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## Y.M.C.A. Display Drew Big Crowd in Acton Arena

### Boys and Girls of All Ages Participated in Annual Event Last Friday

Bigger and better than ever the Acton Y.M.C.A. annual display found more room for its program this year on the dance floor at the Acton Arena and more enjoyed the program in the spectators' benches. The Y gymnasium has been inadequate for this event and other years necessitated a two night show. Mr. R. R. Parker was master of ceremonies which is introduction enough to say that the show ran along smoothly and Johnny Gray had charge of the program.

There was a spot for every group, leading off with the nursery class in their blue and pink bunny suits and their cute little hopping and singing numbers with Mrs. M. Roote in charge.

There were girls and boys relay races with plenty of rooters for both teams. The intermediate girls gave a folk dance and two games of floor hockey were refereed by Toronto champions of the game.

No display or carnival would be complete without clowns and there was a fine group from West End Y who put the kick and fun into the event. They even brought their own four piece band to give the fanfares and equipment for their feats of skill.

The Senior High School girls were under the direction of Mrs. A. Orr in a fine drill, some Indian club swinging and tumbling. The Highland Fling with the skirl of the pipes played by Rev. John Anderson was a performance that drew the applause of Actonians, especially those who claim Scotch ancestry.

Messrs. Johnny Gray, George Williams, Leo Klein and Monty Roote gave an exhibition of badminton and Mr. Taylor explained the game.

Presentation of trophies and prizes was an event of keen interest. The Baxter Table Tennis trophy was won by Ron Salt and presented by Mr. Wm. Benson. The hockey team received crests presented by Mr. Fred Dewkins, president of the Acton Athletic Association.

Miss N. Simpson and Mr. Geo. Williams won the Force Electric trophy for badminton which was presented by Mr. M. Roote. Crests for floor hockey champions were presented by Mr. Thos. Jones, president of the Board of Acton Y.M.C.A.

The senior girls presented a folk dance and Acton High School boys, under the direction of Mr. D. McLean gave a drill and exercise display that was well presented.

The educated dancing horse given by the West End group brought forth plenty of laughter and was well done. Concluding feature was the senior boys group in tumbling and apparatus work which showed the result of much training, careful coaching and fine physical development.

It was a fine display and Johnny Gray and his helpers may well be proud of the showing made by the entire group. The National Anthem concluded the three hour show.

## Erin Council Approves of Road and Bridge Report

### Other Items of the May Session of Erin Township Council

Erin Township Council met at Hillsburg on May 5th with the members all present and Reeve J. A. Swackhamer presiding.

The Road and Bridge Committee met and inspected the roads and bridges in the township on Monday, April 29th made several recommendations for the improvement of the same in the report filed.

The report as submitted was adopted and the members were paid for their services as follows: Reeve Swackhamer \$5.00, Deputy Reeve Burt \$4.50, Geo. D. Scott \$4.90, A. Wheeler \$4.20, H. L. Griffin \$4.80 and \$5.00 for use of car.

A resolution was passed giving the clerk authority to sign a letter to the War Assets Corporation releasing them of any liability under any claim that the Township of Erin may have in connection with the present grounds owned and operated by the Erin Agricultural Society.

The Treasurer was authorized to transfer \$200 to the Bank of Nova Scotia, Acton, to be used in the payment of Township Road accounts.

J. W. King was refunded \$28.81 and Wallace Gregson \$8.00, errors in 1946 taxes.

Accounts were ordered paid as follows: general accounts \$49.65; relief accounts \$164.25; snow removal accounts \$5,145.00; road accounts \$676.43.

Council adjourned to meet on Monday, June 2nd, 1947 at one o'clock.

## Lawn Bowling and Tennis Club Elect 1947 Officers

The annual meeting of the Acton Lawn Bowling and Tennis Club was held on May 12th at the club rooms. The following officers were elected for the year:

Honorary Presidents: Cpl. A. O. T. Readmore, Mr. S. G. Bennett, Mr. W. J. Gould.  
President: Mr. J. Wood.  
1st Vice-president: Mr. T. Watson.  
2nd Vice-president: Mr. R. Bean.  
Secretary-Treasurer: Mr. R. Cannon.

The President outlined plans for the coming season and while the late spring has delayed some of the proposed improvements, it is hoped that the greens will be in condition for playing within the next few days. Bowling and tennis committees will be elected at meetings to be called by the respective clubs and all indications point to an interesting season.

