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## Knox Church Centennial Brought Many Back Home

**100 Years of Service in Acton Marked by Congregation Housecomers Packed the Church to Doors at Both Services—Over 600 Served Dinner by Ladies' Aid After Morning Service—A fine Fellowship Hour in the Afternoon and Time for Re-Union.**

The Centennial services of Knox Presbyterian Church last Sunday were indeed an occasion that will long be remembered in the annals of this church, which was founded in February 1845 by Scottish settlers from Inverness, Aberdeen and Perthshire. The present church building has been in use by the congregation since 1895.

It is recorded that at the opening service in 1866 the sacred edifice was filled and no more could find standing room. Fifty years later on Sunday last, both services had the building packed to the doors with people seated in the aisles and vestibules. It was a great occasion in many respects.

Not only were the services of deep interest, but the spirit of fine fellowship and joyous reunion were prevalent throughout the entire day. The dinner served the congregation after the morning service and the informal fellowship hour in the afternoon; the return to the old Kirk of former members from out of town and the fine time for reunion are all features that brought joy as well as twinges of regret as recollections were recalled of many who had served well their day in these surroundings, but had passed on to greater reward.

We will not deal with the historical part of the Kirk, as this was admirably done in a booklet written and compiled for the occasion by Miss Isabel Anderson and made available to all who attended the services.

The guest minister for the occasion was Prof. D. W. Hay, M.A. of Knox College, who a year ago came from Scotland to assume the position. He gave two splendid gospel messages. In the morning his subject was "The Household of God" based on the text found in Second Ephesians verses 18 and 19. His evening sermon was entitled "Success" and was based on Psalm 73. It was also a joy to have present at this service, Right Reverend A. C. Stewart, M.A., Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada and a former minister of Knox Church. In the evening, services of the United and Baptist Churches were withdrawn and these congregations joined in the centennial occasion.

The service of praise was also very fitting. Such grand old hymns as "Unto the Hills" and "O God Our Help in Ages Past" made the rafters ring. Guest soloists were two who are always welcome and appreciated by any Acton audience. The numbers were: Mrs. Douglas Gowdy of Toronto who sang "Come All Ye Blessed" and "How Beautiful Upon the Mountain"; The solos chosen by Mr. Cecil Lyons of Guelph were "Hear My Cry O Lord" and "Lead Me On". The choir contributed fine anthem numbers at each service, the evening anthem being "Oh My Soul".

When Rev. Mr. Thomson at the morning service extended a cordial invitation for everyone in the congregation to stay and have dinner at the church it seemed like an impossible task. But the Ladies' Aid of Knox Church are quite familiar with such huge undertakings and over 600 enjoyed the fellowship that comes when old friends gather once again about a common table.

The fellowship service in the afternoon was a delightfully informal affair. There were musical numbers and impromptu addresses by those who had come back to the home church again on this occasion. Among those who spoke were: Mrs. J. C. Wilson, Toronto; Mrs. Soper, for 51 years a member of the church; Mrs. Harry Noble, Toronto; Mrs. J. Reek, Mr. D. M. Henderson, Galt; Mrs. Ada Bell, Toronto; Mrs. W. Lauby, Mrs. B. H. Guelph; Mrs. Ann Somerville, Toronto; Rev. Mr. Wallace, and Rev. A. C. Stewart. Solos were given by Mrs. Ann Somerville and Mr. C. G. Lyness.

The Centennial birthday cake was cut by Mrs. Wm. Sprowl, the oldest surviving member of Knox Church who was baptized by Rev. John McLaughlin, the first minister of the church. A beautiful basket of flowers was presented Mrs. Sprowl, Mr. John Kenney, another one of the oldest members of the church, was presented with a Centennial book. There were messages from Miss Nellie Anderson in British Guiana and Mrs. Cameron, son of one of the early ministers.

There were several beautiful baskets of flowers placed by families in memory of dear ones. Among those remembered were Mr. and Mrs. Archibald McPherson, Mrs. Polster.

### WINNER IN ONTARIO



Hon. Geo. Drew, whose government was given strong endorsement by the electors in Monday's voting and returned with 66 out of the 90 seats.

### LOCAL DOG TAKES MORE PRIZES AT HAMILTON SHOW

The English Bull Dog "Show Girl" owned by Mr. Lawrence Weick, of Bower Avenue, Acton, has been taking more honors. She was shown at the Hamilton Kennel Club International All-Breed Show last week and won first for the best female English bull dog and first in the female open class.

