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75th Anniversary Of Saint Alban's On Sunday

The Right Reverend L. W. B. Broughall, Bishop of Niagara was present at Morning Service to Preach and Celebrate Holy Eucharist — The Rev. C. A. E. Smith, Oldest Living Rector Worshipped with Congregation in Evening

The Church of S. Alban the Martyr celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary on Sunday, September 21. The Right Reverend L. W. B. Broughall, M.A., D.D., the sixth and present Bishop of the Diocese of Niagara, was present at the morning service and the Reverend C. H. E. Smith, M.A., of Niagara-on-the-Lake was the special speaker at the evening service.

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The Right Reverend L. W. B. Broughall, Lord Bishop of Niagara, thanked God for seventy-five years of witness. "Some of you will remember a long period of that witness," said the Bishop, addressing the congregation. "Thank God for those who, here now, are faithful witnesses of His church." S. Alban's had been consecrated the year he was born, the Bishop told the people, and he had had knowledge of its work all down the line of its rectors.

He gave the people a message for the present, quoting verses from Psalms 48. "We have been delivered twice from almost utter confusion," stated Bishop Broughall referring to the two World Wars which we have come through. "It is very well for us to remember where our stability and strength lie, even though our danger is passed. At the bottom of the last World War was the fact that the people didn't live up to the principles of Jesus Christ our Lord. It is known that secularism entered in God was forgotten and Christ's principles forsaken."

"In spite of the United Nations, aspirations for peace and order, what confusion we find. Look wherever you will... you will see unrest. We need some word in the face of all these things. What is needed is a very definite stand on the part of Christians. Ultimate solution of all problems doesn't lie in legislation... right ideas are impregnated in the minds of young and old."

The Bishop went on to point out that when paganism overran the world at the time of the Roman Empire, the rallying point was the Christian church. "The church has proved the foundation of the world," he stated. "We have our great heritage of the historic church," said Bishop Broughall. He spoke of the Anglican Church expansion throughout the world during the centuries. "There is scarcely a community in the world not represented by the Anglican Church. There are other great heritages in the Holy Bible, and the prayer book."

"We are all one. The message of the church is peace. It is for Christ that we must get the right perspective. I believe with all my heart and soul that the one key to all our troubles is the gospel of Jesus Christ."

The Lord Bishop congratulated the people once more and in closing left with them the message in S. Paul's epistle to the Philippians.

At the close of the sermon, the Bishop celebrated Holy Eucharist with the rector, Rev. E. A. Pulker, acting as Deacon.

The Reverend C. H. E. Smith, M.A., at the evening service recalled for the congregation some of the incidents that happened during the time he was rector of S. Alban's. He described the church as it was then. At that time there was no choir and it was Mr. Smith who introduced the first ladies' choir. The church was not lined on the inside then, and in place of the present vestry was a small vestry on the other side of the church. The text of the sermon was chosen from Matthew 9:9.

Mr. Smith went to his present charge at S. Mark's Church after he had been in Acton from 1915 to 1917, and has remained in Niagara-on-the-Lake since that time. He is the oldest living rector.

Good Site Selected For Halton's Big Plowing Match

The farm of Charles Jarvis, three and a half miles north of Palermo, is to be the site of Halton's big annual match on Thursday, October 23, according to President J. A. Elliott of the Halton Association. The Halton Plowmen's Association has gained the reputation of staging one of the largest and most outstanding county matches in the province. Stanley Hill, M.L.A., is again chairman of the farm machinery end of the big annual match and some new features are promised.

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Second Round of O.B.A. Playdowns Taken by Acton

Crowd Shivers on Sidelines as Clinton Suffers 13-3 Beating from Acton

In weather frigid enough to warrant the donning of your red flannels and grandpa's flannellette night-shirt besides, Acton made a clean sweep of the second round O.B.A. Playdowns in Clinton last night. There was never a doubt from the opening stanza of play who would clinch the game. Acton stopped right into the fray and walloped thirteen safeties off two Clinton hurlers, amassed thirteen runs and emerged with a 13-3 triumph.

