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Magna Carta Week Will be Observed Here

Organization Meeting Made Plans Tuesday Night—Two Parades and Services

At a representative meeting of the various organizations in Acton Tuesday evening, plans were made for an appropriate observance of Magna Carta Day, on June 15th, and services in which the significance of the Magna Carta will be explained and an appreciation of the freedom we enjoy instilled. The purposes were explained by Mr. E. E. Barr, who is head of the Legion Committee, who are sponsoring the event.

The meeting arranged committees who will contact the press and clergy in having their support in the explaining of Magna Carta. A parade of school children, with a meeting and special speakers will be held on Wednesday evening June 15th.

On Sunday, June 19th, an open air service is planned for the Park, with the Band and all organizations participating. A parade will be held prior to the service. It was also urged that business places and homes be suitably decorated during the week.

Committees were appointed as follows: To Interview Council—Messrs. E. E. Barr, P. L. Wright and J. M. McDonald.

To Interview Band—Messrs. Bus Nicol and J. B. Chalmers.

To arrange with School Teachers—R. M. McDonald.

Wednesday Program—Miss M. Ryder, Mrs. E. E. Barr, Mrs. Wilderpin, Mrs. Hollinger, Mrs. J. E. Gamble.

Sunday Program—Rev. E. M. Morrow, Rev. A. E. Brooks, Leonard Atkinson, Mrs. H. Mainprize, Mrs. O. H. Lantz, Mrs. A. H. Bishop.

To secure Speakers—Rev. H. L. Bennie, O. A. Dill.

To arrange Platform—Messrs. C. Cripps, M. Symon, Reeve McCutcheon and J. A. Chapman.

Parade Marshal—E. Harrop.

Decorating Committee—Miss E. Robinson, Mrs. R. P. Watson, Mr. W. Middleton.

To interview Militia—H. V. Dron.

Mr. E. E. Barr was the unanimous choice as Chairman, and Mr. P. L. Wright as Secretary of the Committee.

19-YEAR-OLD YOUTH SENTENCED TO REFORMATORY

"Apparently you have determined to enter upon a criminal career," Magistrate W. P. Woodliffe, of Weston, told John Davis, 19-year-old Toronto youth, charged with breaking and entering the garage of C. A. Harrington, Toronto Township, and stealing goods worth \$180.

"I never took anything of value," Davis protested.

"Then why did you steal the cars in which you went to Toronto Township?" the Magistrate asked.

"I had nothing else to do," Davis claimed.

Davis was sentenced to a year definite and a year indefinite in the Ontario Reformatory, the terms to run concurrently with those imposed in a Toronto court for the theft of cars. A companion, Frederick Greig, Toronto, aged 18, was sentenced to six months definite and six months indefinite in the Reformatory.

Greig stated that he believed when he had completed terms imposed in Toronto and at Brampton, he would have learned a lesson. "I met a bad bunch at the Bowmanville Industrial School," he told the court. "After I got out I couldn't go around without bumping into some of them."

BEES MAY BE OLD-FASHIONED BUT THEY ACCOMPLISH THINGS

The bees that used to cut wood and do all manner of big jobs are no so popular as they used to be, but are still very efficient. Last Monday afternoon Directors of Acton Fair went to work at the Park. The earth dumped there to widen the race course was levelled in short order. Men and teams went to work and soon made further improvements in widening the course at the westerly end. It is now ready for finishing by the grader and when the drivers in the races come to Acton Fair in September we believe they will have no cause for complaint with the track.

THE SOLUTION AND THE WINNER OF LAST WEEK'S POEM

Bessie Reid, of R. R. No. 2, Acton, was the winner of last week's Puzzle Poem, and the solution was "Palms." Apparently it was a word more readily discovered than that of the week previous. We suggest that winners call promptly for their prize after announcement. The puzzle this week is to be found on Page Eight and you have until Monday to get your coupon to The Prize Pass Office.

DUKE DIES



The Duke of Devonshire, Governor-General of Canada from 1918 to 1921, who died at his home in London, England. The Duke had been falling in health for several months.

PICTURE OF DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE PLACED IN LEGION ROOMS

A rather interesting feature of the meeting last Thursday of the Acton Branch of the Canadian Legion was the hanging of a portrait of the club rooms of the late Duke of Devonshire, by the Chapter of the I. O. D. E. that bears his name in Acton.

Mrs. E. E. Barr, an Honorary President of the Legion, by virtue of her office as Regent of a local Chapter of the I. O. D. E., introduced the committee.

When the Chapter was organized in June, 1916, it was named after the Governor-General at that time. In 1933 the beloved patron sent the Branch his portrait of which the members are very proud. It was with deep regret they learned of his recent death.

