APPROVE CONSTRUCTION JUNIOR POOL



200 YOUNG CHICKS perished in the brooder house fire that called Acton fire brigade to the farm of Walter Lewandowski on Monday about midnight. Firemen arrived too late to save the building as lance, Canadian Bronze and several flames had already whisked through the small frame structure. A driving shed about 50 feet away was saved as sparks blew in that direction. An overheated brooder stove is believed the cause of the midnight blaze. Dalton Barber, a neighbor, phoned in the alarm.

Arpa, Murray Eyre.

Ashgrove, Ligny,

Raymond Archer.

Lorne Thomson, Johnny Wilson,

Valerie Nurse, Elizabeth Michie.

over, Ronald Fishburn, Earl Burt,

Vocal duct, Carole Hunter, Marie

. Due to the very large classes this

over (Hornby and Dublin), as well

as Patricia and Glen Williams

choirs did not compete in the town-

ship festival, but are entered at the

Halton festival in Milton. The

double trio from Glen Williams

bicycling youngsters in the area

will also compete only at Milton

Nurse: Martha May, Bob Stark.

YOUNGEST PUBLIC SPEAKER WINS HALTON COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Competing with public school impromptu story the picture sugpupils from each county in Ontario gested. next week will be Ella Jany of Inspector L. L. Skuce, in an Acton, Halton county's champion nouncing Ella Jany had received in public speaking. Ella Jany, as the highest marks from the judgthe youngest competitor, met sev- es, said he had never heard a new en other Halton pupils Tuesday Canadian speak so nicely. evening, March 24, in Milton high school auditorium. She was there **Esquesing Festival** declared the county champion.

Ontario competitions will be held at the Royal York hotel, Toronto, **Winners Selected** on Monday, April 6, in conjunction with the teachers' convention during Easter week.

In Milton, two contestants competed from each of the four townships. Each gave his or her prepared speech and 10-year-old Ella Jany again told of her trip to Canada from Hungary. The contestents were shown a picture separately and then asked to give ar

LETTER TO EDITOR

Fund Closes, Report \$1831 Contributed

Dear Mr. Editor:

The local committee of the European Flood Relief Fund would appreciate an opportunity of reporting, through the medium your paper, to the citizens of Acton and vicinity on the conclusion of our Campaign.

The fund officially closed on March 31 and the total contribution amounted to \$1,831.42. At its final meeting last evening Wednesday: the committee authorized the forwarding of a cheque for this amount to the Canadian National European Flood Relief Committee,

We would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all organizations and individuals who, by their support, have made year the two choirs in the class for this very creditable result

Yours very truly, Joe Hurst, Chairman

Band Concert Nets Flood Relief \$58

Plan Safety Tape When a crowd of 350 attended the band concert and variety program For District Bikes in the Roxy theatre last Sunday evening \$56 was raised for the flood relief fund Joe Hurst began the program with a short talk or flood relief He introduced the mas ter of ceremonies, Bob Redfern, who announced the different num bers throughout the program

Several selections by Acton Citizens' band were enjoyed. Band 100 bicycles. members were seated in the front. seats of the theatre Drum major- on bikes red strips for the rear Mrs Stan Matthews the tea table drills as the band played marches.

eph Seelen, who played the accord- at night due to their coating of had, losing her brother and his wife ion, Leslie Duby and Garnet Rose, 30,000 microscopic glass spheres on so suddenly who presented cowboy numbers, a reflective plastic film. Sheila Paul, who played the violin. Cyclists must have the bicycles who played the guitar and sang manent part of the bicycle once Crawford Douglas was the accom- applied

panist. Fun between musical numbers. Moose Jaw. Sask. got its name torted haughtily "I can sleep Winter Fair. Mr. Bennett's farm Murray McPhail. Lloyd Crawford well as the town spring and sewer the supervision of the surveyor and

Euchre, Penny Sale Has Many Winners

The Scout and Guide Mothers held a euchre and penny sale at the Scout Hall on March 27 with 17 tables of euchre. A very enjoyable time was had by all, in spite of the blackout, when Mrs. J. Bradshaw played the piano for a sing song.

