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## Report Good Bag Of Ducks Locally

The weather Saturday was gloomy—but not the sportmen. It was the opening of the duck hunting season and a good bag was reported locally.

The reports of guns could be heard all day, adding their familiar note to the autumn scene of brilliant trees against soft blue skies, leaves crackling underfoot, the smell of pickles and bonfires.

## Costume Parade, Waistlines Judged

The October meeting of the Acton Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Holloway. There were 26 members present at the meeting which opened with "Get Together" and the Mary Stewart Collect. The minutes of the last meeting, read by Mrs. Fred Anderson, were approved by the roll call. President Mrs. George Fryer brought forth several business matters including a \$10 donation to the Mental Health Association and another to the polio patients in Toronto.

Mrs. June Rose gave a report on the district directors' meeting in Milton. A short song was led by Mrs. Fred Anderson while Mrs. McKnight played the piano. Mrs. W. Hall played a solo on the harmonica and piano. It was decided to hold a euchre at the Scout Hall.

The grandmothers put on the program with Mrs. Wm. Ballentine as convener. Mrs. C. Mason gave a reading, "The Good Old Days," and Mrs. H. L. Bennie read "Mummy," how times have changed in the past 50 years. Mrs. Maplesden read "The Gay Nineties" and Mrs. A. Wilderspin read "Christmas Spent in Different Ways."

The last reading, "Dress Parade of the Gay Nineties," was given by Mrs. W. Hamilton. A costume parade was next and the winner was Mrs. MacAuley. Mrs. Holloway won a prize for the smallest waist.

## Few Tears, Talent At Nursery School

With just a few of the inevitable tears and requests for "mummy," Nursery school opened its fourth season in the Y.M.C.A. this week. Only three showed signs of hesitation when classes began. Six volunteer teachers will again conduct the group of tots from three to five in games, songs and stories which appear to be fun, but are actually invaluable training for public school.

On Monday over 40 youngsters were enrolled, including some junior New Canadians. The number is expected to increase. Highlights of the Nursery school year will likely again include the Halloween party, Christmas party, Easter and closing party.

There will be one change this year: at the fire drills, the children in previous years had to march up the hill stairs. This year the new fire escape from the basement will be used.

Those in charge of the school on Monday morning are Mrs. W. Stuckey and Mrs. A. Gervais on Wednesday Mrs. J. Hurst and Mrs. W. Cairns; and on Friday Mrs. J. McGladery and Mrs. D. Price. The fee is very small and work voluntary.

On Wednesday some talented artists were brought to the public eye as pictures were colored and rabbits, dogs and ducks appeared in strange new hues. Sculptors were also revealed among the group as plasticine was introduced to the little scholars.

Linda Gordon and Ken MacColl were slightly reticent to join the others at first but they quickly fell into the rhythm of the program. Zenith Armstrong and Bobby Hopkins helped the teachers by demonstrating games for the other children.

The teachers considered the first morning very successful.

## Three Staffs Meet In Milton School

Public school teachers from Acton, Milton and Georgetown dismissed their classes early in the afternoon Tuesday and attended a joint meeting in Milton. Principal Foster of Milton was in charge.

Inspectors Skuce and Borghold spoke to the group. Topics of general interest were discussed. The teachers plan to meet regularly. Refreshments were served.

## "Largest in Ontario"

# Natural Gas Strike Meters 64,000 Cubic Feet

Reported in natural gas potential to be the largest single well in the province, an 1800-foot shaft in Esqueping township six miles south of here below the Speyside side-road has according to drillers' testing, gauged over 700 pounds of rock pressure and, at the earliest test, metered a steady flow of 64,000 cubic feet of natural gas.

Tony Seynuck, resident of Acton, who for over 25 years has been engaged in prospect drilling through this area, claims the well

## Veteran Driver Not Hurt as Big Bread Transport Crashes

A veteran bread transport driver climbed uninjured from his truck early this morning after it crashed through posts and guard wires on No. 7 Highway, at the Eden Mills sideroad and flopped over on one side.

Returning from night deliveries on a route that started in Toronto to Hamilton and Guelph, Thomas Williams, Toronto, said his east-bound transport was practically empty. As he approached the dangerous curve the wheels skidded on the "shoulder," smashed into and through the guard wires.

The truck then careened across the triangular shaped area islanded by the highway and sideroads, onto the Eden Mills road and heaved over. The large platform box split open at the rear and empty bread racks and cases tumbled in a heap inside.

Driver Williams, uninjured but badly shaken, broke a window to free himself and climbed out. He was later picked up and taken to Acton.

In 28 years of driving for the bread company, Mr. Williams said, this was his first serious mishap. Provincial police officers A. Twaddle and M. R. Specker, Guelph detachment, investigated the accident.

