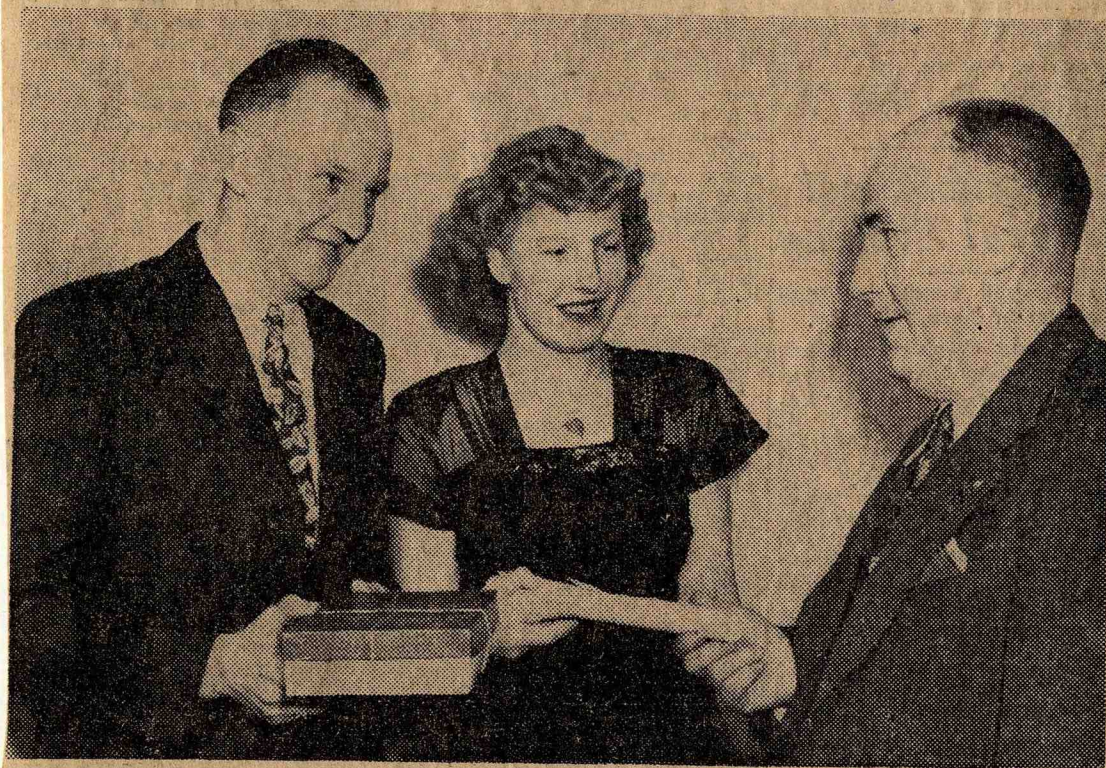


A. J. DE LONG, vice-president of the West Elgin branch of the Canadian Legion, welcomes George G. Bell and his three veteran sons at the community's welcome-home banquet on Wednesday evening. Here they are grouped from the left, Staff Sergeant Jim Bell, who served with the Lincoln and Welland Regiment; Tpr. William Bell of the Canadian Armored Corps; the father; Pte. George Bell, who served with the Algonquin Regiment and who was a prisoner of war; and Mr. De Long.



TWO VETERANS presented with gifts at the community banquet were Lloyd S. Elliott, former company quartermaster sergeant of the Elgin Regiment, and Betty Roach, who served with the Canadian Women's Army Corps. Presentations to Mr. Elliott and Miss Roach are here being made by Postmaster James P. Scott.



VETERANS OF WEST LORNE and district received their first formal welcome home on Wednesday night when several organizations of the town sponsored a dinner and reception program for them at the town

hall. Those invited numbered 250, but the group totaled 300, including guests and nearly all of the 76 veterans. Above is a corner of the hall showing the crowd. In the foreground, Reg Schwartz, an army

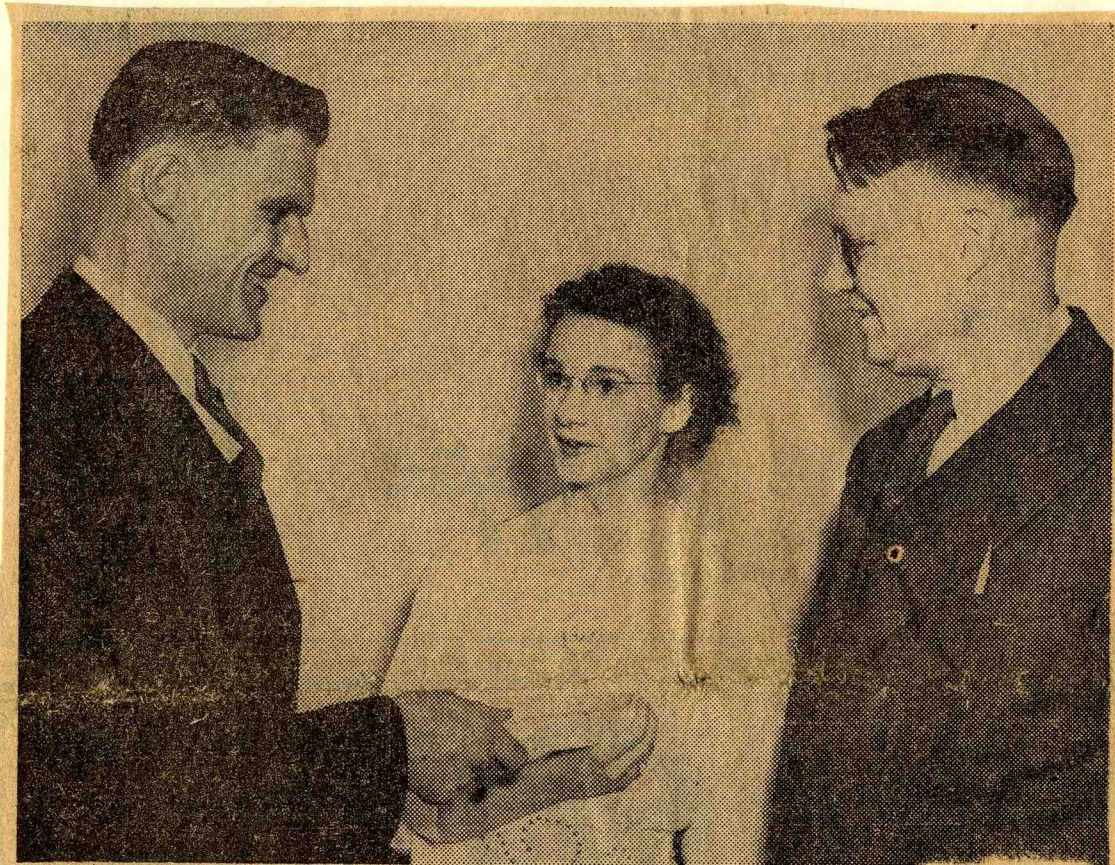
vet, can be seen as he was presented with a Bible and life membership scroll in the local Athletic Association. The gathering enjoyed a turkey dinner and musical entertainment afterwards.

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—Photos by Stollery.

NURSING SISTER ALICE MEEK, who served overseas with the R.C.A.M.C., received a life membership in the West Lorne Community Athletic Association from the president, Kenneth Phoenix. V. E. Lemon, convener of one of the banquet committees, looks on at right.