The many prize winners are as follows: box of chocolates, Mrs. H. Otterbein; box of Yardley's, Mrs Howell, Enniskillen, Ont.; picture Mrs. Gordon McKeown; luncheon cloth, Mrs. McHugh; pillow cases, Mr. Rose; ash trays, Sam Holmes; an extension to their present plant set of glass bowls, Mrs. H. Otter- of a building 70x100 feet. The ad-Esquesing township music festrett; cup and saucer, Mrs. F. just off No. 25 Highway and adpreliminaries to determine Dunn; flat 50 cigarettes, B. Os- joins the present warehouse of the contestants to compete at the Halborne; handkerchiefs and cologne, company, ton County Festival were chosen Mrs. Grace Nellis: nylons, Mrs. The new section will house the on Tuesday, March 31 at Stewarttown Hall. Three were chosen in vocal solo and duet classes and two Holmes; pin cushion, Mrs. D. Mas- quarters by the new lines of fancy in choir classes and contestants' were not placed first, second and, on; boottees, Mrs. M. Miron; bas- leathers which have been developket of groceries, Mrs. O. Brown; ed by the company and are in proapron, Mrs. C. Barr; bread tray and duction at the Acton plant. Following are the winners selbox of cookies, Mrs. J, Ridley: The construction of the plant is ected by adjudicator Frank Holton, bath towels, Mrs. B. Fields; writ- now well underway with the walls A.C.C.M. of Brantford: solo, girls seven and under. Karen Brigden, ing paper, Mrs. B. Veldhuis; child's up and good progress is being smocked dress. C. Maplesden; lace made. Donna Rennick, Mary Baker; solo, boys seven and under, Jeffrey doilie, Mrs. O. Brown; wooden tray, Nurse. Wayne Bowen, Raymond Mrs. Dr. Oakes; mixing bowl, Mrs.

Carter: solo, girls nine and under. B. Dolphin. Cathleen Sosnowski, Marilyn Wil- Euchre prizes went to ladies' son, Joyce Rennick; solo, boys nine first, Mrs. A. McCutcheon; ladies' and under, Chris Canham, Ronald second, Mrs. Farmer; ladies' consolation, Mrs. Holloway; gents' Choir, school enrolment 20 and first, C. Leishman; gents' se ond. under. Quatre Bras. Bannockburn; B. Osborne; gents' consolation, Mrs. choir, enrolment 29 and under, Dr. Buchanan, Ladies' travelling prize went to Mrs. B. Dumarch; Solo, girls 11 and under, Mary gents' travelling prize to Mrs. C Sosnowski, Sandra Tindale, Aileen Leishman.

Harrop; solo, boys 11 and under; Knox Ladies' Aid Jack Moles: solo, girls 12 and over, Honors Late Queen Carole Hunter; solo, boys 12 and

The monthly meeting of Knox Ladies' Aid was held in the Harrop; Raymond Archer. Valerie classroom of the Church on Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. F. J. Mc-Cutcheon presiding.

choirs, school enrolment 30 and lowed by the Lord's Prayer, Mrs. A J Buchanan read the Easter story to open the devotional services. A period of silence was observed in memory of the late! root of the Ladies' Aid work hes degrees Fahrenheit with the individual member" and a poem. 'It isn't the church it's

The business of the work to be indertaken the next few months was discussed and committees ap-To protect the lives of night pointed to the various projects Plans for the Easter Tea were

Acton Rotary club will apply re- made Mrs R L Davidson Mrs A flective strips free on all bikes M McPherson are to be in charge brought to the Public School of the baking table; Mrs Hassard grounds on Saturday morning. Ap and Mrs Blow the candy table, ril 18 Supplies are on hand for Mrs Geo. Lantz and Mrs McLellan the parcel post sale. Mrs. F. Safety strips will be applied free Anderson, Mrs W McLeod and ettes displayed two stick-twirling fenders and silver for the front. A message of sympathy was offorks and handlebars. The strips fered to the secretary, Mrs George Others on the program were Jos- reflect auto headlights brilliantly Somerville, in the bereavement she

