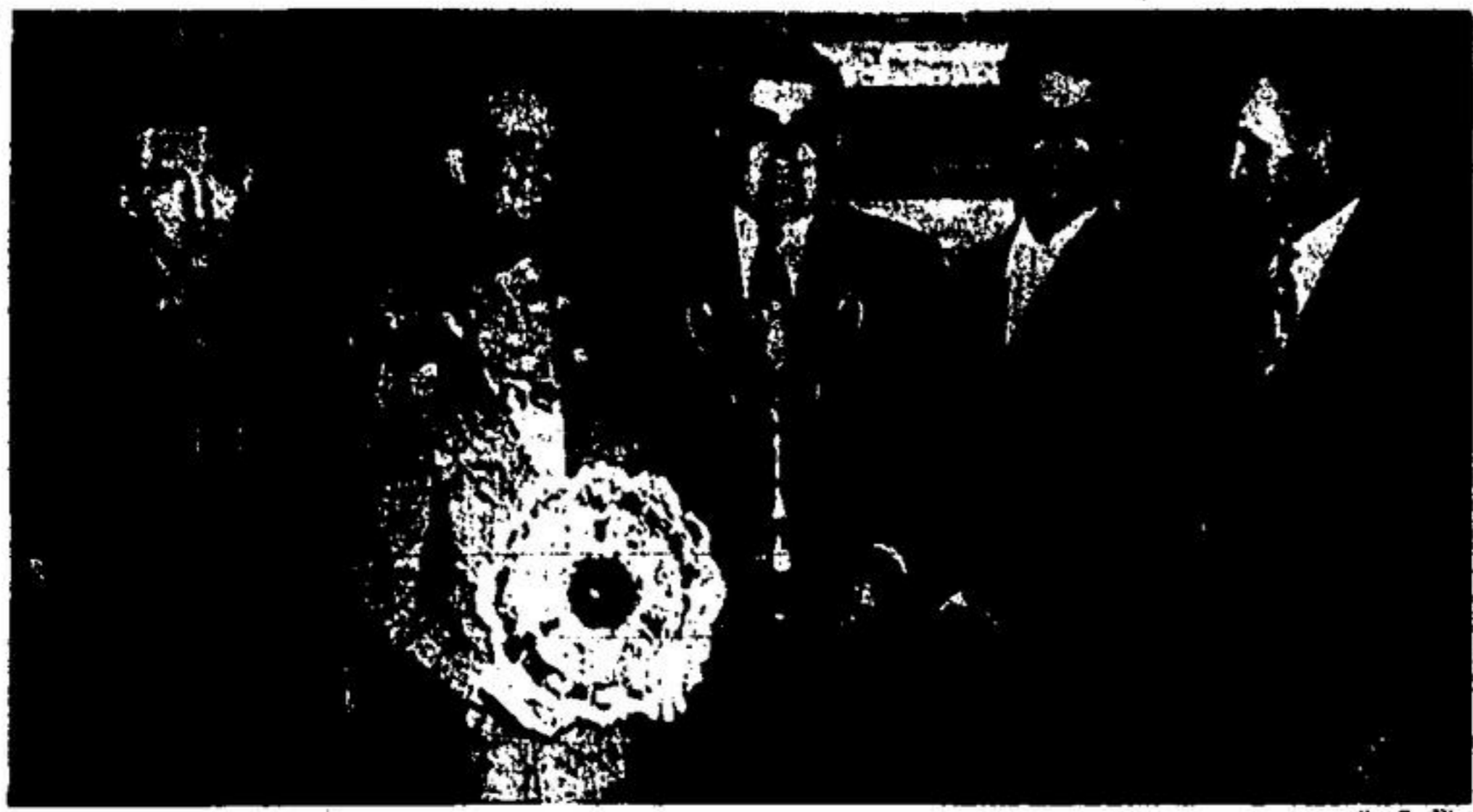


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**PRIZE WINNERS** at the Halton Plowing Match received goods donated by Halton merchants and industry. Shown here are first prize winners in some of the classes that plowed ridges on Thursday of last week at the annual event. From the left are J. A. Randall, Breslau, winner in the tractors, 3-furrow entry; Jack Taylor, Burlington, winner in tractor mounted plow class; A. Howden, Milton, winner tractors in sod (under 21) holding the Bank of Nova Scotia trophy; Keith Merry, Hornby, winner in second class tractors in sod; and Glen Irwin, Milton, in front, winner in tractors in sod (under 16) and second youngest plowman of the day.

