

CAMPBELLVILLE

Special Christmas Church Meetings

Grace Mission Band held their Christmas meeting at the home of Mrs. Greenlee on Saturday afternoon with the president presiding. The meeting was opened with a call to worship by Joan Cramp and prayer by Sandra Turner with Anita Smith reading the Christmas Bible lesson.

A Christmas poem was given with 17 girls taking part. Recitations were given by Donna Mitchell and Fern Tomshaw.

Mrs. Wallace read a Christmas story. The officers for 1952 were appointed as follows: President, Anita Smith; vice-president, Lois Greenlee; secretary, Joan Cramp; assistant sec., Sandra Turner; pianist, Lois Ingles; assistant, Gloria Purdy; cheer secretary, Beverly Roberts.

Twelve of the members received seals or certificates for attendance. Those receiving certificates were: Audrey Early, Joan Black, Sandra Black, Helen Cramp, Joan Early, Seale, Anita Smith, Gloria Purdy, Sandra Turner, Marianna Greenlee, Lois Greenlee, Joan Cramp.

As usual there was an exchange of gifts with a special home coming gift to the leader Mrs. Wallace, who expressed her appreciation to the members. The Mission Band had the joy of contributing \$90 towards the General Fund for Missions.

Mrs. Ramshaw thanked the hostess and all who had helped with the program. The meeting closed with prayer by Joan Black. Refreshments were served and a pleasant half hour was enjoyed.

The W.M.S. of St. David's Church held their December meeting at the home of Mrs. S. Cairns on Wednesday afternoon. The president opened the meeting with a Christmas Call to Worship. Carols were sung, followed by prayer. Reports were received from the secretary and treasurer. The cheer secretary reported 26 Presbyterian Church calendars subscribed for. The Supply Secretary read a letter of appreciation for the W.M.S. and also the Mission Band sales sent to Birnie school. This letter was written by Kathleen Reesaw.

Plans were made for the World Day of Prayer service. The Christmas service of worship in the Glad Tidings was followed with Miss E. J. McPhail giving an interesting reading "By Invitation of Jesus". The ladies taking part were Mrs. J. K. Mahon, Mrs. Chris McPhail, Miss Katherine McPhedran, Mrs. George Ingles, Mrs. Greenlee.

Several Christmas carols were sung. The meeting closed with the reading of the third and fourth verses of "O Little Town of Bethlehem" by Mrs. Mahon as a benediction. Although there was not a large attendance the meeting was worthwhile.

A social period followed. Mrs. Elliot thanked the hostess and all who had taken part.

Erin Twp. Council Let Plowing Bid

A special meeting of Erin Township Council, called by the Reeve was held on December 5th for the purpose of considering tenders called by the Road Superintendent for snow-blowing during the season of 1951 and 1952 in the Township.

On account of Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Griffin the tender of the Cox Construction Co was accepted.

The contract was as follows: Contract price \$9.00 per hour. Standby 66 hrs per month at \$9.00 per hr. for three months. Contract to begin Dec 20, 1951 and to continue to March 20th, 1952. Contractor allowed use of shed for machinery providing he supply fuel for heating purposes.

The regular December meeting of Erin Township council was held on Monday December 17th. Members were all present and Reeve Goldwin Burt presided.

A By-law to adopt the Assessment Roll for 1952 as revised was given the necessary readings and passed.

Wednesday, December 26, "Boxing Day" was proclaimed a Public Holiday in Erin Township.

The Treasurer was authorized to make adjustments of receipts and charges between the township and the Police Village of Hillsburgh and Owen. Interest payments and interest receipts between the Township and the Telephone Commission, to pay the County tax of \$40,649.51, and to pay City Township accounts that may be presented before January 1st, 1952.

A resolution authorized the collector and clerk to prepare a list of lands liable for sale for tax arrears, with instructions to notify ratepayers that are in arrears.

The Bates Construction Co. was engaged for snow-plowing during the winter of 1951 and 1952 as contract of the previous year with the County.

