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## 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 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.

### YOUNGEST PUBLIC SPEAKER WINS HALTON COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Competing with public school pupils from each county in Ontario next week will be Ella Jany of Acton, Halton county's champion in public speaking. Ella Jany, as the youngest competitor, met seven other Halton pupils Tuesday evening, March 24, in Milton high school auditorium. She was there declared the county champion.

Ontario competitions will be held at the Royal York hotel, Toronto, 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 contestants were shown a picture separately and then asked to give an

impromptu story the picture suggested.

Inspector L. L. Skuce, in announcing Ella Jany had received the highest marks from the judges, said he had never heard a new Canadian speak so nicely.

### Esqueuing Festival Winners Selected

Esqueuing township music festival preliminaries to determine contestants to compete at the Halton County Festival were chosen on Tuesday, March 31 at Stewart town Hall. Three were chosen in vocal solo and duet classes and two in choir classes, and contestants were not placed first, second and third.

Following are the winners selected by adjudicator Frank Holton, A.C.C.M. of Brantford: solo, girls seven and under, Karen Bridgen, Donna Rennick, Kary Baker; solo, boys seven and under, Jeffrey Nurse, Wayne Bowen, Raymond Carter; solo, girls nine and under, Cathleen Sosnowski, Marilyn Wilson, Joyce Rennick; solo, boys nine and under, Chris Canham, Ronald Aris, Murray Eyr.

Choir, school enrolment 20 and over, Quatre Bras, Bamcockburn, choir, enrolment 29 and under, Ashgrove, Ligny.

Solo, girls 11 and under, Mary Sosnowski, Sandra Tindale, Aileen Harrop; solo, boys 11 and under, Lorne Thomson, Johnny Wilson, Jack Moles; solo, girls 12 and over, Valerie Nurse, Elizabeth Michie, Carole Hunter; solo, boys 12 and over, Ronald Fishburn, Earl Burt, Raymond Archer.

Vocal duet, Carole Hunter, Marie Harrop, Raymond Archer, Valerie Nurse, Martha May, Bob Stark.

Due to the very large classes this year the two choirs in the class for choirs, school enrolment 30 and over (Hornby and Dublin), as well as Patricia and Glen Williams (choirs did not compete in the township festival, but are entered at the Halton festival in Milton. The double trio from Glen Williams will also compete only at Milton.

### Band Concert Nets Flood Relief \$58

When a crowd of 150 attended the band concert and variety program in the Knox theatre last Sunday evening \$58 was raised for the flood relief fund. Joe Hurst began the program with a short talk of flood relief. He introduced the master of ceremonies, Bob Redfern, who announced the different numbers throughout the program.

Several selections by Acton Citizens band were enjoyed. Band members were seated in the front seats of the theatre. Drum majorettes displayed two stick-twirling drills as the band played marches.

Others on the program were Joseph Sevelen, who played the accordion, Leslie Doby and Garnet Rose, who presented cowboy numbers, Sheila Paul, who played the violin, Francis and Peggy Oakes who sang duets and Fredrick Hackett, who played the guitar and sang Crawford Douglas was the accompanist.

Fun between musical numbers was provided by Mr. Redfern with jokes and imitations. He also gave several vocal selections.

### 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; set of glass bowls, Mrs. H. Otterbein; three tea towels, Mrs. B. Barrett; cup and saucer, Mrs. F. Dunn; flat 50 cigarettes, B. Osborne; handkerchiefs and cologne, Mrs. Grace Nellis; nylons, Mrs. Reta Evans; men's socks, Mrs. G. Holmes; two tea towels, Mrs. D. Maslin; pin cushion, Mrs. D. Maslin; booties, Mrs. M. Miron; basket of groceries, Mrs. O. Brown; apron, Mrs. C. Barr; bread tray and box of cookies, Mrs. J. Ridley; bath towels, Mrs. B. Fields; writing paper, Mrs. R. Veldhuis; child's smocked dress, C. Mapleson; lace doilie, Mrs. O. Brown; wooden tray, Mrs. Dr. Oakes; mixing bowl, Mrs. B. Dolphin.

Euchre prizes went to ladies: first, Mrs. A. McCutcheon; ladies' consolation, Mrs. Farmer; ladies' consolation, Mrs. Holloway; gent's first, C. Leishman; gent's second, B. Osborne; gent's consolation, Mrs. Dr. Buchanan Ladies' travelling prize went to Mrs. B. Dumarch; gent's travelling prize to Mrs. C. Leishman.

### Knox Ladies' Aid Honors Late Queen

The monthly meeting of the Knox Ladies' Aid was held in the classroom of the Church on Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. F. J. McCutcheon presiding.

An Easter hymn was sung, followed 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 Queen, Mrs. E. J. Hassard, concluded with prayer. Mrs. R. L. Davidson gave a reading. The rest of the Ladies' Aid work with the individual members' and a poem. It isn't the church it's you.

The business of the work to be undertaken the next few months was discussed and committees appointed to the various projects.

Plans for the Easter Tea were made. Mrs. R. L. Davidson, Mrs. A. M. Pherson are to be in charge of the baking table. Mrs. Hassard and Mrs. B. Blow the candy table. Mrs. Geo. Lantz and Mrs. McLeishan the parcel sale. Mrs. F. Anderson, Mrs. W. McLeod and Mrs. Stan Matthews the tea table.

A message of sympathy was offered to the secretary, Mrs. George Somerville, in the bereavement she had, losing her brother and his wife so suddenly.

A society lady who had few duties to perform visited a specialist to complain of her insomnia. "So you can't sleep at night?" the doctor definitely queried.

"I didn't say that," the lady retorted haughtily. "I can sleep through the night very nicely but along about 10 o'clock in the morning, all I do is toss and turn."