## Halton Plowing Match Held On Ruddell Farm

"Let us have utility classes at our plowing matches but also let us have perfection," stated J. A. Carroll, Assistant Deputy Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, when addressing the Halton Plowmen at their banquet in the Norval Parish Hall, following their annual match held on Thursday of last week on the Fred Ruddell farm in Esqueping township.

"Many folk," stated Mr. Carroll, "are critical of the amount of hand-plowing done at our plowing matches and while admitting that quite often plowmen spend too much time on their crowns to the detriment of the rest of their land, nevertheless people do not flock to see a painted barn but they do go to see a painted picture." It was also pointed out by the speaker that livestock exhibitors, when taking their livestock to a major show do not take them direct from the pasture field.

In a most interesting way, Mr. Carroll who was president of the recent World Plowing Match held near Cobourg, outlined the objectives of such a match and the impressions gained by many of the visiting plowmen. "Your country," stated one of the delegates from Finland, to Mr. Carroll, "is a land of freedom." It was pointed out by the speaker that 25 per cent of the Finnish people lost their homes and farms in the war with Communist Russia.

A delegate from another European country was impressed by the lack of class distinction in Canada. Still another by the abundance of good land and its cheapness when compared to that in most European countries.

The Halton Match, in the opinion of many, was one of the most successful matches ever held by the Halton association. In any event, it was one of the most beautiful sites—a total of 61 ridges were turned and the first two or three ridges in each class would compare favorably with anything to be seen anywhere stated the official judges, Wm. Barrie of Galt and Alex Black of Guelph.

Stanley May, of Hornby, and Spencer Wilson of Norval, retained their triumphs of a year ago by winning the Esso Specials for the best ridges by Halton plowmen in walking plow and tractor classes respectively.

Another pleasing feature of the Halton match was the three father and son combinations plowing at the match these included J. C. Cunningham and son John of Hornby, Chas. Irwin and son Glen of Oakville, Jack H. Taylor and son Don of Appleton. Out of the six ridges plowed by these plowmen, three first prize awards were secured. These went to Jim Cunningham, Glen Irwin, and Jack H. Taylor. John Cunningham had taken two first prizes the previous day at the Peel County Match some in the class for plowboys under 18 years and the other in the open utility class so he could afford to ease up a bit at his home match.

Still another pleasing feature at the evening program was the presentation made by Stanley L. Hall, M.P.P., to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Eccles of Brampton.

This consisted of a model of the Massey-Harris plow and tractor operated by Mr. Eccles in winning the world title. This model was made by George Swan of Milton and presented in behalf of the Milton Implement Dealers.

A special two-furrow utility class arranged by the Halton executive, drew a record entry of 17 tractor plowmen. This class modelled after those in the World Competition at Cobourg, was a no handling class with a time limit of one hour. Here Doug Reid, a former Esso Champion Trip Winner took top honors.

In the Horse Show, judge Martyn Heslop of Tansley gave the first award to Stan May's great team of Percherons which also won the championship at the International earlier this month.

Halton farm implement dealers

## Talent Arranged, Ladies' Aid Told

The meeting of Knox Presbyterian Ladies' Aid was held in the class room of the church on Wednesday afternoon of last week. The president, Mrs. F. J. McCutcheon, presided. The scripture lesson was read by Mrs. F. Anderson and Mrs. R. R. Parker led in prayer.

The business of the day was the final arrangements for the anniversary supper. The program committee reported a good variety of talent was arranged for the evening.

The meeting closed with singing a hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers" and the Lord's Prayer.

## 17 Teachers Attend Federation Meeting

Tuesday evening public school teachers from the district including Georgetown, Glen Williams and rural schools as well as Acton met in the Acton public school for a meeting of the Teachers' Federation. In the absence of Mrs. Gumble, Miss Dena Brandt read the minutes.

A donation of \$20 was made to Goodwill for exchange teachers and \$10 to the Cancer Fund.