It was resolved that the members of Council be paid for services as Road Commissioners for the year as follows: Reeve \$110, Deputy-

POUNGING THE BEAT with A. Vengeance

REFEREES! The N.H.L. is seeking competent men who can enforce the regulations in addition to interpreting them. Men who can add color to the game are preferred. The top brass is dissatisfied with the present crop of whistle tooters and is looking for material in the smaller centres. Qualifications: Ability to withstand verbal abuse, even temperment, gestures to suit every incident which crops up, a hard look, an even harder head, thick skin, and above-all one blind eye to show to the crowds. A knowledge of the game isn't necessary as there are usually eight or nine thousand assistants in attendance who, with no charge, will supply particulars whether you want them or not. No dead-beats need bother filing applications.

TOP HAND to show in these parts as a referee was Maurice Walsh who was equally adept at handling Intermediate and Junior games. Maurice is now in the N.H.L. after a year as referee-in-chief in the Maritime Senior circuit, possibly the best proving ground for any referee. Apprenticeship in the east coast league either makes or breaks you. "Honey" Kuntz, Frank Udvari, Frank Liscombe and Jim Kelly are others of whom fond words are spoken by Acton fans. At the top of the hate parade is Pat Patterson, whom, it is alleged, showed a marked partiality for the Georgetown Raiders in intermediate play-off struggles. Acton fans drew this conclusion in the season of 1948-49.

THAT WAS the year organized hockey was getting back on its feet after the war. The Tanners finished on top of the six team group and toppled import-studded clubs easily. Georgetown, after a flying start, wound up in third place and was pitted against Acton in the play-offs. With Pat handling the first game in Georgetown it ended up a tie. The best of three series went to Acton with the clubs agreed the winner would take the series. Pat showed up to handle the game. With the score tied and about two minutes to play, Patterson sent "Porge" Riddall, bouncing Acton defenseman, to the cooler on a cheap penalty. Georgetown scored while Riddall did penance. Acton fans have since associated Mr. Patterson with calumny, injustice, and Georgetown.

THE ACTON Minor Sports Club's town league should soon be in full blast if the cold weather hangs on. There's an organization meeting slated for the arena tonight (Thursday) when teams will be chosen and captains named. The Minor Sports Club executive are working hard to make the league a big success and if plans materialize every boy in Acton will have their share of hockey this year. A booster night is planned for later on in the season. Freddie Kentner was home for Christmas from Washington where he is playing hockey with Washington Lions of the Eastern United States Amateur League.

Reeve \$95.00, Councilors \$85.00 each

Members of the Court of Revision each received a day's pay for viewing properties and Albert Wheeler and Harold Griffin were paid \$5.00 each for use of their cars.

Walter T. Wilson was refunded \$1411 on 1951 taxes because of improper assessment and Norman Cunningham was refunded \$4.90 error in taxes.

Accounts were paid as follows: General accounts, \$1,377.25, sheep, \$311.00, relief, \$104.35, road, \$3,130.25, Hillsburgh Police Village Road accounts \$463.68.

Beardmore's Party Attended By Santa

Over 300 children of Beardmore and Co employees spoke personally to Santa Claus last week during the annual Beardmore children's party, held Friday afternoon in the Romy Theatre. Santa had a pre-Christmas gift for each child, with those under 10 receiving full stockings and the boys over 10 pucks and hockey sticks.

Professional entertainers amused the youngsters and about 50 adults present. The Harmonitones had a varied musical act; the Honeyes were successful comedians and Lou Rich did juggling and magic acts.

R. B. Parker as master of ceremonies, called each youngster to Santa Claus by name.

The classer a man, the more distant his pals.

Object To Closing Alley at Council

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ized to hire the necessary help temporarily for flooding. An agreement from the County Engineer, R. Smith, covering the maintenance costs on roads termed as connecting links was delayed for investigation. It was pointed out that Mr. Smith had had since April to prepare this and it had not been received until December 18th, for passing before the end of the year.

A capital loan was to be procured from the Bank of Montreal to be paid over a two-year period. This loan of \$4,212 was for payment of the snowblower.

