

## COUNTY PASSES EQUALIZATION BY-LAW



PIANO PUPILS of Mrs. Muriel Armstrong, A.R.C.T., presented a June concert in Rockwood last Friday and Saturday evenings in the town hall. More than 40 pupils presented the program of varied numbers, assisted by Sheila Paul, violinist, Marie Land and piano pupils, Helen Van Loon, elocutionist and John Rockwood, baritone. Chairman for the Friday evening presentation was E. H. McCannell and Saturday evening D. D. Gray conducted the program.

### Mrs. J. Ellerby Heads 24 Women's Institutes

By Mrs. H. E. Batkin

In Knox Presbyterian Church, Acton, the 20 senior branches and four junior branches of the Women's Institutes in Halton, met for their 51st District Annual on Tuesday. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers and the picture of Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless, who founded the Women's Institutes in 1897, stood in front of a lovely floral basket. Mrs. W. L. Ferguson welcomed the gathering on behalf of Dublin branch, and Rev. R. H. Armstrong gave the address of welcome, which was replied to by Mrs. Campbell of Georgetown.

Mrs. Milton Brown, the District President, was in the chair and introduced the Convenors of Standing Committees: Mrs. F. Chisholm, Hornby, reported on Agriculture and Canadian Industries; Mrs. Max Featherstone, Burlington, on Citizenship and Education; Mrs. E. Batkin, Georgetown on Home Economics and Health; Mrs. G. Somerville, Acton, on Community Activities and Public Relations and Mrs. V. Norris, Milton, on Historical Research and Current Events. The Junior Convenor, Miss Vera May, Hornby, spoke of the work of the Junior Homemakers' Clubs and Mrs. E. Sanford reported on the Music Festival.

Mrs. E. Clarke, Halton Home Economist, spoke most encouragingly of the Homemakers' Clubs and expressed pride in the work which the girls have done this past year under their capable leaders.

The following resolution was passed, that the word "Dominion" not be deleted from official documents, that it maintain its full status.

Theme for the day was, "Give to the world the best you have and the best will come back to you" and Mrs. Brown spoke of the nearly 1,500 branches in Ontario and the great amount of work they do. She suggested that at the end of the Institute year, members take stock of themselves and judge efforts and achievements.

She stressed the point that each individual member was responsible for the success of her branch and that each one in giving her support, should show sound thinking, sincerity, sameness, steadiness and efficiency. Each branch should encourage their members to be interested not only in local events but that which concerns us all in other parts of the world. Mrs. Brown said that only women understand women and she encouraged members to show as much friendliness as possible to those from other countries seeking homes in this country.

Miss Audrey Spencer, the Department speaker, explained the Extension Services to the members. She also spoke on "Culture" or as she preferred to call it, the Canadian way of life. She seemed to think we are taking for granted all the advantages we have in this country. New Canadians are becoming in new culture and because Canada is made up of so many different nationalities we get along well with all nations and benefit by their culture.

Mrs. L. Guild of Rockwood, the Provincial Director, told members they should remember they are very important people and as the Associated Country Women of the World the numbers have spread to almost every country. She spoke briefly of the scholarship for girls of the Women's Institute booth at the Royal Winter Fair and the Tweedsmuir Competitions.

The Greek Tractor Fund reached almost \$7,300 and was used not only for the tractor sent there, but for equipment, seed, oil and some food. Mrs. Guild spoke of the Memorial Peace Garden on the Canadian-American border and she regretted the withdrawal of government aid for the share of the upkeep. She urged all branches to protest this withdrawal in a letter to their M.P. and ask that money be put into the budget for this purpose next year.

Mrs. Guild conducted the election of officers: honorary president, Mrs. Milton Brown, R. R. 1, Norva;

### Council Authorizes Twp. Deer Hunt

At the regular meeting of the Nassagaweya Township Council held June 2, accounts amounting to \$3,000.00 and road vouchers for \$1,074.00 were passed for payment.

