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## Board Completes P.S. Teaching Staff For Next September

Public school teachers for the school year commencing next September are now all engaged, following the acceptance this week of the application of Mrs. Grace Reed of Orton. The public school board met Monday evening in the school, with a full board attending. The meeting was chaired by Tom Watson.

The resignation of Miss Vivian McDougall, owing to the ill health of her mother, was accepted with regret. Miss McDougall will leave at the end of the school year.

Purchase of four loads of topsoil from Mansell Nellis, to be hauled by the town truck, was approved. Principal McKenzie presented a requisition for the annual kindergarten - primary supplies, which was approved.

The board was pleased to learn that Inspector L. L. Stuce had been appointed a delegate to the education conference which is being held at Edmonton for three weeks.

Congratulations were expressed. It was decided to continue the sidewalk for grade one students on the east side of the new school from the kindergarten-primary entrance to the rear entrance.

Approval was given for the annual O.A.C. trip for grade seven students and the annual grade eight visit to the museum and parliament buildings in Toronto.

The secretary reported receipt of \$12,000 partial grant payment and \$135 non-resident fees. The financial statement of \$662.12 was approved and the secretary directed to assess the North Halton High School District Board \$287.26 April plant operation.

## Became Christian At Buchenwald

Alfred H. Wiener, a German Jew who was converted to Christianity in Buchenwald concentration camp, addressed members of the men's clubs of Acton Protestant churches in Knox Presbyterian church Monday evening. Knox Men's Club was host to those from Acton Baptist church, St. Alban's Anglican church and Acton United church.

Mr. Wiener, who now lives in Elora, described vividly his experiences as a German Jew before the war. Anti-Semitism grew stronger and stronger in the country under Hitler's leadership. In 1938 he was taken to Buchenwald, where he became a convert to Christianity.

Since he had a sponsor in Canada, he was released and allowed to emigrate that same year.

He now works bringing Christian doctrine to Jewish people in Canada, with the Hope of Israel Messengers.

Clarence Coles, chairman of the meeting, expressed the thanks of the group to Mr. Wiener.

A film "Holiday in the Highlands" about Cape Breton island was shown by Ted Hansen.

Thanks of the visitors was voiced by R. F. Bean. Gordon Oder was in charge of the refreshments.

## Tag Day, Canvass For \$2500 Quota

About 45 canvassers are knocking on doors throughout the town this week, asking help for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind building campaign. Acton's quota, \$2500, has not been reached yet with many returns still to come in.

A tag day for the Institute for the Blind was held last Saturday afternoon and evening by the Duke of Devonshire chapter of the I.O.D.E. Close to \$100 was realized during the morning and afternoon. Mrs. Donald Black was in charge.

At a meeting held last Thursday evening in the Y.M.C.A., co-chairmen of the campaign in Acton, Gordon Oder and Gordon Beatty, explained to canvassers the procedure and handed out kits.

Canvassers represented the Lakeside chapter I.O.D.E., the Friendly Circle, the Y's Men's club and the Rotary club.

It is hoped that total returns with the town's quota over the top will be handed in at the Bank of Montreal this week.

## Auxiliary Hears Inspiring Message

Mrs. A. McIsaac, Main St. Acton, was hostess for the regular meeting of the Knox Evening Auxiliary. The program was taken from the Glad Tidings and centered around the Easter story.

Mrs. A. K. Mann presided and led the worship service, assisted by Mrs. M. McCullough, Mrs. R. O'Hara and Mrs. Robert Turner.



**LARGEST BROWN TROUT** reported to the Free Press was caught near Ospringle Sunday by George Bayliss, Crescent St., when the trout season opened last week-end. The fish, held here by Mr. Bayliss nephew, Gary Waller, measured 16½ inches, two pounds.

## Explorers, Daughters of Knox Welcomed Into Their New Roles in Church Family

Representatives of senior organizations of Knox Presbyterian church, of the Guelph Presbyterian and the Synodical Society welcomed Explorers, Daughters of Knox and members of the newly-formed Young Women's group into the church family at a graduation ceremony in the scout hall Monday evening. The hall, decorated with spring bouquets, was filled for the unique event.

With Mrs. Betty Holmes at the piano, Miss Inez McLellan led a short song service. The call to worship was given by Miss Elizabeth Jany, who was chairlady for the evening.

The young Explorers, in their white blouses, circled Mrs. R. H. Armstrong and Mrs. S. Sinclair, their leaders, when merit badges were awarded.

