

Lloyd Crawford Elected President of Milton Fair

Annual Meeting on Friday Hears Encouraging Reports—Directors and Executive are Elected

The Annual Meeting of the Halton Agricultural Society was held in Milton on Friday, January 21, with a good attendance.

The election of eighteen directors was as follows: Milton, Dr. C. H. Heslop; A. E. Waldie; E. Cooper. Esquing, E. Harrop; A. M. Hume; J. A. Ellifort.

Nelson, W. K. Shields; Lorne Walker; H. A. Cartwright; Eric McArthur; George Newell.

Nassagaweya, J. E. Ellenton; Wm. Reid; Lloyd Chisholm. Trafalgar, D. Reid; H. Armstrong; Percy Merry; Allan Dixon.

Auditors, W. J. Robinson; W. T. Dales. President, Lloyd Crawford.

1st Vice-President, A. E. Waldie. 2nd Vice-President, Percy Merry. Secretary-Treasurer, E. M. Readhead.

Encouraging reports were received, the treasurer presented the financial statement, showing a balance in the bank of \$843.14.

It was decided to send the \$4.00 membership fee to the Fairs Association for 1944.

The president and Secretary-Treasurer were elected as delegates to the Ontario Fairs Association Convention to be held in the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, on Friday 10 and 11.

Mr. J. E. Whitecock gave a short talk on Field crops and the Special Seed Day to be held on Saturday, January 29th, in Milton.

Some new plans were brought forward; Mr. A. E. Waldie and Mr. N. A. Sinclair's names were added to the Ground's Committee.

Quite a number of Lady Directors met in connection with the Halton meeting on Friday, January 21st as Mrs. N. A. Sinclair had resigned as a Director they suggested she be made an Honorary Director and Mrs. E. Harrop's name be put on the Ladies Work in her place. Mrs. F. W. Chisholm's name was to be put on Children's Work and taken off the Art. It was also recommended that Mrs. L. Crawford and Mrs. F. W. Chisholm be the two ladies to meet with the delegates from the Institutes to make out the list for the Women's Institute Exhibit.

The delegates to the Toronto Convention for the Ladies were Mrs. David Hartley and Mrs. E. M. Readhead.

Officers Elected at Annual Meeting of Grace Church

The annual meeting of the W. A. of Grace Church was held at the Rectory, Wednesday, January 12th, with the president Mrs. Bayley in the chair. Rev. Kirk took charge of the meeting and gave a most inspiring address.

The reports of all activities for 1943 were read and found most encouraging after which the following officers were elected for the ensuing year, Mrs. Bayley resigning after 5 years as president.

Honorary President, Mrs. Kirk; Honorary Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Maude and Mrs. Hilyer; President, Mrs. Morley; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Symons; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Moyes; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Bolingbroke; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Allen; Missionary Treasurer, Mrs. Browne; Dorcas Secretaries Mrs. Fox and Mrs. Coulson; Literature Secretary, Mrs. Allen; United Thank-offering, Mrs. Maxted, Mrs. Simpson; Living Message, Mrs. Moyes; Little Helpers, Mrs. Symons; Assistants, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Bardoe; Junior Superintendent, Mrs. Bonsal, Assistants, Mrs. Kirk, Miss Leeson, Mrs. Armstrong; Organist, Miss Maxted; Rec. Rep., Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Maude; Delegates to Annual, the President, Secretary and Treasurer; Subscriptions to Annual, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Lindsay, Mrs. Kirk.

The meeting closed with the Benediction. A social half-hour was spent by the ladies, Mrs. Kirk serving a delightful lunch which was enjoyed by all. Mrs. Morley moved a vote of thanks to Rev. and Mrs. Kirk for their kind hospitality.

SMALL TRADER'S VIRTUES

LONDON (CP)—Britain's small trader has three virtues—thrift, initiative and hard work—that have to play an important part in Britain's business life, said Capt. L. D. Gammans, Chairman of Retail Distributors.

