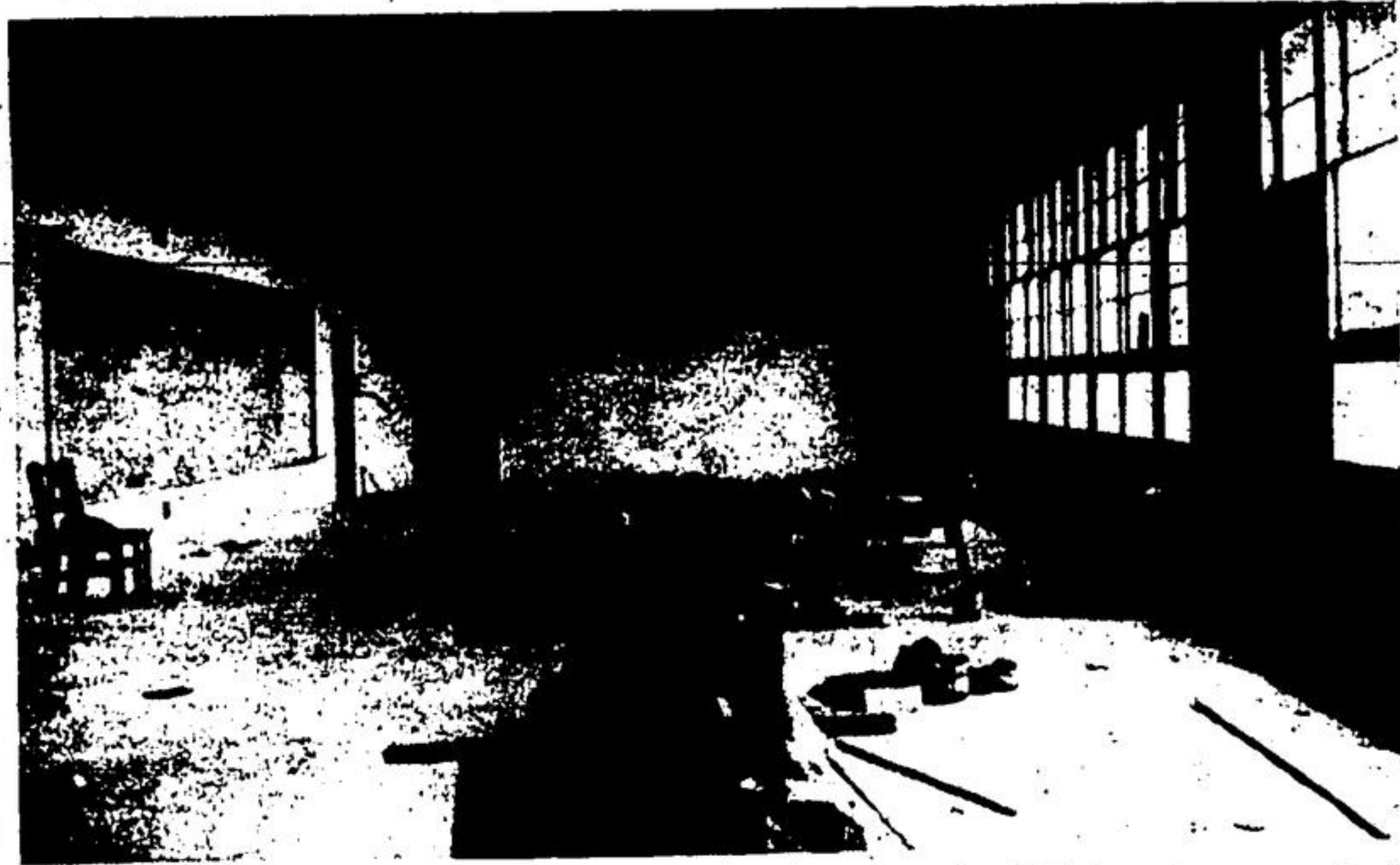


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PLENTY OF ROOM seems evident in this picture of the almost completed Kindergarten room in the new public school addition with windows all along one side. At a meeting of the Home and School Committee to arrange organizational contributions to the new school, Monday evening, it was decided to organize a fund that might be contributed to by Acton "old boys" who wanted a part in providing an extra for the new school that will only partially replace their old "alma mater". Contributions to the fund may be mailed to the Bank of Montreal.