Payment was authorized to C. E. Hickey of \$7,300 for the fire pumper minus \$100 promised by their representative if the town kept the old truck.

Approval was received from the Department of Highways for grants on an additional \$4,300 for road purposes. This brings the total approved for road grants to \$39,500 for 1951.

Council authorized payment of the hold back of K. J. Beaulieu Co. Ltd. on the paving contract on arrival of a maintenance bond and approval from the engineer. The hold back amounted to \$21,245.11.

W. Coon and G. A. Dills were appointed representatives of the North Halton High School District Board for 1952.

The balance of the levy for operation costs of the school district amounting to \$1,702.40 was approved for payment.

A statement was received showing the town's share of the fines for November as \$83.90.

Payment of the following accounts was approved:

Bell Telephone Co. services	\$ 57.18
Dr. F. G. Oakes, service re stray dog	3.00
Anderson Welding, welding signs	2.00
Hargrave's Service Station, gas and oil	13.87
Watson's Dairy Bar, lunches	7.80
Elliott Sand and Gravel, washed sand	38.50
Election Expenses	64.00
J. McGeachie, Old Age Pensions	10.00
Acton P. U. C., hydrant rental	3000.00
Halton Mfg. Co., blower on grader	110.00
Lorne Garner Motors, gas and service	5.10
Wm. J. Robertson, making order	1.00
County of Halton, re hospital accounts	594.00
C. F. Leatherland, salary, expenses, etc.	283.32
	\$4,150.97

The location of the sign announcing the town at the east entrance was blamed for obscuring vision when approaching the number 7 highway from the third line. It was explained that the sign was out of town and the property of the Department of Highways.

In consideration of the abnormal 20 to 25 hours worked daily by the salaried employees, A. Kirkness and W. Kentner in plowing snow, making ice at the arena, collecting garbage and cemetery care for the last two weeks, council approved payment of \$50 to the men.

The clerk was authorized, on confirmation of the Finance Committee chairman to pay accounts before the end of the year.

At the conclusion of the meeting Reeve Hargrave presented retiring Mayor Tyler with a leather wallet for his excellent guidance during the past year. The Mayor replied that he had enjoyed "he work very much and it had become a form of hobby.

Councillor E. Taylor moved a vote of thanks to the retiring council members.

Councillors Wick, Green, Taylor, Thompson, Fryer, Wood, D.puty Reeve Stewart, and Reeve Hargrave were present. Mayor Tyler conducted the meeting. Councillors elected recently, A. Irwin and C. Rogvaldson were also present.

HORNBY

Good Crowd At Christmas Concert

(Intended for Last Week) The Christmas Concert of School No. 7 was held Monday evening, and a good crowd attended. The children presented a very good evening's entertainment indeed, and are to be congratulated as well as their teacher Miss Jean Rae, on the excellent program which consisted of plays, and choruses, piano solos and monologues.

Edna Bradley who is a student nurse at the Hamilton General Hospital was home with her parents at the week-end.

The Badminton Club held a social evening Monday evening for its members.

A tagged rainbow trout was caught recently in Lake Michigan, and it had travelled 400 miles in six months.



Serious Drop in Organic Matter Content of Halton Soils

The importance of organic matter or humus in soils is generally recognized. It is the opinion of many that the greatest limiting factor or weakness in Halton's soil is the lack of humus. When glancing through the report of the Halton Crop Improvement Association, which covers its programme for the past twelve months, we came across a section pertaining to organic matter. In order to determine to what extent our soils have been depleted of this important material which is sometimes referred to as the "Life of the Soil" we noted that soil samples taken from a number of cultivated fields and also from the adjoining fence rows. These soil samples were taken to the Soils Department at the Ontario Agricultural College, where a comprehensive study and analysis has been made of the organic matter content.

In analyzing the results it had been assumed that the samples from the fence rows were nearest to normal. Frankly we were startled to note (i) that in all cases the organic matter content of the cultivated fields was lower than that of the adjoining fence rows; and (ii) that this decrease ranged all the way from 20% to 85% with an average percentage decrease of 38.2 per cent. We were informed that the samples had been taken from better than average farms—farms from which the present operators, at least, do not sell manure—farms on which are carried a goodly number of livestock and on which an effort is made to have good rotation.

