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RAIN OR SHINE ACTON FAIR SATURDAY

DUBLIN W.I. QUILT WINS COUNTY, AREA HONORS, ENTER PROVINCIAL

Mrs. Pearl Kennedy and Miss Minnie Somerville, Brook Ave., were hostesses for the September meeting of Dublin Women's Institute last Thursday afternoon. Mrs. L. Ferguson, the president, occupied the chair with the opening numbers being "The Institute Ode" and "The Mary Stewart Collect," followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Further plans were made for the exhibits at Georgetown, Acton and Milton fairs. Mrs. Wilmer Watkins was chosen delegate to the Area convention to be held in Kitchener early next month.

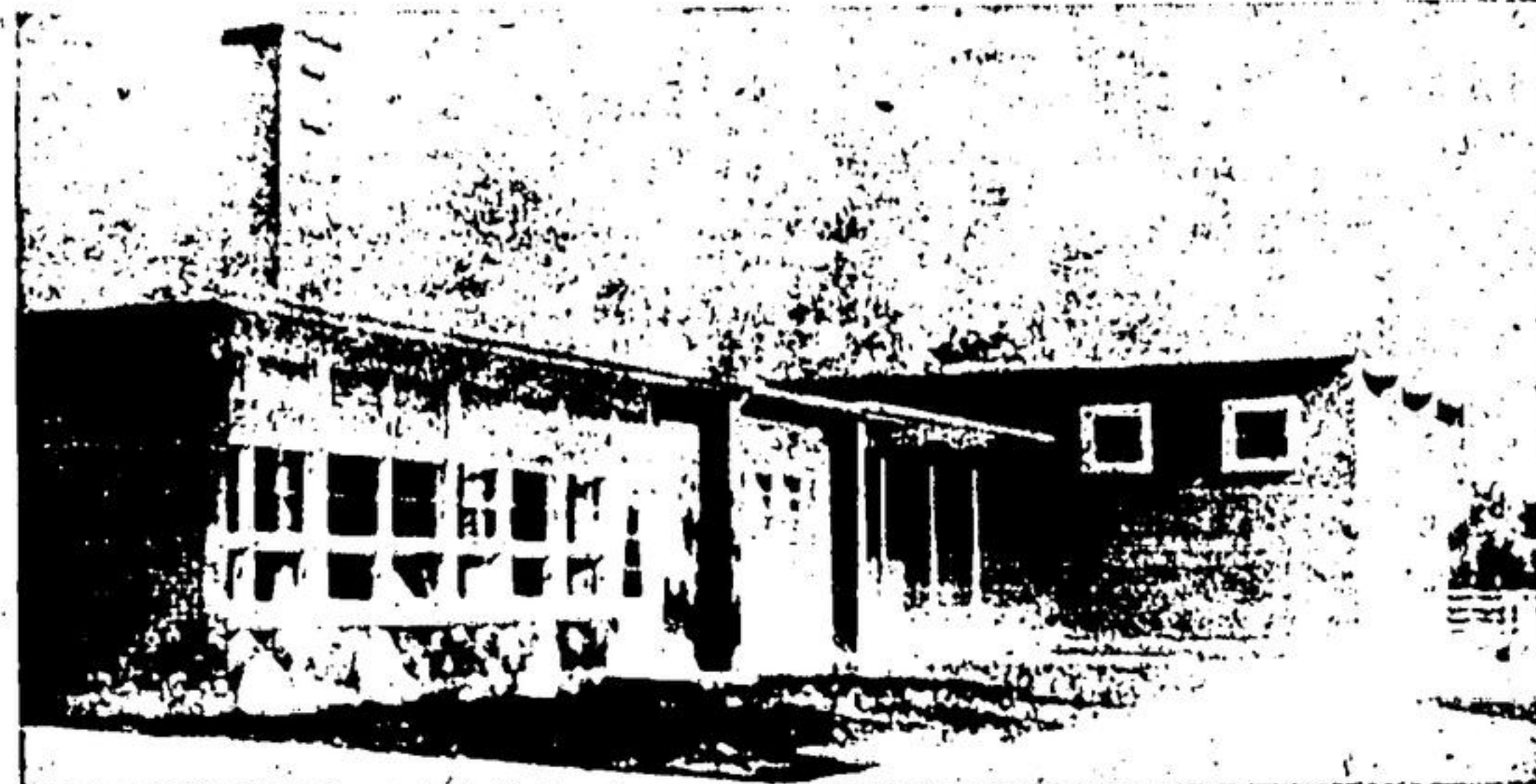
Mrs. Alex Neat, as quilt convener, reported on the fine success of the Dublin W. I. quilt, which is competing in the Salada Tea Contest. In June at the District Annual held in Acton, this quilt was awarded first prize for the county. Recently the quilt was awarded again in the contest at Arise and again this quilt was honored with first prize. Congratulations were offered to the dozen or so ladies who had given so freely to their time and talent last spring in designing and quilting this quilt. It is now in Toronto and is entered in the Provincial Competition. Letters of congratulations were read from Mrs. M. J. Brown, former president of the Halton District Women's Institutes and the Busy Bee W. I.