Spurred on by a brilliant performance on the slab by righthander Peter Chabun, the triple A club responded to his efforts like a bull club should. Veteran Bobby Anderson on the receiving end of Chabun's slants guided the big boy in with a flurry of his younger self and shone with Pete as a potent star of the meet. Bobbie was filling in for "Dude" Lindsay who injured his finger on Saturday. You wouldn't guess that he hadn't caught Pete in every game that Peter pitched. "Dude" Lindsay was able to play right field.

The crux of the game appeared in the third inning on the top side. Up to then the locals had been playing tight baseball. Three men loaded the bats to capacity. Chabun had reached first on an error. Waterhouse was hit by a pitched ball and "Dude" Lindsay singled. Jack Kentner Jr. next up knocked a home run so far over the centre fielder's head it rolled clear out of the park. This four run figure missed any Colts' hopes which they hitherto enjoyed. It was a lopsided count from there on.

The fourth saw the triple A club run up six additional runs to make it 13-0. It was during the fifth that Draper the starting Clinton flinger was followed by McDonald, the first sackman who remained in the route. Singletons in the seventh, eighth and ninth accounted for the other trio of tallies.

"It was my sauerkraut that did it," says Cooke of the chore that Chabun turned in. He banged out three singles and notched seven strike outs, playing the best game this season. Jack Kentner was the other Big Bertha of the triple A offensive with three bingles—one a home run.

Clinton gleaned one of their three runs from a circuit clout with nobody on the base. Draper was the big gun of the Colts with two hits.

An "oldie" was pulled on Jack Kentner when he took a pass to first in the top half of the second. It was the hidden ball trick and it succeeded. A squeeze play attempted in the same innings by the Colts was foiled by

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WATFORD HERE FOR SATURDAY BASEBALL GAME

Word was received this morning from the Secretary of the O.B.A. that Watford would play in the fourth round of the O.B.A. playdowns against Acton in Acton Park on Saturday.

The game is called for 3 p.m. Come out and let's support Acton's winning ball team.

75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



S. Alban's Anglican Church, Acton, which last Sunday celebrated the 75th Anniversary of its founding with fitting services. The Rev. E. A. Pulker and church officials were pleased with the interest shown by the large number of members and friends who participated.

ANNOUNCE WINNERS OF HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTEST FOR DISTRICT

This week Mr. Wm. Gowdy, who is the local judge, announced the results of the Farmer's Magazine Home Improvement contest sponsored by the local Junior Farmers' Organization. They are as follows: First, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Davidson; Second, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. van Gozen; Third, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Davidson; Fourth, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Pearson; Fifth, Mr. and Mrs. George Semorville; Sixth, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Doble.

This contest was judged strictly by the rules and regulations issued by the Farmer's Magazine. The winners of this local contest are automatically entered in the provincial contest, the judging of which started September 15th. Winners of the provincial contest will be announced soon.

LIBRARY WILL BE OPEN WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS INSTEAD OF SATURDAY

At a recent meeting of the Acton Free Library Board, Rev. L. Pickering was elected chairman, replacing Rev. A. Walter Fosbury who, retired from the Board in June.

It was also decided that, commencing October 1st, the library will open Wednesday afternoon from 3 to 4 o'clock for the convenience of the school children, replacing the Saturday afternoon hour which is to be discontinued.

County Engineer to Receive \$600 Salary Boost

Roy Smith Given Additional Duties—Trafalgar Request to Close Bronte St. Approved — Ontario Municipal Board Announces Meeting at Acton — Approves Wentworth Resolution

Written Exclusively for the Acton Free Press and the Canadian Champion

Halton County Council at its regular monthly session held at the Court House, Tuesday, approved of increasing the salary of Roy F. Smith, county engineer, \$600 a year. The increase dates back to July 1, the motion read.

Warden Norman Craig informed members that the county engineer was seeking an increase in his salary. He explained Mr. Smith was now receiving \$3,000 a year with a six cent a mile car allowance.

"Mr. Smith asked for this some time ago but our road committee delayed it to find out what other counties were paying their engineers," explained Reeve George Cleave. "Under these circumstances it was suggested the increase be made retroactive to July. We also thought this matter should be discussed by council and have its approval."

"Peel County raised theirs to \$4,000, bought him a car and paid his expenses," the Warden stated.

"This council should be fair with the man who is performing services worth money," Reeve McLaren observed.

