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## OPTION LAND FOR NEW HIGH SCHOOL



**DEMOLITION OF 29 TREES** leaves Cameron Ave. with a blitzed appearance as town workmen cut the trees thought to be dangerous. Removal of the trees was approved at the last council meeting and the work was done by the town employees. Hydro and telephone wires had to be removed to get the trees down and there were power interruptions for this work. All trees were toppled without damage as the tall timber fell.

### Dr. Buchanan Head Coronation Plans

Dr. A. J. Buchanan was named chairman to be in charge of a committee for planning how Acton will mark the Coronation this spring. It was decided at a meeting of interested citizens in the town hall last Thursday evening. As chairman of the meeting, Lorne Wieck asked for nomination for chairman of the committee and Dr. Buchanan was unanimously selected. Mrs. Angell was named secretary.

Nine organizations had representatives at this meeting. Each organization in town is asked to name a representative to help decide the nature of celebrations here.

L. Wieck is to represent council and agreed to ask council concerning funds for marking the important event.

### Mayor of Milton Addresses Group

The Friendly Circle held its regular meeting on Wednesday, February 18, 1953 in the Sunday School of the church. The president, Miss Jean Harris, was in charge and welcomed three new members to the circle. Mrs. Bunny Stewart then gave the secretary's report of the previous meeting.

Miss Harris was appointed as representative of the Friendly Circle on the Official Board of the church; also Mrs. Hazel Orr on the missionary committee. Each group was asked to undertake a project of its own as a means of raising money. The treasurer, Mrs. Helen Pickett, gave her report.

The remainder of the meeting was then conducted by Group One with Mrs. Helen Cox and Mrs. Joyce Buchanan in charge. Mr. F. Thompson, Superintendent of the Children's Aid Society and also Mayor of Milton, gave an interesting talk about the purpose of the Society. Mrs. Hazel Orr and Miss Bennett both thanked Mr. Thompson for his very informative talk.

Following this, the devotional period for the evening was conducted by Mrs. Joyce Buchanan. The hymn, "The wise may bring their learning," was sung and the scripture lesson was read by Mrs. Eleanor McKeown.

The pleasant evening came to a close with the group in charge serving a delicious lunch. Mrs. Laura Lovell thanked the group for their effort, as it was the first time for the two group leaders.

### Congregation Fetes Retiring Organist

The congregation of Nassagaweya Church presented retiring organist Verna Campbell with a wrist watch in recognition of her 24 years as organist of that church, at a social Friday evening, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Robinson.

In an address read on the occasion by Ed Dredge, it was pointed out that "You have been our organist, leading us in the singing of God's praise since early in 1929. In those 24 years the congregation and choir have come to depend on you and we never were disappointed."

Mrs. W. A. Fraser presented Mrs. Campbell with the wrist watch on behalf of the congregation of the Nassagaweya Presbyterian church. A sing song and lunch concluded the evening.

### EUCHRE PROCEEDS FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

The Lorn Home and School Club held a successful Valentine euchre recently, proceeds of which are for school improvements.

Ten tables were in play and the following were winners: ladies first, Mrs. F. Denny; ladies second, Mrs. McCutcheon; gent's first, Mr. J. Stewart; gent's second, Mr. W. Dobbie; ladies consolation, Mrs. J. Stewart; gent's consolation, H. Saul; Bowler, gent's travelling prize, Mr. J. Allen.

### JOHN SAVAGE MARKS HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

His 90th birthday was celebrated by John V. Savage, a resident of Halton Centennial Manor on February 18. The most recent local nonagenarian enjoys good health and passes many pleasant hours playing his favorite game of chess. His name has appeared in the last two Saturday issues of the Toronto Star chess column as sending in the correct solutions for problems published in the paper.

### G. Force Speaker At Fathers' Night

Co-operation between parents and teachers was urged by George Force of Hamilton when he spoke at the Fathers' Night meeting of the Acton home and school association in the public school auditorium on Monday evening. Mr. Force, was introduced by W. Benson and thanked by Charles Leatherland.

Wes Wolfe was in charge of the meeting, which was attended by about 150.

Les Doby, Rino Braida and Gerry Candler entertained with musical numbers and Vic Bristow sang, accompanied by Ted Hansen.

R. R. Parker acted as quiz master for a fun-provoking game of "20 Questions," with the panel members of Bill Benson, Rev. R. H. Armstrong, Ralph McKeown and H. H. Hinton. Answers were displayed on a blackboard for the audience to see.

