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Golden Wedding Dinner, Reception

Their golden wedding anniversary was happily marked on Monday, July 27, by Mr. and Mrs. James Wilds. Congratulations and best wishes were expressed by many relatives and friends at a dinner and reception.

In St. Alban's parish hall, 45 guests from Palmerston, Toronto, Clifford, Guelph, Vineland, Hamilton, Milton, Georgetown and Acton enjoyed dinner. Included among the guests were four aunts and six uncles of the couple.

The tables were decorated with sweet peas in gold vases and gold candles; a three-tiered wedding cake was trimmed with gold. Baskets of garden flowers were an attractive addition to the decorations.

Mrs. R. L. Davidson, president of the Women's Institute, presented Mrs. Wilds with a multi-colored bouquet of gladioli, on behalf of the ladies of the hall. An address was read by Mrs. Fred Anderson. Serving the dinner were Mrs. W. Denny, Mrs. Fred Anderson, Mrs. Bert Davidson and Mrs. Earl Lambert.

The reception was attended by 87 relatives and friends, each of whom signed a golden anniversary guest book. Mrs. Wilds received the guests wearing a dress of mauve lace over satin, with a corsage of talisman roses and baby's breath.

Progressive euchre was played with the following winners: ladies' first Mrs. Earl Marshall, second Mrs. Holloway, consolation Mrs. Rose; gentlemen's first Vic Mossey, second William Marshall, consolation Mr. Kingsmill.

Dancing followed with music provided by George Fountain, Charles Mason and Garnet Rose, with William Denny calling off. Lunch was served by friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilds, who have lived in Acton all their married life, were the recipients of many beautiful gifts on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of their marriage. Mr. Wilds was born in Acton and Mrs. Wilds, the former Lillie McCaugh, was born in Esquesing township. They were married in Acton in 1903, with the ceremony performed by Rev. Alfred Smith, D.D.

Both are members of the Woodmen of the World and Mrs. Wilds is active in the work of the Ladies' Aid of Knox Presbyterian church, the Women's Missionary Society and Acton Women's Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilds have three sons, Norman of Vineland, Francis and Frederick of Acton, two grandsons, five granddaughters and one great granddaughter.

Civic Holiday

It's Civic Holiday on Monday and to allow the staff the enjoyable long week-end advertisers are asked to choose illustrations for display advertising on Saturday morning or not later than Tuesday at 11 a.m. The usual deadline of Tuesday at 4 p.m. will apply on regular display advertising and Wednesday noon on Classified advertising.

First Trail Ride For 25 in District

On Sunday, 25 riders, members of the Western Horse Association, took their first trail ride, with horses and riders from Toronto, Kitchener, Rockwood, Acton and intervening points taking part.

Starting from "Lucky" Henderson's ranch on No. 7 Highway, near Silvercreek, with William Hatch as trail boss, the riders moved out through Ballinacra into Caledon.

It was a colorful procession that wound its way through the beautiful Caledon Hills. Pintos, palominos, appaloosa and the more staid colors of buckskins, blacks and bays with their western attired riders, rested for the noon hour at Credit Forks.

The return trip was through Belvidere, Starkford and Henderson's ranch, where a winner roast was enjoyed by the riders.

Women Needed In Ottawa — Drew

"We need women in Ottawa because there is no place in the whole of Canada that needs a house-cleaning so badly as the House of Commons. So if you send her with a broom or not, send Sybil Bennett there on August 10," the Hon. George Drew, national leader of the Progressive Conservative party, told an enthusiastic audience of more than 800 at the Brant Inn Tuesday evening.

Of particular interest to the farmers of Halton county, Mr. Drew cited the failure of the present government to keep traditional markets in Britain and the sterling areas open to surplus Canadian goods. He questioned the present federal Minister of Agriculture's statement, "Why bother about the British markets, pointing out that no country in the world today is as dependent upon export as Canada is, and no other country exports the percentage of its production that Canada does."

