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FIRE HALL TOO SMALL FOR NEW PUMPER

Residents Protest Closing Laneway off Bower Ave.

Residents of Bower Avenue who are owners of houses serviced from a laneway between Alice Street and an entrance near Frederick Street protested to council the closing of this lane which had been open for sixty years and asked council's reasons for the action. Council explained that closing of the lane had not been authorized but they had consented to a hearing when a request had been made by J. W. Wolfe. Notice to this effect had been published and ample time given to register objections. The property owners pointed out that 10 families benefitted by keeping the laneway open and only one family by its closing. Council pointed out they were obligated to hear both sides, had taken the proper procedure and all arguments for and against would be considered at the hearing advertised for that purpose and the notice had appeared and would appear in four issues of the Free Press.

Mr. Wm. Middleton asked that more light be provided near the Scout Hall for the sake of the children attending there in such numbers. Council agreed to consider the request and asked the Street Committee to bring in their recommendations for the next meeting.

Messrs. J. Hurst and W. Mattocks on behalf of the Acton Branch of the Legion asked co-operation of Council in the Remembrance Day services on Sunday, November 11 and permission to hold Poppy Days on the Friday and Saturday previous. Council agreed and accepted the invitation to attend the service in a body.

Fire Chief Dawkins asked that Council give official approval of the mutual aid plan of fire protection and also check the coverage to see that insurance and compensation was provided in this type of work. He asked that \$5 be appropriated for incidentals such as postage etc. for the Secretary. He pointed out that at present a ruling of Council forbade the truck to leave town and if mutual aid was to operate it would be necessary to rescind this ruling.

The committee appointed submitted one proposal for alterations to the fire hall to accommodate the new fire truck. One sketch of a proposed garage was submitted by J. B. Mackenzie and Son. This garage was 24 feet by 30 feet 2 inches of concrete and brick veneer construction. The cost was estimated at \$2,635.00 and probable changes to the outside stairway would be \$36.00. The building would adjoin the present fire hall.

A motion to dispose of the old fire truck as a fire fighting unit was lost by a vote.

It was decided to wait for further information on three proposals before making any decision on the needed building. A committee was appointed to get these proposals from the various builders in town and give it immediate attention.

The Clerk was instructed to send an account to Beamish Co. for cement supplied when work was being done on the streets.

It was decided to have stencils made for use on road signs to be painted on the pavement.

The road committee was empowered to secure stone for improving Mason and McDonald Boulevards after the town foreman and committee had decided what was needed. Top material for Mill St. East may also be secured if necessary.

The account for the fire truck was received from G. E. Hickey Co. and the clerk was instructed to write pointing out that the sales tax added should not have been added as contract stated tax was included in the price submitted.

The Council by motion authorized payment to Fire Chief Dawkins of mileage to attend a meeting in Oakville, 58 miles at 5c and \$6.00 for lost time for trip to Stratford, total amount \$8.00.

A report was received from the Boiler Inspection stating that the boiler at the Y.M.C.A. had been inspected and no conditions were observed that require attention at this time.

A letter from C. A. Meadows and Associates gave details of an engineering service which had been inaugurated for smaller towns. They were prepared for an annual retaining fee to give advice and guidance on the various municipal projects and if the work is undertaken they would act on the regular tariff fee. The Clerk was instructed to get more information.

The Police report showed \$88 collected in fines and the town received \$27.05 of this amount.

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Fall Wedding in Toronto Church

Runnymede United Church, Toronto, was decorated with settings of yellow and white chrysanthemums last Saturday when Rev. E. W. Jewitt officiated at the marriage of Mary Kathleen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy James Brown, Toronto, and David Robert Dills, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Dills, Acton.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a formal white gown with a bodice of imported lace and a bouffant skirt of net. This was worn under a redingote of matching lace which buttoned from the waist to a high stand-up collar. Her fingertip veil of tulle illusion was caught to a cap of beaded lace. She carried a cascade of swainsonia, petalled mums and Eucharist lilies with trailing myrtle.

Dublin Institute Make Contribution

The regular monthly meeting of Dublin Women's Institute was held last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles Thompson, Nassagaweya with a fine attendance of ladies. Mrs. C. Ferguson, the president, presided over the meeting.