NAME COMMITTEE TO CO-ORDINATE GIFTS FOR NEW SCHOOL ADDITION

Representatives of the Legion, the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E., Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E., Scout and Guide Mothers, Friendly Circle, Y's Men's Club, Acton garage operators, the Home and School Association, School Board, the public school teachers, the press and town council met Monday evening in the public school to discuss gifts for the spacious new addition to the school.

The chairman, G. McKenzie, taking the place of J. Hurst, stressed that representatives of town organizations were not at the meeting to commit themselves as to gifts, and that the purpose of a gifts committee was to prevent duplication and to assist in the selection of articles most needed in the new building.

Members of the gift committee are Mrs. H. Hinton, Mrs. A. Mercer, C. Kirkness, J. Hurst, Mrs. E. Smith, Mrs. S. Sinclair, Mrs. W. Buchanan, J. Lasby, J. Calder and W. Wolfe.

Other groups, who have expressed interest in assisting in the new school, did not have representatives at the meeting.

A letter was read from C. Matthews of Toronto, who attended public school in Acton, offering silk screen reproductions of Canadian paintings, which are available through the National Gallery in Ottawa. These pictures are available in two sizes and are of extensive subject range. Representatives of the gifts committee are to see some of these pictures in Toronto.

The Rotary Club has already ordered a nest of playground equipment consisting of a slide, two swings and a teeter totter for the school yard and the Home and School is planning another such unit, those present were told.

The Legion has decided to give matched pictures of Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh. Suggestions for suitable gifts for the school were listed, and included pictures, Bibles, lectern, flag standards and flags, piano, trophy case, records for music appreciation, picture of Acton's coat of arms, equipment for the community kitchen adjoining the auditorium, world books or encyclopedias and a small classroom film strip projector.

Although no definite commitments were made, special interest in certain of these items was shown by representatives of several of the organizations present.

A fund for those who wish to help financially was suggested and discussed. It was believed that many Acton "old boys" and "old girls" who still read the Acton Free Press might be interested in sending a small sum which might go toward the purchase of a piano for the auditorium, which is for the use of the community.

It was stressed that the entire project of giving gifts was a community one and that the committee's function was primarily co-ordination.

Representatives present were as follows: Legion, J. Lasby; Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, Mrs. W. Buchanan, Mrs. W. Findlay; Scout and Guide Mothers, Mrs. E. Stuckey; Mrs. S. Sinclair; Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E., Mrs. A. Fryer; Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E., Mrs.

Allan Mercer; Friendly Circle, Mrs. E. Smith; Y's Men's Club, J. Calder; School Board, W. Wolfe; Home and School Association, H. Hinton; council, Miss Esther Taylor; teachers, Mrs. L. Alger; garagemen, J. Whitham.

Following the meeting, a tour through the new school was conducted by lamplight. About 20 visited most of the rooms in the small moving circle of light, dodging workmen's equipment; a cat scudded across the long shadows of the big, dark, unfinished auditorium as the small group stood at the door.

Dancing Follows Euchre At School

The Ladies of Lorne School S. S. No. 12, Esquimes, sponsored a euchre and dance in the school last Friday evening with 13 tables playing. Winners for the evening were: ladies' first, Mrs. Wm. Evans; second, Mrs. R. McEnery; men's first, Fred Cleave; second, Mrs. Hook, playing as a man.

Consolation, ladies', Mrs. Clinton Swackhamer; men's Harry Burns. Travelling, ladies', Miss Gail Dobbie; men's, Clark Armstrong. Door prize, Charles M. Davidson.