Weekly War Commentary

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The British-Russian separate peace incident of last week appears to have died down—on the surface at least—with the carrying by Russian newspapers of Britain's reiteration of her fixed policy that no separate peace with Germany is possible, but the motive behind the publication in the Communist Party organ Pravda of the rumour—which cause the furore in the first place—is not known.

Full significance of the publication of the false item is still unexplained, although many commentators have suggested in their speculations—various possible reasons.

The item, credited to Pravda's special correspondent in Cairo, said "reliable Greek and Yugoslav sources" had transmitted information of a secret meeting in the Pyraenees Peninsula between two British officials and Foreign Minister Ribbentrop of Germany.

The final paragraph of the item, which was carried without comment, packed the punch: "the meeting had the aim of finding out the conditions of a separate peace with the Germans. It is understood the meeting did not remain without results."

Indirectly Supervised

Pravda, unlike Izvestia and the Red Star is not actually an official mouthpiece of the Soviet government or its army. But like all Russian newspapers it may be said to be under at least indirect government supervision. Thus it is safe to conclude that publication of the separate peace rumor was not merely irresponsible journalism.

If we are to cast aside possibility of any truth in the story there remains the question mark—why was authorization ever granted for its appearance in print?

Many commentators have hazarded that there is some connection between the story and the request of the Polish government in London for Anglo-American mediation in the Russo-Polish border dispute. The Russians have made it plain they want to handle the Polish question without interference. The implication in the carrying of the Pravda item conceivably may have been intended as an oblique hint for the British Government to keep out of Russia's dealings with her European neighbours.

One Washington writer has pointed out that the Russians have urged the opening of a western front in Europe for many months, and to date only preparations for opening the front have been accomplished. Suggesting possibility of a separate Anglo-German armistice, he reasons, may be calculated to place upon Britain a certain onus to open the western front in the shortest possible time, in order, once and for all, to disprove the rumor.

Other explanations of the move—some fairly logical, some utterly fantastic—have been offered. Until the diplomatic history of the war is written, years hence, we probably will not know the full truth.

Allies on the Move

There appeared to be no dissent on the fighting fronts, however, and as last week ended, British and American troops were in the midst of a new amphibious attack on the Tyrrenian coast of Italy, the Red Army thundered its way to fresh successes in the Leningrad region and the Allied air bombardment of Germany reached new fury.

Troops of the Allied 5th Army began striking at the very outposts of Rome itself with the assault late last week deep behind the enemy's present defence lines. Commandos, Rangers and regular troops made the landings between the mouth of the Tiber, Rome's historic river, and Nettuno, 30 miles down the coast.

The landing again demonstrated the vulnerability of the long, narrow Italian peninsula to invasion.

The Russian drive in the Leningrad region has resulted in the capture of Mga, a key rail junction, thus reuniting Russia's second city by rail with Moscow for the first time since the city was laid under siege by the Germans two years ago.

At the same time Leningrad gained a permanent rail link to tap supplies coming from the northern port of Murmansk through Volkhov.

Eddy Gilmore writes that the successes of the developing Russian offensive on the Leningrad front shows that the Germans have fallen victim to one of the nearest bits of military strategy since the war began. He said it is becoming more and more apparent that the Red Armies cleverly pulled the Germans out of position by two feints to the south, putting the Nazis around Leningrad in a desperate plight, and there are signs that the current offensive may prove to be one of the most decisive of the war.

Levy for Post-War Work Considered by County

Payments to High School Boards Passed and Appointments Made at Tuesday's Meeting — \$68,120.72 Expended on Highways Last Year in County—No Further Action on Nassagaweya Request re C. P. R.

Halton County Council held its second meeting of the year in Milton on Tuesday. Warden Howard May presided. All members were present with the exception of Deputy-Reeve Colin Smith, Nelson, and Reeve K. MacDonald, Georgetown.

Minutes and communications were read. Mr. L. L. Skuce, on behalf of Mr. J. E. Whitecock, addressed the Council with regard to securing additional nursery stock for reforestation purposes.

An appeal was heard from a representative of the Canadian Institute for the Blind for a grant. An outline of the work done by this organization in Halton was also given.

Council then adjourned to attend the funeral of the late J. R. Elliott, a former warden of the County.

