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PEACE AT LAST -- WITH VICTORY

Japan Surrenders Tuesday Local Celebrations are Held

Final Word After Days of Anxiety Tuesday at 7 P.M. Brings War Against Japanese, the Last Enemy—To a Close—Local Victory Celebration and Service on Wednesday Were Very Fitting

August 14th, 1945, ranks with May 7th, 1945 as a date that blazed on the historic calendar of the world. Official word came to the world at 7 o'clock Tuesday night that Japan, the last enemy in the second World War had accepted the Allied surrender terms and the Great War had ended.

Orders have gone out to silence the guns that have blazed for six years. The days of the past week have been days of anxious waiting. The use of the atomic bomb and the entry of Russia against Japan were the final blows that brought the Japs to submission. Announcements over the week-end came thick and fast and all pointed to the end drawing hourly closer. The culmination came on Tuesday evening at seven o'clock, when everyone drew a deep sigh of relief and then each to his own way, proceeded to celebrate.

The Celebration in Acton

Just after the seven o'clock radio announcement, the whistle of the Beardmore & Co plant shrieked out the joyous news. It was joined by Church and Town bells in spreading the peace news. It didn't take long for the Acton Boys' Band to assemble and headed by Reeve J. M. McDonald a parade toured the town.

Then the crowd joined in to make its own parade. They sang, held up traffic, if necessary, but were all orderly and did no damage just celebrated when the time was ripe for such joyousness. A dance on the street was rained out, but assembled in the Town Hall and had a full evening of fun.

Wednesday was by proclamation, a public holiday. Stores and factories were closed. At eleven o'clock Reeve McDonald and Councillors, members of the Duke of Devonshire and Lakeside Chapters of the I.O.D.E., Women's Institute, Acton Legion, service men and women and citizens assembled at Knox Church for a service of Thanksgiving and Praise for Peace and Victory. It was in charge of Rev. A. W. Fosbury and Rev. E. A. Pulker.

An appropriate service was arranged in spite of the haste necessary to meet the occasion. There were hymns of praise and thankfulness and prayers and a silence was observed for those who paid the supreme sacrifice. The address by Rev. A. W. Fosbury was based on St. John 19 and verse 30, and the subject "It is Finished." It was a most appropriate theme in which the speaker warned that the war of destruction has been finished and now we must win the war of construction of a better world.

In the afternoon the Softball teams played a tournament in the Park, which many enjoyed and again in the evening there was dancing in the Town Hall.

By royal proclamation Sunday has been proclaimed a day of Thanksgiving for peace. There will be special services in the church and all are urged to attend their church next Sunday.

FORMER NAVAL DOCTOR LOCATED IN ACTON NOW

Another professional service man has decided to locate in Acton. Dr. H. G. Joyce, who has been with the Royal Canadian Navy for five years and recently stationed at Halifax, N. S., will open a practice in Acton immediately. His wife and two daughters will come to Acton as soon as a home can be found available. He has now taken office quarters at the residence of Mrs. Cullen.

Dr. Joyce is a graduate of Toronto University and it was largely through the efforts of Dr. W. G. C. Kenney that he came to Acton. Dr. Kenney has been the only physician and surgeon here for some time and has felt keenly the heavy burden, and long hours required to care for the needs of Acton and district. Dr. Kenney has made repeated solicitation in Toronto to secure another doctor for Acton to help give service for the community. Dr. Joyce came to Acton on Tuesday immediately after securing his discharge from the navy.

Milton and Acton Ball Teams in O. B. A. Schedule

Acton and Milton have entered juvenile and intermediate teams in the O.B.A. and arranged a schedule, with the winners to go on in the play-downs. The afternoon games will be played at three o'clock and the evening games at 6 p.m.

Following is the schedule:
Saturday, August 18th (Juvenile) Milton vs. Acton
Wednesday, August 22nd (Juvenile) Acton vs. Milton
Thursday, August 23rd (Intermediate) Milton vs. Acton
Saturday, August 25th (Intermediate) Acton vs. Milton
Wednesday, August 29th (Intermediate) Acton vs. Milton
Saturday, September 1st (Intermediate) Milton vs. Acton

Sugar for feeding bees may be obtained through registered beekeepers in Canada through the Provincial Apiculturist.

Three Premises are Entered by Burglars Monday Morning

Safe at C.N.R. Station Smashed and Cash and Cheques are Taken—Other Entries at Same Time

Acton had a visit Monday morning from some of the criminals who have been robbing and safe smashing in smaller communities throughout the province. Most serious theft here of the visits was the one made at the C.N.R. Station. Entry was gained through a window in the southeast corner. Bars and tools taken from the tool shed were used to smash the safe and \$134 was secured in cash by the gang. Also stolen was \$1183 in cheques and money orders and an envelope with stamps and 3 rings of keys. All these items except the cash were recovered in bushes on Queen Street near the residence occupied by Mr. Ted Tyler. The safe was wrecked.

The same morning the plant of Armaco Ltd. near the C.N.R. was also entered. Here \$10 in cash was taken from a box in a filing cabinet, the contents of a couple of pay envelopes.

