

193,810 PEANUTS made up the peanut day float that appeared on town streets Saturday under the auspices of Acton Rotary Club that continued the event despite heavy fog and intermittent rain. Rotarian president John Goy and secretary Ted Hansen are shown looking over the official peanut count with Peanut Queen Bette Johnson, who presided over the float during the day. The proceeds of the peanut day will be used by the Rotary Club for community projects

PEANUT MEN DANCE, SKIES WEEP; **ACTON ROTARIANS RAISE OVER \$400**

In spite of skies that wept all | ber of peanuts making up the disday and cold spring winds that play was 193,810. made any shelter better, Peanut The funds raised by Peanut Day Day of Acton Rotary club had the will be used in the Rotary com- charge. spirit of "the show must go on" - munity service work aiding cripand the funds must be raised. Ac- pled children of Acton and district. ton citizens and those from the district who were in Acton went into the spirit of "sink or swim" Walker Lodge and while final results are not all in, it appears that Planter's Peanut Has Ladies' Night Day in Acton netted the club between \$400 and \$500.

Mill and Willow St.

Even the product the Rotarians suffer from the wet weather thanks to waterproof containers! six o'clock and then as the weather

became foggy, they called it a day Winner of the Force two-plate burner electric hotplate was Pa: peanuts on the float. Correct num- the United Kingdom in 1902.

Ladies' night at Walker Lodge A Acton Citizens' Band started F. and A.M. provided a fine social things off with a parade of the gathering for Masons and their streets and played some lively ladies of Acton and district. It marches in front of the post office. was held in the parish hall on Fri- Hydro Men Replace Between showers the Planter's day evening. There were card Company float, with the Peanut games with prizes for winners. En- Old Transformer Queen and dancing peanut men, tertainment was by Bob Redfern paraded and made headquarters at and Crawford Douglas and accordion solos by J. Candler

The Rhythm Ramblers orches offered in their tag day did not ra provided musical numbers and music for dancing A delightful lunch was served and the event President Johnny Goy and fellow provided a fine time for members Rotarians carried on until nearly of the craft and their wives to meet socially Bro. S Snow headed the committee in charge.

The first Marconigram (wireless Patrick, with a guess of 198,000 message) was sent from Canada to

JOE CONNELL SPEAKER AT FOURTH ANNUAL FATHER, SON BANQUET

that appealed to fathers and sons Y.M.C.A. when he was guest speaker last Thursday at the fourth annual father and son banquet of Acton. Y's Men's club. From his world experience and travels, he gave incidents that touched the hearts of everyone. He found a common level of interest from the boys and showed how fortunate they were to be in Canada and how appreciative they should be of their dads He also talked to the dads of the understanding needed by the boys

president John M Greer and R F jary

on Monday of this week.

ener Y.M.C.A., brought a message Board extended the welcome of the

Introduction of the head table was by Jack Creighton and the of town over the week-end toast to the sons by Wes Wolfe and to the fathers by Peter Hurst. A , sing song was led by G. L. Wilton las at the piano and Bob Redfern provided entertainment with Crawford as his accompanist. Thanks to the speaker was expressed by

Of course all of this was pre-It has been our privilege to at- ceded by a turkey dinner which tend most of the father and son had all a boy's appetite could debanquets in Acton and no messing sire and more than most fathers in all the years was finer than should have undertaken It includ-Joe Connell's last Thursday night ed a complete menu and was serv-Chairman for the night was ed by the Y's Men's Ladies' Auxil-



CHAMPIONSHIP DEBATERS in the Junior Farmer organization for the province of Ontario are Eleanor McKeown, Acton, and Earl Snow, Milton. The Halton Juniors successfully upheld the negative side of the resolution "that rural depopulation threatens the prosperity and welfare of Ontario." The Halton Juniors defeated the Lambton county entry at the Junior Farmer Conference at the O.A.C.

MUSIC FOR DANCING

STUDY GROUP TOPIC

Dances of different countries were studied by the Acton Music Study group, meeting Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Frank Heller. Mrs. A. Buchanan was in

Mrs. E. F. Hards reported on current events in music and Mrs. J. Dills and Mrs. E. Bilton spoke on music for dancing, Mrs. C. Heard and Mrs. F. Heller played illustrations on the piano.

Lunch was served at the conclusion of the program.

ROCKWOOD

While on his rounds looking af ter church furnaces Sunday morn ing. Richard Harris noticed smoke issuing from one of the hydro transformers and called to not ! Guelph hydro office of the trouble A number of hydro employees were out later to attend to the trouble During the day, a netransformer was in place of the old

Extend Sympathy Sympathy is extended to Mr (Rev.) H. L. Bennie and family in the passing away of Rev. H. L. Bennie last week. Rev. H. L. Bennie, while at Knox Church at Ac

ton, was in charge of services in the Presbyterian church here

joining the highway. Mr. Stewart S. Royce was out

Rotarians Donate \$25 to Majorettes

Acton Rotary Club made a donation of \$25 to the fund to provide uniforms for the majorettes of Acton Citizens' Band at meeting Tuesday. The girls are making the uniforms but funds are required to purchase the materials Treasurer W. Woodburn reported that Easter Seal funds were still coming in and the fund had passed last year's net returns by over \$100. Peanut Day returns were not

all in but estimates of the net pro-

the bad weather.

