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Rev. Dr. Avison Guest Preacher at United Centennial

Second Sunday Was a Continuation of the Fine Services Marking the Event

Congregations even larger than those of the first Sunday participated in the Centennial celebration of the United Church on Sunday and welcomed back to the pulpit another former minister who has reached a high position in the church during the thirty years since he served here, Rev. Dr. H. W. Avison.

Soloists on this second Sunday were welcomed and added greatly to the services of praise. They were, Mrs. H. Mowat, now of Copper Cliff and Mrs. Wm. Maxwell, now of Guelph.

Rev. Dr. Avison, now of Isonmum Church Ottawa, voiced the delight he and Mrs. Avison had in coming back to Acton. He congratulated the congregation and officials on the beauty of the church in its new decorations. He had many recollections of his ministry in Acton which he shared with his congregation.

Dr. Avison's subject for his morning sermon was "A Revitalized Church" and it was based on the text found in 1st Timothy, third chapter and 15th verse, "The Church of the Living God, the pillar and ground of truth." A revitalized church is needed because of the conditions in which we live, in the light of the soldiers coming home to a smug, indifferent church and because all people are not in the church.

This revitalized church should be a central church, centered on the cross of Christ our Lord. It should be a church open and active seven days of the week. It should be a church with a conscience and it should be a church with sympathy, a church that is understanding of ourselves and others.

At the suggestion of Mrs. Avison, the subject for the evening service was changed and Dr. Avison spoke on "Being a Christian To Day." It was based on that text found in Acts 11:25 "And the Disciples were called Christians first in Antioch." It cost something to be a Christian and there are martyrs of the present as well as of the past, said Dr. Avison. To be a Christian we must shape our lives on the basis of both the old and new Testament and the laws to be observed there. To be a Christian one must be honest and straightforward and it does matter what a man believes.

Being a Christian to-day means being of racial goodwill and to bring in a new social order. The qualities of a true Christian were aptly summed up in the quotation "A Christian outlives others, outthinks others and outdoes others."

Dr. Avison is a forceful speaker, a careful observer of the folks of today and a keen student of the scriptures. His messages that he brought to Acton on this Centennial were a delight and inspiration to the fine congregations.

The service of praise was also a very enjoyable part of the Sunday services. Mrs. Harold Mowat sang that fine contralto solo at the morning service, "He shall Feed His Flock." At the evening service Mrs. Wm. Maxwell (Ruth Gibson) was the soloist and delighted all with her number "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say." Mrs. Maxwell and Mrs. Mowat again sang the duet "The Lord is My Shepherd" when their fine soprano and contralto voices made a splendid number.

The choir numbers were splendidly rendered and much appreciated. The morning anthem was "Sing O Heavens" with Mrs. W. J. Deaky taking the solo part. The evening service anthem was "A Song in the Night" with Miss Dorothy Simms taking the solo and the duet part by Mrs. Mowat and Mr. N. Baird.

The Presbyterian and Baptist congregations withdrew their evening services and members and pastors attended the centennial with Rev. Forbes Thomson taking the benediction at the close of the service.

The social time when luncheon was served the visitors in the school room, following the morning service, was again a feature which all enjoyed. The old photographs about the room brought many a recollection. The Centennial was a very happy occasion and one that will long be remembered in the Church's history. Rev. Mr. Fosbury and the church officials and organizations who arranged the event have every reason to be pleased with the fine response and success.