### Longer Week-end For Paper's Staff

That the staff of this paper may take advantage of the long week-end, 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

S. G. Bennett, head of Beardmore and Co., was elected president of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair for its silver jubilee year, at the annual meeting held last week in the Coliseum, Toronto. He succeeds P. L. Whytock. Mr. Bennett has been the vice-president for two years.

As well as heading Beardmore's in Acton, Mr. Bennett is vice-president of Canada Packers, a director of the Dominion Stores Chartered Trust, Phoenix Assurance, Canadian Bronze and several other companies.

At his 600 acre Esqueuing township farm, Mr. Bennett has developed a prize-winning Shorthorn 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' Association.

### Add Building For Beardmore Dept.

Beardmore and Co. are making an extension to their present plant of a building 70x100 feet. The addition is on the south-east section just off No. 25 Highway and adjoining the present warehouse of the company.

The new section will house the cut sole department which has been crowded out of its present quarters by the new lines of fancy leathers which have been developed by the company and are in production at the Acton plant.

The construction of the plant is now well underway with the walls up and good progress is being made.

### Mrs. M. Pinney C.C.F. President

The Co-operative Commonwealth Federation, Halton County held its annual meeting on March 25 at the Farmers' Hall in Milton. After the minutes and treasurer's report had been read and accepted, the following executive were elected to office: president, Mrs. M. Pinney; vice-president, E. Adamson; secretary, J. McIntosh and organizer, T. Cooper. Bert Shane was appointed liaison officer to maintain a contact with other ridings and J. Alexander was appointed the riding's delegate to the provincial convention.

Five delegates and four alternates were appointed to represent the riding at the provincial convention. The membership drive was discussed and pledges for additional memberships were received from each area.

The Defence Research Board is developing a new type of synthetic rubber which will retain its flexibility at temperatures as low as 65 degrees Fahrenheit.

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Cedar poles which had been piled against the building were pulled back from the fire.

The alarm was turned in shortly before midnight by a neighbor, Dalton Barber.

Mr. Lewandowski said that he had checked everything before he went to bed and did not know what could have happened. He awoke to see flames behind the house. His farm is on R.R. 1, Acton and was formerly owned by Russ Somerville.

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### Suffers Bruises, Cuts in Accident

Mrs. Emily Hayden, R.R. 1, Campbellville, suffered multiple abrasions over her entire body, multiple lacerations of her face, scalp and legs and bruised ribs, when the car she was driving ran off the Guelph Road five miles north of Campbellville, struck a steep bank and rolled over on Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Hayden was rushed to the Guelph General hospital. When the 1932 Chevrolet car struck the bank the only passenger was thrown from the car.

Damage to the car was estimated at \$1,000. OPP Const. Gunn investigated.

### Prominent Citizen, W. Van Sickle Dies

Nassagaweya Township lost one of its most prominent and loyal citizens when William M. Van Sickle passed away last Wednesday evening at the Wellesley hospital in Toronto. He had been in ill health since the first of the year but his sudden death was a shock to the community and a wide circle of friends.

William Mathias Van Sickle was a son of Nelson Van Sickle and Lovella Haines and was born at West Lorne 60 years ago. He attended Tillsonburg schools and Stratford Business College. He was for several years, an employee of the C.P.R. and resided at Port Burwell before coming to Campbellville 38 years ago.

Besides his wife, who was before marriage Lillian Easley, he leaves one son and three daughters to mourn the loss of a loving husband and father. The family are Omer of Campbellville; Evelyn (Mrs. James Dick) of Alliston; Verle (Mrs. Wm. Mahon) of Campbellville; and Della (Mrs. Rbt. McPhail), Campbellville. Three sisters also survive, Hazel (Mrs. Francis Swigrove), Hazel (Mrs. Merle (Mrs. A. H. Tweedle) of Midland. To all of the bereaved, many friends join in sympathy at this time.

William Van Sickle was a successful business man and one who was untrusting in his citizenship duties. For 25 years he has been head of the King Calcium Products. Under his guidance, the manufacturing of insecticides grew and expanded. He also manufactured food at the Moffat plant and was honorary president of the Ontario Retail Food Dealers Association.

Campbellville had no more loyal son than William Van Sickle. He served on the township council and was reeve of Nassagaweya at the time of the marking of the centennial of the township. Much of the success of that event was due to his untrusting efforts. He served with distinction as Warden of Halton county and was a Past Master of Campbell Masonic Lodge.

He was a member of St. David's Presbyterian Church at Campbellville and at the funeral service on Saturday afternoon, the church was filled to capacity with friends who came to pay tribute to his life and share in sympathy with his family. The service was in charge of Rev. E. Sutherland and Masonic brethren of his own and sister lodges attended and conducted the Masonic service at the graveside.

Many floral tributes also bore testimony of esteem. The pallbearers were Messrs. Thomas McPhail, Murray McPhail, Lloyd Crawford, G. R. Carbert, Robert Elliott and Wilfred Greenlees. Interment was made in Campbellville cemetery.

### Award \$4,300 Contract For Junior Swimming Pool

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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 pool 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.

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**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 municipally generated power.

### Auxiliary Studies 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 part by Mrs. O'Hara, Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. McKnight.

Mrs. H. L. Bennie took the study chapter on the religions of Africa. Mrs. A. Melsaac read the story from the Glad Tidings relating the story of a young mother's conversation after medical help given her sick child by the medical missionaries.

Bella May Russell conducted a contest on favorite hymns. Discussion on the spring thankoffering was held. The date was set but to be left with those in charge of the speaker.



**S. G. BENNETT** was recently elected president of the Royal Winter Fair. Mr. Bennett's farm is on the 7th line of Esqueuing Township.