The roll call was answered with a manufactured article and place of manufacture. Mrs. Charles M. Davidson gave a talk on some timely and helpful kitchen hints.

The song, "School Days" was sung. Mrs. J. Dennis, as convener, gave a paper on Canadian Industries and was assisted by Mrs. T. Horner, who spoke on "Acton and Its Industries" and Mrs. William McPhedran on "The Polymer Corporation of Canada."

Miss Minnie Somerville conducted a contest and Mrs. George Robertson was winner. Mrs. Ferguson read from the W. I. Handbook for a few minutes.

A dainty lunch was served by the hostess, Mrs. Kennedy, assisted by Mrs. S. Elliot and Mrs. J. Dennis.



ACTON'S ADDITION to the public school is shown here from the front. Principals from all over Halton County inspected the building on Tuesday of this week when they held one of their regular meetings in Acton. Plans for the official opening of the addition have not yet been completed but it is expected the opening will be in October with official duties performed by a high government official. The large modern front of the building is shown with the extreme right door opening into the auditorium, the centre to the main foyer and the left door to the Grade VIII class room. —Staff Photo

Hope for Record Crowd, Entries, Good Weather

Fickle fall weather gave Acton fair the cold shoulder two years ago and a fit of her tears in rain last year. Hundreds of Acton residents, district farmers and their families, those from nearby villages and towns and more distant cities are hoping this week that the capricious weather will turn her shining face toward Acton park on Friday and Saturday.

Tomorrow (Friday) the 1952 fair opens with judging in many of the classes being held in the arena hall and a splendid program planned for the evening in the arena. While the variety show is in progress that evening, the exhibits in the adjoining hall, including school children's work, baking and preserves, handicrafts, flowers, vegetables and several exhibits by local merchants, will be open.

OBITUARY

Services Held For Wife of Gord Cook

Funeral services were held on Tuesday of this week in London for Freda Bernice Williams, wife of Gordon P. Cook, formerly of Acton. Mrs. Cook died as the result of a car accident on Saturday evening.

Mrs. Cook is survived by her husband, Gordon; a son, Dennis; a brother, Steve; two sisters, Mrs. Chester Truss and Mrs. John Green, both of London; and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Williams, Port Stanley.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook were married on July 28, 1931 and lived in London where Gordon or "Cookie", as he is known in Acton, worked as a cook at Westminster Military hospital.

Pallbearers were George Elad, John Green, Chester Truss, Jack Morgan, Herb Cook and Jack McGeachie. Services were conducted by Rev. E. C. Eckhardt with interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, London.

Mrs. Cook was killed instantly in a collision at Emery St. and Wharfedale Rd., London, when she was hurled 50 feet in the air as the car in which she was riding rolled two-and-a-half times to stop on its side.

Gordon Cook was released after treatment at Victoria hospital. Five others still are hospitalized. Don Mitchell, driver of the car in which the Cooks were passengers, has a fractured left leg, cuts and bruises.

