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Escapee Captured In Rockwood Area

More than 30 guards from the Ontario Reformatory, Guelph, searched the Eden Mills-Rockwood area this week for an escaped inmate, Ross Danuk, 23, Toronto, who broke from the reformatory Tuesday afternoon.

He was spotted on No. 7 highway outside Rockwood Wednesday morning and picked up by reformatory officials.

Several residents from the Eden Mills area aided in the search which was carried on through the night in the swamp area there after a man acting suspiciously was reported to police. Danuk would have been released August 13.

Girls' Auxiliary St. Alban's Plan

An organization meeting to form a branch of the Girls' Auxiliary at St. Alban's Church was held on Monday evening in the parish hall, Miss Virginia Cracknell, Diocesan Girls' Worker, came from Hamilton for the occasion.

She met with Mrs. J. H. Price, who is to be the leader of the Auxiliary, and Mrs. T. Jones, the president of the Women's Auxiliary to discuss plans and offer suggestions.

In the evening she spoke to the girls, outlining the place of G.A. in the life and work of the church.

It is hoped that in September the Auxiliary will be finally organized. In the meantime an outing has been planned for all girls interested in joining the G.A. for July to the Old Mill in Guelph.

Religion, Education Coupled in Debate

An enthusiastic discussion on the relationship of religion and education followed a talk by Rev. E. A. Curry at the discussion group in the Y.M.C.A. Friday evening. The compatibility of science and religion was one of the questions tackled by the small number who attended.

It was unanimously agreed that religious education must be undertaken in both the home and the school. Children should be brought up in an atmosphere of religion from an early age. The problem of taking youngsters to church was brought up.

Family prayers, Bible stories and religious habits in the home were commended. In the school, religious education may be undertaken by local pastors as it is in Acton or by the teachers themselves.

Rev. Curry gave several definitions of religion and youth. Commenting on young people today, he declared they are lost in a clamoring of voices. Their attitude is "So what?" He pointed out there is an obvious sense of fatalism and despair and lack of ambition. Young people do not have a sense of need of worship, he noted, and they just think about the present rather than their future. Seeking their lack of interest in the truth, he said they need to know God and commit themselves to His will.

Plan Choir Room, Catering Events

Mrs. Albert Young was hostess to the members of Knox Ladies Aid for their May meeting. Mrs. F. J. McCutcheon presided. The scripture lesson was read by Mrs. E. Grandell and Mrs. A. M. McPherson led in prayer.

The plans for two catering events were made. A committee was appointed to look after the furnishings for the choir room. Mrs. H. L. Bennie closed the business part of the meeting with prayer.

Mrs. Murray Smith contributed a reading and Mrs. McPherson introduced a contest with awards to the winners.

A delightful half hour was enjoyed while the hostess and committee served luncheon.

Two Films, Program At Sunday Fireside

Acton Baptist church was filled for the Bible Society Fireside Sunday evening when two films followed the program. The president of the Society, M. M. Collins presided.

A children's film, "God's Wonders in a Woodland Book" was appearing in the second film, "The Kindling Flame" dealt with early Christianity. Rev. Curry introduced the films.

Scripture was read by Mrs. Mary Reid and Miss Betty Garner gave recitations. A trio, Miss Mary Reid, Miss Helen Landsborough and Miss Faye Garner sang. Pastor Ray Costerus led in hymn singing. Charles Kirkness introduced the offering, recalling that this year the Bible Society marks its 150th anniversary. Rev. R. Price gave the dedicatory prayer.

Refreshments were served during the period of good fellowship which followed.

Rough Play Mars Game as Sette Bello Doused by Acton Soccer Team 5 to 1

Acton regained lost honor on Saturday when the soccer team met Sette Bello from Guelph in Acton park and beat the visitors by five goals to one. There was a brisk breeze blowing across the park which proved to be a hindrance to both teams as it made the ball very hard to handle. However, about half way through the first half, Acton seemed to get used to its tricks and settled down to play good football.

Bottomley opened the scoring for Acton and after that Guelph's goal never got a rest. Larry Nolan hit the posts twice in five minutes and then succeeded in netting his third attempt. It was Allen's turn next with a shot which gave Zito no chance at all. Pozzobon scored the visitor's only goal just before half time after quite a scramble in front of the goal.

