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## ATOM BOMB POWER SHOWN IN FILM AT FIRESIDE IN KNOX CHURCH SUNDAY

Selection of officers and representatives and reading of annual reports preceded the showing of the film, "God of the Atom" at the regular inter-denominational fireside sponsored by the Bible Society on Sunday evening. The large congregation, filling the centre part of Knox Presbyterian church, were welcomed by Rev. Armstrong. M. M. Coles acted as chairman for the evening and led in prayer. J. Greer read the scripture accompanied by E. Hansen. Miss Bella Roszell sang a solo "Rose of Sharon."

C. Landsborough gave the secretary's and treasurer's reports for the past year, during which four meetings were held. Over \$100 had been sent to the Bible Society in Toronto, leaving a small balance in the bank. Rev. E. Curry took the chair for the report of the nominating committee, which was as follows: president, M. M. Coles; secretary, C. Landsborough; Baptist representative, L. McCutcheon; United L. Wick, Presbyterian; C. Kirkness, Anglican. Accepting the nomination, M. Coles expressed his appreciation for the co-operation of workers in making the meetings successful. The offering was dedicated by Pastor Ray Costerus.

The film, "God of the Atom" shown by Lorne Garner, outlined the tremendous power now in man's control and stressed the need for faith in God to handle successfully this new power. Atom bomb explosions in the South Pacific on an experimental basis were portrayed. Rev. Curry expressed appreciation to all who contributed to the program and emphasized that "Jesus Christ should be central in everything." He recalled that scientists have pleaded with the churches to avert catastrophe by providing for spiritual needs.

## Dominion Contest Has Acton Winner

One of the Ontario winners in a nation-wide Canadian General Electric flash photograph contest was Don Schroeder of Acton. Mr. Schroeder submitted both an indoor and outdoor shot both including his young son, Richard. G. A. MacDonald of the advertising sales and promotion department of General Electric, informed Mr. Schroeder of his win early this week. As a prize he has a choice of a featherweight iron, G.E. sun lamp, clock, kettle or six dozen flash bulbs. Not quite decided yet, Mr. Schroeder was favoring the sun lamp.

An ardent amateur photographer, Mr. Schroeder is also imparting some of his knowledge to a group of Acton Boy Scouts in photography classes.

## HAS 92nd BIRTHDAY ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

His 92nd birthday will be observed on New Year's Day by L. Easley, when a family dinner will be held. Mr. Easley, who is formerly of Brookville, now lives at Rockwood. He is in excellent health, is able to be up and about and travel. He enjoys reading and is still interested in sports. The congratulations of the district are extended to Mr. Easley.

## Major J. Anderson Posted To Korea

Major John M. Anderson, who was minister of Knox Presbyterian church in Acton for several years, has been appointed senior chaplain for the Canadian Army in Korea. He will leave early in January for his new post.

Born in Edinburgh, Major Anderson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Anderson of Niagara Falls. He is a graduate of Western University and Knox college.

For the past three years he has served as chaplain at the Ordnance Depot at Longue Pointe, Quebec. Major Anderson made many friends in Acton during his stay here who will wish him well in his new post.

## Christmas Sees Y Parties, Contests

Junior, midget and bantams held their Christmas parties and special sports events in the Y.M.C.A. this week. All the boys and girls exchanged gifts with some receiving a Christmas "extra" a Y crest for winning top place in competitions.

The midget and junior boys held their events Monday afternoon, the midget and junior girls Tuesday afternoon and the bantams Wednesday afternoon.

After sports which included tug of war, running, dribbling, basketball, shooting, target shooting and medicine ball throwing, the groups played bingo. The Y Ladies Auxiliary provided chocolate and cookies for refreshments.

Presents were exchanged and Y crests presented to winners of events as follows: midget girls, Mary Jane Force, Ruth Landsborough, Grace Clow, Elia Jany, junior girls, Elizabeth Jany, Sheila Paul, Betty Jean Judy, Moley. Bantam girls, Barbara Churel, Cheryl Price, Margaret Price, Janet Rogan, Jill Marton, bantam boys, Rodrik Schmitt, Billy Stuekey, Ralph Tapp, Victor Roach.

Midget boys, Wayne Redley, Leslie Jones, Don Price, Don Lindsay, junior boys, Bob Jones, Mike Hurst, Keith Matcks. Y secretary Dick Schmitt was in charge.

Births in Canada climbed to a new monthly peak of 37,462 in July.

## Retiring Members Praise Warden At Final Meeting

Retiring members voiced praise with the manner and co-operation shown by Warden George Leslie during the past year, at the final meeting of Halton County council Wednesday, December 16. The meeting dealt with current accounts and routine work to conclude the year.

Council approved of the annual road grants to the towns in the county, in most cases there was a slight increase in these grants. Milton's share being some \$200 more than a year ago. The grants approved were: Acton, \$1,332.40, Bronte \$477.17, Burlington \$4,662.07, Georgetown \$2,606.85, Oakville \$5,138.38, Milton \$1,679.41.

L. S. Rasberry, Kilbride, awarded the contract of painting and decorating the new offices in the county buildings at a tender of \$250. G. S. Searles of Milton was appointed caretaker of the county buildings or recommendation of the building committee and the office. Specialty Company was awarded the contract of supplying filing cabinets and supplies for the registry office at a cost of \$1,859. The council approved of the annual agricultural grants of \$300 to the North Halton High School Area Board and to the Oakville-Trafalgar High School Area Board. Several appointments were made to the various High School Area Boards, being North Halton School Area Board, George E. Greaves, Norval, Nelson I. Pickett, Miley and G. A. Dills, Acton, Oakville, Trafalgar School Area Board, Jas. Marshall, Milton, Burlington, Nelson School Area Board, Ross Segsworth, Freeman.

