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## 2000 Attended the Plowing Match in Halton Monday

### Demonstration of Farm Machinery Proved Attraction For the Crowd

Forty-three plowmen competed at the Annual Match of the Halton Plowmen's Association held on F. W. Ruddle and Sons' farm near Georgetown on October 29th. While the number of contestants was much below the number competing in pre-war days, some excellent plows were turned. Bob Brown, champion plowman of Galt, again headed the open plow class which brought together the champions from six different counties. Don Ferguson of Georgetown won the Salada Tractor Special; Vern McArthur of Milton turned the best ridge with a tractor plow by a Halton contestant, and thereby won the Bank of Commerce Special. In the class under 18 years, Jim Halton Tractor plowman, Chas. Hunter of Georgetown won the Bank of Nova Scotia Special for the best ridge in this class.

The outstanding feature of the day's programme, however, from the standpoint of the huge crowd of approximately 2000 spectators who thronged the Ruddle farm was the display of farm machinery and home made labor saving devices. In conjunction with this the following demonstrations were staged:

- (1) Removal of a hedgerow by means of a bulldozer
- (2) Opening and cleaning out of ditches with a 12 ft. scraper
- (3) Log sawing with both a power chain saw and a drag saw.
- (4) Draft on properly and improperly adjusted equipment by means of a Dynamometer
- (5) Big Hitches (one tractor hauling twin double discs and 15 ft. of harrows)
- (6) Automatic tie pick up hay bales followed by a buck rake haying in the hales of hay
- (7) Corn sheller

The day's programme concluded with a banquet in the Hornby Orange Hall, where 200 guests enjoyed the splendid meal catered by the ladies of Hornby Women's Institute with their usual efficiency. President W. J. Robertson presided over the programme which featured a thought-provoking address by Dr. W. R. Graham of Burlington. Others who spoke briefly included Stanley Hall, M. P. P. E. Clark Young of Milliken, and Wm. Harris of Galt who were the official judges; Alex. McKinney of Brampton, former president of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture; W. E. Brecken, chairman of Halton's Agricultural Committee, and also chairman of Ontario's provincial executive of County Agricultural Committee. Assisting artists were Ronald Stewart, noted tenor of Clarkson, Joe Nova and Jamey Whitelock of Milton whose number put a fitting touch to what was generally considered the most outstanding day's programme ever staged by the Halton Plowmen's Association.

The prize winners were as follows: 1st Class Jointer—R. G. Brown, Galt; Emerson Green, Oshweken; Howard Foss, Selkirk; Ed. Timbers, Milliken; Alf. Dickie, Jerseyville; Wm. Hooton, Ida.

2nd Class Jointer—Leslie VanSickle Middleport; Gordon Gray, Rockwood; Gordon Orr, Maple; Don Ferguson, Georgetown; Stan May, Hornby; Ken Brown, Georgetown; Jim Moore, Dixie; Russell Craig, Moné Road; Harold Ferguson, Rockwood.

3rd Class Jointer—John Capton, Oshweken; Carl Timbers, Milliken; Allan Watson, Brampton; Harold Cunningham, Inglewood; Douglas Cunningham, Inglewood; Norman Tyndall, Richmond Hill; John Ferguson, Rockwood; Ed. Ballantyne, Ida.

4th Class Tractor Plow—Roy Craig, Moné Road; Jas. Eccles, Brampton; Doug. Reid, Brampton.

5th Class Tractor Plow—Vern McArthur, Milton; Lorne Lewis, Brampton; Jack Marchant, Hornby; Jack Taylor, Freeman; Leonard Lister, Hornby; Walter Hahn, Hagersville; Claude Pickett, Georgetown; Gordon McDonald, Georgetown.

6th Class Tractor Plow (Halton Contestants under 18 years)—Chas. Hunter, Georgetown; Wm. Brain, Norval; Keith Merry, Hornby; Geo. Burkholder, Freeman; Best crown—Chas. Hunter; Best Finish—Chas. Hunter.

7th Class Tractor Plow (Halton Contestants under 21 years)—Lloyd Fisher, Georgetown; Ross Brown, Norval; Best crown—Lloyd Fisher; Best Finish—Ross Brown.