Entry at Jas. Gilmour's blacksmith shop on Main Street was made by removing two panes of glass. From among the tools an axe, plane, brace and heavy file were missing. All but the file were discarded in a pile of rubbish.

A bicycle was stolen that same night from Const. Masie, who resides near the C.N.R., but was recovered on Monday night. Chief Hartley and Provincial Police Ray Mason are investigating the entries.

Monday morning there was also an attempt to break in at the Dominion Seed House in Georgetown and the creamery in Milton.

ENLISTED AT 18



Pvt. Harold Robson who was one of the youngest soldiers to go overseas from Acton, was wounded twice while serving there and returned this week to his home in Acton.

HOME AFTER FIVE YEARS



Pte. Charlie Tyler who was injured overseas in July last year, returned to his home in Acton this week. He was with the Toronto Scottish.

SERVED IN ITALY-FRANCE



Pte. Gordon Lovell, who sustained wounds in the campaign in Italy returned home from overseas on Sunday night with three other Acton soldiers.

Wildcats Lead In Softball League To Second Half

The games of Acton Softball League continue quite an attractive one these evenings and Saturday afternoon. The Wildcats are now leading the league with the Legion entry a close second. Following is the league standing:

G.P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Per.	
Wildcats	9	6	3	94	59	666
Legion	10	6	4	128	101	600
Beardmore	10	5	5	86	65	500
W. Comb.	9	2	7	36	109	222

Herewith is the schedule for the second half of the games as furnished by the Secretary, H. T. Jolley.

- August 3rd Beardmore vs. Legion
- August 7th Wool Combing vs. Wildcats
- August 8th Legion vs. Beardmore
- August 10th Wildcats vs. Wool Combing
- August 13th Beardmore vs. Wildcats
- August 15th Wool Combing vs. Legion
- August 17th Wildcats vs. Beardmore
- August 20th Legion vs. Wool Combing
- August 22nd Beardmore vs. Wool Combing
- August 24th Wildcats vs. Legion
- August 27th Wool Combing vs. Beardmore
- August 29th Legion vs. Wildcats

Contracts Awarded for Reservoir and Water Mains

Thos. Cutting to Collect Garbage at a Cost of \$1500 per Year—Fill on Main Street to be Made—Other Items at Acton Council Meeting Last Wednesday

A special meeting of Acton Council was held on Wednesday evening, August 15th, when all the members were present and Reeve J. M. McDonald presided. Mr. Hansen and Superintendent Wilson of the Public Utilities Commission were present. Mr. Knowles and his assistant of the Knowles Construction Co. and Engineer Anderson and his assistant were present. Principal business of the meeting was dealing with the tenders for construction of water mains and reservoir.

The tender of the Knowles Construction Co. on a unit basis was finally accepted and the estimated cost of this basis will be \$10,116 for the "new reservoir plus additional charges for additional steel and concrete.

The mains will also be laid on the same basis at an estimated cost of \$14,136. Ratepayers have the privilege of having services installed from the main to their building at a cost of \$1.50 per foot, including pipe and back filling. This cost will be paid the contractor by the Corporation who will collect from the consumer.

Miss Esther Taylor addressed Council regarding closing of the bathing beach in the park. She had also interviewed the Dept. of Health. Council pointed out that only sewage disposal could clean up the conditions that make closing necessary by the Medical Health Officer. Mr. Anderson agreed to submit a plan for a swimming pool if desired.

1945 Winners in Acton Fall Fair Crop Competition

The prize winners for the Field Crop competition in oats are announced. Prof. J. Laughland, of the O. A. C. at Guelph was the judge and has forwarded the following standing to Secretary C. B. Swackhamer.

G. Sproul, R. R. 4 Acton	88
Hugh Reid, R. R. 2 Acton	86
Miller Bros, R. R. 1 Georgetown	85 1/2
J. E. Pearen, R. R. 3 Acton	84 1/2
J. J. Stewart, R. R. 3 Acton	82 1/2
F. Denny, R. R. 3 Acton	82
C. W. Swackhamer R. R. 2 Acton	81 1/2
B. Miller, R. R. 1 Georgetown	81

LAKESIDE CHAPTER HOLDS SHOWER FOR BRIDE OF MONTH

The Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. had a very enjoyable picnic and shower in Acton park on Wednesday, August 8th. After a dainty pot-luck supper, a bride-to-be of this month, Miss Frances Rawlings was called to the front and presented with an address read by Mrs. George Musselle and a shower of kitchen utensils. After opening the gifts, Frances thanked everyone for their thoughtfulness.

Upwards of 50,000 new houses are planned for Canada.

Awards Announced in County Pupils Essay Contest

Hospital Fund Raised \$2,118.20 in Acton District

The campaign for funds to assist the Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto has met with a splendid response from Acton and district. Sponsored by the Acton Y's Men's Club the original objective for Acton and district was set at \$1200. The campaign came close to doubling this amount and closed at \$2,118.20. Following are the donations list.

