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Honor District War Dead At Remembrance Services

For the first time, the Remembrance Day service sponsored by the Legion and town council was held on the Sunday nearest to November 11. Last year Remembrance Day fell on a Sunday, but this year it was actually last Monday.

The solemn service at the cenotaph which for many years took place on November 11 was held this year on Sunday morning, November 10, just prior to the 11 o'clock church services which were postponed briefly to allow everyone time to come from the cenotaph. There was a large attendance of people, including many well-behaved children.

The parade, which came from the Legion Hall, attended the special service in the United Church afterwards.

Flags Drop Slowly

Weather was fine this year and the bright flags, dipped as the Last Post sounded, were ruffled by a mild breeze. Frank Simioni sounded the traditional notes as the Red Ensign and the new Legion poppy flag on the flagpole were dropped for two minutes' silence and then raised again by World War II veteran Bob O'Hara. (Boer war vet Wilfred Cole, who for years lowered the flag, was not able this year).

Legion president Max Storey gave the Legion charge and handsman John McHugh read the names engraved on the monument.

Placed Wreaths

Similar wreaths, with lettered ribbons, were placed by Mrs. Ed Perryman (whose son was killed) for the province of Ontario; Mayor Leslie Doby for the town of Acton; John Huttmagel for the Legion; Mrs. Charles Shultis for the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary; Miss Mammie Malnprize for the Duke of Devonshire I.O.D.E.; Mrs. W. L. Spruston for the Lakeside I.O.D.E.; Mrs. Charles Cuffs for Acton W.L.; George Holmes for the Orange Lodges; Jack Pink for the firemen; Walter Dubois for the band; Alex Commando for the United Packinghouse Workers local 479; Jim McKnight for the United Rubber, Cork, Linoleum and Plastic Workers of America local 603; Paul Nielsen for the Chamber of Commerce; Bill Hansen for the Boy Scouts; Mrs. G. Blomies in memory of Thomas Harris and George Blomies in memory of Albert Harris.

Parade, Flags

The parade, standing at attention on the road, included members of council, firemen in uniform, members of Acton W.L., the town I.O.D.E. chapters, the Legion, Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, Miss Jessie Coles with the cubs, Mrs. Heryl Newton, Mrs. Kay Ross, and Mrs. Irma Nesselt with the Brownies and Neil Miller with the Scouts. In the color party were two Scout flags, two I.O.D.E. flags, the Legion and Legion Auxiliary flag. These were later placed at the front of the church.

Acton Citizens' Band played in the parade and after the out-draw service, Abide With Me. The Rev. A. H. McKenzie, Legion pastor, pronounced the benediction.

The United Church was filled to the service there afterward, with the Rev. Dwight Engel recalling that at the end of the war people expected a return to complete freedom. After elaborat-



LAST POST and Reveille were sounded by Frank Simioni for the Remembrance Day service at the cenotaph in Acton Sunday. He is shown playing the cornet as Legionnaire Hamilton Peel salutes in tribute to those killed in the wars. A large crowd attended the outdoor service.

ing he concluded we must discipline ourselves and fight "under orders" for right in our midst.

Date Change Satisfactory

The Legion members felt that holding the service on the nearest Sunday permitted many of their members to come who would not otherwise have been able to, and they were well satisfied with the change.

Eleven o'clock on November 11—the traditional time of remembrance—found Acton streets almost deserted. Stores are regularly closed on Monday anyway. Banks, schools and government offices were closed for Remembrance Day.

A few school children at loose ends were playing on the streets when the tannery whistle signified the beginning of the two minutes' silence. Just then, a little girl sauntered, all alone, over to the wreaths laid the day before and gently fingered the poppies. The whistle sounded mournfully again—and she skipped away.

In Rockwood

Rockwood services were held

Poppies Everywhere For Remembrance Day

A replica on a small scale of the famed "crosses, row on row," again this year drew much attention to Acton Home Furnishings window. The beautiful arrangement for Remembrance Day was again under the direction of veterans Billy Middleton and Ern Hargreaves with the assistance of Jim Inglis and poppy chairman Hans Peal. Included were the wreaths laid Sunday at the base of the cenotaph.

