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## TOWNSHIP FAVORS SCHOOL IN ACTON

### GOOD FRIDAY, EASTER SERVICES HELD IN ALL ACTON CHURCHES

Good Friday, when the death of Jesus Christ is observed all over the world, was marked with solemnity in three Acton churches, and two days later, all five Acton congregations joined Christians throughout the world in expressing "Halleluia" at His resurrection.

Easter communion was changed from the regular first Sunday in the month to Easter Sunday at Acton Baptist Church. The pastor, Douglas Shuter, delivered both the Easter messages and Clarence Reid sang "Lead me to Calvary" at the morning service.

The Easter topic predominated at the Young People's meeting which followed the evening service.

On Good Friday afternoon, the stations of the cross and veneration of the crucifix were held at St. Joseph's Church. High mass on Easter Sunday at 11 a.m. was sung by Father Corrigan, S. J., of Toronto.

Archdeacon Mackintosh conducted Good Friday and morning and evening Easter services at St. Alban's Anglican church. Holy communion at 8:30 a.m. was also held.

Easter morning, special music included an anthem by the junior choir and another "They have taken away my Lord" by the senior choir.

In the evening the choir sang "Gentle Holy Savior."

Fred Salt conducted the choir and Mrs. F. G. Oakes was at the organ. Special Easter messages were given. The church was brightened by bouquets of lilies and white carnations.

Flowers, some in memory of Mrs. George Nellis and Wesley Murray, were also placed in Acton United Church for special Easter services. Music was under the direction of Miss Olive Lampard, A.T.C.M., the organist and choir leader. The choir gave several Easter anthems on Easter Sunday morning and at the evening service, Mrs. B. Veldhuis and Miss Dorothy Simmons sang a duet. A film strip on the resurrection was shown.

Rev. E. A. Currey also conducted a Good Friday service which featured Easter music.

A cantata "The Conquering King" was sung by Knox Presbyterian church choir at the evening service on Easter Sunday. Ted Hansen directed the choir and accompanied them at the organ.

Both morning and evening services were taken by the regular minister, Rev. R. H. Armstrong. A Good Friday service was also held in this church.

### Continue Stocking Halton Streams

A continuation of the restocking program in operation for the past few years will provide excellent fishing for Halton county anglers, Dudley Hitchcock, county game warden, said today.

More than 6,000 speckled and brown trout yearlings from government hatcheries will be placed in county streams within the next 10 days, he said. Eight hundred speckled trout and 1,500 brown trout yearlings are earmarked for the Black Creek at Acton.

Some 3,000 speckled trout and 1,500 yearlings will be placed in the headwaters of Sixteen Mile Creek at Milton and 1,000 speckled trout will restock the Credit River south of Georgetown, the game warden said.

### No Serious Injury In Fall From Bus

Mrs. T. O'Rourke escaped serious injury on Tuesday when she fell from a Gray Coach bus as it rounded the corner of Mill St. at Hargrave's Service Station on its way to London.

No one seems to know just how it happened but Mrs. O'Rourke was evidently holding a door railing ready to get off in Acton. As the bus rounded the corner the door flew open and Mrs. O'Rourke fell out, barely rolling clear in time to avoid being hit by cars following the bus.

The bus was driven by Austin B. Mills of Richmond Hill. Mrs. O'Rourke had just recovered from a sprained arm.

### Mrs. R. L. Davidson Heads Institute

The regular monthly meeting of the Acton Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Helloway on April 3. The president, Mrs. R. L. Davidson, presided.

The roll call was timely for the season, "Housecleaning tips." The motto of the month, "Keep your face to the sunshine and the shadows will fall behind you," was given by Mrs. Wm. Denny.

In keeping with the Easter season, Mrs. Wilderspin read a story giving the origin of the hymn "The old rugged cross," and members united in singing it.

Mrs. Lambert contributed a reading entitled "Mother's work." The report of the District Directors meeting was given by Mrs. Earl Lambert. The annual meeting is to be held in Knox Church, Acton this spring. A picnic is also planned with all branches being asked for a small fee to help.

Donations were voted to the fund and also to the appeal for radio research.

Mrs. Jas. Wilds conducted a quiz game on "Know your fish."

For the election of officers, Mrs. Geo. Lantz was in the chair and the election resulted as follows: president, Mrs. R. L. Davidson; first vice-president, Mrs. E. Smith; second vice-president, Mrs. G. Lantz; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. F. Anderson; district directors, Mrs. E. Lambert.

