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Knox Church Anniversary Marked by Many Features

Visiting Speakers Were From Milton and Brampton — Miss Dawson, of Milton, was Guest Soloist — Splendid Music by Choir and Quartette — Ladies' Aid Provided Anniversary Supper and Concert on Monday Evening.

Many features marked the ninety-sixth anniversary, last Sunday, of Knox Presbyterian Church. Good congregations attended both the services on Sunday. Splendid sermons were delivered by the visiting ministers and the special music provided by the choir, visiting soloist and quartette made this anniversary occasion a notable event.

At the morning service Rev. John Riddell, B.A., of Milton, was the minister. He chose his text from the seventh verse of the fourth chapter of Second Timothy: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." The lesson from which this text is chosen is Paul's charge to Timothy as the speaker put it, a letter by an older man to a young man. Paul, at this time, was nearing the end in a Roman dungeon. He was able to write of his experiences, but they were of small consequence to the fact that he had in spite of them, his faith.

With faith we have power to make a new world. If we do not maintain our faith we are the ones who suffer. We may try everything else but there is only one way and Paul had discovered that for himself.

This charge was a challenge to us as well as to Timothy. Power of the spirit gave Paul victory in life and death and it was just that power and faith that we need in this present day.

The anthem by the choir at this service was "The Lord Is My Shepherd," with solo part taken by Mr. Wm. Burton. Miss Dawson, of Milton, contributed a splendid solo, "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings," and the male quartette of Messrs. W. Burton, Alex. Mann, F. Salt and George Musselle, sang "I Sing of the Love Divine."

At the evening service the congregation of the United Church withdrew their service and attended the anniversary. The speaker was Rev. A. Neil Miller, B.D., of Brampton.

Halton Swine Team Emerge Provincial Champions

The annual Provincial Inter-Club contests were held at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, on Friday of last week. From Renfrew, in the east, to Lambton in the west, and Cochrane in the north, came 300 club members to vie for Provincial Honors. These Junior Farmers represented 5,311 members of definite club projects organized in Ontario in 1940. In short, the event at Guelph was a meeting of champions.

Halton was well and worthily represented by teams of two young men in each of the following projects, namely: Swine, Foal, Dairy Cattle and Grain. While a' four of the Halton teams made a magnificent showing, the outstanding achievement from a Halton viewpoint was the win by Angus McNabb and Bruce Reid, representing the Georgetown Boys' Club in the Swine Club event. Of the 28 Swine Clubs organized in Ontario in 1940, 19 were represented in the competition. As Provincial champions the Halton team were the winners of the "Farmer Trophy," which they will retain for the next twelve months.

In Dairy Cattle Halton was represented by a team composed of Donald Paver and George Pelletier, both of the Milton Holstein Club. These young men, in a competition which brought out 36 club teams, placed third. The Foal Club contest brought teams of two boys each from 21 of the 35 clubs organized this year. Here the Halton team, which placed fourth, was represented by George Heatherington, Freeman, and Lloyd Stokes, Campbellville, both of the Acton Boys' Foal Club.

The Grain Club project found 40 of the 62 clubs organized with representatives on hand. Halton was represented by George Hamilton and Wm. Lucas, both of Freeman, representing the Nelson Boys' Grain Club. In placing fifth in this strong competition they maintained the high standard of the club teams previously mentioned and of Halton Junior Farmer and Junior Home-maker work in general. The big day's program culminated in a banquet, presided over by Dr. G. I. Christie, President of the Ontario Agricultural College, and at which Hon. P. M. Dewar, Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, was the guest speaker.

FREE PRESS FINDS MARKET OVER A WIDE AREA

Due to the increased demand for medium grade wool, Newfoundland is improving her flocks by importing good breeding ewes of the Oxford Down breed from Ontario. This breed is the heaviest producer of this grade of wool, the kind used in uniforms, blankets, sweaters and socks.

BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S HELD A HALLOWEEN PARTY

The Young People's Society of the Baptist Church held a Halloween party on Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred West.

