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Councillor Taylor Feted at Banquet

Eleven women in public life were guests of honor at a banquet sponsored by five national women's service clubs at the Crystal Ballroom of the Royal York Hotel on Monday evening. Among those women were Miss Esther Taylor of Acton.

Acton's woman councillor, with the other 10 guests who were all Ontario women serving their first term of office, walked in together to the head table where they found courages at their places. About 300 women joined in congratulating the special guests.

The guest speaker at the banquet was Mrs. Ellen Fairclough, Canada's only member of parliament, who spoke of the need for a woman's viewpoint, energy and courage in public affairs.

Other special guests were Mrs. Marjorie Hamilton of Barrie, only woman mayor in Ontario; Mrs. Helen McKenzie, reeve of Beaverton; Mrs. Grace Harman, Surlbury alderman; Mrs. Thelma Fielding, Aurora councillor; Mrs. Marie Taylor, East York councillor; Mrs. Jean Newman, trustee, Toronto board of education; Mrs. Marie Curtis, deputy reeve, Long Branch; Mrs. Nellie Carter, voted "woman of the year" by Orillia newspapers, town councillor and Mrs. Anna Hughes, Waterloo councillor.

The hostesses were members of the Zonta, Soroptimists, Pilot Quota and Allura Clubs.

Raise Accepted By Union, Company

On Tuesday afternoon, February 20th, the employees of the Beardmore and Co. Ltd. voted to accept arbitration recommendations made by Judge R. S. Clark, and the management of the company also agreed to the plan. According to his report, the workers will receive a 10 per cent pay boost retroactive to October 15, 1950 and a further increase of one per cent for 1951. The cost of living with 100 fixed as the basis. A modified Rand formula of social security is also to be provided for the workers, the union and the company agreed.

Group Committees, Leaders at Banquet

Guide, Brownie, Scout and Cub leaders and members of Scout Group Committees from Halton County met in Milton Town Hall last Friday evening, February 23, for a banquet and annual meeting. K. Y. Dick, president of the Halton Scouters' Association, was chairman for the meeting.

Ladies of the Scotch Block W.L. catered for the most satisfying banquet which was enjoyed by about sixty leaders and scouting advisors. A good percentage were in uniform for the meeting, held the day after the birthday of the founder of the Scout organization Lord Baden-Powell.

After a sing song, the minutes of the last meeting and the treasurer's reports were read and adopted. The guest speaker was "Red" Burn, Hamilton, who has worked for many years with Scouts. He first entertained with a story illustrated by intricate string patterns and then spoke more seriously, reminding the leaders not to think that "boys will be boys" but that "boys will be men."

Elections of this year's officers of the Halton Scouters' Association were held with the following members of Scout Group Committees elected by acclamation: chairman, Dr. R. D. Appleford, Oakville; secretary, J. Maxwell, Oakville; treasurer, W. A. M. Hoey, Bronte.

"Operation Firetruck" Continues Sun. Fairy Lake, Spectators Feel Hose Spray

"Operation Firetruck" continued Sunday afternoon when the Bickell Seagrave Co. demonstrated their fire truck and pumper equipment for town and fire department officials. The south or Mill St. side of Fairy Lake was again the testing grounds and jets and sheets of water shot across the frozen pond.

The shiny equipment picked up a load of firemen at the Town Hall, and plunged through the Mill St. mud. Hose and nozzle were attached and water was pumped from the lake through the pumper and out through the five lines that were coupled with the truck.

At one time water at 400 pounds pressure was directed through a

Revered Resident Dies at Acton Home

An outstanding Christian life was brought to a close on Friday, February 23, 1951, when Mrs. Henry Caldwell passed peacefully away at her home in Acton. Mrs. Caldwell, who has been one of the most respected residents of the town, was born Elizabeth Jane Kitching, daughter of John and Elizabeth Kitching, in Nassagaweya Township March 28th, 1874. She attended school there and later Alma College in St. Thomas. She was married in 1895 to Rev. Henry Caldwell of the former Methodist Church, later the United Church. They served together in parishes at Ker, Burford, Ponthill, Allenford, Hagerstown, Waterford, Currie's, Georgetown, Limehouse and Merritt, retiring in Acton sixteen years ago. Her husband died about six months after their arrival in Acton.