8th Class Tractor Plow (3 furrows)—Milford Fenwick, Brampton; Bob Reid, Brampton; Albert Parr, Brampton.

In the Horse Show, Messrs. Fred and Max Featherstone of Freeman placed the awards with their usual efficiency: Ben Robertson, M. T. McNabb, Jim Fisher, Harold Cunningham, Stan May, Roy—Craig, Ken Brown.

## Added Supply of Water Secured by New Reservoir

Work at the reservoir at the spring property east of Acton is nearing completion. The new 50,000 gallon reservoir has the floor laid and the sheeting of the roof has been put on. Finishing off the inside of the reservoir is now being made.

Digging of the reservoir has brought in additional water supplies that were not expected. In the floor of the reservoir eight springs have been discovered that yield a new supply of fine spring water. These springs are being piped to retain their flow into the reservoir. Some idea of the volume of them may be gathered from the fact that on Saturday noon the reservoir was clear of water and by eleven o'clock that night these springs had filled the reservoir to the top. In addition another spring with quite a good capacity has been enclosed and a line will lead from it to the reservoir.

This added supply of water will take care of anticipated requirements for some time and the big new pump when placed in its new well will have a constant supply to meet the peak requirements throughout the day-time hours. With the present flow the pump can only be operated intermittently as the reservoir fills from the first spring.

The construction has been quite a big one and involved not only a good sum of money but a lot of work under great difficulties. It has however been more than justified by the securing of such a fine supply of water. When the construction is viewed contractors and municipal officials and officers can be complimented that it was carried out without any serious interruption of water service. It has only been out of the faucets for two brief periods on successive evenings.

## FRIENDS HOLD SHOWER FOR BRIDE OF MONTH

An enjoyable evening was held on Monday, October 29th at the home of Mrs. E. Turner Sr. when Misses Lois Eyer and Betty Turner entertained at a miscellaneous shower in honor of Miss Eileen Gordon, a bride of the near future.

After some games were played, the gifts were brought forward for the bride-to-be to open and a bride's book in which each guest signed her name. Eileen thanked her friends for the many lovely gifts and then a dainty lunch was served by the hostesses.

## Hockey Officers Appointed in Acton For Coming Season

### John Royston Chosen President of Intermediate Club and Officers are Named on Monday Night

At a well-attended and enthusiastic meeting in the Council Chamber on Monday evening, Acton was organized for hockey for the coming season and prospects are bright for a good comeback in the popular winter sport. At the present time intermediate and junior teams are being sponsored but it is hoped that juvenile teams playing in a town league will be developed this season and come under the guidance of the Association.

A fine spirit of unity was shown when the members of the hardball club at the meeting voted that all funds remaining from this year's games would remain in the treasury of the Acton Athletic Association to promote sports in the community as a whole. Such a spirit on behalf of all teams will enable the Association to forward its work of promoting sport with children and younger groups where receipts do not often meet expenses.

The meeting paid tribute to a fine athlete and former hockey star when a minute's silence was observed in tribute to W.O. Geo. Molozki, who gave his life in the past war.

Officers for the intermediate hockey team were elected as follows:

Honorary Presidents—J. M. McDonald, K. Markon, S. G. Bennett, H. R. Force and A. Mason.

President—John Royston.

1st Vice President—Wm. Coon.

2nd Vice President—Wm. Burton.

Secretary—R. B. Mellon.

Treasurer—Wm. Middleton.

Fred Dawkins president of the Athletic Association presided and Mr. W. Middleton gave the meeting experiences he had had as Secretary of hockey clubs in Acton.

Geo. Riddell and Sonny Twissley were delegated to select an executive for the Junior Club.

## Acton Reaches Half-Way Ninth Loan on Tuesday

### Earliest Time of Any of the Loans For this Mark to be Reached—Winners of Contest are Announced for this Mark—When will Objective be Attained is Another Record to Aim at

If the same pace can be maintained for the remainder of the Campaign, Acton will obtain its objective in the Ninth Victory Loan and complete its unbroken record of not one failure in any war campaign. Half-way mark was reached on Tuesday at 552 p.m. and the tannery whistle announced this attainment to all.