Upon resuming the session, Council went into committee of the whole to consider the reports of the Standing Committees, which were as follows:

County Buildings: Payments of accounts totalling \$470.15.

Education: Payment to the following High School Boards on account Acton, \$1,500.00; Oakville, \$10,000.00; Burlington and Milton, each \$10,000.00; Rockwood Continuation, \$147.89, making a total of \$31,647.99.

Hospital Accounts: Total of \$524.80. Agriculture and Reforestation recommended that the same assistance be given for the distribution of trees as last year.

Finance: Accounts submitted for payment for the Children's Aid Society, House of Refuge, and various training schools, totalling \$2016.50. There was also considerable discussion regarding the establishment of a post-war fund. According to a letter received from the Department of Municipal Affairs, a by-law would have to be passed stating the amount of money to be levied for post-war purposes and the purpose for which it was being set aside. Council felt this should be given further consideration and it was agreed that the Finance Committee should bring in a report at the April meeting.

Printing: This committee recommended acceptance of the tender from the Burlington Gazette for printing minutes and by-laws at \$1.55 per page be accepted if price submitted includes sales tax. Also the tender of Marshall White for magistrates' blanks and other required forms be accepted.

Mr. Robertson, chairman of the Good Roads Committee stated that he had asked the County Engineer to submit expenditure reports frequently so that these might be placed before the council as a whole. This Mr. Smith had agreed to do.

Special Communications: Many communications were read, but most of them were later filed. A copy of a resolution was received from Nassagaweya requesting the County Council to take legal action for recovery of bonus and penalty from the C.P.R. on account of non-compliance with agreement of 1872 re guaranteed services. After some discussion the following resolution was passed: Moved by Mr. J. M. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Craig, that this council after due consideration do not feel that any further action should be taken at the present time.—Carried.

A grant of \$100 was made to the Salvation Army, \$500 to the Navy League; \$150 to the Canadian Institute for the Blind and \$25 to Ontario Conservation and Reforestation Project.

Other resolutions passed were as follows: Moved by Near and Hillmer, that this council request the railway board to supply more adequate protection at Campbellville crossing and crossing west of Campbellville.

Moved by Near and Robertson, that the annual grant of \$50 be sent to the Ontario Agricultural Council and the Agricultural Committee attend the Ontario convention as delegates.

Moved by Robertson and Blair, that M. M. Robinson be appointed to the Burlington High School Board for the years 1944-46 inclusive.

Moved by Near and Robertson, that the Reforestation committee order 6,000 trees from the Ontario Forestry Branch.

Moved by Blair and Craig, that H. M. Saunders be appointed to fill the unexpired term of A. E. Mason on the Burlington High School Board, for 1944.

Moved by Robertson and Heslop, that membership fee of \$15 be paid by the Good Roads Association and that expenses of delegates be paid.

Moved by Biggar and Robertson, (Continued on Page Three)

Education Survey Report Given Home and School Council

There was a good attendance at the Halton County Home and School Council meeting held in Strathcona school, Burlington on Friday, January 21. The president, Mr. Roy Smith, presided. Delightful piano solos were contributed by Misses Beverly Jones and Sally Cockshutt. The guest speaker, Mr. L. L. Skuce, Halton County Public School Inspector, gave a comprehensive review of the report of the survey committee for the Canada and Newfoundland Education Association. This report comprises the most urgent changes necessary in our educational system and has received much enthusiastic support.

Health is given priority since it is realized that a sickly child can be a liability and should be given the opportunity of enjoying good health, if the parents are unable to meet the cost, the government must do so. In Britain it was realized that the foundation of its future rests in the hands of its youth and no expense was being spared to prepare them in mind and body for their responsibilities.

The report suggests changes in the administration. Rural school inspectors are hard pressed for time enough to fulfill all their duties. In some counties 200 schools must be visited which could be remedied by assistant inspectors. Sanitary improvements in rural schools were necessary and the larger unit of administration was the answer to securing many other improvements. Many rural school children were denied the opportunity of a high school education because of distance and lack of education. This could be remedied by consolidated schools with transportation provided.