Correspondence and "Thank You" letters were read by the Secretary, Mrs. G. R. Somerville. It was decided not to send for the W.I. grant. A donation was voted for the new Home for the Aged at Milton. There was a discussion about entering a quilt in the quilt competition being sponsored by the Salada Tea Company, but it was left over for further consideration at a later meeting.

The layette used at the Milton Fair-Exhibit will be given to the Halton Children's Aid Society. The Secretary reported that the invitation extended to the Executive of the Halton Women's Institute to hold their District Annual next June was accepted, and will be held in Knox Church, Acton. The roll call was answered by "My favourite Hobby."

Mrs. Wilmer Watkins gave a full report of the District Directors' meeting held recently in Milton. As this was the Hobby meeting, a good many of the ladies brought samples of their work which proved most interesting. Mrs. Willard Britton gave a very instructive paper on "Home Economics" and Mrs. R. L. Davidson gave a humorous reading. Mrs. J. C. Dennis spoke on the motto "A thing of beauty is a joy forever."

Two members who have recently moved away, Mrs. J. Surbey, of Vancouver, B.C. and Mrs. C. J. VanGouzen of Guelph were remembered with small gifts. A committee with Mrs. Calvin McIntyre as Convenor was chosen to make arrangements for a euchre and dance to be held in Stewarttown Community Hall early in November.

A report on the progress of the compiling of a Tweedsmuir History was given by Mrs. J. Dennis. A number have sent in a history of their farms and families and others were urged to do so, that there might be a fairly complete record to add to the history of this district.

The hostess, Mrs. Thompson, assisted by Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. W. McIntyre and Mrs. Britton served a lovely lunch.

600 at Presbytery S.S. Rally Sunday

About 600 representative of 31 Sunday Schools attended the first Halton Presbytery Sunday School Rally in St. Paul's United Church, Milton on Sunday.

Rev. Douglas Smith, St. Giles United Church, Hamilton, was the guest speaker and addressed the group on the theme "Growing up." Rev. Arthur Steed, Zion United Church, Hamilton, was the soloist.

The St. Paul's Sunday School orchestra under the direction of Mrs. C. K. Stevenson provided a musical prelude as well as accompanying the organ.

A banner contributed by the Christian Education Committee of the Presbytery and sponsors of the rally, was awarded to Churchill Sunday School for having 90 per cent of its total enrollment at the Rally. The banner will be competed for next year.

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Society Directors Meet in Milton

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Children's Aid Society was held in the Society Office, Milton, on the evening of October 16th with a good attendance. Owing to the illness of the president, Mr. E. D. Mahon, Mrs. W. A. Weaver, vice-president of Burlington, presided.

The accounts for the month of September, amounting to \$1,321.04, were approved for payment.

It was decided to engage W. H. Clement to decorate the Society offices.

Dr. Cranfield reported on the possibility of having psychological examinations for Society wards.

Ernest Maury, Supervisor from the Provincial Department of Child Welfare was present. He discussed with the Board members the work of the Society and the minimum requirements of service as set out in the regulations.

Big Congregations Knox Anniversary

The largest congregations in many years taxed the capacity of Knox Church last Sunday morning and evening on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the beginning of the congregation. The Reverend R. Forbes Thomson, M. A., B.D., who was minister here during the years of the war, preached at both services and he and Mrs. Thomson with their children, were warmly welcomed back by their Acton friends.

At the evening service, there were many from the sister communions and the Reverend E. A. Curry, B. A., B.D., of the United Church, read the lesson and Mr. Shuter, representing the Baptists, led in prayer. The minister of Knox Church, Rev. R. H. Armstrong, conducted the services.

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At the morning service, Mr. Thomson preached on the subject, "You need the church" taking as his text the words of Peter: "Lord, to whom shall we go, Thou hast the words of eternal life." He pointed out that in the Apostle's Creed, which is the oldest of the creeds of the church, the Christian confesses that he believes in the church and went on to say that in every department of life, we do need the church.