### Staff Both Schools Complete for the Next School Term

### Inspector's Report of Continuation School Very Satisfactory—Items of June Meeting

Trustee F. S. Blou, N. Baird, G. A. Dills and Dr. F. G. Oakes were at the June meeting of Acton School Board on Tuesday evening and Chairman V. B. Rumley presided. Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

McMillan Co., supplies	\$ 4.63
National Stationers, supplies	6.05
Bell Telephone Co., services	4.97
E. J. Hasaap, supplies	1.29
Workmen's Compensation Bd. assessment	25.19
Y. M. C. A. rental of gym	45.00
Symon Hardware, supplies	10.70
W. D. Talbot, supplies	7.44
F. McCutcheon, express	1.00
Highway Garage, supplies	22.38
R. McEachern, supplies	6.48

Total \$134.83

The Board discussed with Principal Smith of the Public School the matter of grading new pupils this year with the Kindergarten in operation for the first year. The Agriculture grant of \$45 was instructed to be paid.

Principal Stewart of the Continuation School discussed with the Board several matters regarding the cadets. Authorization of new French text books was given.

The Secretary was instructed to write a letter thanking Mr. R. N. Brown for the use of a gravel pit for a rifle range for the cadets.

Mr. Smith was re-nominated as principal or joint principal of the Public School for another year.

The Secretary reported that all the members of the staff of the Continuation School had accepted re-engagement at the salaries offered.

There was only one vacancy at present on the Public School staff and Mrs. Donald Switzer was engaged for the school term to teach in Grade Four.

### Final Meeting Here in the Election Held on Tuesday

What appears to be the final meeting in the federal election campaign was held in the Town Hall on Tuesday night in the interest of the Progressive Conservative Party and Allan S. Nicholson, Halton Candidate. The attendance was not large.

Mr. Arthur Sauls, Past President of the Hagarling Committee of Local 112 U. A. W. C.I.O. was the principal speaker. He told of the activity and operation of the C.C.F. of which he had been a member from 1930 until 1939.

Mr. Allan Nicholson, candidate for Halton and Mr. Stanley Hall Halton's representative in the Ontario Legislature also addressed the meeting. Mr. W. J. Beatty was chairman.

### Annual Reports Acton Y. M. C. A. Show Good Year

### Leadership of Mrs. Gray Received High Praise and Recognition—Directors Elected

The review of activities and the reports presented at the annual meeting of Acton Y.M.C.A. last Friday evening showed that this institution is filling a very great place in the community life of Acton and its program is attractive to the young people. Directors and everyone who spoke were loud in their praise of the splendid leadership given by Mrs. Gray in carrying on this work during the absence of her husband, Capt. Johnny Gray.

Chairman J. W. Wolfe presided and coupled with their appreciation of Mrs. Gray's work, the help of Mr. and Mrs. Cameron and the Y Men's Club.

The Treasurer's report presented by Mr. John Greer showed membership fees of \$667.08, total receipts of \$2,180.32 and total expenditures of \$1,833.22, which gave an operating surplus and allowed a transfer to the maintenance fund.

Mr. W. J. Beatty reporting on the special building project said of the objective of \$3000, the amount of \$2,611.45 was now available for this work, but it was felt desirable to delay the alterations until prices were more stabilized.

Mr. T. Jones reported for the building maintenance committee. Mr. E. S. Force in giving the program report gave some interesting statistics. There were 17,722 in attendance at the Y in the year. There are twelve classes or groups using the Y and the building is in use five nights per week.

The special features have shown greater interest and increased attendance under Mr. G. Rosenwaldson.

There were ten parties last year. Directors elected to fill the three vacancies were Messrs. E. S. Force, R. Bean and E. S. Cooper.

In recognition of the splendid work done by Mrs. Gray during the year, the Board of Directors presented her with a Victory Band.

A fine social time was enjoyed with cards and dancing and a delightful lunch was served.

### DIXON-McLEAN WEDDING IN ERIN ON SATURDAY LAST

The marriage of Emily Irene McLean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McLean, of Erin, to Frederick George Dixon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Dixon, of Milton, took place in Erin United Church on June the second with Rev. T. J. Rees officiating. Mrs. Olive Hunter, of Norval, was organist and Mr. Fred Shortill, of Ballinacross, was soloist.

### Six Polling Stations in Acton Next Monday

Realizing that there is some confusion in the minds of electors on who may vote in the election next Monday and where each will vote we give the information which may be helpful to voters.

The general qualifications for voting are: (a) The voter is of the full age of 21 years; (b) is a British subject by birth or naturalization; (c) has been resident of Canada for 12 months preceding election; (d) was a resident in the electoral district at the date of issue of the election writ (April 16th).

