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TO BOARD UP GRANDSTAND IN PARK



ELWOOD SNOW, R.R. 1 Georgetown, landed this 13 1/4-inch speckled trout weighing one pound to win this year's Free Press contest. Garry Snow is shown holding the week-end beauty that was caught Friday night about 8.30 within eight miles of Acton. Dew worm bait was used, but, of course, the exact location remains a secret.

MAC LOGAN SPEAKER FOR ANNUAL JUNIOR FARMER CHURCH SERVICE

Knox Presbyterian Church, Milton, was filled to capacity on the occasion of the Halton Junior Farmers' Fourth Annual Church Service, held on Sunday evening, May 3.

Choosing as his text, "The Lord is My Shepherd," Mac Logan, a Junior Farmer from Oxford county, dwelt briefly on each sentence of the Twenty-third Psalm. He emphasized the importance of Christian living from day to day, and pointed out that the Twenty-third Psalm is just as true to-day as it was when written by David 2500 years ago. In conclusion, the speaker stated, "The Twenty-third Psalm is really the philosophy of life in a psalmist's language."

County president Harold Tyrrell conducted the service and led in the prayer. The scripture reading was given by County Past President Mac Sprawl.

The Halton Junior Farmer choir, led by Thomas Allen, added to the

400 Halton Students In Music Festival Classes

More than 400 Halton county students participated in the 22nd annual Halton county festival held in Knox church, Milton, on Thursday and Friday of last week. Adjudicator Dr. Roy Fenwick, Provincial Director of Music, heard more than 300 individual entries in the two day competition of choirs, solos, duets and double trios. Shields, trophies and medals were awarded winners in the 40 festival classes with the medals going to solo and duet winners. Competitions were arranged in age groups starting from seven years old and under.

Georgetown entries from two schools carried off the most prizes with a total of 23 wins, seven firsts, 11 seconds and five thirds. Oakville was next with five firsts, four seconds and four thirds for a total of 13 wins. Milton had a total of 11 wins with five firsts, two seconds and four thirds.

The following is a detailed list of prize winners in the various classes:

Solo, boys 7 and under—Herman Propper, Ash, 85; Gary Cwikley, Maple Grove, 84; Eric Phillips, Boyne, 83.

Solo, girls 7 and under—Karen Bridgen Ashgrove, 85; Mary Bate Blue Mountain, 84; Barbara Break McCurdy's, 83.

Choir, school enrollment 20 pupils and under—McCurdy's, 84, Cedar Springs, 83.

Solo, boys 9 and under—Ronald Arpa, Patricia, 85; Chris Canham, Stewarttown, 84; Christopher Risk, Cedar Springs, 82.

Solo, girls 9 and under—Kathleen Marshall, Ash, 86; Mary Downs, Limestone, 85; Marguerite Peacock, Sixth Line, 84.

Choir, school enrollment 29 pupils and under—Boyne 85; Ashgrove, 83.

Solo, boys 11 and under—Johnny Wilson, Pinegrove, 86; Paul May, McCurdy's, 85; Lorne Thomson, Ligny, 84.

Solo, girls 11 and under—Eliza

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The summer projects were discussed and plans made to begin at once on the school room and vestibule. The floor covering was chosen and the work is to be completed before the Spring Rally of Guelph Presbyterian meeting early in May, when the Ladies' Aid will cater to the dinner and the Alert Evening Auxiliary will be in charge of the afternoon luncheon.

Mrs. R. L. Davidson contributed a reading on Spring housecleaning and Miss Bella Mae Roszell rendered a solo.

The meeting closed with the Lord's prayer and the usual friendly social period when the committee served refreshments.

Missionary Sunday Observed at Knox

The annual Missionary Sunday was observed at Knox church on Sunday, May 3, with the Rev. R. H. Armstrong in charge of both services. In the morning the sermon emphasized the mission work, beginning in the homes with the family. In the evening, Rev. James Sutherland, of Cambridgeville, presented the responsibility of our church in the Young Peoples' Summer Camp at Glen Moor on Lake Simcoe.

An impressive conclusion was the annual fireside in charge of the Alert Evening Auxiliary when invitations were extended to the other church groups in town. Mrs. A. K. Mann, the president, presided. The devotional service was led by Mrs. George Muselle, assisted by Mrs. R. O'Hara, Mrs. A. McIsaac, Miss Bella Mae Roszell and including the solo "In the Garden" sung by Mrs. Cameron Leishman.

At the presentation of the offering, Mrs. Stuart Sinclair offered the prayer.

Mrs. R. H. Armstrong introduced the guest speaker, Rev. James Sutherland, of Cambridgeville, who gave an inspirational talk on the mission work of the Christian church with emphasis on the joy and reward received through service.

At the conclusion of his message, Mrs. F. Anderson expressed the thanks of the group to Mr. Sutherland and to all who had helped by their presence. Miss Emma Cole was called forward and as a recognition of her devoted service for many years, Mrs. James Ingles presented her with a life membership and pin from the group.