## HANOVER POST GIVES INTRODUCTION TO NEW UNITED CHURCH MINISTER

The exchange of charges between Rev. A. W. Fosbury of Acton and Rev. L. Pickering of Hanover was also noted in the Hanover Post last week and the following from the article in the Hanover paper will perhaps serve as introduction to the successor to Mr. Fosbury, who has served this community and the United Church so splendidly for the past six years:

"Coming here from Barris ten years ago, Mr. Pickering's sincere, human and scholarly personality, have won for him the deep respect, admiration and affection of the entire community here and in his rural neighboring parishes at Hampden."

Mr. Pickering was a deeply thoughtful and eloquent speaker and whether in the pulpit or on the public platform, his hearers went away conscious of an uplifting and refreshing experience.

"A talented musician, Mr. Pickering's fine tenor voice was an anticipated number on any program and his leadership of Trinity United Church choir has developed an unusually fine organization, which added effectively to the church services."

"Interested deeply in the youth of his own congregation and of the community generally, Mr. Pickering's guidance and counsel has been loyal and unselfish."

"A charter member of Hanover Rotary Club and an active Mason and a member and past president of the local Ministerial Association, Mr. Pickering's kindly influence will be greatly missed by these organizations."

"Mrs. Pickering took an active and capable part in all the women's organizations of the church, particularly in the C.G.I.T. group and the choir."

## Contract Arranged for Construction 4000 ft. Mains

### Mr. Anderson engaged as Engineer in Contract of Weston Construction Co. — Estimate \$6000 to be Spent on Streets this Year

Acton-Milton-Georgetown Public Health Nurse Committee to Complete Work by July 1st — Half of Amount Levied this Year

Councillors R. M. Aylsworth, J. H. Coughton, Wm. Cunn and C. Cook were present on Monday night at the regular session of Acton Council and received E. J. McCutcheon presided.

Mr. Spatafora reported to Council that he had been able to arrange delivery of the pipe required for the watermains. The machine was now at work and it was hoped it would not be necessary to move the machine from Acton before the work was completed. If the pipe did not arrive they would bring the machine back to Acton in a few weeks and complete all the mains.

Mr. Spatafora submitted the contract he had been requested to have drafted. The Mill Street section was not to be laid at present as no bids had been sold in this section.

Council decided to contact Mr. Anderson, engineer to have him supervise the contract of watermains. This was agreeable to the contractor and Mr. Anderson was to draft the contract in accordance with the former contract and the one submitted by Mr. Spatafora. There are about 4000 feet of new mains to be laid this year, in addition to that of the War-time, House project.

Mr. Anderson was contacted by telephone and agreed to draw the contract and supervise the work. A resolution was passed by Council confirming this arrangement.

The Reeve and Clerk were authorized by resolution to sign the contract for watermains with the Weston Construction Co.

Mrs. J. B. Adamson asked permission to have a tree removed so that a driveway might be made from Bowler Avenue. Permission was granted for removal of the tree and Mr. Harrop was to contact Mr. Stewart to do the work.

An account from Toronto General Hospital for an indigent patient was approved.

The Clerk gave in review of the method used for making the levy on streets under the new provincial grant arrangement. The by-law was read as required and blanks filled in and passed. It was estimated that \$6000 would be spent on roads in Acton this year.

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## BAPTIST CHURCH HOLD ANNUAL MEETING AND HEAR REPORTS

The annual business meeting of Acton Baptist Church was held Monday evening. The reports of the various church groups were given and the new officers elected. Regret was expressed at the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crewson are soon leaving town. Mr. Crewson is a trustee and missions treasurer and his absence will be sorely felt.

At the conclusion of the meeting lunch was served. Mr. Fred Cates paid tribute to the church organist, Mr. Charles Lamborough. This meeting was of special significance in that it was the fiftieth anniversary of the graduation of the pastor, the Rev. W. H. Wallace. Mr. Wallace, who contemplates retiring, in June, graduated with the Rev. A. B. Reekie, who founded the Baptist mission in Bolivia and had charge of it for some time. Mr. Reekie spent his last days in Acton.

## The 24th of May Will be Observed On the 24th of May

There has been some confusion and argument in the daily press about observance of Victoria Day which comes on Saturday this year. In Acton the holiday will be observed on Saturday, May 24th. Council took no action to attempt to change the observance of the Saturday holiday. Here the 24th will be the 24th.

