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## Baptist 97th Anniversary Held Here Last Sunday

Rev. J. C. Williamson, of Preston, Moderator of the Guelph Association of Baptist Churches, Again Anniversary Speaker—Combined Georgetown and Acton Choir Led in Service of Praise.

Good congregations joined in the 97th anniversary services of Acton Baptist Church here last Sunday. It proved an occasion of deep interest, not only for the congregation but throughout the community.

Rev. J. C. Williamson, of Preston, Moderator of the Guelph Association, was again chosen as the anniversary speaker and delivered forceful sermons both morning and evening. His morning subject was "The Unchangeableness of God." It was based on the texts found in Psalm 90: 2, "From everlasting unto everlasting Thou art God," and Hebrews 13: 8, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, to-day and forever."

There is continual change in all material things. Even what appears to be solid is in state of change. This change is so evident in conditions of our day. The ancients called this continual change flux. Continual change makes for progress. But the highly accelerated change makes necessary some firm, sure foundation for life and existence. We find this sure foundation in an unchanging God.

Today the world is filled with trouble. A great war is upon us. This war is because we will not listen to God. In each of our lives are the elements to go together to make up the sum total of world trouble. By our own wrong-doing we each add our quota to the world's trouble. We become exasperated with God. Life is all so complex—too complex for us. We can quarrel with circumstances or throw ourselves upon God. To trust an unchanging God is wise.

The unchangeableness of God is a power to calm and quiet our lives amid storm, as Jesus calmed the Sea of Galilee by His presence and spoken word. As Christians we must face facts seriously, but not be broken down in worry. It is a power to encourage. We should be real men and women, such as the times demand. "I would rather be alive to-day than at any other time in the world's history," said Mr. Williamson. Let us be courageous and prove that this is our "grandest hour." We are encouraged to press on and trust. We, as Christians, must be leaders in spiritual progress in a world of change and trouble. The unchangeable God is at the helm and we can trust Him.

At the evening service the congregations of the United and Presbyterian Churches withdrew their services and joined in the anniversary event. Rev. Mr. Clifford, pastor of the United Church, took part in the service.

"The Pact of Our Faith" was the subject Mr. Williamson chose for his evening address. The text was found in Luke 7: 23, "And blessed is he who ever is not offended in Me." "What do we know about God? Is He a reality?" challenged the speaker, and he felt that what we need most in this present day is: people who ring truth. He urged all to make the fact of our faith in God the living thing. There is nothing bigger than the personal element in making the profession of a faith something real. Christ left instructions and demonstrated what He sought for humanity. The first essential is that we love God and make it a reality by our personal example. We must put our love of God first. We must love our neighbor as ourself. That involves the sacredness of personality, something which Hitler, Mussolini and Stalin do not believe in.

In this time of war and uncertainty, it means the right of the individual; it means the supreme value of the soul. We should be thankful for men, whether in khaki or not, who have seen the vision and are willingly taking the risks to save humanity. Because we haven't carried on our Christianization we have a war. The quarrel should not be our creeds but we would be better to give personal demonstration of what Christianity really means. To have happiness we must live happiness out.

The service of song was led by the combined choirs of the Acton and Georgetown Baptist Churches, under the leadership of Mr. Jos. Young of Georgetown. The morning anthem was "Soldiers of Christ, Arise," and the evening anthem, "God is Our Hope." A quartette, composed of Mr. and Mrs. B. Veldhuis and Mr. and Mrs. P. Killek, contributed appropriate and appreciated numbers. Mr. Chas. Iandabourgh presided at the organ. During the day thank offering was received and met with a good response.

## LITURGY CHURCH LADIES HONOR MRS. F. KENNEDY BEFORE LEAVING ACTON

On Tuesday evening the ladies of the United Church congregation gathered at the home of Mrs. Bert Mowat to spend a social evening with Mrs. Frank Kennedy, prior to her removal to Hamilton. Mrs. Kennedy has always been an active and willing worker in Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society effort and she will be greatly missed.

The following address, expressive of the feelings of the group, was read by Mrs. Bert Mowat, and on their behalf Mrs. J. Symon presented Mrs. Kennedy with a beautifully bound hymnary and pair of gloves.

Dear Mrs. Kennedy: It was with deep regret that we, the members of the Women's Missionary Society and the Ladies' Association, learned that you are leaving our town and consequently our church.

You have been with us many years in happy circumstances and in times of sorrow. Your kindly disposition has endeared you to us and we feel that a very true friend is about to leave our midst. We, who have known you most intimately, feel that we are better and happier for your friendship. You will be missed in our church and we shall be many times thinking of you.