His evening subject was "The church needs you" and he based his sermon on the encounter of the woman of Samaria with our Lord at Jacob's Well. Mr. Thomson stressed that it was an audacious thing to suggest that Jesus and His church should need what we have to offer, but that it was true. God can, and does, use the people of His church in the working out of His sovereign purposes.

On Monday evening, over 550 people, many of them coming from long distances, sat down to a turkey dinner provided by the Ladies' Aid Society.

Dinner was followed by a concert. Participants from out-of-town were Mr. and Mrs. Earl McDowell and Mr. Ted Morris of Runnymede Presbyterian Church and Mrs. Ward Bruce of Ospringe.

As a special request, Mrs. J. L. Davidson and Mr. George Musselwhite sang "The Holy City". Three young people, Sheila Paul and Evelyn and Marjorie McDonald, delighted the audience, Sheila with her violin and Evelyn and Marjorie with vocal duets. Mr. Hansen and Mrs. Robertson were accompanists. The National Anthem brought the evening to a close.

GHOSTS, WITCHES GALORE AT THE FRIENDLY CIRCLE ANNUAL HALLOWE'EN FROLIC

Ghosts, witches, and many characters from story book land, paraded the Acton Streets, last Wednesday evening, all headed in one direction, the annual Halloween frolic of the Friendly Circle, held at the home of Mrs. Nessett, Main St.

About forty-five members appeared in costume giving the judges some trouble in choosing the best. After the grand parade, however, prizes were awarded as follows: Best costume (scarce crowd) Mrs. Garmel McKenzie; most unusual (rehearse lady) Mrs. Herb Cook; prettiest costume (Bo-peep) Mrs. J. J. Stewart; seasonal costume (autumn) Mrs. Gordon Johnston.

Group leaders for the evening were Mrs. Elmer Smith and Mrs. Doby. Their group then enacted a very realistic ghost story.

A number of Halloween stunts and games were played, with the winners all receiving prizes.

The Bible and Sunday Sports

The regular meeting of the Knox Church P.Y.P.S. was held on Tuesday, October 24th, beginning with the President's Call to Worship. Diane Dawkins read the scripture and Loren Roszell and Joe Jani led in prayer. During the business part of the meeting, James Greer was nominated to be in charge of transportation of members to the Fall Rally which is to be held in Eden Mills.

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Angus Langille Is C.C.F. Candidate

Angus Langille, Oakville, was nominated C. C. F. candidate at the nomination meeting of the Halton C.C.F. Association in Milton Town Hall on Monday of this week. Archie Service of Milton contested the nomination. On the motion of Mr. Service, the nomination was made unanimous.

Charles Millard, M.P.P. (West York), director of the United Steelworkers of America C.I.O., addressed the meeting, presided over by Stanley Allen, association president.

Mr. Millard was introduced by Mr. Service. The speaker pointed out that the Conservative government had called its third election in six years without any major issue being apparent.

The speaker challenged the old parties to adopt, as an election promise, a form of automobile insurance similar to that now in force in Saskatchewan.

The wife cast a despairing glance at a gold loving cup in her husband's hand; "Second prize a deluxe sedan," she snorted, "third prize a television set, and you have to go and win first!"

County Masons Meet in Acton

Walker Lodge A. F. and A. M. were hosts last night to 200 Masonic brethren at the annual Halton County meeting held in Acton. The lodge rooms were filled to overflowing and the banquet hall had every available seat taken.

Following the session in the Lodge Hall at which a very interesting historical sketch was given by Bro. McVittie, the Ladies' Aid of the United Church catered for a delightful turkey dinner that was complete and satisfying and the subject of much praise.

Wor Bro J. B. Watkins was master of ceremonies, Marilyn Cairn and Gerald Homewood of Campbellville, delighted the crowd with vocal duets. The toast to Grand Lodge was proposed by Bro. J. H. Reid of Acton and responded to by Rt. Wor. Bro. D. E. Wade, D.D.G.M. of Wellington District. Rt. Wor. Bro. H. L. Martyn, chairman of Masonic Education of Grand Lodge was the speaker of the evening and was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. J. A. Lealie. His subject was of course Masonic Education and the need for understanding of what the Masonic Order stands for.

