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Conservatives Re-Elect Executive At Annual Meeting

Resolutions Approved To Be Sent Federal and Provincial Leaders

Allan S. Nicholson, of Burlington, was chosen president of the Halton Progressive Conservative Association for his second term at the annual meeting held at the Town Hall in Milton Monday evening.

All of the 1948 executive were returned to office another year with the exception of Charles Leatherland, Acton, who has been treasurer of the Halton Association for the past ten years. In declining the nomination, Mr. Leatherland said he enjoyed his associations during his term of office and submitted the name of John Greer, of Acton, to succeed him.

Stanley Hall, M.L.A., conducted the installation of officers who were Allan S. Nicholson, Burlington, President; first vice president, S. A. B. McCleary, Oakville; second vice president, Mrs. M. Ryckman, Milton; third and fourth vice presidents are to be filled by those named by the Halton Junior Progressive Conservative Association later. Bruce Fitzgerald, Secretary; Vice Presidents of various municipalities are: Acton, E. Tyler, Milton, G. E. Elliott, Burlington, V. B. Monahan, Nassagaweya, Andy Frank, Trafalgar, Milton, McCleary, those from Georgetown, Oakville, Elgin and Nelson have yet to be named.

Delegates to attend the Provincial annual meeting of the Association included Miss Buscher, Burlington; Mrs. C. A. Martin, Milton; Peter Tully, Burlington; George E. Elliott, Milton. Alternate delegates were Mrs. H. Burkholder, Trafalgar; Mrs. C. McDowell, Hornby; W. Lawson, Oakville and E. Tyler, Acton.

Emphasizing the necessity of continued work by members of the party the president deplored criticism in the world is for any of us to lay down on the job and a lot of things can happen to bring us back strongly in the not too distant future," he told the 80 members present.

Mr. Nicholson paid tribute to the workers of the party and to the candidate during the last election. While the results were disappointing, Halton's Conservative party efforts compared better than those in other parts of the country, he said. Briefly giving his observations during a recent trip to England, he said he thought England would never come back under socialism.

"Basic and fundamentally the Conservative party is still strong in the country, and we will have to keep Conservatism strong before the country continually," declared Miss Sybil Bennett, K.C. She praised the work of the executive and members of the party for their co-operation during the last election campaign.

Stanley Hall, M.L.A., gave an interesting description of points of interest he has visited in Ontario.

Resolutions were approved to be sent to Hon. George Drew, K.C., Hon. Leslie Frost and to J. M. McDonnell for his success in winning Toronto Greenwood on Monday.

Following closing with the National Anthem, a dainty luncheon was served by the ladies.

Acton Teachers Meet High School Board Monday

Teachers on the staff of the Acton School met the North Halton District Board on Monday evening at the October meeting in Acton and became acquainted and discussed school matters informally.

Approval was given for the purchase of sweaters and helmets for rugby teams of the schools and also other supplies. The Principals problems were also heard and arranged. Accounts of \$7,706.77 were passed for payment.

The Board authorized signing of a contract with Miss Rudolph of the Acton staff for the school year.

Correspondence was read in connection with proceedings in the collection of school fees due from the Oakville-Trafalgar District for pupils attending the Milton School.

By motion the law firm of McMaster and Montgomery, of Toronto, was engaged to proceed with the legal action required to settle this matter.

The Board welcomed back Chairman A. Beaumont who has been ill for the past two months but is now around again.

ACTON Y.M.C.A. SECRETARY ADDRESSED MEETING OF ROTARY CLUB

Cliff Sutton, Secretary of Acton Y.M.C.A., addressed the weekly luncheon of Acton Rotary Club on Tuesday. He outlined the history of the Y.M.C.A. movement and its growth and influence in the world. Mr. Sutton also outlined the work he would like to accomplish in Acton.

Members were particularly interested to learn of the many activities that owe their beginning and promotion to the Y.M.C.A.

Three visitors from the Guelph Club attended the Tuesday meeting and the Secretary outlined plans for meetings with Orangeville and Brampton clubs.

New Scout Hall Official Opening To-Morrow Night

Tomorrow (Friday) will be a memorable night in the Boy Scout Movement in Acton. For thirty years or more the Churches and kindred organizations have been very kind in providing quarters for the troop. Friday night the dream comes true and Acton Scouts officially open the new Scout Home on grounds given by the School Board.

Never was a public building built by so many. Headed by the Scout Group Committee citizens in all walks of life helped and guided the boys, contributed and cheered it on. Friday night all have been invited to participate in the official opening.

