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## NEW ACTON SCOUT HOME OFFICIALLY OPENED



Above is the new Acton Scout Home 24x57 which was officially opened last Friday evening. The building was erected entirely by voluntary labor. Scout funds and donations made possible the purchase of material used in its construction. The main hall is completed and paid for but the kitchen and basement workshop have yet to be finished. Over two hundred citizens and guests were on hand to witness the christening of "Hodenasawnee" by Mrs. John Goy and receive the

thanks of the group committee and Scouts for making possible this Scout Home in Acton. Lower left shows Rev. and Mrs. Jones receiving from Chairman John Goy the Charter Members certificates in Hodenasawnee and lower right the trustees, John Goy, David Dills and Wesley Wolfe, receive from Secretary Middleton and Chairman James of the Acton Public School Board a twenty years lease of the land. Free Press Photo

## Hodenasawnee Officially Opened as Scout Home

Charter Members Made On Opening Night and Acknowledgments and Thanks are Extended to All Who Assisted in Making Building Possible—Main Structure is Paid For—Lease of Land is Given By School Board—Presentation To W. G. Middleton

Many months of hard work and planning was brought to a climax on Friday, October 28, when about 200 workers, financial assistants and interested citizens gathered at the official opening of Acton's Scout Home "Hodenasawnee".

Visitors included one of the earliest Scoutmasters in Acton to the newest recruit, the men who laid out the lot to the man who made the last finishing touches.

Chairman of the event was J. H. Goy who extended a welcome to all those present. A period of silence was observed by the entire assembly in honour of those good souls, Wilson Gordon, George Taylor, Jack Sweeney and Frank Near who failed to return from the last conflict.

The presentation by A. S. Fleming, Provincial Field Secretary, of the renewed Charter with the change of sponsors was another significant token of the progress of Scouting in Acton.

Location of "Hodenasawnee" is, of course in the school grounds and the deed for the land on which the building stands was presented by Mr. Tom Jones to J. H. Goy, chairman of the Group Committee. W. Middleton accepted the deed and in turn placed it in the custody of the Trustees of the building, J. Goy, D. Dills and W. Wolfe.

The building was officially declared open by J. H. Goy with Mrs. Goy ceremoniously christening the community project "Hodenasawnee". Following this a blessing in song was requested as the visitors, workers and helpers lifted their voices in the song, "Bless this house O Lord we pray, make it safe by night and day".

Hodenasawnee was given an interpretation through George Elliott's research and James Dills' reading. It was explained that the Iroquois word meant "People of the Long House", the long house being (Continued on Page Five)

## Sixteen Firms Get Plans For Acton Sewers

Indications are that there will be keen bidding for the contracts of constructing the Acton sewerage system when tenders are opened on November 14th. It will be recalled that when tenders were last called there were only two bids and these were considered so high that the project was dropped and presented again to the ratepayers this year. The following contractors have taken out plans and form of tender from the engineers and are now considering this work:

Contracts "A" and "B" Sewers: Dick Construction and Engineering Co. Ltd., Welland; Dover Construction Co. Ltd., Brampton; F. A. Stonehouse and Son, Sarnia; Carter Construction Co. Ltd., Toronto; Keystone Contractors Ltd., Windsor; Dumfries Construction Co. Ltd. of Galt; Spartan Contracting Co. Ltd. of Toronto; Curran and Briggs Ltd., Toronto; Scott-Jackson Construction Co., Evans Etobicoke; Dundas Construction Co., Toronto; Lorenzo Contracting Co. Ltd., Niagara Falls; Swansea Construction Co. Ltd., Toronto; H. J. McFarland Construction Co. Ltd., Picton; Klumack Construction Co. Ltd., Swastika; Hannah Construction Co. Ltd., Toronto; Mohan Construction Co. Ltd., Toronto.

Contract "C"—Treatment Plants Schwenger Construction Ltd. Ingersoll; Dick Construction and Engineering Co. Ltd., Welland; Dover Construction Co. Ltd., Brampton; Carter Construction Co. Ltd., Toronto; Keystone Contractors Ltd., Windsor; Spartan Contracting Co. Ltd., Toronto; Curran and Briggs Ltd., Toronto; Scott-Jackson Construction Co., Evans Etobicoke; H. J. McFarland Construction Co. Ltd., Picton; Mohan Construction Co. Ltd., Toronto.