The teaching standards must also be raised to meet the requirements and higher salaries are necessary. This would also encourage more men to enter the teaching profession. The report contends that 40 per cent. of the staff should be men.

The survey discloses that there are drastic changes needed in the curriculum. Vocational subjects must be stressed. Girls require home economics and budgeting as every girl is a potential homemaker, boys require manual training. The old idea of taking Latin, algebra, etc. was causing many boys to leave high school too soon through lack of interest in the academic subjects. The curriculum could be made more flexible and night classes made available. Many exceptionally bright students who would be leaders are allowed to drift away through lack of opportunity and guidance.

Financing these changes must be met with support from the Dominion Government. At present each province depends on real estate taxation for educational purposes, this creates an unequal system of education all across Canada. The changes suggested by the survey committee would stabilize education for the entire continent.

Mr. E. R. Swift moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Skuce for his splendid address.

DONKEY TRANSPORT

CANBERRA (CP)—Donkeys are the new means of transport for supplies needed by isolated army units in the north-west of Australia. They can take heavy loads over country that defies mechanized transport.

S. Wharin Elected Chairman of the High School Board

Mr. John Jackson, Retiring After Twenty-Two Years of Faithful Service as Caretaker

At a meeting of the High School Board the following officers were elected for the ensuing year. Chairman, Mr. S. Wharin. Vice-Chairman, Mr. H. B. Browne. Property Committee, Mr. H. E. Browne, Mr. F. Pearen and Mr. J. E. Mitchell.

Representative on School Nurse Committee, Mr. F. Gilroy.

After twenty-two years of faithful service as caretaker Mr. George Jackson is retiring. Mr. Geo. White is to succeed him as soon as arrangements can be made. It is expected his duties will commence the first of March. Mr. J. R. Mitchell is the new member appointed by the Public School Board.

Business Men Have Playground Objective for Milton

The Milton Business Men's Association met on Tuesday evening, January 25 in the Council Chambers. The following officers were elected for 1944:

President—R. C. Cunningham. First Vice-President—N. L. Pickett. Second Vice-President—C. N. Near. Secretary—G. C. Gowland. Treasurer—C. Clarke.

Mr. C. R. Cunningham was elected the representative to serve the Rehabilitation Committee.

It was decided that meetings of the Association would be held the fourth Tuesday of every month, and would be banquet meetings with a fee of \$1.00 per plate. D. Davis, C. B. Knight and S. A. Fay were elected the banquet committee.

The association's objective is a playground and swimming pool.

ST. GEORGE'S W. A. HAS SURPRISE PARTY FOR MRS. ELLENTON

A surprise party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Ellenton, when the members of the St. George's W. A. and their husbands called to extend birthday greetings to Mrs. Ellenton who was celebrating her 81st birthday.

This wonderful old couple are enjoying perfect health, and Mrs. Ellenton never misses a missionary meeting and has been Dorcas secretary for a number of years. The evening was spent in singing old songs and playing euchre.

Refreshments were served when Mrs. Ellenton cut a large cake on which were 81 lighted candles. Rev. W. B. Irwin made a few fitting remarks and Mrs. Ellenton was presented with a beautiful plant from the W. A. members and a most enjoyable evening came to a close.

Elderly Man Injured On No. 25 Highway On Friday Evening

Mr. Thos. Kerr received rather serious injuries when he was in collision with a car on No. 25 Highway on Friday evening. The accident occurred about two miles north of Milton.

Mr. McKerr was returning from choir practice at St. Paul's Church, Milton about ten o'clock on Friday night, walking along the highway. The car was driven by Gordon Bilton, Acton and C. Hurren was also a passenger. He was taken by them for medical attention in Milton following the accident.

Examination revealed that Mr. McKerr had sustained a compound fracture of the leg and suffered other bruises and a bad shaking up. Provincial Constable Lemon, of Milton, investigated the accident.

Edwin Harrop New President Halton Jersey Club

Sixty Jersey enthusiasts attended the Annual Meeting of the Halton Jersey Breeders' Cattle Club held at Hornby on Thursday of last week. Following the business session held in the morning under the able chairmanship of President Lorne Ella of Rockwood, the group enjoyed a dinner served by the Ladies of the Hornby W. I.