Lunch was served by the ladies, after which they were dancing to the music of the record player with R. L. Davidson as floor manager.

W.I. Given Sewing Tips at Meeting

Mrs. John C. Dennis was the hostess for the Dublin W. I. meeting held last Thursday afternoon. As it was a beautiful spring-like day, a fine number of members, visitors and children attended Mrs. L. Ferguson, the president, was in the chair and conducted the meeting.

Choices were made of the Extension Services of the Women's Institute Branch and Home Economics Service. Mrs. Wilmer Watkins was named as convener for a euchre and dance to be held in Stewarttown in April.

Two representatives of the Singer Sewing Machine Co., Guelph, Miss Weber and Mr. Chamberlain were present and gave a splendid demonstration of the use of the different attachments of their machine and other worth-while aids to the home sewer. Miss Mildred Wilson was the lucky winner of the door prize which entitles her to a course of nine sewing lessons at the Singer Sewing Centre.

The roll call was answered by "Sing, Say, Play or Pay" Mrs. Gordon Rogvaldson gave the motto, "Make the most of what you have and are" in a very interesting way.

The hostess, assisted by Mrs. M. Steele, Mrs. A. Ross, Mrs. W. McIntyre and Miss Minnie Somerville, served a bountiful lunch at the close of the meeting.

From an ad in a New Jersey paper: "Visit our clothing department. We can outfit the whole family."—The Reader's Digest.

Those Who Lived Here And Left...

For all you people who lived in Acton and left...

Those are who this article is for. A Gifts Committee has been set up, comprised of members of the Home and School Association and representatives of different organizations interested in helping. This committee has decided that a special fund will be set up for you people who went to school here, and would like to send a dollar or two towards a piano or some other item not provided for in grants or plans.

The address to send your contributions is Acton Home and School Special Gifts, c/o Bank of Montreal, Acton, Ontario.

Lists of those who have sent to help furnish the addition will be brought regularly to the Free Press for publication unless otherwise stated. Receipts will be mailed if they are requested.

And if anybody who went to Acton public school and still lives in Acton has read this article for the out-of-towners—well, your gift for the Alma Mater will be much appreciated, too.

CARUSO RECORD INCLUDED IN STUDY OF OPERA BY MUSIC CLUB

Verdi's opera "Rigoletto" was studied Tuesday evening by the members of the Acton Music Club. Among the records heard was a recit of an original sung by Galli-Curci and Caruso.

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. H. Elliott, Bower Ave., with the president, Miss Margaret Brown, in charge. Refreshments followed the business and study period.

W.I. Remembers Irish At Meeting

Mrs. John Lovell, Frederick St. was hostess to the Acton W.I. for the March meeting recently.

The president gave a reading on "The Values of Education," in recognition of educational week. A donation of \$10.00 was voted to the Halton Musical Festival. An invitation was received from Silverwood Branch to attend their first anniversary party.

Mrs. Lambert reported the quilt was ready so a date was set for the quilting party.

The roll call was answered by a place in Ireland and someone who came from there. Home Economics convener, Mrs. Fryer, gave a talk on the use of common baking soda as an odor remover, stain remover and in various other household tasks.

Mrs. Lantz, in her historical research, related the story of "St. David's Day" coming on March 1st and of special interest to the Welsh folk.

The motto was on St. Patrick and was presented by Mrs. D. Drysdale who is as Irish as St. Patrick himself.

Another reading by Mrs. G. Fryer was called "I've never been to Ireland" and a paper on the "Hospitality of the Irish" was given by Mrs. R. L. Davidson.

The singing of "When Irish Eyes are Smiling" brought the program to a close.

Spring Pump Stops No Water Pressure

At the regular Public Utilities Commission meeting on Tuesday evening, Superintendent Lambert reported on the damage done to the motor at the spring Monday morning. The cooling funnel and dome of the motor had broken and fallen into the vanes on the rotor of the motor. The vanes were twisted and the wiring in the motor broken. This had resulted in the pump stopping and the pressure was off the mains for a very short time.