Merit Badges Awarded  
Judy Morton received her first red star and Grace Clough her second red star. Blue stars were presented to Norma Sinclair, Faye McEachern, Cheryl Murray, Ella Jany, Rhona McEachern, Betty Lemon, Margaret Armstrong, Catherine McPhedran, Sharon Gervais, Anne Watkins, Jane McPhedran, Ilona Kovacs and Grace Clough. A gold star was presented to Carol Gowdy.

The graduation service conducted by Rev. R. H. Armstrong, commenced with scripture and prayer. Graduating Explorers, were welcomed into the Junior Daughters of Knox by Mrs. W. Toth. Their Explorer leader, Mrs. S. Sinclair, explained, "Today marks a further step into the church - week-day program for teen-agers."

Group Expanded  
Mrs. Buchanan, speaking to the Daughters of Knox, explained that the group would now be divided into a Junior Teen-age Daughters of Knox and a Senior Teen-age Daughters of Knox and a new Young Women's group. The ceremony of graduation was brief but impressively sincere.

Mrs. Dawson, the Girls' Work secretary for the Presbyterian, spoke briefly. "Groups like yours are the future of missionary work," she assured the girls.

Mrs. D. Gowdy, Presbyterian Young Women's secretary, declared, "a gathering like this of young people is one of the most inspiring sights to me." She urged the girls to use whatever gifts they had.

On behalf of the Senior W.M.S. of Knox church, Mrs. E. Hasard congratulated the groups and welcomed them into their new role in church work.

Mrs. A. Mann spoke briefly on behalf of the Evening Auxiliaries W.M.S. and Mrs. F. McCutcheon on behalf of the Ladies' Aid.

Candles were lit, representing both the old and new groups of Knox. Most timely advice was given by Mrs. R. Black of Ferguson St. Presbyterian, president.

As a representative of the Synodical Society of Toronto and Kingston, Mrs. H. Manpreze of Acton, welcomed the girls and explained to them the organization of the church.

Music Adds Variety  
Musical selections, which added pleasing variety to the evening's program, included a solo by Miss C. Leishman, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. M. McCullough; piano solo by Mrs. Moran, violin solo by Miss Sheila Paul, accompanied by Mrs. M. McCullough and solo by Miss Bella Mave, accompanied by Mrs. McKnight.

Offering was taken by Mrs. Shirley Mason and Miss Phyllis Barnes. Mrs. A. Elberly thanked the special guests and those who had taken part and Mrs. H. Mann expressed the appreciation of the girls and gathering for the splendid work done by Mrs. Buchanan.

After a hymn, refreshments were served by the Ladies' Auxiliary and Daughters of Knox.

Miss Barbara Anderson was in charge of the guest book.

## Conduct of Local Youths Gets Critical Attention from Council

### Zone Tournament At Legion Saturday

Legionnaires from all dart classes will represent Acton in further competition, following announcement of winners at the zone dart tournament held last Saturday afternoon in Acton Legion hall. Individual trophies were awarded winners in teams of four, doubles and singles classes.

Competing were 17 teams from Port Credit, Oakville, Streetsville, and Georgetown as well as Acton. The team of four trophy, which was won last year by Acton, went to Georgetown. Placing second was the Acton Legion team of Mickey Holmes, Frank Winter, Al Kirkness and Jack Drysdale; placing third was another Acton team of Ted Elliott, Bill Nicolae, Duke Lindsay and Herb Cook.

Oakville teams captured first and second in the doubles competition. Al Kirkness of Acton was awarded top spot in the singles contest with another Actonian, Ted Elliott, second.

The zone winners compete in Brantford on May 15, when Acton will be represented in all three sections. The second and third placing groups in the team of four will compete further, and two teams qualified to proceed in the doubles although they did not take the top honors last Saturday. Al Kirkness and Ted Elliott will represent the Legion in singles and perhaps two others as well.

Acton Legion dart team of four had an outstanding year last season, when the team won the zone championship, qualified in the district and was eliminated in the final Ontario match with only one dart making the difference.

About 100 players and spectators attended the tournament Saturday. Lunch was served by the Acton Legion to the visitors.

### Drum Majorettes Concert Highlight

Drills by the drum majorettes special vocal and instrumental selections were interspersed with band numbers when Acton Citizens' Band presented its concert in the Roxy theatre on Sunday evening, April 25. About 200 were present, with M. Storey acting as master of ceremonies for the program.

Director A. Perrot conducted the band in a variety of numbers which included waltzes, marches and overtures. Charles Landsborough was featured with the band in cornet solos.