"But townships and towns pay him for work he does for them," stated Reeve Lloyd Crawford. "I wonder how it applies to his salary. We paid him for work done this year."

"How much?" a member asked.

"We paid him \$105 for drawing plans and I wonder what he draws from other townships and towns?" Mr. Crawford asked.

"I don't think he has neglected his work for the county to do his work," Mr. Cleave stated.

While Mr. Crawford did not object

Short Meeting of Utilities Was Held Tuesday Evening

The regular meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Tuesday evening. All members of the Commission were present and Chairman Hansen presided.

Superintendent Wilson submitted a letter from the Inspection Department stating that there were 200 meters that had to be inspected this year.

It was decided to have the fire hydrants painted if men could be secured to do this work. Reeve McCutcheon was to attend to this matter.

Superintendent Lambert reported that the leak at the school had been repaired but the contractors had not filled in the ditch yet.

It was decided to purchase a typewriter for the office, and deal the old one in on the new machine. The cost was to be \$145.10.

Each member of the Commission had received a letter from O. Mitchell of the H.E.P.C. in regards to the saving of power during the winter. No action was taken at this meeting.

Accounts were passed for payment amounting to \$5,843.71 for the Hydro Department and \$263.37 for the Waterworks Department.

The Northern Lights display in the sky last night was one of the best of the season. Did you see it?

Citizens Favor Having Swimming Pool in Acton

SWIFT DROP IN TEMPERATURE ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON

In the space of one hour the temperature dropped 18 degrees when the rains came Sunday. Until last week-end people in the district had been enjoying nice, cool weather which took the place of the summer humidity which lasted so long. Sunday came with the promise of warmer weather, new more. But the warm wind that had been blowing in the morning brought a downpour of rain in the afternoon which continued for the rest of the day, and left the temperature down very low. Many people were convinced that summer had really been blown out on Sunday, when on the following day, hail which fell in the afternoon gave the appearance of being a full-fledged winter snow storm.

S. Alban's Church Holds Banquet For Anniversary

Dean of Niagara Guest Speaker When Members of S. Alban's Observe Anniversary

The congregation of the Church of S. Alban the Martyr held a banquet in the parish hall on Monday night, September 22, to celebrate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the establishment of their church in Acton. The Very Reverend R. H. Waterman, Dean of Niagara attended the event as guest speaker of the evening.

After a bounteous supper, the big anniversary cake, decorated with pink and white icing was cut by the Rev. E. A. Pulker, rector of the church. A toast to the King was proposed by Mr. Pulker. The hymn, "The Church's One Foundation," sung by everyone, was followed by a toast to the Church of England, proposed by the Rev. C. H. E. Smith of Niagara-on-the-Lake, a former rector of S. Alban's. A toast to S. Alban's Church proposed by Miss Esther Taylor was responded to by Mr. Tom Jones, People's Warden of the church.

In a brief musical program, Mrs. P. J. Oakes led in a sing-song with Miss Lynda Stewart at the piano. Accompanied by Mrs. Oakes, Miss Stewart sang, "Smilin' Through" and another delightful encore.

Mr. Pulker introduced the Very Reverend R. H. Waterman, who holds the position of Organizing Secretary for the Anglican Appeal. Mr. Waterman who has been in this diocese for almost ten years, was in Acton before in 1939. "Anniversaries are a very happy part of our churches," he commented. "The name of S. Alban the Martyr should be an indication to you of the historic tradition to which you belong," he told the members of the congregation. "The Church of England goes back farther than the matrimonial squabbles of Henry the Eighth. It goes back to S. Alban, the first British Martyr, who offered his head to the swordsmen."

"Human society is divided into two classes," stated the Dean. "There are those in whose lives the church has no place at all, and those in whose lives the church plays an active part. This latter group can be called churchmen." Dean Waterman continued to give the characteristics of a good churchman and then proceeded to give the requisites of an Anglican churchman. The latter, he said takes pains to inform himself of the history of his church in order to find the spiritual roots of that church.

Mr. Henry Jolley thanked Dean Waterman for his address. The members of the Women's and Girls' Auxiliary who were responsible for serving the supper were thanked by Mr. Monty Roope.