Frances and Peggy Oakes, who clean of mud and dust to have the to perform visited a specialist to sang duets and Freddy Hackey, strips applied It becomes a per- complain of her insomnia "So you" can't sleep at night" the doctor dutifully queried

Longer Week-end For Paper's Staff

That the staff of this paper may take advantage of the long weekend, our office will be closed on Saturday morning as well as Good Friday.

We trust this will not inconvenience subscribers or advertisers; it will certainly give our staff a longer week-end.

S. G. Bennett Heads **Royal Winter Fair**

the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair back from the fire. for its silver jubilee year, at the The alarm was turned in shortly the Coliseum, Toronto. He succeeds Dalton Barber. P. L. Whytock. Mr. Bennett has Mr. Lewandowski said that

in Acton, Mr. Bennett is vice- awoke to see flames behind the president of Canada Packers, a house, His farm is on R. R. I. Ac director of the Dominion Stores ton and was formerly owned Chartered Trust, Phoenix Assur- Russ Somerville. other companies.

ship farm. Mr. Bennett has developed a prize-winning Shorthorn Cuts in Accident herd which have ribbons from the Royal and Chicago.

After graduating from the University of Toronto in Engineering, Mr. Bennett studied political economy at Oxford. He taught engineering at Toronto and then joined Beardmore's in 1925.

He is also on the board of the Toronto Art Gallery and is chairman of the tariff committee of the Canadian Manufacturers' Associat-

Add Building For Beardmore Dept.

Beardmore and Co. are making OBITUARY

Reta Evans; men's socks, Mrs. G. cut sole department which has Holmes; two tea towels, Mrs. G. been crowded out of its present

Mrs. M. Pinney

its annual meeting on March 25 at bellville 38 years ago. the Farmers' Hall in Milton, After the minutes and treasurer's report marriage Lillian Elsley, he leaves plants in Bracebridge and Acton, had been read and accepted, the one son and three daughters to ary, J. McIntosh and organizer, T. James Dick) of Alliston; Verle tact with other ridings and J. Al- Phail), Campbellville. Three sis

ed and pledges for additional mem- this time.

The Defence Research Board is Queen Mrs. E J Hassard con- developing a new type of synthetic cluded with prayer. Mrs. R. L. rubber which will retain its flexi-Davidson gave a reading. 'Too; bility at temperatures as low as 65



200 Chicks Lost In Country Fire

When a brooder house at farm of Walter Lewandowski, R.R. Acton, burned to the ground on Monday night, 200 two-and-a-half week old chicks were lost in the blaze. Sparks from the fire flew onto the roof of the driving shed 50 feet away and the nearby house. though a farm pond near the farm was available for ample water supply, the firemen were able to extinguish the blaze with hose from the pumper. The brooder house was a total loss.

S. G. Bennett, head of Beardmore | Cedar poles which had been piland Co., was elected president of ed against the building were pulled

annual meeting held last week in before midnight by a neighbor,

been the vice-president for two had checked everything before he went to bed and did not know As well as heading Beardmore's what could have happened. He Jack Greer Named

At his 600 acre Esquesing town- Suffers Bruises,

Campbellville, suffered multiple presidency. Other officers to be lient money was on hand to meet abrasions over her entire body, inducted at the next meeting are this expenditure along with the multiple lacerations of her face. secretary, J. McGeachie; treasurer, junior pool construction. Tenders scalp and legs and bruised ribs. T. Jones and Sergeant at Arms, J. | will be advertised for this week when the car she was driving ran Calder. The officers will be in- and it is planned to have the pool off the Guelph Road five miles ducted by district governor E. Knill, ! ready for use this summer. north of Campbellville, struck a steep bank and rolled over on Sat- committee was presented by J. urday afternoon.