The other motor was installed and the damaged motor taken to Guelph for repairs. No estimate of the damage had been received from the electric company. Mr. Lambert was instructed to find if any damage had been done to the drive shaft.

The Commission, by motion, authorized the allowance of 10 per cent discount on the purchase of hydro flat rate water heaters and installed by plumbers and heaters. Another motion passed by the Commission prohibited the installation on flat rate of any hot water heaters after April 1 except hydro approved heaters.

The Commission ruled that T. Seynuck would be charged for two water services to his house where there are two families residing. Supt. Lambert reported that another window had been broken in the sewage pumping station on Main St. on the creek side.

After some discussion as to the cost of replacing the glass, a number have been broken, Mayor Rachlin stated he would take the matter up with the police and see if the culprits could be apprehended.

As the wages of the town employees had been increased to 90c per hour recently, it was decided that the pay of W. Kelly be increased to the same rate.

Supt. Mason reported that the guy pole on the corner of Young and Mill Sts. had been removed and the guy had been attached to a tree.

Quite some time was spent discussing the flushing of sewers. Outlying sewers should be flushed at least twice a year. It is fast approaching the time they should be flushed and no hose or other equipment has been procured for this job. Mayor Rachlin promised to bring the matter to the attention of council at their next meeting.

Supt. Lambert was instructed to make arrangements to see some cleaning equipment in operation in Toronto and Hamilton.

The pump men have been here for the sewage plant and installed new springs in the sewage pumping station with Supt. Lambert.

Plans were presented of the proposed new garage and workshop for the hydro department. Each of the Commission members had viewed the plans and specifications. Secretary J. McGeachie was instructed to arrange a meeting with H.E.P.C. officials for next week so that clearance for the project could be given by the officials.

An electric heater has been located for the sewage disposal plant. Mayor Rachlin is to also take this matter up with the sewage committee of council before an order is placed.

Those present at the meeting were Commissioner C. E. Wood, Mayor B. D. Rachlin and Bob MacArthur.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Hydro Account	
Elliott Bros., supp.	\$ 3.04
W. H. Cunningham, supp.	6.45
MacDonald Elec., supp.	4.93
Hammond Mfg. Co., supp.	13.92
Lionel Davey, supp.	22.75
Sangamo Co. Ltd., supp.	120.36
Fed. Wire & Cable, supp.	14.76
H.E.P.C. of Ont., power bill	7450.78
Rec. Gen., inspection	9.50
W. D. Talbot, supp.	4.52
Bell Telephone, serv.	33.21
Petty cash, exp & transport	8.27
	\$7,682.07

Waterworks Account

Wallace A. Tiernan, supp.	\$52.69
Wipers, Waste Prod., supp.	14.50
W. D. Talbot, supp.	20.60
	\$87.79

W. K. RANDELL TRANSFERRED TO BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA IN COBOURG

W. K. Randell, who has been on the staff of the Bank of Nova Scotia in Acton since November, 1949, has been transferred to Cobourg, where he will be the accountant.

Miss L. Wiles Host To Knox Auxiliary

The members of Knox Evening Auxiliary met at the home of Miss Laura Wiles on Wednesday evening, March 19.

Mrs. A. McIsaac presided and opened the meeting with a call to worship and a prayer.

The devotional period was taken by Mrs. Bob Adams and Mrs. W. G. Mansel.

The study topic was taken in two parts by Miss Isobel Smith and Mrs. F. Anderson, which was a continued study of the work being done in South America, and paid tribute to the labors of Mr. Reekie, who with Mrs. Reekie resided in Acton after their return from mission work in Bolivia.

The date was set for the spring fireside and thankoffering service when Miss Ralston of the Presbyterian Deaconess' home in Toronto would be the guest speaker.