Peaceful Around Goal
After the change-over, Acton proceeded to run rings round their opponents. The forwards kept possession of the ball so well that Jack Calder was able to lean against the post during most of the play, only moving for the occasional increasing barrage on goal there was no more scoring until fairly late in the game when Sutton scored with a lob from the wing. Then with just minutes to go, Allen got his second after a play that must have involved all of the forwards.

Acton's team was the strongest fielded so far this season. Terry Slaven, making his first appearance, played a grand game and although he didn't actually score himself, he made scoring opportunities for the other forwards. Fred Allen, a complete newcomer to the Acton team, was outstanding in the centre spot. His combination plays with Bottomley, on the right wing, were a treat to watch.

Play Not Gentle
Early in the second half, Frasson of Sette Bello for no apparent reason, lowered his head and butted George Hall. When Hall tried to retaliate, the referee, Konrad Schleier of Hamilton, intervened and ordered both players off the field. There were numerous other smaller incidents. Acton was awarded more than a few free kicks. It must be noted, however, that although no member of the Acton team showed any signs of ill effects, except general fatigue, seemed to have lost a couple of teeth, while their goalie and a forward both seemed to have developed severe limps.

Acton's next game will be played in Lynden against Lynden Rockets and on June 12 they return to the park to play a team from Galt.

Line-ups: Acton—Calder, Schipper, Hall, A. Nolan, Davies, Wilson, Bottomley, L. Nolan, Allen, Slaven, Sutton, subs., Dable, Van Dam, Sette Bello—Zito, Galassi, Favaretto, Frasson, Scott, Mazzocco, J. Scopazzi, E. Scopazzi, Ventura, Metpak, Pozzobon, subs. Montalbeti, Zamin, Drussi.

The standings in the First Division of the Southern Ontario Soccer League as of May 31 are:

German Canadians	3 1 0 11 4 6
Kitchener City	3 1 0 12 7 6
Galt	3 1 0 13 10 6
Kitchener Victoria	3 1 0 8 6 6
ACTON	2 2 0 11 8 4
K-W Dutchemer	2 2 0 8 8 4
Sette Bello	2 2 0 11 14 4
Lynden Rockets	1 3 0 8 9 2
Dundas Rangers	1 3 0 6 14 2
New Hamburg	0 4 0 5 13 0

Play Shows Value Of Mission Work

Mrs. James Inglis Arthur St. Alban's church was hostess for the Akert Evening Auxiliary of Knox church. The president, Mrs. A. K. Mann, was in charge of the service. Devotions were taken by Mrs. Lorne Masalis and Miss Emma Cole.

The study book chapter on Communism as it has come to China was presented by Mrs. F. Anderson. Four members gave a brief play representing an executive committee with Mrs. J. Inglis as the president. Miss E. Cole as Mrs. President Mrs. John Davidson as Mrs. Faithful and Miss Isobel Smith as Mrs. Doubtful. The need for missions and the results were made so worthwhile that the motion to disband was rescinded and all of the group was unanimous to continue in the mission work of the church.

The meeting closed with the Mizpah prayer. The hostess and committee served luncheon and a social half hour was enjoyed.

Work at High School Nears Finish Stage

Work at Acton's new \$190,000 high school is progressing towards a summer completion. A concrete wall with inside wall and floor finished. The joint sponsorship of the Anglican, Baptist, Presbyterian and United churches.

Definite plans have been made for classes in three age groups and a fourth may be arranged for older children if necessary. The kindergarten department will be for children up to five years of age. Mrs. Ray Costerus will be in charge, helped by Mrs. Toby, Miss Helen Landsborough and Mrs. Gordon. Rev. Armstrong will be in charge.

Mrs. W. Ballentine Hostess to W.A.

The Women's Association of the United Church met at the home of Mrs. William Ballentine on Tuesday, with the president, Mrs. H. Burns, presiding. After devotional period, roll call was answered with the word "father."

A report was given of the baking sale on Saturday. The group expressed regret to hear of the illness of Mrs. C. Poole and hope to have her with them again in the very near future.

Invitation to a picnic at the Cedarvale Girls' School in Georgetown later in June was received. Each Society is to provide flowers for the church after each monthly meeting. The July meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. G. Ingle, Crewson's Corners. During the recreational period, Mrs. C. Pickert directed a jumbled spring flower contest. The award went to Mrs. S. Holmes.