The clerk was instructed to advertise the township shed at Brookville for sale by tender. A resolution was passed authorizing a local deer hunt in Nassagaweya this fall, licenses to be issued to ratepayers of the township only. Council granted an extension of time to the Milton Brick Co. to complete the re-building of the road opposite their property subject to the approval of the Department of Highways.

The resignation of E. P. Bowman of Guelph as engineer under the Ditches and Watercourses Act was accepted. Several matters pertaining to the township were discussed at length at this meeting, including fire protection, community hall at Campbellville, tax arrears, etc.

The largest drydock in the British Empire is at Saint John, N.B.

### AUCTIONEERS' "SOLD!" HEARD 800-900 TIMES AT CLUB AUCTION

About 1,500 items and the continual bark of the three assisting auctioneers were features of the second annual Community Auction sponsored by the Acton Y.M.C.A. Club on Saturday. Acton Arena was crowded with items slated for the auction block contributed by the citizens of Acton.

A number of smaller articles were grouped but in all about eight or nine hundred sales were made by the auctioneers, R. Hindley, R. Amos and W. Gibson. The local club netted approximately \$300 on an auction, firewood, clothing, furniture, preserves, pickles, skates, skis, lawn mowers, grain, live fowl rabbits and pups, washing machines and electric stoves, as well as a multitude of other items. A rummage sale was held to handle small items like books, shoes and clothing.

The good crowd present seemed to enjoy the sport of searching

### Winning Students Attend Meeting

Mrs. Alfred Long, Regent, presided at the June meeting of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. which was held at the home of Mrs. George Mason, Lake Avenue. During the business part of the meeting, further plans for the fall bazaar were discussed.

Beverly Smith, Marjorie Warno, Elizabeth Jany and Frank Mason, four of the Public School students who won prizes donated by the Chapter, were present at the meeting and exhibited their work as well as that of the other prize winners.

Miss Bennett gave a most informative paper on the requirements for citizenship in Canada. Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Grindell, Mrs. Van Fleet, Mrs. McLeod and Mrs. Mercer.

### Candles, Lightning Hour's Illumination

While the worst thunderstorm so far this year rumbled over Acton Sunday evening with a soaking downpour of rain and jagged bolts of lightning, electric power went off in Acton and district.

One of the zig-zagging bolts had struck an air break switch on the Fergus-Acton feeder line about 8:30 p.m. Although this line was not repaired until 3:30 a.m., Acton had electric power again in one hour and two minutes, by tying in with a line from Kipling, near Toronto.

The hour-long blackness of the town made the season's first storm an awe-inspiring one, with the only illumination from sputtering candles and brilliant flashes of lightning.

### Y ANNUAL MEETING RECEIVES REPORT; \$708 DEFICIT ON YEAR

Reports were received on the progress of the Acton Y.M.C.A. at the annual meeting on Monday evening when a report was submitted showing that during the past year gym classes, handicraft activities, nursery school, swimming, holiday programs, arts and crafts, badminton, bridge, chess and social evenings had been part of the year's activities as well as various club-sponsored activities, such as the Halloween party, mother and daughter banquet, arts and crafts exhibition, community auction, New Year's Eve dance, parent's night and a camp at Terra Cotta. Active attendance at the Y during the year was 7,637 with a total service attendance of 10,326.

The financial report contained in the printed report showed a deficit on the year's operations of \$708.72, which has since been reduced approximately \$300 by donations, C. Wood of the finance committee announced.

Chairman for the evening was Honorary President A. Mason and a short business session was conducted by Board chairman E. Footitt.

The meeting approved the names recommended to act on the Y Board for the next three years: E.

Bilton, J. Hurst, M. Nellis and C. Sutton were appointed. Y pins were presented to a number of volunteer workers who had contributed to the varied program during the last year.