It was decided to begin the meetings with prayer. Mrs. Algen presided and 17 teachers were present.

## Christian Reform Group Meet in Y

A district meeting of the Young Peoples of the Christian Reform Church was held in Acton, Y on Friday, October 16 with over 150 members in the program, carried on in both Dutch and English.

Talks and singing were part of the program. The Y ladies auxiliary served refreshments to the young Dutch people.

## RAY COSTERUS INDUCTED AS PASTOR OF BAPTIST CHURCH LAST THURSDAY

The vice-moderator of the Guelph Association of Baptist churches, Rev. W. B. Fisher, presided at the induction of Ray Costerus as pastor of Acton Baptist church last Thursday evening. Members of the Guelph association of Baptist churches, Acton Ministerial Association and representatives of Baptist churches in Galt, Exeter, Guelph, Brampton, Georgetown, H. H. H. New Hamburg and Stratford were present.

Scripture lesson and prayer were taken by Rev. F. F. Bennett of South Water Street Church, Galt, and the induction prayer by Rev. Ira H. Eberle, First Baptist Church, Guelph.

Mr. Costerus was formally inducted into the pastorate after responding to questions read by Rev. F. F. Bennett.

Rev. Harold S. Shands of First Baptist Church, Wexford, gave the address.

Duets were sung by Helen Landsborough and Fay Garner. Mr. Costerus pronounced the benediction at the close of the service.

An informal hour of fellowship was held in the church basement following the induction when refreshments were served. Ministers of other Protestant congregations in Acton expressed a welcome to Mr. Costerus, his wife and family. They felt assured the happy spirit of co-operation in the Ministerial Association would continue under his ministry.

## Unscramble Cars In Freak Accident

It just cost a total of \$125 which isn't much in car accidents, but it almost took a Philadelphia lawyer to figure out the freak three-car accident that happened a mile west of Acton on Sunday.

When Constable H. Gunn unscrambled it, he found that both Reginald Dyson, Guelph, and Kay Speers, Guelph, were proceeding west. The Speers car cut out to pass the Dyson car, noticed the approaching car of Ivan Johnstone, Toronto, and cut in front of the Dyson car. The right rear bumper of the Speers car caught the left front bumper of the Dyson car forcing him into the ditch where he drove for a quarter of a mile, coming back out onto the road with only the left front bumper damaged. In the meantime, the Speers car swerved completely around and went west backwards and the same damaged right rear bumper of Speers' car caught the Johnstone car on the left rear bumper.

And all of this caused damage estimated at \$125.

## Grand Jury Reports On County Bldgs.

Besides finding a true bill in three criminal cases heard at the Fall Assizes, the Grand Jury made an inspection of all buildings in the county maintained and operated by public funds.

Several recommendations handed down at this Assize had been recommended by previous Grand Jurors. The findings of the Grand Jury are as follows: 1. The acoustics of the Court House are very bad. 2. The petty jury room needs redecorating and cleaning. 3. There is a great need for improvement in caretaking and that the caretaker spend full-time hours at caretaking every day. 4. The Jail Governor deserves great credit for the condition in which the Jail is kept. 5. That the Old People's Home is in excellent order and much credit is due to the management.

We recommend as follows: 1. That the corridors and court room be redecorated and floors finished. 2. That a skylight ventilation and more artificial light be installed in the Registry office.

Signed by Dean Leslie, foreman of the Grand Jury.

## 2 Guest Speakers At Anniversary

Rev. Mumford of Fergus and Rev. Gilbert Ivany of Toronto were guest speakers last Sunday when Acton United church observed its anniversary. Ministers of other congregations assisted Rev. Curry in the evening service and services in their churches were withdrawn.

Three anthems were sung during the morning service and two in the evening. The special music also included a solo by Mrs. R. Robb's daughter, Miss Dorothy Simmons and Mrs. B. Veldhuis and solo by Nancy Lambert.

In the morning Rev. Mumford declared that action is needed in the church as well as other aspects of our lives. Other causes are clamoring for our loyalty. He urged work such as our pioneer forefathers undertook.

Pastor Ray Costerus gave the postscript prayer at the evening service and both Rev. Armstrong and Rev. Price read from the scriptures.

