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Building Insurance, Night Classes On Lengthy Agenda of District H.S. Board

Honored by Friends Before Moving Here

Friday evening, friends and neighbors met in Dublin school to spend a social evening with Mrs. Storey, Miss Katherine Kelly and Mr. Tom Kelly, who are leaving the community to live in Acton.

Merwood Steele acted as chairman for a short program consisting of piano solos by Annie McLean and Allan McLean, vocal duet by June Rennick and June Elliot and mouth organ selection by Elda Fryer.

The Kellys were called forward and Wilmer Fryer read an address. Lorne Mullin and Earl Sprout presented them with a radio and electric iron on behalf of the community.

Short speeches were given by Charlie Cutts, Walter Fryer and Lorne Mullin. Everyone sang "For They are Jolly Good Fellows" and "Auld Lang Syne." The meeting closed with God Save the Queen.

Name New Officers For Greenock W.I. At Business Meet

Mrs. Thomas Hemsley was hostess for the annual business meeting of Greenock W.I. which opened by singing the Institute Ode, repeating in unison the Mary Stewart Collect, scripture reading by Mrs. A. Aitken and the Lord's Prayer in unison.

Roll call was answered by the paying of fees and written suggestions for W.I. programs for the coming year. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. R. McKeown.

Miss Elva Pearen, presiding, reported \$40 collected in the community by volunteers from the W.I. for the Red Cross.

The secretary-treasurer's report for the year was read by Mrs. R. McKeown for Mrs. J. McKeown, who was unable to attend. This was followed by reports from all the committees. Miss Pearen thanked the members for their co-operation through the year.

New Officers Elected

Mrs. Wm. Ballantine was appointed to the chair for the election of officers. The report of the nominating committee was read by Mrs. C. Aitken and the following officers were elected for the coming year:

President: Miss Elva Pearen; first vice-president: Mrs. Elliott Patterson; second vice-president: Mrs. Chester Allan, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Elwood Johnston, district director; Mrs. Chester Allan, alternate district director; Mrs. Elliott Patterson, auditors; Mrs. C. Aitken, Mrs. Wm. Johnston.

Fruit and flowers: Mrs. A. Thompson, Mrs. Hemsley and Mrs. A. Young; press reporter: Mrs. H. Reid; directors: Mrs. Hemsley, Mrs. Ballantine and Mrs. J. McKeown.

Standing committees: home economics and health: Mrs. C. Aitken; Mrs. R. McKeown, citizenship and education; Mrs. Wm. Johnston; Mrs. Hemsley, agriculture and Canadian industries; Mrs. Hassel, Mrs. Patterson, community activities and public relations; Mrs. Ballantine, Mrs. Reid; historical research and current events: Mrs. J. L. Allan; Mrs. E. Pearen, pianist; Mrs. H. Reid.

Conduct New Business

Miss Pearen returned to the chair and read a poem, "I Know Something Good about You."

Business for the new year was conducted. Plans were discussed regarding sewing and baking for the district annual to be held at Hillsburgh in May. It was decided to give a donation to a needy family in the section.

Mrs. Ballantine gave a reading "Psychology in the Kitchen" with some useful ideas. A poem, "A Touching Farewell," closed the reading. After the singing of the Queen's Anodyne hymn, was recited by the local Presbyterian church choir.

Y.P.S. Spring Rally Held in Baden Church

An spring rally was held Monday evening at the Y.P.S. People's Service at the Presbyterian church at the Baden Presbyterian Church. Miss Lucy McLean, president of the presbytery, acted as chairman. The rally was held at the Baden Presbyterian Church.

Following the banquet, a basement of the church, a worship service was held in the church auditorium. The speaker was Rev. Alan Ferris, professor of Church History at Knox College, Toronto. Jim Geier, fellowship convenor led a sing song.