We wish to take this opportunity to assure you of our best wishes for your continued health, comfort and God's richest blessings as you take up your abode elsewhere.

As a slight token of our appreciation we ask you to accept this Hymn Book and as you use it in the singing of praises to the One Who is the Great Shepherd of us all, may you be reminded of the good wishes of your friends in the Women's Missionary Society and in the Ladies' Association of Acton United Church.

Mrs. Kennedy made a suitable reply. Dainty refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed with Mrs. Kennedy.

**HOUSES FIND FATHER**  
Chesterfield, England (CP)—Wanted for neglecting his two children, Thomas Dixon was tracked down in Derbyshire woods by bloodhounds and jailed for six months.

**GREENOCK LITERARY ELECTS OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR**  
The annual meeting of the Greenock Literary Society was held on Thursday last, with the President, Evelyn Pearen, in charge. The following officers were elected for the coming year:  
President—Gordon Leslie.  
First Vice-President—Calvin Aitken.  
Second Vice-President—Laura Johnston.  
Secretary—Aynes Pasmore.  
Treasurer—Eira Pearen.  
Plaintiff—Ralph McKeown.  
Assistant Pianist—Evelyn Pearen.  
Reporter—Jean Mann.  
Committee—Mrs. B. McKeown, Eileen Johnston and Lloyd McKeown.

**BOOKS FOR BEDS**  
New York (CP)—A three-week sale of books, donated by publishers here, will raise funds for 10,000 hospital beds for British hospitals. Thousands of "new and rare" volumes will be offered.

**Mason Building Being Remodelled For New Owners**  
New Boiler Being Installed and Alterations Made for Occupancy Next Month.  
Workmen commenced this week in making alterations at the Mason Knitting mill property, acquired by the Baxter Laboratories, who will move their plant to Acton next month. A new, larger steam boiler is being installed and this necessitated removing part of the stone wall to have it installed.

To give accommodation for the water required a new line from the main had to be laid into the building and Public Utilities workers have completed this work.

In the interior of the building cement floors had to be removed in the west wing and a section of the floor in the second story of this wing had to be removed for the installation of equipment used in the manufacture of this firm's products.

It is expected the Baxter Laboratories will occupy the building next month.

**DEATH OF JEWISH V.C.**  
Melbourne (CP)—Sergeant Izzy Smith, 54, who was with the Manchester Regiment in the First Great War, and was the first Jew to win the Victoria Cross died at his home here.

## MASON KNITTING CO. PLANT SOLD TO NEW INDUSTRY



Two views showing the plant of the Mason Knitting Company, on Willow Street, which has been sold to Baxter Laboratories of Toronto, who are now remodeling the interior and installing new equipment. It is expected the new company will occupy the building next month. —FAX PRESS PHOTOGRAPH.

## 55th Anniversary Marked by Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall

Children of pioneer settlers in Wellington County and life-long residents of this district, Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall, formerly of Nassagaweya Township, celebrated the 55th anniversary of their wedding on Monday.

Despite their advanced age, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall are enjoying excellent health, and take a keen interest in the affairs of the surrounding district. They were married 55 years ago in Erasmus Township, near Barrie Hill, by Rev. Mr. MacKay, Presbyterian minister.

Mrs. Marshall was born in Erasmus Township 80 years ago, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Scott. Her mother was the first white woman born in Erasmus Township, when that area was mostly covered with bushland. She lived in Erasmus Township until her marriage, following which she was taken by her husband to Nassagaweya Township, where they resided until two years ago.

A life member of Ebenezer United Church, Mrs. Marshall has been keenly interested in the affairs of the Eden Mills Women's Institute for many years. In excellent health, she is able to be up and around every day.

Mr. Marshall was born in Nassagaweya Township 87 years ago, a son of pioneer parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. David Marshall. He lived all his life in that district and served the municipality as Township Clerk for more than twenty-five years, retiring from that position only a few years ago. His health is good, and he spends much of his time in summer gardening. Mr. Marshall has been a staunch supporter of the Liberal party politics all his life. A believer in clean living, Mr. Marshall has neither smoked or drunk intoxicating liquor during his lifetime.

Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Marshall, three daughters, Mrs. Nelson Anderson, Nassagaweya Township; Mrs. C. R. Rudd, Guelph; Mrs. Sheldon Trussdale, of Corwin, Pullin Township; and one son, Norman S. Marshall, Eden Mills. They have nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Marshall are the last surviving members of their families. All members of the family assembled Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. G. R. Rudd, Guelph, to celebrate the occasion, and were joined by many friends and acquaintances. That evening they adjourned to the home of Mrs. Trussdale, where a party was held, many friends from that district being in attendance.