## Thanksgiving Meet Of Knox Group

The October meeting of Daughters of Knox Young Women's Affiliated Group was held Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Gladys Price. On the completion of the opening ceremonies, the worship service began with a prayer by the president, Betty Ashley, followed with the scripture reading by Lorraine Kingsmill.

Betty Holmes and Diane Dawkins read an interesting Thanksgiving story. Ruth Watkins, the meeting convener, assisted by Lorraine Kingsmill, Ruth Masales, Diane Dawkins, Betty Holmes and Margaret Toth presented a World Mock Trial, the object of it being "To awaken our members to the need of self-examination concerning our attitudes and responsibilities toward people of other nationalities and seeking to find in the light of Biblical teaching an answer to the sins we take for granted."

An interesting discussion followed.

Mrs. Buchanan informed the group that the Senior Daughters of Knox would gladly baby-sit and enable the young mothers to attend their monthly meeting. Kay Hansen read the secretary's report, Lorraine Kingsmill the treasurer's report, Jean McPhail was appointed library secretary.

A delightful lunch concluded the meeting.

# Crowded High Schools, Particularly At Acton, Start Enlargement Plans

With a total enrolment of 624 pupils in the three schools of the North Halton High School District, the Board on Monday night discussed with Mr. Barnett, architect, the addition of new classrooms at the three schools to meet next year's larger enrolment and alleviate present crowded conditions, especially at the new Acton school.

The architects will work from plans which previously allowed for extension Acton at present has seven rooms and the addition proposed will add two more rooms. Milton has 10 rooms and proposed to add one room. There are also 10 rooms at Georgetown and it is proposed to add two more rooms. Present enrolment at the schools is 240 in Milton, 172 in Acton, and 212 in Georgetown.

The architects agreed to have the proposals ready for consideration of the board in two weeks and they will then be passed on to the Department of Education and the municipalities for their consideration. It was pointed out that this work must be underway immediately if the schools are to be ready to accommodate the public school graduates of next year.

Arrangements were completed for teaching shop work to Grades 7 and 8 in Acton and Milton Public

## Induction Service For New Minister

Several from Acton attended the induction service for the new United church minister in Georgetown on Thursday evening last week, and Rev. E. A. Currey of Acton took part. Rev. Morgan McFarlane was inducted minister of St. John's United church, Georgetown, at the special service.

Speaker was Rev. Miller of Cooksville. Rev. Currey took the Scripture and prayer. A junior choir of about 25 robed young people sang with the senior choir.

Rev. McFarlane, his wife and five children were welcomed by the elders and congregation. During a social hour which followed the service, Mrs. McFarlane was presented with a bouquet of chrysanthemums.

## Churchill Church Host To Presbytery

The minister and congregation of the newly renovated Churchill United church were hosts to the ministers of the Halton Presbytery of the United church and the Presbyterian executive of the Women's Missionary Society on Tuesday afternoon. There was an exceptionally large attendance; the Presbytery includes such growing districts as Cooksville, Dixie and Appleton Acres. Rev. Currey of Acton was among the ministers who attended.

The afternoon was busy with business. It was learned two men of the district are students for the ministry. A meeting of the official boards of several churches including Acton, Milton and Georgetown will meet soon in Georgetown with the church extension committee.

Miss M. Z. Bennett was delegate from Acton to the W.M.S. executive meeting held at the same time. Mrs. Harris of Nelson told the group of the missionary gathering of delegates this summer at McMaster University, Hamilton. Routine business was discussed and a rally arranged for the district.

## Missionary Tells Of Work in India

Guests were present from Campbellville, Rockwood, Eden Mills and other Acton congregations when the Senior Auxiliary Women's Missionary Society of Knox church held the autumn thanksgiving meeting on Friday afternoon, October 1.

Miss Beatrice Scott, missionary on furlough from the Bhil field in India, was guest speaker. She told of the work being done in the mission schools, where the Bhil children receive the greater part of their training and the greatest influence for Christian living.

Special music was contributed by Mrs. John Davidson and Mrs. M. McCullough.

Mrs. R. R. Parker and Mrs. H. L. Bennie led in the worship service, which followed the theme of thanksgiving and praise.

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Schools. The question of teaching household science to public school pupils of Milton was to be arranged by the principals of the schools in Milton.

The board gave approval of the arrangements made by the management committee to have Mr. Caddick teach shop work in the Acton school.

The principals of the three schools were to make arrangements for the night classes in Citizenship for New Canadians to be held in the fall and winter. The board set the fee at \$2.00 per person for the entire course to cover the cost of extra services of the caretaker.

## Accidents Increase On Halton Roads

Highway accidents in the first six months of 1954 in Halton county have shown a steady increase over last year, according to the summary by the Department of Highways.

Accidents this year are almost 100 ahead of last year's 418 figure for the same period. Property damage has also increased about 100 over last year's report of 326.