Winners in the first half of the Victory Loan Contest have been announced and will receive their awards this week. Nearest guess to the correct time for a half-way objective was made by Mrs. Selma Roszell who estimated 552 on Tuesday. Second prize went to Helen Snow with an estimate of 555 p.m. Third place was Mrs. Helen Boyle with an estimate of 540 p.m. and fifth prize goes to Lorraine Pallant at 6:31 p.m.

The publicity committee draws attention to the rule printed on each coupon that states that the estimate must stipulate a.m. or p.m. Coupons without this information cannot of course be counted. State the day, date, time and whether a.m. or p.m. on your entry.

It is interesting to note that this year Acton is two days ahead of the two previous loans in reaching the half-way mark. It's good, but often the last drive is the hardest and there can be no slackening until the final objective has been reached. Perhaps in this Ninth Loan Acton can attain a new record in meeting the objective at the earliest time of any of the previous loans. There are no strikes or lay-offs in Acton industries. It's possible to make a better record than ever.

Your banker or any of the salesmen for Acton and district will be glad to have your subscription. The salesmen are all returned men. F. L. Wright, Geo. Musselle and R. M. Aylsworth. Ask your estimates in for the objective. Only those in the ballot boxes count.

Ottawa, Ontario,  
Oct. 31st, 1945.

The Acton Free Press, Acton, Ontario. Tuesday's sales 9th Victory Loan were a record. \$120,348,300 against \$77,029,000 for same day in 8th Loan. Cumulative total at end of first 8 days is \$694,967,300 against \$577,041,150.

National War Finance Committee (Telegram 10:06 a.m.)

## PRETTY WEDDING SATURDAY EVENING IN UNITED CHURCH

A wedding was solemnized in Acton United Church Saturday, October 29, when Lois Verbena Dawkins, daughter of Mrs. Wm. Dawkins, was united in marriage to Sergt. Bruce Allister Williamson, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Williamson, Port Credit, at a double ring ceremony performed by the groom's uncle, Rev. Godfrey Gray, assisted by Rev. A. Walter Fosbury. Miss Fern Brown played the wedding music.

Given in marriage by her brother, Fred C. Dawkins, the bride wore white net with shirred bodice and bouffant skirt over satin. Her fingerring set veil was arranged with a Mary Queen of Scots headdress and she carried white roses and bouvardia. Mrs. Wm. Archibald attended the bride wearing a Marcellen crepe dress with brown accessories and carried yellow roses. Mr. William Waterhouse was groomsmen. During the signing of the register, Miss Marjorie Gibson sang "O Perfect Love."

At the reception which followed the ceremony, the bride's mother received in black crepe with matching accessories. She was assisted by the groom's mother, who had chosen aqua crepe with brown accessories. For travelling the bride wore a navy and lime wool suit with black accessories.

## MRS. E. CALDWELL, ADDRESSED INSTITUTE AT BANNOCKBURN

The October meeting of the Bannockburn Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. D. Russell. The roll call was answered by "Hallowe'en Suggestions." Following the business meeting, Mrs. Caldwell addressed the gathering, using as her topic "Home." Her talk was much enjoyed by all. Mrs. Caldwell and Mrs. A. Kerr favored with a duet "Silver Threads Among the Gold." The meeting closed with the National Anthem, followed by a lovely lunch and a social half-hour.

## Wool Out of the Arena and Repairs Nearly Completed

Hockey fans, skaters, young people and all citizens will indeed be glad to learn that the Acton arena is nearly ready for occupancy again and this season will see it in use with ice, as soon as weather is suitable.

Yesterday the Free Press editor visited the building and found that all the wool was gone, every last parcel. The timbers and the brick on the dirt surface have all been taken away. Mr. Kelly Gardiner has been working on the replacements to put it back in its original condition for a week and expects to complete his work this week.