The Hall is 24x40 with cedar log siding and the kitchen and basement workshop now under construction is 24x18. We understand the main building is paid for but the smaller section will be completed as the funds are available. The walls are up and the roofing is on at present.

The main hall has rubber tile flooring and is heated with fire-place and oil space heater. A fine flagstone sidewalk reaches from the roadway to the entrance and a flag pole is being erected. For Scouting purposes the premises are now suitable but for completion of project and grounds the boys still have plans for a lengthy project.

GRAND VALLEY CITIZENS HONOR SECRETARY WHO SERVED FORTY YEARS

Marking forty years of service as Secretary of Grand Valley School Board, Mr. Wm. Buchanan, father of Dr. A. J. Buchanan, Acton, was marked last week when 200 citizens filled the hall in that community to capacity and paid tribute to his community service.

The chairman of the Board presented to Mr. Buchanan a specially engraved silver medal marking his service to education in Grand Valley. We note from the Grand Valley Star and Widdie that Dr. A. J. Buchanan, of Acton, was also a guest of honor and the final speaker on the program honoring his father.

Three Are Injured When Car Misses Highway Curve

Three Young People Are In Hospital and Car is Total Wreck

Three young people were injured badly and the car completely wrecked on Saturday evening about 8 p.m. when the vehicle in which five were riding missed the curve at Crewson's Corners skidded into the ditch and rolled over several times in 100 feet of travel along the 10 foot embankment.

All were taken to Guelph Hospital and three of the injured are still in Hospital. Kenneth McMullen, 22, of Milton, driver of the car, suffered severe spinal injuries. Vera Bastell, 16, Rockwood, received a fractured pelvis and fractured collar bone and Florence Nightingale, 19, Rockwood, a double fracture of the jaw.

Two other passengers in the car received only minor injuries. Jan Henry, 18, of Milton, was treated at the hospital for a badly lacerated scalp and was released Sunday. John Stover, 42, Milton, was treated for a shaking up and shock.

Corporal Ray Mason, of Acton, investigated the accident. The car was travelling east toward Acton at the time it missed the curve. The occupants were attended by Dr. K. E. Walker of Rockwood and taken by ambulance and cars to hospital. A view of the wrecked automobile leaves little wonder how some of the group escaped being killed.

The 75th Anniversary Walker Lodge Friday

M. Wor. Bro. J. P. Maher Visited Walker Lodge and Conferred Grand Lodge Honor On W. Bro. Darby—Many Highlights At Anniversary Banquet Last Friday Night When Masons From Ontario Converged On Acton

The greatest night in the history of Masonry in Acton marked the seventy-fifth anniversary of Walker Lodge A.F. & M. last Friday evening. It was history making in many respects, in fact in all respects. About 300 Masons from all over Ontario participated and enjoyed a banquet that taxed the seating capacity of both the gymnasium and social room of the Y.M.C.A. There was a menu that was also one of the highlights of the anniversary with turkey and all the trimmings.

Last Friday night was the first occasion in the Lodge's history that a ruling Grand Master of the Order had visited in Acton. It was a happy circumstance that most Wor. Bro. J. P. Maher occupied this important position on this occasion. No one could more graciously and efficiently serve in the past and none could have left a finer message with the Masonic brethren.

Featured in the Lodge room session were the address of the Grand Master; an historical sketch of Walker Lodge read by V. W. Bro. C. R. McIntosh and several presentations. The fifty year jewel was presented to V. Wor. Bro. Wm. Cooper by W. Bro. Chas. Darby. In memory of the late Hugh Walker, founder of the Lodge, Miss Isabel Walker presented a sword. This presentation on her behalf was made by W. Bro. T. G. Colley, of Guelph. In memory of the late Bro. Daniel Taylor a presentation to the

Lodge of a set of working tools was made by Mrs. Taylor. On her behalf this presentation was made by W. Bro. F. J. Salt and Bro. M. Symon.

The Lodge was presided over by W. M. W. J. Beatty and the Grand Master took occasion to comment very favourably on the conduct of Lodge matters by the Master and his staff of officers.

The banquet hall or halls we should say, indeed were in keeping with the importance of the occasion. The meal was served by the ladies of the United Church. At each place was a neat booklet giving the Lodge history, the program of the evening and the picture of the Grand Master, the Master of the Lodge and the founder. All the ruling Masters were given and the officers of 1949. It was a souvenir of the occasion that was prized and will be retained for years. It was made to resemble the Master Mason's Apron.