Capuco Shop and Esquire Men's Wear also had attractive windows with flags and poppies.

The Red Ensigns and Union Jacks flew on the main streets and almost everyone wore a poppy, sold by the Legion downtown and on the streets last week. School children received poppies at school and had special classroom projects.

D.D.D. Service Early Next Year

Direct Distance Dialling (DDD) will be introduced in Acton in the fall of 1964. L. G. Donby, Bell Telephone manager in this area said today. On the same date Galt, Kitchener-Waterloo, Arthur, Ayr, Brantford, Elmira, Elora, Fergus, Hespeeler, New Dundee, New Hamburg, Plattsville, Preston, Rockwood, St. Jacobs, Baden (served by the Wilmet Municipal Telephone Company) and multi-party line customers in Guelph will receive this service for the first time.

Initially DDD will be used only for station-to-station calls. Regular station-to-station calls will apply on all DDD calls.

Truck Total Wreck Two Passengers Hurt

A truck owned by Fred Kenner Jr. was termed a complete wreck when it rolled over several times and landed in a ditch on Churchill Rd. N. Saturday evening.

Driver of the vehicle, Sydney Oakley, R.R.—1, Acton, was not injured, but passengers John Cox, received back and neck injuries and George Johnston, minor face cuts and bruises.

Constable D. Dransky of the North Halton O.P.P. Detachment investigated. The driver reported he swerved to miss a dog which ran out in front of the truck and lost control of the vehicle. The owner of the truck is in the United States showing prize chickens.

Steer Maybe Shot Expect Report Later

A dead Jersey steer found lying in a field at the farm of Gordon Hitchcock, Nassagaweya township, is believed to have been shot but death has not been finally determined to date. Mr. Hitchcock and his cousin, Henry Wedge, were about to water the cattle when the Jersey steer failed to rise from the ground. On close examination the beast was bleeding from the neck, but no bullet hole could be found by the men.

The dead animal was removed by a deadstock company truck and the men expect to be notified if a bullet hole is found or not.

Town men took the flags down Wednesday from the main streets.

Retirement Brief for Jack Lambert Re-Engaged as Working Instructor

Retirement following 23 years of town service was brief for Jack Lambert. Thursday, October 31, he officially retired as a town workman but Tuesday evening he was recalled by council to act in the capacity of working water and sewer instructor.



MAIL ROUTE CARRIERS for 40 years, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Edwards, Rockwood, were fined recently by the postal staff in the village. Both started out delivering mail with horse and buggy and can recall snow being so deep they had to walk on foot several times to deliver mail in the rural area. Mrs. Edwards carried the mail for 27 years herself while her husband was in the trucking business.

Mr. Lambert began service with the community August 4, 1940 and served in the capacity of waterworks superintendent prior to the shuffle in the town working force when Alf Doby was appointed as town superintendent over all the working force.

L.O.L. delegates Norm Fryer, Al Green and Gary McFadden from local 467 received council's blessing to make a bid for the annual district Orange parade in Acton next July 11.

Spokesman for the trio, Mr. Fryer told council Halton County had the opportunity of staging the annual event next year and the local lodge intended to request it be held in Acton. He said the members wanted to receive permission from council first.

He also asked permission to use the park for the gathering and the front of the Community Centre as a registration centre. Mr. Fryer was told the parks board-governed use of the park and the recreation committee the community centre.

While on the subject of the park, councillor Eric Johnston informed his colleagues a member of the speedboat club which presented a program at Fairy Lake this summer was very much impressed with the area and his club was anxious to return again next summer. Mayor Les Doby stated he had favorable comment from several Cameron Ave. residents who thought the speedboat event had been one of the best at Fairy Lake.

During the report of No. 1 committee, it was learned a meeting with the industrial committee had been requested in the near future. The industrial committee had been appointed for a three-year term and their term of office expires this year. Council endorsed a resolution submitted by the town of Trenton to petition the Legislative Assembly to rule out any member of municipal council from sitting in on discussions or voting on a subject which entails a conflict of interest. Members learned there had been 19 assessment appeals regis-

tered this year with the majority dealing with residential properties. Clerk-administrator Jack McGeachie told council the court of revision was scheduled for December 5 and 6.