Five daughters were born to them: Mrs. Elizabeth Buck of Georgetown; Mrs. (Dr.) R. G. Agnew (Mary) of Toronto; Mrs. Earl Vanatter (Emily) of Fenelon Falls; Ida (who died in 1929) and Mrs. Archie Kerr (Lydia) of Acton. There are nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She is survived by four brothers and one sister: Rev. J. W. Kitching of Hamilton; Rev. G. R. Kitching of Weston; Mrs. Ida Moffat of Kneehill Valley, Alberta; W. R. Kitching of Guelph and F. J. P. Kitching of the home farm in Nassagaweya. Two sisters and one brother predeceased her: Mrs. Moffat (Mary Ann), Mrs. Harris (Emily) and Mr. Elias Kitching of Red Deer, Alberta.

A private service was held at her home, 21 Knox Ave., at eleven o'clock on Monday morning, Feb. 26th, conducted by Rev. E. A. Curry. The public service was held at two o'clock in the United Church with Rev. Curry in charge. Six other ministers took part in the service: Rev. Milton Aiken of Peterborough who started into the ministry during their pastorate at Allenford and later was ordained by Rev. Caldwell when he was president of Hamilton Conference; Rev. J. W. Fiddes of Fort Erie, president of Hamilton Conference; Rev. F. McCreary of Freeman; Rev. C. H. Albright, of Freedom; Rev. J. T. Hoskey of Paris and Rev. A. W. Fashbury, of Hanover, a former pastor. The hymns were unusually impressive in their choice and in their singing. They had been chosen and arranged by "her," Mrs. Veldhuis and Miss Simmons sang "Crossing the Bar" with a message that none could miss.

The pallbearers were nephews: Dr. John Kitching, of Hamilton; Lloyd Convey and John Kitching, both of Guelph; William Caldwell, of Toronto; Harry Caldwell of Durham and Prof. Harold Kitching of the Agricultural College, Guelph. Her life has been unique in her singleness of purpose—serving the Kingdom of God. To the end, her intense interest in the welfare of her fellowmen amazed all who touched her. Her radiant happiness in serving God will always stand out in the memory of those who loved her.

NORMAN DOUGLAS' CONDITION STILL SERIOUS IN GUELPH GENERAL HOSPITAL

Norman Douglas of R.R. 4, Acton is still in critical condition in Guelph General Hospital following the accident on No. 25 Highway last Tuesday evening when his truck went off the road just south of Speyside and crumpled up against a tree.

After first aid treatment by neighbors and the provincial police, Mr. Douglas was taken by ambulance to Guelph. The only injury he suffered in the accident was a fractured skull.

High School Budget Approved Monday Night

Approval was given to the budget for 1951 of North-Hallow High School District Board at the meeting on Monday evening in Acton High School. The budget provides for a total expenditure of \$129,050. Receipts for the year including a surplus of \$11,700 carried over from 1950 amount to \$104,700 leaving \$40,900 to be raised by levy on the five municipalities. This is an increase of \$3,750 over last year. Included in the total expenditures is a debt service levy of \$16,650.

The amounts assessed to the various municipalities under the equalized assessment are as follows: Acton, \$5,521.50; Milton, \$5,050.50; Georgetown, \$7,484.50; Nassagaweya, \$6,125.10 and Esqueping, \$15,828.10. Last year's levy was made on a Board of Arbitration recommendation rather than the county equalization.

Accounts passed for payment as checked by the Finance Committee amounted to \$11,913.65.

A resolution expressing the sympathy of the Board to Mr. Marcellus, principal of the Milton High School, and the family was passed and the Secretary was instructed to write a letter to Mr. Marcellus. The Board approved of closing the Milton High School on the afternoon of Mrs. Marcellus' funeral.

