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## Increase in Provincial Grants Last Report of Insp. Denyes

Many Changes Noted in the Twenty-five Years Since Taking Office — Staff of School is Commended — Special Meeting to Deal with Teachers' Re-Engagement.

### MUSIC FESTIVAL SHOWS BALANCE OF OVER \$200

At the monthly meeting of Acton School Board on Tuesday evening, Trustees Dr. A. J. Buchanan, V. B. Rumley, Dr. P. W. Pearen and P. S. Blow were present. Trustee A. J. Buchanan was made Chairman for the evening, in the absence of Mr. J. M. McDonald.

The Secretary reported that he had, up to the present, been unable to arrange with the Beardmore Co. for the rolling of the grounds at the school, but would endeavor again to contact the proper officials.

The official report of Inspector Denyes was received and read by the Secretary, as follows:

Milton, April 23rd, 1938  
Chairman and Members,  
The School Board,  
Acton, Ontario  
Gentlemen:

In my last official report to you on the supervision of your Public School I desire to express appreciation on my own behalf and on that of the Department of Education of the co-operation you have given in the administration of the educational affairs of your Municipality. The past twenty-five years have seen changes in your educational set-up. The most important change in the organization has been in the separation of the elementary and secondary stages of the school. The establishing of the Continuation School, a separate building effected marked improvement and you are to be congratulated in having at present a school of this type which, I think, is among the best of its size in the Province. In the Public School you have been fortunate in maintaining a permanency in the personnel of your staff beyond the average. In no small degree the success of the school is attributable to this fact.

In the person of Miss Bennett you have had for years the leadership of a Principal, building the highest moral and intellectual ideals, whose influence has been beyond all computation. Thoroughly capable as an instructor, Miss Bennett has added to her school room efficiency the judgment and sense of fair play which have served to make the organization run smoothly and to preserve that confidence between staff and pupils which makes for sustained effort and final success. So far as I have been able to observe, there has been the utmost harmony in the whole organization. Miss Bennett is the only teacher now on the staff who was in the school when I assumed office on the 1st March, 1913. Of the assistants, Miss Folster has given the longest service, followed in order by Miss Anderson, Miss Orr, Miss MacMillan, Miss Hunt, and Miss Bruce. These are all very competent teachers and each is doing her share to keep your school well to the front among the schools of the County. Permit me to pay a final tribute to the late Mrs. Mary R. Moore, for years an ornament to your teaching staff. Mrs. Moore's beauty of character was reflected in her love of music. To this subject she gave of her very best and so succeeded in communicating her enthusiasm to both teachers and pupils that your school forged its way to leadership in the County. Truly her work do follow her. Under Miss Hunt's able leadership the school made another fine record in the competitions at the Annual Music Festival this month.

I have repeatedly pointed out to you the lack in your school program that you have allowed to continue, in the absence from the curriculum of two subjects, Household Science and Manual Training. I do not propose in this final report to traverse the argument I have presented before. The value of these two subjects is simply shown in the fact that the Minister of Education has made them compulsory in the Secondary Schools. Surely if results there are to receive the fullest benefit from them, the beginning should be made in the Elementary School. I simply suggest again that you give serious consideration to the introduction of these two practical subjects into your Public School program. The most profitable way in which this may be done, as I have pointed out before, is in co-operation with the Milton and Georgetown Boards.

Another matter which I have stressed upon you is that of medical inspection and nursing service for the school. This is of very prime importance. (Continued on Page Five)

### BRITAIN OFFERED PLANTS



In a conference with Lieut.-Col. L. R. LePêche, Deputy Minister of National Defence, executives of twelve Canadian aircraft construction companies, offered their entire facilities for the construction of British military aeroplanes. A British mission will shortly investigate the possibilities of having military aeroplanes built either in Canada or the United States.

## Music Festival Officers Elected Annual Meeting

Medals Will Continue to be Awarded—Mrs. G. Somerville, Acton, Vice-President

"Few of us half appreciate work done by teachers in rural schools," W. L. Smith, President of the Halton Music Festival Association, declared at the annual meeting of the Association, held in the Public School, Milton, on Wednesday evening last. "I would like to speak to the Trustees who are too 'scotch' to pay teachers the proper salaries," Mr. Smith asserted. "Some teachers' salaries are disgraceful. How can we expect them to instruct our children properly under the circumstances?" Mr. Smith was the chairman of the meeting.