Mrs. Ballentine, assisted by the lunch committee for June—Mrs. Wm. Stewart, Mrs. D. Lindsay, Mrs. J. Moore and Mrs. Gordon, served refreshments and a social time was spent together at the close of the meeting. A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Ballentine and the lunch committee.

Pages of Past

The names of Brant, John Graves Simcoe, Major Mathew Halton and other greats of Halton will be parading across the pages of this paper beginning this week. For the first time an attempt to compile and publish the history of Halton county is being made as a new feature is introduced. Mrs. Gwen Clarke is authoring the pages from the past and the factual and interesting column is to be a regular feature.

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It appears this week in an introductory article on page three.



K. R. SIMMONS, Toronto, was last week hired by a nine-man committee from Acton, Milton and Georgetown to serve as engineer for the three municipalities.

Open Night Held At Tennis Courts

First social event of the Tennis Club for this season was the open night held last Friday. About 40 including guests from Milton, enjoyed the evening at the courts.

Some played euchre while waiting for tennis courts to be free. The group gathered in the club house for refreshments and were welcomed by Bruce Shoemaker.

Mr. Shoemaker is president of the Tennis Club this year. Other officers are vice-president, Bob Bumley; secretary, Miss Carol Fetterly; treasurer, Miss Jackie Chew; membership convener, Mrs. W. Dumarch; refreshment convener, Mrs. W. Graham; grounds convener, W. Dumarch.

Arrangements for a tournament with Milton were discussed and plans for other tournaments are in the offing.

Not all the memberships for the season have been purchased yet. Deadline is the middle of June.

A representative of the Ontario Safety League showed films on safety at the public school Monday. Mr. Costello of Toronto spoke to the children at both the junior and senior assembly.



FIELD DAY CHAMPS at Acton District High School's annual track and field contest last week are shown here. Left to right, Janice Baker and Donald Dawkins, senior; Wendy MacKenzie and Bill Oost, junior; Donna McMillan and Wayne Arbic, intermediate. The school was divided into three teams for competition on a total points basis.

Vacation Bible School in Knox Church Planned Again This Year By Ministers

A Vacation Bible school will be held in Acton again this summer. Plans were finalized when the Acton Ministerial Association met Wednesday morning at the home of Rev. Ralph Price.

The Bible school which will be held in Knox Presbyterian church during the first half week of July will be the joint sponsorship of the Anglican, Baptist, Presbyterian and United churches.

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Building Season Opens Up With Value Total Under Par For 1954

Construction in Acton, after a slow start in the earlier months of the year, has swung into its summer climb—but not without a lower value total than was registered at this time last year, according to figures revealed this week by building inspector George Musselle.

Acton High School Principal Resigns

Principal O. E. Robbins of Acton High School resigned during the week to accept the principalship of Stouffville High School. Mr. Robbins has been principal of Acton school for five years, coming to Acton from Richmond Hill. He and Mrs. Robbins have taken a keen interest in Acton as a community as well as in his duties in school work.

He has been secretary of the Board of Stewards of the United Church, a member of the Y's Men's club and actively interested in the community. Mrs. Robbins is regent of Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the I.O.E. and has been active in church and community affairs. A wish for them continued success in their new community.

Miss Mary F. Snyder, who has also been a member of the Acton staff for the past two years, has also resigned and will be on the staff of the Tilsonburg high school.

Nine Teachers Plan Courses, Board Told

At the last meeting of the public school board before the summer recess, principal G. W. McKenzie reported that nine teachers will be taking summer courses during the vacation. The school board met on Tuesday evening with the chairman, Tom Watson, presiding. The short meeting was attended by all trustees with the exception of W. Wolfe.

A summer course in arts and crafts will be taken by Mrs. K. A. Wedge, Mrs. Jane Gamble and Ralph McKewen. Miss Dorothy Warner, Mrs. Grace Reed and Miss Lorraine Potter will study primary methods; Miss June Watkins home economics; Miss Dena Braida and Douglas Davidson physical training.

The request of the United church for the use of the public school auditorium for a concert next October was approved.

The board approved engaging the Ontario Safety League for the annual safety program at the school. Tom Watson was appointed to the library board to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Frank McIntosh. The school board regularly appoints one member of the board.