Former Minister, Rev. Bennie Dies

ed citizens when the Rev. H L Bennie, M.A., passed to his rest his home here. Thursday, April 23, after a long illness patiently borne He was the minister of Khox over Damage was estimated and cerned Presbyterian Church from 1930 to \$500 1942 and following his retirement in 1948, he came to Acton to live

shiels, Scotland, on August 6, 1887 the studied in the Universities of At Friendly Circle Edinborough and Glasgow and

Knox College. Mr. Bennie was ordained to the Final arrangements for the spring Christian ministry and inducted tea were completed and other into the pastoral charge of Grafton business discussed. Mrs. Joan Wiley and Vernonville on April 27, 1915, was presented with a gift from exactly 38 years before the day of the circle as she is leaving Acton his funeral. He later served in The treasurer, Mrs. Helen Pickett, Uxbridge, Mitchell and Halifax gave her report. While in Mitchell, he was made The meeting was turffed over to the clerk of Stratford Presbytery Group III and a brief devotional and in Halifax he was the first period was conducted. minister of the newly formed Knox | A fashion show, which was

congregation. elsewhere as a vigorous preacher Jean Harris thanked the group. of the Word and a devoted pastor

Following a family service at the Victor B. Rumley funeral chapel, the funeral was held in Knox FAMILY PROBLEMS NOT INCREASING church and interment made in Fairview cemetery The service was AS POPULATION, MEETING TOLD conducted by the Moderator of Guelph Presbytery and the family's pastor, Rev. Robert H. Armstrong The scripture lesson was read by Rev. H. Lindsay Simpson of Elmira. Rev. Dr. E. A. Thomson, clerk of the general assembly and a close friend of the family, delivered an appreciation of the ministry of Mr

The sermon was preached from I Thessalonians 4: 13, 14. Two of his Aid Society in St. Paul's United John T Armstrong classmates from Trinity College Church, Milton, on Wednesday evdays, Rev. Dr Joseph Wasson of ening of this week. Calvin Church, Toronto, and Rev J R Graham of Chalmers Church, Toronto, attended the funeral. Joe Connell, secretary of Kitch- Bean, chairman of the Y.M.C.A. the week-end, the river is slightly ions from Mitchell, Uxbridge society aimed at giving the childhigher. The old bowling green is and Winterbourne paid their last ren a greater opportunity. friends from a distance.

ceeds were over \$400, which was driver pulled in to miss a collison considered satisfactory in view of Seeing the approaching bus the cardriver swerved to the ditch and roled over causing about \$500 worth of damage to the car. The vehicles did not collide Three cars following each other,

driven by Leonard Drung, Acton,

on No 7 highway at the sixth line

involved six vehicles Injuries were

A pea-soup fog covering the area

made driving treacherous. A Gray

Coach bus driven by Leslie Vickery

of R.R 7, Guelph, was travelling

Noticing an approaching car driven

by Robert Cutting, Guelph, the bus

east and turned out to pass a car

Louis Colombo, Willowdale, and Acton lost one of its well below, vehicle at the scene of the accident | cil chambers at 10:30 am | Notifics | of Acton | school | was resigning

Mr. Bennie was born in Gala- See Fashion Show

graduated from Trinity College: The Friendly Circle held its reg Dublin, with the degree of Master war meeting on Wednesday, April of Arts. He was persuaded by his 15, in the Sunday School room of cousin, the late Professor R. Law the United church. The president of Knox College, Toronto, to come | Miss Jean Harris, was in charge to Canada as a student missionary | The report of the previous meeting and he remained to graduate from was read by the secretary, Mrs Bunny Stewart.

sponsored by this group, was the In May 1930. Mr. Bennie was in- highlight of the evening. It was

Six Vehicles, Three Plans Near Completion Accidents Saturday To Call School Tenders

A letter from Barnett and Reider, architects to the North Halton High School Board at their regular meeting in Milton Monday stated that steady progress was being made on the defailed plans and specifications and within a week or so it was expected that these would be ready for the Board and tenders for building could be called

A letter from the Ontario Hydro Commission acknowledged the Board's approval of bearing the cost of removal of poles from the school