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ON BAFFIN ISLAND 1/Const. Clayton Fryer is shown with the two guides, Kyak and Arreak, who accompanied him on a two month 1,300 mile patrol by dog team. The guides' families are shown. Clayton was on Baffin Island for three years, administering the affairs of the Eskimos. Story of experiences next week.

Wiring Work to be Ready If Installations Are Made

Mr. D. Dawkins signed a contract with Acton Public Utilities Commission on Tuesday night for wiring the pumping station. It was agreed that the wiring will be completed by November 15th providing all motors and other equipment are installed by Mr. Muckart, who has the plumbing contract. It is Mr. Muckart's job to install the motors and the electrical contractor makes the electrical connections. The Secretary was instructed to get in touch with the engineer to see that the work is completed as speedily as possible. A minor change in the wiring installation was authorized by the P.U.C. subject to the engineer's passing of the same.

The Secretary and Chairman were authorized to sign an agreement with the Bell Telephone Co. for the purchase of 36 poles. These poles are mostly on the west side of Mill Street where Bell have removed their cable to back yard installation. The cost of these poles is \$238.

Mr. A. Long of Micro Plastics was present at this meeting. They are looking up a grinding mill which will draw 50 h.p. The Micro Plastics contemplate a gradual changeover to 550 power and eliminating of the 220 power service. The P.U.C. expressed their willingness to facilitate this changeover as speedily as possible so that no obstacle would be placed in the way of any industry expanding.

Superintendent Mason reported that the power line was installed at the Main Street sewage pumping station. The contractor, Mr. Jordan, has promised to have this plant wired, ready for the inspection by Monday. The plant can then be put in operation and the lines pumped out.

The matter of collecting for a damaged fire hydrant on Guelph Street was discussed. The account is to be sent out and if not paid, put in the hands of the court for collection.

Supt. Mason reported that Georgetown Hydro were lending a couple of poles for installation of transformer poles at the sewage treatment plant at the Acton, P.U.C. poles have not as yet arrived.

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\$242 Fines and Costs in Court

On a charge of driving while his ability was impaired by liquor, Melvin Craspan, Acton, was fined \$50 and costs of \$24 by Magistrate K. Langdon in Police Court in Acton yesterday morning. Another charge of careless driving against him was dismissed. \$10 and costs of \$3 was paid by D. A. Jollymore of Toronto under the Liquor Control Act.

Seventeen other charges for offences against the Highway Traffic Act were on the docket and three were adjourned for hearing on November 14th while fines with costs ranging from \$3.50 up to \$23 were paid by the offenders. Evidence of the temptation of Acton's good roads was found when nine were charged with speeding.

Other Highway traffic offences were failure to have an ownership card and cost \$15 in court. Four motorists failed to observe the Stop signs and one had defective lights. Total fines and costs levied in yesterday's court on charges laid by Acton police amounted to \$242.

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Public Relations Topic At W. I.

Community Activities and Public Relations was the topic for the October meeting of Greenock Women's Institute held at the home of Mrs. J. E. Pearen and Miss Elva Pearen with sixteen members, one visitor and several children present.

The president, Mrs. Thos. Hensley, was in charge and the roll call was answered with "A way of beautifying your community."

Mrs. Angus Thompson read the scripture and the motto "Set your standards high" was taken by Mrs. Elliott Patterson. The report of the Area Convention was presented, as well as the Community Activities and Public Relations report given at the convention.

The Schneider Supper to be held at Greenock School the latter part of November was discussed and a social evening was arranged to be held at Mrs. Thos. Hensley's home the last of October.

Mrs. J. L. Allen presided for the program which included solo, "The Last Chord" by Mrs. H. G. Turner; paper, "Relatively Speaking" by Mrs. Elwood Johnston, stressing the close relationship of the Institute and the home community. Solos with guitar accompaniment, "Forever and Ever" and "The East Bound Train" were rendered by Mrs. Bill Johnston. A musical name contest conducted by Mrs. J. L. Allan was won by Mrs. Hensley.

PRESENTATION MADE TO COUPLE MARKING 43RD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

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