

From Free Press Files

"Germany Again Takes Defeat" Paper Announced 20 Years Ago

V-E Day Here

The front page of the Free Press of Thursday, May 18, 1945, was bristling with excitement. V-E day had come, and had been suitably celebrated in Acton. These poignant remembrances—when Actonians remembered the horrors of the past years of strife and looked forward with hope—are recalled today, two decades later.

Acton Bomber Came Through Battle Scarred

Many in Acton have often wondered what became of the Mosquito bomber named for Acton, Ontario, after it went overseas and into the war. The answer came in a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Salt this week from their nephew, Sgt. Bill Westwood of R.A.F. The Acton bomber came through the war badly battle scarred but still going strong. It was a coincidence that on its last flight Sgt. Westwood was one of its crew. Unlike the most burned out bombers the Acton is not consigned to the scrap heap. It is being mounted at one of the training depots in England and will be used for training. The bomber still carries the name Acton, Ontario, Canada, on it just as when it left Canada.

Surrender!

Rhinola, France, Monday, May 7 (CP) — Germany surrendered unconditionally to the Western Allies and Russia at 2:41 a.m. French time today. The surrender took place at a school house, the headquarters of General Eisenhower.

More Soldiers Return to Acton From Overseas

Families and friends are glad to welcome home more Acton soldiers during the week, after long years of service overseas. Sgt. Bill Nicolak is recently returned. Pte. George Riddell, in the army five and a half years and overseas five years, was one of the arrivals home this week. Sgt. John Drysdale was welcomed home by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Drysdale. In 1944 he was dangerously wounded. All hope more will soon join them at home.

Four Heroes

Through Dark Days They Led Us! The front page of the Free Press of May 10, 1945 carried pictures of Stalin, Churchill, Roosevelt and Mackenzie King.

Two Acton Men Join New Auxiliary Police

Two Acton men, Elmer Rozell and Leonard Reimer, were among 27 from Halton County who graduated last night (Wednesday) from a 14-week training course to become "Halton County Auxiliary Police" officers. The graduation ceremony was staged by Halton E.M.O. in Burlington.

The Halton Emergency Measures Organization has recruited the 27 men—three from Milton, two from Acton, three from Georgetown, nine from Oakville and 10 from Burlington—to form the unit of Auxiliary Police. All have been trained in drill, traffic control, criminal code, report writing, highway traffic act, patrol technique, court procedure, and defensive driving and all were "sworn in" by Halton Magistrate J. R. Black on Wednesday evening of last week in Milton. Some of the Oakville volunteers were sworn in last exercise May 1, at the cornerstone laying ceremony at Oakville's new municipal administration building. They will wear a regular police uniform, with a shoulder flash reading "Halton County Auxiliary Police" and the name of the town where they reside.

Heart disease is our Country's Number One Killer. Your Canadian Heart Fund is the Number One Defence against this dread disease.

Parades and Services Say Thanks With Bonds

The Victory Bond contest winners with correctly estimated times are Nino Branda, who wins 10 adult tickets to the Gregory Theatre; Frieda Harris who wins half a ton of anthracite coal; William Croft, a \$40 merchandise voucher; Dorothy Fougitt, 25 children's admission tickets to the Gregory Theatre; Chairman J. H. Boulton and B. D. Rachlin handed out the prizes.

Acton's celebration of the surrender of Germany seemed spontaneous with receipt of the word. The Tannery Whistle shrieked and there was no mistaking the message it was conveying. It was the real thing: "Germany had surrendered." It came about 9:45 a.m. as the high school cadets were having their official inspection in the park.

A few minutes later the Free Press received a wire from the Canadian Press giving the official news and this was displayed in the window.

But the word finished the cadet inspection and it was only a matter of minutes until the boy's band was on the street headed by Reeve McDonald and Principal Stewart and the boys and girls were leading the victory parade. They headed for the public school and were joined by teachers and all the classes and paraded the streets.

Flays broke out in business places and homes. This was the day by moon proclamations were posted announcing a public holiday.

In the afternoon at 2:45 a parade of the Boys' Band with Reeve McDonald and the council, veterans of the last war and the Boy Scouts and the present war, 10 D.I. chapters, Boy Scouts, Cadets and other organizations formed up at the town hall. The parade stopped at the Soldier's monument. Anos Mason sounded the Last Post and Reveille and a brief silence was observed.

Then the crowd filed into the United Church where a special service was held for the whole community. Rev. Forbes Thomson of Knox was in charge, assisted by Rev. A. E. Pulker and Rev. A. W. Fosbury. A choir was made up of members of the Anglican, Baptist, Presbyterian and United churches. A High Mass of Thanksgiving was observed in St. Joseph's church.

In the evening there was dancing in the streets and when the rains came down they moved to the town hall. The Lorne Scouts Band paraded in the streets. But there also were many silent scenes in homes where the sacrifice of war had been heavy.

