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County Assessor Appointed Duties to Commence Jan. 1

J. Ford Rodgers of Trafalgar Appointed at Salary of \$2400 Plus \$700 Car Allowance—Increase in Salary to Clerk and Treasurer—Some Criticism on County Booklet—Requests for Additional Copies—Book May Be Revised—Account of \$1668.18 Paid for Printing Booklets

At the November meeting of Halton County Council held in Milton last Tuesday two members were absent, Reeve G. W. Murray and Reeve C. H. Hillmer.

Following the reading of the minutes and communications, Sheriff W. J. L. Hampshire presented the inspector's report of the county buildings. This report stated that the goal itself and the county buildings as a whole were found to be well kept and scrupulously clean. However, some improvements were recommended, among them a toilet in the jury room, further fireproof protection for the goal, new kitchen stove for the goal kitchen and additional filing space for the Registry Office, also redecorating for some of the Court House offices. Mr. Hampshire complimented the county buildings committee on the improved lighting system recently installed. He also reminded Council of the necessity for him to reserve certain rights in connection with the use of the Grand Jury room, now occupied by the School Health Nurse and asked that any time it became necessary for him to use this room for the work of his office that such action would not be looked upon as an arbitrary measure since it was his wish to co-operate as much as circumstances would permit with the county council and other county officials.

Deputy-reeve George Cleave was chairman when council went into Committee of the Whole. The main business arising from the reports and later passed in open council were as follows:

Hospital Accounts passed, \$691.55

Printing \$1,733.16. This amount included \$1,668.18 paid to the Ferras Advertising Service for printing of Halton County booklets.

County Roads. Net amount of expenditure on County Roads totalled \$20,423.21. Included in this amount was the County's share of the Bridge at Glen Williams and also resurfacing of the road at Stewarttown.

Special Communications. With regard to paying bounty on foxes and skunks: From correspondence received from other counties it appeared that the county has no authority to pay bounty, this being a matter entirely up to the municipalities to deal with.

School Health Service—Accounts passed \$26.43.

Agriculture and Reforestation—Committee Fees, \$31.00. Reeve J. M. McDonald drew the attention of the council to the fact that up to the present date the county had borne the full financial responsibility of delinquent children sent to Ontario Training Schools, whereas, according to the Act a share of this cost should be borne by the municipality concerned. In view of the fact that juvenile delinquency was unfortunately on the increase Mr. McDonald thought it only fair that any municipality should share in the maintenance cost of any children for which it was responsible. In this connection it was moved by McDonald and Craig, that this county council recommends that future County Councils charge back to the different municipalities affected, that portion allowed by Statute for the cost of maintaining at Ontario Training Homes for boys and girls from the county. Carried.

Considerable discussion took place regarding the County Booklet, with (Continued on Page Five)

Bond Hardware Block Destroyed in Spectacular Fire

Fire damage estimated at \$300,000 was suffered in a spectacular fire in Guelph on Tuesday night, which destroyed the block housing the Bond Hardware Co., the tobacco store of Wm. Mowat, "The Nuttery" and the barber shop of James Molloy and Roy Finlay.

Largest loss was suffered by the Bond Hardware Co., which carried an extensive stock for both its wholesale and retail trade. Loss of stock alone was estimated by a director of the company yesterday at between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

The building, owned by the Bond Building Trust, was a large stone block, three stories high over a large part of its area. Although the oldest business block in Guelph, it was considered a valuable property and loss to the building alone is estimated at \$100,000. The building is said to have been erected in 1860. The business was established by the late John M. Bond and in 1925 became the Bond Hardware Co. Ltd. The blaze was first reported at 9:28 on Tuesday evening and at that time the flames had made such headway that it was almost impossible to confine the fire to the one building.

FINAL SHIPMENT ARTICLES FROM RED CROSS ROOMS HERE

The following shipment of articles was made during the week from the Acton and District Red Cross headquarters. This will likely be the final shipment of goods from here as the work is completed and the rooms being closed. 1 box quilt tops and pieces; knitting books; rulers and supplies; 18 pair girls' hose; 12 pair men's grey hose; 8 pair men's khaki hose; 8 turtle neck sweaters; 1 bag assorted wool in bales; 40 white handkerchiefs men.