Following are the out-of-town visitors who registered in the guest book last Sunday:

Rev. H. W. and Mrs. Avison, Ottawa; Mrs. Florence Allison, Galt; Elizabeth Scott, Galt; Mrs. R. E. Zimmerman, Hamilton; Mr. and Mrs. J. Reid, Hamilton; Dorothy and Nancy Reid, Hamilton; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Elliott, Hamilton; Mrs. Frank Kennedy, Hamilton; Mrs. H. Nickless, Hamilton; H. S. Nicklin, Guelph; Mr. H. W. Walker, Guelph; Mr. and Mrs. Mills, Guelph; Mr. W. M. Wilson, Guelph; Mrs. J. Parker, Guelph; Mr. and Mrs. Robt. (Continued on Page Five)

Athletics to be Revived Under One Organization in Acton

Sports activities, particularly for the young people of Acton and district are likely to take on some new interest as a result of the re-organization of the Acton Athletic Association, which has not been active for some time. The aim is to promote hockey, baseball and sports and to provide facilities for the young people of Acton such as swimming and an organized playground. It is planned to provide coaching and supervision of games and an opportunity for every youngster and young person who desire to participate in sports.

First activity of the Association is to approach Council in an endeavor to make sure the arena is available for sports and skating this year.

A series of dances has been arranged for the fall and winter with the proceeds going to improve the park and to secure equipment. It is not too much to visualize a floodlit park for games, a swimming pool etc for Acton and with the concentrated effort of all the community back of the Athletic Association, all these can be realized. The grounds are available with some better in the province and in a community way, Acton comes second to no other town or village.

Officers elected for the Athletic Association are:

President: Fred Hawkins
First Vice Pres. John Euston
Second Vice Pres. V. B. Rumbley
Secretary: H. B. Melton
Treasurer: Ray Mason
Chairman Sports Committee: R. J. Anderson, assistant J. B. Anderson.

WARRANT PRESENTED TO ACTON LODGE

L.O.B.A. No. 1101

On Monday evening, the 17th of September, 1945, Acton Lodge of the L.O.B.A. had the honor of welcoming RW Imm Past Grand Mistress of Hamilton, also W. M. Mrs. Phillips and members from No. 555 Guelph, also W. M. Mrs. V. Sutton and members from No. 719, Guelph. Sister Marie Matus and Sister Gladys Waterhouse of Toronto were made honorary members and were presented with their certificates by the RW Imm Past Grand Mistress, Mrs. Crockatt. Sister Mouna Nightingale of Acton was presented with a silver spoon for her daughter, which is the first baby of our Lodge.

Acton Lodge has been working under dispensation for the past three months. This Lodge then proved worthy to receive their warrant by exemplifying their work which was found most favorable. The RW Imm Past Mistress presented the Warrant to Worthy Mistress Margaret Hook and gave a very inspiring address to all present. This was responded to by W. M. Margaret Hook on behalf of Acton Lodge who felt that RW Imm Past Grand Mistress has been the means of building this Lodge.

A supper was served to seventy-nine members and guests which brought this delightful evening to a close.

Harry Holmes' Car Stolen From Beside Residence

Sometime in the early hours of Friday, the 1941 Dodge Sedan of Harry Holmes was stolen from beside his residence on Park Avenue. Chief Harrop was notified and working in co-operation with Toronto Police the machine was located in the city and returned to Acton on Saturday. It was not damaged in any way or stripped of its equipment.

A Dodge coupe belonging to a Toronto man was left that night on Lake Avenue and clamped on Friday night. Apparently the gang in these thefts were partial to Dodge cars. Chief Harrop investigated.

WOUNDED NOW HOME



Pte. Elwood Perryman, who was wounded while serving overseas and has now returned home.

Council Confers With Ratepayers on Properties

Deals with Easements Over Which Sewers would have to be Constructed and Received Assurance of Co-Operation—Mr. J. R. Leishman Discusses New Survey of Block of Fifty-four Lots in East Section of Acton

Acton Council met last night with Councillors J. H. Creighton, J. H. Boulton, W. J. O. Oakes and F. Davidson present and Reeve J. M. McDonald, presiding.

At this meeting property owners whose lands would be affected in the construction of a sewerage system had been invited to attend and discuss with Council the crossing of their properties. Mr. Anderson, engineer was present and Reeve McDonald explained the purpose of the meeting and the construction and crossing of properties necessary to get proper levels. The only inconvenience to property owners would be during a few days of construction and properties would be left in good condition when the work was completed.