If this is the situation on some of our good farms, what must be organic matter level on those farms where the bulk of the farmyard manure is sold annually where little livestock is carried and where most of the farm revenue comes from the sale of grain, hay and straw. If we are to increase water holding capacity of our soils—reduce the draft power required at the draw bar—extend the period when our heavier soils can be safely worked in the spring and also pave the way for bigger crops of more highly nutritious feed for our livestock, then we must not only give serious thought to ways and means of stepping up the organic matter level but take action. It is not too early to make plans for the spring of 1952.

Night School To Reopen on January 8th

During the past week, the executive or planning committee of the Milton Community Night School met under the leadership of chairman A. T. Woodley. The enrollment totals 459 and the average attendance for the first three nights is well over the 400 mark. While the great majority of those participating in this programme of adult education are most enthusiastic, nevertheless there are a few weaknesses here and there and an effort is being made by the committee in charge to rectify these prior to the courses reopening on Tuesday January 8th.

Agricultural Organizations Make Plans For Annual Meetings

The first part of January would appear to be a series of annual meetings for various Halton Agricultural organizations. The Halton Crop Improvement Association starts the series off on Friday, January 4th, when they meet in the Milton Town Hall. This progressive organization has secured W. P. Watson, Ontario Live Stock Commissioner, as their guest speaker. Mr. Watson's subject will be "The Outlook for 1952". Other local farmers will give brief reports on such topics as "My Experience with Grass Silage", "Deep Litter with Cows", "The Pit Silo for both Grass and Corn Silage", "The Hay Drier Method of Handling Hay", "Harvesting the Grain Crop with the Forage Harvester", "Top Dressing the Meadow with Ammonium Nitrate", "Mulching the Spring Grain Crop", "An Alfalfa Seed Setting Experiment", "The Seed Grain Situation for 1952". The program gets underway at 10:30 a.m. with a free lunch at noon.

The following Tuesday, January 8th, the Guernsey Breeders have their annual meeting at Hornby, when Dr. Robertson of Renwood Farms at Cobourg will give an illustrated address on an expedition in which he participated, to the Arctic.

The Holstein Breeders of Halton meet the next day namely January 9th at Trafalgar and here Prog George E. Rathby of the Animal Husbandry Department at the Ontario Agricultural College is to be the main speaker.

The Halton Jersey Breeders have secured Everett Biggs, Ontario's

newly appointed Dairy Commissioner, as their chief speaker for their meeting at Hornby on January 15. Mr. Biggs, who has given considerable study to the marketing of milk both in Great Britain and some of the northern states, will explain the proposed formula method which may be used in establishing milk prices for the whole milk markets in the future and also an illustrated address on his tour of various European Countries in 1950.

All three of the dairy breed organizations apparently believe in looking well after the inner man, because we noted that in all cases the business sessions are to be held in the morning, followed by noon-day banquets. Speaking of banquets we can safely state from the experience of former years that these noonday meals will be banquets in every sense of the word.

Newcastle Disease Vaccine

Newcastle disease in poultry first broke out in Halton County last spring. Since that time local poultrymen have been living in dread of an outbreak in their respective flocks. It is a highly infectious disease and consequently comes under the "Animal Contagious Diseases Act" administered by the Health of Animals Branch of the Dominion Department of Agriculture. The only control measure where an outbreak occurs is the slaughter method.

The Animal Diseases Research Institute at Hull, Quebec, has been working on the problem and some little time ago produced a vaccine which has been under test. A number of health flocks have been vaccinated. In each flock ten birds have been removed each month and challenged with the virulent virus. At the end of six months all have withstood the challenge, indicating that immunity has lasted for six months and will likely last for a longer period of time.

