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FOUNDATIONS ARE COMPLETED, giving some idea of the size and layout of Acton's new high school now under construction at the east end of Mill St. The $190,000 one floor building is to be ready for use by the beginning of the 1954 term in September. This school is part of the $350,000 building program being carried on by the North Halton High School District Board with additions of $140,000 at Georgetown and $22,000 at Milton. J. B. Mackenzie and Son of Acton and Georgetown have the construction contract at the schools.

Rally Day Sunday At United Church

On Rally Day Sunday in the United church, Sunday school pupils gave recitations, presented a little play and sang during the regular morning church service. About 150 youngsters with their Sunday school teachers joined the congregation, with the Friendly Circle Miss M. Z. Bennett's class, sitting together in the east gallery.

A sermonette on "clocks", specially slanted for the youngsters, was given by Rev. E. Currey.

The whole Sunday school sang several choruses with Frank Bean at the piano and the kindergarten class, led by Miss Jane Elliott, sang another hymn.

The soloist was Miss June McPherson of Toronto.

Taking part with recitations and a play were Edna Jennings, Katherine Garrett, Paul McGeachie, Peter Wolfe, Douglas Ruddick, Dale Woodburn, Paul Elliott, Jane Mason, Judy Mason and Darlene Lambert.

Emily Saul gave the offertory prayer and the offering was taken by Bill Ingles, Les Wardlaw, Youk Quon Lee and Bob Coxe.

The service was conducted by Mrs. B. Mowat, Sunday school superintendent. The church proper and part of the gallery were filled for the Rally Day service.

Report Two Cases Of Polio in Week

Two new cases of poliomyelitis have been reported in Halton county in the past seven days, Dr. Bull, medical officer of health, reported this week. One of these was a five-year-old girl from Milton and the other was a young woman from Oakville. This last case occurred earlier in September.

The total number of cases reported so far this year is approximately the same as in 1951, he stated. There has been one fatality reported this year.

Trial Run Success Fire Chief Declares

The highly successful trial run to Acton was reported to the September meeting of the Halton County Fire Aid services in Trafalgar's No. 2 fire hall. Representatives from Burlington, Acton, Georgetown, Milton, Hamilton Beach, Oakville and both Trafalgar brigades attended. Oakville fire chief Fred Shaw spoke of the run to Acton, which demonstrated a multiple hook-up plan.

Secretary Alec Phillips, in presenting a report on Trafalgar insurance coverage of firemen's cars while engaged in fire department business, declared the need of all brigades for this type of coverage.

A representative of the Marconi Co. provided a demonstration of three-way radio as used in co-ordinating firefighting efforts, sending a test car out to cover a sizeable section of the township.

Dousing Lights Fails To Cut Lacrosse Donnybrook

"The decision will depend on what the Ontario Lacrosse Association decides from our report of the game." That's all referees Lou Vipond and Mickey McDonald had to say when queried as to who won the second game of the O.L.A. intermediate lacrosse finals here on Tuesday night between Acton and Bradford. The two officials called a halt to the game with less than five minutes left to play when a full-scale donnybrook broke out in the last quarter and both Acton and Bradford players forgot all about the game and tried to settle differences with their fists.

Even spectators were involved in the fracas that sent one Bradford player to the doctor's office badly beaten up and had the crowd of 600 fans in an uproar. Lights in the arena were doused at one point in the melee in an effort to effect a truce but the struggling, punching figures resumed where they left off when the switch was turned back on.

Throwing caution to the winds, the referees "called" the game and somehow, with the help of police, managed to restore order. They hinted there was some possibility the game would have to be played over although Acton had a comfortable four goal 12-8 lead with only four and a half minutes left to play. It all depends, of course, on the whim of the O.L.A. executive. One of the executive members was in attendance but wouldn't commit himself with a statement.

Acton won the first game of the best-in-seven series last Saturday in Bradford and Tuesday night's win would have given them a two game lead. The series resumes on Saturday night in Bradford, returning here next Tuesday night for the fourth game.