A big three story birthday cake was piped into the banquet room by Piper Fitzsimmons. It was artistically decorated with emblems and anniversary dates. Grand Master Maher cut the cake with the lodge sword and it was served during the evening. Grace was given by R. W. Bro. (Rev.) C. E. Kenny and the toast to the King responded to by the National Anthem. The toast to Grand Lodge was proposed by Bro. S. Snow and to the visitors by Bro. S. Leslie. The Campbell Quartette contributed several splendid numbers to the program.

For the responses to the toast it was necessary to remove some of the tables from the gymnasium so that all the brethren could assemble in the one room. This too

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Baseball Benefit Just \$88 Short Of \$1000 Mark

This week sees the Baseball Benefit fund for Mrs. Rod Ryder and the family get another boost that puts it within reach of the \$1000 mark we predicted last week. That prediction is quite likely to be true close the end of October but we are informed of several organizations who want to contribute and it is felt the fund should be kept open until those amounts are included. Our last production is not so accurate.

So the fund remains open for another week or so. May we urge that if you desire to make a contribution you do so as soon as possible. Again we just say "Give as your heart dictates."

Here are the acknowledgements of this week:

Previously acknowledged	\$75.25
Norman and Neil Lambert	2.00
Friendly Circle United Church	10.00
Bro. Hachin	10.00
Local Bros	10.00
W. R. Graham	5.00
Ken and Ann How	10.00
Force Electric Ball Team	100.00
Total to date	\$302.25

FALL AND CHRISTMAS ILLUSTRATIONS NOW READY FOR ADVERTISERS

The new November illustrations for advertisers including Christmas shopping suggestions are here and available for illustrations of fall goods. Advertisers will find this service helpful in presenting their goods to local shoppers. There is no extra charge for this service. The only stipulation is that illustrations must be selected by 4 p.m. Monday, the week of publication. Ask to see these new illustrations and advertising suggestions at the office. Plan your Christmas campaign now to secure the local trade.

Baptist Church 107th Anniversary Held on Sunday

Splendid congregations attended and enjoyed the services on Sunday in connection with the 107th Anniversary of the Baptist Church in Acton. Rev. J. C. Williamson, B. A. B. Th., of Preston, was the guest speaker and gave inspiring messages at both morning and evening services.

The guest soloist was Miss Ely Esomova, of Kitchener and her numbers and the anthems of the choir contributed much to the service of praise.

At the evening service the usual denominational courtesy was shown and the services of the United and Knox Churches were withdrawn and Rev. Mr. Foreman and Rev. Mr. Armstrong and members of the congregations joined in the anniversary occasion.

G. W. MCKENZIE CHOSEN PRESIDENT TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

Interesting sessions of the Annual Convention of the Teachers' Institute of Halton were held on Friday, October 21st in Glenwood and East Burlington Schools. Discussion groups were featured for the various grades.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. C. F. Heathcote of St. Luke's Church, Burlington and Mr. L. L. Skuce conducted the inspectors' period. An address was given by Mr. R. R. Patterson, of Givens School, Toronto, on the subject "Audio-Visual Aids" and a reading by Mr. C. B. Routley, assistant superintendent of Elementary Education of the Department of Education, Toronto. Dinner was served at the Brent Inn at Burlington.

Officers for next year are: Honorary Presidents J. M. Denyes, Inspector L. L. Skuce, President, G. McKenzie, Acton; Vice-President, Miss N. Jardine, Hornby; Secretary, Mrs. M. S. Gammell, Milton; Treasurer, P. V. Brown, Oakville; Executive, Mrs. P. Kennedy, Nassagaweya; Mr. George Michie, Nassagaweya; Miss Black, Trafalgar; Mr. Wm. Bryant, Nelson and the principals of Graded Schools having more than seven rooms.

Water Heaters to Be Shut Off Four Hours Daily

Acton Factory To Have New Transformers For Larger Load

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

A letter from the H.E.P.C. of Ont. asked that water heaters be shut off from 10 to 12 a.m. and from 4 to 6 p.m. As only a part of the water heaters installed in Acton are connected that can be shut off for the period requested.

Another letter from the H.E.P.C. stated that water heaters were again available in limited quantities. The price of the heaters had increased somewhat however. Orders are to be taken for these heaters and procured as needed.

Notice was received that the power would be off on Sunday from 2:30 to 5:30 in order that the feeder lines coming into Acton could be repaired. A notice to the effect was to be inserted in the Free Press.

The lighting engineer had visited Acton and a report was to be forwarded to the Commission as soon as possible.