Attending from Acton, as well as Miss McLean and Mr. Geier, were Albert Ford, Douglas Bonne, Renke Vlaetstra and Bob Vlaetstra.

FISH!

Arithmetic teacher—Now if I cut a potato in half, then in quarters, and then those in halves again, what do I have?

Voice—Chips, ma'am.

New buildings, insurance, night classes for adults and general business made up a four and a half hour session of North Halton High School District Board at Georgetown on Monday night.

Grading of the properties at Acton and Georgetown is to get underway immediately and the property committee will confer with the contractor on Thursday afternoon at both towns to outline the work to be done.

Arrangements for fencing new property acquired at Milton had been completed by the secretary and was approved.

Mesara, Barnett and Rieder, architects, made a report on the arrangements regarding Hydro extension in Acton and Georgetown. Definite details were to be completed this week by hydro officials.

Insurance also came in for review. The boiler insurance at Acton arranged by the secretary was approved and notice of a change of rate in Acton was received. The board declined, however, to spend an additional \$471 on the boiler room ceiling at Acton school in order that a saving of approximately \$30 per year would be made on the insurance premium. Original specifications for the ceiling will be followed.

Seek Caretaker for Acton

It was decided to have Frank Cowan attend the next board meeting to discuss the complete insurance coverage on all the schools.

An application for the position of caretaker at Acton school was received and the secretary was instructed to advertise in Acton for applications for the position which will be assumed at the pleasure of the board.

Plans for cloak room facilities at Milton school were approved by the board.

The secretary reported that public school graduates at the various schools were tentatively estimated for high school provision at 165 in Milton, 60 in Acton plus any new pupils not recorded, and 63 at Georgetown.

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BALLINAFAD

Address on Korea At Mission Circle

Miss in Creek, pastor at the home of Mrs. Robert McLean, Fife Street, Miss Mary H. Hart acting in the absence of the pastor, a service was held. Father and son, Mrs. McLean gave a reading in Swallowtail. Mrs. Jess M. Fife gave a talk on visiting the Korean War. The meeting was opened with a singing of old hymns and prayer.

Of Local Interest

Mrs. Fred Mack, visiting teacher at Trenton for a few days, congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Gladys Hinchliffe who were married last Saturday and are living in part of Mr. and Mrs. William Cassidy's house.

We are sorry to lose Mr. and Mrs. Sturrock and family from our community. Their sale is on Saturday.

The sympathy of the community goes out to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Shortell, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sinclair, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse McEnergy, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Shortell, Mr. Harding Price in the passing of Mr. John Hogarth, whose funeral took place on Monday at Fergus.

Master Billie McEnery was able to return home from the hospital and is doing fine.



Staff Photo
LONG MAIN CORRIDOR of Acton's new high school stretches over 175 feet from end to end. Seven classrooms, two offices and three closets open off this central avenue. Work at the school is now progressing inside, with activity soon to begin on levelling and grading the grounds outside.

Acton BYPU Group Is at Spring Rally

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The Acton Y.P.U. led the devotionals.

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CIRCLE TO ATTEND SERVICES IN GROUP

The Friendly Circle held its regular meeting on Wednesday April 21 in the Sunday school room of Acton United church with the president Mrs. Stella Adamson in charge. The reports of the previous meetings were read by the secretary and treasurer. It was decided the Circle would attend the morning services at the church as a class or go to a nearby meeting hall.

A playlet pertaining to missionary giving was presented. It gave insight to a church board meeting gathered to plan the missionary program for the year for the church. Those participating were: Mrs. Lorraine Garner as Edie Caff, Mrs. David Cohen as Mrs. Fields, Mrs. Gordon Wagner as Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Lloyd Bulmer as Mrs. Bill Morris, Christmas card sales: Mrs. John Chapman and Mrs. Gordon Wagner, stamp collector: Mrs. Lorraine Garner, reporter: Mrs. Ray Custer, pianist: Mrs. Lloyd Bulmer.

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