Set Annexation Hearing In June

The annexation hearing date has the rate that had been established Ross Britton, R.R. 4, Acton, collided been set by the Ontario Municipal with the rear of the preceding Board as June 8 in the Acton coin that Miss C Grindley of the staff Richard Davis, Lucan PO ap- from of the date was received thes Miss Grindley explained that owing at proached the scene suddenly, slam- week by town clerk J. McGeachie to the recent death of her father, med on the brakes and skidded off and official notices are being for she felt she should reside in Torthe north side of the road, rolling warded to property owners con-

> The hearing is in connection with the town request for annexation of certain land how in Esquesing township, and was made by the Acton Industrial committee of the

council Arguments for and agmust the annexation of the lands will be heard by members of the Municipal Board at the hearing on the date

MRS. H. MAINPRIZE ATTENDS CONFERENCE

Mrs. H. Mainprize of Acton, a member of the board of the Synod- Lambert that the enrolment at ical Society of Toronto and Kingston, Women's Missionary Society would be 205. of the Presbyterian church, is attending the three-day conference of the oil painting of Principal of the Society in Sudbury from Marcellus, which was presented to April 28 to 30.

Mrs. C. W McDonald, Islington. ducted as the ninth minister of presented by Eisen's Clothing Store is presiding at the conference. The Knox church, Acton and here he in Acton and those taking part special speakers are Miss Dorothy othy Stone, a resident of the distheld his longest pastorate. After were members of the Friendly Douglas, missionary on furlough leaving Acton, he was minister in Circle and some of their children. from Formosa; Rev F C Knox, In-Elmira, Dart and Englehart. He will This pleasant evening came to a dia and Miss F E Matthews, exec-

be remembered by many here and close with refreshments and Miss utive secretary of the National

"While the population of our | County is rapidly increasing, especially at the southern end, it would appear that to date our family problems are not increasing accordingly," Superintendent G F Thompson told the annual meeting of the Halton County Children's

"Many problems centre around young couples," the superintendent Mr Floyd Henry. As a result of heavy rains over Members from former congregat- pointed out, emphasizing that the

again under water in the park ad- respects, as well as many other! Mrs. W. A. Weaver, president, in her report pointed out that the Rev. Bennie leaves to mourn his Halton Children's Aid Society is passing his wife; two daughters, the only channel by which the Mrs. Robert Footitt of Georgetown community can indicate its interest As the result of fine days and Mrs. Robert Adams of Acton in the well-being of its children. last week, leaf buds on trees and and one son, Douglas, who is living. In conclusion, Mrs. Weaver asked of Kitchener with Crawford Doug. shrubs about town are coming at home. There are also several for the support of all organizations ahead. Mother Nature is always nieces and nephews still in the of the county to aid in our work getting new apparel but in the British Isles and four grandchild- to help the neglected child of today become a better citizen of to-

> Featured on the program were the boys' choir of St Jude's Church, Oakville, directed by Mr. Evans and accompanied by Mrs Douglas, and the speaker of the evening. Gilmour Mrs M J Brown ex D Coughlan, director of probation services for the province

Morn' and 'The Drummer and the evening's program the Cook "

Mr Coughlan in his address stressed the importance of an efficiently operated probation service. He pointed out that Canada lacked a course in penology criminal research and any Canadian interature on the subjects

Why have prison figures doub! ed in the last decade" the speak er questioned "In Ontario in 1942; there were 19.652 sent to prison and in 1951, 40 742 were imprisoned Mr Coughlan pointed out that despite an increase in population. the per capita imprisonment had increased

"In 30 years in England committals were reduced by two-thirds following the inauguration of legislation placing one probation officer in each court," he emphasized. Mr Coughlan pointed out that in

Canada 70 per cent, of those sentenced become repeaters, while in England where probation is more extensive, 75 per cent, of the first offenders are reclaimed or did not repeat prison terms. The punishment should fit the

character of the offender no than the character of the crime," the director concluded

of the nominating committee which was accepted, appointing the following directors:

Acton Mrs Orland E Robbins, Mr. W D. Elmer Smith Bronte - Mrs Richard Ellison,

Mrs. A E Pickard Burlington- Mrs W A Weaver. Mrs. Louis J. Lee Georgetown -Mr Wm Deans, Mr

Milton- Mrs. M E Nixon, Mr . W Higgins.

Oakville -- Dr H V Cranfield, Esquesing township-Mrs M

Nassagaweya township . Mr J Murray Mahon

Nelson township - Mrs Velma Trafalgar township - Mr w G. Acton Six Entered

MacKenzie Robinson. Mr. Robert Marshall, R. R. 4, Mil- In Hamilton Race Mr Robert Marshall, R. R. 4, Milton: Mr. Charles R Anderson.

