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CHILDREN'S AID ANNUAL REPORT SHOWS YEAR OF IMPORTANT WORK

The Children's Aid Society of the County of Halton held its annual meeting on May 9th in St. Paul's United Church, Milton, where nearly 100 interested people from the county and elsewhere gathered to hear a report of the year's work.

Rev. James L. Blair, pastor of St. Paul's, opened the meeting with prayer, which was followed by a welcome extended by President E. D. Mahon. The brief business meeting included the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting and the treasurer's report.

Mr. G. F. Thompson, superintendent, gave his report for the year, speaking briefly on the various departments of work handled by the Children's Aid Society. Statistics show that 297 children were involved in the 137 cases dealt with in the Protection Department. The Society endeavors, wherever possible, to assist in strengthening family ties and only as a last resort are these ties broken. Low standards of living, continual drinking, quarrelling and immorality lead to the dissolution of the home. Consequently, as a result of court action, 23 children became wards of the Society during the year.

A very pleasant interlude preceded the address of the evening, when a male quartette from the Mr. and Mrs. Club of the United Church offered two selections, following which Mr. Wm. VanSickle introduced the speaker.

Dr. James M. Mather, well-known and popular Director of the Halton County Health Unit, very ably addressed the gathering. His topic was Health and Welfare in rural Ontario. By exemplification, the speaker made mention of the variety of meanings embodied in the word, health to the diverse nations of the world. In 1850,

when man's life expectancy was 40 years, the Medical Officer of Health was concerned chiefly with problems of communicable disease in epidemic proportion. His concern then did not embrace problems of housing and mental health, but through continued efforts and increased medical knowledge, baby boys born to-day have a life expectancy of 63 years and their sisters, two years more. Epidemics of the more serious communicable diseases are almost unheard of and infant deaths have been drastically reduced.

Halton County enjoys fullest co-operation between the Health Unit and the only existing welfare organization, the Children's Aid Society, both of which are working toward the same ultimate goal, the improvement of conditions in general. But, the responsibility of welfare is still ill-defined. The members of the Health Unit Staff are trained to do medical work while the interest of the Children's Aid is the children. All other welfare is handled by individuals in the various municipalities, and lacks central co-ordination. At the present time legislation exists which would enable any group of municipalities to form an organization similar to that of the Health Unit, and right now universities are training personnel who would be qualified to assume the task of making it function. Halton County, he said, has been a leader in many things and he concluded by challenging the thinking people of the county to consider the possibilities and benefits of organized welfare.

Mr. MacKenzie Robinson, in his thanks to the speaker, summed up the thoughts of many when he complimented Dr. Mather on his address and the food for thought which he had provided.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read and the President declared as Officers and Directors for the year:

President, E. D. Mahon, Campbellville; Vice-President, Mrs. W. A. Wenzel, Burlington; Secretary, C. L. Kirkness, Acton; Treasurer, Wm. Deans, Georgetown; Superintendent, G. F. Thompson, Milton.

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Mr. W. H. Matthews, Toronto, was again appointed auditor and an invitation to the Annual Conference at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, on May 17th and 18th was extended to all interested people.

Greetings from the County Council were brought by Warden K. Y. Dick and from Hamilton Children's Aid Society by Miss E. Duffy, now of that staff. Mr. Amos Mason, former President of the Society, also spoke of his continued interest in the work. Thanks to the church were extended by G. W. McKenzie, Acton.

After the singing of the National Anthem, a tastefully prepared lunch served by the Couples' Club was enjoyed during the social hour which concluded the meeting.

at the arena. Instead of running around the race track for the half mile or 440 the athletes could be seen running around the arena five or six times.

The Tom Watson Challenge Trophy for the winner of the open half mile run will be a new feature award of this year's meet. This trophy will be competed for each year and will be retained by the winning school until a new successor has been declared. Particulars concerning each winner will be engraved on the trophy as a permanent record of his achievement. Other awards will include ribbons for first, second, and third. Statuette trophies for the persons who obtain the highest number of points in their class in both boys' and girls' divisions will be given.

On Saturday, the school left Acton at eleven thirty a.m. in time for the games beginning at twelve thirty at the O.A.C. grounds in Guelph.

Our volleyball team placed second against Alliston. It was the best of three games and Alliston won in two straight games. The

scores were: Alliston 15, Acton 13 and Alliston 15, Acton 10.