The special gifts committee was given permission to consider ways to raise money for a new piano. Coffee and hamburgers were served to the group after the meeting.

### Consider 106 Items Reviewing Budget

Items ranging from \$15 to \$33,000 were considered by Acton Council in special session Sunday afternoon as they met to review the budget for 1953. A total of 106 individual items were considered following several lengthy meetings of the Finance Committee.

Members considered the 1952 expenditures and revenue with the figure submitted by committees for 1953 and the figure recommended by the Finance Committee for 1953. Expenditures will probably be in the \$100,000 range although no definite figure can be arrived at until the auditors review the present finances. The tax total will not all be raised by taxation since the town also receives revenue from licenses, grants and subsidies and similar items.

It was obvious there will be a reduction in the mill rate for the 1953 taxation.

### Building Permits At All-Time High

Value of building permits issued during 1952 reached an all-time high of \$128,310 in Acton. Boosting this high total were the additions to Micro Plastics and the rebuilt and enlarged A. P. Green Fire Brick Co.

Figures compiled this week show that 46,744,000 gallons of water were pumped altogether for the town last year. The amount consumed, however, only totalled 38,000,000 gallons, which indicates a loss of 18 1/2 per cent. This loss is attributed to the loss used at free—worst ones during the year being at A. P. Green Fire Brick and Ajax Engineers—at fire practices and through breaks in water pipes, etc.

### Announce Leaders Of Hit and Miss

Hit and miss leaders at the Y. M. C. A. have been announced this week as follows: Junior girls, Elaine Deforest and Fay Andrews tied for first with 24 points; mid-gent girls, Teresa Arbie, 29 points; Mary Hunter, 28 points; Roseal Higgins, 26 points; bantam girls, Judy Halladay, 39 points; Carolyn Cook, 38 points.

Junior boys, Bob Wahlman, 104 points; Donald Wilds, 77 points; mid-gent boys, Don Lindsay, 54 points; Wayne Ridley, 54 points; bantam boys, Donny Price, 37 points; Danny Holmes, 37 points.

### People in Africa Topic of Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Knox Evening Auxiliary for February was held at the home of Mrs. F. Anderson, Brock Ave., on Wednesday evening of last week. Mrs. Alex Mann presided and was assisted in the devotional program by Mrs. Gordon Ode and Mrs. Mickey Holmes. The study chapter was presented by Mrs. O'Hara giving the introduction and Mrs. R. H. Armstrong speaking on the various types of people found in Africa.

A musical number was given by Mrs. Mel McCullough. After a short business period, Mrs. O'Hara conducted a Bible quiz. Refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed. A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Robert Turner.

## Board Accepts Options On High School Property

Approval was given the preliminary plans for the building program in Acton, Milton and Georgetown at a special meeting on Friday evening in Milton of the North Halton High School District Board.

Approval was also given on an option on land belonging to Darwin Cripps, Acton, of approximately 6 1/2 acres for the sum of \$6,000. Another parcel of land had been offered at the site of the Georgetown school for \$6,000. This is to be purchased from John Tost and the option also received approval.

### Acton Flood Relief Total

**\$433.68**

### History of Guelph Institute Subject

Historical research and current events was the topic for the February meeting of Greenock Women's Institute held at the home of Mrs. J. E. Pearen, with a good attendance of members and visitors.

Mrs. Angus Thompson read the scripture and the roll call was answered with "The oldest article I possess," resulting in an interesting display of antique dishes, cases, quilts, tiny sewing machines, and peepers and clocks.

The president, Miss Elva Pearen, was in charge and during the business the members voted a donation to the European Flood Relief Fund.

"Canada Day" at the ACWW Convention to be held at Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto, this year was discussed and tickets for Greenock delegates are to be ordered.

The "Penny Round-up" sponsored by the Canadian Mental Health Association with proceeds to be used to finance preventive work among children, were distributed and Mrs. Chester Allan was appointed secretary for this project in the Greenock branch.

Mrs. J. L. Allan presided for the program and gave the Area Convention report of the standing committee and items of current events.

A poem entitled "Heritage Quills" was read by Mrs. Calvin Aitken.

Mrs. Chester Allan presented the motto in the form of a paper on Brotherhood Week and a poem "Understanding."

Nancy Aitken favored with a piano solo and a reading, "Memory Time," was given by Mrs. Elliott Patterson.

Several of the old well-known songs were enjoyed in community singing.