Early in November of this year, Dr. T. Lloyd Jones, Acting Principal of the Ontario Veterinary College at Guelph, announced that approved hatchery operators may apply to the Ontario Veterinary College for Newcastle Disease Vaccine to be used in hatchery supply flocks. We also understand that all practicing veterinarians throughout Ontario have been informed of the plan of vaccination and hatchery operators may make arrangements with them for the administration of the vaccine.

Incidentally quite a number of the flocks in Halton which are supplying eggs to hatcheries have been vaccinated in the past two months. In so far as we can learn from such flock owners, the vaccination has not interfered with the egg production nor have there been any ill effects. This marks another step forward in controlling contagious disease in the poultry kingdom.

Jazz Age Gospeler Born Near Ingersoll

The most flamboyant woman evangelist this continent has ever known, the High Priestess of the Jazz Age was born on a farm near Ingersoll, Ont. Her name was Aimee Semple McPherson.

In a current issue of Maclean's Magazine Douglas Daere writes a flashback that makes vivid again the amazing career of a Canadian woman who reached the end of the sawdust trail in her own Angelus Temple in Hollywood where thousands came to worship, even after several blighted her career.

Daere writes: "In her gaudy career as a hot gospeler Aimee, showed a flair for publicity, a spellbinding presence which threw her listeners into hysterics and an uncanny sense of timing with the collection box. She hit front pages by scattering religious tracts from airplanes, calling on light fans to repent from the boxing ring, interrupting dance hall revues and inviting incurables to test her powers as a healer."

From Los Angeles to London, England, from Winnipeg to Wellington, New Zealand, from Montreal to Melbourne, Australia, and from Jersey City to Jerusalem, she preached the virtues of purity while she herself drank champagne, wore Paris fashions, got her face lifted and dyed her hair. For 35 years she pleaded for universal brotherhood but threw her own daughter out of the house.

"Three husbands entered her life, each to depart with cruel alacrity within eighteen months. She could attract 30,000 people, to a single gathering yet she never made a genuine friend. Even though Aimee Semple McPherson earned more than a million dollars she died comparatively poor."

When finished, the trans-Canada highway will be 4,975 miles long.

APPOINT FORMER ACTONIAN DISTRICT FREIGHT AGENT AT HAMILTON

New CNR traffic department appointments include Chester Hill, formerly district freight agent at Windsor to be district freight agent with headquarters at Hamilton.

Mr. Hill is a native of Acton. He became chief clerk here in 1918. Subsequently, he became freight traffic representative, at Toronto and later, travelling freight agent at Hamilton. He returned to Stratford, in 1942, as travelling freight agent. He was appointed district freight agent to Windsor in 1949.

BOOKS AVAILABLE AT ACTON LIBRARY REVIEWED IN FREE PRESS

Books available in Acton Public Library will be reviewed in the Free Press for benefit and interest of readers, beginning early next year.

Although it is expected that the majority of the books will be from among the latest additions to the library shelves, children's books and old favourites will also be considered from time to time. The reviews will by no means be limited to fiction. It is expected that the first two reviews will be of "Moses" a biography by Sholem Asch and "Kon-Tiki Expedition" by Thor Heyerdahl. The latter book is classed as travel, and actual films of the experimental ocean trip on a raft were recently compiled into a film.

Rubber rings for fruit jars also provide a non-skid surface and are inexpensive. Fasten the rings to the bottom of ash trays, vases, desk lamps and similar items with rubber cement.

FASTEST GROWING AREA

British Columbia is the fastest growing Canadian Province, reports the Financial Post. But H. C. takes a back seat to Yukon Territory. There's lots of cause for whooping it up there—83.9 per cent. increase in population in the last ten years—the fastest growing section of Canada. But before these percentages tangle us up completely, in all fairness it should be added that Yukon's increase was from 4,914 persons in 1941 to 8,986 this year, while B.C. jumped from 817,881 to 1,183,888.



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Happy New Year advertisement for Rachlin's. Includes text: 'As the hands on the clock meet each other, this New Year's Eve we extend to you our heartfelt good wishes for a very Happy New Year. Along with our felicitations, we want to thank you sincerely for your past patronage. We look forward to serving you with quality merchandise and fine service all through 1952.'