Fatal accidents have been reduced from eight to six this year and personal injury accidents have been reduced from 94 to 79. The 135 injured last year has been reduced to 116 this year.

# Warren Grove Sewer Dispute Aired, Settled Before Council



BOB BRAYSHAW, recently appointed secretary of Acton Y.M.C.A. which swings into its 1954-55 season of activity this week.

## "Sold!" Key Word Of Auction Sale

Volunteer auctioneers Roy Hindley and Jack Elliott called "Sold!" hundreds of times on Saturday afternoon and evening as they circled the collections of goods around the arena at the Y's Men's annual auction sale. Articles ranged from furniture to livestock and books to clothing.

The auctioneers were assisted by members of the club as pleased customers meant more profit for the work of the Y's Men.

The amount realized at the end of the sale, about 10 p.m. in the evening, was between \$350 and \$400, slightly lower than last year. The goods were donated and picked up for the past few weeks by the members of the club.

There were not as many articles for sale as last year, but the large crowd eagerly looked over the splendid range of articles, including beds, studio couch, kitchen cabinet, chairs, heaters and electric ranges. Of particular interest to the youngsters were the puppies and chickens offered for sale.

A pair of wooden shoes, given for auction by a Dutch family, was sold for \$3.

The Y's Men also realized a profit from the sale of refreshments during the hours of auctioneering.

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Hear Principals' Reports

A letter from the insurance company confirmed the rate of insurance which had been given the board on the three schools.

The secretary reported receipts of provincial grants amounting to \$88,095.64.

The principals of the various schools made their report to the board and told of scholarships and bursaries which had been won by pupils. Two new boys from Milton will compete in the International Plumbing Match to be held at Breslau.

Various items of equipment such as additional desks and tables for the Acton school and small items required were approved by the board. The increased enrolment required 25 additional students desks and seven commercial desks and chairs.

The meeting of the board was held on Monday evening in Acton school. Members present were Messrs. Carbert, Peckett, Cook, D. Johnson, Acton. According to D. Johnson, Brown, Hall and Trustee Ross Carbert presided.

The highlight of the evening was a most interesting address by Miss Subi Bennett, M.P. for Halton. Miss Bennett drew a word picture of the House of Commons describing the procedure of the opening of the House, the dignity and the wonderful heritage as a Canadian's possession. Her impressions of the visit of Haile Selassie emperor of Ethiopia and many amusing and interesting happenings were included.

He claimed there is a strong indication of oil adjacent to the drilling area.

Drillier A. Dawson Selkirk in charge at the site is E. Sherk with D. Johnson, Acton. According to D. Johnson, Brown, Hall and Trustee Ross Carbert presided.

## Parties Argue Over Who Broke Contract; Split Well Points Cost

Disagreements between the town and Warren Grove sewer extension contractor George Schultz were resolved Monday night, but not before both parties in the dispute, which had precipitated a two months' work stoppage, had their innings in argument with each disclaiming blame for the contract rupture.

However, as a result of this week's get-together of council, contractor and engineer, work is scheduled to resume next week after the contentious well points are installed and put into operation. Expense of the well points, estimated at a monthly cost of \$2,500, is to be borne equally by the town and the contractor.

## Propose a Chamber Of Commerce Here

An organization meeting where it is proposed to form an Acton Chamber of Commerce will be held here next week. Two representatives from the Canadian Chamber of Commerce have been contacted to address the gathering.

In recent weeks a group of interested men, representing commercial, industrial and professional categories of local business, have met on two occasions to map out preliminary arrangements for Chamber information.

It is proposed the Acton chamber, once organized, would affiliate with the Canadian parent body.

Next week's meeting, a dinner gathering, will be acquainted with the functions and aims of a Chamber, and will select a nominating committee to submit names for office. A large nucleus of men has signified intention of attending this first meeting.

## District Baptists Meet in Stratford

Representatives from Acton were among the many who attended the annual meetings of the Guelph Association of Baptist churches on Friday and Saturday in Stratford. Sessions were held in the Ontario St. Baptist church there.

Friday afternoon, Acton Baptist church had three representatives at the annual meeting of the Women's Mission Circle. They were Mrs. J. Chapman, Mrs. Fred West and Mrs. R. Costerus. The speakers were Mrs. Leslie Wilton, a missionary in India, and Rev. Orville Daniel, the associate secretary of the Foreign Mission Board.

The pastors' and laymen's conference was held the same afternoon. Elections were held for the Association and Mrs. R. Costerus of Acton was elected second vice-president.

Friday evening the Baptist Young People's Union was in charge. The Acton W.M.C. members were joined in the evening by Miss Mary Reid, Clarence Reid and Don Livingstone, Rev. Harold Lewis of Toronto was the speaker. Business and reports were on the agenda Saturday morning; the speaker was Rev. Triney, the editor of the "Canadian Baptist."