Duets by Glen Street, Guelph, who plays the vibraphone, and Edwin Watson with his electric guitar were favorably received, as were Mr. Watson's guitar solos.

In their red and white costumes, the drum majorettes displayed their drill techniques, accompanied by the band.

The Legion quartette, George Musselle, John McHugh, Hamilton Peel and William Mattocks, accompanied by Ted Hansen, also drew appreciative applause.

### Peanut Day Plans Made by Rotarians

Plans for Peanut Day predominated when Acton Rotary club held its regular meeting Tuesday in the Dominion Hotel Jun Ledger, in charge of the special event reported that the Peanut Day float and Acton band were expected to arrive in Acton on Tuesday for selling peanuts.

Splendid co-operation from merchants was reported. Funds raised by Peanut Day will aid in the various community projects of the group.

Names were issued to Rotarians for canvassing for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

Pa—"Well, son, how are you?"  
Son—"They're under water."  
Pa—"What do you mean under water?"  
Son—"Below 'C' level."

### Acton Doubtful of 'Triumvirate'

Representatives from the councils of Acton, Milton and Georgetown this week agreed to advertise for a municipal engineer capable of handling all engineering work excluding hydro in the three municipalities.

While the nine representatives who gathered in Georgetown Tuesday night were in accord on this decision, the Acton delegation pointed out that it was not empowered to give full approval to the plan or to agree to the hiring of an engineer.

The Milton and Georgetown councillors had been authorized by their respective council to endorse the suggestion to hire an engineer and to take whatever decisive action is necessary to put the plan into motion.

Acton council, following discussion of the engineering triumvirate idea in regular session Monday night, was of the majority opinion that the town has not sufficient funds immediately to justify its participation.

However, by a narrow margin, Acton councillors voted to support advertisement for an engineer as a phase of further investigation into the plan.

At the Tuesday evening meeting Georgetown mayor J. Armstrong was named chairman of the nine-man committee. Acton clerk J. McGeachie was named secretary.

The committee is headed by Dr. C. Martin, S. Childs, C. Wilson, representing Milton; Mayor J. Armstrong, A. Norton, S. Allen, for Georgetown; Mayor E. Tyler, R. Hargrave, C. Lindsay, representing Acton.

It was pointed out that should the idea be finally approved by all municipalities and a man hired this year, the balance of cost for salary and expenses would be borne equally by the three towns. In subsequent years, each town would contribute its share for salary and expenses according to proportion of work done during the year.

No definite indication emerged from the Tuesday meeting as to whether Milton and Georgetown will jointly hire the engineer. If Acton council turns definite thumbs down on the proposal.

### Halton Children's Aid Society Marks Fortieth Year of Service to the County

Fortieth anniversary of service to Halton county was marked at the annual meeting of the Children's Aid Society in Milton Tuesday evening when over 75 members and guests gathered to approve year-end reports and hear an address by E. Majury, field supervisor for the Department of Child Welfare.

Prior to Mr. Majury's speech, Halton superintendent G. V. Thompson recalled 1914 marks the 10th anniversary of the County Society as such, but is the 40th anniversary of service by such an organization to this area. Mr. Thompson, who outlined a brief history of the nature and scope of the work in the past year, has been superintendent of children's aid in this county for 25 years.

The guest speaker, who noted Mr. Thompson was considered in the department as the "dean of Ontario's superintendents," declared he was compelled to "issue a challenge" to his audience to instill a "social conscience" through the children of today.

After describing in familiar terms the necessity of youth being imbued with "things of the spirit," Mr. Majury went on to urge his hearers to motivate their work to insure the continuance of civilization.

The speaker was introduced by Mrs. M. J. Brown, Esqueving, and thanked by K. V. Dick, Milton. Presiding at the meeting was retiring president Mrs. W. A. Weaver, Burlington.

Directors for 1954, announced and approved by the membership, were: Mrs. O. E. Robbins, Mrs. J. W. Whitlam, Acton; Mrs. R. E. Nelson, Mrs. A. E. Pickard, Bronte; Mrs. H. A. Sherriff, Mrs. C. McIntyre, Burlington; W. Deans, Rev. A. J. Calder, Georgetown; Mrs. M. E. Nixon, J. W. Higgins, Milton; Dr. H. V. Cranfield, F. Henry, Oakville.

Mrs. M. J. Brown Esqueving, J. M. Mahon, Nassagaweya; Mrs. V. Norris Nelson, W. G. M. Robinson, Trafalgar; R. Marshall, S. Childs, county council.