The special feature of the program was a talk by Mrs. J. E. Pearen on the "History of Guelph—the Royal City—Capital of Wellington County." Mrs. Pearen traced the history of the city from the founding by John Galt and the naming of the streets after cities in the British Isles, to the highly industrialized Guelph of today, with its many factories, fine stores, new schools and hospitals, beautiful churches and parks, its three colleges—O.A.C., O.V.C. and Macdonald Institute—as well as the Ontario Reformatory.

Special mention was made of the Col. John McCrae Memorial Shrine erected in Guelph in memory of the writer of "In Flanders Fields," who was a son of the Royal City.

In conclusion, Mrs. Pearen drew the members' attention to the fact that John Galt, the founder of Guelph, was born in Greenock in Scotland. The present school, S. S. No. 8 Erin township, known as Greenock school, was named by a man born in Greenock, Scotland, who had helped in the building of the school many years ago. Therefore it was fitting that the members of the Institute had chosen Greenock as a branch name in honor of the local school.

Following a rhyme contest on "Inventions since Pioneer Days," conducted by Mrs. Calvin Aitken and won by Mrs. Elliott Patterson and Mrs. Thos. Hemaley, the meeting closed.

Refreshments were served by the hostess and lunch committee.

### FIBERGLAS INDUSTRY DESCRIBED TO GROUP

The technical control manager of the Fiberglas plant in Guelph, John Ray, spoke to the members of the Acton Rotary club at their regular meeting on Tuesday. He told about the fiberglas industry in Canada and showed samples. Fiberglas is used for insulation and fabrics; yards for textiles are made in Guelph.

Mr. Ray was introduced to the group by Alf Long and thanked by Theron Jones.

### Stake Park Area For Swimming Pool

Plans and specifications for Acton Community Swimming Pool were examined last Thursday evening by members of the committee. On Saturday the location in the park was staked out.

The secretary was instructed to advertise for tenders on the construction of the "junior pool" and have tenders in within two weeks of the time of calling. This will enable material to be secured and construction to start as soon as the weather conditions permit.

W. E. Barnett, the architect, arranged to supply additional plans and specifications and the secretary was to secure three additional sets for those desirous of bidding for the work.

### Install Officers Of Sunday School

The 25 officers of Acton United church Sunday school were installed at the morning service in the church last Sunday. Mrs. Bert Mowat is again the superintendent of the school, with Mrs. A. Long and A. Doby as assistant superintendents. J. McGeachie is the treasurer and M. Nella the secretary. R. Mason is in charge of properties.

The Sunday school teachers are Miss C. Fetterly, Miss J. Elliott, Miss A. Gordon, Mrs. Shirley Dillk, Miss E. Jennings, Miss Joann Veldhuis, Miss Dorothy Simmons, Mrs. C. Cunningham, Mrs. H. Waterhouse, R. Heston, Mrs. V. West, Mrs. M. Simpson, Mrs. V. Bean, C. Hubbel, Jim Dills, Fred Gordon and F. Bean, with supply teachers, Mrs. H. Force, Mrs. E. Smith and Mrs. E. Bilton.

### Letter From Former Actonian is Read

The Baptist Mission Circle held its regular monthly meeting this week at the home of Mrs. Thomas Nicol, with the president, Mrs. C. Landsborough, in charge. Mrs. Wagner and Mrs. William Garner Senior were in charge of the devotions.

Mrs. Garnet read the scripture and a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sweet of Bemalen, French Equatorial Africa. Mrs. Sweet is the former Hazel Connor of Acton. Prayers for missions were given by Mrs. Hartight, Mrs. Wagner and Mrs. J. Chapman. An article on the topic, the Baptist flag, was read by Mrs. Wagner from the Canadian Baptist. Mrs. Helwig closed the meeting with prayer.

Lunch was served at the conclusion of the meeting. Mrs. H. West thanked the hostess for the use of her home.

Saturday is the worst day of the week for traffic accidents.

### TWO SERVICES IN LOCAL CHURCHES ARE HELD ON WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Two services were held in Acton on Friday, February 20, when women all over the world observed the world day of prayer. Similar programs were being followed in different languages in over 100 countries. Although the weather was very disagreeable Friday afternoon, about 70 attended the service in St. Alban's Anglican church.

Mrs. Ralph E. Price was leader for the service, with Mrs. A. J. Buchanan, Mrs. Vir Brislow and representatives of the Anglican, United, Baptist and Presbyterian congregations taking part.