A motion from a representative of the Women's Institute suggested abolition of medals to winning music students and substitution of books on music as awards. "We have taxed our brains before over this matter, and always returned to medals," J. A. Lockhart, Principal of Burlington Public School, and Treasurer of the Festival Association, stated. "I have found that children prize their medals highly. We had 78 medals this year. I wouldn't care to have to select 78 books," he said.

Members agreed to continue medals. The question arose as to the advisability of charging admission to the Festival for the day instead of for each session, but it was decided to carry on in the same manner as previously. According to Mrs. D. Hartley, the Trustees of the various schools have been very generous this year and the response has been particularly good from rural districts. Officers elected are: Honorary President—J. M. Denyes, Milton. President—W. L. Smith, Burlington. Vice-President—Mrs. G. A. Somerville, Acton. Secretary—Mrs. D. Hartley, Milton. Treasurer—J. A. Lockhart, Burlington. An added executive to the Committee was William Gowdy, Lamehorse. Delegates appointed are: For Home and School Clubs, Mrs. M. Hume, Milton; Miss M. Brown, Freeman; for Women's Institutes, Mrs. H. Cartwright, Milton; for I.O.D.E., Mrs. Cooke, Milton.

### INTERESTING REPORTS AND TOPICS GIVEN AT I.O.D.E. MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. was held at the home of Miss M. Z. Bennett on Tuesday evening. The Regent, Mrs. Barr, presided. After the minutes of last meeting were read, the business of the evening was discussed. A donation was made to the Inland Sailors' Fund. Mrs. Schroeder, Convener of Group Two, gave a very gratifying report on the month's activities. Mrs. G. A. Dills gave the paper on Current Events. Mrs. Elliott gave a paper on Australia, which was very interesting. Miss Nelson, as representative to the Halton Music Festival Association, outlined the work. A solo by Mrs. Beatty was enjoyed by all. An enjoyable half hour was spent over the tea cups, presided over by Mrs. Neer and Miss Nelson.

### HALTON PLOWMEN ARE TO HOLD JUNIOR MATCH

At a recent meeting of the directorate of the Halton Plowmen, plans were made to hold their annual Junior Farmer Match. This event, which a year ago brought out 48 young men, under 20 years of age, will be held on May 27th, on the farm of Wm. Dale, Nelson Township. We understand from President Peter Pottle that separate classes will be provided for each Township, and furthermore, that the competitors from each Township will be divided into two divisions, according to previous experience. A new feature of the day's program will be a judging or scoring class, open only to competitors. N. G. McLeod, veteran plowing authority of Galt, will be the judge for the event.

### ONE ACT PLAY FEATURES CLOSING MEETING AT GREENOCK

The closing meeting of the Greenock Literary Society was held in the school on Friday, April 29th, when the members and their invited friends enjoyed a social evening. During the business discussion, the President, Gordon Leslie, occupied the chair. Mr. Charles McKewen, neutral judge of the group contest, gave the judges' decision, declaring Miss Laura Johnston's group winner of the contest program during the year. The special feature of the evening was a one-act play, entitled "Kidnapped Buddy," by members of the Bloombury Literary Society. The play was coached by Mr. Charles Henderson, of Bloombury, and was very capably presented and greatly enjoyed by the Greenock Society.

Following the program, Arthur McKewen called on Miss Elva Pearen to come forward to compliment her on her success as coach of the Greenock play, "Eyes of Love," presented during the past few weeks. On behalf of the play cast, in appreciation of their coach's cooperation, Miss Jean Mann made the presentation of a silver rose bowl, which, though taken by surprise, Miss Pearen made a fitting reply in a few well-chosen words.

Lunch was served with pie and ice cream as a special treat by the Greenock members. The remainder of the evening was spent in cards and dancing, bringing to a close a very successful year by the Greenock Literary Society.

### MANY PRIZE WINNERS AT THE INSTITUTE EUCHRE

The Woman's Institute held a very successful euchre in the Y.M.C.A. on Wednesday night last. Prize winners were: First and second games, Mrs. L. Acheson; third and fourth games, Mr. J. McDonald; fifth and sixth games, Mrs. E. P. Collier; seventh and eighth games, Mrs. C. Leishman; ninth and tenth games, Mr. F. Coles. Ladies prizes, Mrs. O. H. Lantz, Mrs. R. Wallace, Gents prizes, Mr. R. W. Lovrie, Mrs. J. J. Siewick; Lone hands prize, Mr. Lovrie; lucky number prize, Mr. W. Evans. Door prize, Mrs. Maplesden. Low prize, Mrs. J. Mowat. Travelling prizes, Mrs. Dobbie and Mr. Coles.

