



OVER THE WATERS the sign points to Crewson's Corners which was a damp target of draining rain Friday night, like several other rural points in the Acton area. At Rockwood and at Limehouse river and creeks overflowed to flood roads and lowlands. Water washed into cellars and floors in dozens of farm homes.

### Hurricane's Halton Damage Described To County Council

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Reeve Bird said he would take the matter up again with the committee, "but I think it an unnecessary request," he added.

"I cannot sit here and see \$197,000 spent and not see where it is spent," Reeve Shannon declared.

#### Water Tower To Go

"It is asking a lot of our road superintendent," Reeve A. R. Service stated. "We are working in the county and for the county as a whole. I feel the committee are doing a wonderful job this year."

Council decided the tower on the county buildings must go, after Reeve William Anderson, Oakville, and chairman of the building committee, explained difficulty was experienced with leakage on the roof. He said continual repairs seemed to be required and it was recommended by the building superintendent that if the tower were removed it would eliminate the trouble.

"If the tower were in the centre of the building, I would feel differently about the removal. But when it is located at the north-west corner, I would agree to have it removed," the chairman said. Cost of the removal is estimated at \$400.

Sheriff W. J. Robertson read the Grand Jury report to council, which stated they found all county buildings in good order. However, they found the Registry Office overcrowded and recommended it be considerably enlarged to provide for future expansion. They also recommended proper storage space for food be provided for the jail.

#### Manor Enlargement

The report stated the women's section at Halton Centennial Manor was overcrowded and suggested this portion be enlarged.

Warden J. J. Stewart explained the Board of Governors had given the overcrowding condition at the Manor consideration and further investigation into the enlarging of the two buildings would be made by the committees.

At the beginning of the year, council felt unable to make grant to the St. John's Ambulance Association, but after considering a second request, agreed to make a \$200 grant. They felt the Association was deserving for their efforts and assistance provided in the stricken Hamber area over the week-end.

#### Damaged Registered Plans

Members approved a resolution asking the registry office and the provincial registrar's office to forward registered plans in tubes rather than flat envelopes. Reeve George Breenholtz stated the Nelson township office was experiencing difficulty receiving damaged linen plans in a folded condition.

"These original plans are priceless and it is difficult to repair them when the creases are torn. I feel it would be an assistance to every municipality if they were mailed in a tube," he declared.

### Harvest Festival Observed Sunday

A Harvest Festival service was held on Thursday evening last week at St. Alban's church, when the rector, Rev. E. Jones, spoke on the text, "Now thank we all our God." This concluded a series of services on the Thanksgiving theme.

The church was decorated with seasonal motifs by members of the Ladies' Guild.

The services on Sunday also were linked to Thanksgiving.

### Plan To Attend Fall Conference

The October meeting of the Y.M.C.A. Ladies' Auxiliary was held on Tuesday evening, October 12, in the Y. The president, Mrs. Paul, presiding. The meeting opened with the Lord's Prayer. The treasurer's report was given and minutes of last month's meeting were read by the secretary.

Bob Brayshaw, new secretary of the Y, was present and several items of business were discussed.

The 1954 fall conference of the Inter-Provincial Women's Auxiliary of the Y.M.C.A. was held October 14 at the St. Clair Y.M.C.A., Toronto. Nine members from Acton attended.

The meeting was closed with the Mizpah benediction and lunch was served by the social committee, Mrs. Stuckey, Mrs. Paul and Mrs. Rogers.

#### SILVER-WOOD

### Institute Members Hear of Continent

The Silver-Wood Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. D. Williamson on the 7th line. Citizenship and Education was the theme.

Mrs. Corbett, the president, welcomed members and visitors and interesting books on foreign countries were answered for the roll call. Plans were made for cookies to be taken to the Ploughing Match as several members were going. Plans were also discussed in connection with a booth at auction sales which might be held in the district.

Mrs. Harry Marchington and Mrs. Ernie Miller told of their travels in England, Scotland and on the continent this past summer. They showed pictures which proved interesting.

Mrs. Ruddle had current events. Mrs. W. R. Norton the motto "Citizenship is like charity, it begins at home" and Mrs. George Burt gave a talk on the flower of the month, the chrysanthemum.

Mrs. Norton and Mrs. Stull were hostesses with Mrs. Williamson. The November meeting will be at the home of Mrs. K. C. Lindsay.

Visitors Here and Away Mrs. Geo. Henderson, Sr. who was hospitalized for some time in Guelph is now staying with a daughter in Brampton.

A number of the ladies of the Silver-Wood Women's Institute attended the Ploughing Match and helped in the Institute booth there.

Mrs. G. McKenzie of Toronto spent the week-end with the Marchingtons.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Norton spent Thanksgiving week-end in Meaford and Owen Sound.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Corbett over the week-end were their daughter, Mrs. R. Hunter and little Judy, Richard Corbett and his family.

Miss I. Keay spent a week recently in Toronto.