Finance statement of \$2374.75 was presented and approved. The North Halton High School District Board was assessed \$287.66 May plant operation.

Refinishing of the rooms in the stone school is to be arranged by the property committee.

It was learned that the services of the new engineer will be available to the school board for the planning of new sidewalk from the bridge to the school.

By motion, the summer recess was declared. Emergent meetings may be called by the chairman.

Artists Join Group For Sketching Trip

A sketching trip planned to broaden the experience of some 400 amateur artists from Halton, Dufferin, Peel, Waterloo and Wellington counties, was attended by over a dozen Actonians who took night school classes here last winter.

The group set out for Conestoga Saturday morning in pouring rain. The weather cleared in the afternoon, however, and proved beautiful for sketching in the countryside.

In the morning an introduction to outdoor sketching was given by Douglas Butler. After lunch groups of painters selected attractive views and painted under the guidance of eight instructors. A film "The Seasons" was shown and the work of the day evaluated.

Attending from Acton were Miss Beva Maye Roszell, Mrs. and Mrs. George Bowman, Mrs. Doris Wolfe, Mrs. L. Masalis, Mrs. H. Wedge, Mrs. L. Waretta Smith, Mrs. O. Lamb, Mrs. M. Nelson, Mr. Harry Ottobert, Mrs. George Musselle, Mrs. M. Mainprize and Mrs. K. A. Gier.

Kindergarten Roll As Yet Incomplete

Over 70 registrations for next fall's kindergarten pupils have been received by the public school to date. Although the official deadline for the registrations was the end of May more are expected.

Last year's kindergarten enrollment at the beginning of the year was 88, and in all likelihood there will be a larger class next September.

Principal G. McKenzie is looking ahead to a large enrollment next term, recalled this week that 64 new pupils have enrolled in Acton public school since last September.

This year the spring building boom bloomed in May. Up to that month only \$7,800 worth of construction—all to residences and including one complete dwelling—was indicated through permits issued. As well, in February, permit was issued for demolition of the old grist mill structure at an approximate cost of \$200.

May saw application for five permits for complete dwellings, one for a commercial structure and several others for alterations or additions. Total estimated value for the month was \$60,445.

Add to this figure the \$8,600 for March and April (no building permits were applied for in January or February) and the total value of new building in town up to May 31 is \$69,045.

Nearly \$7,000 more in value of construction for the first five months of 1953 shows over 1954. Up to May 31, 1953, building permits to a total of \$76,440 were issued.

Need Permit to Demolish
January and February of last year saw industrial and commercial building and or alterations to a value of \$25,140 started, compared to no new activity in the same months this year.

In March and April of '53, permits for residential and industrial building to a value of \$12,700 were issued, compared to \$8,600 for the same months this year.

In May last year a value of \$38,600 in residential construction was registered, less than this May's value total of \$60,445.

During 1953 permits were issued here to a value total of \$173,370 in residential, commercial and industrial building.

Building permits are issued on a schedule of 50 cents for the first \$500 value. Permits cost \$1 for values of \$500 to \$5,000 and \$2 for values of \$5,000 and up. Mr. Musselle pointed out that a permit is also required for demolition of a structure, cost of permit based on cost of demolition at the same rate as above.

Application for a demolition permit is necessary, he indicated, in order to provide the assessment roll with an accurate record of current property and at the same time assure the ratepayer that assessment on a structure demolished will be removed from his bill.

Teachers, Grades For Next September

With a full school staff signed for Acton public school next September, a tentative list of classes has been arranged. While changes may be made, plans at present are:

Mrs. Mary J. Ringler, kindergarten.

Miss Lorraine Potter, kindergarten and primary classes.

Mrs. K. Aiger, Mrs. Jane Gamble, Mrs. Grace Reed, grade one.

Mrs. Lou Black, grade two.

Miss June Watkins, grade two and home economics.

Mrs. Joanne Turner, Miss Dena Braida, grade three.

Miss Dorothy Warner, Miss I. Anderson, grade four.

Miss Daisy Folster, grade five.

Mr. Douglas Davidson, grades five and six.

Mrs. A. Wilkinson, grade six.

Mr. Ralph McKewen, grade seven and eight.

Mr. G. W. McKenzie, grade eight.