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 30¢.

Lakeside Chapter I.O.E. Annual Bazaar, Saturday, November 15th, Acton Town Hall.

Euchre and dance, Thursday, October 2, L.O.L. Hall, Crewson's Corner, 8:30 p.m. Refreshments. Good prizes. Admission 25¢.

Barn Dance will be held at Claude Pickett's new barn, Seventh Line, 1 1/2 miles north of Hornby on Tuesday, September 30th. Modernaires Orchestra. Admission 50¢.

Committee of Five Men Elected at Meeting to Obtain Specific Plans for Building — No One Voiced Disapproval of Pool

Everyone who attended the special citizens' meeting held in the town hall on Tuesday evening to discuss the swimming pool was unanimously in favor of going ahead with the pool. After considerable discussion, it was thought advisable to nominate a committee to secure information, estimates and plans, required to get the pool under construction.

A committee of five men was elected. Members of the committee are: Messrs. Amos Mason, chairman, Ted Tyler, Charles Hansen, Johnny Gray and Dr. D. A. Garrett.

An open discussion of the pool was held with citizens expressing their personal views on the project. Reeve McCutcheon who acted as chairman, stated his opinion at the opening of the meeting.

Reeve McCutcheon: "I for one think we should do something about it and not have our children hitch-hiking to Inglewood and all over the place when they want to go swimming."

Amos Mason: "I'm for it 100 per cent. Acton's on the upward trend and I think we should keep boosting it along. I've got a good donation for it if we decide to do it from a citizenship standpoint. We want to do it decide what sort of plans we want. A swimming pool will make Acton a more up and alive place."

Norman Baird asked if there were any plans or specifications for the pool on hand. The Reeve said that the plans for the pool had not come through from the engineer as promised.

Norman Baird: "I've been used to living in a town where there was a pool. This summer I've had to take my youngsters out of town where there was a pool. I'm very interested in seeing a pool built in Acton."

W. M. Gowdy: "We should be able to keep up with Ferguson. They have a wonderful pool, they cater to the boys and girls. I think there is sufficient capital in the town of Acton to put up a pool. We want some place where the youngsters can put their feet and get them wet."

Mrs. A. Smith: "I think we should keep our young people at home. I'd like to see one here in Acton."

Mrs. Fred Hunter: "I think my children should learn to swim. You don't know what's going to happen when your children are hitch-hiking back and forth."

Johnny Gray had visited the Ferguson pool for information. "That is a palace of a swimming pool. All the towns around here have used Ferguson as an example," Mr. Gray read a letter from W. G. Beatty of Ferguson which contained information on that pool. In expressing his own opinion, Mr. Gray said, "A swimming pool is a wonderful piece of equipment to have in a community. A pool is supervised and is safer than swimming in a river or creek. We need 100 per cent support. I think we've got 75 per cent of the co-operation of the town now."

W. D. Talbot: "I think we should have a pool. Something should be done about plans."

Bill Benson: "That type of equipment in a town is very essential. We have two months holidays when the youngsters are at loose ends. A busy child doesn't get into trouble. Some plans should be formulated for a pool whether it's large or small."

Ted Tyler: "Don't wait till next summer, get the thing started right now."

Dr. D. A. Garrett: "I personally feel that it is a very worth while project."

W. J. O. Oakes: "I think we should have one if it's possible to get an engineer. It is something that is needed."

Dr. F. G. Oakes: "If there are any towns which have built one, in the last few years I think we should get information from them."

Amos Mason: "If we wanted to stretch out the funds, we could organize community effort."

Johnny Gray: "You do have to have some qualified person, an engineer, who is familiar with constructing pools."

Dr. Garrett: "It's got to satisfy the Department of Health. The pool has to be running all the time, have a filtration plant, and have chlorine added. You certainly ought to get an expert's opinion."

When the clerk, C. F. Leatherland brought up the question of whether the pool should be privately owned or property of the community, it was decided that it should be a community enterprise. It was also agreed that a small fee should be charged for use of the pool.

The suggestion that Fairy Lake be cleared out was deemed impractical. It was felt that a filtration plant for the pool was a necessity.

The committee was advised to go ahead and get as much information as possible and call another meeting when they had secured some details.