Mrs. V. Davis of Islington is visiting her cousin, Mrs. D. Williamson. Linda Wilson of Toronto, spent the Thanksgiving week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Ern Batkin.

### Music, Costumes, Treats at Party

This year's "revitalized" Halloween party was discussed at a meeting of the boys' work committee following the regular meeting of Acton Y's Men's Club on Thursday evening last week. The party is designed to appeal to both young and old, in costume or not.

A variety of singing, dancing and live amusement was planned to entertain the whole family. There will also be costume judging and treats for the youngsters.

The meeting discussed the possible participation of Acton Citizens' Band, the Dutch choir, an acrobat team from the Kitchener Y.M.C.A. and square dancing.

#### ROCKWOOD

### Road Underwater Dams Like Niagara

Following in the wake of Friday's heavy rain and windstorm, portions of Valley Road adjoining Hooty's mill dam were washed away after portions of cement retaining wall gave way under pressure of the high water. Further down Valley Road more roadway was under water, and the dam at the wooden mills was a miniature Niagara. During the height of the storm Friday midnight, a portion of an elm tree at the rear of Mrs. Fred Hamilton's residence broke off and the top part crashed on the west corner of the roof, but no apparent damage resulted to asphalt shingles. During Saturday and Sunday numbers of people were around viewing the rushing high water and during Saturday evening the river began receding. A few cellars were somewhat flooded in the village.

#### Anniversary Service

Sunday, anniversary services were held at the Stone Church with Rev. John W. Oliver, a former pastor, now residing at Hannon, as guest minister. Large congregations were present morning and evening. Special numbers by the choir were much enjoyed. The usual anniversary supper was held Monday evening. No service in the United Church in the village.

A student from Waterloo College conducted.

#### Wins First Place

Congratulations to Walter Gray who won first place during first day of Breslau Plowing Match with two furrow plow (tractor) in class six. Walter was coached by his father, Albert Gray.

#### Photography Topic

Last Wednesday evening, the Men's Club of the United church held their first monthly meeting in the Sunday school hall, for the fall and winter season. Mr. George Day opened the meeting with a hymn with Mr. Liston Rowell of the Stone church at the piano and Rev. J. Bills led in prayer. Mr. Ross Gordon read minutes of the last meeting in April. Following preliminary club matters Mr. Frank Ostrander announced the presence of Stone church quartet, Messrs. Albert Gray, Ralph and Clarence Comfort, George Willey, with Mr. L. Rowell at the piano. Their numbers were much enjoyed.

Mr. Thomas Gellatly gave an interesting talk on cameras and equipment including flash lighting. Mr. Gellatly concluded his talk with a couple of films, one dealing with the Ferguson centennial last July, and the other with local scenery including the 24th of May Calathumpian Parade last year. Lunch was served by a committee and a social time enjoyed by all.

#### Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival service was held at St. John's church Sunday afternoon and well attended. Products of garden and farm were in evidence, and on the altar, symbols of bread and wine in the form of a loaf and grapes. Rev. E. H. Jones conducted the service.

#### Executive Meets

Executive committee meeting of the Rockwood and Everton Bible Society was held Monday in the basement of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Charles H. Harris, president, presided. He conducted a brief devotional period. Mr. Ross Gordon, secretary-treasurer, read the minutes of the annual meeting last May. The usual routine business affairs were gone through and at the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. C. H. Harris led in prayer.

#### Detours Necessary

Miss Pat Linfoot, on the staff of Victoria Hospital, London, Ont., was home over the week-end. In company with others they came by car, but came through Galt and Hespeler by detours. Weather conditions around London were fairly normal.

Mrs. Alice Hills left Sunday evening by bus for Vancouver on word a brother was on the sick list.

During Saturday evening, Mrs. John A. Little had a telephone message from a brother in Vancouver, making inquiries in regard to the week-end storm.

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### European Artists Exhibit in Acton

A unique privilege was accorded interested Acton citizens on Monday and Tuesday when the Economic Association of Graphic and Plastic Artists sponsored an art exhibit in St. Alban's parish hall. Attendance was small but the director of the free travelling exhibit, new Canadian Leslie Matyasovsky, wasn't too surprised.

A travelling exhibit of this kind, which involves transporting very valuable canvases every two days or so, is rare in fact, he believes. It is the first time there has been such an exhibition in areas outside the cities of Canada.

A European organization with its head office in Vienna, the association selected Mr. Matyasovsky to direct the exhibit and eventually establish a permanent, successive exhibition in Canada.

With him in Acton was Prof. Otto Scherer of Vienna, a member of the board.

The exhibit has been in nine towns already, including Georgetown. It left Acton for Milton.

#### OBITUARY

### Well-Known Acton Man Dies at 84

Thomas Gibbens, one of Acton's best known and elderly citizens, passed away on Monday, October 11, at his home, 84 Main St. South. He was in his 85th year and his health has been gradually failing for some months.