Piano tuners' tuning forks have to be kept in tune.

Passing through the Panama Canal from the Atlantic to the Pacific, one travels from west to east.

## Business Men Organize and Name Officers

Mr Bert Hinton was chosen President of Acton Business Men's Association at the organization meeting held last Thursday evening in the Council Chamber. Other officers elected were Wm. Denney, Vice-Pres; Thos. Watson, Secretary; A. Haydon, Treasurer; Executive Committee, J. Goy, E. Marks, C. F. Leatherland, J. F. Royston, C. W. Bradley, S. Eisen, Rena Braida.

It was decided that the annual membership would be \$5. Several committees were appointed to bring in reports on the telephone district in connection with Acton, park improvements, sports, social events and securing a suitable place for holding a meeting. The first general meeting of the Association will be a supper meeting in January.

## NEW HIGH IN SCOUT MEMBERSHIP

Canada's Boy Scouts now number 109,350, a new high mark, according to the latest census figures at Canadian Boy Scout Headquarters. This represents a gain of about 10 per cent in the past three years.

## Provincials Now Assume Law Enforcement Here

On Tuesday police duties in Acton were taken over by the Provincial Police and three men were put in charge of Acton by Inspector Knight. Jack Kay of Simcoe is the senior officer on the Acton detachment and Jim Wood, also of Simcoe and Art Forester of Dundas make up the force.

Headquarters have been set up with equipment at the Town Hall stables. A police cruiser equipped with radio will be used by the force and is in direct communication at all times with the provincial network of radio stations.

Speaking with Clerk McGeachie we learn that cost of police work in Acton will be about the same to the Acton taxpayer in view of the fact that the municipality will now qualify for the provincial grant of 25 per cent of the cost of police protection.

## Hallowe'en Party Had Galaxy Of Novel Costumes

Sharon Gervais Was Grand Champion and Elly Yannie Was Reserve Champion

The annual Hallowe'en party arranged and carried out by Acton Y's Men's Club drew the biggest crowd and had some of the finest originality in costumes ever seen. It was a real children's party with prizes, treats and a good time—a much better time than used to be had in observance of Hallowe'en.

The parade formed at the Town Hall and led by the band paraded all the streets and to the Arena. As it progressed it was joined by more and more until the arena program was opened. There were children's movies prior to the judging and prizes.

Mr. Charles Kirkness was Master of Ceremonies and after the grand parade with band music, each age group assembled at specified locations for the judging. What a problem the judges had with 25 or 30 in each group. But here are the decisions:

Pre-school children little tots whose parents were usually with them: Kindergarten Group—Julie Holmes, Peter Marks.

Grades 1 and 2—Elly Yannie, John MacArthur.

Grades 3 and 4—Eddie McMullen, Sharon Gervais.

Grades 5 and 6—Nora Robson, Grant Gervais.

Grades 7 and 8—Joyce Palmer and second the Tom Twins, John Lambert and Hugh Sirrs.

High School—Russell Arbie, Joyce Greer.

Adults—Mrs. Hugh Graham, Mrs. Walter Bell.

## Remembrance Plans for Services In This District

Lieutenant Governor To Unveil Monument in Acton—Services in Rockwood and Nassagaweya

Preparations are almost complete for the Remembrance Day Service and unveiling of the new section of the Soldiers' Memorial in Acton on November 11th. On Saturday the two additions carrying the names of those who paid the supreme sacrifice were placed in position on each side of the memorial. The sides also carry the names of the battles of 1919-45, in which these men participated. They blend perfectly into the general plan of the Memorial.

Lieut. Governor, Lawson, O.B.E., I.L.D., and Mrs. Lawson, will arrive in Acton about 10 a.m. on Friday, attended by Major John Stratton, A.D.C. They will meet the next of kin of Acton soldiers who died in the service in World War II at the Y.M.C.A. prior to the unveiling ceremonies. The parade of the veterans and various organizations and the band will form at the Park at 10:15 and parade to the Soldiers' Memorial for the unveiling ceremonies at 10:30 a.m. Following the ceremony at the monument a service will be held in the United Church, adjoining at which Major J. W. Foster, Command Chaplain, Central Command, Oakville, will give the address.