Miss Sybil Bennett, Halton's Progressive Conservative candidate, spoke following the departure of Mr. Drew and his party. She spoke of the failure of the Liberal party to outline a program and their claim that the past 18 years of prosperity under their government was sufficient proof of future intentions. The reason for Canada's prosperity during the last 18 years, Miss Bennett said, was the country's great natural resources, not the Liberal administration.

Miss Bennett particularly welcomed the mayors, reeves and members of town and township councils who attended. On the platform besides Mr. Drew and Miss Bennett were Stanley Hall, M.L.A. for Halton; Hon. Tom Kennedy, Mayor Ted Smith of Burlington, Mayor G. F. Thompson of Milton and party officials. A dance on the deck followed the meeting.

Former Reeve Wins Speed Boat Race

Ex-Reeve of Acton, C. H. Harrison has gone in for another type of competition since he left Acton and we note in a recent issue of a Toronto daily that success is still with him on winning races whether on land or on the water. But here's the story which appeared on the event and we hasten to add our congratulations too.

An interesting and exciting event took place on Big Boshkung Lake in Haliburton Highlands on Thursday, July 16, 1953. It was the annual Motor Boat race staged by the cottagers of Don Arvon. A large crowd of spectators which lined the shore of the lake, cheered to victory "The Arvonwood" owned by Hartley Harrison. A close second was the "Idawill" owned by William J. McDonald. Mr. Harrison was awarded the Dawn cup, presented by Mrs. Donald McDonald of Montreal.

The China award was presented by Mr. Ralph Veals of Carney's Point, N.J. Also the Silver trophy which will adorn his mantel for one year, when it will be completed for again in 1954 at the annual boat race.

In expressing his thanks for these trophies, Mr. Harrison explained that much of the credit was due to the mechanic who had out his boat in such good condition which was Mr. Donald McDonald of Montreal. Mr. McDonald also expressed his appreciation of his mechanic, who was his son, Bill McDonald. After the winners were photographed by all the reporters who were present, they were congratulated by the onlookers and wished every success in future endeavors.

On Wednesday evening of last week, a community picnic was held at Bannockburn School when about 50 people gathered with members of the Women's Institute for a social evening.

The program began with a game of baseball, followed by races. The winners were as follows: preschool age, girls Rhonna Brooks, boys Brian Phillips; 8 and 9 years, girls Rosemary Brooks, boys Jimmie Rotz; 10 to 12 years, girls Joan Brooks, boys Kenneth Rotz.

Whitehorse race, Alice Wilkinson and Joan Knight, show scramble, Alice Wilkinson, a candy scramble for the little folks; spot race, Marjorie McDonald, three-legged race, Brian Evans and Kenneth Rotz; men's shoe kicking, George Somerville; nail driving, Eddie Storey. A prize for the oldest member of Bannockburn Women's Institute at the picnic went to Mrs. Wyn Roszell.

Name Three Candidates At Halton Nominations

Three candidates were nominated to contest the Halton seat in the Federal election August 10, at the nomination meeting in Milton town hall on Monday of this week. About 31 attended the meeting that saw Stan Allen nominated to represent the CCF, Sybil Bennett named to represent the Progressive Conservatives and Murray McPhail nominated to represent the Liberals. Returning officer P. W. Cooke received the nominations.

At the conclusion of the allotted time for nominations, candidates were asked if they wanted to hold a meeting and after a discussion the motion to adjourn was made.

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Annual Picnic Held By Mission Circle

It is customary to hold a meeting where candidates are allowed speaking time but the majority felt the small attendance at the meeting did not warrant the usual program.

Recalling earlier elections, some of those present said there were nomination meetings when the hall wouldn't hold the crowd.

The Baptist Mission Circle met at the home of Mrs. W. Fryer recently. Mrs. Fryer conducted some amusing games and races, the winners being Mrs. Edna Gordon, Mrs. Hazel Cripps, Ruth Landsborough, Mary Reid, Susan and Shirley Cohen.

A delicious supper served by Mrs. Hazel Cripps and her committee brought an enjoyable afternoon to a close. Mrs. Mary Landsborough thanked the hostess for the use of her home.