Tommy Gibbens was born at Dublin on the homestead just west of Acton, a son of the late William and Eliza Gibbens. He spent his entire life in Acton and for 45 years he was an employee of Beardmore and Co. and an engineer when the power was from the big steam engines. Later he was an engineer with the Storey Glove Co. for several years.

Most everyone in Acton knew Tommy Gibbens for his genial and friendly citizenship and his staunch loyalty to his church, his town and his country. He is a citizen whom many of the older residents will miss.

His wife, the former Minnie McIntosh, predeceased him several years ago. One daughter, Deleine, and three sons, Neil, Frank and Thomas Jr. and one sister, Mrs. Jennie Sayer, survive him. All of them reside in Acton but Frank, whose home is in nearby Rockwood.

Mr. Gibbens was a staunch member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Acton and of the Holy Name Society of that church. The funeral on Wednesday morning, October 13, was held in the church with Rev. V. J. Morgan officiating. Interment was in Dublin cemetery. Pallbearers were Lawrence Gibbens, Ezio Marzo, Allan Kirkness, Desmond O'Rourke, Robert Rogers and Charles McPherson.

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### Collect Two Loads For Flood Victims

Two motor car loads of clothing and books have been collected in the name of Limehouse W.I. and forwarded to the flood stricken areas. More is being accumulated to make another load.

Mrs. S. Lawr, R. Turner and Chas. Jones went as volunteers to help clean up at Woodbridge on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rogers attended the funeral of her grandfather, the late Mr. Thomas Gibbens in Acton last week.

Miss Lyla Sinclair of Guelph was guest speaker at the fall thank-offering meeting of Limehouse W.M.S. She chose as her topic, The purpose of the W.M.S. to unite women and children of the church in prayer and service for the advancement of Christ at home and abroad. She told of the organizing of the first societies at home and later those abroad and our present duties to both. She said that this world needs more Christ-like lives and closed with a poem of consecration.

The meeting, held at the home of Mrs. S. Kirkpatrick, was attended by 26 ladies. Scripture was read by Mrs. Mills and prayer by Mrs. Sanford. Mrs. A. W. Norton sang "Invisible Hands" and later Mrs. Houghley played "Chapel in the Mountains" on the piano. The speaker was introduced by Miss Ivens and Mrs. H. Norton handled the courtesies report. A social hour followed.

**Demonstration Parties**  
Mrs. E. Karn held a brush party at her home on Wednesday evening with Mrs. Bob Scott of Brampton demonstrating.

Mrs. S. Gishby held a plastics party at her home on Monday night.

Visitors: Miss Lyla Sinclair of Guelph with Miss Ivens.

Miss Olive Marshall of Toronto with Mrs. Mitchell and attended the W.M.S. meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cox and sons of Hillsburg with her parents on Sunday.

Mrs. Sanford and Mrs. S. Kirkpatrick attended the training school for club leaders at Milton on Tuesday.

On account of reports of road wash-outs on Saturday, Miss Doris Collyer and Mrs. Eva Mundee decided to come by C.N.R. to their cottage, fourth line. Due to a railway washout they were rerouted to Hamilton, Copetown, Hespeler and Guelph arriving at five o'clock, being five and a half hours on the way and were still 18 miles from their destination. The trip by car would have taken about one hour.

### Report Among Best At Fall Conference

On Thursday morning, October 14, nine members of the Y Ladies' Auxiliary left Acton on the early morning train to attend the fall conference of the Inter-Provincial Women's Auxiliary of the Y.M.C.A. These were Mrs. George Paul, Mrs. J. Hurst, Mrs. J. McIlhenny, Mrs. A. Gervais, Mrs. D. Rogers, Mrs. Wilds, Mrs. Caltra, Mrs. H. Graham and Mrs. Fred Stuckey.

Registration was at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting started at 10 o'clock. Of the 16 Auxiliary reports that were read in, it was very interesting to note that the Acton report was one of the best according to the standard of membership and a very good example of the hard work the ladies had gone to during the year. This was very apparent according to the heart warming applause they received.

A short business session followed and at 11 o'clock there was a panel discussion which proved very interesting. At 12 o'clock the meeting adjourned for luncheon, which was prepared by the St. Clair Y Auxiliary.

The highlight of the afternoon session was the very interesting speech by Canon Fred Nicholson of St. Michael and All Angels' church, Toronto.

### County Dentists Meet in Acton

On Wednesday of last week Halton County Dental Society held their annual meeting in Acton. Speaker for the occasion was Dr. Joe H. Johnson, now professor of oral surgery at the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Toronto. Dr. Johnson practiced in Acton for several years prior to going to Toronto.

Dr. Jensen was also a guest at this meeting. He is taking a post graduate course at the University on a scholarship from the University of Singapore.

The event was held in the Acton Scout Hall and the Scout Mothers served a delightful turkey dinner to the group which added to the enjoyment of the gathering.

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