Another memorable night in the effort to carry on mission work in Knox was concluded with prayer by Rev. R. H. Armstrong. A period of social fellowship was enjoyed when the group in charge served light refreshments.

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Park Slide Bought By Y's Men's Club

A slide has been purchased by Acton Y's Men's club, to be placed in the park near the swing, it was announced at the last regular business meeting of the club, Thursday, April 30. Cost of the swing is \$148.25.

The Y's Men's convention held recently in Acton was a "tremendous success," W. Wolfe reported. A number of letters of appreciation have been received from clubs which visited the town on that occasion.

As the Y Board is contemplating some renovations in the Y to showers and washrooms, members of the club agreed to lend their support and aid financially.

J. McGeachie was chosen a delegate to represent Acton Y's Men's at the International convention to be held at Davenport, Iowa, in July.

Projects for the coming year were outlined by Elmer Smith and enthusiasm was evidenced.

Many members of the club plan on paying a visit to Mount Hamilton club in two weeks.

Music Supervisor Teachers Engaged

Chairman Watson presided at the regular meeting of the School Board on Tuesday evening, with all members present. Principal McKenzie reported that the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. was presenting a flagpole flag to the school and that the Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. was donating a flag for each classroom. Mr. McKenzie also showed the Board the framed pictures of the Queen donated at the opening of the new school by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion, one for each classroom.

It is expected there will be an enrollment of 85 to 90 for kindergarten next September.

The Board authorized Mr. McKenzie to purchase the approved books on which 100 per cent grant is received and approved a requisition for kindergarten supplies.

The principal recommended that the small room on the second floor of the old school be redecorated for use in September. It was reported that the fire door had been installed.

The secretary reported receipt of \$95 non-resident local fees and \$45 from Dublin pupils.

Owing to ill health Mrs. Little tendered her resignation and the Board secured the services of Mrs. Kennedy for the balance of the school term. Miss Dorothy Worne and Miss Vivian McDougall were engaged for the ensuing school year. Mr. Elliott's resignation as music supervisor was accepted and two applications were received for this vacancy, that of Crawford Douglas at \$1,300 and that of Mrs. Heard for \$750. Mrs. Heard was engaged.

The Board regretted they could not comply with the request from the Lakeside chapter I.O.D.E. for use of the general purposes room for the Canadian dance. A request for the use of this room by the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary for their Zone Rally on September 10 could not be granted as the room is in use every school day.

Accounts of \$1,393.21 were approved and ordered paid and the secretary was authorized to assess the North Halton High School District Board \$202.65 plant operation for April.

Two Brigades Fight Fire in Orton Area

Fire brigades from Rockwood and Erin rushed to a fire at the farm home of William T. Overland in the Orton district this week. The house was partly destroyed by fire when flames ate through the two-storey white brick building, destroying almost all of the top floor and its contents.

The house, located on the second line, Erin, broke into flames from undetermined cause and in minutes the entire upper section of the house was ablaze.

Firemen sunk hose in a nearby well and although the supply of water did not last long, the ground floor and a section of upstairs was saved. Both brigades had eight men.

Esquising O.K.'s Building of School

The building of a school in school section No. 7 of Esquising township was approved by the township council at its meeting on Monday, May 4. Cost is not to exceed \$65,000.

Col. G. O. Brown was appointed a member of the planning board for three years. George Somerville is a member for two years and Edwin Harrop a member for one year.

Assessment commissioner and treasurer of the township was given an increase in salary of \$200 per year, retroactive to January 1.

A warrant was signed for holding a tax sale, and the road superintendent was authorized to purchase sufficient weed spray for township roads for the year.

It was decided to call for tenders by the yard for approximately 650 yards for fill on No. 17 sideroad, concession 1.

Matacast Company was engaged to spray township roads at a cost of \$7 per mile subject to the approval of the Department of Highways.

A donation of \$10 to the 25th anniversary of the Canadian Legion branch 120 at Georgetown was passed.

The following accounts were passed for payment: road accounts, \$3,013.72; relief, \$141.38; Stanley J. Brown, fox claim, \$3; sheep claims, Dr. H. A. McCullough, \$15; Horace Bell, \$115; A. N. Stark, valuator, \$5; Bell Telephone Co., \$10.85; H.E.P.C., \$90.88; Town of Acton, to brigade attending fires at R. H. Armstrong's and Bert Dodd's, \$100; Grand Valley Conservation Authority assessment, \$4.08.

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Movies, Talk, Solos On IODE Program

The Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. W. J. Beatty, Church Street, on May 5. During the business meeting a discussion was held about having a cooking school in October. It was decided to procure the books for the school Empire Day contest and the annual tag day for the blind will be held this Saturday.

Miss M. Z. Bennett gave a very interesting talk about the Colombo Plan and informed the members about new members were welcomed and installed in the chapter by the regent, Mrs. A. Long. They were Mrs. J. McGeachie, Mrs. W. Garner and Mrs. F. McCutcheon. Two piano solos were then rendered by Mrs. C. Heller, Chopin's "Fantasy Impromptu" and "Butterfly" by Greg. These were greatly enjoyed and Mrs. A. Moore thanked Mrs. Heller.

