

"On the Waterfront" has the dimension of reality. It is a great movie and tremendous theatre."
Shelley Winters.



GUIDE AND BROWNIE NEWS

The opening meeting of the Guides was held in the form of a skating party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Davidson January 3.

After some time of skating they all enjoyed a hearty supper. At the end of the party which included the exchanging of gifts they all returned home after having a wonderful time.

Last night's meeting started with the Guide prayer.

The Guides returned to their corners to discuss tests which were coming up next week. A short game was played and the meeting closed with taps.

— Blair Hotchen.

Annual Convention Of Halton Teachers

Three hundred elementary school teachers of Halton county attended the annual convention of Halton Teachers' Institute held in Hamilton on Friday, January 14. Through the courtesy of R. A. Riddell, B.A., B. Paed., Director of Education, inspectors and teaching staff of Hamilton; the Halton county teachers were permitted to visit schools of the city during the morning.

After a dinner at the Scottish Rite the afternoon session was presided over by the president, Miss Lydia Snow, George Patterson, B.A., B. Paed., inspector of Hamilton public schools, spoke on the importance of spelling.

V. E. Ames, B.A., B. Paed., superintendent of Hamilton elementary schools, spoke on composition. Mr. Ames demonstrated by means of a lesson in which a group of teachers acted as his pupils, the theory that to learn composition, children must write compositions.

During the inspectors' period remarks were made by L. Skuce, inspector of Halton county schools, and by J. B. Healy, inspector for separate schools of Wentworth county and district.

Miss Laura Scott, who retired from the Georgetown staff in June, was presented with earrings. A presentation of flowers was made to Mrs. Skuce and Mrs. Patterson.

Vocal solos were given by Miss Monica Barnard and S. Buchanan music supervisors in Nelson township schools.

The following officers were elected for 1955, hon. president, J. M. Denyes, B.A., Toronto; inspector, L. L. Skuce, B.A., B. Paed., Milton; past president, Miss L. Snow, Nelson; president, N. H. Stevenson, B.A., Burlington; vice president, E. Smith, Acton; secretary, Miss M. S. Gemmill, Milton; treasurer, F. V. Brown, Oakville.

Rural representatives: Esqueuing, Mrs. G. Crymar, Nassagaweya, K. Trowbridge, Nelson; Mrs. E. Musick, Trafalgar; Mrs. R. Brownridge, Burlington; Bronte, M. Mayes, B.A.; North Halton, W. Siddall; Nelson, D. Kemp; Oakville, W. L. Fulford; Trafalgar, F. Hughes.

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Acton High School News

By Elizabeth Jany

Last Thursday Mr. Brighton from H.M.C.S., Prevost, London, gave us a very informative talk on naval matters and showed a film to illustrate his speech. We all felt very much intrigued by the great tasks undertaken by our navy and the excellent opportunities offered to young people there. We would not be surprised if some of the boys or girls would plan naval careers, after hearing Mr. Brighton.

Book

Last Friday morning the whole school enjoyed a pleasant change. Instead of school all morning the student body saw the film *Pride and Prejudice* in the Public School Auditorium. It was a pleasure to see the characters of the book come to life and a great enjoyment to watch the excellent performance of the actors.

Baskets

But presently the boys are busy with a more actual task. The Boys' Athletic Society is collecting baskets to raise a fund to buy "flashies" for the winning teams in athletics. Bob Coon's team has won these flashes in volleyball and rugby.

Gary Dawkins team is leading the basketball collection with Footitt Coon and Arbie teams following in that order. We hope that they will be received generously in Acton homes.

Band

A rifle club has been formed to select contestants for the Province of Ontario Rifle Championship. Let's hope they bring it home! Also there is a good opportunity offered to checker players in the "Checker Club." A tournament will follow.

Install Officers, Welcome Guests At Legion Banquet

About 180 Acton Legion members and special guests, including Miss Sybil Bennett, M.P., and Stan Hall, M.P.P., attended the annual banquet, installation of officers and initiation of members on Saturday. The turkey dinner was served in the YMCA by members of the Legion Ladies' Auxiliaries.

A highlight of the Legion year, the banquet was presided over by chairman George Musselle.

Pastor Ray Costerus said the Grace before the meal. The toast to the Queen was proposed by Vic Patrick and Ed Footitt expressed the thanks of the Legion to the Ladies' Auxiliary. Mrs. Maddox replied.

Several new members were initiated by George Musselle and past-president, Max Storey.

Gordon Beatty was installed as the new president for 1955. Other officers installed were first vice-president, Vic Patrick; second vice-president, Ed Footitt; sergeant-at-arms, Frank Fowke; chaplain, Rev. E. Jones; secretary, Gordon McCutcheon; canteen chairman, Clayton Lindsay; sports committee chairman, A. Waldie; sick committee chairman, Wesley Beatty; entertainment chairman, John McHugh; special entertainment chairman, John Cook; building chairman, Don Cook; poppy chairman, Hamilton Peal; membership chairman, W. E. Mattocks.