The section of seating cut through to the cutting rink has been replaced and broken boards in flooring or on the seats have been replaced with new boards. The work remaining to be done yesterday was replacing the rear doors and section of platform and replacing the wire netting on the east end. We have heard rumors of bent steel in the framework but failed to see where this had any visible damage.

It will also be of interest to know that posts in the cemetery fence have been straightened and reset in cement and the wire is being put back into its original position.

## HONORED AT SERVICE



Sgt. Neil McNabb, who paid the supreme sacrifice overseas, and whose life, tribute was paid in a memorial service on Sunday afternoon.

## Memorial Service for Sgt. Neil McNabb in United Church

### Legionnaires, Servicemen, Other Organizations and Citizens Join in Tribute

Members of Acton Branch of the Canadian Legion, ex-servicemen and many Acton men still in uniform, members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Legion and the Duke of Devonshire and Lakeside Chapters of the L.O.O.F. paraded on Sunday from the Legion Hall to a memorial service in Acton United Church in honor of Sgt. Neil L. McNabb, who lost his life while on active service overseas just before he was returning home after four years overseas.

Friends of Neil and the family both from Acton and district and other points, joined with the family in attending this service to honor one of the finest of Acton's sons whose life was so tragically terminated. It was a large congregation and a splendid tribute.

For his message of consolation and tribute, Rev. Mr. Fosbury spoke from the text in Revelations, third chapter and fifth verse, "He that overcometh the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father and before His angels."

"Life," said Mr. Fosbury, "is a continuous struggle but no soul is ever defeated here if he holds fast to his ideals." The greatest thing in life is Christian character and he who departs this life victoriously continues his course in the life hereafter—a child in the heavenly home of the Heavenly Father."

This was the picture Mr. Fosbury said he wanted to leave of Sergeant Neil McNabb—a young man who had ideals and had adhered to them. It was a splendid tribute to a worthy son.

Mr. and Mrs. McNabb and family have since the death of Sgt. McNabb received many messages from friends and relatives overseas which have been very comforting.

Major D. A. Robbins, in his message, told of Neil's visit to Scotland while waiting for a ship to come to Canada. He was returning to Witley Camp, when the train crashed off the rails about 20 miles north of London, about nine o'clock on Sunday, September 30th. Neil passed away from internal injuries at the hospital at Hemel Hempstead.

Major Robbins and other friends who attended the military funeral on Monday, October 8th, have also written the family. Burial was made in the Canadian Section of Brookwood Cemetery. Major A. A. Bourne, in writing of the loss said, "Neil was such a fine chap, steady and reliable, mainly in all his dealings, firm but fair, and I have never known him to commit a mean or unkind act, no matter what the circumstances."

A niece of Mr. and Mrs. McNabb (formerly Margaret McNabb) is now living in England and Cameron McNabb, a cousin, is serving with the Canadian army overseas. They were both able to attend the funeral service, as well as several other friends from Canada, N.S. Lois Malone, Tpr. Donald Barnett of Guelph, Sgt. Ted Clifford, Mr. and Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Rankin, Mr. and Mrs. Cole and their daughter Cecily, Miss Ada (Continued on Page Five)

## County Masonic Brethren Gather at Walker Lodge

### Over 200 Participate in the Annual Event Here Last Wednesday

Masonic brethren from all parts of Halton County gathered last Wednesday evening in Acton for the Halton County Annual Masonic meeting. 253 Lodges of the County were represented and had a splendid fraternal evening.

A fine banquet was served by the ladies in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium and the program had numbers that gave variety, instruction and pleasure. Guest speaker was Mr. J. D. Dutton of Woodstock, well-known orator who gave an address that proved most interesting and was splendidly illustrated by his specimens of tools.

Musical numbers on the program included a cornet solo by Mr. Chas. Landsborough, two vocal solos by Miss Mary Moyer of Georgetown; numbers by the male quartette of Messrs. Chas. Kirkness, Geo. Musselle, Fred Sall and Ted Hansen. Mrs. Wm. Gowdy was the accompanist. An orchestra under the leadership of Mr. Rudolph Spolvoegel contributed a number of selections.