Mrs. C. Leishman rendered a beautiful solo, "The Lord is My Shepherd", accompanied by Miss Margaret Brown at the piano.

Mrs. H. L. Bennie took the members on an imaginary visit up north and her story was "Christ of the Yukon."

The closing hymn was sung and Mrs. Bennie gave the closing prayer.

During the social period that followed, some Irish quiz games and a shamrock contest were enjoyed, and to make the evening complete, the usual cup of tea with lunch and friendly chatter was enjoyed.

Mrs. S. Sinclair expressed the thanks to the hostess and group in charge.

Biggest Rush For 1952 Motor Permits

The biggest day of issuing motor vehicle licenses was experienced last Thursday by J. K. Gardiner, who has held the office since it was first opened in Acton several years ago. From eight o'clock in the morning until eight in the evening, the jobs went fast and the local police report not a summons issued for failure to meet the deadline. But the tardy ones saved little time in the last day rush. The vehicles without the canary colored corner sticker are now outdated.

Stylist Displays Latest Home Trend

St. Alban's Parish Hall, Acton, was filled on Monday evening when color stylist Miss Betty Blight displayed the modern trend in home decoration. The "fine art" of interior decorating was clearly shown in the choice of wall paper, draperies and rugs. Colored slides of room decorations showed that deep tones have replaced pastels in many cases and that the recent method of having one wall a focal point is definitely acceptable to decorating experts.

Mrs. F. G. Oakes introduced Miss Blight, and she was thanked by W. Denny. During the demonstration, she was assisted by Cyril Titt of Rockwood.

Four door prizes, room lots of wallpaper, were won by Mrs. T. Hensley, Miss J. Currie, Mrs. W. Dobie and Mrs. J. Lovell. Miss Blight's ensembles suggested attractive color schemes for rooms in a large, old-style house and a modern small home.

Refreshments were served at the close of the demonstration. The style show was under the auspices of St. Alban's church choir.

Knox P.Y.P.S. Has Stewardship Night

It was Stewardship Night at Knox P.Y.P.S. on Tuesday evening, with Kae Hansen, the convener, in charge. The meeting was opened with a devotional meditation, and then a hymn was sung. Don Davidson read the Scripture lesson and Bill Mainprize led in prayer. Babe Roszell dedicated the offering, and another hymn was sung.

Inez McLellan reported on the Convener's Clinic held in Kitchener recently which had been attended by several members, who found it most interesting and beneficial. Ken Mann sang, "Near to the heart of God" as a solo, then another hymn was sung. The expected guest speaker failed to arrive, so Kae Hansen turned the meeting over to Bill Bell to conduct business.

The secretary's report was read, and 16 members answered present to the roll call. After the treasurer's report, the Benediction was pronounced.

Representatives Present School Building Details

No decision was asked or reached when council met with Acton representatives of the North Halton High School District Board in a special meeting to consider the possibility of a building program in the district that would place a new 200 pupil high school at Georgetown and another at Acton and add a gymnasium to the Milton school.

All councillors were present with W. Coon, G. A. Dills, C. Wood and Col. Brown representing the District Board. In presenting the Board's proposal G. A. Dills pointed out that the District had been in operation for nearly five years because it was cheaper and more economical to operate as a District. At the outset the central school was to be erected at Speyside but that idea didn't get over the first year, Mr. Dills pointed out.

The Department of Education does not favor schools located outside towns because the growth of the municipalities might make the country location obsolete, it was pointed out.

Grants on High School Districts, which would apply on the construction of a new school, were estimated at 70 to 75 per cent. The remaining percentage would be borne by the municipalities in the District. Acton's share is the lowest.

Cost of each of the two new schools was estimated at \$418,000 and the addition at Milton at \$20,000.

Cost to municipalities participating in the District, estimated to include new schools and operating costs was Acton \$15,400; Milton \$16,600; Georgetown \$24,200; Esquimes \$40,600; Nassagaweya \$9,500; \$16,920 for each year.