The voting will be from special lists compiled by the enumerators. According to these lists there are 1453 voters eligible on Acton lists in the Dominion Elections.

### Where to Vote

There have been posters in the Post Office giving directions for all voters in Halton. Here are the boundaries and polling divisions for Acton. It will be noted that in this election residents of Beardsmore Crescent will vote in Acton instead of having the unnecessary trip of going to Dublin School. This is different from the recent provincial election. It should also be noted that in this election the polls close at six o'clock, an hour earlier than the provincial election. Here are the booths. However you vote be sure to cast your ballot next Monday.

Polling Division No. 1 Comprising that portion of Acton lying South of Mill Street and West of Willow Street and extensions. Polling Station at Y. M. C. A.

Polling Division No. 2 Comprising that portion of Acton lying South of Mill Street and East of Willow Street and extensions. Also that part of the Township of Equesting adjacent to the town and bounded by Guelph and Crescent Streets and known as the Crescent. Polling Stations Nos. 2 A-1 at Ernest Barr's Store and 2 M-2 at Dr. Austin's house.

Polling Division No. 3 Comprising that portion of Acton lying North of Mill Street and West of John Street and Arnold's factory. Polling Stations Nos. 3 A-1 and 3 M-2 at the Town Hall.

### THIS WEEK

By FRANK HINDS Canadian Press Staff Writer

TORONTO (CP)—Premier George Drew's Progressive Conservative government was returned to power in Ontario with at least 66 seats in an election which slashed the government's combined opposition from 52 to a possible 23 members.

Leaders of the C.C.F. and Liberal parties in the province, E. B. Joffile and Mitchell P. Hepburn, respectively, were defeated in their own ridings while Premier Drew returned to the premiership victorious in Toronto High Park where he had faced a straight fight against Lewis Duncan, C.C.F. candidate.

On the basis of the citizen vote the Progressive Conservative party dealt the C.C.F. its most severe defeat and rose from its two-year role as an outnumbered government to assume that of an administration with a strong majority in the legislature. The election returned the Liberal party, minus its former leader, to its 1929-34 role of official opposition.

The active service vote will not be known for approximately a week, but it was expected that the results would not more than possibly change individual results.

Liberal and C. C. F. candidates were successful in 10 and six seats respectively compared with representations of 15 and 34 in the last legislation. Two Liberal-Labor and two Labor-Progressive members completed the line-up of the government's opposition on Tuesday when the results of polling in Wellington North, Kanora, Rainy River and Sault Ste. Marie remained inconclusive.

Ontario citizens voted in record numbers and incomplete Canadian Press compilations indicated that the record total vote of 1,571,431 polled in 1937 would be exceeded by a large margin.

"This is really a double victory," declared Premier Drew. "Naturally, I'm happier than I can say to have won in my own riding of Toronto High Park, but I am perhaps even more pleased to have this convincing proof that our people in this province are not easily misled."

## Halton Returns Stan Hall in Provincial Elections

### WINNER IN HALTON



Mr. Stanley Hall, Progressive Conservative who was returned in Halton County with an increased majority in Monday's election.

### CHURCHILL FRIENDS HONOR MR. AND MRS WARD GRAFF

Churchill Church and neighbors held a shower at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Freeman on Wednesday, May 30, for Mr. and Mrs. Ward Graff of Guelph. Mrs. Graff was formerly Miss Francis Rogers of Summerside, P.E.I.

Mr. Arthur Sawckhamer was chairman for the evening and the following program was presented: Community singing, solo, Mrs. Archie Kerr, duet, Betty Ann Kerr, Della McIntyre, readings, Mrs. H. Graff, Teddy Freeman, Roy Warner, violin selection, Frank Freeman, Miss Joyce Fowler accompanied at the piano. Mrs. Robt Kerr read the address and a decorated basket of gifts was carried in by Betty Ann Kerr and Arlene Gordon Ward, on behalf of herself and his wife thanked everyone for their kindness. Lunch was served and the remainder of the evening was spent getting acquainted with the bride.

## Boring Taken at Reservoir and for Main Installations

### Satisfactory Bottom Secured at Spring Property—Other Items Monday Session

The regular meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Monday evening. Reeve J. M. McDonald, and Commissioners C. M. Hansen and J. R. MacArthur were present.

The Fidelity Bond covering R. B. H. Spight was ordered cancelled. Superintendent Wilson reported that the new pump at the spring was working very satisfactorily. Superintendent Wilson reported that the new pump at the spring was working very satisfactorily.

Superintendent Wilson also reported that borings had been taken at the site of the proposed reservoir and where the new water mains are to be laid. A satisfactory bottom had been found at the reservoir site.

