealing with the Ontario Provincial Government.

The letter follows: "The National Union of Shoe and Leather Workers, Local 26, Acton, Ontario, wish to bring to your attention the following resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Local: 'Whereas coal is vital to the existence of the people of Ontario as a fuel during the winter months because of the severe climate; and

Whereas this commodity, being in fact a necessity, same as water and electricity, could be better bought and distributed as a public utility, therefore:

Be It Resolved That the Ontario Federation of Labor be pressed to submit a brief to the Royal Commission on Coal now sitting in Toronto, calling for the public ownership of the fuel industry in Ontario, organized along the lines of the Ontario Hydro Electric Power Commission.

This Local is of the opinion that many people will suffer from lack of fuel this winter unless a very energetic effort is made by the Government to organize the purchase and distribution of coal so that it is available to the public on a basis of need. It is our opinion that only a few are able to buy an entire winter's supply of coal during the summer months. Provision must be made for the many who can only buy a limited quantity early in the winter season. Coal must be made available for these purchasers later in the season, or the average wage earners will suffer.

We urgently request that this matter be dealt with by the Ontario Federation of Labor as early as it is possible.

Yours fraternally,
LOCAL 26, N. U. S. L. W.
Harry Arbo, President
Jack Bruce, Vice-President
Murray Smith, Recording Sec.
Stanley Collett, Financial Sec.

The Waterworks Approved -- Work To Start Monday

Delegation Met Municipal Board Yesterday and Approval of Plans Assured

As arranged at a meeting of Acton Council this week Reeve J. M. McDonald, Clerk C. F. Leatherland, Mr. Hoskins, auditor, and Mr. Anderson, consulting engineer, interviewed the Municipal Board at the Parliament Buildings in Toronto yesterday.

Complete details of the proposed new water reservoir at the spring, and the extensions of water mains to sections of the town not previously served were presented to the Board. Information showing the imperative need of this work at the present time was also furnished.

The Board assured the delegation after hearing the details that the work met with their approval and would receive their sanction and gave authorization to proceed with the plans. A special meeting of the Council held at noon to-day arranged the signing of the contract for the work and the contractor is to start on Monday. It is planned to complete the work in two months.

NASSAGAWEYA

Master Billy Price, son of Mrs. Price and the late Earl Price, of Nassagaweya met with a painful accident last week in which he lost part of two fingers on his left hand. He was taken to the hospital in Guelph for treatment. We hope he may soon be around again.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Parby and family, of Knatchbull, visited with relatives and friends in Hamilton last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stokes and family, of Knatchbull, visited with relatives and friends in Hamilton last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Moffat and Mr. C. A. Parby, of Knatchbull, attended the wedding of Mr. Jack Adams and his English bride last Saturday in Hamilton.

Pte. E. G. Wilson, of the R.C.A.M.C. who returned home from overseas last Monday visited with his sister Mrs. W. J. Morley and husband and family at Peterborough over the week-end.

Liberal Victory Picnic Saturday Drew Big Crowd

Races and Baseball Tournament Held — Program — Ad-dresses and Lucky Draw Among Features

Residents from every part of Halton County assembled on Saturday at the Victory picnic of Halton Liberal Association held at the Agricultural grounds in Milton. The event had many features and a program for all ages. An estimated crowd of 2000 attended and assurance was given that this was but the forerunner of a picnic to be held each year.

In the afternoon there were races and contests. Winning highest honors at the track events, Elsie Asselstine, Burlington, won seven events, with one second. Helen Telford, of Milton, won five firsts and two seconds. For the boys races, Fred Kentner, Acton, won four firsts and a second and Walter Wilson, Milton, had two firsts with one second.

There was also a baseball tournament that provided some snappy games. Milton defeated Oakville 9-1 in the first game. In the final game Acton won from Milton 10-6 and captured the tournament. An early lead taken by Acton was never threatened by the Milton team.

The Acton Boys' Band and the Georgetown Girls' Pipe Band gave a program before the grandstand that drew hearty applause and genuine appreciation of the work of these two county junior musical organizations. Tea and coffee were provided for the picnicers, who had provided their own lunch and many a picnic party was held about the grounds.

In the evening the hands furnished a program until dusk and then a group of professional artists took over and furnished entertainment. R. H. Stuckhouse of Burlington was the master of ceremonies.

Following the program there were brief addresses by A. P. Cadeau and Hughes Cleaver of Burlington. In his address Mr. Cleaver assured the children that the committee regretted that they were unable to procure a treat but assured them it would be on the program next year. He felt the event should be an annual one. He thanked the electors for returning him to parliament and assured all his aim would be to make Canada a better place for Canadians to live in.

Another feature was the presentation for the ward making the most improved showing in Halton over the previous election. J. C. Cunningham made the presentation of a fine gray chair to Robert Blythe of Glenwilliams. For the first time in 75 years Glenwilliams, in the last election, had polled a Liberal majority. Mr. E. Malton of Campbellville was the very capable chairman for this part of the program.

The final event before the National Anthem was the drawing for prizes on which tickets had been sold. C. MacIver of Acton won the top prize of a \$50 Victory Bond; Mrs. G. Marshall, Burlington won the cabinet of silverware; and Mrs. Fred Paupat, Milton and Margaret Bradley of Orillia won library tables. Warden Cecil Heslop presided over the drawing and announced the winners.

HOSPITAL FUND TOTAL NOW \$2,126.20 FOR ACTON AND DISTRICT

Since last week the following additional donations have been received for the building fund of the Sick Children's Hospital from Acton and district:

Previously acknowledged	\$2118.20
Friendly Circle United	5.00
Church	2.00
Kathleen Finlay	2.00
Ann Wapleulen	1.00
	\$2126.20

Coming Events

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

Bingo every Tuesday night in St. Joseph's Hall. \$2.50 in vouchers. Admission 25c. 2-11

Dance sponsored by Busy Bees Club, Brookville Tuesday, August 28, Galbraith's Orchestra. 5c

Boys' Band Concert, Acton Park, Sunday, August 26th at 8 p.m. In case of rain it will be held in Town Hall.

Girls Day Victory Parade in Acton Acton Sept. 3, forming at Town Hall at 1.15. Prizes for children's decorated bicycles, carriages, costumes, etc. 7-2