A letter from Georgetown Public School Board asked that the Board grant an additional strip of land 26 feet by 50 feet to allow for a proper street width to the Tost property. Such a grant would enable the Public School Board to complete negotiations for land for the erection of the new public school buildings fronting on No. 7 Highway. The Board approved of granting this land to the Town of Georgetown.

Work With Indians Described by Nurse

Mrs. H. Holmes was hostess to St. Alban's W.A. on Thursday evening February 22nd when 14 were present. The opening prayers were read by the president, Mrs. W. Denny. The secretary's report was read and adopted. The treasurer reported on material and greeting cards that were purchased. These were on display and orders taken.

The Dorens convenor read a list of materials and other items which have been purchased and dresses and aprons were given out to be made up for the Mission Bazaar. Following the business, Rev. Laxton introduced the speaker, Miss Bailey, the local public health nurse, who spoke on her work among the Indians while she was nursing at the Columbia Coast Mission Hospital, Alport Bay. Miss Bailey spoke of the shortage of nurses, doctors and equipment in these remote areas and showed snapshots of the hospital and other buildings. W.A. branches have provided furnishings for the chapel.

Mrs. Laxton thanked the speaker for her interesting talk. Mrs. Holmes then served lunch, assisted by Mrs. Denny and Mrs. Jolley. The meeting closed with prayer by Rev. Laxton.

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Jas. Lamb Interred in Church Cemetery

The funeral service was held in Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church on Monday afternoon for James Lamb of Moffat who died suddenly at his home in his 60th year. The service was conducted by the Rev. James Sutherland and interment took place in the adjoining cemetery. Pallbearers were Charles Roberts, Leo Dobbs, Delbert Moffat, Wilfred Brownlow, T. Thompson and H. Jackson and flower bearers were Lloyd Campbell, Geo. Kennedy, James Warrington and George Goldthorpe.

Born in Nassagaweya Mr. Lamb was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lamb. As well as his wife, the former Irene Gibson, he leaves one son, Leslie, of Preston; two daughters, Mrs. McLaughlin of Kitchener, and Mrs. Hazel Mickus of Georgetown; three brothers, Edward of British Columbia; George of New York; and Bert of Campbellville; four sisters Mrs. F. Fink, Toronto; Mrs. Ernest Dredge, of Campbellville, and Mrs. S. Lamont, Chicago.

Ray Blacklock returned home from Milton Hospital Friday after an operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. Hought and family of Stratford spent Sunday with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Freeman.

Several cases of mumps and flu are in the community at present.

Of the 7,000,000 fur pelts taken in Canada in a year, about 90 per cent are wild furs.

Of Canada's total land area, only 46 per cent is considered of present or potential value for agriculture.

Replace, Repaint Tank Steel Plates

The new steel plates on the bottom of the water tank on Main Street have been replaced. The workmen finished the job this week of rivetting the eight steel plates in place as well as the sheet which surrounds the feed pipe. There was about three tons of steel to replace.

Workmen are now sand blasting the interior and preparing it for painting and finishing with special paint. The tank will shortly be in use again on the waterworks system and the exterior will be repainted this season when the weather is suitable. No inconvenience was experienced by consumers during the repair but keeping pumps operating required many extra trips to the spring property by Superintendent Lambert to maintain service.

AD BOOK FOR MARCH FEATURES EASTER, SPRING, FLOWER, BALL ILLUSTRATIONS

Attention advertisers! The new March ad book has just arrived with a variety of pictures for spring that will be bound to take your fancy. As well as the "Crippled Children's Campaign" and "St. Patrick's Day," the book specializes of course with Easter.

You may obtain a wide variety of pictures with "Easter" in fancy letters and suitable floral illustrations. Easter clothes, highlighting the bonnets, are amply dealt with. Pictures of gardening equipment and seed catalog-like illustrations of plants follow as a spring feature in the new ad book. A full page is devoted to the opening of the baseball season. The usual range of furniture, equipment, clothing, etc. will bring 51 style to your ads.

Advertisers are welcome to hunt for illustrations for ads in the book which are included in ads at no extra charge.