### SEEDING COMPLETED ALL THROUGH HALTON

Seeding of cereal grains is pretty well completed over the County of Halton. This is much earlier than usual and growth conditions, including meadows and orchards, are nearly two weeks in advance of normal. Seeding has gone in in excellent condition and with favorable weather conditions during the next few weeks prospects for 1938 are most favorable. Young cattle have already been turned out on many farms. In most herds there is the odd animal that is showing a number of warbles and the appreciation of the warble powder wash is the order of the day. The campaign of the past three years has achieved excellent results and pretty well wiped out the menace on most farms.

### UNITED W. M. S. EXECUTIVE HALTON PRESBYTERIAL MEETS IN ACTON

The Executive of Halton Presbyterial, United Church, Woman's Missionary Society, met in the school room of the Baptist Church on Tuesday. Arrangements were made for the Sectional Rallyes, to be held in Ashgrove and Kildridge, on June 22nd and 23rd. The Secretaries of the various Departments brought in their reports, which showed improvement for the first quarter of 1938. A meeting was announced at the Memorial Hall, O.A.C., Guelph, on June 9th, at 2 o'clock, D.S.T., when reports from the Dominion Board Meeting will be presented. A vote of thanks to the Board of the Baptist Church for the use of their school room was moved and passed.

## Fifty Children on Program of Mission Band

Interesting Easter Pageant is Presented by Group and Other Features

"Then spoke Jesus unto them, saying, 'I am the Light of the world; he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.' 'Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father, which is in heaven.' 'Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations.'"

At the close of this quotation by Lois Dawkins, fifty members of the United Church Mission Band filed into the oak-paneled lecture room of the church on the occasion of their Easter Thank Offering program on Thursday evening, April 28th. The children were dressed in costumes of many lands and each one bore a lighted candle as they marched around the room, singing sweetly, "Jesus bids us shine with a clear, pure light."

Words of welcome were given by the President, Mabel Harris, who then conducted a very worthwhile devotional period. This included a scripture reading from memory by Irma Wildgrain; an Easter story, by Frances Lamb; a prayer poem by Marjorie Nelson; and a temperance exercise, led by George Elliott. While the offering was being received, Etzel Franklin, pianist for the band, rendered an instrumental solo, "Country Gardens." Two choruses by the Band members completed this part of the program.

A reading by Lois Dawkins introduced a "World Friends Alphabet," in which twenty-six of the younger members of the Band represented twenty-six different countries of the world. Each recited a little verse and wore a costume or exhibited something typical of the country he represented.

The officers and older members of the Band presented a short "comedy with a moral," entitled "The House of Do-What-You-Can." The moral was that the success of any organization depends upon each member and officer doing with interest and enjoyment that part which is best suited to his own talents. A vocal number, "Unnatural Aton Culture," by Winnifred Dawkins, Irene Fryer, Frances Lamb and Mabel Harris, and a lovely Easter solo, by Betty Gibson, were much enjoyed.

An Easter pageant, "The Children of the Way," was, perhaps, the climax of the program. Ten members of the Band, dressed in costumes such as might have been worn in the time of our Lord, represented children carrying gifts of flowers and ointment to the tomb of Jesus on the first Easter morning. As they walk along they talk of Him and His loving kindness to them and of how they will miss Him, now that He is gone. The little ones grew weary, so they stop awhile to rest. Suddenly, from the direction of the tomb, they hear a cry, "They have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid Him!" Puzzled, and afraid, the children start forward slowly. Then comes the glad cry, "He is risen! He liveth!" Hurrying home, the children reach the tomb and find it is all true. Christ has risen indeed.

In closing, the audience all joined in singing, "Christ, the Lord, is Risen Today," and the benediction was pronounced by Mr. Emery, in the unavoidable absence of Dr. Morrow.

The large audience of parents and interested friends were warmly appreciative of the whole program, which was conducted throughout by the members of the Mission Band.

### THE ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE POEM

The answer to the Puzzle Poem of last week was "Dominion," and the winner of the award is Miss Edna Aitken, R. R. No. 3, Acton. The rules are simple, just use the coupon from THE PAX PAPER each week and have your answer at the office not later than Monday evening. You'll find this week's Puzzle Poem on Page Five.