Jas Bremner, Secretary of the Canadian Jersey Club, in his characteristic interesting manner reviewed Jersey activities in the Dominion and outlined new plans for 1944. He pointed out that Jersey registration for 1943 were 25% higher than normal.

The guest speaker, Dr. G. E. Reaman of the Ontario Agricultural College, delivered a thought-provoking address entitled "Yesterday, To-day and Tomorrow". The speaker emphasized "Education as the medium of shaping Canada's destiny. He illustrated his subject by referring to what Hitler had accomplished in Germany by means of education—true, this was bad education, he stated, but further pointed out if we want to make "Co-operation" a success, let us teach it in the schools and in one generation we can make "Co-operation" a success. The election of officers resulted as follows:

President, Edwin Harrop, Milton; 1st Vice-President, Arthur Padbury, Rockwood; 2nd Vice-President, Denny Charles, Georgetown; Sec.-Treas., J. E. Whitecock.

Directors—Esquing, Ward Ruddle and D. Charles, Georgetown; Nassagaweya, Duncan Moffat, Rockwood; Nelson, Wm. Davies, Palermo, and Herb Alton, Tansley; Trafalgar, Maurice Beatty, Milton, Jack Featherstone and Tex McRae, Oakville; Erin, Chas. McKeown, Acton; Eramosa, Lorne Ella and Fred Moore, Rockwood.

THIS WEEK

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TORONTO (CP)—Ontario was honoured this week by a visit from Britain's distinguished ambassador to the United States—Lord Halifax—who delivered an address which Premier Drew termed "a very great speech which may well mark the turning point in the thinking of our people."

In an address at the Toronto Board of Trade's centennial dinner, Lord Halifax suggested that the British Commonwealth of Nations and not Britain alone—must be the fourth power to stand with Russia, China and the United States in the determination of future world policies.

Unity of the Commonwealth in peace as well as war, was advanced by the speaker as a condition necessary to the future peace of the world. If Britain, in the future, were to play her part without assuming burdens greater than she could support, she must have with her in peace the same strength that had sustained her in war.

Lord Halifax said the Statute of Westminster, which conferred independence upon the British nations, necessitated also an interdependence which requires unity on such problems as foreign policy, defence, economic affairs, colonial questions and communications.

In some aspects the ambassador's address was similar in tone to one delivered in London last November by Prime Minister Smuts of South Africa. Smuts also remarked that Britain alone would be unequal in a partnership with Russia, China and the United States, and urged intimate relations with the small democracies in Western Europe as well as closer empire links.

Dr. T. W. Hogg, chairman and chief engineer of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, thinks rural Ontario will provide an annual post-war market for electrical appliances and equipment and accessory materials valued at \$4,000,000.

In a statement here, Dr. Hogg said that the commission already had made representations to the federal metals controller for the release of materials needed to extend hydro service in many of Ontario's rural areas. The commission hoped in the coming months to extend service on existing rural lines and to add new extensions making power available to an additional 5,000 farms.

Dr. Hogg said such extension of hydro service would serve to increase food production.

Discussing the commission's new rural rate structure, the chairman said 97 per cent. of the province's rural power consumers had received a reduction in the cost of their electricity. He added that existing consumers particularly on farms, used only about 12½ per cent. of the power they could consume.

The Ontario legislature is to have a new seating plan for its members. The semi-circular plan in use since 1930 is being done away with in favor of the rectangular plan in vogue before that time. This is being done to overcome seating problems created by the fact that four political parties have representation in the house.

Under the new plan there will be three rows of seats on each side of the speaker, 45 seats on each side. The Progressive Conservatives will occupy about three-quarters of one side with the Liberals being about equally divided between the two sides. The two Labor-Progressive members will sit on the side opposite the government with the chief opposition—the C.C.F. An aisle likely will separate the C.C.F. members and the two labor members.

HALTON COMPANY SHOWS GOOD YEAR IN INSURANCE FIELD

The annual reports of the Halton Union Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company, which were distributed during the week, show another year of very successful operation of this Company.

