

County Road Expenditure

\$68,237.30 in 1942

All members were present at the session of Halton County Council held at Milton last Tuesday, February 2.

Major Frank Pullen, of Oakville, and J. R. Davidson, Field Secretary of the Navy League of Canada, made a stirring appeal to the council on behalf of the Navy League. Major Pullen spoke from personal experience when he told the council of the intense suffering of the men of the merchant marine while carrying on their work in bitter freezing weather. The council granted \$500 to this worthy cause.

King county asked that the following resolution be endorsed: "That this county council petition the Wartime Prices and Trade Board to raise the price of beef cattle that producers may be assured of a price equal to the net price obtainable in the U.S. market, or lift the embargo on the exportation of beef cattle to U.S. markets."

A similar resolution was received from Wellington county, and both were endorsed by Halton County Council.

The following resolution from Carleton County Council was also endorsed: "It is resolved that men of military age, working on farms, be given preferred exemption from military service, as long as they work on farms and the decision as to whether they are required on a farm be decided by a local board who would have the power to allocate men to the employment in which they will be most useful to the country."

Managers' Council entered an appeal to have the county roads more adequately protected by sanding. Halton county endorsed this as well as the request that wig-wag signals be installed at Campbellville crossing and at the crossing west of Campbellville where a recent fatal accident occurred.

Grants were made to the Ontario Conservation and Reformation Association, Salvation Army, Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Canadian Aid to Russia Fund. The Georgetown Herald's tender for county printing was accepted. Payment of accounts to the various High School Boards totalled \$36,000.92, payment of hospital accounts, \$774.11, and county building accounts \$408.97.

Victor Hall was appointed caretaker of the Registry office building at a

salary of \$150 per annum, in addition to that which he already receives as caretaker of the Court House. It was decided to order 15,000 trees from the Ontario Forestry Branch, on a motion by May and Heslop. Mr. J. Robertson was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Leslie Kerns for 1943 on the County Roads Committee.

It was moved by Brown and Heslop that Dr. P. R. Watson be appointed to the Georgetown High School for 1943-5. Smith and Brown moved that the Road Committee and engineer be delegates to the Ontario Good Roads Convention and that their expenses be paid.

Moved by Gilbert and Robertson, that the Minister of Highways be advised that during 1942 the sum of \$68,237.30 had been expended on the county highway system and request the statutory grant on that amount.

PASSPORT TO UNITED STATES NOT REQUIRED FOR 30-DAY PERIOD

An announcement was made by the United States last week concerning the new border-crossing regulations involving a relaxation in the United States regulation requiring every visitor to carry a passport.

Although no details of the new arrangement have been revealed officially, it is reported that provisions will be made whereby a Canadian entering the United States for a 30-day period or less may do so on a border-crossing permit card, without a passport.

Travel difficulties and the restrictions on use of foreign exchange for travel in other countries render the proposed new regulations less significant than in peacetime when border traffic was extremely heavy.

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Thomas B. Hughes Dies in Toronto

On Friday, January 30th, Thomas B. Hughes passed away in Toronto in his 75th year. Funeral services were held from the residence of Mr. George Brandford, Victoria St., Georgetown, on Monday, February 1st. Rev. W. O. Thompson conducted the service.

The late Mr. Hughes was born in Yorkshire, England, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Hughes. In 1880 he came to Canada and settled on a farm near Ballinafad. Nearly forty-five years ago he married the former Isabel Kentner, of Ballinafad, who predeceased her husband a short time ago. Several years later they moved to Georgetown where Mr. Hughes was employed as a papermaker before he turned to his own trade of interior and exterior decorating. He was a member of L.O.L. No. 245, and also of the Brotherhood of Paper Makers, which has since discontinued. He was a member of the Church of England.

Burial was in the cemetery of St. Herbert's, Georgetown, and Mrs. C. P. Smith, Toronto.