Comrade President J. M. McDonald replied, on behalf of the Legion.

After draping the picture, a minute's silence was observed, then Comrade Rev. H. L. Bennie, Chaplain, led in prayer.

Being the May meeting of the Branch, the ladies were invited to remain. Besides the regular business, the ladies witnessed an initiation of more than usual interest, when a comrade of an allied force was admitted to membership in the local Branch. Joe Hermy served in the Serbian army in the Great War.

MONTHLY MEETING OF KNOX Y.W.A. LAST EVENING

The monthly meeting of the Knox Young Women's Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. Fred Anderson last evening. The scripture reading was taken by Mrs. E. Marshall, and Miss Emma Cole gave a report of the Presbyterial Annual, held at Galt recently.

Miss Cole and Miss Marjorie Near were the delegates from the Society. Miss Isabel Bruce was appointed Welcome and Welfare Secretary, and Miss Beattie Rawlings, Home Helpers Secretary. A vocal duet was well rendered by Misses Ruth Sillit and Beattie Rawlings. After the meeting a social half hour was enjoyed.

Ball Season Opens in Acton on May 24th

First Home Game is With Hespeler — A Lot of New Faces on the Line-up

Ball fans will get their first look at Matt Tyler's boys on the 24th, when Hespeler will play here in an evening game, scheduled for 6:30. Owing to a rather jumbled observance of Victoria Day, the evening game was the only alternative.

Like a lot of other saggy observers, we are not making any predictions regarding the Acton line-up. But we will say they're a hustling bunch, with plenty of life and if practise means anything, they'll be up in the running for League honors.

Matt hasn't given any indication of who will be in the opener, but no less than five pitchers are working out every night. Usually there's enough for two teams at the Park and games between teams is the usual thing, which gives real practise. New faces noticed regularly are Bayliss, Marzo, Jocke, Holmes, Ryder, and several others we can't recall now.

Morton Brothers and Bob Anderson, Guthrie, Gordon, Cripps, Lambert are all out to practise and perhaps here again we overlooked some of the team of last year. And they all seem to be going good.

It looks to us like the kind of team the fans go for, a fighting bunch who will never give up. They go to Milton on Saturday, but May 24th is the first home game.

CHIMNEY FIRE THIS AFTERNOON CAUSES LITTLE DAMAGE

About four o'clock this afternoon, the firemen were called to a chimney fire at the home of Mr. Wesley Allan, on Brock Avenue. Damage from smoke was the chief loss. Chemicals soon had the blaze under control and it was not necessary to turn on the water pressure to subdue the blaze. The brigade made a good run and the fire was soon under control.

WILLIAM R. KENNEY IS HONORED ON RETIREMENT AS TREASURER

After thirty-five years faithful fulfillment of the office of Treasurer of Knox Church, Acton, Mr. William R. Kenney is retiring. Members of the Board felt that such service as Mr. Kenney has given merited some recognition, and on Saturday evening a group, comprising Rev. H. L. Bennie, Messrs. H. Awrey, W. M. Cooper, George Smith and Chas. Kirkness, representing the Board, called at the home of Mr. Kenney.

Mr. Kenney left this week on a visit to Western Canada and the presentation of a Gladstone bag to him was very appropriate.

The following address was read and conveyed appreciation of Mr. Kenney's long and worthy service.

Acton, May 14th, 1938

Dear Mr. Kenney:

CRACKS!! FROM THE BAT AND FROM THE GRANDSTAND

The baseball season opens in Acton officially on May 24th. The fast Hespeler team will tangle horns with Acton in a twilight game, starting at 6:30 p.m.

This Hespeler team is new to the Acton fans, and from all reports are the team to beat in the League.

Acton will have a strong entry this year and promise to give stiff competition.

The practices at the Park these nights have had a splendid turnout—the best we have seen in Acton Park for a long time.

Manager Tyler has given every possible chance to those who would like to catch a place on the team.

He has dug up some smart young talent and deserves lots of credit for his untiring efforts in doing so.

The young players who will most likely make a place are not new faces. The majority have been playing junior hockey and baseball for the past few seasons.

When Acton opens the season here on Tuesday, we want all the fans on hand to give the boys a good start.

We hear that Frank Terry has been voted in as an official umpire for this season. Frank deserves this honor, and we feel sure he will make a good umpire. Phil has been in sport circles in Acton many a year and although we hate to lose him off the team, we wish him success in this job of dodging bottles and bricks.

We haven't heard any reports up there here parts us to the strength of the Georgetown or Milton teams.

"Scrap" McGillivray, you are letting us down. Don't keep it a secret.