No. 1 committee were instructed to give further study to appointments from the town to act on the Halton centennial committee. The committee will investigate projects which fall under the category of centennial grants.

Such projects receive one-third grant from the provincial government, one-third from the dominion government and one-third from the municipal government.

In spite of anticipated snowstorms, council members reverted to sunny summer days and heard a report regarding a Turf and Grass Conference, which is to be held in Toronto November 26. Council was invited to attend a demonstration of equipment by F. Manley and Sons and enjoy a smorgasbord dinner in the evening at the Canadiana Motel. Since the demonstration period falls on the day of a council meeting, Mayor Doby didn't believe it to be important enough to substantiate calling off council and town superintendent Alf Doby and Mr. McGeachie were delegated to attend.

Workshop Heating Approval was given to close in one bay at the town workshop on Main St. S. and install a gas heating system. Cost for the renovations to be completed by Ten-Pac Distributors was estimated at \$367.19 and the heating system from United Gas Co. is expected to cost \$400.

High Patterson was appointed to the Recreation Committee to replace Doug Widdis who moved from Acton to reach in Guelph. During the enquiries by members, councillor Albert Brown learned from the clerk the town water supply had not decreased during the recent drought but somehow or other had shown a less insatiable water level.

Councillor J. Bert Wood sounded his familiar tune regarding cleaning up the sanding area at the corner of Eastern and Young Sts. and was told the town workers would be changing the sandbags for a more stable system in the near future. Council commended the Acton O.P.P. Detachment for their strict supervision of the town Friday night. Councillor Hamilton Peal stated "The police are doing a good job."

No. 1 committee was instructed to investigate a request by the Rainbow Room owner, to operate his dine and dance business on Sundays for dancing.

Reeve H. H. Hinton informed council he had spent the afternoon (Tuesday) with other members of a county council committee discussing the high school area boundaries with deputy minister W. R. Stewart of the Department of Education. A by-law, approved by Georgetown, Acton, Esopus and county council members but opposed by Milton council and a few ratepayers in the Ballinfad area, was squashed by the department a few weeks ago.

This by-law was reviewed Tuesday during the interview with the deputy minister and further action promised.

Early Christmas

Acton O.P.P. Detachment received a welcome gift from headquarter during the weekend—a brand new cruiser.

The 1964 Ford cruiser is painted black and white with gold markings on the side "O.P.P." The former cruiser had the old style markings "Ontario Provincial Police."

Mayor Urges Keen Interest For Nomination Meeting

Mayor Les Doby urged incumbents to give serious consideration to coming nominations and stressed the importance of sound, strong and conscientious council for 1964.

The mayor's address to council came Tuesday evening at the conclusion of the agenda before adjournment. Following is the mayor's speech in entirety.

"We have come to that time of the year, when we have but one more council meeting prior to nomination night and there are many things that we as incumbent members should give consideration for prior to nomination for a new year.

First of all, having served in the capacity of elected representatives of the people of Acton, we must stress the importance of a sound, strong and conscientious council for the year that lies ahead.

New Interest

Nothing less will serve our municipality and I certainly hope the voters of Acton will trust up a new interest in the annual nominations.

It is my sincere hope that there will be a contest for every

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seat on council, public school board and hydro commission, because I do believe that every successful candidate deserves the "vote of confidence" that goes with winning a contested election, while in some instances it must be accepted for the most part acclamations are "for the birds" because they do carry the stigma of "nobody else wanted the job—so now you're in."

Need Dedication

And furthermore since our there is a certain dedication required to fulfill the obligations of a municipal official—no one goes along for the ride. I urge the people of Acton to do some serious thinking during the next 10 days and to participate in the upcoming election as concerned citizens who appreciate their right to vote.

And furthermore since our friend and councillor Bert Dennis much to our regret, has announced his intention to retire this year from the local political scene, I would just like to add that I am a firm believer in coming up through the ranks—therefore some incumbent councillor should consider contesting the deputy reeve seat for 1964."