Mrs. B. Veldhuis and Miss Dorothy Simmons sang a duet. The speaker was Mrs. R. G. Baxter of Hamilton, who gave a topical message.

### Campbellville Man Red Poll Vice-Pres.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Red Poll Association was held in the Convention Hall of the McDonald Hotel, Edmonton, Alberta on Monday, February 16, 1953.

At the luncheon in the Jasper Room, the guest speaker was S. Paul, General Manager of the Edmonton Exposition. Charles Gordon of the Department of Agriculture Extension also gave a short talk and later in the day J. Miller, assistant to Mr. Paul, addressed the meeting, telling the particulars of a program and showing being put on by the Edmonton Exposition on Junior Herd Work for the 4-H club members.

A larger grant to the Royal Winter Fair was approved by the gathering and several certificates of merit were presented to owners that qualified, two of these being gold ones for cows that had given over 100,000 lbs. milk at 4 per cent butter fat.

Wilmott McComb, Hayfield, Manitoba, was re-elected president and A. Roy Coulter, Campbellville Ont., vice-president, with H. Sumner, St. Albert, Alta. again elected secretary-treasurer. Other directors for 1953 are as follows: J. Livingston, British Columbia; Thomas Heggie, Philip Hoffman of Sask.; George Wilkinson of Manitoba and P. McNair, P.E.I.

### District President Dublin W.I. Guest

Mrs. J. L. Ellerby, Halton District Women's Institute president, was guest speaker when Dublin Institute met at the home of Mrs. J. M. Steele recently. Congratulations were expressed to the Dublin women for their success at the Hobby Craft show and suggestions were requested for the District Annual Mrs. Ellerby chose as her subject, "The Institute Ode and its Message."

Mrs. Rogvaldson spoke on the motto, "It matters not how long you live but how." The prize quilt was exhibited as well as the Salada Tea one and two others, which had been quilted recently at Mrs. Ross'.

Miss Minnie Somerville expressed the pleasure she had in accepting the \$100 cheque from Kate Aitken. She passed it to the quilt convener, Mrs. Ross, who in turn gave it to the president, Mrs. Ferguson and secretary.

Five dollars was to be sent to the Musical Festival. Discussion followed on the new rug contest and plans were made to enter. Plans were completed for the Flood Relief euchre.

### HIGH SCHOOL STAFF ATTENDS CONFERENCE

The teachers of Acton high school attended a regional curriculum conference this afternoon at the new Bathurst Heights Collegiate in Toronto.

These conferences, which include every subject in the high school curriculum, are arranged from time to time by the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation and afford to teachers an unequalled opportunity to meet with 40 or 50 other teachers interested in the same subject to discuss courses, textbooks, methods and examinations. The schedules of related subjects are so arranged that it is usually possible for a teacher to participate in discussions on the different subjects he teaches.

### Speeding Fines Total \$100 in Court

Fines totalling \$100 were levied in Magistrate's court, Friday for speeding charges against eight motorists were levied and costs totalled \$23. Two were charged with failing to produce a permit and fined \$2 each. One was charged with failing to obey a stop sign and fined \$3 plus costs of \$1.50.

Edward Coles and Donald Clayton were each fined \$25 and costs of \$17 for creating a disturbance in the National Cafe recently. William Emslie was fined \$50 and costs of \$17 when he was found guilty of driving while his ability was impaired. George Allan was fined \$10 and costs of \$13 on a charge of careless driving. Alexander Kato-wich was fined \$25 and costs of \$22 when charged under the Criminal Code.

### Nine Prize Winners At Phalanx Euchre

The young men's Phalanx club held a successful card party last Thursday night with a good attendance in the Acton Y.M.C.A.

Prizes were won by the following: ladies, Mrs. Geo. Fountain, Mrs. J. Adamson and Mrs. F. Anderson; gentlemen, J. Robson, F. Botell and George Somerville, with the door prize going to Mrs. D. Drysdale Sr. Lucky special prize winners were Miss J. Watkins and birthday honors to Dr. A. J. Buchanan.

### OVER 2,000 STAMPS COLLECTED FOR FUND

Richard Massey has contributed 657 used stamps up to last week-end, to lead the young Y members who are co-operating with the Y Men's club to collect stamps. Revenue will be used for the Bishop's fund. The junior boys are leading in collection with 1,267 stamps altogether.

The total number of stamps turned in at the last official report was 2,011.