We always can depend on Milton having a strong team, without any pre-season reports, but we can't always depend on our below-the-hills friends. Sometimes, though, they do surprise us.

Don't forget, everyone, the season opens in Acton on May 24th, and although Judge Landis can't be here, maybe Reeve McCutcheon will throw the first pitch.

So be on hand on Tuesday to give the team your support. They deserve it. Backstop Anderson (long Jim to you) says although the boys are young, they have the earmarks.

ROYAL PARTY INSPECTS CANADIAN EXHIBIT

The Royal Party inspected the Canadian Exhibit at Glasgow, their Majesties, the King and Queen, remained for 15 minutes in the Canadian Pavilion, although cutting their visit to other pavilions to a little less than two minutes. The Royal Party is shown, above, at left, the Canadian exhibit during the inspection tour of the exhibition.

UNITED FARM WOMEN'S MEETING HELD AT MISS JESSIE MCGREGOR'S

The United Farm Women held their monthly meeting at the home of Miss Jessie McGregor for the month of May. The Secretary's report was read and approved. The roll call was answered by "My Favorite Shrub and How it is Cultivated."

After the business part of the program, the following was enjoyed by all: Mrs. Young gave a very interesting paper on helpful hints, followed by a solo, "In the Garden," by Mrs. Bishop; reading, Mrs. G. W. Murray; piano solo, Miss Jessie McGregor; reading, Mrs. J. McGregor; recitation, Mrs. J. Stewart.

The meeting closed with the National Anthem, after which a social half hour was enjoyed by all.

What has one head, one foot, and four legs? A bed.

FORMER RECTOR GUEST SPEAKER AT ST. ALBAN'S BANQUET

Rev. P. A. Sawyer, former rector of St. Alban's, was guest speaker at the Young People's banquet in the Parish Hall on Tuesday evening. Christianity as related to youth, was the theme of Mr. Sawyer's message to the Y.P.A. He pointed out that the Christian religion was primarily the concern of youth, for the first disciples were not old bearded men, as they are pictured by medieval painters, but young, eager men, after with the new zeal and hope which the Master had kindled. After three years of companionship and learning with Jesus, their characters were so transformed that they were empowered to go abroad into a war-torn, restless world, and change it, as thousands of their followers have done in the centuries between. Christianity is not a stodgy religion; nor is it one of the modern "isms" that have flared across the horizon like fiery planets. Rather, it is a strong enduring force that demands the best of every character, and above all, the zeal and energy of youth.

The Young People's Society is the mother church's answer to the query, "What may the young people do for the church?" To realize the four-fold aim of work, worship, fellowship and education, requires the talents and energy of all types of young people. And a thriving Young People's Society is only interesting and worth while as all its members cooperate to make it so.

Modern conditions of social and economic unrest are similar to those that surrounded the first disciples, but they were not daunted. With high hearts they set out to conquer. Modern youth is no weaker nor is the challenge less urgent and mighty, and, as Jesus and his young disciples once accomplished miracles, so it may be again in the twentieth century.

In closing, Rev. Mr. Sawyer expressed his happiness of meeting old friends once more, and wished every success to the Young People's Society.

The banquet supper was prepared by five ladies of the W. A., Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Nellie, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Mackie, and the fifty guests were served by members of the Acton Boy Scout Troop. Among the guests of honor were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Matthews, Rev. P. A. and Mrs. Sawyer, Rev. E. and Mrs. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. George Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Pargeter and Mr. R. Lawrie.

The program was as follows: Toast to "The King," proposed by George Poutill, "God Save the King," toast to "The Church," Fred Turner, reply, Mr. Pargeter, toast to "The Y. P. A.," Mr. Lawrie, reply, Rev. E. Brooks, address, Rev. P. A. Sawyer, President George Poutill moved a general vote of thanks to all who had assisted in any way to make the banquet a success, and Rev. E. Brooks closed the meeting with prayer.

ALL AGAINST IT

First Lady "I can't bear to have my children kissed by strangers."