There are many versions of how the fighting started but spectators were unanimous in their disapproval of the handling of the game. The officials wouldn't countenance a hard look in the first two chapters but let players of both teams get away with nothing short of mayhem in the second half. Finally one of the Bradford players walloped Bill Bennett over the head with his stick. Ken Woods, of the Rams, took exception to his slashing, dropped his stick and headed straight for the visitor with his fists. While Woods was enroute, the Bradford player wound up and applied repeated applications of his shillelah to Wood's head and shoulders. One thing led to another and when Jack Mann of the Rams was fouled in the shoving and pushing, he teed off on Patton of the visitors. Then Taillefer and another Bradford player tangled to be followed by Burton and Bray.

The floor was littered with gloves and sticks, fans swarmed onto the scene, some of them adding to the confusion by lending a helping hand. One spectator leaped over and punched a Bradford player while his back was turned and he jumped up into the stands after the offender.

Patton was dragged out to the police cruiser with a face welted and bruised; the cruiser went rushing to the doctor's office. His injuries were not serious, however.

There was much milling and lobbying after the rhubarb was over. Bradford officials went into consultation with the referees with a member of the O.L.A. executive also in the discussions.

Checking Fierce

Checking was fierce through the better part of the game with the Bradford club being particularly heavy checkers. Young, fast and aggressive they took a first quarter lead with three goals to Acton's one but the Rams went on an eight goal scoring picnic in the second quarter to chalk up a 9-4 lead before half time.

The visitors put four past Norm Young in the third quarter, while the Rams didn't get a reply pulling within one goal as the teams went into the final chukker.

A penalty to Smart of Bradford in the early minutes of the fourth quarter gave Acton the opportunity and they lengthened their lead by two goals before the visitors were back at full strength. Another goal by Jack Mann, his fourth of the game gave Acton a four goal margin with seven minutes to play.

Patton of Bradford was sentenced for slashing and shortly after he returned to the floor, the donnybrook broke.

Jack Mann was the pace setter for the Rams with four goals while Lloyd Smith got three and an assist. Ken Watkins lit the light twice and collected as many assists. Doug Smith notched one goal and had three assists and Gordie Burton and Rev Bennett each sniped one marker. Joe Gerrie and Norm Young both collected an assist.

The best unit for Acton was the Mann-Watkins, Lloyd and Doug Smith combination. The other line couldn't seem to get untracked and when Rev Bennett was banished with a match misconduct in the third quarter, they bogged down completely.

For Bradford Rowntree was top hand with two goals and an assist while Bray and Tom Collings each notched a pair. Gwyn and Tyers got singles while Patton and K. Collings each marked up two brackets.

A ferry-boat captain shouted down to the crew's quarters below decks "Is there a mackerel fish down there big enough to keep two ladies warm?"

"No" came the booming answer "but there's a Macpherson here who's willing to try"--The Reader's Digest.

Say Safety Rules As Elmer Raised

When the flag with Elmer the Safety Elephant pictured on it was raised last Friday morning at the public school, it paused six times. Each time the flag halted part way up the flagstaff, a grade one pupil recited one of the safety rules which was, in turn, repeated by the whole school of 520 gathered outside.

Saying one safety rule each were Gwen Bean, Michael Churchill, Pat Dennis, Catherine Higgins, John Kirkwood and Keith Dunk.

When the Elmer flag reached the top, principal G. W. McKenzie reminded the group that now he had reached the top, it would take effort from all the pupils and teachers to keep him there.

Each classroom has already discussed safety rules and held safety projects.

The safety rules learned by all the youngsters are:

1. Look both ways before you cross the street.
2. Keep out from between parked cars.
3. Ride your bicycle safely.
4. Play in a safe place.
5. Walk when you leave the curb.
6. If you have to walk on the road, walk on the left side.

If any one of the school children has an accident, Elmer the Safety Elephant will be lowered from the flagpole, and he may not fly again for a month. Since Elmer was first raised at the school last year he has not been taken down due to accidents.

