

WHAT COUNCIL DID

Stick to Own Affairs
Says Council to Requests

Continuing a policy of ignoring requests from other municipalities in appealing to senior governments for action on matters which Mayor Armstrong terms "out of municipal jurisdiction" council at their Monday meeting shelved three more such requests.

Orangeville wanted support in asking the Dept. of Education to limit future school construction to 2-storey buildings. Action asked federal and provincial action to remove discrimination against people 40-over in job hunting and that, as they termed it, "restrictions on employers by insurance companies in employing older people" be prohibited.

Novel Track Grinding
Train is Interesting

Sidewalk superintendents of the railroads are encountering a new phenomenon along Canadian National Railways lines in Ontario and Quebec. The "thing" is a rail-grinding train of nine odd-looking cars, running at a steady two m.p.h. and periodically showering sparks and dust from its wheels.

The train has been in service for about four years on various U.S. railroads. STEAM ENGINE POWERS RIDE FROM STREETSVILLE. On Saturday afternoon Mr. Gordon Bridgen and Mr. William Chisholm made a trip from Streetsville to Hornby on a steam engine on its own power and pulling an old time threshing machine.

To My Dear Friends in Georgetown
GREETINGS

Owing to unavoidable circumstances it is impossible for me to write you personally just now but my very best wishes for a happy Christmas season are going out by thought wave to each one, as we prepare to celebrate once more the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem, God's great gift to mankind may I share with you this story which came to me in a business letter received recently from Toronto.

Christmas?" he cried. "Christmas?" said the other. "What's Christmas? I never heard of it." Just down the street was the orphanage. Surely the children would remember. He hurried toward it. But there was no building there, just a vacant lot. What had happened to the town? Around the corner, he looked for the familiar hospital buildings; but none were there, only a vacant lot. Almost in a panic now, he ran the few blocks to the old church he had attended as a boy. The minister would reassure him, he thought. But there was no church or pastor to be seen; just vacant lots. In agony of mind, unable to adjust himself to a world where everything Christian was gone, he wrenched himself awake.

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HORNBY OFFICERS ELECTED BY CHURCH W.A. GROUP

The Hornby Evening W.A. was held in the church basement last week with 13 members present. The president Mrs. H. Learmont opened the meeting with the Theme Song and prayer. Mrs. E. Bailey gave a wonderful devotional. The secretary Mrs. M. Southwood read the minutes and Mrs. A. Death gave the treasurer's report. A collection was taken to make a Christmas box for a needy family in Trafalgar township.

103 were served at the Federation of Agriculture annual banquet held at Hornby United Church last Wednesday. The W.M.S. catered and everyone enjoyed the turkey menu held at noon. Linda and Alister Oag have been staying with Mr. and Mrs. Ken Ellis since last Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Oag came to the Ellis farm on Sunday. The Oag family left for their new home in Jamestown, New York, U.S.A., on Wednesday.

Doll, Christmas Fowl Lions Draw Prizes

A Zorge Construction employee, N. Krupka, was the lucky winner of a doll dressed in one dollar bills in the Lions sponsored Christmas draw made from four corners Saturday afternoon. Mr. Krupka's number was 6563.

Five lucky winners took home turkeys. Leigh Bradbury, 21 Market St. 3383. George Martin, 39 Queen St. with ticket No. 1, John Doherty, Hewson Cresc. 5127. Jack Livingstone, 101 Main St. N. 5407, and Kora Riddell, 4 Ostrander Blvd. with 2783.

A number of winners took home chickens. Emily Shannon, 29 Victoria Ave. 7120; Jas. Bradford 13 McIntyre Cresc. 5337; George Burt R.R. 1, Town 2760; R. J. Cunningham, R.R. 2, 1762; Ed Malison 12 Maple W 2737; Chas. Sheppard, Terra Cotta 4558; John Cornelius, Victoria Ave. 6918. T. Hockzema R.R. 2, 6539; W. Parker, 25 Prince Charles 5312; Bob Footitt, 29 McIntyre 671; Nora Barnes R.R. 2, 497; Geo. Brown Norval, 1818; H. Anson, 12 By Queen 3212; Walter Biehn, 26 Queen St. 3332; and C. Curbett Alton 2990.

Morale High Among Troops On Rotation In Germany

By M. McINTYRE HOOD
Special to The Herald

SOEST, West Germany—Visiting the 4th Canadian Army Brigade in West Germany on a tour of inspection, Major-General J. D. B. Smith, adjutant-general of the Canadian Army at Ottawa, found his visit coincided with the arrival of new troops from Canada, with their families, and the departure of others for Canada. I talked with him at some length on board the Carinthia at Rotterdam, and later after he had watched the troopship leave the dock.

One thing about which General Smith was enthusiastic was the smoothness of the rotation exercise, by which over 5,000 people are being moved from Canada and over 7,500 are returning there. The exercise, he said, had required the co-operation of a great many agencies, including NATO, the foreign offices of the NATO countries, the steamship and air transport lines, the railways of Germany and Holland, and even the Dutch Women's Voluntary Service. To all of these, General Smith accorded the highest praise for their co-operation in making the movements to and from Canada a success.

Army Brigade, and the women and children who are with it in Germany.

"Over here, I have seen these happy families living in their quarters, and to them it is a tremendous adventure. Their presence here has built up the morale of the troops to as high a point as I have ever seen. There is no morale problem at all in the brigade. This proves," he said, "that Canadians still have an adventurous spirit and that the opportunity to serve abroad is a definite attraction."

"The troops are getting on splendidly with the German population," said General Smith, "and there are no problems in that direction here." It is interesting to record that in the last two years' rotation of the brigade, there have been close to 100 marriages of Canadian soldiers to German girls. General Smith was firmly of the opinion that the opportunity to serve abroad, in West Germany, had been an important factor in maintaining recruiting for the Canadian army at a satisfactory level. It had also had its effect in producing a high level of re-engagements among the men whose period of service had expired.

"stand-to." The one code word of command was transmitted to all units, and every man had to report at once to his headquarters, ready for action, be loaded and vehicles taken out of camp to an assembly area. It was not as simple as it out."

sounds, as all the men in married quarters and living in the German villages had to be notified, rounded up and brought in trucks to the barracks. Notification was given by using just the one word, the code word for an immediate "bug-out."

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