Rev. Ivany recalled that Christianity was at one time considered a plaything. Motor cars, steel rails, rubber and railroads were also considered playthings when they were first introduced. The speaker considered seriously if we could build their religious beliefs or send.

Rev. Ivany spoke from wide experience having been a marine soldier and army chaplain.

O. Belmont of the Bible Society, M. M. Coles also welcomed Mr. Costerus.

Letters of good wishes from ministers who were unable to be present were read by Rev. Fisher.

## Joseph Benham, 19 Dies After Crash

Many friends and relatives attended the funeral in Acton Tuesday of 19-year-old Joseph Benham of Exeter, who died following a collision of two trucks late Saturday evening. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Dilts of the Stone Church, Exeter, of which the deceased was a recent member.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Benham of Exeter and three sisters, Mrs. Charles Bye (Barbara) Burlington, Mrs. John Marshall (Helen) Guelph and Miss Willie Benham, Exeter, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Van Norman, Guelph.

Friends carried the beautiful floral tributes. Pallbearers were Vern Stewart, Eddie Stewart, Henry Bessem, Nick Bessem, George Leslie and Jerry Schenk. Interment was in Exeter cemetery.

The young man was fatally burned when two trucks collided at the junction of No. 27 and No. 28 highways, four miles north of Exeter. He died in Toronto General hospital.

An employee of the McNamara Construction Company, he was at work at the time of the accident. Another employee, Reginald White, died as a result of burns he had just shortly before had word of the death of his father of a heart attack.

Their tractor-trailer northbound collided with a south-bound dump truck driven by William Alfred 27 of RR 5 Barrie. The larger truck went out of control, continued for 400 feet and burst into flame as gasoline from the two tanks at the rear of the cab sprayed over the cab and road.

Alfred was charged with dangerous and careless driving. He was not injured.

Although the two men, their clothing ablaze, leapt from the truck they died after being taken to hospital.

Joseph Benham was born in Exeter and his family is well known in the district. His grandfather, the late James Benham was a farmer reeve of Exeter and his cousin Ernest Benham is the present reeve. He planned to leave his job with the McNamara Construction Company the day of the accident, intending to return home and seek employment in Guelph where he had worked previously.

His tragic death was a shock to the whole community.

## Parade in Costume As Movies Taken

The Friendly Circle held its regular meeting in the form of a Halloween party on Wednesday, October 21 in the school room of the church.

Group two was in charge of the meeting. They had a "Spook's Alley" and everyone coming in the door was lead through the path. Nearly everyone came in costume including witches, ghosts and other creatures of Halloween. Four winners were chosen after everybody had paraded around the room while moving pictures were being taken. Following were the winners: Quaker Mrs. Hazel Orr, clown Mrs. Laura Lovell, witch Mrs. Edna Stewart and baker Mrs. Doris Kentner.

A number of contests were conducted by Mrs. Hazel Orr which were enjoyed by everyone present. A devotional period followed. Two hymns were sung and a scripture lesson was read which was appropriate to the season.

The president, Mrs. Jean McPhail took charge of the rest of the meeting and temporary secretary Mrs. Shirley McKewen read the report of the previous meeting. The business of the evening was discussed including plans for the supper being held this week. This most enjoyable evening came to a close with refreshments.

## Predict '54 Rate Increase On Acton Hydro System

"A small increase in rates is imminent for 1954," Mayor F. G. Oakes disclosed when council met with Public Utilities Commission in a special meeting on Monday evening. It was pointed out the rate in hydro rates would be subject to approval of the Ontario Hydro Electric Power Commission.

Council's approval on the \$35,000 debenture issue requested by the P.U.C. was deferred until the next meeting pending a breakdown of the \$40,000 truck expenditure.



Tom Scott of the Hamilton Hydro regional office explained the need for the debenture issue for hydro. It was pointed out plans were to keep the old hydro truck and purchase a new one. The major expenditure in the proposed debenture issue was the \$16,000 for cycle conversion which, it was pointed out, could not be changed.

Mayor Oakes reported clerk-treasurer Jack McGehee had been hospitalized and would be off for about five weeks. Power of attorney was given Mrs. Urquhart during the treasurer's absence. Arrangements were made for Mrs. Urquhart to be bonded for \$5,000. The commission also met and gave Mrs. Urquhart power of attorney to act as secretary-treasurer.