Micro Plastics are installing a new machine in their plant and this requires more power. The capacity of the transformer at present installed had been reached and a new bank was necessary. The cost of these transformers is estimated at \$1600.

Billings were made on the paying of accounts and all who miss the discount day must pay the gross amount of the account.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Hydro Department	
Bell Telephone Co.	17.00
H.E.P.C. of Ont.	5585.01
Underwood Ltd.	3.00
Force Electric Products	1.12
Line and Cable Accessories	87.18
Masco Electric Co.	6.02
Canadian Lane Materials	75.00
Jas. H. Kearney Corp.	11.33
Mrs. H. Palmer	12.00
Express and Transport	7.53
Dominion Stationers	2.03
	\$5,807.87
Waterworks Department	
Neptune Meters Ltd.	204.12
Can. Bram Co. Ltd.	107.03
	\$311.15

75th ANNIVERSARY OF WALKER LODGE



Group in upper picture shows W. Bro. W. J. Beatty, Master of Walker Lodge, M. W. Bro. J. P. Maher, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge in Ontario, and the newest official of Grand Lodge who received the honor from the Grand Master on Friday evening. He is now V. W. Bro. Chas. Darby who had the unique experience of receiving this honor on the first visit of a ruling Grand Master to Walker Lodge in the 75 years of its founding.

Lower photo shows a group of head table guests who are all past officers of Grand Lodge. George DeKlienhans, Dean of D.D.G.M. in Wellington District, Harvey Mitchell, Frank McIniven, Geo. Guthrie and John Kenney, oldest living past Master of Walker Lodge and Wellington District. Free Press Photo

Circus Rodeo Acts Presented In Acton Arena

Folks who didn't brave the chilly fall night on Tuesday missed a fine performance when Steele's Calvacade of Stars was presented in the Acton Arena under the auspices of Acton Rotary Club. The crowd was disappointingly small for such an outstanding performance.

The show Tuesday had 27 acts of star performers. There was a group of 15 trained horses and a dog circus of a dozen animals with all the tricks and more than any group would have. The performers and animals were as fine as are seen in any of the big circus performances.

The show was well equipped with an electrical organ for its own musical background and fine equipment for the acts. The farm hand clown kept youngsters and oldsters in laughs and four of the local boys who took first lessons in bareback horse riding were a bit dizzy after but had an experience they will not soon forget. Concluding feature was the newest bump in automobile travel.

Steele's Calvacade of Stars was a show that ran quickly and its two-hour program was smooth, entertaining and one of the best seen in Acton Arena. They are worthy of a packed arena in any community.

MRS. M. BURNS HOSTESS FOR MEETING UNITED CHURCH W.M.S.

The monthly meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church was held at the home of Mrs. M. Burns on Tuesday. The president, Mrs. E. J. Caldwell, presided and gave an interesting talk on "What is the Gospel to You?"

Secretary reports were received from the Supply, Temperance and Mission Band Committees. The Study Book "Growing With the Years" was taken by Miss Bennett, Miss Mainprize and Mrs. A. T. Brown. An invitation will be extended to other societies to attend the Thankoffering meeting. Mrs. A. T. Brown closed the meeting with prayer.

If you're planning Christmas gifts now, we suggest the Free Press with a whole year of local news and pictures at \$2.50 for the relatives or friends at home or away from home.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, in cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcements of 20c.

Hallowe'en tea and bazaar, Saturday October 29th, United Church S. S. room. Auspices Friendly Circle. 15-3

Hallowe'en Masquerade, suchre and dance, Friday, October 28th, 1949, Crewson's Corners Hall. Auspices L.O.L. No. 467, Acton. Prizes for best dressed couple and funniest dressed couple. Admission 35c.

St. Alban's Guild is holding a Variety Fair, Friday evening and Saturday afternoon, November 4 and 5. Candy, home made baking, sale of work, fish pond for young and old, lucky tea, tea with door prizes. 16-3

Hallowe'en Dance, Acton Town Hall, Monday, October 31. Douglis and Huma Orchestra. Good prizes. Judging of costumes at 11 o'clock. Door prizes and lucky draw. Admission 50c. Auspices Ladies' Legion Auxiliary. Everybody welcome.

The regular monthly meeting of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter, I.O.E., will be held in Knox Church, Tuesday, November 1st at 8 o'clock. At 8:30 the meeting will be open to the public and Dr. Schofield of Guelph will give an illustrated talk on conditions in Europe. Everybody welcome. Silver collection.