JUNIOR FARMERS HELD HALLOWEEN SOCIAL FRIDAY

The regular meeting of the Acton Junior Farmers was held on October 25th, in the form of a Halloween social. During the evening prizes were awarded to the following:

Best Lady's Costume—Lorna Licker.
Best Gent's Costume—Jack Licker.
Best Lady's Halloween Costume—Edna Cook.
Best Gent's Halloween Costume—Gordon Leslie.
Best Couple's Costume—Ada Findlay and Ernie Watson.
Best Comic Costume—Wimber Davidson.
Most Ridiculous Costume—Laura Johnston.
Best Disguise—Bob Marshall.

O. A. C. SPEAKER ADDRESSED MEETING Y'S MEN'S CLUB

Prof. Bell, of the Chemistry Department of the Ontario Agricultural College in Guelph was the guest speaker at the regular bi-monthly supper meeting of the Acton Y's Men's Club, last Thursday evening.

Nova Scotia Bank Will Occupy New Mill St. Building

The building on Mill Street, which was noted last week will be occupied by the Acton branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia and will be built to meet bank requirements. It will have a cut stone and modern wood and brick construction. It is expected to be completed and ready for occupation in February.

Workmen started last Thursday morning demolishing the old frame structure, which is one of the old landmarks on the street. By Monday the structure was entirely removed and work of excavation for the basement was commenced. This is now under way and erection of the building will start immediately.

The old building that was removed had quite a history. It was erected in 1877 by the late James Matthews to house The Free Press, which had, under the ownership of the late Joseph Hacking, been using upstairs quarters in the Matthews building. It was occupied for about two years by The Free Press until the business was removed to its present location.

Weekly War Commentary

Specially Written for The Acton Free Press by
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Leaders of Britain and the Empire speak increasingly of the great offensive war to come. Prime Minister Churchill has predicted that air mastery will be gained in 1941; and he speaks of 1942 as the year Britain will go to the attack. "The day we can take the offensive approaches steadily," said Colonial Secretary Lord Lloyd recently. "We have to carry this fight into the enemy's fields," A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, declared in turn.

In this first week of war, when a winter's deadlock looms, it is perhaps difficult to envisage offensive action on land. The Royal Air Force's hard-hitting bombers are blasting the channel ports into uselessness. And Germany controls, in principle, a long strip of coast, stretching from Arctic Norway to Sunny Spain.

But "controls" is a relative word when the coastline is as varied as long, and in some spots as tortuous. Fortifying that coastline and manning it would be an undertaking even too great for the wilkiest Axis power, who usually stop at nothing. It would spread their manpower thin and consequently would be far from attack-proof.

Point of Attack
It is questionable, further, whether Britain wants to attack through France and Belgium and turn those countries into battlegrounds, again. There isn't a soldier in Britain to-day who wouldn't sooner have Germany for his battleground. The Third Reich has yet to feel the tread of an invader, and many believe that this tread should be that of the marching men of the Empire.

The Netherlands coast probably would serve the purpose of offensive best. If bridgeheads could be established, a straight piercing drive, with the blessings of the Netherlands, both outside and within Holland, could be directed at the Reich. The distance across Holland to the German frontier is the shortest, from any Channel points, although the Channel crossing is longer by some hours than from Dover, Calais or Folkestone. Prerequisite for such an exploit, obviously, would be mastery of the air.

One way of looking at such a stroke is to think of it as Dunkerque in reverse. If thousands of men were withdrawn from the continent against such terrible odds and by improvised means, how much easier will it be to land men when the odds are diminished and every step has been calculated—and when the men are the trained troops of Britain and the Dominions who have been itching for a chance to get at the Nazis.

In Front Line
Canada's soldiers may be expected to play a conspicuous part when the Empire's great land offensive starts. Announcement was made October 26th that a considerable number of Canadian forces overseas had moved into the front line of the United Kingdom's defenses in the Battle of Britain. It marked the first time that Canadian troops had guarded an important sector of the coast.

MAKES WAY FOR BANK BUILDING



The old frame building that stood on Mill Street for nearly seventy years and was from 1879 to 1913, Acton's Post Office, was torn down this week to make way for the new Bank of Nova Scotia building. That will be erected here for the Acton branch.