The new president, Mr. Beatty, expressed his thanks and hope for continued support. Past-president, Max Storey spoke briefly, expressing thanks and introducing the head-table guests. These were Miss Sybil Bennett M.P., Stanley Hall, M.P.P., pastor, Costerus, Rev. E. Jones and Wesley Beatty.

The address of the evening was given by Rev. Jones, who stressed the continued importance of moral standards. He pointed out that we tend to forget true values.

He was introduced to the group by W. Mattocks and thanked by Gord McCutcheon.

The past-president's medal was presented to Mr. Storey by J. M. McDonald.

Rev. W. S. McAlpine, who was pastor of the Acton Baptist church 55 years ago, and Mrs. McAlpine observed the 50th anniversary of their marriage at their home in Brampton January 12. Friends here extend hearty congratulations.

Battery of By-Laws Binds Councillors In Session 'til 2

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car plates advertising the town. This project originated with the local Y's Men's club. Council selected the line "The Centre of Progress" as its choice.

D. E. Coles, subdivision of the Wool Combing subdivision, appeared with R. Bean and town engineer, Ross Simmons, regarding extension of a roadway into that development.

After a brief discussion on grades, levels and course the road will take, members agreed to study prices on the road building work. Mr. Coles indicated he was anxious and prepared to start work as soon as possible.

A letter from the Home and School Association, urging action from council on safety precautions for school children crossing No. 7 Highway, was read. It was agreed to arrange a meeting with Association and Board representatives to review the subject.

Solution at Creek?

Engineer Simmons was asked to bring in cost estimates for widening of the creek which flows under No. 7 Highway. Earlier Salford Leathers and other members that legal action was pending against the town and the former owners of a Main Street house near the creek by the present resident of the house which has been damaged recently by the overflowing creek.

The engineer said a solution was not easy. He pointed out that the height of the pond and creek, the accumulation of all on the beds, clogged conduits and other conditions prevent proper flow-off and make a solution difficult.

A notice of meeting was received from the Credit Valley Conservation Authority. R. E. Parker is the Acton representative of this body. A letter was also read from the Halton County Health Unit which conveyed permission for a local nursing home to operate, with not more than two patients at any one time, in 1955.

Turn Down Relief Appeal

Council turned down an invitation from the Township of Crowland to put Acton's endorsement to a travelling petition seeking the government to increase unemployment insurance benefits.

T. Brankiewicz sought a reduction on his 1955 assessment. In view of certain buildings recently torn down. Court of Revision, Mayor E. Tyler, Reeve R. Hargrave, Deputy Reeve E. Footitt and Councillors A. Irwin and C. Lindsay, granted the assessment reduction of \$75.

Notification from the public school board about officers appointed for 1955 was read. Clerk J. McGeech outlined an appeal for relief from the wife of a former Acton resident. It was noted the man was employed by Ford of Oakville, now inoperative due to a UAW strike, and was in line for union benefits under strike conditions. In view of this the relief appeal was turned down.

By motion council accepted the completed Glenora plan of subdivision, conditional on certain minor additions which designated block areas-for-assessment purposes. In a later motion Council agreed to accept from the subdividers certain areas in the subdivision without any binding restrictions when same is offered.

No Fire Agreement

No agreement on stand-by time was reached among representatives of Acton fire area at a recent meeting with Council's fire committee and firemen. Agreement from the townships involved, including Nassagaweya, on charge for each call was reached at \$100. However, the town seeks a stand-by charge of \$675, a part of which goes directly to the local Fire Fighters' Association.

Two months' protection on basis of the 1954 agreement will be provided pending signature to a new agreement, it was reported to Council who passed a motion confirming the actions of the fire committee.

Following reading of November summary of fines, action was resolved to petition the Department of Highways for the town's subsidy share on 1954 road expenditures of \$17,014.46. It was remarked here that the Department will not pass for subsidy road expenditures in 1955 exceeding \$25,000.

Discussion of an indigent patient account was held. Council decided the patient was not indigent and refused the account. A request from W. A. Leishman to build a house on a part of a lot was turned over to the Planning Board.

Review Assessor Applicants

Six applicants for the position of town assessor were read by council. The applicants were Wm. Dobbie, Spencer Lee, John J. Smith, J. A. Denny, O. Lamb and Miss E. Taylor. By motion, council decided to consider the application of O. Lamb. The finance committee was asked to arrange an interview.

As the meeting drew to a close with the hour hand past 2 a.m., few councillors had personal business to table. Councillors Irwin and S. Brunelle mentioned several scattered spots on the town's road which could stand some sand. A brief discussion was held on leasing the town hall to a Guelph promoter for Saturday night dances. The promoter wanted to pay for the hall on a percentage basis. Council maintained the rental is \$35 per night.