Gordon McConnell, a veteran patient at Westminster hospital, owner and driver of the second car, is at St. Joseph's hospital with a fractured left arm. His passengers, Ruth Malmont, Irwin St., injured left eye; Grace Schmidt, Langarth St., back injuries, are in Victoria hospital and James Vincent Napier is in Westminster hospital.

Napier went out for the day in crutches with a mending leg that had been fractured two months ago and came back from the crash with the old injury broken again.

Troubles of the party began after a big parade of war veterans. Cook jocularly showed friends in their home how he marched in the parade. He slipped and fell, sustaining a cut over the eye.

Mitchell undertook to drive him to hospital for stitches. Mrs. Cook rode in the rear seat with her husband holding a handkerchief to stop the blood flow. On the way their car collided with McConnell's.

INTERPRETATION

Customer: "A dollar's worth of steak, please."
Butcher: "You said a mouthful."

Plan Removal Town Hall Tower; Bell, Siren To Stay

Council adjourned their regular meeting on Tuesday at 2 a.m. with considerable business uncompleted. Business slowed to a snail's pace as heads nodded in the early hours and no decisions could be made on the several contentious subjects that loomed in the session called for 8 p.m. It was decided a special meeting would be necessary to complete consideration of the many by-laws and agenda items.

Authorization was granted to remove the top of the tower on the town hall because of its rotted condition. A delegation inspected the tower and found it possible to shake the entire top section of the age-weakened structure.

It was planned to replace the present pointed tower with a flat roof and also build a new wheel to operate the bell if the cost was reasonable. The present wheel is of wood and weather-beaten to a rotted condition. Acton's town hall was built about 1881.

Council approved a by-law covering the establishment of the volunteer fire brigade. It was felt an early by-law did not cover the present day conditions.

The new by-law allows for a chief, deputy, two captains and a secretary, as well as 16 fire fighters. No volunteers are to be over 65 years of age and no officers over 60. The chief is to be elected by the department and passed in by-law form by council.

The annual cost of operating the department shall be included in the annual estimates and the clerk is to notify the chief at least two weeks prior to the date when the estimates are to be considered. The chief submits his estimates including all costs.

Grants to the brigade are to be as determined by the council. The brigade cannot respond with Acton equipment to any calls outside the municipality except from a municipality with which the town has an agreement. Chief F. Dawkins was appointed by by-law.

Clerk McGeachie was instructed to advertise for tenders on the trapping privileges on town property. The agreement is to be made for a period of five years and payment of a fixed sum for the privilege is to be paid in advance of each season. This was the result of inquiries by H. K. Dods earlier for the privilege and followed inquiries at the Department of Lands and Forests.

Mayor Rachlin, reporting for the sewer committee, recommended that there was some work at the disposal plant that should be done immediately. A motion was passed that Jones and Van Gils be advised if the installation of the flame trap at the plant was not corrected before September 25, the work would be done and charged to their account.

Reporting for the police committee, the Mayor recommended a continuation of policing of Acton by the provincial police. A new agreement was necessary since notification of increases in rates. The committee failed to find any cheaper method of policing according to the report.

Letters from Mrs. G. V. Barbeau and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Williams complained about the condition of an excavated lot on Arthur St. owned by Jones and Van Gils.

The letters complained that the lot was dangerous, unsightly and obstructed the view of the corner. Two suggested by-laws for controlling the situation were presented by Solicitor Leatherland. At 1:45 a.m. with no agreement in sight, it was decided to hold a special meeting to consider the

97 Years Old, 57 Years Minister

From Calgary, Alberta, we learn that Rev. Malcolm Roland Gordon recently marked his 97th birthday. Many of our readers will recall the Gordon family, who were born here and spent their early years on the farm on the fourth line north of Acton. Rev. Malcolm has spent 57 years of his 97 years in the ministry of the Presbyterian and United churches.

Although he has lived nearly a century, the preacher doesn't regard himself as being retired. His retirement as a minister of the United Church was official in 1939 but he still preaches at the Old Folks Home and is pastor at the Scottish Nursing Home. In good health, he says he will continue to preach as long as he is able.