Amount previously acknowledged	Total
\$1,749.45	
Employees Beardmore Co., Ltd.	14.00
Employees Armaco Ltd.	9.75
Employees Canadian Wool Co., Ltd.	12.00
Employees Wool Combing Corporation of Canada, Ltd.	124.50
Employees Baxter Laboratories of Canada, Ltd.	22.50
Walker Lodge A.F. & A.M.	5.00
W. K. Graham	5.00
F. J. McCutcheon	5.00
Mrs. Sarah E. Ramshaw	1.00
Acton Victory Club	35.00
Mrs. Elsie Johnson	1.00
Baxter Laboratories of Canada, Ltd.	100.00
Carolyn, Frances, Peggy and George Onkes	5.00
Mrs. J. R. MacArthur	5.00
Mac Symon	2.00
Mrs. J. Bruce	2.00
Final Total	\$2,118.20

Prizes Presented at Meeting of County Council Tuesday—Arrangements made for Establishment of Health Unit—C.P.R. is asked to Consider Safety at Guelph Junction Crossing—New Addition to House of Refuge to be Opened September 8th

Haltom County Council, after an absence of two months, met in session at Milton last Tuesday, the Warden presiding and all members present, with the exception of Reeve Smith.

Following the reading and adoption of the minutes announcement was made of the prize-winning essayists competing in the competition open to the guests of the County Council at their June meeting.

Results were as follows: Marion Cunningham, A. E. Esqueuing, Jimmie Ford, S.S. J. Pfalgar, Joan May, S.S. K. Trafalgar, Beverly Summers, S.S. 4, Nelson, Joan Colling, Mount Nemo, Robert Neilson, S.S. 15, Nelson; Carl Schenk, S.S. 11, Esqueuing; Phill Monaghan, East Burlington; Leone Joyce, S.S. 1, Nassagaweya; Robert Allan, Bronte.

Only four of the prize-winning contestants were present, Marion Cunningham, the first prize winner and three others. The Warden presented the cheques, congratulating each girl in turn upon her success.

It was moved by Robertson and Gilbert that Council petition the Selection and Release Committee for the release of Sgt. S. J. Wilson from the armed forces, his services being urgently needed on the County Roads.

Dozen Acton Men Among Those Back from Overseas

Each Boat Has Its Quota of Men from This District Getting Home

There's been quite a roll call and home coming during the past two weeks of the boys from overseas and everybody is glad to welcome them home again. Hope we haven't missed any of them when we make our welcoming remarks.

Just before we went on holidays we recall Pte. Earl Waller had returned to Acton after over four years overseas. He has served right through into Germany and while he had rather serious leg wounds, did not appear among the casualties when the battle was going on as he did not want to have his wife (formerly Miss Dorothy Hayless) and mother, Mrs. Sarah Waller, of Kitchener alarmed. But he is recovered now and as glad to get home as the friends are to see him. He was with Beardmore & Co. before going overseas.

Pte. Charlie (Chuck) Tyler has five years and four months in the Canadian Army and served with the Toronto Scottish and all but about a month of it overseas. He got back to Acton on Tuesday of last week, after serving right through Normandy, Belgium (Continued on Page Five)

WOUNDED NOW HOME



Pte. J. D. Graham who has been overseas four years and wounded in January 1944, returned home to Acton this week.

Reports and business arising from the Standing Committee, discussed in Committee of the Whole with Reeve Hillmer in the chair, were as follows: Hospital Accounts passed, \$944.10. County Buildings—This committee recommended payment of accounts amounting to \$304.76. It was also recommended that a fan for the Registry Office be purchased price set at \$75. A letter from the Boiler Inspector recommended renewal of piping leading from water gauge. All other parts were considered as being in good condition.

Some discussion took place in regard to the Gaoler's residence and it was moved by Craig and Whitaker "that Mr. Deans write to the County Gaoler asking him to state in writing that he does not wish to live in the governor's residence during his term of office."

Printing -- Accounts were passed amounting to \$100.85. Agriculture and Reforestation -- Accounts were passed for Chas. Hedges for corn borer inspection, \$125.45. Lewis Patterson, corn borer inspection, \$123.20.

It also recommended that a letter be sent to the C.P.R. asking that if a new station be built at Guelph Junction, that the crossing east of the present station be considered.

Special Communication -- An invitation was received and accepted from the House of Refuge, Hampton, to the County Council O.B.A. boys, their wives and interested friends to attend the opening of the new addition to the House of Refuge on Saturday, September 8th at 7:30 p.m.

Other resolutions passed were as follows: Moved by J. M. McDonald and Craig, "that motion moved by J. M. McDonald and seconded by Mr. Craig on June 12th, 1945, as follows: "that a supplementary by-law be enacted to cover \$21,000.00, underevaluated on Road Expenditure and that same be allowed to be expended on the Georgetown link be expanded." Moved by Near and Murray that (Continued on Page Eight)

Coming Events

- Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or other Events, under this heading, are charged to cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 25.
- Bingo every Tuesday night in St. Joseph's Hall. \$2.50 in vouchers. Admission 25c. 2-48
- Euchre, Acton Ladies Orange Benovolent Association No. 1101 will hold a euchre in the L.O.L. Hall, Crownson Corners Thursday evening, Aug. 16th at 8:30 sharp. Refreshments. Admission 25c. Everyone welcome.