Notice of a motion was given by R. Bean to be voted on at the next annual meeting, that the president of the Ladies' Auxiliary and the Phalanx Club be represented on the Y Board and that the incoming board consider inviting representatives of the service clubs to Board meetings.

Members of the Ladies' Auxiliary catered for a banquet preceding the meeting.

Cliff Schell of the National Council staff addressed the group on "Canada." He also pointed out that 6 per cent of the population belonged to the Acton Y while in Canada only 1.8 per cent belonged to Y.M.C.A.'s.

Mr. Schell explained that this was Canada's century. "The crux of Canada's importance is in population," he declared. He suggested that every generation had to find its own way, taking into account the experiences of the past. He said he felt that the increase in Y membership was due to the fact that the people were finding in the Y a place for the development of the future. "The Y is where people get together for a common purpose," he explained.

Following the conclusion of the Board meeting, guests were invited to attend the induction of officers of the newly organized Phalanx Club with K. Addison as president. A number of guests were present for this induction conducted by a Guelph group.

### C.G.I.T. Meet With W.M.S. On Tuesday

The Canadian Girls in Training of the Acton United Church held an affiliation meeting with the Women's Missionary Society on Tuesday evening in the Sunday School room.

After a short business session, Miss Bennett called on the C.G.I.T. president, Ena Jennings, who took charge of the affiliation ceremony and program. After discussion of the work and study of the group by the leaders, Miss Muriel Burns and Mrs. Velma West, the girls took part in the following program.

Margaret Dennis read an introductory poem, after which Juanita DeForest read the scripture and led in prayer. Two Indian stories were read from the group's study book by Ena Jennings and Georgina Plester, after which Ena Jennings gave some Indian interpretations.

Nancy Lambert sang a solo "And with Me." A short sketch of research work being done among Chinese, Canadians in Vancouver was portrayed by Fay Andrews. Claire Lambert and Nancy Delele, Arlene Gordon read the meditation of a Canadian Chinese girl as written at camp.

Miss Bennett presented the group with their World Friendship badge, ably assisted by Betty May Lambert. After a closing hymn, benediction was pronounced by Mrs. West.

### BRIDESMAID HOLDS PANTRY SHOWER WITH PRESTON, KITCHENER GUESTS

About 20 guests from Preston, Kitchener and Acton brought gifts to Jean Dowsett, Kitchener and Jim Moss, Preston, when a pantry shower was held on Saturday evening at the home of Miss Pat Terry, Acton. The couple are to be married on July 5 with Miss Terry as bridesmaid.

Euchre was played and refreshments served to conclude the evening. Mr. Moss is the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Terry, Acton.

### County Is At It Again!

## Two Towns Opposed to '52 Equalization By-Law

That perennial thorn in the side of municipal officials—equalized assessment—saw charges and counter-charges hurled across the table at the regular meeting of County Council Tuesday afternoon. It all came about when the annual by-law was read and approved to set the equalized assessment from the 1951 revised assessment rolls of all municipalities in the County for the 1952 levy.

The representatives of all municipalities approved of the by-law except those from Oakville and Burlington, who voted in block against it. They urged and hoped the by-law could be delayed so some kind of mutual agreement on figures could be arranged, as council had done in previous years.

Over two and a half hours of discussion took place before the by-law was finally approved. It was the longest discussion in the memory of this correspondent, to take place over any subject, in county council.

Oakville representatives, Reeve E. R. Lauder and Deputy Reeve L. McArthur, while not objecting especially to figures as presented by the county assessor, did object to principles and the 15 per cent, absolute increase which they thought outside of Oakville and Burlington that amount of reduction of assessment. "I feel that all municipalities should be assessed the same. I would further suggest the assessment committee along with the assessors in the county and the Court of Revision again meet to revise these figures," Reeve Lauder urged.

Reeve C. L. S. Palmer, chairman of the Assessment Committee, felt Mr. Lauder's remarks were arguments which should be presented during an appeal hearing. He also pointed out the expense involved should an appeal be heard by the county judge. He further stated the equalized assessment program as set up several years ago involved considerable expense to the county.