MARK TWENTY-FIFTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY AT HOME IN ACTON

A very enjoyable evening was spent on Saturday, November 10th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Burns, Mill Street, when a number of relatives gathered to honor them on the occasion of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

During the evening an address in verse composed by Mr. Cyril Knight was read and the presentation of a beautiful electric lamp was made by master Harvey Sprout.

A dainty luncheon was served from a table covered with a Chinese cut-work cloth, centred by the wedding cake, flanked by tall vases in silver holders. The bride and groom of twenty-five years received hearty congratulations and good wishes for a long life of health and happiness.

COMMITTEE NAMED FOR OFFICERS OF KNOX W. M. SOCIETY

Knox Church W. M. S. held their meeting in the Class Room of the Church, November 8th, 1945. Mrs. F. Blow presided.

The devotional period was taken by Mrs. G. Lantz reading the scripture lesson, and Mrs. Geo. Murray offering a prayer. The Secretary and Treasurer's Reports were then given after which the Annual Reports of the various departments were submitted.

Mrs. E. E. Barr and Mrs. A. J. Buchanan were appointed a nominating committee to elect the officers for the coming year.

Salesmen and Third Contest Winners



The final contest in the Ninth Victory Loan saw more winners as announced last week. Here they are with the salesmen for Acton and District who set up a new high for Victory Loans in Acton. Left to right: F. L. Wright, Geo. Muselle, Mrs. F. E. Turner, Miss Marjorie Norton, Miss M. Madill, Mr. S. H. Lambay and R. M. Aylsworth.

Acton Raises 168% Quota in the Ninth Victory Loan

Halton County Doubled its Original Objective for a Grand Total of \$4,850,000 to Make it the Greatest Victory Loan Yet—Acton Campaign Went Well from the First as District was First in County to Reach Objective

Halton and every municipality in the county took to heart the slogan of the Ninth Victory Loan a "Canada's Greatest Loan" and doubled the quota set for a new record in Victory Loans. Returns on Tuesday showed total county sales of \$4,850,000. The original quota was \$2,900,000. Halton has therefore raised over 200 per cent of the quota.

Georgetown leads the county with 213 per cent of its quota for total sales of \$936,000. Burlington is second with 229 per cent, or sales of \$1,197,300. Oakville, 200 per cent, for \$1,504,000. Milton 190 per cent for \$679,700. Acton, 168 per cent for \$387,000 and Nassagaweya 135 per cent for \$146,000. Every unit exceeded its quota by a wide margin.

In Acton the Loan went well from the start. This town was first in the county to reach its objective in fact just a week after the Loan opened. A second unofficial objective was reached in the second week. It was a splendid campaign. There were no large subscribers to boast the grand total but a fine participation of all citizens to make the objective surpassed and the fine total secured.

The following is a message from President J. H. Boulton, who headed the local committee for this Greatest Loan.

Fellow Citizens: Thank you for the splendid way you have got behind the 9th Victory Loan Drive. You have shown a great spirit of co-operation which has made the going easier for our committee and salesmen.

Acton is proud of the fact that she was the first in Halton County to reach the different objectives. As I am writing now, Tuesday morning, the amount reached is \$387,000, which is 168 per cent of our objective. Good shooting, Acton.

I must take this opportunity of thanking the different chairmen and their committees, the salesmen who have done a wonderful job, and Mrs. Matthews who has been her same efficient, obliging self in the Headquarters office. Also a word of thanks to Mr. Dills of the Acton Free Press who has done everything a man could do to back up this drive.

Well done, Acton. Yours very sincerely, J. H. Boulton, Chairman, Acton 9th Victory Loan Committee.

Mrs. L. L. Skuce Addressed Meeting Home of Mrs. Baird

The November meeting of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter met at the home of Mrs. H. N. Baird. The Regent, Mrs. J. C. Matthews, presided. The secretary and treasurer's report were given.

Service hats were presented to Mrs. Mooney and Mrs. Hayliss by the Honorary Regent, Mrs. W. J. Heally. Plans were made to send Christmas parcels to the Chapter's School at Trout Creek.

The guest speaker of the evening was Mrs. Skuce of Milton. Her talk on Education was very interesting. Mrs. Dills thanked Mrs. Skuce. Tea was served by the hostesses.

WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION MET AT HOME OF MRS. O. LAMB

The regular monthly business meeting of the Woman's Association of the United Church was held at the home of Mrs. O. Lamb on Tuesday with Mrs. L. Agar presiding.