On the occasion of his 97th birthday, Friday, September 12, his friends honored him at an open house from 7 until 9 p.m. at the home of Mrs. R. L. Elves, 3036 2nd St. S.W.

Mr. Gordon was born in Acton, Ont., and received his theological training at Manitoba College and the Presbyterian College at Princeton, N.J. He spent nine years as pastor of the Dutch Settlers' church in New York before returning to Canada in 1904 as a United church minister in northern Alberta.

He has two daughters, Mrs. Helen Gordon McPherson of Vancouver and Mrs. Myrtle Gordon Roberts of New York. He lives at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Oldaker, 536 23rd Ave. W.

The Free Press joins in belated but sincere congratulations to Rev. Malcolm Gordon.

HALTON FORUMS VOLUNTEER GROUP FOR PRE-TESTING OF FORUM GUIDE

With the approach of fall, rural people naturally turn their thoughts toward Farm Forums. Plans for the season begin to take form in the minds and hearts of farm people, not only in Ontario and Canada, but the world over through United Nations Educational and Social Organization.

Recently, the provincial semi-annual Farm Radio Forum board meeting was held at the Ontario College of Education, Toronto, to which, for the first time, the county secretaries were invited. Wellington Sutton of Peterborough county, president of the provincial board, presided, and in a few well chosen words introduced the provincial secretary, Clifford Walte.

In replying to these words of introduction, Mr. Walte referred to the events leading up to his acceptance of this office. He admitted there was a great deal to learn but he also felt there was a worth while reward in working with rural people. In the 48 counties in Ontario, he reported 70 forums and he hoped to see all on their own grounds. He drew attention to the sheet of financial statement from April 1 to August 31, 1952. A provincial finance committee was appointed as president and the first and second vice-presidents.

Floyd Griestbach from the national executive reported on the pre-testing of the forum guide and asked for volunteer groups who would be responsible for three such groups. Halton was one who volunteered their services. These pre-testing groups are held five weeks previous to the guide going to press.

The question of a county constitution was also discussed, as many members were not even aware there was a provincial constitution let alone county constitution.

The distribution of the recapitulation sheets to each county secretary brought the realization just where each county stood in shouldering its share of financial responsibilities. The average collection per forum on a provincial basis was \$20.83, while Halton collection per forum \$22.95. It was emphasized the necessity of having county secretaries' books as well as forum secretaries' books audited. All forums are asked to report activities on review night.

The pre-forum broadcast is scheduled for October 27. The regular series start November 3. Any new forums or re-organizing old ones are welcomed.

DOUBLE RING CEREMONY AUGUST 30 IN ACTON UNITED CHURCH

A double ring wedding ceremony was performed in Acton United church on Saturday, August 30, when Marion June Brown, daughter of Mr. O. R. Brown, Acton, was married to David Drysdale, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Drysdale of Acton. Rev. E. A. Curry officiated in a setting of multi-colored gladioli and evergreen fern.

A white floor length lace gown with net skirts was worn by the bride, who was given in marriage by her father. The gown featured a nylon lace bodice with high neckline, cap sleeves and tiny buttons from throat to waist. Her fingertip veil was held by a headress of lace. She wore watching lace gloves and carried a bouquet of red roses with stephanotis.

The bride's sister, Miss Doreen Brown of Acton, was maid of honor wearing a floor length gown of yellow net over taffeta and carrying a nosegay of mauve glads and mums.

Wearing a blue net gown was the bridesmaid, Miss Dorothy Middleton, a cousin of the groom of Regina. She carried pink glads and mums.

The cousin of the bride, Nancy Hudson of Toronto, was flower girl, wearing a mauve eyelet dress with yellow rosebuds.

Best man was the brother of the groom, John Drysdale of Acton and ushers were Bob Tyler and Jack Blow of Acton.

George Elliott played the wedding music and the soloist, Yvonne Brunelle, sang "The Wedding Prayer" and "Because."

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the church. Receiving the guests was Mrs. O. R. Brown wearing pale blue with white trim and navy accessories. She was assisted by the groom's mother, who chose navy nylon sheer and lace with navy accessories. Both wore corsages of pink roses.