## MAY MEETING OF ST ALBAN'S GUILD AT MRS. W. DENNY'S

The St. Alban's Guild met at the home of Mrs. W. Denny for their May meeting. The members decided to supply the flowers for the Altar for Mothers' Day and Confirmation, May 25th.

A committee was chosen to assist with the Anniversary preparations to be held in September. Alison Currie and Betty Dalph were appointed to buy the articles that are needed in the Parish Hall kitchen. A cheque was to be forwarded to the Wardens for the Altar Fund.

Rev. Mr. Pülker was present and gave a very educational reading on Ascension and closed the meeting with prayer after which the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Hunter served a very delicious lunch.

## Ex-Wardens of Peel and Halton Hold Banquet in Brampton

Friendships were renewed and reminiscences were reviewed when the ex-Wardens of Halton and Peel Counties and their wives gathered again at the ex-Warden Banquet held on Tuesday evening at the Green Lantern Dining Room in Brampton. There was a fine attendance and a delightful and satisfying menu was enjoyed.

Rev. Mr. Gallagher, of Oakville, was the guest speaker and Mr. Geo. Mason, Acton, entertained as a magnificent host.

Officers elected for the next year were: Mr. Amos Mason, Acton, President; and Mr. Victor Hill, Trafalgar, Secretary-Treasurer. Executive members for Halton are Messrs. N. Craig and C. Roadhead.

## MISS RUTH HOME SPEAKER AT ARTS AND CRAFTS MEETING

Mrs. Arnet Early was the hostess for the May meeting of the Arts and Crafts of Georgetown. The President, Mrs. H. Moyer was in the chair; there were 30 members and two guests present. Discussions were held regarding pottery and it is hoped that plans can be made for further study and knowledge in this craft. A letter from the Spinners and Weavers of Toronto was read, in which they expressed pleasure at the weaving display to be sent from Georgetown to the forthcoming Canadian National Exhibition. This display will be under the auspices of the Spinners and Weavers, the president urged the members who weave, to prepare a special display piece for this event.

Miss Ruth Home of the Canadian Handicraft Guild, gave a most interesting and instructive talk on the aims and objects of the Guild. She stressed the importance of the interest in any craft being intensified by a knowledge of the actual working of that craft. We learn by doing; experiencing things of the past by doing things of the past, and thus obtaining inspiration to be worked into modern objects of art. The Canadian Handicraft Guild was started in 1930 and has gradually extended its educational program ever since. The Government and the Guild are now working to further the interest in crafts of all kinds, by having skilled instructors go out through the country where groups require instruction, by booklets which it is hoped will grow as time goes on, and by travelling exhibits.

Home displayed a small exhibit of leather work, pottery, weaving, metal and woodwork. Mrs. Beatty extended a vote of thanks to the speaker and presented her with a bouquet of spring flowers, and a delightful tea hour followed. Hostesses with Mrs. Early were Mrs. Cyril Brantford and Mrs. Denny Charles; Mrs. R. McLaughlin and Mrs. C. A. Bonn also assisted.

## Teachers Engaged At Special Meeting Acton School Board

### Board Discusses Plans to Accommodate More Pupils of Public School

At a special meeting last evening of Acton School Board, Miss Marion McDougall of Springfield was engaged as teacher for Grade 4 of the Public School. Miss McDougall has eight years experience and the salary was \$1600.

Miss Vera S. Kean was engaged as teacher for Grade 2 at a salary of \$1500. She has been teaching at Dublin School the past year.

Other teachers were to be interviewed by the Secretary for a vacancy on the staff. There were 34 applications for the three vacancies.

The resignation of Mrs. Carton from the staff of the High School was accepted with regret by the Board. The Secretary was instructed to advertise for applications for this vacancy.

All the members of the Board were present at this meeting and Chairman J. A. Chapman presided.

The Board also discussed with Principal McKenzie the plans for accommodating the school enrolment. There is a present enrolment of 360 pupils. Over 50 have made application to start in the kindergarten class next term. There is no extra class at the school at present. Three alternatives were discussed to meet the situation: the building of a temporary class room at the east corner of the stone building of one storey and estimates of this cost are to be secured; the closing for the present of the kindergarten class and third acceptance only of pupils from Acton in the school and excluding those from the adjoining township.