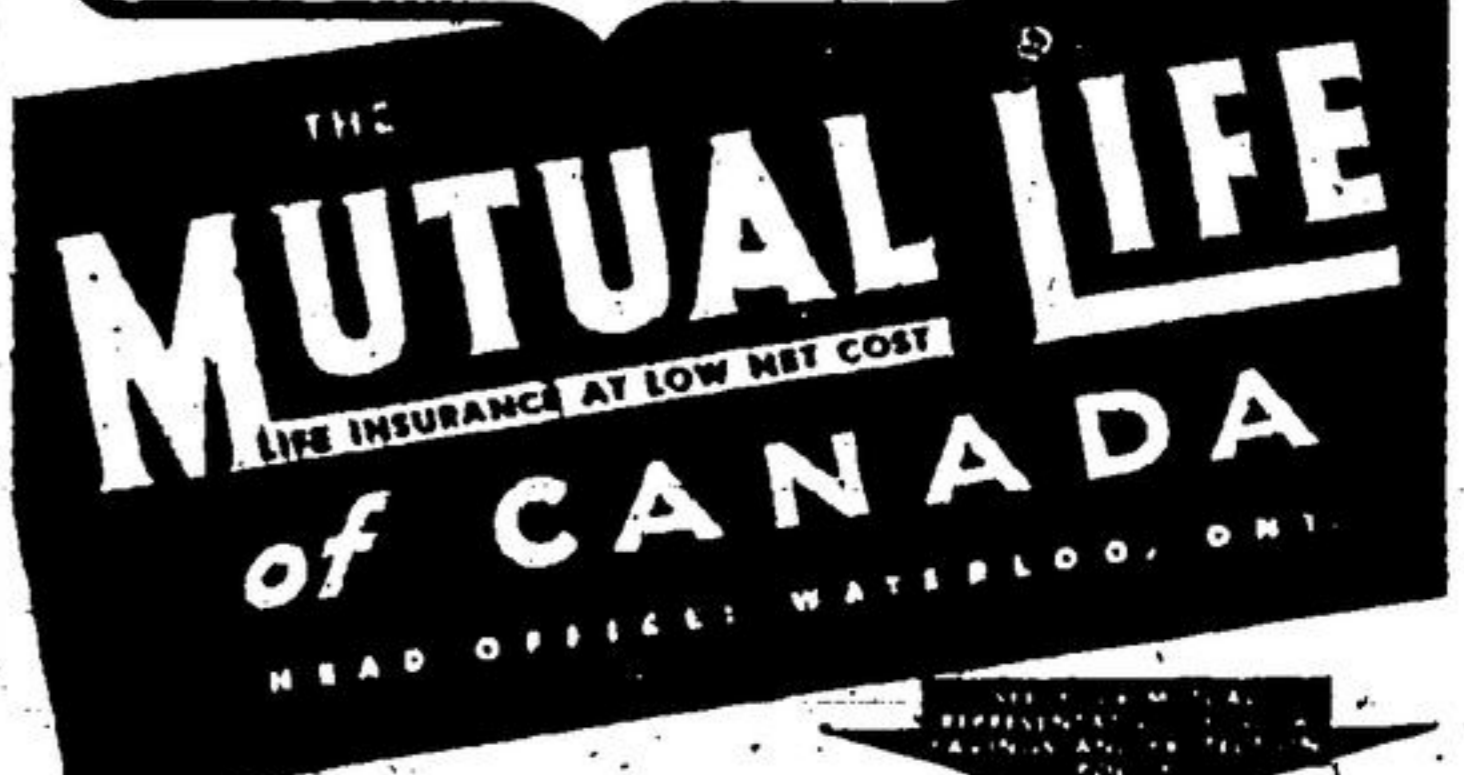
Then Alliston went on to play Kitchener and came out victorious again.

In the track and field events the girls did not win any ribbons but the competition was very tough. Russell Arbie won a second in the 100 yd. dash and Jimmie Crawford Douglas won a third in the shot put and John Ware placed third in the hundred yard dash. Each competitor could only enter three events and if you were in the track and field you could not be on the volleyball team.

The baseball season is in full swing around A.H.S. Teams have been chosen in the P. T. periods and everyone is most enthusiastic. If we have a good team we may even play our rivals in Milton and Georgetown.

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Acton High School News

Last Thursday morning at assembly, Mr. Robbins showed the sixth in his series of seven films. The last film was shown this morning. The sixth reel began at Mount Vesuvius down to the Isle of Capri, then up to Rome and on up to the border of Germany. Points of interest in this film were the leaning tower of Pisa in Italy, St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, the home of Christopher Columbus at Genoa and the Brenner Pass going across the Alps in Austria.

Due to unfavourable weather conditions last Friday the practice for the Inter-School Meet was held

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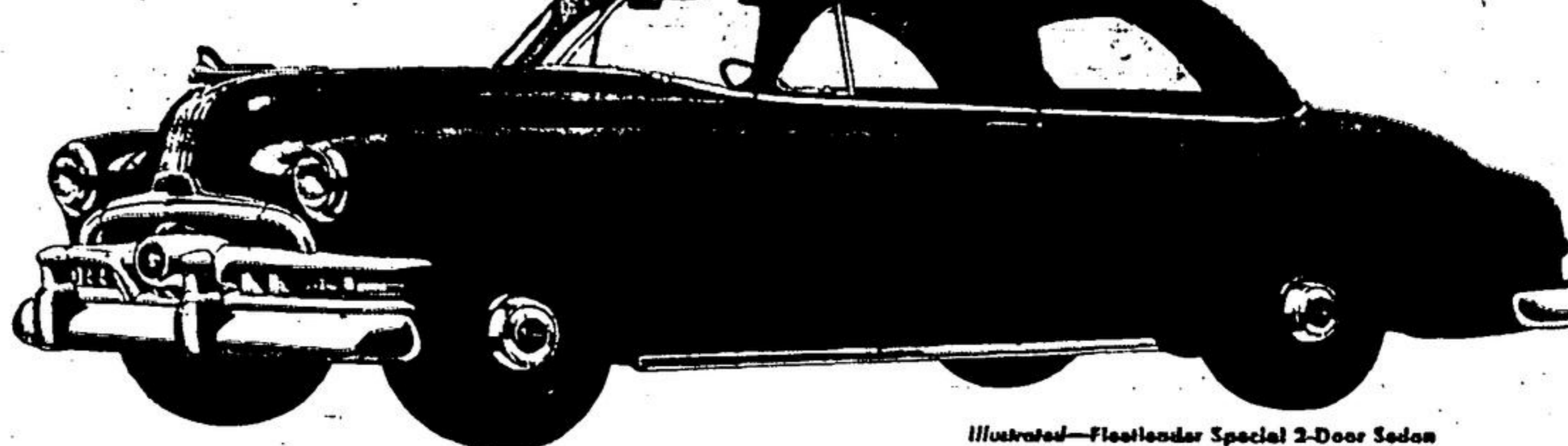
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