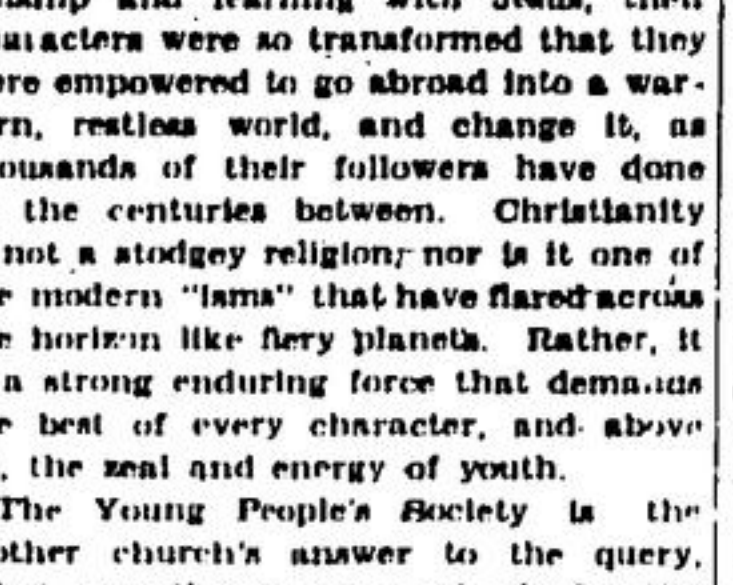
Second Lady "Neither can I, but it can't be stopped."

First Lady "Yes it can, if you give the nursemaid strict instructions to prevent it."

Second Lady "But my children are all over eighteen."

RETIREES AFTER 26 YEARS

Inspector J. M. Denyes, B.A., who is retiring after serving twenty-six years as Inspector of Public Schools in Halton and Westworth Counties. Mr. Denyes is also Honorary President of the Children's Aid Society, and has taken a keen interest in public affairs of the County.



PLANS NEARING COMPLETION FOR CHURCHILL'S CENTENNIAL

On Sunday, June 10th, and Monday, 20th, Churchill will observe its one hundredth anniversary. Plans for fitting observance of this occasion are nearing completion. Morning and evening services are being arranged for Sunday and a memorial service at Churchill Cemetery. It is expected that the occasion will see many visitors and friends meeting from far and near. Very Rev. T. A. Moore will be the guest speaker at the Sunday morning service.

On Monday we understand the garden party gathering will be of the old-fashioned variety, where the supper was an important part and the program extra. We even heard strawberries and cream mentioned for the menu. Churchill folks have been well-known for their hospitality and a warm welcome is assured for all who gather there next month, to observe the one hundredth anniversary.

HALTON AND PEEL HOLSTEIN BREEDERS TO STAGE ANNUAL PICNIC

At a recent meeting of the joint executives of the Halton and Peel Holstein Clubs, plans were laid to hold their annual Field Day and Picnic at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, on Tuesday, May 31st. Dr. G. I. Christie will be the special speaker at the noon day luncheon. We understand from Secretary Victor Lawrence, of the Halton Club, that the program will also include a summary of recent "investigational work with dairy cattle by Prof. George Rathby, a special session for the ladies, junior farmers and breeders, as well as a sports program for young and old. This annual event normally attracts a crowd of 500 black and white enthusiasts.

PRESBYTERIAL OFFICERS GUEST SPEAKERS AT W. M. S. MEETING

The May meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church was held in the school room of the church on Thursday last, with Mrs. B. Mowat presiding.

The devotional period and prayer were taken by Mrs. Switzer and Mrs. Mowat, and a duet, "In the Garden," was contributed by Mrs. J. R. Kennedy and Mrs. Beatty.

Mrs. Earl Wilson, President of Halton Presbyterial, and Mrs. Inglehart, Past President, were then introduced as the guest speakers for the meeting.

Mrs. Wilson gave a talk on the Oakesville Conference, giving valued suggestions as given by Miss Thomas and Mrs. Jewett. Mrs. Inglehart spoke on the value of prayer.

THE BRIDE-DAVIDSON WEDDING ON MAY 7th

A quiet wedding took place at the United Parsonage, Acton, on May 7th, when Gladys Bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. of Prince Albert, Sask., became the wife of Charles McDonald Davidson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Davidson, of Spirit River, Alberta.

The bride looked charming in her dark suit, with blue and white accessories, and was attended by her friend, Miss Dorothy Church, of Eyrton, who was dressed in a pale green suit, with orange accessories. The groom was attended by his cousin, Mr. Wilmer Davidson.

After the ceremony, a wedding supper was held at the home of his uncle, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Davidson, where the happy couple will make their home.

All Teachers Are Offered Re-Engagement

Adjustment in Salaries to Bring Staff on Equalized Basis

At a special meeting of Acton School Board last Thursday evening, all members of both the High and Public School staffs were tendered re-engagement by the Board.