MASQUERADE AND SOCIAL BY COMBINED YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUPS

On Tuesday evening the Young People's Union of the United Church held a very enjoyable Halloween party, having as their guests the Young People of Knox Presbyterian Church and St. Alban's Anglican Church.

The President, Mr. John Pell, welcomed the visiting groups. Rev. E. A. Brooks was in charge of a period of devotional prayer. Rev. G. C. Clifford led in a rousing sing-song. Miss Esther Taylor gave a reading on "Halloween."

After a parade of the masquerade costumes, the prize winners were as follows:
Best Halloween Costume—Kerwin McPhail (Clown).
Best Halloween Couple—Gordon Leslie and Mrs. John Pell (cats).
Gent's Fancy Costume—Ted Anderson.
Lady's Fancy Costume—Doris Wilson.
Representative Costume—Martin Hassard.
A number of group games were enjoyed.

ACTON MAN HAD NARROW ESCAPE WHEN CAR DITCHED

Blinded by glaring headlights, 70-year-old George H. Ridley, of Acton, escaped serious injury miraculously Saturday night when the car he was driving collided with a telephone pole and turned over in the ditch, a mile west of Rockwood.

O. A. C. STUDENTS VISIT WATKINS POULTRY FARM

Two bus loads, about seventy-five of the fourth year students of the O.A.C. Guelph, visited on Monday at the poultry farm of Mr. J. B. Watkins, a mile west of Acton. The group were brought to this modern and well-equipped farm for practical information, observing the flock and inspecting the equipment.

Several Matters Receive Attention Utilities Comm.

Accounts, as follows, were passed for payment on Tuesday night when Acton Public Utilities Commission met in fortnightly session:

Hydro Account	
Canadian Brass Co., supplies	\$ 16.62
Canadian General Electric Co., supplies	70.88
McDonald Electric, Ltd., supplies	20.95
Inspection Department, fees	2.50
C.N.R. and Transports	3.94
Department of National Revenue	101.36
J. C. Matthews, postage	10.00
	\$226.25

Waterworks Account

Canadian Brass Co., supplies \$138.31
A letter from the Ontario Hydro gave notice of an adjustment that had been made to cover an error. This, however, was not satisfactory to the Commission as the account had been paid, and dealt with the Fall Fair power account.

Assessment Appeals Heard and 1941 Roll Confirmed

Acton Nearly \$700 Short in Annual Red Cross Drive?

Reports to the Treasury of Acton and District Red Cross, Mr. W. K. Graham, indicate that this community is still quite a distance from its objective. To date the collectors have turned in \$1,243.

HALTON PLOWMEN HOLD ANNUAL MATCH ON NOVEMBER 1st

On Friday of this week the W. R. Hume farm, in Nelson Township, will be the centre of agricultural interest not only for Halton but also for neighboring Counties. The annual match of the Halton County Plowmen is now recognized throughout the Province as one of the best county matches in Ontario.

The recent achievement of John Lister and Harry Pickett at the International has demonstrated unmistakably that Halton plowmen can compete with the best and therefore the Open Jointer Class will result, it is anticipated, in a real array of champions in competition. The dinner in the evening will be held in the Milton Town Hall, where, in addition to the presentation of prizes the program will include numbers by the Louville Quartette and the Campbellville Swing Band.

Fall Meeting of United Church W.M.S. Held at Ashgrove

The fall meeting of the Executive of the United Church of the W.M.S. of the United Church was held at the home of Mrs. Frank Wilson, Mission Band Secretary, Ashgrove, morning and afternoon. Twenty-seven women were present, including ten Auxiliary Presidents and two members of the Hamilton Conference Branch Executive, Mrs. R. M. Clements and Mrs. A. Speight.

The worship periods were conducted by Miss L. Sheridan and Mrs. J. W. Chapman. Encouraging reports were received from the Secretaries. The Supply Secretary reported thirty-two bales sent to Gibson Reserve and Moore Mountain, value \$310.00. The Temperance Secretary asked that individual members of the W.M.S. again write to the Federal and Provincial members for Halton, urging the lessening of the sale of liquor during war time.