Convenors of committees: agriculture and Canadian industries, Mrs. A. Wilderspin; home economics, Mrs. Geo. Fryer; historical research, Mrs. Geo. Lantz; citizenship, Mrs. Wm. Hamilton; community activities, Mrs. W. Denny; pianist, Mrs. W. Evans and Mrs. Lambert.

Mrs. Davidson paid tribute to the members for their co-operation in the past and accepted the nomination for this year because this year they are starting their fiftieth year of service to the community and in 1953 will celebrate their golden anniversary.

Mrs. Davidson knows her members, though small in number, are in heart and ever willing to do their best for the sake of their motto "Home and Country."

The group of the month served refreshments and a pleasant time was enjoyed.

### Opinion Still Divided On High School Building Plan

No uniform agreement was reached on the proposal of the North Halton High School District Board to build new schools in Acton and Georgetown, and a gymnasium in Milton when the matter was put before councils of the five municipalities by the representatives, it was learned at a meeting of the Board Monday in Milton. Motions of approval were received from Acton and Georgetown councils and Milton council is preparing the motion on which council has expressed agreement.

There was, however, no report from Nassagaweya council to the Board meeting following the discussion of their council. Esqueping council had referred the matter to Messrs. Lever and Hoskin, auditors, for a report which had been secured verifying the estimates of the Board and making various proposals.

Esqueping Council, at a meeting on Monday, had also passed two resolutions, copies of which were read to the Board. "That the council of the Township of Esqueping, having studied the brief presented by your Committee of the N.H.S.D. Board, is of the opinion that the cost involved in the proposed building program is too great. The council is not prepared to have debentures issued at this time for the amount estimated, but is prepared to consider a modified program."

The second resolution of Esqueping Council read: "That the Council of the Township of Esqueping is not in favor of any building program whatever until such time as the various municipalities in the North Halton High School District are paying on their actual equalized assessments, rather than on an arbitrary figure. That being undertaken, this Council suggests the building of one High School in the Town of Acton at a figure whereby the government subsidy would apply to the total cost."

A letter from Acton Public School Board showed Acton's plight in High School matters. The Board quoted the text of the agreement entered into at the time the District was formed and that use of the present building was granted for five years. The agreement called for one year's notice of termination by either party. The Acton Board gave official notice of termination of the agreement effective in two years, at the end of June 1954, as the building would then be required for Public School purposes.

The secretary was instructed to endeavor to arrange a meeting of the councils of Esqueping and Nassagaweya to confer with the High School Board to endeavor to arrive at a solution of the problem. All schools are now badly crowded and some of the program of building must be started at once to meet the situation and the increase in school population in the whole district.

Letters from three architects inquiring on the building program were ordered filed.

A splendid inspector's report was received on the work of the commercial department and teacher at Acton School.

Notice was received of an increase in insurance rates on the school properties and the Board will make inquiry before accepting the proposed new rates.

Accounts for tuition were received from Guelph Collegiate for \$2,718.83 and from Hamilton Board of Education for \$461. These amounts were for pupils from the North Halton District.

Purchase of three sets of colored pictures of Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh were authorized, one set of framed pictures for each school.

Approval was given by motion of the Management Committee's selection of Mr. J. Cuthbertson to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. J. M. Heron from the Acton staff.

Accounts for April amounting to \$15,174.41 were passed for payment after approval by the finance committee.

The Board decided to take membership in the Ontario Urban and Rural School Trustees' Association and authorized payment of the fee.

Members present at this meeting held in Milton on Monday night were Messrs. Bell, Biehn, Coan, Pickett, Dills, Martin, Wood, Milne and Brown and Chairman J. Bell presided.

### Representatives Discuss A Salvage Yard License

According to a representation at the regular meeting of council on Tuesday evening, officials will soon be asked to consider the application of Sam Hoffman for a license to operate a salvage yard on Mill St. west in the property that was formerly a mill. Solicitor George E. Elliott, representing Mr. Hoffman, commended the man to council and read a letter from Toronto's Mayor Allan Lamport acknowledging him as "a good citizen." At the same time, a petition was tabled from 27 ratepayers protesting the granting of a license for a junk yard or salvage yard in the business section, which the petition set out as Mill St. from John to Park, and on Main St. from Brock to Bower.

Mr. Elliott pointed out the property was in disreputable condition now and Mr. Hoffman planned to remodel the front of the building, put an office in, pave the front, and put an eight foot solid board fence around the yard.

The solicitor said he felt "it will not prevent further advancement of the municipality. I understand salvage will only be there for a short time before being moved to Toronto."

He suggested that under a by-law passed last year, council had full control of the yard and might revoke the license at any time without giving reasons. "It's going to be an asset rather than a detriment," Mr. Elliott concluded.