W.A. Ladies Raise Funds For Group

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Medals Awarded Hornby Herd Four

The former Rockwood farm of Kenneth Ella and Sons, now situated in Hornby Ont., has been awarded three silver medals and one gold medal for four of a herd of 14 cows during the year 1950.

The remainder of the stock averaged 10,000 lbs. of milk.

Two junior three-year-olds, Sunnycrest Prudent Rosalind, 184-625 with 10,338 lbs. of milk, 553 lbs. of fat and test 5.35 and Sporting Standard Star, 184017 with 9,076 lbs. of milk, 521 lbs. of fat, test 5.22 were awarded silver medals by the Canadian Jersey Cattle Club.

Rock Ella W. R. Lady, a junior two-year-old, also won a silver medal with 8,067 lbs. of milk, 473 lbs. of fat and test 5.01.

The club's gold medal was won by Rockwood Glance, 144871 with 12,833 lbs. of milk, 653 lbs. of fat and 5.09 test.

Not only has the Ella herd achieved honors in the milk line, but in addition the stock has brought the county of Halton into the limelight for the champion male of the Halton Parish Show continued to the Ontario championship at Simcoe.

Sunnycrest Prudent Rosalind also took her place in competition with 16 milk cows and was fifth in the class with the Female under bringing in a good average.

Easterbrook Home Open to WI Branch

At the Nassagaweya Institute meeting 16 members answered the roll call with a valentine verse in the home of Mrs. E. Easterbrook. One wee girl was also present.

Mrs. A. Diamond, vice-president had charge of the February meeting business program. Plans were made for a St. Patrick's eucharist, to which each member is to bring enough players to fill at least one card table. A ten dollar donation is to be sent to the Children's Aid Society.

Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Diamond had charge of the program, which opened and closed with the group singing together. Mrs. Padbury and Mrs. Robertson were winners of the contests. Short readings were given by Mrs. Diamond, Mrs. Melmer and Mrs. Moffat. An instructive article on housecleaning hints was read by Mrs. A. Frank.

The ladies enjoyed the chatter over the tea-cups while the hostess and committee served a lovely lunch.

ROYALTY CLUB PLANS FOR MORE HELP FOR LOCAL CRIPPLED CHILDREN

Acton Rotary Club devoted their last meeting entirely to the Easter Seal Campaign and the need of raising funds for the crippled children. One local case was undertaken for an indefinite period with treatments that could not be otherwise obtained for this young patient. It will require much more than was realized last year from the Easter Seal to look after this one commitment and other functions are to be held to meet this and other cases.

Arrangements were also made for the annual ladies' night to be held this year on March 30 at the Yellow Briar Inn near Brampton.

EDEN MILLS Ladies' Aid, WMS February Meeting

The February meetings of the WMS and Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian Church were held in the home of Mrs. Donald Clarke. The WMS meeting opened with a poem by the president and hymn 212. The devotions were taken by Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Milne. After reports and correspondence were read it was moved to accept the resolution, also given for the ballot call was answered by naming a duo.

Mrs. Wallace Lashby Jr. gave a very interesting paper, prepared from the Glad Tidings. Several items of business were dealt with and the meeting closed with a hymn and the Lord's Prayer.

The Ladies' Aid was in charge of Mrs. Will Gilbertson, who opened with a hymn and prayer. Minutes and reports were read and a business discussion followed. Mrs. Herb Gilbertson gave a humorous reading and roll call was answered by showing a picture of your husband. Meeting closed with the benediction. A social half hour was spent with Mrs. Wright, assisting the hostess. Owing to many being laid up with the flu the attendance was not as large as usual.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ramsey on the arrival of a little daughter on the 21st.

Mr. and Mrs. George McIntosh and Dianne of Guelph visited on Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lowrie.

The many friends of Mr. Ben Turk wish him a speedy recovery from his severe attack of flu.

Mrs. Jeanne Landale of Brampton is at the home of her brother, Mr. Ben Turk.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday.

EVERTON Seven Tables Play At Euchre Friday

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Pallframan visited on Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Horst.