"I don't think it should be scrapped now," he declared. Deputy Reeve McArthur argued a subdivision east of Oakville was enjoying a 25 per cent, absolute on their assessment. He wanted to know who was responsible for this ruling. Ford Bagers, county assessor, stated all rulings had been decided by either the manual or by consent of all municipal assessors at their regular monthly meetings.

An amendment to the by-law calling for a meeting of the assessment committee, assessors and the Court of Revision, to go over the figures and report back to council, sponsored by Burlington and Oakville members, was lost.

At this point Reeve George Leslie pointed out there had been a change in the original figures which would affect Burlington. He said this could be attributed to a ruling

Following the passing of the assessment by-law, Deputy Reeve Shannon asked his objections be noted in the minutes. They are as follows: "I request that my objection to all procedure of the meeting be recorded in the minutes of this meeting. The principal objection being the reading for a three time and passing of the by-law on equalized assessment, when a third reading was not unanimous, and that the assessment rolls were not perused at the meeting in the manner and spirit outlined in the act."

Signed R. H. Shannon. When a bill for some \$1,200 was presented by Nassagaweya council for payment on road work at the beaver dam, Deputy Reeve Shannon objected, wishing to know how long this was going to continue. He said the council has spent \$2,000 in the last 10 months on this road. Members informed him council had agreed to assist in keeping the road in repair as they approved of keeping the beaver there. Reeve Palmer said anything the county could do to conserve water at the source was a benefit to all southern municipalities.

Several winners in the public school essay contest were present to receive their prizes. They wrote an essay on their visit to county council last month. Winners were: 1. Elizabeth Clarkson, Port Credit; 2. Joan Black, Campbellville; 3. Barbara Gleason Milton; 4. Dorothy Cook, McCurdy's School; 5. Shirley Whitney, Milton.

Council approved a resolution to increase the per diem rate to \$1.26 per day for wards of the Children's Aid Society. This is a three cent a day rate increase over last year. The county engineer's salary was increased to \$4,800 per year with a two cent increase in his mileage. The salary increase was \$500, members were informed. The increase was retroactive to January, 1952.

The following accounts were approved and authorized paid: assessment \$351.10; Home for the Aged \$11,757.83; Finance \$3,888.68; Printing \$128.33; County roads \$30,118.44; County buildings \$37.29; hospital accounts \$1,368.00; agricultural and reforestation \$1,338.50.

### Volunteer Workers Guests At Supper

St. Alban's Parish Hall was the scene of a pleasant get-together last Friday evening for the men who had contributed voluntary labor towards the building. Over 50 men sat down to the bountiful supper supplied in tribute to their labors, by the contributions of the whole congregation. This event fulfilled the earnest wishes of the late rector, Rev. Lupton. The present rector, Rev. Price presided and the guest speaker was Dr. Branton of Guelph. Following his address, cards were played. The meal was prepared and served by the members of the Parish Guild with Mrs. C. Nellis as convener.



CLIMAXING THE SEASON of Junior Farmer and Junior Institute work in Halton was the Achievement Day dance and trophy presentation held in Milton on Saturday evening of last week. Norval captured all but one of the trophies and shown here are the winners: Gord Graham, C.N.E. high novice shield; John Pickett, high aggregate score in seed fair and livestock judging and winner of the Hamilton Spectator trip to Chicago; Barbara Cunningham, Bank of Toronto trophy for the three high girls in club work; Fraser McNabb, high judge of dairy cattle, Howson Ruddell, coach of the high team, leader of the six-high on aggregate score in Norval Club, and one of three high in township competition. In the front row are Gord Burd, high novice judge; Joan Wrigglesworth, winner of the Halton W.I. trip and one of three high in club work; Jean Bird of the three high team and Barry Archer high judge in beef cattle. For complete results see Farm News column. —Staff Photo