W. Van Sickle Dies

pital in Toronto. He had been in be the speaker. ill health since the first of the year | There were 17 guests from but his sudden death was a shock Mount Hamilton present. to the community and a wide circle of friends.

son of Nelson Van Sickle and Lovella Haines and was born at Has 96th Birthday West Lorne 60 years ago. He attended Tillsonburg schools and Stratford Business College. He was for several years, an employee of The Co-operative Commonwealth the C.P.R. and resided at Port Federation in Halton County held Burwell before coming to Camp-

Besides his wife, who was before following executive were elected to mourn the loss of a loving husband office: president, Mrs. M. Pinney; and father. The family are Omer vice-president, E. Adamson; seccet- of Campbellville; Evelyn (Mrs. Cooper, Bert Shane was appointed (Mrs. Wm. Mahon) of Campbellliaison officer to maintain a con- ville; and Della (Mrs. Robt. Mc- lit by municipal hydro plant which exander was appointed the riding's ters also survive, Hazel (Mrs. cipal buildings, stores and a few delegate to the provincial council | Francis Snelgrove) and Gladys houses. Five delegates and four alternat- Van Sickle, both of Toronto and es were appointed to represent the Merle (Mrs. A. H. Tweddle)' of the only industries in Acton over 40 chapter on the religions of Africa. riding at the provincial convention Midland. To all of the bereaved, years ago and tanning was done Mrs A. McIsaac read the story An Easter hymn was sung, fol. The membership drive was discuss- many friends join in sympathy at with the tan bark brought in from from the Glad Tidings relating the

berships were received from each William Van Sickle was a suc- Mr Mainprize reminisces that the ion after medical help given her cessful business man and one who average work week was 59 hours, sick child by the medical missionwas untiring in his citizenship and wages ranged from 15 cents an laries duties For 25 years he has been hour to possibly 30 head of the King Calcium Prod- A quiet day at home marked the contest on favorite hymns. Disucts. Under his guidance, the man- 96th year for Mr. Mainprize and cussion on the spring thankoffering ufacturing of insecticides grew and citizens of the town and district join was held. The date was not set but expanded. He also manufactured the Free Press in extending best to be left with those in charge of feed at the Moffat plant and was wishes honorary president of the Ontario Retail Feed Dealers' Association

Campbellville had no more loyal son than William Van Sickle served on the township council and was reeve of Nassagaweya at the time of the marking of the cintennial of the township. Much of the success of that event was due of Campbell Masonic Lodge

Presbyterian Church at Campbell came to pay tribute to his life and Town of Acton." share in sympathy with his family lodges attended and conducted the mittee. Masonic service at the graveside. The area in the annexation plan decision on the matter S. G. BENNETT was recently mony of esteem. The pallbearers Wool Combing property not pres- and four feet deep are to be placed "I didn't say that" the lady re- elected president of the Royal were Messrs. Thomas. McPhan ently in the town on the south, as at the corners of the town under was provided by Mr. Redfern with from an Indian phrase meaning in through the night very-nicely, but jokes and imitations; he also gave "where the white men mended carriage along about 10 e'clock in the morning along along

Award \$4,300 Contract For Junior Swimming Pool

Contract for the construction of a Junior swimming pool in Acton park was awarded on Tuesday night to Jones and Van Gils at a price of \$4,300. Two tenders were received, the other from J. B. MacKenzie and Son and the lowest tender was accepted. The Secretary reported that a but did not ignite the buildings. Al- number of contractors had viewed the plans but did not submit prices when it was found only the one pool was to be built at the present time.