FIFTY YEARS OF MARRIED LIFE have been spent in Acton by Mr. and Mrs. James Wilds, who marked their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Monday, July 27. Many friends and relatives attended a dinner and reception at St. Alban's parish hall, when euchre and dancing concluded the evening's celebrations. Mr. and Mrs. Wilds are pictured with the three-tiered wedding cake, which was trimmed with gold.

Tender Accepted For the Georgetown Addition

The tender of J. B. Mackenzie and Son for the building of the four room addition to Georgetown high school was accepted at a meeting of North Halton District Board on Monday evening. The price is \$117,000, less an adjustment in costs on the science room equipment, where plans are to be altered.

The deputation that visited the Department of Education in Toronto last Thursday reported that the Department would not consider a complete new school for Georgetown. It had been pointed out that if a new school was undertaken the grant allowance would be on the present basis of \$20,000 per classroom rather than the grant that had been allowed on a basis of \$30,000 per classroom. It was reported that the advice of the department was to accept the present tender.

It was estimated that \$138,000 would be required to build and equip the Georgetown school without the purchase of the proposed three acres.

The secretary reported that no further negotiations had been entered into regarding the land purchase and the solicitor for the vendor had verbally informed him the Board's offer would be accepted.

Trustee G. A. Dills registered his opposition to the land purchase. He argued that the price was excessive at \$2,000 per acre; Acton had been able to secure suitable building land at approximately \$800 per acre and had refused to buy land offered at \$2,000 per acre. He felt that in view of the costs over the estimates, the land purchase should not be made. Other members expressed approval of the land purchase and that negotiations be continued.

The secretary read a letter from Acton council giving a resolution in which they refused to pay for removal of a hydro power line from the public school property. The high school board had agreed to pay their costs and hydro was to be asked to get the line removed as soon as possible so that building work could be commenced.

Mr. Barnett, architect, was present and informed the Board that plans and specifications for the Milton library classroom would be ready in a week or so when tenders would be received for this work.

There was considerable discussion regarding the amounts required for each school and the need for keeping the total costs with the overall amount of \$350,000 was stressed. Estimates were presented that Acton school could be built and equipped for less than \$210,000 while Georgetown school would likely cost \$18,000 more than estimates without land purchase. No motions were passed clarifying the amounts to be spent in the various municipalities. The figures for Milton are yet to be received.

Trustees Cleave Cook, Beaumont Dills, Brown Reid, Carbert and Behn were present and N. L. Pickett, chairman, presided.

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800 WELCOME HON. WALTER HARRIS TO GARDEN PARTY MEETING IN PARK

A crowd of 800 or more turned out on Wednesday evening to welcome Hon. Walter Harris, Minister of Immigration, and to hear the Liberal candidate for Halton, Murray McPhail, at his meeting in Acton. It was said by many to be the finest meeting held in the county and the crowd also enjoyed the outdoor meeting of a fine summer evening and the garden party program presented by the Davis Concert group of Hamilton and the band program of Acton Citizens' Band under Bandmaster A. Ferron.

When Hon. Walter Harris told of the present value of the Canadian dollar and compared its depressed value when a Conservative party was in power and told of the place that Canada now held among the nations of the world, he was well applauded by the crowd. He drew attention to the progress of Canada and the prosperity enjoyed by all. He did not claim that the Liberal government was solely responsible for these conditions but he did maintain that sound leadership and policies adopted had been a factor in putting Canada in the enviable place our country enjoys among the nations of the world.

To an Acton audience, Murray McPhail, Halton Liberal candidate, made his first platform appearance. He told of the Liberal government fulfillment of promises and said that when elected it would be his endeavor to serve every part of the county to the best of his ability. He said the Liberal government made only one promise and that was to give leadership in Canada that would make for the advancement of the nation and the good of all Canadians. During the program, Mr. McPhail went among the crowd and met many of the audience personally. Art Walters introduced Murray McPhail to the audience.

Hughes Cleave, who has served Halton for 18 years as member of the House of Commons, expressed his appreciation of the fine support always given him in Acton and the north end of Halton. He was proud that Murray McPhail had been chosen as his successor and that now a young man from Nassagaweya and the north of Halton would be given an opportunity to represent the county. He introduced Hon. Walter Harris and asked his audience to particularly note that this was one of the oppositions so-called worn-out members of cabinet—a man who had served in the last world war and an aggressive and sound Minister of Immigration.