At twelve o'clock, a civic dinner will be tendered Lieut. Governor and Mrs. Lawson. The Reeve, Deputy-Reeve and Members of the Council will be hosts to the guests which will include members of the Memorial Committee, representatives of organizations, etc., and be held in the Y.M.C.A.

On Friday afternoon, the usual Memorial Service will be held in Nassagaweya Township with service at the Memorial at two o'clock followed by service in Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church.

The Memorial Service will be held on Sunday in Rockwood. The parade starts from the Public School at 10:20 and the service at the Cenotaph follows at 10:30 a.m. The service in Rockwood United Church will have as the speaker, Rev. (Major) J. W. Oliver. All Legionnaires who can attend the service are asked to join in the parade with the Boy Scouts and Cubs and attend the service. The band will be led by Rockwood Band.

## Hockey Prospects Centred in Junior Juvenile Groups

Minor hockey in Acton has been innoculated with another lively shot in the arm from the enterprising newly-organized, Acton Minor Sports Club. The Club have made revisions in their program that will include practically every branch of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) in addition to a Junior entry in the OHA.

Instead of just operating a four team circuit for players 12-20 as originally planned, they have expanded the scheme to a more extensive level. Plans now call for entries into the OMHA Bantam and Midget classes and a Juvenile club with a bye into the playdowns.

Norm Morton, former star centre of former Championship Int. clubs will combine with Bill Hutt, to coach and manage the Bantam entry, while Frank Terry and Steve Elliott will be at the helm of the Midget team.

In addition a four team town league for boys aged 12-16 will function in collaboration with the aforementioned teams.

In the OHA, Ilio Marzo and Doctor Sirrs have the nucleus of last year's Ontario semi-finalists in Junior ranks on hand and hope to groom a smooth combination for a strong grouping in Junior "D".

Prospects for an Intermediate team are dim this year—Unless more initiative is shown it's unlikely a club will even be attempted. Most players are planning to play in other centres, largely between Fergus and Georgetown.

Lack of artificial ice is blamed for the absence of enthusiasm over Intermediate hockey. There are plenty of players in Acton to staff a team—however, no one in an executive capacity relishes the task of bargaining with temperamental players who seem to think the first object of the game is how much do I get out of it.

It looks like Intermediate hockey in Acton is doomed to extinction.

## KNOWLEDGE TEST OF HALTON COUNTY AT DUBLIN INSTITUTE

Dublin Institute held their regular meeting with Mrs. L. Ferguson vice-president, presiding.

Roll call was answered by song, play or prayer. Mrs. Geo. Robertson gave a report of the District Directors meeting also a concise, but full report of the Area Convention at Guelph. Mrs. J. J. Kennedy was unable to be present but Mrs. Watkins and Mrs. Robinson read a paper sent by her, entitled, "My duty as an Institute member". Donations were made to the District Secretary, the Baseball Benefit Fund and the Poppy Fund. Mrs. Watkins conducted a contest, "How well do I know Halton", which was won by Mrs. Somerville and Mrs. Van Goozen. Lunch and a social hour was enjoyed.

## 105th Anniversary United Church Observed Sunday

Splendid congregations participated on Sunday at the 105th Anniversary services of Acton United Church. Rev. Dr. C. E. Kenney, B.A., B.D., of Guelph, was the visiting minister at both services and brought stirring and thought-provoking messages in his discourses.

The morning theme for Dr. Kenney's discourse was found in the 17th verse of Obadiah "To Possess Their Possessions". In the evening the subject was based on the 20th verse of the sixth chapter of Isaiah "With Twain he did fly" and stressed the need for haste in the world of today if God's work is to be done.

The service of song was also a feature that made the anniversary distinctive. The morning anthem was the "Earth is the Lord's" and Mrs. W. I. Beatty contributed a solo and Mrs. B. Veldhuis and Miss D. Simmons a duet.

The choir anthem in the evening was "The Lord is my Shepherd" and the offertory music was a piano and organ duet with Mr. Geo. Elliott at the piano and Miss O. M. Lampard, A.T.C.M., at the console of the organ. The Velvetones Quartette of Chalmers United Church, Guelph, gave three numbers "Some Day He'll Make it Plain", "He Will Care For Me" and "My All To Thee". Members of this quartette are Messrs. Don Farquharson, John Hollywood, Clare Patmore and Burt Hanna. The music was under the direction of the organist and choir leader, Miss O. M. Lampard, A.T.C.M.