Various questions were asked by the property owners and answered by the Reeve and Engineer.

Those present at the meeting expressed agreement with the general proposals and a willingness to have the sewers cross their properties provided proper protection from damages was assured. There were no objections and co-operation seemed assured by all those present. The Reeve thanked the citizens for coming and discussing the matter.

It is planned to have the sale of the ratepayers at the election this year and details preparatory to this were discussed by Council and engineer.

Mr. John Leishman was present to discuss with Council the new survey he had on Queen Street (No. 7 High way) at the east side of Acton. Mr. Leishman said six lots had been purchased in this section and three houses were to be started this fall. There were fifty-four lots in this new survey. It was estimated fifteen or twenty houses would be built in this section next year.

The street in this new section was 66 feet in width and provision was made for a park to serve this section. The plan has been approved by the Municipal Board.

A by-law was passed amending the waterworks by-law, changing the agreement for the installation of water services on properties, not fronting on a street with a water main. The first two readings had been given at a previous meeting and the third reading was given at this meeting.

A letter from the Municipal Board suggested that two by-laws be passed covering the reservoir construction and the construction of the water mains, rather than one by-law for the two projects. The by-laws had been prepared and were read as required and passed to comply with the wish of the Board.

Another by-law was passed appointing Fred Turner as Municipal Treasurer instead of acting Treasurer which had previously been passed.

A third by-law was passed amending the Traffic by-law which made Church Street a through street.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

E. S. Cooper, supplies	\$ 1.63
County of Halton, use grader	7.00
Whitler & Co., register and binder	15.75
Guelph Sand & Gravel Ltd.	12.00
Acton's Agricultural Society, grant	200.00
Acton Library Board, grant	400.00
C. F. Leatherland, clerk's account	128.52
Acton Machine Shops, repairs	54
Beardmore & Co. brass stencil	10.15
	\$776.03

The Clerk read a letter from the Public Utilities Commission pointing out that delay in construction of the reservoir was diminishing the water supply. Council had arranged at a special meeting to pipe in the other spring.

The appointment of a committee to prepare the Honor Roll of Acton active service was briefly discussed. Council for Creighton showed Council a sketch of proposed signs for erection by the manufacturers and placed at the highway entrances and the C.N.R. Station. Seventeen industries were listed in the first draft with spaces provided for additional firms.

DEFEND CRIME FILMS

VICTORIA (CP) — Film distributors took the position at a meeting here that crime films cannot be blamed for juvenile delinquency. They were replying to a city council decision to ask provincial authorities to see that movies are "properly censored."

KILLED OVERSEAS



Staff Sgt. Neil McNabb of Acton, who was killed in a train wreck in England as he was preparing to return to his home here. He had been on the draft for the He de France which arrived this week.

Expenditure \$2000 at School Required to Meet Needs

Installation of Lights at Grounds to Discourage Booze Parties and Bad Conduct

Trustees F. S. Blow, Dr. F. G. Oakes, J. Chapman and G. A. Dick were present Tuesday night at the October meeting of Acton Board of Education and Chairman V. B. Rumbley presided.

Principal Stewart discussed with the Board matters regarding the Cadet Corp and the Board authorized the purchase of five new uniforms.

Principal G. W. McKenzie gave a list of supplies that was approved and the usual grant of \$35 was made for hundredart supplies.

A difference of opinion of the manner of conducting religious education in the schools had arisen. The Board by motion ruled that no change could be made in the present arrangements and if this could not be agreed upon the teaching of the subject be taken by the staff of the schools.

The matter of securing lights at the school grounds was discussed by the Board. The grounds are now being used for drinking parties and evidence of this is to be found regularly. Lighting the grounds was to be discussed with the Public Utilities Commission.