Churchill Church 115th Anniversary

Rev. A. R. Muir of Erin and Hillsburgh United churches was the guest speaker when Churchill United church observed its 115th anniversary last Sunday. He preached both morning and evening services.

Soloist was John Kitching of Guelph with special music by the church choir.

Norman Russ is the minister of the attractive white frame church. Many attended both services.

Visitors Record 999 Calls In Sunday Church Census

Over 1,000 personal calls to Acton homes, made by volunteer census takers Sunday afternoon, resulted in 999 cards of pertinent church information being in the hands of the ministers of the four Protestant congregations this week. Just one short of 1000, the cards indicate the number of families which claim affiliation with local churchss as follows: Knox Presbyterian church, 344 families; Acton United church, 292 families; St. Alban's Anglican church, 265 families, and Acton Baptist church, 47 families. Catholic families were not tabulated.

In Acton, 34 pairs covered the town, knocking at doors and ringing doorbells. In the immediate countryside, 13 pairs drove from farm to farm gathering the information.

While most of the cards indicated families affiliated with either St. Alban's Anglican church, Knox Presbyterian church, Acton Baptist church or Acton United church, about 35 showed other religious contacts. These are Salvation Army one family, Quakers one, Pentecostal six, Jewish two, Jehovah's Witness one, Dutch Reform three, Dutch Orthodox one, Disciples two, Gospel Hall one, Lutheran two, church in the home two.

Also included in this group are undecided two, no particular church two, not interested and wishing no contacts seven and—outright hostile, one!

Included in the list of cards are some turned in for families which had not been directly contacted Sunday. Other cards are still being turned in to Rev. Currey during the week as additional calls are made by the census-taking pairs.

Following their visits during the sunny, warm and pleasant afternoon the couples returned to the United church basement where their names were checked off the list and their cards sorted. At four tables assigned to clerks representing the four Protestant congregations, the cards were put in alphabetical order and then the names typed.

Puzzling cards were discussed by Rev. Currey, Rev. Price, Rev. Armstrong and Mr. Costerus who chatted with canvassers and clerks during the tabulating.

One team took with them an interpreter in case they encountered new Canadians who could not speak English. Very few reported difficulties.

A brief service of commitment was held before the census takers began their tabulating on printed cards.

Following the afternoon-long census members of all the Protestant congregations in Acton gathered in Knox Presbyterian church Sunday evening for a special service. Rev. E. A. Currey spoke to the congregation about the census, saying the Ministerial Association of which he is president was pleased with the result. He particularly thanked all the canvassers.

Rev. R. H. Armstrong was in charge of the service with R. Costerus the new pastor of Acton Baptist church reading the scripture and leading in prayer.

A letter was read from Rev. R. Price who was unable to be present, urging the follow-up to the census. A special week of services in November is planned.

Massed choirs were led by T. Hanser.

Canada has more than half a million miles of roads and highways and Canadian motorists drive more than 12 billion miles a year.

Dublin W.I. Rug, Quilt are Winners

The originally-designed rug made by Dublin Women's Institute is headed for provincial competition in Toronto, following the announcement this week at the area convention in Guelph that it had been awarded second place in the Salada Tea competition. The rug was also a winner at the district convention in Burlington in June.

The rag rug was a project of the group this year. With a border, it pictured birds in an original design.

The same group won first and second in the Salada Tea quilt competition in 1952. The quilt also took first place in the hobby craft at the Royal Winter Fair and was on display at the area convention in Guelph Monday and Tuesday of this week.

BALLINAFAD

Lightning Strikes Tree Beside House

Mr. Lloyd Marshall's had a close call on Friday night when lightning struck a tree beside the house blowing fuses and tearing up the floor of the pump house.

Attend Anniversary

A large number from Ballinafad attended anniversary services at Churchill on Sunday when Rev. Muir of Erin was guest speaker and delivered two fine addresses. The choir gave two numbers and Mr. John Kitching of Guelph was guest soloist which everyone enjoyed.

Begins Studies

Mr. Ross has begun his studies for the ministry. Everyone wishes him the best of success.