Survivors were: Messrs. George Brandford, E. Harris, J. McNair, Maurice Hillcock, Edward Logan and Allan Bullock. Interment was made in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Lesson for February 14

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JESUS HEALS A MAN BORN BLIND

LESSON TEXT—John 9:1-38
GOLDEN TEXT—"One thing I know, that whereas I was blind, now I see."—John 9:25

The love of Christ is seen in its full beauty against the background of man's hatred and unbelief. Last week we saw Him coming away from the stones with which his enemies sought to kill him. As He passed by He had the time and the compassion to stop and help a man who had been born blind. His disciples, afflicted in some degree with the speculative tendencies of their time, saw in this blighted life only an illustration of a theological theory about sin.

But Jesus, by a loving and gracious act, stirred in the heart of the man that faith which caused him to obey—to go, to wash, and to see (v. 7). The enemies of Christ were not willing to believe even what they now saw to be true. Their stubborn unbelief shut the door to blessing for them, but the blind man received three things by faith:

I. Healing (vv. 10-23).

The argument with the man's parents hinged on one point—he had been healed of his blindness. The parents were unwilling to risk communication by discussing the matter, but they did know that he had been blind and now could see. That was clear.

An experience like that is impossible to deny. The healing of the soul of man in regeneration is also a stubborn fact which defies the God's Word and God's grace are unable to meet and overcome. The one who was blind and now could see had no questions about the power of Christ and His saving power. What is more, he was not afraid to testify. He could "speak for himself" (v. 21).

Note the difference between the three classes here: Blind and stubborn unbelief (v. 18), faith too fearful to speak (v. 22), and the assured faith of the one healed. That is our next point.

II. Assurance (vv. 24-34).

The appeal of the Jews in verse 24 based on their statement: "We know that this man is a sinner," reminds us that there is no knowledge so absolute (and so absolutely wrong) as that of ignorance backed by self-conceit.

They said they knew, but did not. The man had complete assurance by faith and by experience. He did not argue (v. 24), he simply restated his healing. "I was blind—now I see." When they evaded that reply (for they dared not meet it), he thrust deep with the convincing fact that God does not perform His miracles in response to the prayers of a wicked man. That was too much for them, and they cast him out.

Even as the stupidity and stubborn willful unbelief of our Lord's enemies grew step by step, so also did the healed man's assurance grow as he testified. First he called the Lord "a man called Jesus" (v. 11); then "a prophet" (v. 17), and then at last, "the Son of God" (vv. 35-38).

Standing true to Christ and speaking for Him means growth in faith, in knowledge and in grace. It may mean persecution and even exclusion, but remember that when the man was cast out by the haters of Christ, he met Christ. "His excommunication was a promotion. He went from the synagogue to the Saviour" (Scroggie). And that is our third point.

III. Fellowship (vv. 35-38).

He did not know Jesus. He had heard His voice, but he was blind then and had not seen Him. He probably did not know where to find Him. Then, too, he was now an outcast under the disfavor of the authorities, and even his friends would fear to be seen with him.

But Jesus sought him. Ah, that's the glorious difference between our Lord and those who look at the outward appearance of things. He went to find the man who now needed fellowship, instruction and encouragement.

He had sought the man out to heal him, now He sought him again to help him spiritually. We need to learn of our Lord that we are not to wait until the sin and suffering of men force themselves upon our attention and force us to do something. We are to go out into the highways and the hedges and urge sinners to come to Christ. We have failed in this. We have built churches and expected the people to come, instead of going where the people are, and bringing them the gospel. The war is teaching us some lessons in that connection, but we are none too quick to learn and to act.

There is a beautiful touch in verse 37. Dr. McLaren points out that when speaking to the woman of Samaria, Jesus said: "I that speak unto thee am he," but to the man who had just begun to see He said: "Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that speaketh to thee." The Christ who gave sight, now gives Himself to be seen.