The Secretary reported that final payments of school grants had been received for this year. Provincial grant for the Public School was \$7,737.76 and for the Continuation School \$5,604.79. This was very close to the estimate and a little higher.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

Stamps	\$ 26.00
Workman's Compensation	25.50
W. J. Gage, supplies	27.86
Symon Hardware, supplies	4.75
W. D. Talbot, supplies	18.16
E. J. Hassard, supplies	50
R. B. McEachern, repairs	18.00
Artist's Supply, supplies	3.20
National Stationers', supplies	8.55
Acton Free Press, supplies	16.27
J. M. Dent, supplies	8.40
Gordon Smith, wiring and lights	127.82
W. R. E. Blair, repairs	16.50
Mrs. H. L. McDonald, premiums	5.00

E. S. Cooper, supplies 10.69
Brantford Stationers, supplies 29.50
Acton Public Utilities, services 7.55
W. D. E. Smith, supplies 1.00
G. W. McKenzie, supplies 22.55

A letter from the Secretary of the Board of Health urged that the School creek be cleaned and beautified. The Property Committee were asked to make a report.

A letter from the Board of Health was read in connection with providing additional toilet facilities at the school. The Property Committee as requested at the last meeting made a report. An estimate of the cost of building and new toilets was from \$1,000 to \$2,000. Mr. Aulie could start the work within two weeks. The Committee was instructed to proceed with the work to meet the stipulations of the Board of Health.

A letter from the Secretary to the Chairman expressed appreciation of the salary increase in recognition of the faithful service performed. A supply of coal was to be secured for delivery in January.

Welcome Home To Men from Acton and District

Many Returned This Week After Serving in the Armed Forces Overseas

This week has seen an unusually large number of men return to Acton from overseas service. We would like to extend a welcome to them all and furnish a little item about their return. We would appreciate it if the men or members of the family would drop in the office and furnish us with the information needed. We do like the opportunity to meet the men themselves but realize that is not always possible. Names are omitted in these columns, the only reason is that we are not aware of their return or have been unable to secure particular news.

Ken Ken McDonald of Crewsony Corners got back home Sept. 22nd, after being overseas since June 1941. He was with the 10th Field Battery and served in Italy, Sicily, Germany and Holland. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex McDonald, Crewsony Corners and returned to Canada on the "Eastport." Parents and friends welcome him back.

Sergeant Wm. (Dith) Withers has been nearly five years in the Canadian Dental Corps and returned to Acton on Monday after two years and two months overseas. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Withers and his wife (nee Irene Mellor) and daughter Heather Lynn also reside here. Before enlisting he was employed by the Storey Glove Co.

Carl Jim Huard arrived back in Acton on September 22nd, coming to Canada on the Eastport. He has been in the army for over five years and spent four years overseas. He served in France, Holland and Germany. He is a son of Mrs. A. Huard, Main Street and before enlisting was employed with Beardmore & Co. He married while overseas and expects soon to be joined by his wife in Canada.

It is M. Jack Alger enlisted at the outbreak of War and has had five years overseas. He came back on the He de France, arriving in Toronto yesterday. He has been on the headquarters staff and served in Africa, Sicily, Italy, Holland and Belgium. His mother and brother Victor reside in Acton and his wife is living in Toronto before enlisting he was a guard at the Ontario Reformatory at Guelph.

Pte. J. Nodwell returned home on September 19th on the Sylbia after being overseas for eight months and serving two years in the Canadian Army. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Nodwell, Acton and his wife also resides here. Before enlisting he was employed with Arnaco Ltd. here.

Pte. Godly Anderson came home on the Cameronian and arrived in Acton on September 10th. He had been overseas six months and in the Canadian Army for two years. He served in France and Belgium and was twice wounded. He is a brother of Mrs. H. Thorarinson, Acton and his wife resides in Toronto.