Mr. Wm. Head and Mr. Ben Simons were taken to hospital in Guelph with the flu over the weekend. All wish these men a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Justin, Patsy and Nancy, Rockwood, visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Justin and Babby.

There were seven tables in play at the euchre on Friday night. High lady was Ann Kinsbury, high man, Jim Cross. The travelling prizes went to Mrs. J. P. Bowman and Mr. Harold Sunter.

Mr. Jack Cox spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fountain and family.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bye (nee Barbara Benjamin) of Guelph on the arrival of their son on Monday, February 20th.

A. H. Perrott, Conductor of Lorne Scots, Bandmaster of Acton Citizens' Band

Alfred H. Perrott has accepted the position of bandmaster of the Acton Citizens' Band. Mr. Perrott, whose home is in Brampton, but boards in Georgetown, is the bandmaster of the Lorne Scots Band and the Streetsville Band. He also trains other bands who hope under his guidance to attain the fine standards set by the Lorne Scots in annual competitions. This band has taken firsts at the Canadian National Exhibition for the last two years and also places high at the Waterloo Band Tattoo.

Mr. Perrott was in Acton on Wednesday, February 21 for the first practice with the local bandmen, newly organized under the name of Acton Citizens' Band. Several members of the older Citizens' Band were out for the practice supporting the members who have graduated from the Boys' and Girls Band into this new group.

Those just learning band instruments will start first with the Boys' and Girls' Band for elementary training, while the senior organization will be able to tackle more advanced music.

The executive of the Citizens' Band expect to have more members than were at the first practice and look forward to a splendid year of musical progress. Bandmaster Perrott, unfamiliar with the possibilities of his new charge, did not mention entering any competitions. Practices are held every Wednesday evening with Mr. Perrott traveling from Georgetown to conduct.

Legion Ladies Give Gifts at Hospital

At the last regular monthly meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion, one of the business items was \$100 to be given to buy comforts for some of the patients in Spinnbrook Hospital. In buying these comforts, Mr. Barr kindly donated another \$20.

The president, with three or four of the members, offered to distribute these gifts personally at their own expense so last week the gifts were taken down.

The ladies visited as many men as the gifts would provide for. The look on some of their faces proved to the ladies it had been a worth while job.

They also had parcels for L. Atkinson, Din Wiggins and Penny Hrislow.

Churchill Group Met in New Home

Mrs. B. Leitch was hostess last Wednesday afternoon to the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Churchill W.A. Mrs. D. Russell was in charge of the devotional period, after which the president, Mrs. W. Sutherland, took over the meeting.

Plans were made for the next meeting and a picnic social was discussed to be held in the maple strip season.

Mrs. Leitch and her helpers served a dainty lunch while the ladies admired her lovely new home.

Goy Truck Struck By Toronto Vehicle

Braking on Mill St. just opposite the Post Office about 10:15 a.m. this morning (Thursday) a car driven by Benjamin Mintz of Bathurst St., Toronto, slid into one of Johnny Goy's trucks which was parked by the side of the street.

Provincial policeman P. Krecklewich investigated the accident, and estimated the damage to the truck at \$25 and to the car at about \$10.

The street was quite slippery at the time.

FOUR THOUSAND RACES

The world-famous British jockey, Gordon Richards, is now winner of 4,000 races, an achievement never approached by any other champion rider in any country. Richards also holds the world record of riding 12 consecutive winners. He has and has ridden in some 15,500 races, been racing regularly for 30 years. In one year alone he rode 250 winners.

OSPRINGE Flu Hits District, Few Homes Escape

Flu struck this community with swiftness and severity last week and few homes have escaped it. Most patients are improving and it now seems to be on the wane.

Mr. Ken Robertson of Toronto spent a day last week at his home here.

Miss Marjan Sinclair of Guelph visited over the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Sinclair.

Miss Doris Finney spent a few days last week with friends in Toronto.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. W. Clarke (nee Helen Allen) of Guelph in the passing of their infant son. A number from here attended the funeral at Everton on Wednesday.

Miss Isabella de'Entremont and friend of Guelph spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Brown and family.