Guests attended from Regina, Toronto, Erin, Rockwood, Bronte, St. Catharines, Georgetown, Milton and Acton.

The couple left on a wedding trip to the Kawartha Lakes district, the bride wearing a navy dress trimmed with white, navy and white accessories and a corsage of yellow Tallman roses.

There are about 12,000 Indians and Eskimos living in the Yukon and Northwest Territories and an equal number of white persons.

LIMEHOUSE INSTITUTE AWARD PRIZES IN OVER 30 CLASSES AT GARDEN FAIR

Prizes awarded by the Women's Institute at Limehouse Gardens' fair, with Mr. Pargeter as judge, were as follows:

Junior Flowers
Zinnias—Eugene Turner, Thomasine Sutton, David Roughley.
Candytuft—Peter Glynn, Eugene Turner, Thomasine Sutton.
Salvia — Thomasine Sutton, Joe Brown, Joy Patterson.
Calendula — Thomasine Sutton, Joe Brown, Peter Glynn.
Nasturtium—Joe Brown, Thomasine Sutton, Donnie Curry.
Petunia — Joe Brown, Peter Glynn, Eugene Turner.
Dining room bouquet — Joe Brown, Thomasine Sutton, Donnie Curry.
Living room bouquet — Billy Sanford, Thomasine Sutton, John Brown.

Seniors Flowers
Carnations — John Brown, Dorothy Kirkpatrick, Eldin Askin.
Snapdragons—Kay Norton, John Brown, Dorothy Kirkpatrick.
Larkspur—John Brown, Dorothy Kirkpatrick.
Zinnias — Bert Benton, John Brown, Dorothy Kirkpatrick.
Marigolds—John Brown, Dorothy Kirkpatrick.
Asters — John Brown, Dorothy Kirkpatrick.

Garden plots as judged by Mr. Pargeter during the season were placed in the following order:
Juniors—Eugene Turner, David Roughley and Joe Brown tied; Billy Sanford, Peter Glynn, Thomasine Sutton, Gloria Latimer, Donnie Curry, Joy Patterson, Trudy Scott, Linda Clarke.
Seniors—John Brown, Bert Benton, Dorothy Kirkpatrick, Kay Norton, Eldin Askin, Garry Scott, Barbara Currie.

Tomatoes — Joe Brown, Eugene Turner, Billy Sanford.
Onions — David Roughley, Joe Brown, Donnie Curry.
Beets — Thomasine Sutton, Eugene Turner, Donnie Curry.
Carrots — Eugene Turner, Thomasine Sutton, Peter Glynn.
Chard — David Roughley, Joy Patterson, Thomasine Sutton.
Display of vegetables — Eugene Turner, Donnie Curry, Trudy Scott.
Ex-students gardens' display — Ruth Brown, Neil Benton, Kathleen Kirkpatrick.
Ladies living room bouquet — Mrs. Frank Brown, Mrs. Roughley.
Ladies' dining room bouquet — Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. F. Brown.
Seniors
Tomatoes — John Brown, Garry Scott, Kay Norton, John Brown.
Carrots — Bert Benton, Eldin Askin, John Brown.
Celery — Bert Benton, John Brown.
Corn — Joe Brown, Trudy Scott, Joy Patterson.
Kohlrabi — Dorothy Kirkpatrick, John Brown, Bert Benton.
Squash — Bert Benton, John Brown, Garry Scott.
Watermelon — Joe Brown, John Brown, Eldin Askin.
Seniors' display from gardens — Bert Benton, John Brown, Dorothy Kirkpatrick.
Basket potatoes — Billy Sanford, John Brown, David Roughley.



WINNING CLOWNS in the children's clown contest Saturday at the Roxy Theatre were from left to right, Mary Lou Creighton, Johnny Creighton, Blair Hotchen and Billy Greer, who is seen here receiving his first prize from "nattily attired" Ernie Coles who also displayed for the publicity of "The Greatest Show on Earth" that played this week at the theatre. —Staff Photo