Lee, Burlington, secertary and Wm Bob Heatley and Wayne Arbic Deans, Georgetown, treasurer

Mrs. Weaver introduced the socliety to the church officials, the numbers. O Lovely Peace the Mr and Mrs Club of St Paul's school Buffalo, New York "Humpty Dumpty." "Here Amid United Church who served lunch. Events are sponsored by the Natthe Shady Wood," "Sweet Rosy to the group at the conclusion of onal Steel Car War Veterans

site in Acton at a cost of \$2,000 Clerk J McGeachte, Acton, forwarded a copy of the order received from the Municipal Board establishing the levy for High School purposes on the equalized assessment of the county The order also rescinded a former order on

The Board learned with regret onto with her mother, and had taken a position offered her at the | Earl Haig school | She expressed regret in leaving Acton and the school and appreciation of the co-operation of Board, principal and staff while here.

The secretary was instructed to Acton vacancy and also advertise again for the position, which is still vacant on the Milton staff.

A letter from the Georgetowa Public School Board pointed out that there would be no available room in the school for classrooms for high school purposes. It was felt that an arrangement could be worked out for some use of the public school gymnasium

It was estimated by Principal Georgetown school in September

The Board was given a preview him at the Open Night on Tuesday by Dr. C. W. Martin on their bahalf The painting is by Miss Dorthe Board and the artist praised Mr Marcellus, in speaking briefly to the Board, expressed his apprecration of the honor it had felt fit to bestow. He had hoped to quietly retire from his work at the close of the term but was glad to comperate with the wishes of the Board. He thanked the Board for their consideration.

Letters were read which explained the silver award of \$150 per year and the Smith and Stone bursaries which had been made available for students of George town high school

Accounts passed for April amounted to \$13,321.67 and were sanctioned for payment,

Cadet inspection was announced for Georgetown school on May 26 and the Board was invited.

Members present at the meeting held in Milton on Monday night were Trustees Martin, Milne Biehn, Brown, Dills, Cook, Carbert and Reid and Chairman N Pickett presided.

Acton Whippet club entries in Mrs W. A Weaver, Burlington, the two and a half mile junior was re-appointed president, with road race to be run at Hamilton W G MacKenzie Robinson, Oak on May 9 are Ed McHugh Dave ville, vice-president; Mrs. Louis J Cook, Bill McHugh, Bill Skilling

So far 29 have entered the race sety Social Worker, Mrs. Mary E | but the number is expected to rise to 40 or more Other entrants arpressed the appreciation of the soc. from Hamilton Toronto Dundas, Galt University of Wester: Ontar-The boys' choir presented five boys' choir retiring officers and to London and St Francis Xavier

Association



GRAHAM ROGER, a member of the Young Scottish Farmers and one of the delegates visiting Ontario is welcomed by County Past President Mac Sprowl with whom he stayed while seeing Halton county. E Mahon presented the report From the county of Fife where with two brothers and his father he operates a 1200 acre farm, Graham reports Halton land in the north is very similar to the Scottish country.

HALTON DEBATERS ONT. CHAMPIONS JUNIOR FARMER CONFERENCE

week, defeating Lambton repres changing likewise" He told the junentatives in the finals

population decreases. They pointed decessors out that farmers moving to jobs in industry had increased the tendency to more mechanized farming anizations during the past 40 year. The opposing team referred to

had left the land and conservation was very necessary. Halton debaters, on the road to the finals, eliminated Wentworth for farming and farm organizaztion Haldimand, South Simcoe. Hastings and finally Lambton county representatives. Many of the debates! were won on material backed by authoritative sources, one official;

Halton County Junior Farmers Choir led the music at the Sunday evening church service and afterward at the Fellowship Hour. Representing Halton at the Conference were two from Milton and Brookville, three from Palermo and Acton and one from Norval.

During Monday's opening session.

and Earl Snow, Milton, were de- Ontario and Past President of Halclared Provincial Champions when ton Juniors, gave his retiring adthey successfully upheld the need dress to the delegation. "We are ative side of the resolution at the living in a world of transition" acannual Junior Farmer Conference said. The industry in which we in Guelph on Monday of this are engaged agriculture -- is

for farmers that their forefathers

"Tales on Tintypes," the new written by G. A. Dills.

Halton County Junior Farmer des David Pelletterio, who has been baters, Eleanor McKeown, Acton president of the Junior Farmers of

The debate was, "Resolved that had been pioneers and had faced the rural depopulation threatens the future with "faith and optimthe prosperity and welfare of Ont. ism "But the farmers of to-day ario. Upholding the negative side are also pioneers in a changing Halton representatives referred to world and should retain the same the increase of production despit-, faith and optimism as their pre-The retiring president sketched

the progress of junior farmer org and reviewed the accomplishments isolated cases where the population of the provincial association, which was formed only nine years ago "Our program has been one of education and leadership which will provide a strong background, in the future," he pointed out.

> Free Press historical feature. makes its first appearance this week on page eight. Early Acton pictorially presented is the theme of the feature made possible by the photographs of Acton people and places by A. T. Brown at the turn of the century. Notes are