This year's cost for the operation of the North Halton High School District to Acton was \$3,684; Milton \$3,324; Georgetown \$13,638; Esquimes \$22,846; Nassagaweya \$9,504.

Representatives of the Board pointed out that better educational facilities would be provided if the new schools were erected. They emphasized the fact that charges or debentures, that would be necessary, would not likely begin until 1954 since there was still a great deal of preliminary work to be done before any type of construction could begin.

It was reported that the Department felt the Board should have the consent of at least four out of five of the municipalities before proceeding. If Acton opposed the move, the majority could still carry the plan and Acton might be left without a high school, since the five year agreement on the present building, owned by the Public School Board, expires this year.

Representatives also pointed out that government grants could not be obtained on any space that was rented to accommodate the extra pupils.

Group Two, under the direction of Mrs. G. McKenzie and Mrs. J. Stewart Sr., conducted the devotional period. "What a Friend we have in Jesus," was sung and Mrs. Helen Little read the 23rd Psalm. Miss Jean McLean lead in prayer and Mrs. Stewart read a poem.

Mrs. E. A. Currey gave a very interesting talk on her work and experiences as a nurse at home and overseas during the second World War, and showed pictures of her travels. Mrs. Gordon Johnston thanked Mrs. Currey for her informative talk.

The evening closed with the group in charge serving a delicious lunch, and a social time was spent. Mrs. O. Robbins thanked Mrs. Wilkinson for the use of her home.

"MUST WAGE PEACE", SPEAKER TELLS HALTON W.M.S. MEMBERS

Halton Presbytery of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church, the smallest presbytery in the Hamilton branch, of the largest organization of women in the world, had over 100 members at their 23rd annual meeting, which was held Wednesday morning and afternoon in Acton United Church. Ladies from all over the county gathered for the program which included two talks, reports, presentations, music and a delicious lunch.

"Peace must be waged no less than war," stated Mrs. J. G. McCaul, Dominion Board secretary for Christian Citizenship of Toronto in her address during the morning session. "We must not live and let live, but live and help live." She declared that citizenship has four aspects—temperance, racial brotherhood, world peace and social welfare. She stressed the part members of the W.M.S. have in making a better world.

Mrs. McCaul was introduced and thanked by Mrs. R. B. Galbraith of Milton.

The opening meditation was taken by Mrs. R. H. Jones of Georgetown and the Georgetown Auxiliary conducted the worship service. The recording secretary of the Halton Presbytery, Mrs. C. Peer of Kilbride, read the minutes and the president, Mrs. A. E. Pickard of Bronte, told highlights of the year's work. Mrs. E. B. Clements of Milton spoke on literature and she, with Mrs. G. DeCoursey of Oakville and Miss M. Mainprize of Acton, presided at a literature table.

The Mission Band award was presented by Miss B. Hills, departmental secretary of mission bands to the Acton Mission Band. Miss M. Z. Bennett accepted the award on behalf of Mrs. R. MacArthur.

Reports of the nominating committee showed that the only changes of officers are as follows: affiliated, C.G.I.T., Mrs. Roy Coulter, baby bands, Mrs. J. Drummond, associate members, to be named; literature, Mrs. G. DeCoursey, press, Mrs. J. Bellbody. The president is again Mrs. A. E. Pickard; first vice-president, Mrs. W. N. Brownridge; second vice-president, Mrs. F. Beaumont; third vice-president, Mrs. E. Woods; recording secretary, Mrs. C. Peer; corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. M. Beadhead and treasurer, Mrs. Ross Segsworth.

Mrs. H. Agnew of Oakville and Mrs. G. T. A. Hammond of Kilbride each sang solos and Mrs. B. Veldhuis and Miss D. Simmons of Acton a duet during the day.

The president of the Milton Evening Auxiliary thanked everyone and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. E. A. Currey of Acton United Church.

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