W. McLeod, representing the petitioners, asked that council consider very carefully the by-law and the possibilities before granting any license.

Mr. McLeod suggested that "if it is a good business, it will grow and if it does it will be a nuisance. We strongly recommend that council give it careful thought."

Mr. Hoffman said, "I think the town couldn't lose anything. This place will be kept in first class condition. I guarantee it."

Reeve Hargrave suggested application for a license be made in writing, at which time council would consider it.

Mayor Rachlin, introducing the matter of assessment, said, "I'm very disturbed over it myself. I've had most of the councillors around to look at some properties on which I've had a number of complaints. I discovered to my satisfaction some very great discrepancies on the assessment roll."

Cr. Thompson: "I would think there are several that should be looked into."

Dept. Reeve Stewart: "My impression is that we haven't too much authority along that line."

Cr. Wieck: "One house is certainly out of line" (Mr. Wieck was referring to one house on a list circulated at the council table but not released).

Cr. Fryer: "I think a number of them are out of line."

Cr. Irwin: "One I saw was possibly out of line. I've found since there are certain things a house is assessed on. You don't just look at it."

Reeve Hargrave: "On the face of it some look out of line but I don't think any of us can talk intelligently on it without the cards and specifications. We have no power but we can look into it."

Mayor Rachlin pointed out that the "present assessor has not completely re-assessed the whole town. Some figures being used are those of a previous assessor. The assessor just doesn't have time. I suggest he resign from the Planning Board and give more time to this work."

In concluding the discussion, Mayor Rachlin claimed, "I'm quite prepared to take this to Queen's Park if necessary. In justice to Mr. Crump, I might say these are not his figures."

Council arranged a 75-25 split on gate receipts from the games planned by the Acton Lacrosse Association with the organization to pay referees from their 75 per cent share and caretaking and the town to pay light and water from its 25 per cent share.

A letter from J. W. Wolfe asked an early acceptance of the terms outlined by him at the meeting on the turkey nuisance. He pointed out that the offer, if not accepted by noon of April 16, would be considered withdrawn and the turkey and lane matters considered as individual items. The letter was filed.

The official requisition from the North Halton High School District Board was received. Acton's share of operations would be \$8,684 of the \$49,806 budget.

Mayor Rachlin asked to correct an earlier statement. "I called attention to the fact that the Auditor's Report showed the Library Board with a surplus of \$300 and some. Actually, it wasn't a surplus but necessary for current expenses before the grant comes in from the town. I understand the grant of \$800 on the \$2,200 was only an estimated figure. They don't expect to receive more than \$700."

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**OLDEST MASONS** attending the annual District Deputy Night at Walker Lodge on Monday were W. Bro. A. T. Brown, V. Wor. Bro. Frank McIntosh and V. Wor. Bro. W. M. Cooper. Each of them has been a Mason for well over 50 years and served their lodge in every office. They rarely miss any of the Masonic functions. —Staff Photo

### Nest Swings Given By Y's Men's Club

A nest of swings for the park will be purchased by Acton Y's Men's club, it was agreed at the meeting in the Y last Thursday evening. It is hoped to add to the equipment each spring.

Four members of the Phalanx Club, Ken Adams, the president, R. Rowles, D. Drysdale and D. Clayton were guests.

Introduced by Bill Benson, Charles Kirkness spoke on his recent trip to the west. He was thanked by Gordon Oeder.

Plans were made for an auction sale and for the Father and Son banquet.

Forman Lawrence, president, was named a delegate to go to the international conference in June at Banff.

### To Give Standard, Flag To New School

Mrs. E. M. Schroeder, Bower Ave., was hostess for the April meeting of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E., which was held on Tuesday, April 1. The Regent, Mrs. Alfred Long, presided.

During the opening exercises, a moment of prayer was observed for two members who are seriously ill in hospital.

It was decided to present a flag and standard to the Special Gifts Committee of the Home and School Association for the auditorium of the new public school.

The members discussed holding a fall bazaar and a motion was made to this effect. Convenors were appointed for the various booths at the bazaar.

Following the business meeting, a luncheon of interesting entertainment.

The luncheon hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Bayliss, Mrs. Paulson, Mrs. Drysdale and Mrs. Lambert.

### CHANGE IN MANAGERS AT THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA IN ACTON

Mr. A. Haydon, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia in Acton for the past four and a half years, has been promoted to the management of the Branch at Pembroke and he and Mrs. Haydon and John and Jill will be leaving soon to take residence there. They will be missed in the community where they have taken an active interest. Mr. Haydon was treasurer of Acton Rotary Club and always willing to take his part in community affairs.