## Halton Plowmen Win Major Awards 1940 International

John Lister and Harold Pickett, of Hornby, Win Big Salada Tea Awards.

The International Plowing Match, held at St. Thomas last week, broke all previous existing records. During the four days there was total entry of 905 in contrast to 681 at the Brockville event in 1939. The high light of the week plow classes was the Salada Tea event in sod, with jointer plows. This class brought together the champion plowmen from all sections of the Province, the red ribbon going to John Lister, of Hornby, who also received the award for the champion ridge for walking plows in the entire four-day event.

Harold Pickett, of Hornby, again brought prominence to Halton plowmen by placing second in the same event. These young men will receive a gold medal and silver medal respectively, and in addition will each receive a trip, which is valued at \$500. To the best of our knowledge this is the first time in the history of the big International that two competitors from one county and community are from adjoining farms, have accomplished this outstanding achievement.

Halton was also well to the fore in the Inter-County event, placing sixth, with twenty-three Counties in competition. The Halton team was composed of Grant Baker, Freeman; Ivan Taylor, Moffat; and Kenneth Brown, Hornby; the latter placing ninth of the sixty-nine competitors in this class. Other Halton young men in action included Harvey Nurse, of Georgetown, who placed second in Second Class Tractors in stable; Spencer Wilson, Norval, fifth in First Class Tractors in stable; Angus McNabb, Georgetown, seventh in Stable, open to those who had not previously competed at the International; Win. Lucas, Freeman, eighth in Stable, open to boys under 18 years; Claude Pickett, Hornby, twelfth in the Tractor Class in stable. We feel sure our readers will join with us in extending congratulations to these young men on their outstanding achievement.

## NEW INDUSTRY MAY BE ESTABLISHED IN NELSON TOWNSHIP

American interests are negotiating for farm property along the mountain region in Nelson township. Options have been taken on several parcels of land on the Guelph line in the Mount Nemo district, and it is expected deals will be complete by November 1st. The concern will erect a large plant for the manufacture of Maganese, used quite extensively in various war materials. The company will also erect a large number of homes on their property to accommodate their employees.

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## HALTON YOUTH PEOPLE'S RALLY AT BURLINGTON

The Young People's Rally at Trinity United Church, Burlington, on Monday, November 4th, is to have the support and guidance of many leaders in church work. Leaders for the discussion period will be Rev. Russell O'Brien, Citizenship; Rev. D. Facey, Fellowship; Rev. A. L. Sanderson, Leadership Training; Rev. J. B. Moore, Culture, and Rev. D. G. Gallagher, Missions.

A real interesting program has been arranged. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Mervyn Bury, of Aldershot.

## Fund of \$1009.95 Raised to Help Spitfire Purchase

Naturally Reeve Chalmers and all the members of the Committee were very gratified at the success that had been achieved and on behalf of the Council Reeve Chalmers expressed their appreciation of all who had made the success possible. He instructed that a special word of thanks be published, conveying the appreciation of Reeve and Council.

A feature of the event, which received very favorable comment, was the Livestock Draw, which was sponsored by the farm organizations and made a real success through their effort.

Arrangements are being made to send the complete fund to the Major's Fund in Acton, England, and a committee was appointed to deal with this matter.

Informally the plan of a general committee to handle all war appeals was discussed. Arguments for and against the proposal were given.

## Autumn Bazaar Duke of Devonshire Chapter of I.O.F.E.

The annual Autumn Bazaar of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.F.E. was held at the Y.M.C.A. last Friday. Mrs. Barr, the Regent, and Mrs. R. H. Elliott, Vice-Regent, welcomed the guests. The room was decorated with flowers and red, white and blue pennants, and looked very patriotic. Mrs. Peter Smith and Mrs. Wm. Johnston were in charge of the fancy work table; Mrs. W. Clayton and Mrs. R. M. MacDonell, the home made baking and candy. The chance on the angel cake proved very popular and attracted many customers. Mrs. G. W. Masales had charge of tickets for the table lamp draw.

The tea room, with Mrs. Jas. Symon and Mrs. W. J. Gould in charge, looked lovely, with a basket of lovely yellow mums on the table. Mrs. Gould and Mrs. W. J. Gould poured tea and assisting were Mrs. E. M. Schroeder, Mrs. E. J. Hassard, Mrs. T. Bailey, Miss Pearl Smith, Miss M. Z. Bennett, Mrs. A. J. Murray, Mrs. Grindell, Mrs. Wm. Cooper and Mrs. Nell McNabb.