Wor. Master J. M. Steele presided and the toast to Grand Lodge was proposed by Wor. Bro. C. A. Darby and responded to by Rt. Wor. Bro. A. Parker of Guelph. The toast to our visitors was proposed by Rt. Wor. Bro. J. A. Leslie and responded to by Wor. Bro. Frank M. Smith, of Burlington; Wor. Bro. G. R. Carbert of Campbellville; Wor. Bro. R. Thompson of Georgetown; Wor. Bro. E. Stevenson of Oakville; Wor. Bro. S. A. Featherstone, of Milton.

## More War Souvenirs Shown as Boys Return to Acton

Many of the boys returning from overseas are bringing interesting war souvenirs and it has been our privilege to see many of them and also show some of them in the Free Press window. Sgt. Tom Njcol was in the other day and we enjoyed a chat with him.

He left with us for a few days a fine German flag taken when Utrecht in Holland was liberated. It was taken from the wall of a store in that town owned by a Jewish family. Tom tells us that he later came across one of the family of six but the other five members were killed or lost in some way. He also had a Dutch flag taken in Benschoten, Holland on the day of the liberation of that place. With it is a drawing of the gun and the names of the crew with which Sgt. Nicol fought. The battles it went through are also on this flag record and the places in which the crew fought. They are shown in our window.

Pte. Rigby Cross received from a friend in Holland a very fine map which shows the route of the 3rd Canadian Infantry Division with which he served and marks the places of battles. The map was made in Utrecht, Holland and is printed in colors.

## More Arrivals Of Acton Men From Overseas

### The Queen Elizabeth Brought A Good Quota of Men For This District

More glorious home comings of the boys overseas. Matter of fact, we are not sure each week when we are up-to-date on them. As they went away here and there from different centers, so they are returning, sometimes to homes established elsewhere, but all we hope, coming back to Acton. We would like to record them all but that is only possible when we hear of them. Again we ask friends to let us know of any we have not met or mentioned.

On the Ile de France, Sgmn. Harold Barber, arrived back here last Tuesday. He served with the R. C. S. in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. In the Canadian Army for three and a half years, he spent three years overseas. Harold is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Barber who reside on the farm south west of Acton. He was employed with Beardmore and Co. before enlisting.

Sgt. Francis Papillon, serving overseas with the Canadian Dental Corps for a year, returned to Canada on the Queen Elizabeth and arrived in Acton on Tuesday. His wife, formerly Judy Miller and little daughter Judy and mother, Mrs. S. Papillon, Church St. and family welcomed him home. He was employed with Beardmore and Co. before enlisting.

Others we have heard about who are either home or coming soon but whom we have not contacted, are Sgt. Johnny Gay, S. Sgt. M. H. Cooke, Pte. J. H. Marshall, Pte. J. Wallace.

Overseas for five years and three months and in the Canadian Army for six years, Cpl. E. G. Landsborough was a passenger to Canada on the Queen Elizabeth and arrived home in Acton on Monday. He was welcomed to Acton by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Landsborough, Lake Avenue and his daughter, Mrs. Wm. Blanche, Cpl. Landsborough enlisted with the R. H. I. of Hamilton and fought through France into Germany. Leaving the continent for home, he was stationed within 100 miles of Berlin at the conclusion of his service.

## 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.

Remember the Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. Bazaar to be held in the Town Hall, Saturday, November 24th, 14-4

Legion Dance every Saturday night, Acton Town Hall, 9-piece orchestra. Admission 50c. TF

Dance every Friday night, Acton Town Hall, Stan Porlich and his Rhythmaires. Auspices Acton Athletic Association.

Busy Bees dance, Brookville, Tuesday, Nov. 6th, Galbraith's Orch.—50c. Shop for Christmas 1st week December at our bazaar.

Pie Social at the Lorne School on Thursday, November 8th at 8.30, sponsored by the Acton Junior Farmers. Each lady bring a pie.

Euchre and Dance, Acton Ladies Orange Benevolent Association No. 1101 will hold a euchre and dance in the L.O.L. Hall, Crewsdown Corners every Thursday evening at 8.30 sharp. Refreshments. Admission 25c. Every one welcome.