Losses during the year were \$13,756.29, a decrease over those of 1942. The net insurance in force at the end of the year was \$10,335,925.

Assets of the Company are shown as \$93,319.48 and liabilities as \$26,623.22, which includes \$25,923.92 of unearned premiums on outstanding risks. The surplus shown in the annual report at the year end was \$66,096.26 and the increased surplus in 1943 was \$10,859.30.

These are among the items which are shown in the annual report and will be presented at the annual meeting of the Company scheduled to be held in Acton next Monday.

BLACKBURN (CP) — For feeding wheatmeal and oatmeal to cattle, Arthur Butterfield, a farmer, was fined \$325.

Knox Church Burns Mortgage at Annual Meeting

Reports Presented Monday Show a Year of Splendid Progress

On Monday the Annual Congregational Meeting of Knox Presbyterian Church, Milton was conducted with mingled feelings of thanksgiving, joy and anxiety, with Rev. John Riddell in the chair. Expressions of sympathy were extended to the bereaved, and anxious families whose loved ones are serving at the front, and more particularly where the supreme sacrifice had been made.

Notable achievements in the life, and work of the church left much to be grateful for. An increase in membership inspired greater plans for the future.

At this meeting the burning of the mortgage took place. This was made possible by the splendid effort put forth by the Ladies Aid Society, and the extra work undertaken by the years the church has been liquidating its debts, and the burning of the Twenty-three Hundred Dollar mortgage was a fitting climax to their efforts. Not only has Knox Church met all its outstanding financial obligations but its budget allocation has been considerably oversubscribed, and the treasurer's books show a balance of four hundred and fifty dollars.

Reports from the different organizations denote an increase in their achievements during the past year. The Missionary Society oversubscribed their missionary allocation. Mr. C. S. Lockie was highly commended for his splendid work as the Sunday School superintendent. Great appreciation was expressed for the work of the Choir under the able leadership of Mrs. C. S. Lockie and Mrs. R. Anderson.

The following were elected to the Board of Managers for three years; Miss Annie Blain, Mrs. M. E. Gowland, Mr. Wm. Scott, and Mrs. Earl Foerter.

A vote of appreciation was extended to the minister and his wife, and the officials of the church.

After the burning of the mortgage the meeting closed with prayer by the Moderator, and the ladies added to the goodwill of the meeting by serving refreshments.

LUCKY DESTROYER

A BRITISH PORT (CP)—Although she has been in every major operation in the Mediterranean in the past year and in one Russia convoy, the British destroyer Tartar has come through all actions without a single casualty.

Events Just Ahead

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, 10 cents per line, average 6 words to line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 25c.

Concert and Dance to be held in Waterloo School February 2nd. Stewart Elliot Orchestra.

Dance, Brookville, February 2nd. Fisher's Orchestra. Sponsored by Busy Bees Club.

Dance Oddfellows Hall on Friday, February 4th. Bloomsbury Orchestra. Admission 35c.

The Annual Meeting of John Milton Chapter I.O.D.E. will be held at the home of Mrs. M. E. Nixon on Thursday, February 3rd, at 3 p.m.

The Annual Meeting of the shareholders of the Milton Cemetery Company will be held in the Council Chamber, Milton, on Saturday, January 29th, at 2:30 p.m.

A Euchre and Dance will be sponsored by the Mountain Union W. L. in the auditorium of the High School February 4th. Admission 25c. Music furnished by the Bennett Orchestra.

The Omagh Women's Institute are holding a Social on Friday evening, February 4, at 8:00 p.m. in Boyne School. Mr. Whitecock will be the guest speaker and there will be euchre and crokinole. Silver collection.

The Ash Literary Society are holding an open evening on Thursday February 3rd at 8:30 p.m. The program will be in charge of Mr. Cadmore. There will be numbers on the harp by Mr. Pelleterio and the string ensemble. There will be readings and recitations, solos and duets, choruses and community singing led by the Glee Club. Mrs. L. Skuce will be the guest speaker for the evening. Everybody welcome. Come and enjoy an evening with us. No charge.