### EMPIRE CRUISE AN I.O.D.E. FEATURE AT Y LAST NIGHT

A unique and seasonal program was held last night in the spacious rooms of the Y.M.C.A., when a group of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. sponsored an "Empire Cruise." Visitors were ably conducted by members of the committee to visit the various parts of the Empire. A splendid musical program was rendered by local talent, which was greatly appreciated by the audience and committee in charge. All numbers on the program were suitable to the theme of the evening. Moving pictures, presented by Norman Wright, on "The St. Lawrence Seaway," and "The Pulse of the Empire—London," were beautiful and instructive. A contest, entitled "What Do You Know About the British Empire," closed the evening's entertainment, prizes being won by John McHugh and Margaret Somerville, worthy recipients. The evening was suitably closed by the singing of the National Anthem.

### LAKESIDE I.O.D.E. DISCUSS PLANS FOR SHELTERS IN PARK

Among the items of business discussed by Lakeside I.O.D.E. on Tuesday night was financial assistance in providing shelters for bathers at Fairy Lake. Plans and costs were studied. Miss Emily Young gave the chapter of history on the French Canadiana and Miss Mary Jackson gave the current events. Both proved very interesting and were enjoyed. One new member was received in the Chapter. Following the conclusion of the meeting, which was presided over by the Regent, Miss Marguerite Byder, lunch was served and a social time enjoyed.

## Halton Presbytery Held the Spring Meeting in Acton

Presbytery Goes On Record as Opposed to Any Form of Gambling

Halton Presbytery of the United Church of Canada met for the regular spring conference in the United Church at Acton on Tuesday of this week. Morning and afternoon sessions were held, with the Rev. James Matheson, of Burlington, in the chair. Thirty-five delegates were present, representing every charge within this smallest Presbytery of the Hamilton Conference.

Routine business and reports from the various churches showed the work to be in an encouragingly healthy condition, with increases in membership and finances of every department. Election of officers for the Presbytery resulted in Rev. J. P. Clugton, B.A., B.D., of Freeman, being elected to the Chairmanship for the coming year, and Rev. A. O. W. Foreman, B.A., of Ballinacree, re-elected as Secretary. Rev. J. T. Henslop, of Alderhot, re-elected as Treasurer.

The Rev. Charles Joffe, of Glen Williams, gave a very illuminating address, explaining conditions in China, and expressed the conviction that the Christian Church in the Orient will prove its great worth in the life of that far off part of the world. "A more vital interest in Christian missions on the part of the home church will not only save the situation abroad, but also our church here in this fair land," concluded the speaker. "The church that is not missionary in spirit and deed is doomed to failure."

Much time was spent in discussion of social service work, and ways and means of coping with the needs of this department.

The question of sweepstakes came up for some discussion, and the Presbytery went on record as definitely opposed to this or any form of gambling. Hamilton Conference will be held in Wesley United Church, Galt, commencing May 31st, until June 7th. Besides Dr. Morrow, pastor of the local church, Messrs. O. O. Emery and J. H. Denny were made members of the coming Conference.

## Entrance to Fairview is Being Levelled and Improved

Old Sand Pit and Main Street Frontage Being Converted into Big Terrace — Plans for Imposing Frontage.

### OTHER PARTS OF CEMETERY IN EXCELLENT CONDITION

Workmen, under the direction of the Acton Cemetery Board, commenced this week levelling the land recently acquired next to Fairview Cemetery on Main Street. Graders, tractor and machinery for moving the earth have been at work since Monday and the work in completing the approach from Main Street to Fairview Cemetery will have been greatly improved. The old sand pit that had been along the front of the property has gone and the hill facing along Main Street is to have a gradual slope back to the cemetery proper. The two lots facing on Main Street were recently acquired by the Cemetery Board and added to the property.

In conversation with Secretary R. M. McDonald we learn that the plan is to make quite an attractive entrance to Fairview as the funds are available. A circular driveway and pathway will be made on the terrace leading to the cemetery. We also learn that the plans include a change in the front of the cemetery for a chapel in which commitment services can be held during the winter months. A storage vault space will also be provided so that the necessity of digging graves in the winter months will be done away with and burials can be made after the frost is out of the ground.

These plans cannot, of course, all be consummated at the present time, or until sufficient funds are available. The work this year will include the grading and levelling of the front and possibly the erection of a stone wall along the Main Street frontage of the cemetery. The street, commonly known as Fairview Avenue, will remain as at present. The older section of the cemetery is in excellent condition. The graves in which burials have been made during the winter are levelled and seeded. The grass has been cut and trimmed and the trees on the terraces to the west side are just coming out in leaf. The Cemetery Board have certainly been giving adequate attention to the work necessary in Fairview and Secretary R. M. McDonald has been untiring in the oversight and planning he has given. Visitors from out of town will, we are sure, note a decided improvement and compliment the Board on the changes that have been made in the few years the supervision has been under their care. The work will bespeak the whole-hearted support of plot owners.