In the absence through illness of Rev. Louis Pickering, the minister, the assistant minister, Rev. A. O. W. Foreman, was in charge of the anniversary. At the evening service the usual anniversary courtesy was observed and members of Knox Church with their minister, Rev. Robert H. Armstrong attended and also members of the Baptist and other congregations also joined.

During the day a liberal anniversary offering was received for the general Church maintenance.

## Jos. A. Calder Addressed Rotary Brampton-Acton

Brampton Rotarians evening at the Acton Club on Tuesday attended at the weekly luncheon and brought with them an outstanding speaker, Mr. Jos. A. Calder, of Toronto, to address the gathering of about 60 Rotarians.

Mr. Calder is retiring President of Silverwoods western division, a Past Rotary President and District Governor. He recently spent three months touring in Britain and the continent and even visited friends behind the iron curtain. Informally he told of his rough passage over of Rotary in England, the British Isles and on the continent. In England he said he looked for the poorly fed, badly clothed and find-ent Englishman, but failed to find him. He told of travel conditions, restrictions and touched briefly on England's political, middle and financial predicament.

Mr. Calder toured extensively on the continent, told of the war damage in many places, the rebuilding that is going on, the travel and the business conditions in various countries. His talk was a revelation on the inside conditions in Europe and was one of the finest Rotarians have enjoyed.

Mr. Calder was introduced by Ken Partridge of the Brampton Club and thanks were extended to the speaker by Wes Beatty of the Acton Club.

## School Property Damaged With Hallowe'en Pranks

Dental Inspection in December for Acton—Lease Given to Scout Trustees

Acton Public School Board held an emergency meeting with the trustees of the Scout Hall and Solicitor Leatherland last Thursday night. The Secretary was authorized to execute lease of part of the school grounds on which the new scout hall is erected for a period of twenty years to the Scout trustees. Mr. G. W. McKenzie was appointed to the Acton Library Board.

The regular meeting of the Board was held on Monday evening with Chairman Jones presiding. The Chairman had accepted the Library Board appointment and also stated that he had communicated with the Home and School Association and had authorized them to secure material to the value of \$75.00 for playground equipment.

Mr. McKenzie presented a requisition for books which the board approved. He reported that extensive damage to guard cable posts had been done on Hallowe'en night and also that a large glass had been broken in Grade 1. He also reported that when at the Teacher's Convention it was learned that K. P. milk was being discontinued generally, and cookies provided instead. This will be adopted in Acton in January 1950.

The Board was also informed that Dr. O'Meara of the Halton Health Unit Dental Clinic would visit the Acton School in December and inspect the teeth of each child. It was understood that a 30 per cent grant was allowed on dental work paid by the board and that local dentists had established a special rate for this work at \$4.00 per hour. The property committee was requested to have the Hallowe'en damage cleaned up.

Accounts amounting to \$509.71 were passed for payment and the North Halton High School Board was assessed for \$368.60.

The Secretary was requested to prepare a financial statement for the December meeting and to secure all deeds to school property. He was also appointed to attend the November 7th meeting of the Home and School Association.

A survey of more than 10,000 accidents involving trucks and commercial cars in also indicates shows that backing up improperly is the most common cause of accidents, says Dean Keefer, a vice president of Lumbermen Mutual Casualty Company.

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

Lakeside Chapter IODE Annual Bazaar, Sat. Nov. 19. Tea, homemade baking, fancy articles, special draws. 16-3

Euchre and Penny Sale, Monday November 14. Legion Hall, Lunch. Admission 35c. Auspices Acton L.O.B.A. 1101.

Dance, Cedar Valley Cowboys, modern and old time dancing, Abercrombie Hall, Fri. Nov. 4th 9 p.m. Admission 50c.

The Lakeside Chapter, IODE, regular meeting, Legion Hall, Tuesday, November 8th at 8:00 o'clock. School night and debate.

Bridge and euchre, Monday, November 21st, Y.M.C.A., at 8:30 o'clock. Door prize. Admission 35c. Auspices Badminton Club.

The Churchill Ladies will hold a sale of baking and last minute Christmas gifts on Saturday, December 10th, in the Acton United Church S. S. room.

Knox 104th Anniversary Services Sunday, November 13th at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Annual turkey supper and concert, Monday, November 8th, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Adults \$1.00, children under 12, 50c. 17-3

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