The supply teachers are Mrs. Helen Little, Miss M. Mainprize and Miss Ruby Clark.

Businessmen Retire After Long Service

Two of the town's veteran businessmen, W. D. Talbot and E. E. Barr, this week closed doors to join the ranks of the retired after a total of 50 years serving residents of Acton and district.

Mr. Barr, a native Actonian, opened his grocery store at the corner of Mill and Elgin, 22 years ago, but had been in early years in the grocery business of Hamilton and Co. Security of qualified help urged him to a decision to retire. While the store officially closed last Saturday night Mr. Barr intends to be open week-end hours until stock is cleared.

W. D. Talbot started in the hardware business here 28 years ago. Mr. Talbot carried on the business until recently when ill health induced him to sell out. The store has been purchased by John and Thomas Gordon, a father and son partnership.

Mr. Talbot bought the hardware business from Kennedy and Son, then located on Main St. He later moved his store to Mill and Main streets where the IGA store is now located and then to the present property purchased from Beardmore and Co. Two years ago he added a new addition at the rear of the store, and consolidated the building into commodious quarters.

Options Admitted On 800 Acre Tract

Word reached Acton Wednesday that 800 acres of land between Georgetown and Norval have been earmarked for a large planned development.

Western real estate broker Wilfred Duffy has confirmed that he has taken a six months option on seven farms in the Georgetown district on behalf of an organization whose name he declined to reveal.

The options involve more than 800 acres on No. 7 highway east of Georgetown. Mr. Duffy said that he could not disclose plans for the land and that further options are being sought.

Selling price for the optioned land to date was reported to be \$500,000, with the price for one of the farms estimated at \$78,000. Farmers concerned could reveal no details other than to say their properties had been given exclusive listings.

Acton District Man Injured in Accident

One man is dead and two others, one from Acton district, lie injured in hospital this week after a two-car collision north-east of here Monday afternoon.

Nelson "Chuck" Henry, 58, Guelph, was fatally injured when the car in which he was riding was in collision with another auto driven by Archie McKenzie, R.R. 3, Acton. The accident occurred at the intersection of Erin township and side road 17, five miles north of Ballinafad.

Driving the Henry car was the dead man's brother, Herbert Mr. McKenzie was the only man in the other car.

The late model sedan carrying the two brothers rolled after the impact and landed 86 feet down the road, pinning Henry underneath. The other vehicle also rolled over and threw the driver beneath as it came to rest 42 feet away.

The two trapped men were released by four farmers working in adjacent fields. Police and an ambulance were summoned by the rescuers who reported they did not see the crash but heard it about 400 yards away.

Taken to Guelph General hospital, McKenzie was reported suffering head injuries while Herbert Henry has serious chest injuries.

"Chuck" Henry, a popular Guelph athlete, was pronounced dead by Rockwood coroner Dr. Kenneth Waller at the scene of the accident.

According to provincial police constable King Speicher, Guelph, who investigated the crash, no charges will be laid.

Dutch Game Part Of Summer Slate

Detailed plans for the summer schedule of the Y.M.C.A. were discussed and approved when the Y board met Thursday evening, May 27. G. McKenzie, chairman of the board, presided. Plans were also made for the annual meeting to be held tonight (Thursday).

The summer program began Monday with special events held after school Monday see field games for boys and Tuesday field games for girls. Softball play-offs and kasty play-off for boys and girls will begin shortly after the middle of June.

Special events in the park will include a kite flying contest, baseball contest and finally a field day with championships for boys and girls.

Car Total Wreck Driver Uninjured

Fergus Stewart McKay Guelph, escaped without injuries Tuesday morning when his car went out of control on the slippery road, tore off seven guard posts and turned over twice.

The accident occurred at 9:45 a.m. on No. 7 highway a mile west of Rockwood. McKay's car, a total wreck with damage estimated at close to \$1,200. The car crashed into the guard posts after it hit a soft shoulder.

Ball Games Begin Y Summer Program

The June program of the Y.M.C.A. began Monday after school when a group of boys rallied around Y secretary Dick Schull for supervised field games in the school grounds. About 30 bantam boys played a game of kasty ball—a Dutch game. Mr. Schull is teaching—will, midlets and juniors played softball under the supervision of one of the intermediates, Bob Wahlman.