Mrs. A. J. Burhanan, Regent of the Lakeside Chapter, drew the tickets for the draws on the lamp and cake. The lucky numbers were held by Mrs. Shirley, for the lamp; and Miss Laura Wiles, for the cake. The Chapter are appreciative of the effort of all who attended and made this affair a success.

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## Council Arranges Details Transfer Factory Property

### GEORGETOWN SPEAKER ADDRESSES INSTITUTE AT BANNOCKBURN

On Wednesday afternoon last, the Bannockburn Women's Institute held their October meeting at the home of Mrs. D. D. Morrison.

With the President, Mrs. S. Matthews, in charge, the roll call was answered by "How to Improve Our Meetings." After the business was attended to, a very helpful and interesting talk on "Law Work" was given by Miss Bennett, of Georgetown.

Mrs. Fred Cole gave the report of the District Annual, which was held at Milton. A piano solo was rendered by Miss Doris Harding. Plans were made for a social evening, to be held in the Woodside School in November. The meeting closed by singing the National Anthem. Lunch was served and a social half-hour enjoyed.

### FINLAND'S RECOVERY

Helinski (CP) Struggling in a war with Russia a year ago, the Finnish people are seeking normalcy in peace. Movies showing American, German, Finnish and Swedish pictures are crowded. Sidewalk cafes, restaurants and bars are well patronized.

### KNOX CHURCH TO OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY AND MONDAY

Anniversary services, marking 95 years of service to this community will be observed by Knox Presbyterian Church, Acton. This year there will be two anniversary speakers. At the morning service Rev. John Riddell, B.A., of Milton, will be the minister and at the service in the evening Rev. A. Neil Miller, B.D., of St. Andrew's Church, Brampton, will be the speaker.

Mr. F. Still, Organist and Choirmaster has arranged special anniversary music by the choir.

On Monday the Ladies' Aid of the church have arranged for their annual supper. This feast of good things has established a reputation known to all and is always largely attended. A variety program of music, song and story will follow the serving of supper.

### REIGNING OF CECILS REJOINS CABINET

London, Oct. 23rd (CP)—Viscount Cranborne became liaison man between Great Britain and the Dominions in the Churchill cabinet reconstruction that brought him to the government benches he left in 1938 as a protest against the Chamberlain appeasement policy.

Heir to the fourth Marquis of Salisbury and member of the politically glamorous Cecil family, the slender 47-year-old successor to Viscount Caldecote as Dominions Secretary has lived up to the family traditions during his 17 years in the House of Commons as Conservative member for South Dorset. He possesses the same courage and independence which his uncle, Lord Hugh Cecil, showed so often in the House. Lord Cranborne showed this when he resigned from the Under-Secretaryship of Foreign Affairs in February, 1938, and followed his chief Anthony Eden, into retirement.

### WHEN VEGETABLES COME ALREADY BOLTED: WHAT THEN?

That time-worn caution given to children, "Don't bolt your food," would have to be cast aside if one was offered, a parsnip, grown in the garden of Mr. A. H. Bishop. It grew already bolted. When harvesting the annual crop Mr. Bishop dug up a parsnip that had grown through a bolt used for a gate hinge. It was neatly threaded through the eye of the bolt and lodged securely around it. Seeing is believing, and it's now on view in The Fax Press window.

### New Building To be Erected on Mill Street

Hallday & Son, of Toronto, Take Out Permit for Modern Store Building

During the past week Wm. Hallday, of Hallday & Son, Toronto, has purchased the frame store and land on Mill Street, between A. B. McLean's barber shop and E. J. Hassard's drug store. The building and land were formerly owned by Mr. J. E. Pearen.

Mr. Hallday has taken out a building permit for the erection of a one-story building. Details of the prospective tenant or the owner of the building when completed, are not available.

The proposed building, we understand, is to be of solid brick or cement structure, and will occupy over 22 feet of the frontage of the land and will be 53 feet in length. Construction on the building is being commenced immediately.

This building is the last frame front on Mill Street business buildings. It is perhaps one of the oldest buildings on the street. Until 1913, when the present Post Office was erected, it served Acton as a Post Office. When The Fax Press was established in Acton this building was its first home.

### Coming Events

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

Eden Mills—United Church Powl Supper, Tuesday, October 29th.

Don't miss the Knox Y.W.A. Rummage Sale and Afternoon Tea, in the Council Chamber on Saturday, October 26th, from 3 to 6. 16-2

Acton Volunteer Civil Guard will leave Acton Post Office at 2:15, D.A.T., Sunday, October 27th, for parade at Milton at 3:00 p.m., D.S.T. A full attendance is requested.