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May 1954 be a year of good things for everyone. Let us all resolve in 1954 to make this world a little better for our having been here through kindness and thankfulness.



IN APPRECIATION OF TEN YEARS' service with Baxter Laboratories engraved gold watches were presented to five employees of the company at their Christmas party last week in the Y.M.C.A. Pictured above are the recipients of the watches, which were presented by Bill Benson. Left to right, Anthony Hufnagel, Miss Margaret Sinclair, David Drysdale, Mr. Benson, Sam Snyder and Mrs. Harold Kinread. A turkey dinner was served to 88 employees, followed by a program and the presentations.

## Summon Citizens To Third Nomination For First Time

For the first time in the history of Acton, citizens have been summoned to a third nomination meeting in an effort to select enough representatives for the municipal council. The third nomination meeting is scheduled for January 10th with an election if necessary on January 14. The initial nomination meeting elected only seven of the necessary nine officials and the second nomination meeting added only one to the list.

### OBITUARY

#### Was Minister Here Over 45 Years Ago

Rev. George W. Barker, who had a most successful pastorate at Acton Methodist church over 45 years ago, died Tuesday, December 22 in Toronto Western hospital after a few days' illness. Funeral service was held on Thursday, December 24 in Kingsway Lambton United church with interment following in Paris cemetery.

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Surviving are his widow, the former Gertrude E. Shousha, Queen Mary's Drive, the Kingsway and a daughter, Mrs. J. J. Neilson, Ridgeway.

#### Approve Proposal To Build School

Erin township council approved the proposal of the Erin District high school board to erect a four-roomed classroom school at an estimated cost not exceeding \$100,000, at a meeting in Hillsburgh on December 15. The cost of the school will be provided for by the issuance of debentures repayable in annual instalments over a period of 20 years.

Council tentatively agreed to assume its share of such debentures subject to acceptance by the municipality of Erin village of the addition to its assessment of \$500,000 to be added each year for a period of five years for the purpose of apportioning the cost of the debentures between the municipalities in the district.

Reeve Albert Wheeler presided at the meeting with all members present.

A by-law for the purpose of adopting the assessment roll for 1954 was passed. The treasurer was instructed where properties are three years or more in arrears of taxes to advertise the same for sale. Adjustment of receipts and charges between the township and telephone commission were to be made and the treasurer was authorized to pay any township accounts that may be presented on or before December 31, 1953, and to pay the county tax account amounting to \$40,720 before that date.

All persons who purchased and paid cash for debentures issued by the township under by-law No. six dated September 15 and later are to be paid interest by township cheque to the amount collectively of \$113.51. The treasurer will attend to proper distribution of the above amount.

It was decided that the members of council will be paid as follows for services as road commissioners for the year 1953: reeve \$110.00, deputy reeve \$95.00 and councillors \$85.00 each.

The Erin Advocate was paid \$250 on account on 1953 printing contract.

Members of the Court of Revision will each receive one day's pay for viewing properties appealed against it was decided. Harold Griffin and John R. Baldwin will be paid \$5.00 each for the use of cars.

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#### Lorn School Holds Christmas Concert

A capacity crowd enjoyed the varied program of Christmas number music, recitation and the operetta "Humpelstiltskin" at Lorn school concert on Monday, December 21. The entire program was presented by the pupils of Lorn school under the direction of Mrs. Lorne Simpson and Crawford Douglas music supervisor.

The program opened with everyone singing "O Canada," after which Emily Saul welcomed the large crowd. Musical numbers sang by the whole school included "Christmas Spirit" and "Two Fat for the Chimney." Recitations were given by Valerie Crofts, Sunny McPhedran, Catherine McPhedran and Lyle Broughton.

The junior pupils presented a drill "Peace on Earth," "The Manger Scene" and two of their class songs. The seniors danced their version of the Tennessee Wig-Walk and a display of aerobics. The main event of the evening was the operetta "Humpelstiltskin." Between acts, the following pupils played piano solos: Ann Wilkins, Sandra Davidson, Peter Taylor, Linda Swackhamer, Gail Dobble and Barbara Davidson.

The entire program was announced by Barbara Davidson and Charles Saul, acting as masters of ceremonies. Santa Claus paid his annual visit, handing gifts and candy to all children present. The concert was brought to a close with the Queen.

#### BABY BOY IS BORN ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Acton's Christmas baby was born at the Nursing Home on December 25 at 3:30 a.m. - a little boy, Cornelius Joe. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kuper of R.R. 1 Acton, and a new brother for Alice, Martha and Dick.

#### MARGARET CLEGHORN. WILLIAM TOTH MARRIED

In Knox Presbyterian church chapel, Guilford, Margaret Isabel Cleghorn and William Toth of Acton were married last week. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Gordon Cleghorn of Guilford and the groom the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Toth of Acton. Rev. D. Crawford Smith officiated.

The bride wore a pale blue afternoon dress with navy accessories. Attendants were her sister, Miss Mary Cleghorn, Guilford and Frank Polyak Tillsonburg.

#### C.G.I.T. Christmas Activities Varied

On December 13, the Acton C.G.I.T. girls attended a Christmas vesper service in Georgetown.

Friday evening, December 18, they visited the sick and shut-ins of the congregation of the United church. Carols were sung at each house and a treat was left by the girls. On returning to the church, a hot lunch was enjoyed and gifts were exchanged.

Some of the girls took part in the S.S. concert Sunday, December 27, the group attended the Rockwood C.G.I.T. group's vesper service. New plans for the New Year are already underway.