Officers named to be approved by the directors, are: W. G. Robinson, chairman; Dr. H. V. Cranfield, Oakville; Mrs. V. Norris Nelson, Bronte; W. Deans, treasurer.

The treasurer's report stated receipts for the year ending March 31, including grants, donations, fees and other amounted to \$30,406.99. Expenses amounted to \$27,646.46, leaving a stated balance of \$2,760.53.

### Reckless Acts and Mischief Rapped By All Councillors

Mischief and recklessness by some youths and adolescents in town was given the critical attention of Acton council Monday evening when reports of wild speeding, unlawful fishing tactics, dangerous "toys," childish conduct and illegal patronage of the local pool room were made public by several members.

Councillor A. Irwin first referred to questionable performances by some of the town's younger inhabitants when he asked other members if there was any by-law governing the ownership and use of bee-hive guns and bows and arrows here. The councillor indicated some children were becoming too daring with these dangerous playthings.

Shooting at Fish  
Before a detailed answer could be given him, Councillor C. Lindsay said it had come to his attention that some young fishermen were ranging up the creek which runs through town and were firing rifles at the fish. This was reported on Sunday afternoon.

Then attention focused on the park. Councillor E. Footitt told of numerous reports of vandalism there in the burning of tables and benches. He also answered that some bathing houses had been reported damaged.

Councillor J. Hargrave added at this point an experience of his own. When recently in the park he had been as much as ordered off the track by the unknown driver of a racing sulky. The indiscreet driver left the track before he did, Councillor Hargrave recalled.

Supporting Councillor Footitt's comments, Mayor E. Tyler said it was annoying that people would report such things as fires at the park after they happened instead of at the time.

Councillor Hargrave again spoke: "Saturday evening about six I saw a group of 19 to 21-year-old children letting off firecrackers in front of the pool room."

Under-Age Patrons  
While deploring this conduct on the part of grown young men acting like "10-year-olds," Councillor Hargrave was interrupted by Councillor Footitt who said he now agreed with Mayor Tyler's information at a previous meeting that under-age children were frequenting the pool room.

Councillor L. Weick supported this contention and urged that steps be taken to stop this condition.

Councillors Irwin and Hargrave cited other references to mischievous antics by youths in town and the discussion turned to the wild driving habits of "about half a dozen" young men in town. This situation, scored by all members, preceded a suggestion by Mayor Tyler that a period be set to have all cars in town checked by police as a safety project.

Call for Sidewalk Tenders  
Earlier in the meeting council learned that the street light on a pole near the water tank is to be moved to the corner of Vimy and Main Sts.

Clerk J. McGeachie advised that two properties, in tax arrears for seven and four and a half years, are due to be put to tax sale. The Mayor was authorized to issue a warrant to the clerk to hold a tax sale on these properties.

Following considerable discussion on the condition of sidewalks in general and on Mill St. in particular, members approved a resolution authorizing the clerk to call for tenders for the laying of a five foot by six inch sidewalk between John and Elgin Sts. on the south side of Mill St. a curb six inches by 16 inches for the same distance, and a sidewalk four feet by six inches on John St. from Mill a distance of 132 feet.

In connection with this business council received an agreement from D. Manning to bear 50 per cent of the cost of the sidewalk sidewalk 33 feet in length.

Complaints of Speeding  
Clerk McGeachie reported a claim filed by Mrs. T. Jones who fell on a town sidewalk and broke her glasses had been approved. The clerk also noted an increase in "rude" patients' rates and council subsequently passed a motion regarding care of this rise on the account of a local budget. The increase was retroactive to January 1 of this year.

Mayor Tyler asked in road committee to investigate conditions reported by R. Reibling who in a letter to council, complained of speeding and lack of proper warning signs on Main St north of the railway crossing.

The Department of Highways advised council it would investigate as soon as possible the town's request to make Main St. at Mill a stop street.

### Bible For Everyone Gideon Society Aim

The work of the Gideon Society was described to the congregation of Knox Presbyterian church at the morning service last Sunday by M. M. Coles, a member of the local Gideon camp who was guest speaker.

Bibles are placed by the Gideons in hotels, jails, schools and hospitals. Mr. Coles explained that each year, Bibles are presented to all school children in grade five. Eventually, in this way almost everyone will have been given a Bible.

Rev. R. H. Armstrong introduced Mr. Coles. A representative of the Gideon Society usually addresses the congregation once each year.

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