An itinerary for Miss E. M. McLeod, on furlough from India, is being arranged for the Presbyterial for November 27th, 28th and 29th. Letters were sent to our missionaries, Mrs. Gordon Agnew, recently returned from Chengtu, China, and Miss Ruth Nelson, Acton, on furlough from Kitlammatt, B.C. The thanks of the Executive were extended to the ministers of the Presbytery, who were meeting at the same time in Ashgrove Church, for making it possible, by the use of their cars, for some of the ladies to attend the Executive.

OCTOBER SHIPMENT ACTON AND DISTRICT RED CROSS SOCIETY

Following is the list of supplies that were made by Acton and District Red Cross and forwarded to headquarters on October 10th:

Figure is \$790,006.16, Which is a Slight Increase Over 1940 Amount — Some Appeals are Allowed but Only Few Complaints Made—Council Requests Esquing Keep Road to Dump Open During Winter.

Acton Council met on Monday evening as a Court of Revision to hear appeals on the 1941 Assessment. The oath was taken by the Reeve and all the Councilors.

John H. Bennett asked a reduction on the property at the corner of Fairview Avenue and Main Streets. Present assessment on the building was \$200 and \$200 on the land. Mr. Bennett thought the assessment on the building was too high, but was satisfied with the land assessment. Council favored a reduction of \$50 on the building.

H. H. Hinton asked for relief because the stone house on Main Street was vacant, under Section 125 of Assessment Act and considered, in its present state, unfit for habitation, although there had been opportunity to rent the property. The land was assessed for \$200 and the house for \$300. It was decided to reduce the assessment on the house \$100 as long as the property remains vacant.

George Bentor, Sr., complained the assessment on his Victoria Street property was too high. Assessor Harrop gave an explanation of the assessment on land and buildings. Council decided the assessment, as made, should remain unchanged.

Four lots on Queen Street, now assessed to Canadian National Railways, should be assessed to Beardmore & Co., and this change was made.

Mrs. Nellie Storey complained the assessment on the property at John and Church Streets, was too high. The building was assessed at \$1100 and land at \$200. It was decided to make the building assessment \$900 and land remained unchanged.

Mr. J. P. Davison complained of the increase on his property on Mill Street from \$25 to \$50. There were four lots in the parcel. Council decided no lower assessment could be granted.

Thos. Morton claimed his business assessment at \$150 was too high. This compared with similar assessment and no change was made.

Mr. N. F. Moore complained of the assessment on his property on Main Street, because there had been no attention paid to the drainage of the creeks on adjoining property and in addition to high water in lower pond, the upper pond has been drained completely, adding silt and water. The appeal was dismissed.

Mr. G. W. Murray appealed the assessment of a lot on Mill Street, at \$200. The deed did not call for the amount of land for which he was assessed. In view of this shortage of land the assessment was made to \$170.

Reve Chalmers asked Mr. Murray, to request Esquing Council to keep the Third Line open during the winter, so that there could be access to the town dump at all times. This would be necessary if a new system of garbage collection was undertaken.

The Clerk was instructed to make changes of ownership in property listed since assessment was made in order that notices would go to the proper owners.

The total assessment this year was \$790,006.16. The changes at the Court of Revision amounted to \$580 and the assessment will be \$789,906.16, a slight increase over last year.

A motion was passed confirming the 1941 Assessment Roll at the above figure.

FORCE BOWLERS LOSE IN TUESDAY NIGHT GAME, 5-2

The Force Bowling Team were defeated 5-2 on Tuesday night by the Colonial Dresses Team. The local team had an off night, only getting a good score in the second game, which they won.

M. Rooie	126	269	185	580
H. Otterbein	181	171	120	477
R. Langford	121	172	149	442
W. Corry	210	292	171	639
B. Dumarah	169	131	72	372

Force Electric 807 1040 683 2510
Colonial Dress 890 974 817 2617

Coming Events

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

Parents' Night at Acton Public School, Thursday, November 1st, from 7 to 9 p.m. Parents and friends are invited to visit their school.

On Monday evening the Ladies' Aid of the church provided the bounteous hot supper, which has always been a feature of the anniversary occasion. This (Concluded on Page Three)