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## Jubilant Crowd Celebrates Victory Over Japan

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### Business Section Jammed In Spontaneous Celebration

### Oakville Mourns Passing of Mayor Alfred E. Whitaker, Notables March in Funeral Cortège



The cortège of Mayor Alfred Whitaker's funeral on the way from St. Jude's Anglican church to the cemetery passing the premises of William Whitaker, Sr., the late mayor's place of business. The hearse is just turning the corner from Thomas Street onto Colborne Street. The funeral was led by the Oakville Citizens' band, of which the late mayor was a member from the age of 16. Among those walking in the procession were town officials, representatives of township and county councils, members of the Masonic Order, ex-mayors, the Fire Brigade, and

### Over Three Thousand Gather In Park For Service

Radios flashed the news of Victory at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Sirens, whistles and church bells joined in clamorous, discordant announcement. Doors opened — cars with blaring horns converged on the business section. Short minutes after 7 Oakville was alive with jubilant, noisy crowds.

At 7.20, Mr. Frank Locksley, Oakville's bandmaster, arrived from Toronto by car — not plane. The bandmen popped up from nowhere and opened up in valiant competition with car horns, shouting, cheering crowds and every conceivable method of noise making.

Street dancing was in full swing and Oakville gave vent to the joy of cease fire.

On into the night happy, milling crowds carried on till weariness drove them home.

On Wednesday morning churches were crowded as services of thanksgiving were held. In the afternoon Colborne Street was packed as the parade moved off to Victoria Park for a Community Divine Service.

The Lions Club float was the focal point of all eyes. Beautifully executed, it portrayed the past, present and future and reflects credit on Mr. P. J. Cowan who conceived the idea and those who worked so hard from 9 o'clock Tuesday night until noon on Wednesday so that it would be ready for the parade.

ade. Over 3000 attended and in the hush and quiet of solemnity of the occasion paid tribute to the aid of the Almighty in bringing peace and to the gallant dead.

In a moving address, Rev. E. B. Eddy stressed the need of international co-operation for the preservation of peace. Rev. W. Cecil Eccleston offered prayers of thanksgiving and His Worship Mayor J. M. Campbell spoke briefly.

From Victoria Park the parade proceeded to the Cenotaph where respect was paid to the fallen. The Roll of Honour for the dead of 1914-18 was read by John Hopkins and that of 1939-45 by Percy Spurgeon.

In the evening Colborne Street again seethed with crowds seeking release for pent-up emotions. The band was again the pivot of fun. With youngsters carrying torches the now weary bandmen gave until it hurt. Followed by singing crowds — watched and enjoyed by packed masses on the sidewalks, the band and its comet-like train paraded the street.

A bonfire on the flats of Central School grounds shot flames high in the air and fireworks added noise and colour to the pandemonium. Street dancing went on with non-stop music and it was after midnight when the crowds dispersed.

The community owes its thanks to the Council which, under the chairmanship of Howard Litchfield, organized the events.

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## A HOSPITAL IS NECESSARY — IT MAY SAVE YOUR LIFE

A Hospital is a vital and indispensable part of a civilized community. We owe it to ourselves and to our fellow-men to provide facilities for caring for the sick and injured.

Often a matter of minutes in securing proper attention or operating facilities may mean the difference between life and death. It might be your own life or someone in your family.

When an emergency occurs there is no time to build a hospital and equip an operating room so insure against an emergency by contributing when called on and voting for the by-law on election day.

If your child were critically injured or ill money would become unimportant. Whatever you had you would gladly pay. Take time by the forelock and do it now.

### Industry On Night Shifts Would Save Time Loss And Power Cuts

Daily power cuts into effect in Oakville on Monday, following an order of the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario which affects this entire section of the province. The power is now being cut off daily from 4 to 5 p.m. Unless a saving can be effected by a rearrangement of working schedules in local industries the cuts will in all probability continue throughout the fall and winter.

day we could avoid the cuts." He pointed out that the use of electrically operated furnace equipment which would be operated with the advent of cold weather, industrial expansion, and the additional lighting made necessary by dull days would add considerably to local power consumption. At noon Monday a meeting of the Oakville Industries Council was called to devise some means

### Lieut.-Gov. To Take Part In Armistice Day Services In Oakville

Armistice Day, next Thursday, November 11, will have a special significance for Oakville and Trafalgar citizens, inasmuch as the corner stone of the new Oakville Memorial Hospital will be dedicated on that day. Hon. Ray Lawson, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, will speak at this ceremony, which will be conducted by the Rev. C. K. Nicoll, M.M., C.F. There will also be the usual ceremonies at the cenotaph. The program is under the auspices of the Oakville branch of the Canadian Legion.

groups will form a parade at the Central public school grounds, and at 10.45 the parade will move off and march to the cenotaph in George's Square. Following the memorial service at the cenotaph the parade will proceed to the hospital site, at Reynolds and Division streets, for the corner-stone dedication, afterwards returning to the Central School grounds for dismissal. The Legion is appealing for the co-operation of local stores and industries in the celebration of Armistice Day, and all firms are requested to close for the day unless circumstances render this im-

A Salute to a lively one-hundred-year-old from a seventy-six-year-old neighbour



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