Spr. James Waterhouse came home about two weeks ago after being overseas since 1943. While overseas he sustained burns about his eyes in August 1941. He is the son of Mrs. C. Waterhouse and has three brothers and two sisters.

Pte. Thomas Elwood Perryman came back to Canada on the New Amsterdam arriving at his home north of Acton on Monday. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Perryman, R.R. No. 2 Acton and was wounded September 8th 1941 while serving in Italy.

Another arrival on the He de France was Cpl. H. C. Joesque of the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards. He served in Italy, France and Germany and has been overseas since July, 1941. His mother, brothers and sisters reside here.

The Nicol Boys, 1st Sgt. Tom and Sgt. Major Bux Nicol also came to Canada on the He de France and arrived at the home of their father now living in Guelph, a both went overseas in January 1940, having enlisted during 1939. They served in Italy, Belgium, France and Germany. They are sons of Mr. John Nicol and before enlisting were employed with the Mason Knitting Co. Ltd.

DUCK FISHING

MONTREAL (CP) — Frank and Harry Kenney went fishing the other day at Lavaltrie on the St. Lawrence river but couldn't catch any fish. However, Frank managed to hook a duck on his line and bring it home.

Acton Soldier Ready to Return Killed in England

Staff-Sergt. Neil McNabb Taken Off Draft that Arrived on Monday—Victim of English Train Wreck

There have been many heart-rending tragedies of the war but none more so than the word that came on Monday to Mr. and Mrs. Neil McNabb and family that their son, Staff Sergeant Neil McNabb had been killed in the English train wreck when forty-one lives were lost.

The news was even more tragic when it is realized that Mr. and Mrs. McNabb were anticipating the arrival home of their son on the He de France which docked this week. Neil had written home stating he expected to sail on that draft but he was taken off that draft and given leave in England until September 20. He had taken his leave to visit with friends in Scotland and expected to sail for home this week.

First intimation that Neil was one of the wreck victims came as the family listened to the radio on Monday afternoon when his name was given out. A check up with the radio station received no other confirmation but through the Red Cross and a call to Ottawa the news was confirmed and that evening the official telegram arrived at the home. The train wreck occurred in miles north of London on Sunday when an express train jumped the tracks and plunged down an embankment.

Sgt. Neil McNabb was born in Acton and spent all his life here. He enlisted with the Loane Scots in April 1941 and within a month or so of enlisting went overseas. He was promoted overseas to the rank of Staff Sergeant with No. 1 general re-inforcement unit of the Canadian Administrative wing. He went to Acton schools and before enlisting was employed with the Storey Glove Co.

Neil McNabb was one of Acton's fine young men. He was a keen student of astrology and later archaeology. He continued his studies overseas at every opportunity and became associated with professors in this work in England and Scotland and was made an honorary member of one of these societies. He planned to continue his studies on his return to Canada.

Besides his parents, Sgt. McNabb leaves a brother, Colin, now at home from Nasaau, Bahama Islands and a sister, Beita at home. In their sorrow and bereavement they have the sympathy of a host of friends in Acton and elsewhere.

TORONTO (CP) — Enlargement of the Deewee Falls generating plant at a cost of \$7,000,000 will be undertaken immediately, Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission officials announce.

BACK HOME AGAIN



Pte. Jim Waterhouse who sustained burns to his eyes while overseas and has now returned to his home in Acton.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Births, Deaths, or other Events under this heading, are charged to cities per line, with a minimum charge of one announcement of 25.

Busy Bee Dance, Brockville Hall, Tuesday, October 9, Galkath's Orchestra, 50c. B

Dance in Erin Town Hall, Saturday, October 6th, Modern and Old Time Dancing, Harvey Fishers, Orchestra, Admission 40c.

Euchre and Dance, Acton Ladies Orange Benevolent Association No. 1101 will hold a euchre and dance in the L.O.L. Hall, Crewsony Corners every Thursday evening at 8.30 sharp. Refreshments. Admission 25c. Everyone welcome.