It was decided to ask Council to meet with the Board to discuss this plan and if the building plan is decided upon to arrange for issue of debentures to meet the cost.

## 22 Branches Represented at W.I. District Annual

### Marked 50th Anniversary of the Founding of Women's Institute and Achievements

Over two hundred delegates and representatives from 22 Women's Institute Branches in Halton County attended the 46th annual district meeting held at St. Paul's United Church last Thursday. The session, the largest on record according to officials, marked the 50th anniversary of the Women's Institute with a review of its achievements.

Mrs. Lloyd Crawford, president, welcomed the many delegates and asked members to work ahead while remembering their sisters across the sea who were experiencing hardships. She referred to the remark of Lord Baldwin that the W.I. was the greatest stabilizing influence in the whole world.

Featuring the day's program was a parade of old-fashioned costumes, combining a description of one of the first W.I. meetings held in Halton. Their program consisted of humorously-compiled recipes, resolutions, readings and songs.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Chester Service who conducted the question period. For being the best dressed woman of that era, prizes awarded by the T. Eaton Company went to Mrs. Clebert McDowell, Honey and Mrs. F. A. Featherston of Nelson. The oldest W.I. member attending the convention was Mrs. Frank Ryan, Palermo, receiving a silver cup from Mrs. Mary Morse, 82, Campbellville, the oldest member present. Robert Simpson Company donated the prizes.

Short historical sketches were given by the secretaries of the various Institutes, Burlington being the oldest branch in Halton County. Reports of the federated representative, Mrs. Arthur Cowan, Palermo, and the Provincial Director, Mrs. Boulton, were read as well as reports from the standing committees. Miss Mary Irwin, Toronto, the new home economist, was introduced.

Miss Anna Lewis, director of the W.I. branch, Department of Agriculture, asked the district to consider the topic of "Opportunity Knocks" for this year and to accept the opportunities offered by this, the anniversary year. "The Women's Institute has grown up and we are going forward with a background of hope," she declared adding the importance of promoting physical well being for young mothers and care of women before pregnancy. She mentioned the W.I. was instrumental in having public nursing branch of the Department of Health in the province.

"To live in the hearts we leave behind, is not to die, but to go on to greater accomplishments, because we have the past fifty years as experience," she concluded.

Officers chosen were: Mrs. Chester Service, Milton, President; Mrs. Frank Rinehart, Campbellville, Mrs. Milton Brown, Norval, Vice Presidents; Mrs. J. E. Whitelock, Secretary-Treasurer, Milton; Mrs. Lloyd Crawford, Campbellville, Federated Representative, Alternates, Mrs. Chester Service, Milton; Convenors of committees are: Agriculture and Canadian Industries, Mrs. George Somerville, Acton; Home Economics, Miss Eva Chisholm, Milton; Social Welfare, Mrs. R. J. Meaux, Palermo; Citizenship, Mrs. Methuen Deering, Palermo; Publicity, Mrs. W. J. C. Gough, Nelson; Historical Research, Mrs. A. J. Smethurst, Limehouse; Auditors, Mrs. John Marshall and Mrs. Frank Hadley.

Afternoon tea was served to conclude the program. The reception committee included Mrs. Lloyd Crawford, Mrs. Alex. Neat, Mrs. Chester Service, Miss Anna P. Lewis.

## TELLING HER

Reproving a snooty young actress who perpetually wore the expression of a person scenting a bad odor, Mrs. Fiske observed: "Young woman, you weren't born, you were assembled, and when they came to your nose they took the first thing that turned up!"

## Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, in cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 50.

Watch for particulars, Monster Band Tattoo, June 21st in Acton Park.

Official opening of the Acton Tennis Club will be held Wednesday, May 28. A round robin in the main attraction, but bridge, darts and volleyball will be played to fill in the time between sets. All former members and prospective members are cordially invited. Lunch will be served at the conclusion of the evening. Time, 7.30 sharp.

## Halton Students Visit County Council



What kid doesn't like to prowl around machinery. That is exactly what many of the Halton school students did when they were taken on an inspection tour of the County Roads maintenance shop at Milton recently. Perched high in the cab of the County's largest road maintainer is Douglas Rutledge, Oakville Public School, shows Jean Peterson of Hornby just how it works. One of the lads was heard to remark "That machine went past our place last summer." —Telegram photo-by Ross Pearson