Chairman Stresses Close Harmony To Increase Education Standards

High school board chairman Jack Reid urged closer cooperation between high school and public school boards for better education for the students. This request was made during his visit to the public school board meeting last Thursday evening.

Mr. Reid, who is the public school board's representative on the high school board, had been asked to attend the meeting by chairman Tom Watson to promote harmony between the two boards and for him to meet public school board members.

During the round table discussion members talked over student, teacher, and overcrowding problems at the high school. Mr. Reid informed public school trustees there had always been a problem of a teacher shortage and stated many teachers from college gain experience in small town schools and then look for more lucrative positions in larger centres. His solution to the problem was more teachers graduating from Ontario College of Education.

Mr. Watson asked Mr. Reid how serious the overcrowding at the high school is and learned the school addition is quite necessary. Mr. Watson also enquired about teachers living out of town and said he had heard some left early in order to beat rush-hour traffic in Toronto.

Mr. Reid replied no teachers are influencing class hours to get back to the city. He was also asked if the lunch period at the high school was properly supervised and replied the teachers take turns supervising.

Mr. Watson enquired on how the staggered noon hours are affecting many students and told the high school board chairman not only students are affected by the short noon hour but family life is also disrupted.

He also asked if the inspector sent the board a written report regarding the teachers and learned the principal gave board members a report by departments only and not one of specific teachers.

Mr. Reid stated the inspectors appeared to be very reluctant to name specific teachers and said the teachers' union is one of the strongest labor unions because teachers are professionals.

P. S. B. trustees and chairman Reid discussed the problems of dealing with transients (students with academic difficulties) and Mr. Reid said a terminal course had been set up for these students in hopes of overcoming the problems.

Can't Understand Results Public school board trustee Vic Bristow expressed his disappointment in the manner in

which the high school board released school results for publication. A lot of people, including myself, don't understand the way the high school students are graded. The percentage of papers written is no yardstick for measuring the progress of students," he said. Mr. Bristow wondered if this was department policy or the report system set by the school.

Mr. Reid acknowledged that as a parent with a daughter in high school he was also interested in the percentage received in examinations. He argued against the publication of individual marks on the basis it would be an intrusion of privacy.

Clearer Picture Coming

Mr. Bristow claimed most parents were interested and couldn't care less for the number of papers tried. Chairman Tom Watson agreed the reports were pretty ambiguous. Mr. Reid stated trustee Dwight Engel is working on a modified report system in order to give a clearer picture of results.

Both public school board members and Mr. Reid agreed a joint meeting should be held in the near future to create closer harmony and strengthen their stand as far as educational problems are concerned. Mr. Watson, who is a 14-year veteran on the public school board and is retiring the end of this term, urged an early January meeting.

Businessman Angry

Secretary-treasurer William Middleton read a three-page letter from an irate businessman Al Remer, head of Reimer Electric, which charged the board with playing small town politics and "flinging" its weight around.

The writer warned his 200 pounds could go a long way if he got "piss and mad." While rejecting any offer to bid on future school work he warned he would keep a sharp eye on any board irregularities in calling tenders and notify the Ontario Municipal Board.

Circumstances sparking the (Continued on Page Seven)



AN IN-SERVICE TRAINING meeting for teachers from elementary public schools in Milton, Waterdown and Acton was held on Tuesday evening at the J. M. Denyes school, Milton, with D. L. Bornhold as the guest speaker. Mr. Bornhold, a brother of a former Halton County inspector, spoke on solving mathematical problems through Algebra. Shown chatting with the guest speaker are Acton teachers Keith Allen and Mrs. A. Gamble, left, and Robert Little school principal G. W. McKenzie, right.



MARRIED 50 YEARS Mr. and Mrs. Pete Saunders, Rockwood, started in the bakery business the year after they were married and are still preparing dough daily in their popular shop. They were married October 15, 1913, and the following year purchased their present business from the late Harry Stehman. Their son Herb is a farmer and assists his father in the bakery. Mrs. Saunders is still active in the business and serves customers. The couple are seen checking over a batch of fancy buns.