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## FLOOD RELIEF FUND GETS \$200 START

### DUBLIN W.I. TAKES FIRST PLACE, \$100 FOR DESIGN, QUILTING AT SHOW

After quilting industriously for an hour at their originally-designed quilt in competition at the Coliseum, Toronto, last Saturday, 10 ladies of Dublin W. I. were judged the best and Miss Minnie Somerville was presented with a cheque for \$100 for the group. The competition was held at the Canadian Hobby and Crafts show.

A dozen or so of the ladies of Dublin Women's Institute had been busily engaged the past week at the home of Miss Minnie Somerville and Mrs. P. Kennedy, Brock Ave., Acton, in preparing a quilt for the competition, which was under the sponsorship of Kate Aitken. One of the requirements was that it was to be an original design and the honor of this goes to Miss Somerville and her sister, Mrs. Kennedy, in designing the quilt and to Mrs. Mansell Nellis and Mrs. Wm. Frank and others in the design and quilting to be used.

The quilt is of fine white broad-cloth blocks, each block 12" square, with the national emblems of the United Kingdom and Canada—the Tudor rose, Scotch thistle, Irish shamrock and the maple leaf, applied on in color. Above these blocks are the Royal crown and jewels and the Prince of Wales feathers at each side, with the motto, "Ich Dien," meaning "I serve" embroidered thereon.

On either side, of the Royal crown are the names—"Elizabeth" and "Philip" and underneath are the words, "Commemorating the Royal visit, 1951," embroidered in color. The quilt was partially

quilted when, on Saturday morning, 15 ladies journeyed to Toronto with their quilt and quilting frames.

In the afternoon, 10 ladies quilted for an hour in the Coliseum, along with several other groups of ladies from different places, with their respective quilts. When the awards were made, Dublin Women's Institute placed first and a cheque for \$100, was presented to Miss Somerville on behalf of the group.

The second prize was awarded to Knox Presbyterian Church, Dundas and third prize to Erskine United Church, Toronto. The judging was based on the originality of the design, neatness of workmanship and speed of performance.

Mrs. L. Ferguson is president of Dublin Women's Institute and Mrs. Alex Ross is convener of the quilt committee. Along with these two ladies—the others quilting—were Mrs. M. Nellis, Miss M. Somerville, Mrs. P. Kennedy, Mrs. A. Near, Mrs. Wm. Frank, Mrs. W. Watkins, Mrs. Duncan Moffat, Mrs. W. McIntyre, Mrs. J. Van Fleet, Mrs. A. E. Crossman, Mrs. C. J. Van Goozen and Miss Mildred Wilson.

This is the third time the Dublin Women's Institute has brought home honors recently with their sewing skill. Last June in competition, they were awarded first prize for their quilt at the Halton District Annual held in Knox Church, Acton, which is composed of 23 Institutes. Last October, the same quilt received first prize at the Area Convention held in Kitchener.

### Ladies' Aid Dinner Host to Knox Choir

On Thursday evening, February 5, the members of Knox choir with their husbands and wives were the guests of the Ladies' Aid at a social evening.

Dinner was served at 7 p.m. The menu included turkey and all the trimmings.

Following the dinner, a program was enjoyed with Rev. R. H. Armstrong as master of ceremonies. Several humorous readings were given by Mrs. R. H. Parker and Mr. Les Duby contributed several vocal and musical numbers. Dr. A. J. Buchanan showed some of his own pictures, including many taken at the various church gatherings the past year, which were most appropriate.

Mrs. R. M. McDonald, on behalf of the Ladies' Aid and the congregation, spoke words of appreciation and encouragement to the choir for their services rendered so willingly.

### Fire Aid Meeting Is Held In Acton

The Acton Volunteer Fire Department were hosts for the Halton County Mutual Aid meeting, held in the Acton Town Hall February 8. Chief Clements of Milton presided. W. McLeod represented the Acton council fire committee and spoke briefly in welcoming the Association members to Acton.

Wilfred Bird, deputy-vice of Esquering, spoke concerning the organizing of the districts allotted to Acton, Georgetown and Milton Fire Departments and said that a system of numbering was being considered for the townships of Esquering and Nassagaweya.

### Mrs. G. McKenzie Is Lakeside Regent

Mrs. G. McKenzie was named Regent for the year at the February meeting of the Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. held Tuesday evening in the Legion Hall. The slate of officers was read, after votes were taken on four officers.

The retiring regent, Mrs. B. Bean, presided at the meeting. New members were installed.

Mrs. Bean and Mrs. Jane Gamble were appointed to attend a meeting in the town hall to consider flood relief. Annual reports of conveners were read.