The promise of spring and new life was in the air.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. Gilbertson, Mr. and Mrs. Will Gilbertson, Mrs. K. Gilbertson were in London, guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Reid.

The executive of Eden Mills and district Community Club met Monday evening in the hall to plan activities for the summer. Opening Ball Game will be held June 25 with fireworks following. The Fun fair this year will be held in June.

Mrs. Kaye Stevenson left Tuesday for Scotland to visit with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Stevenson for the next three weeks.

Mother's Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. Wright were Mr. Melvyn Vincent, Brackbridge, Mr. Bev Vincent and family, Aurora; Mrs. Beryl Wright and family; Peter Lawson Acton and Rudy Costantini of Rochester, N.Y.

Mother's Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. McLean Sr. were Mr. and Mrs. Don McLean and family, Guelph; Mr. and Mrs. David McDonald and daughter, Burlington; Mr. and Mrs. W. Davis, Hamilton; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Francis and family, London.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Will Gilbertson were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Anderson, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Tom McPhail, Burlington; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Anderson, Guelph; Mr. and Mrs. Whyte, Guelph and son Proven, Hamilton.

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Flowers of Hope Seeds Mailed for Mother's Day

"Flowers of Hope" seeds for planting on Mother's Day were sent out last week by the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded. In a letter accompanying the seeds, executive members of the association asked for financial help from the citizens of the district with the aim of eventually providing an "Adult Training Centre" for the retarded adults in the area.

Because of new legislation, grants are now available for Retarded Children's Schools, but public subscription is still needed. The North Halton Association is to look after the adult retardates. Presently grants are only available for work with children up to 18 years of age, but executive members stressed, "the work is only really starting when 5 child is 18, further training is absolutely necessary if he is to become a useful member of the community."

"Pleasant" Here The Acton Auxiliary mailed out their "Flowers of Hope" packets last Thursday, and are already "quite pleased" by the response to the novel project.

Auxiliary members, curious to know what the seeds in the packets are, planted some at a greenhouse, waited and then got the word: They're comas.

So Acton gardens will display the showy pink and white blooms

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More in Ontario

Wild Oats Can be Controlled

Wild oats, an annual grass is reported to be on the increase in Ontario. It will only take a few plants to produce seed that can infest a field the next year. Once the seed is in the ground it may germinate over a period of many years.

It is wise to be on the alert for any possible buildup. Wild oats head out earlier and are taller than most cereals. Wild oats will ripen and drop seed before a normal cereal crop is ready to harvest. Use the growth from heavily infested fields for green forage to prevent the "seed in the soil" buildup.

Chemicals are now available that will control wild oats in barley and spring wheat.

Barban (Carbyne) should be applied as a post-emergence spray when the majority of the wild oats are in the two-leaf stage. Correct timing is critical.

Avalex BW is a chemical used for pre-emergence control immediately after the crop is seeded. The soil should be harrowed twice after the chemical is applied. Consult the label for complete directions.

The treatment in corn is the normal application of atrazine to control seeding weeds.

There is no chemical available to control wild oats in normal oats due to the similarity of their make-up.

For further information, see Ontario Department of Agriculture Publication 75, 1965 Guide to Chemical Weed Control, available from your local agricultural representative or by writing to the Information Branch, Ontario Department of Agriculture, Parliament Buildings, Toronto 2, Ontario.

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Comic Imaginary Hockey Game For Mission Circle Members

The May meeting of the Acton Baptist Mission Circle took the form of a pot luck supper. Such was the variety of foods displayed that many ladies were tempted to a consumption of calories, with unfortunate consequences to their weight control.

Following supper the president Mrs. Charles Landborough welcomed several visitors and new members and expressed pleasure at having the pastor, Mr. Gammon and his wife as guests.

She entertained with the description of an imaginary hockey game—featuring the members as players. Giggles and laughter greeted the recounting of many amusing episodes. The referee, Jessica Coles pointed out that both sides should be penalized for the number of players allowed on the ice—about 24 in all—but the confusion resulting from this no doubt helped the game.

The evening was pronounced a most enjoyable occasion by all present.

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TAX NOTICE — 1965

MUNICIPALITY OF ACTON

FIRST INSTALMENT NOW DUE

Attention is drawn to the payment of 1965 taxes, which are now payable in four instalments. Taxes are payable to the Municipal Treasurer at the

Town of Acton Municipal Office

(Y.M.C.A. Building)

INSTALMENTS ARE DUE AS FOLLOWS

FIRST INSTALMENT	MAY 15th
SECOND INSTALMENT	JULY 15th
THIRD INSTALMENT	SEPTEMBER 15th
FOURTH INSTALMENT	NOVEMBER 15th

According to the Tax Collection By Law a penalty of 1 per cent, per month or fraction of a month, will be added on the amount remaining unpaid after the 15th day of May.

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