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HALTON CANDIDATES for the federal election August 10 were officially nominated at Milton on Monday when 31 gathered for the usual meeting that follows the official nominations. Speeches were not given by the candidates because of the small attendance. Shown from the left are Stan Allen, C.C.F.; Sybil Bennett, Progressive Conservative; and Murray McPhail, Liberal. Old-timers recalled nomination meetings when the crowd couldn't get in the hall. The candidates are arranged in the picture in the order they will appear on the ballots.

Acton Change-Over Set At Middle of July '54

Tentative dates for frequency standardization of Georgetown, Brampton, Acton, Milton, Campbellville and Streetsville are revealed this week by the Ontario Hydro Commission. Chairman Robert H. Saunders stated this week that these municipalities form part of Hydro's standardization area "L," comprising an 800 square-mile section in the counties of South Wellington, Halton and Peel.

The tentative schedule of changeover operations is as follows with the estimated number of customers preceding the date of changeover to 60 cycle power:

Georgetown Hydro-Electric Commission, domestic 1,300, commercial 175; second and third weeks of June, 1954.

Brampton Rural Operating Area, domestic 2,910, commercial 325, last week of June, first week of July, first two weeks of September and month of October, 1954.

Acton Public Utilities Commission, domestic 850, commercial 120; second and third weeks of July, 1954.

Brampton Hydro-Electric Commission, domestic 2,600, commercial 310, last week of July, third and fourth weeks of August, 1954.

Milton Hydro-Electric Commission, domestic 800, commercial 150; last two weeks of September, 1954.

Campbellville Hydro System, domestic 70, commercial 14, second week of October, 1954.

Streetsville Public Utilities Commission, domestic 400, commercial 65; third week of October, 1954.

It is anticipated that for the 9,930 domestic customers in these municipalities, some 40,000 appliances will have to be changed over. These will include an estimated 10,000 washing machines, 6,000 refrigerators and nearly 4,000 record players. In addition, it is expected that more than 6,500 clocks and 2,000 fans will either be standardized or exchanged for new 60-cycle models.

Inventories are now being taken of the frequency-sensitive equipment owned by power customers, as nearly a year is needed to engineer and order the necessary motors and replacement parts used by industrial plants. The survey in Acton was completed this week and is now underway in Milton.

Some four to five months before changeover, domestic and commercial customers are visited by Hydro personnel, who take listings of customers' frequency-sensitive appliances.

Chairman Saunders said also forming part of area "L" are Guelph, Fergus, Elora, Rockwood and surrounding districts. Changeover times for these municipalities will be announced at a later date.

A 60-cycle transformer station is to be built at a cost of \$1,522,000 three miles west of Brampton, which will double the service to Brampton, Georgetown, Acton and Streetsville.

The Cookville Transformer Station will be dismantled on completion of the Brampton station, which is scheduled for the summer of 1954.

Frequency-sensitive appliances totalling 1,846,927 and owned by 322,432 Southern Ontario Hydro customers have been altered for 60-cycle operation to the end of the second quarter of 1953. Ontario Hydro Chairman Robert H. Saunders reports.

Of the tremendous total of items now powered by the higher frequency, 1,149,339 belong to 282,279 domestic customers. In addition, most of the 223,546 clocks and fans exchanged for 60-cycle models also belong to domestic customers.

High totals of domestic appliances, including 233,839 washing machines, 171,348 refrigerators, 48,978 oil burners and 124,318 record players have been changed over by standardization crews since the program was launched in 1949 and are now operating at the higher frequency in former 25-cycle areas.

Some 500,000 customers of all classes will ultimately be affected by changeover, and it is the estimated 700,000 domestic customers who make this project the largest of its kind ever to be undertaken.

The steady progress being made on this tremendous program is illustrated by the fact that approximately 100,000 customers of all classes received the higher power during the year ending June 30, 1953.