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Lived 80 Years In Family Home

Miss Elizabeth Stone, who had lived in her John St. home for about 80 years, passed away there on January 13 after a lengthy illness. Miss Stone was active in the Church of England while she was able. She was an expert glove maker, employed by Storey Glove Company.

She was born in Ontario, the daughter of Richard and Rachel Stone. Three sisters predeceased her. Her family was highly respected in Acton and attended church regularly.

Rev. E. Jones of St. Alban's church officiated at the funeral service at the Rumley Funeral Home on Saturday afternoon, January 15. Interment followed in Fairview cemetery.

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W.M.S. To Study India During 1955

The senior auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society of Knox Church, held the first meeting of the year at the home of Mrs. R. McDonald on Thursday, January 13 with Mrs. A. Buchanan presiding. Mrs. F. S. Blow and Mrs. Joseph Jany lead in a service of worship with Miss B. Rozell contributing a solo.

Mrs. R. R. Parker introduced the theme of the study for 1955, which is India, and presented general information about the land of India, its people and their problems.

Mrs. F. Anderson gave her impressions of the 41st annual meeting of Guelph Presbytery W.M.S. held in January in Knox Presbyterian Church in Guelph.

A gift from the Home Helper members of the Auxiliary was presented by Mrs. R. L. Davidson to Mrs. C. Hansen, who had been their secretary for fifteen years.

The president announced that financial obligations for 1954 had been met and presented the budget for 1955.

Missionary Work In India Topic

The monthly meeting of the Daughters of Knox Young Women's Affiliated Group was held at the home of Mrs. Lorne Masales, Monday evening, January 10.

Following the opening ceremonies, the convener, Mrs. Georgina VanFleet, read an article on letters from missionaries. Mrs. Kae Hansen read the Scripture lesson. Mrs. Jean McPhail gave a talk concerning a missionary in Braesfield, India. Mrs. Norma Robinson read a letter concerning the conditions in India.

On the completion of the program the president, Betty Ashley, received the secretary's report and the treasurer's report by Mrs. Lorraine Kingsmill.

A tasty lunch brought the evening to a close.

'Waterfront' Role Founded on Fact

It's not surprising that Karl Malden, who stars with Marjoe Brandeau and Lee J. Cobb in Columbia Pictures' "On the Waterfront," powerful new drama of love and terror in the man-made jungle where the city meets the sea, starting Monday at the Roxy Theatre, gives an outstanding performance. For Malden had not only the benefit of Elia Kazan's thrilling direction but he also was coached for his screen-role by the real life prototype of it — Father John M. Corridan, New York's famed "waterfront priest."

There is a strong physical resemblance between Malden and Father Corridan. Both men are about the same size — slightly over six feet tall. Father Corridan is a little heavier; Malden has considerably more hair. They wear the same size hat, seven and one-quarter, and Malden, actually wears one of the priest's in the film. As for shoes, Karl wears a size 10; Father Corridan, an 11.

Malden says Father Corridan is a big man physically and spiritually. "He has done great things, but he remained so unassuming and modest," Malden says with undisguised hero worship. "His shoes are too big for me but his head is no bigger than mine."

"On the Waterfront," Malden sets out to smash the terror rule of the killers who have won control of a longshoremen's union. Unable to persuade the workers to talk, because talking can spell death, he concentrated on the wavering waterfront figure played by Brando. The emotional realism of the film has won it comparison with "Going My Way."

(Advertisement)

Personal Notes...

Of Actonians Visiting Out-of-Town Points and of Visitors in Acton Homes

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Long of Toronto visited in Acton over the week-end.

Miss Mary Sirrs of Newtonbrook visited Acton-friends during the week-end.

Mr. Earl Vincent of Toronto spent the week-end with Mrs. William Landsborough and family.

Mrs. F. Blow is among those from Acton enjoying the balmy weather of Florida. She left early this week.

Mrs. Mary Arbie and Mrs. Sidney Dale of Toronto visited over the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. H. Arbie and family.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. McLellan and Karen of Scarborough visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Long and family.

Many Acton friends are sorry to learn that Mr. T. Brown is not in the best of health this week. At last report, his condition was improved, though.

Misses M. and E. Ramshaw attended the funeral on Wednesday of their cousin, the late Mrs. S. Duffield in Guelph. Interment was in Eden Mills Cemetery.

Everyone certainly wishes the best for Miss Anna Olsen, who left last week for Arizona. It is hoped the climate there will act as an effective medicine for her arthritis.

Mr. H. N. Farmer and Ivan Vickers left Malton airport on Sunday for New York via American Airlines where they will visit Rev. J. R. Williams of that city.

On Saturday young Ricky Currie came home from Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto, where he'd been for about a week after complications with measles. He's still confined to home.

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