Hendmore & Co. requested that their power bills be changed from 12 readings to 13 readings per year. As this would entail considerable changes in the billing system the matter is to be taken up with the H. E. P. C. in Toronto.

A request that a Hydro bill be collected was returned to Toronto as the party owing the bill is not a local consumer.

The Secretary-treasurer was instructed to pay the following accounts:

**Hydro Department**  
Ford's Electric Products, supplies \$ 2.63  
Remington Rand, Ltd. supplies 8.00  
Line & Cable Accessories, supplies 69.58  
Northern Electric, Ltd. supplies 8.83  
H. E. P. C. of Ontario, supplies 19.31  
Express and Office Supplies 75  
Mrs. H. L. McDonald insurance 42.00  
Total \$151.60

**Waterworks Department**  
W. H. Cunningham & Hill, Ltd. supplies \$ 37.15  
Drummond McCab & Co., Ltd. supplies 13.31  
Canadian Brass Co. Ltd. supplies 7.44  
Consolidated Engines & Machinery, pump and supplies 1574.00  
Total \$1631.00

### Progressive Conservative Candidate Increased Majority from Last Election over Liberal Opponent—C.C.F. Vote Was 749 Less than in 1943 Election—3116 More Voters Last Monday than in 1943 in Halton

Halton County followed the general trend in Ontario on Monday in returning to office the Drew government and again sent Mr. Stanley Hall to be their representative at Queen's Park with an increased majority. Voting on Monday was heavy in all sections. In the 1943 election 11,798 votes were polled in the county and on Monday 14,914 votes were cast.

Halton in another respect followed the general trend and gave less support to Cecil Millward than the C.C.F. candidate than was given the number of that party in 1943. Mr. Millward polled a total vote of 2,555 this year in comparison with 2,301 secured by John Wilkinson in 1943. This year the C.C.F. candidate did not poll nearly half the vote of the successful candidate.

Following are the returns in Acton:

Hall Millward Pettit		
Town Hall 1	95	53
Town Hall 2	96	49
Y. M. C. A. 1	131	54
Y. M. C. A. 2	109	59
	431	215
Majority for Hall 15		416

Official figures have not been compiled for the county but the following are the available figures at the time of going to press:

Hall Millward Pettit		
Acton	431	215
Burlington	1094	480
Georgetown	643	197
Milton	603	160
Oakville	1064	467
Equesting	672	188
Nassagaweya	314	132
Nelson	969	290
Trafalgar	1020	387
	6530	2535
Majority for Hall 1071		3459

### HALTON PRESBYTERY YOUNG PEOPLE'S MET AT PALERMO

The installation of officers of the Halton Presbytery Y. P. U. was held at Palermo United Church June 3rd. The service was conducted by Rev. D. A. Facey assisted by Miss Alice Fairbairn, Mr. Alex. Klim and Mr. Stanley Turner. The subject of Mr. Facey's address was "The Importance of Discipline."

The following officers were installed: President, Miss Alice Fairbairn, Georgetown; Vice-Pres., Mr. Alex. Klim, Millgrove; Secretary, Mr. John Bird, Ashgrove; Treasurer, Miss Mary MacNabb, Milton.

In the afternoon an executive meeting was held at Bronte United Church. Important plans were made for the coming year. The past president Mr. Stanley Turner, of Trafalgar, thanked Rev. D. A. Facey for his fine leadership in the Young People's work during the past five years. The closing devotions were conducted by Mr. Henry Crippa, of Milton.

Premier Drew announced Tuesday he has filed a writ seeking \$100,000 damages for libel against The Toronto Star and Joseph E. Atkinson, its publisher.

### Coming Events

(Announcements of Meetings, Conventions, or other events under this heading are charged, in cents per line, with a minimum charge for an announcement of 25c.)

Bingo every Tuesday night in St. Joseph's Hall—Cash prizes. Admission 25c.

Group Two of the Duke of Devonshire I.O.D.E. are having a mile of money on Saturday, June 30.

Enchre and Dance in St. Joseph's Hall to-night. Good prizes. Lunch. Admission 25c.

The Lakeside Chapter I. O. D. E. Victory Garden Party, June 25th in Acton Park. Rusa Creighton and his variety entertainers.

Legion Dance in Acton Town Hall, Saturday, June 9th, Stewart Elliott's Orchestra. Admission 50c. Come out and help build a memorial hall for the boys.

A meeting will be held in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, on Monday June 11th at 8 p.m. with the object of forming a Town Soft Ball Club. All those interested in Soft Ball are requested to attend.