The devotional period was taken by Mrs. D. Richardson. The ladies have started quilting again and would like assistance from any of the ladies.

Mrs. Lamb, assisted by Mrs. M. Burns served a light lunch and a social time was spent by those in attendance. A very hearty vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Lamb for her home and hospitality.

Erin Township to Present Signet Rings To Service People

Snow Fence Must Be Erected Before December 1st—Other Township Items

A special meeting of Erin Township Council was held on October 12 to consider the question of what form of presentation and what articles the Township would give to the returned men.

It was agreed that each boy and girl who had joined active be presented with a signet ring, the men's to cost \$12.20 with box and the ladies \$9.25. Engraving included.

The Erin Township Council met as per adjournment on November 5th, all members present. The following resolutions were made and passed.

That application be made to the Dept. of Municipal Affairs for the one mill subsidy on \$2,066,429.59 assessment for 1945 as provided for in the Municipal Subsidy Act of Ontario.

The Road Superintendent was instructed to notify patrolmen to have all snow fences in their divisions erected by December 1st.

The County Treasurer was requested to return all monies owing Erin Township.

That the Clerk be instructed to write Mrs. Reynolds thanking her and those that assisted her for their services in the packing and shipping of the clothing for overseas. Accounts were passed as follows: General accounts, \$108; Sheep account, \$123; Relief account, \$96.70; Road accounts, \$3,072.90. Council adjourned to meet again on Saturday, December 15th at 10 o'clock a.m. in Hillsburg or at the call of the Reeve.

Record Attendance at the Service of Remembrance

Beverage Room Acquaintanship Led To Sailor's Rampage

Freedom was short and justice was quick for Thomas Cranney, the discharged sailor who shot it out on Milton Main Street last Wednesday. He was arrested when he went to St. Joseph's Hospital in Toronto on Wednesday night for treatment of a bullet wound in his leg.

Thursday morning he limped into court in Toronto and was convicted of theft from Victoria Thompson and remanded for sentence until November 15th. It's rather interesting to note the circumstances that led up to Cranney's trouble and it's serious consequences when he fired on police officers here and only by luck missed inflicting serious injury.

In the Toronto court last Thursday Det. James Leslie said that Cranney met the Thompson woman in a downtown beverage room. "They were having supper and got into conversation after which they went to the home of the complainant," the detective continued. There was a bottle of liquor and most of it was consumed. About 3 a.m. he struck her, knocked out three of her teeth, and ran off with a diamond ring valued at \$500, various other articles of jewelry and \$29 in cash. He left his hat behind.

Det. Leslie said some of the articles had been recovered but the diamond ring was sold to two women in Hamilton. He said accused had indicated he would help get it back.

Leslie added that accused was separated from his wife and that one child was staying with Cranney's mother.

"It was not I it was she who had the whiskey," declared Cranney, adding that he was having a glass of beer when the Thompson woman approached him and asked him to go to her home and have a drink of liquor.

"I never saw her before," said Cranney who said he was wearing a naval uniform at the time. "I was in the navy and was discharged about four months ago."

"We started drinking whiskey," he related, "and we got pretty drunk." He claimed he did not remember taking anything when he left. "I found the jewelry in my pocket afterwards."

"And when you found it, you sold it," asked Mr. Klein. "Yes sir."

NOVEMBER MEETING ROCKALONG INSTITUTE AT MRS. A. SHULTIS

Mrs. Albert Shultis was hostess for the November meeting of the Rockalong Women's Institute. After the usual opening exercises, with the president, Mrs. Douglas McNabb in the chair, the roll call was answered by "sing, say or play."

Correspondence included thanks for cards and an invitation to the Rockwood Institute, which was accepted. A report was given by Mrs. Dunbar on the Federation of Agriculture Group No. 2 handed in \$1840 as their share of the contest. It was decided to exchange gifts at the December meeting.

The program, handled by the publicity convener had Mr. Frank Day of Rockwood speak on the Victory Loan. Current events were given by Mrs. Ed. Pasmore and Mrs. Copeland demonstrated "Ideas for home made gifts." Mrs. George Watson gave a paper.

The meeting closed with God Save the King. Refreshments were served by the hostess and the committee, a social half hour being enjoyed afterwards.