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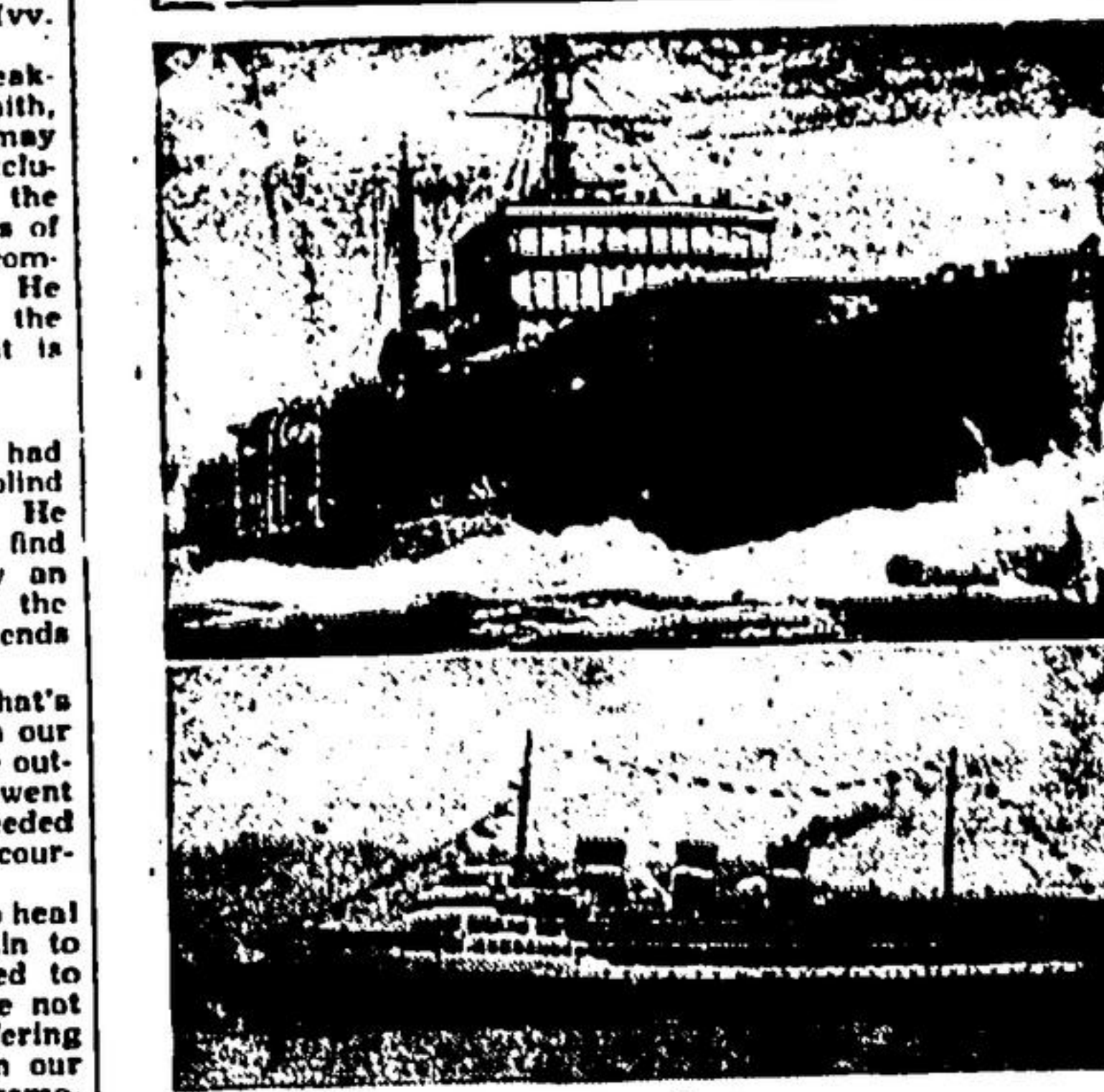
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