Successor in the Acton branch will be Mr. W. A. Woodburn, who has been assistant manager of the Queen and Church branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia in Toronto. They will occupy the residence on Church Street where Mr. Haydon has been residing.

### Four Acton Singers In Massed Choir

Four Acton singers sang in the all-Ontario secondary schools choir under the direction of Dr. Leslie Bell at a concert in Carlton Auditorium Wednesday. Caroline Oakes, Shirley Thompson, Yvonne Brunelle and Ken Mann joined students from all over the province in the vocal and instrumental concert held in Toronto in conjunction with the Ontario College of Education convention during Easter week.

### Acton Lodge Greet District Deputy

Monday night was a big night for Walker Lodge. It was the occasion of the visit of Donald E. Wade, D.D.G.M. of Wellington District on his official visit to the Lodge. After the degree work of the evening, the meeting adjourned to the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium where the wives of the officers served a dainty lunch.

Very Wor. Bro. (Rev.) J. Kenney of Guelph pronounced the benediction and W. Bro. Wm. Middleton proposed the toast to the ladies. Bro. Thos. Watson proposed the toast to the Grand Lodge, which was responded to by Rt. Wor. Bro. D. E. Wade, the district deputy for Wellington District.

The Symbolism of Freemasonry was the subject of a very interesting and informative address of Rt. Wor. Bro. D. E. Wade of Elmira. The visiting representative of Grand Lodge not only explained the symbols of Masonry but pointed out to the brethren the need for sincerity and the right kind of mind to pass on these symbols and the effect such has on each new candidate.

He dwelt briefly on the various phases of initiation and the importance each had in the ritual and the significance that was attached to them by various authorities. It was a thoughtful address full of Masonic information and of interest to all attending.

Ver. Wor. Bro. C. A. Darby proposed the toast to the visitors, which was responded to by Wor. Bro. J. Heap of Guelph and Wor. Bro. Little of Kitchener. The candidate of the evening, Bro. B. Ramsden, also spoke briefly.

Nearly 150 sat down to the meal, representing about twenty lodges from the surrounding districts. The toast list was presided over by Wor. Bro. A. J. Buchanan, master of Walker Lodge, who with his officers had exemplified the Entered Apprentice Degree.

### Beaten Robbed On Main St., Sun.

Nicholas Glasse received a fractured skull when he was slugged over the head about three times and robbed of \$100 just after midnight Saturday. He also received cuts and bruises in the beating.

Police report Glasse, an Acton man, met two men in the Royal Cafe who were asking if a garage was open that could repair their car. Mr. Glasse accompanied them to McEachern's garage and then they walked up Main St. to Lorne Garner Motors.

Just as the trio reached the corner of Main and Bower, Glasse was slugged and \$100 taken from his wallet. One slug wasn't enough and two more were administered according to information, police have.

Glasse was found wandering dazed with a blood soaked face. Police were called and the injured man was treated.

No trace has been found of the two bandits.

### W.M.S. Program At Mrs. Mulder's

The W.M.S. met at the home of Mrs. O. Mulder in town on Thursday evening. Mrs. A. Norton sang "May the good Lord bless and keep you" and Mrs. O. Mulder who also read scripture, played "Intermezzo." Mrs. A. C. Patterson led in prayer. Mrs. Gisy and Mrs. Kirkpatrick read from the study book "Meet the South Americans." The hostess served lunch afterwards.

The Easter lily at Limehouse Presbyterian Church on Sunday was provided in memory of the late Wm. Ritchie by his wife. There was a good attendance at the service. Muriel Appleyard sang.

Mrs. Robert Patterson is visiting the Elliott Patterson's this week. Joy Patterson is spending a few days with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Sinclair.

David Roughley is recuperating at home following removal of tonsils in Guelph General Hospital last Thursday.

The W.A. held their monthly meeting at the home of Miss Ivens on Tuesday of last week.

### Film Projector Chapter's Gift

The April meeting of the Lake-side Chapter I.O.D.E. was devoted to business details for the ensuing year. Plans were made for the annual May tea and provision made for the presentation to the new school of a projector.

The Chapter will attend the showing of the Royal Tour as a group. Tentative plans for future activities promise a year of interest and activity.



**WOR. BRO. DR. A. J. BUCHANAN** was in charge when Rt. Wor. Bro. D. E. Wade of Elmira visited Walker Lodge on Monday evening on his official visit. Masons from many lodges in the district attended this special night in Masonic annals. —Staff Photo