Pastor Costerus of Acton led in the devotions in the afternoon. The speaker was Rev. Paul of the United Evangelical Brethren of Kitchener. The sessions closed with communion conducted by Rev. G. Crowfoot of Stratford.

Supper was served by the ladies of the church and film, Dawn over the Hills, showed missionary work in Bolivia.

## Describes Commons To I.O.D.E. Chapter

The Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. M. Loring on Tuesday evening. October 5, with the regent, Mrs. Whitman presiding. The resignation of the second vice-regent was received. A nominating committee was formed to name a replacement.

It was decided to change the date of the meetings to the first Wednesday of each month for four months to allow members to take advantage of the night classes of 1954 in town.

An invitation was received from Peel Regiment to tour the Dale Estate while the mums are at their best.

The highlight of the evening was a most interesting address by Miss Subi Bennett, M.P. for Halton. Miss Bennett drew a word picture of the House of Commons describing the procedure of the opening of the House, the dignity and the wonderful heritage as a Canadian's possession. Her impressions of the visit of Haile Selassie emperor of Ethiopia and many amusing and interesting happenings were included.

## Thanksgiving

Next Monday is Thanksgiving Day, and the office of this newspaper will be closed. Advertisers and those with items of news are asked to assist us with next week's paper by bringing or phoning their copy to us Friday, Saturday morning or as soon on Tuesday as possible.

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## Public Meeting

On the premise that every citizen is a salesman for his own community, Acton council's industrial committee has organized a public meeting in the town hall tonight (Thursday) at 8 p.m. to acquaint the public with methods and aims in industrial promotion—and what it can do for Acton.

The meeting will be addressed by representatives of the Department of Planning and Development who will explain how citizens, more particularly those out of office, can further their own interests and those of their community in efforts to add growth and prosperity to this town.

## P.S. Board Agrees Need For Stop Sign

October meeting of Acton public school board was held Tuesday evening when members held particular emphasis, in view of several recent near-accidents on the need for a stop sign at the corner of Willow and River Streets.

The corner is usually alive with children near noon and 4 p.m. It is the crossing point for young pedestrians after they leave the school by the south pathway.

The board was unanimous in its decision that secretary W. Middleton contact the council immediately, requesting a stop sign be erected.

It was also pointed out at Tuesday night's meeting that the home economics course for Grade VII and VIII girls is presently being established and worked into the time table. Teacher of this course is Miss June Watkins.

Manual training for senior grade boys is to be taught at the high school here, following arrangements completed with the North Halton District High School Board. A fee of \$5 per pupil per year will be charged for this instruction, part of the total fee to be paid this year and the remaining major portion to be paid in 1955.

Principal G. W. McKenzie reported several interested groups, one from British Columbia, had visited the school recently observing how the old school has been tied in with the new school in facilities and operation.

## Election, Grant, Licenses Debated

A by-law to make provision for the election of council and school trustees for 1955 was passed when Nansagaweya township council met on Monday, October 4 with the reeve presiding. Another by-law was passed appointing the issuer of township hunting licenses and fees to be charged.

A grant of \$50 was made to Nansagaweya W.I. to the fund to be used for renovations to the township hall.

J. A. Milne was appointed to act as agent for the township to buy lands at the adjourned tax sale if necessary.

Relief and hospital accounts were dealt with. An account of \$550 was passed for payment and road vouchers of \$1,122 passed.

## Purchase Cutlery For Church Kitchen

The Woman's Association of Acton United church met at the home of Mrs. B. Veldhuis on Tuesday with the president, Mrs. H. Burns, presiding. The Ode and Prayer were followed by the devotional period. Roll call was answered by "Amen."

Knives, forks and spoons have been purchased for the church kitchen. Cards have been sent to sick and shut-ins. Plans were made for an event.

Blankets are to be sent to Cedarvale school for girls in Georgetown. There was one new member. Plans were made for a bus trip to Toronto. Mrs. Armstrong won the contest.

Mrs. Veldhuis assisted by Mrs. C. L. Poole, Mrs. F. Cleave, Mrs. L. Masales and Mrs. H. Burns served refreshments and a social time was spent together. A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Veldhuis and to the luncheon committee.

## Belfast Visitors Leave Bannerette

Two visitors from Belfast, Ireland who are in Canada on business for 12 days visited Acton Rotary club on Tuesday. One of the two brothers, Mr. Walker, told the group about the Belfast Rotary Club, which is the third oldest in the British Isles. They left a bannerette of Irish linen for the Acton branch.

Equipment for the nurse's room at the new Acton High School was discussed. Ted Tyler reminded the members everyone is asked to attend a Department of Planning meeting in the town hall.