Mrs. O. Robbins showed movies of her trip to Florida at Christmas.

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No Repairs Planned On Weakening Grandstand

The grandstand in Prospect Park will be boarded up according to the park committee of Acton council when they decided at their Monday evening meeting, not to repair the structure. The committee reported that a builder's rough estimate of \$800 had been received, and after the repairs the stand could still not be guaranteed to hold a certain weight.

It was pointed out that the back supporting posts would have to be renewed and put on cement foundations. Councillor J. Greer declared, "I wouldn't spend a nickel on it." Councillor Lindsay suggested he would rather spend the money on the arena than on a building that's only used two or three days a year. Councillor McLeod declared the building was no worse than it was a couple of years ago.

"If you decide not to fix it up we're going to board it up and post signs," park chairman L. Wieck said.

The possibility of using it for seating at the Coronation celebration made a decision on the future of the building necessary. Council decided other suitable accommodation could be arranged.

To Erect Park Slide

Permission was granted the Acton Y's Men's club to erect a slide in Prospect Park in the same area as the swings are presently located.

The Ontario Department of Highways approved the installation of a flasher light at the corner of Mill and Main Sts. providing the town bore the total installation and maintenance cost. Costs were to be investigated.

Cut Road Subsidy

Road grants were approved on \$18,000 for the year by the Department of Highways. The town had applied for approval on \$32,643.

Clerk McGeachie reported that the cutting of trees on Cameron Ave. had been approved for the 50 per cent road subsidy and officials had also intimated a grant would be approved for a new crescent bridge if one was constructed.

To Spot Planes

Councillor Lindsay reported that J. A. Spence, Regional Supervisor of the Ground Observer Corps had suggested the group, backed by the H.C.A.F. and represented in ally by A. C. Gray would like to use the park to spot plane movements in exercise and in the event of a national emergency. A telephone would be necessary and the town was asked to supply this accommodation. No action was taken pending further information.

Councillor Tyler reported he had been approached to have 275 acres annexed to the town. A committee was to investigate.

Air Travel Films At Regular Meet

The regular monthly meeting of the Men of Knox was held in the manse on Monday evening. The meeting opened with a hymn, the Doxology, the Queen and the club pledge.

Rev. Armstrong led in responsive scripture and prayer, followed by a life sketch of the "Father of the Reformation," Martin Luther.

The president, Gordon Ode, took the business, which consisted of the secretary's report and the treasurer's report. He also announced that this was the last meeting of the year.

Bill Mainprize had charge of the recreation and showed two films about air travel around the world.

The meeting closed with prayer and lunch.

Tea, Bazaar Held By Church Guild

In spite of inclement weather, St. Albans Guild held a very successful tea and bazaar in the parish hall on Saturday, April 25. In the absence of the president, second vice-president Mrs. Thomas Jones welcomed the visitors.

The tea convener was Mrs. Charles Leatherland assisted by Miss Millie Rowles, Mrs. Wm. Wilson, Mrs. N. Morton, Mrs. Golden, Mrs. Fred Mooney, Mrs. B. Barbeau and Mrs. Hards. Mrs. R. Price and Mrs. William Denny poured tea and Mrs. H. Dolphin sold tea tickets.

The large tea table was attractively centred with a silver bowl of pink snapdragons and tall pink candles and the individual tea tables had small silver vases of mixed spring flowers.

The sale of work was under the direction of first vice-president Mrs. G. Hargrave and assistants were sewing table, Mrs. Wm. Coon and Mrs. Neil Patrick, candy table, Mrs. Bob Redfern and Mrs. Clinton Taylor, home baking table, Mrs. Rose, Mrs. G. Candler and Mrs. G. Fountain.

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PINNING ON MEDALS won at the Halton County Music Festival held in Milton last week are Blair Hotchen, Acton, and Anne Fraser, Oakville. The girls were silver and bronze medalists in the class for girls solo under 11 years old.

The following accounts were approved for payment:	
Gypsum, Lime & Alabaster, crushed stone	\$ 17.50
Thompson Motors, acct	35.28
Brantford Coach & Body	
Ltd. repairs	32.27
Thompson's Farm Serv	
account	18.44
E. Cooper medicine relief	1.98
L. W. Agar, coal relief	10.50
I.G.A. Store, food relief	29.66
Elliott Bros., food relief	28.00
Watson Dairy Bar, lunch	6.00
Acton Free Press, post cards	10.99
Armo Drainage & Metal Products, make	90.54
E. Tyler, expenses	10.50
A. Cook, broom handles	1.40
W. H. Donnell, welding	14.00
K. McPhail, fire trip to Woodbridge	5.00
Acton P.U.C. town operations, March	316.81
Ont. Prov. Pol., salaries	915.20
Acton P.U.C. hydro acct relief	3.72
J. McGeachie expenses	3.30
Meller Const., hauling snow	5.00
	\$1,597.07