> **Acton Flood Relief** Total \$1,831.42

> > (fund closed)

committee, presented at the meeting | vertise for tenders for the conof Acton Y's Men's club on Thurs- struction of the dressing rooms, the day evening, March 26, showed that plans and specifications of which Jack Greer will be the next presi- were also prepared by Barnett and dent of the group. Mr. Greer said | Reider, architects, of Toronto and Mrs. Emily Hayden, R. R. 1. he was very proud to accept the Kitchener. It was felt that suffic-The report of the nominating

Mrs. Hayden was rushed to the Colored slides showing the pro-Guelph General hospital. When the gress of a story before it is read in 1952 Chevrolet car struck the bank | the newspaper were shown by the only passenger was thrown Jim Dills. He explained that the Free Press is one of 750 weeklies Damage to the car was estimated serving over four million readers at \$1,000. OPP Const. Gunn inves- weekly. He told of Claxton's introduction of printing to England in the 15th century, and of the ; Gutenburg Bible, the first book to be printed with mechanical devices. He was introduced by J. Calder and thanked by Tom Watson.

It was announced that 2,000 stamps had been turned over by the children of the Y.M.C.A. to the Bishop's fund. Nassagaweya Township lost one M Nellis, T. Jones and W. Ben-

of its most prominent and loyal son were named to investigate the citizens when William M. Van shower room problem. Tickets Sickle passed away last Wednes- were passed out for the Father and day evening at the Wellesley hos- Son banquet, when Joe Connell will

William Mathias Van Sickle was W. H. Mainprize

Born on a farm in Huron County on March 31, 1857, William H. Mainprize as Acton's leading nonagenar- municipally generated power. ian this week celebrates his 96th birthday. Employed for 33 years with the Bearmore Co. Mr. Mainprize worked as an engineer at their Auxiliary Studies

coming to Acton some 40 years ago. Since that time Mr. Mainprize recalls that the town's population has more than doubled. About 1911. when Mr. Mainprize moved to Acton, the town's streets were being generated the power for the muni-Tanning and glove making were

Bracebridge

The plans and specifications were those drawn up by Barnett and Reider, the same architects who have the contract for the High School building program in the North Halton district. The poul will be 35x38 with a depth varying from one foot to two and a half feet at the deep end. It will have a cement apron around it and will be enclosed with a suitable fence.

Location of the pool in the park has been designated on the north side, east of the present grandstand, between the exhibit hall and grandstanden This iand has been colea in preparation for the swimming pool for some time.

The committee at the meeting on The report of the nominating Tuesday evening decided to ad-



WILLIAM MAINPRIZE spent his 96th birthday quietly at his home on Mill St., Acton, on Tuesday. Mr. Mainprize came to Acton over 40 years ago when the town's streets were being lit by

African Religions

Mrs. John L. Davidson, Young St, was hostess for the March meeting of the Knox Evening Auxiliary. Mrs. Alex Mann presided and was assisted in devotional peried by Mrs O'Hara, Mrs Anderson and Mrs. McKnight.

Mrs. H L. Bennie took the study story of a young mother's convers-

Bella- May Roszell conducted a

COUNCIL APPROVES APPLICATION FOR ANNEXATION OF TOWNSHIP LAND

to his untiring efforts. He served: By-law 981 was unanimously one owned by T Seynuck and the with distinction as Warden of Hal- passed on Monday morning at a 9 settlement of houses on the third ton county and was a Past Maste, a.m. session of Acton council Th., line including part of the R Vyse by-law is to authorize application farm He was a member of St David's to the Ontario Municipal Board for | Council, in their special menting, the annexation of certain lands now laiso empowered the town solicitor ville and at the funeral service on in the Township of Esquesing in to engage the services of J D Lin-Saturday afternoon, the church was the County of Halton as herein cas in connection with the innexfilled to capacity with friends who described to the Municipality of the ation proceedings

Preparation of the by-law was, atton to the Ontario Municipal The service was in charge of Rev approved by the council in a spec- Board for the annexation of the J. E. Sutherland and Masonic sal session last week on the recom- property and that board must hold brethren of his own and sister mendation of the industrial com- a hearing notifying all property

owners concerned, before giving a

Many floral tributes also bore test. includes all "the Beardmore and. Cement pillars six inches square