### Y Board Presents Gift to C. Wood

Charles Wood, a member of the Y.M.C.A. Board who is moving to Toronto, was presented with a wallet at the Y board meeting on Tuesday, February 3. Dick Bean made the presentation and Mr. Wood thanked the group.

A buffet supper was enjoyed. Mrs. Bean had prepared sandwiches and Mrs. Redfern catered with the help of Carolyn Oakes.

Routine business was taken care of, with Mr. Bean in the chair. Bob Redfern reported on Y activities, pointing out the decided increase in attendance.

Mr. Redfern entertained the board members with a comedy routine.

### R. Davidson Heads Esquering Board

R. L. Davidson of Acton has been named chairman of the Esquering school area board this year, succeeding Hector Bird. Members of the board are Mr. Bird, John Bingham, R. J. Cunningham and William Dobbie.

Accommodation for increasing numbers of pupils in the public schools at Norval and Stewarttown is a problem facing the board this year. At the present time, pupils in the three senior grades in these two centres are brought by bus to Georgetown, while a few Dublin district students come to Acton to school.

Although an addition or a new school at Norval are being considered, no definite action has been taken by the board as yet.

### Couples Meet, Plan Club, Elect Officers

Rae and Velma West were elected presidents of the United Church couples' club at an organization meeting on Tuesday evening of this week. Don and Annetta Van Fleet were named vice-president, Cranston and Chris Griese secretary, Jack and Bunney Stewart treasurer and Edgar and Marie Bilton pianists. Rae West outlined the need for a group of this type and stressed that it was not intended to become a burdensome organization.

A sing song, musical selections by Edgar and Marie Bilton and Rev. Curry, and a musical box contest were on the program enjoyed by 12 couples. A discussion on the number of meetings that should be held resulted in a decision to meet monthly. Regular meeting nights were set for Wednesday.

### 75 FOOT TREE FALLS DISRUPTS POWER LINE

Power to two houses was cut off for about five hours last Thursday when a tree, which was being cut down, hit a hydro pole on Main St. south. The poles of D. Lappin and B. Veldhuis had no power from 11:30 a.m. till 4:45 p.m. when the wires servicing their homes were repaired.

Four men were cutting down a 75 foot poplar tree on the Lappin property when it fell, striking the pole which carried the service to the two houses from the main line across the highway. \$20 damage was estimated to the pole.

Traffic was not held up.



CHARLES WOOD was recently named Western Area Installation Superintendent of Northern Electric and will leave Acton to take up residence in Toronto. Mr. Wood is a former councillor and member of the North Halton High School District Board and Acton Public Utilities Commission.

### Halton Company Shows Good Year

T. J. Brownridge was elected President of the Halton Union Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co. at the annual meeting held in Acton recently. Vice-President is Cameron Kitching and directors remain the same as last year with A. T. Moore as Secretary-Treasurer.

The annual statement presented to policy holders showed another year of successful operation. Losses were more than the previous year, but the increase was largely due to re-insurance claims. Total losses for the year were \$34,103.31 and of this amount \$2 re-insurance losses accounted for \$15,925.14.

Surplus at the end of the past year amounted to \$144,265.11 of which amount \$8,545.03 was accumulated in the present year. Donations were made during the year to the Wellington County and Halton County Tuberculosis Associations and the Sick Children's Hospital.

During the year the company has inaugurated an inspection program and appointed William Norton as inspector. The inspection is designed to help policy holders protect their buildings and equipment against fire hazards and give direction in changes from defective electric wiring.

### IODE Group Gives \$200, Will Repeat Operetta

"Operation Flood Relief" sprang into action in Acton Wednesday night of this week as representatives of various organizations gave an enthusiastic green light to the suggestion that "maybe something should be done" to assist the unfortunate people of Great Britain and the Netherlands that had homes and land swept away in the worst floods of that section on record. Joe Hurst was named to head the committee of five to "start the ball rolling." Mayor F. G. Oakes, presiding at the organization meeting, reported many requests from citizens and organizations for an effort through the community.

### Charles E. Wood Receives Promotion

Charles E. Wood of Acton has been appointed installation superintendent of the Western Area for Northern Electric Company according to announcement in a recent issue of "Northern News." He has been assistant superintendent of this area since 1949.

Mr. Wood has been associated with Northern Electric since 1924 and in 1928 he became an installation foreman and has during the intervening years held other supervisory positions. He made the first telephone call from Dawson Creek to Washington on the opening of the Alaska Highway in 1942.

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### District Teachers Meet Wednesday

Teachers from Acton public school attended a meeting at the Howard Wrigglesworth school in Georgetown Wednesday afternoon, while the pupils had a holiday. Teachers and students connected with the operetta stayed at the school, however, to practice.

Acton, Milton and Georgetown school teachers met to hear special speakers and later enjoyed refreshments.