### TREE SET ON FIRE BY LIGHTNING IN NASSAGAWEYA

On Thursday evening of last week, during a light shower, a bolt of lightning struck a tall elm tree on the farm of John J. Henderson. The tree was set afire by the lightning, but the blaze was not noticed until about 9 p.m., one hour after it was struck. The fire increased in size till midnight, when it began to die down. The burning limbs and trunk appeared like a weird cross from a distance. The recent rain helped to keep the fire from spreading. The tree was one of the largest in the Township of Nassagaweya. It was over ninety feet high and could be seen for several miles. The trunk and some of the limbs remain.

### ROCKALONG INSTITUTE ANNUAL MEETING ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The May meeting of the Rockalong Institute, which was held at the home of Mrs. Paamore, was the annual meeting and election of officers. The meeting was opened with the Institute Ode. Several committee reports were read and various items of business were discussed. Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Shultz were appointed representatives to the District Annual. An invitation from the Uttox Branch, to take part in a competition program was accepted.

Mrs. Paamore occupied the chair for the election of officers, which resulted as follows: President, Mrs. D. McNabb; Vice-President, Mrs. Plank; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Dunbar; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Helen Bayne; District Director, Mrs. J. Dennis; Pianist, Mrs. W. Black; Assistant, Mrs. Dunbar; Flower Committee, Mrs. A. McNabb and Mrs. Paamore; Auditors, Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. H. Maude. A short program was put on by Mrs. Dunbar, as follows: Current events by Mrs. W. Patterson; a paper on "How to Help Your Institute," by Mrs. Dunbar; also a contest, which was won by Mrs. W. McNabb. The meeting was closed with the National Anthem and Mrs. Paamore and daughters, assisted by Mrs. Nelson, served tea.

### PORTRAITIST DEAD



Outstanding Canadian artist of international repute, John W. L. Forster, 87, died in Toronto General Hospital, following injuries received when he was in a collision with an automobile. Respected as a portraitist, Mr. Forster painted three Governor-Generals of Canada, five Prime Ministers and numerous leading U.S. citizens. Mr. Forster was a native of Halton County having been born at Norval.

## Vacancies Filled By Nassagaweya Appointments

Tender for Crushed Stone is Accepted — Grant Made to Halton Plowmen's Association

Nassagaweya Township Council met on May 2nd. Members all present, the Reeve presiding. The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. The correspondence was read and dealt with. Mr. Lee, from the Department of Highways, Toronto, then sat in with the Council to consider the tenders for crushed stone, which the Council had previously called for. After due consideration, it was decided to accept the tender of Turner and Frank, at \$4c per cubic yard. The following accounts were then passed: Relief Officer's Accounts \$181.30 Road Superintendent's Vouchers 780.36 Miscellaneous Accounts \$6.30 Mr. David Irving tendered his resignation as Live Stock Valuator, which was accepted by Council. The Council then appointed Mr. John Early as Live Stock Valuator. Council granted the sum of Ten Dollars to the Halton Plowmen's Association. Mr. Gilbert Kingsbury was appointed Weed Inspector, caused by the resignation of Frank Rinehart. Council adjourned to meet Wednesday, June 1st, as a Court of Revision, and for general business, at one p.m.

### EXCELLENT CROWD AT SCOUT MOTHERS' AUXILIARY EUCHRE

On Monday evening the Scout Mothers' Auxiliary held an enjoyable euchre in the Parish Hall, which was well attended. Prizes for ladies were won by Mrs. John Morton and Mrs. Holloway; gents prizes went to Mrs. John Kennedy and Miss Jessie Atkinson. The travelling prizes went to Mrs. Wm. Johnston and Mrs. Frank McIntosh. Following euchre, dainty refreshments were served by the Scout Mothers and a delightful half hour spent.

### Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, in cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 25c. Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. will hold a Bingo in the Legion Hall, Acton, on Wednesday, May 11th. 43-2 "The Coronation" address and pictures at Knox Church, Wednesday, May 11th, 8:15 p.m. Admission 15c. All roads lead to Bloombury School on July 1st, 75th Anniversary. Good program afternoon and evening. Mother's Day Tea and Home-made Baking and Candy Sale, under auspices of St. Alban's Sunday School, Saturday, May 7th, from 3 to 6 o'clock, in Parish Hall. Everybody welcome.

## Mothers' Day

### Sunday, May 8th, 1938

A DAY ON WHICH TO TELL THE WORLD THAT  
YOU HONOR HER OR HER MEMORY