## Scout Apple Day Receipts \$228.68

Altogether 20 bushels of Macintosh apples were sold by the First Acton Scout Troop Friday and Saturday during the annual Apple Day campaign for funds. Total receipts were \$228.68. After the costs were deducted, net profit for scout work is \$148.68. Last year the Scouts netted \$123.47.

Acton plants and factories were canvassed Friday afternoon and the boys sold on the streets and door-to-door Saturday until 9 p.m.

The best salesman this year was Don Wilds with Ron Emmerson second.

Other scouts selling apples were Bruce Andrews, Barry Stewart, Ron Davidson, Wayne Currie, Emerson Baxter, Ernie Lawson, David Hunter, Wayne Spies, Bob Marshall, Bob Armstrong, Bill Johnson, Barry Kirkness, Willard Haliday, Bob Cox and Keith Matthews.

Assisting were Wayne Marshall, Don Davidson, Roy Kirkness, R. Robb and scoutmaster Dave Dilts. Tony Ironside supplied the banks.

House cleaning wife to husband: "I hope you don't have any plans for the rest of the day. I want you to help me for a minute."

## MISS L. SNOW HEADS ELEMENTARY HALTON COUNTY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Elementary school teachers of the district attended the annual convention of Halton County Teachers' Institute held in Oakville on Friday, October 23. The program began at 9 a.m. with Rev. C. K. Nichol conducting the devotional exercises, and introducing remarks of president R. M. Achson of Glenwood school.

A Weatherstone chairman of the Oakville School Board, welcomed the teachers in Oakwood school and extended greetings from the Board and staff.

During the morning the convention divided into groups for a workshop period. Many valuable ideas were brought forth in the various discussions.

Inspector R. F. Bornhold introduced the guest speaker, Franklin V. Darroch, B.A., Science Consultant of Toronto who gave an interesting illustrated address: "Science in the Elementary School."

A noon-day banquet was held in the Pine Room at the Oakville arena. Honorary president J. M. Denyes said the grace.

Following the banquet the presentation of a brooch and earning set was made to Miss N. Jardine of Hornby by Mrs. P. Cartwright and to Miss B. Hume of Georgetown by Miss M. Shortt. Both ladies retired in June after having taught for many years in Halton county.

Inspector L. L. Skuce introduced the after-dinner speaker, H. E. Elborn, M.A., B. Ed., Inspector of Professional Training in Ontario.

Weekly sessions of religious education in the public school began Wednesday morning. Rev. R. E. Price is taking the half-hour period with grades three and four; Rev. Curry with grades five and six and Rev. Armstrong with grades seven and eight. Father Morgan and the Roman Catholic children gather in the auditorium.

## Religious Teaching Begins in School

The rise and growth of the Christian faith its background and fundamentals are being taught. "Denominations are not for children," Rev. Curry explains. Theological distinctions are for mature church life.

It is planned to have religious instruction at the school each year.

## TALENTED VIOLINIST STUDY GROUP'S GUEST

Mrs. George Brownlee, an accomplished violinist who has studied in Montreal and London, England, and her accompanist, Mrs. Kearney, delighted members of the Acton Music Study group and their friends Monday evening at the home of Mrs. W. Beatty, both of the artists came from Woodbridge; Mrs. Kearney is organist in one of the churches there.

In the program of well over an hour selections varied from a lullaby to a reel and a mazurka to a medley of Scotch songs. Piano solos by Mrs. Kearney also drew appreciative applause.

Mrs. M. McCullough, president of the group, introduced Mrs. Brownlee, adding that she plays her violin each year at the Birney family reunion. Mrs. E. Hards thanked the artist.

A brief paper on concert marches, continuing the regular study, was read.

Over 30 enjoyed the unique program. Refreshments and more informal music by Mrs. Brownlee and Mrs. Kearney concluded the meeting. Flowers were presented to both of the special guests.



**THREE FATHER AND SON TEAMS** plowed at Halton's Plowing Match on Thursday of last week where more than 60 ridges were plowed at the Ruddell farm, south of Limehouse. Shown from the left are Clarke Irwin and son Glen, Milton; Jack Taylor and son Don, Burlington; and J. Cunningham and son John, Hornby.