Funeral Held

Funeral services were held Toronto on Friday for Pte. D. Alf Locke 21 with the Medical Corps at Valcartier, Quebec who was found with a bullet wound after shooting of the farm of Harry Hoverock.

Wedding bells have been ringing in our community once again when Garnet Sproule and W. Kirkwood were united in marriage. They will live on the groom's farm lot 2 con. 8 at Ballinafad. Congratulations Garnet and W. ma.

Mrs. Sid. Thompson and Mrs. Margaret Lang of Orangeville spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert McEnery.

Carelessness causes forest fires.

Poster, Note Revive Fair Recollections

The historical note recently published has brought to light some more information regarding early Acton fairs. At the fair this year, a poster was on display announcing the annual exhibition of Acton Horticulture and Agriculture Society of 1895. Mrs. Wesley Murray had found the old poster among some papers her husband had kept. It was well preserved and a good sample of what was known in those days as a Chromatic poster. It had many colors. Mrs. Murray has kindly given this item to the Free Press after the fair.

Later in the week, we received the following item from Mrs. Jas. Easterbrook (formerly Miss Bella Stephenson), now residing in Toronto, in which she tells of the fair of 1883. So that actually Acton fair had its beginnings over 70 years ago. Here is the letter, which we know readers will find as interesting as we did.

52 Queen Anne Rd. Toronto
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Mr. Arlof Dills,
Acton, Ont.

When I started to read the Acton Free Press about the Acton fair, it reminded me of my early youth in 1883. I think there were fairs before that or it may have been after that, but the one in 1883 has always reminded me because it was an unusual kind.

Instead of a building for the ladies to take their baking and sewing etc. we just had a very large tent and away back of this tent was a high stack of hay. It was made up pretty high at the back. We sat on the lower part which just looked like a big chair.

The fair was held early in October. We went into the tent first, then we got so cold we tried the hay stack. At this fair, our Methodist church Ladies' Aid (now called their W.A.) made a beautiful quilt. Mrs. Thomas Easton was president and my mother Mrs. Anthony Stephenson was the treasurer. They had the quilt all blocked up in squares. The members' names were all written in the blocks and the names were sewed with red thread. All or any other people who wanted their name had to pay ten cents to put them on. They had the quilt all finished before the fair.

In the evening they held their concert in the town hall then the sale of the quilt and fortunately Mrs. Easton was the lucky one to get it. Before they had the show they used the old drill shed. It was in the corner where Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Pole's home is now. Perhaps someone else of 1883 may be able to tell you more about early fairs in Acton.

Sincerely
Mrs. Isabella Easterbrook

Knox S.S. Teachers On Area Executive

Clarence Coles of Acton was elected president of the Guelph Presbytery Church Workers' Association at the annual meeting and banquet Tuesday evening in Hespeler. Also on the executive from this district are Ken Mann, Acton, corresponding secretary and Murray McPhail of Campbellville, Guelph district representative.

Attending from Knox church were Rev. R. H. Armstrong, Miss Inez McLellan, Mrs. H. Otterbein, Mrs. J. Price, Mrs. R. O'Hara, Mrs. A. K. Mann, Clarence Coles, Ken Mann and Jim Greer.

After an address a film was shown.

Three Cars Crash Traffic is Snarled

After a Milton car collided with a Georgetown car on No. 25 highway three miles south of Acton Saturday evening, an Acton car collided with the already-damaged Milton vehicle, knocking it off the highway, down an incline into the ditch. A passenger in the Milton car was hospitalized with chest and facial injuries and Mrs. Paul Nielson of Georgetown suffered shock. She was treated by Dr. W. Kenney of Acton at the scene of the accident.

At about 8.30 p.m. Paul Nielson of Georgetown, travelling south made a left hand turn into the farm lane of E. Leland, witnesses report. The Milton car, driven by Jim Kelman apparently intending to pass, collided with the Georgetown car. Unable to stop in time a third car, driven by Oscar Locker of Acton was in collision with the Milton car.