Attending from Acton were Mrs. Alger, Mrs. Gamble, Miss Dena Braida, Miss W. McKay, Miss Foster, Miss Anderson, Mrs. Little, Mrs. Wilkinson and principal G. W. McKenzie.

### Limehouse Euchre Sponsored by W.I.

A pleasant evening spent in playing euchre was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Kirkpatrick in Limehouse Saturday evening, January 24, under the auspices of a W. I. committee consisting of Mrs. W. Mitchell as convener, Mrs. C. Meredith, Mrs. J. S. Noble, Mrs. J. Rose, Mrs. Paul Spitzer, Mrs. A. J. Smethurst, Mrs. A. Spitzer and Miss W. Ivens.

There were 10 tables and the prize winners were: ladies' high, Mrs. George Somerville; second, Mrs. J. VanFleet; gent's high, Oscar Locker with G. Somerville as second. Meredith and Mrs. C. Storey were winners of consolation prizes.

The door prize was also won by Mr. Locker, the winning ticket being drawn by Master Edgar Karn. Lunch was served by the ladies on the committee and all enjoyed a social hour.

The committee expressed appreciation to the host and hostess in opening their commodious home, where everyone enjoyed a pleasant evening.

### TEN WOMEN CALLED AS HALTON JURORS

Ten women were called to Jury duty in Halton for the Spring Assizes to be held this month. Two were called for the grand jury and eight for the petit jury. Justice Laval will preside for the Assizes.

These will be the first women called for Jury duty in Halton. They have the privilege of refusing to act by filling in a form that accompanies their call. For those men called for jury duty this is not possible.

Sheriff Robertson reported that eight cases have been listed for trial in the Assizes.

The motor car killed an average of 19 persons a week in Ontario in 1952.

### Review Sketch Plans For School Building Program

Preliminary sketch plans of the buildings and sites at the three schools in North Halton High School District were presented to the Board at a special meeting held in Stewarttown township hall on Tuesday evening, by Barnett and Reider, architects. The plans presented show not only the present buildings but sketch in the future expansion which might be provided as the need arises in all of the three towns.

The sketches include guidance on sites available. In Acton, two sites are shown that are suitable for the building contemplated. In Milton the additional classroom is shown for the north side of the building. Future development would be on the east side.

In Georgetown the additional rooms and facilities are shown west of the present building and future development can be carried out adjoining on present property but additional land should be secured to meet requirements. The new rooms are adjacent and connected to the present school building, which will be used.

The preliminary sketches, when they receive Board approval, will have to go to the Municipal Board and the Department of Education for approval before detailed plans and specifications can be proceeded with. Every member of the Board was supplied with a set of sketches, surveys and recommendations of the architects so it can be studied before another meeting and alterations or recommendations given by the architects.

Mr. Barnett was present at the meeting and went over all the plans and details with the Board. He asked for recommendations and any changes desired. They are prepared to proceed with the next step as soon as the information and approvals are given.

All the members of the Board were present at this meeting and it is proposed to deal further with the plans at the regular meeting of the Board to be held later this month.

The new building in Acton shows four standard classrooms of 23x30 feet and the commercial room 23 x 40 feet. There are, of course, washrooms provided, general office and vault space, principal's office, a room 18x30 which would be used as teachers and Board room and which may be made into two smaller rooms, a nurse's room, a place for janitor's equipment, heating equipment and fuel storage.

### ANNOUNCE WINNERS AT PHALANX EUCHRE

On January 29, the Acton Phalanx Club held a successful euchre at the Y.M.C.A. with prizes going to the following ladies: Mrs. J. Ledger, Mrs. Hollinger, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. J. Rolston, G. Fountain, Mr. Chamberlain, door prize, Mr. Maplesden, birthday prize, Mrs. Geo. Fountain.

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### QUILT MAKING EXPERTS, DUBLIN INSTITUTE LADIES CLAIM \$100 TOP PRIZE



PRIZE WINNING QUILTERS, these members of the Dublin Women's Institute won the competition last week at the Hobby and Homecraft Show in the Coliseum, Toronto, carrying off the top prize of \$100. The quilt, designed by Miss Somerville and Mrs. Kennedy, depicts the Royal Tour of Canada. In the centre at the top is the crown with the emblems, rose, thistle, shamrock and the Prince of Wales Feathers. Shown from the left are Mrs. P. Kennedy, Mrs. L. Ferguson, Mrs. W. McIntyre, Miss M. Wilson, Mrs. Wm. Frank, Miss M. Somerville, Mrs. A. Near, Mrs. A. Ross, Mrs. W. Watkins, Mrs. A. E. Crossman, Mrs. J. VanFleet, Mrs. D. Moffat, Mrs. G. Somerville and Mrs. M. Nellis. This group won two prizes on another quilt called the Little House Quilt before entering this competition.