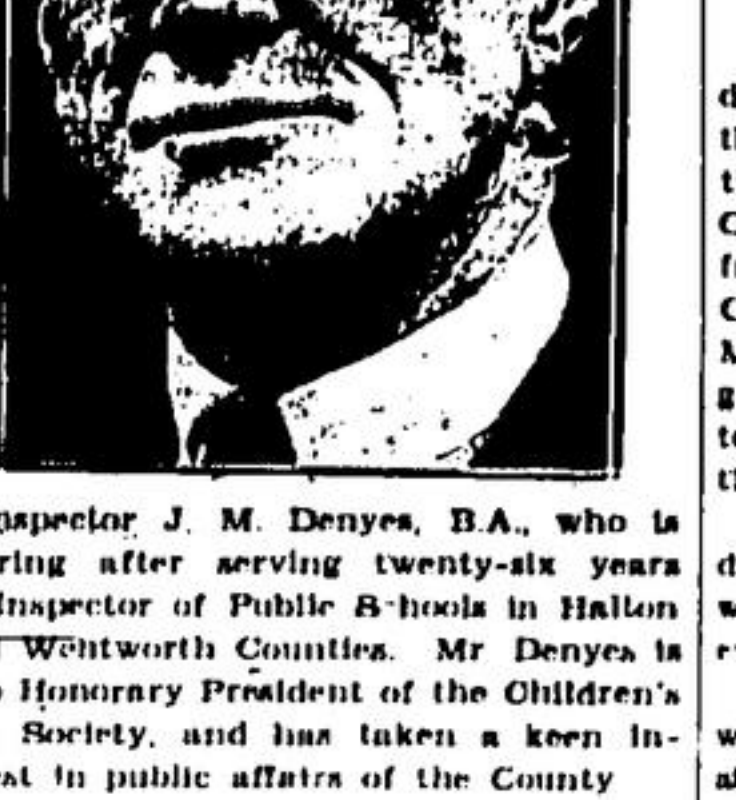
Increases in salaries were offered to Miss Jackson, of \$50 per year, and to Miss M. Young, of \$25, and Miss Bruce of \$75 per year. The increases were made owing to the fact that these teachers had been the latest additions to the staff and the salaries being paid were not in accord with the amounts being paid other members of the staff.

It was also pointed out that owing to conditions and the uncertainty of grants, no general increases in salary could be considered. The Board, however, was appreciative of the splendid work of all teachers and the results being accomplished.

A letter from Acton Branch of the Canadian Legion asked that a representative be sent to the general meeting, arranged for the observance of Magna Carta Day. Secretary R. M. McDonald was appointed to represent the Board.

It was also urged that the teachers be asked during the week to give scholars instruction of the significance of the Magna Carta and have special periods that week.

Hundreds of Scouts Coming To Jamboree To Be Held in Acton Park This Week-end — Three Day Event with Outstanding Scout Leaders



Two hundred and fifty to three hundred Boy Scouts will make Acton Park their headquarters this week-end, when the Acton Troop will stage a Jamboree. On Friday afternoon and evening, Scouts from Port Credit, Milton, Oak, Palermo, Guelph, Weston, Pergusa, Oakville, Mimico, Oshawa, Clarkson and four groups from Toronto will start pitching tents for their stay in Acton and participation in the big Jamboree.

Getting settled will take most of Friday evening and an informal campfire will form part of the activities of that evening.

Saturday morning groups of Scouts will visit the various points of interest about Acton, calling on manufacturing establishments and other public buildings. Each group will have a supervisor to arrange the trip.

At two o'clock Saturday afternoon the Scouts will be officially welcomed to Acton by Reeve McCutcheon, and the Field Day events and contests will make a busy and interesting afternoon for the Scouts.

That evening My P. C. Irwin, Provincial Secretary, will visit the Jamboree, bringing with him an outstanding speaker to address the group at the campfire that evening.

Sunday morning the Scouts will divide into groups, according to church affiliations, and attend services in Acton churches. Refreshments and trophies will be presented and it is expected time will be provided for a visit to the Blue Spring Scout Reserve, just west of Acton.

The events on Saturday are open to the general public, who are welcome to attend. The Jamboree, however, is not a show or exhibition, but rather a gathering of Scouts, participating in sports and scouting activities. All who are interested in Scouting and the boys will find general pleasure in attending. There is no charge.

Scoutmaster George Mason is Camp Chief and will have supervision over the camp and its arrangements. Mr. Geo. Elliott, of Milton, will be Master of Ceremonies. Major McManus will be head judge of the Field Day events, and have fourteen rover scouts to assist him.

COMING EVENTS

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

Remember the Empire Day Concert in the Town Hall to-night.

Opening Dance at Edgewood Park, Eden Mills, on Saturday, May 21st. Special dance, May 24th.

Gala Field Day, Rockwood, May 26th, beginning 1:30 P.M. Baseball Tournament! Races, etc. Good Friday! Antipress United Church Y.P.U. 25c, 15c.