The Nielson car, which was turned over on its side, was considered a total wreck. Considerable damage was done to the Milton car in the two impacts. Minor damage to the front of the Locker car resulted.

The car from Milton a used model Buick had just been purchased. There was no insurance.

Cars were held up along the highway in both directions with some detouring to avoid the scene of the accident while the vehicles involved were left until Oakville police who investigated arrived.

FALL COLOR SCHEME AT SEPTEMBER TEA

The annual September tea was held in Knox church Orange on Wednesday afternoon of last week with over 100 ladies in attendance.

The program given by the other organizations of the surrounding churches was thoroughly enjoyed. The highlight of the afternoon was the splendid address given by Mrs. Vair of Erin. Speaking on the theme "Loyalty" she stressed the importance of being loyal to church, school, community and home and emphasized that we are all living examples and that each has an important part to play.

At the close of the program all gathered in the basement of the church where a lovely tea was served. The autumn color scheme was especially attractive.

A hundred years ago there were twice as many buffalo as people in North America, today in Canada there are about 5,000 buffalo.

SAVE PART OF HOUSE DURING $1500 FIRE

Fire, presumably caused by faulty wiring, resulted in $1,500 damage to the home of S. Hartley on the Base Line in Nassagaweya township at R.R. 2 Campbellville. Milton District brigade called at 2.30 a.m. on Tuesday saved the front part of the frame stucco house but the back part of the building was seriously damaged.

Chief A. E. Clement reported the blaze had started in the upstairs where Mr. and Mrs. Hartley were living.

ADD $5,000 OF SCHOOL EQUIPMENT SEEK MORE LAND FOR MILTON SCHOOL

Purchase of over $5,000 worth of equipment for High Schools at Acton and Georgetown was authorized Monday night by the High School District Board and approval was given for continuing negotiations for the purchase of additional land at Milton. Changes in flooring materials specifications in the additions to conform with the intent of the Board were also authorized in all three schools.

In Milton the additional classroom is to be hardwood to conform with the present building at an additional cost of $345. In Acton and Georgetown vinyl asbestos tile is to be laid in all areas except halls and wash rooms. The additional cost in Acton will be $371.80 and estimates of the difference in Georgetown had not yet been received.

Classes in basic English will again be taught in the evening in all three schools. Notice of these classes was to be given in the local papers and the classes will all start approximately the same time.

The principals reported on attendance on the three schools which was changed little from last year's enrolment. Some pupils have been awarded bursaries and the results of departmental examinations in all schools were summarized for the Board.

A letter from W. R. Bracken gave insurance rates on the new school in Acton and R. F. Bean also made a presentation of insurance for the Acton school. He made suggestions regarding minor changes which would make for a lower rate of insurance.

The gymnasium at the YMCA in Acton was to be used for physical education at a cost of $500 for the season and in Georgetown the auditorium in the public school will be secured for certain periods at a cost of $75 per month for the months it is required.

Mr. Eley of the Valley City Manufacturing Co. Dundas showed the Board their tables for the science rooms. An order was placed for five tables in Acton to match the present three tables now in use and sufficient stools to go with the tables. In Georgetown double tables to accommodate 30 pupils with suitable chairs were also ordered and tables for instructors at both schools.

Fred J. Armstrong was engaged as caretaker of the Georgetown school at a salary of $2,400 per year and accounts were passed amounting to $10,047.50 for the month.

Seven more typewriters were to be secured on a rental basis at Acton school and six more desks and chairs were required for the commercial rooms. These equipment will all be suitable for the new school.

A report was given by the transportation committee which gave details of routes. It was considered satisfactory and schedules had been made that were suitable.

The secretary reported that building contracts had been signed for both the Acton and Georgetown buildings. More information was to be secured regarding the installation of electrical equipment at the Acton school.

The Board also gave decisions on the secretary regarding applications for pupils from the district attending schools in other centres.

The meeting was held in Milton school on Monday evening and Messrs. Brown, Reid, Cleave, Martin, Carbert, Cowin, Cook, Dills, Biehn and Milne were present with Chairman N. L. Pickett presiding.