Those Who Fell in the Wars of 1914-18 and 1939-45 Remembered as Citizens Join in Service and Parade on Sunday Morning

The largest parade of legionnaires and organizations to participate for many years in a Remembrance Day service took part in the service in Acton on Sunday morning. It formed at the Legion Clubrooms on Main Street and led by the Acton Boys Band under Bandmaster C. W. Mason proceeded to the soldiers monument on Mill Street.

Here a brief service was held. Wreaths were placed on behalf of the Province of Ontario, the Corporation of Acton, Acton Branch No. 197 of the Canadian Legion, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Legion, Acton Women's Institute, Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E., Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. and Mrs. H. Gibbens.

Reeve J. M. McDonald read the names from the monument and of those who have fallen in the last great war. The silent tribute of two minutes silence was paid the following:

1914-1918
Corp. J. L. Moore, Pte. T. Irving, Corp. Roy Hurd, Pte. J. McLeod, Corp. W. G. Brown, Pte. A. Winterburn, Pte. J. D. Burd, Lieut. H. G. King, Pte. M. Kaley, Pte. A. Gibben, Capt. T. A. Arthur, Pte. P. Radford, Pte. A. Anderson, Sergt. W. Lee, Pte. F. Elkington, Pte. J. Godfrey, Pte. F. Willis, Corp. F. Masters G.M.S., Pte. J. Fryer, Pte. J. J. Kennedy, Sergt.-Maj. N. Stuckey, Corp. J. J. Cooney, D.C.M.

1939-1945
AC E. A. Anderson, Flt. Sgt. R. H. Buck, P.O. C. Easley, P.O. W. R. Kilwood, Pte. John Gibbons, Pte. Wilson Gordon, F.O. J. T. Guthrie, Lieut. Rae Hillier, Sgt. S. W. McCron, Sgt. William McCron, Pte. G. K. McLellan, Staff Sgt. N. L. McNabb, Flt. (Continued on Page Eight)

Coming Events

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

United Church Sunday School Entertainment will be held at the Church, December 17th.

Remember the Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. Bazaar to be held in the Town Hall, Saturday, November 24th, 10-4.

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

Legion Dance every Saturday night, Acton Town Hall, 8-piece orchestra. Admission 50c. Special attraction, Glen Steele on the piano. TF

Busy Bee's Dance, Brookville, Tuesday, November 20th, Galbraith's Orchestra, 50c. Shop for Christmas at our bazaar December 7th. B

Euche and Dance, Acton Ladies Grange Benevolent Association No. 1101 will hold a euche and dance in the L.O.I. Hall, Crews Corners every Thursday evening at 8:30 sharp. Refreshments. Admission 25c. Everyone welcome.

Grand opening of Limehouse Memorial Hall, Friday, November 16. Chicken Supper 6 to 8 p.m., followed by Opening Ceremonies, Presentation of Memberships and Dance. Hadden's Orchestra. Adults 75c. Children, 12 and under, 35c. Dance only, 50c.

Winners in First Contest of Loan



Chairman J. H. Boulton, left, presents prizes for estimates to winners in the half-way mark contest: Miss Helen Snow, Mrs. Helen Boyle, Mrs. S. Rozel, Miss Julia Lesowich, Miss Lorraine Pallant, and Mr. Norman Baird, Chairman of the Publicity Committee.

MRS. BEER ENTERTAINS THE ARTS AND CRAFTS

The Arts and Crafts of Georgetown met in the beautiful new home of Mrs. Beer. Mrs. Moyer, the president, welcomed several guests. Plans were made for a Tea and display of Handicrafts. Mrs. Vaughan of Toronto gave a most interesting informal talk on art in the schools. She stressed the point that art and crafts go hand-in-hand with daily living, and that to appreciate the things we wear, the articles we use, the houses we live in, we should know something about their construction. To have this knowledge we should be able to do some of the things with our own hands. This is what our schools are trying to teach to-day—the practical use of crafts and arts in daily living, and to show that technical knowledge is closely allied to industry. Tea was served by the hostess, assisted by her mother, Mrs. Pap.

Winners in Second Loan Contest



Chairman J. H. Boulton presents the second lot of prizes to Mrs. John Greer, Mrs. S. Rozel, Shirley Elliott, Mrs. Jan Adamson, and Harold Townley. Mrs. Rozel was first prize winner of both groups.