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Halton Leads Canada in Per Capita TB Seal Sales

Tuberculosis, age-old destroyer of health, suffered a measured rebuff in Halton county last year under the growing strength of the county TB Association's preventative and educational programs, record-making Christmas Seal sales and medical assistance budget.

An overflow audience at Monday night's annual meeting heard speakers and officers of the robust association tick off the year's stand-out achievements. These included:

Standout Achievements

A 14 per cent increase in Seal sales for a 1954 total of \$16,196, which breaks down to a 32.1 cents per capita return—the highest in Canada;

Completion of a county-wide survey, conducted by professional pollsters, to estimate public knowledge of TB's sources, characteristics, prevention and cure extent;

Increase in the year's grant to the Mountain Sanatorium to make a total donation of \$5,000, and a substantial increase in allowance for educational service;

Greater funds for 1955 to further social service and rehabilitation work, mobilize a travelling clinic for the north end of the county, begin another mass X-ray survey, step up the diagnostic method of detection and broaden the reach of TB education.

Danger of Complacency
While impressed with the effect of these achievements in lowering the TB death rate, the 130 persons in Trafalgar township hall were warned by more than one speaker that a danger of complacency lies in reports of success.

TB is still prevalent. Dr. H. T. Ewart, medical superintendent of the Mountain Sanatorium, reminded his audience.

Three to five million people still die annually of TB, the guest speaker stated, "and some 50,000,000 people are suffering from this infectious disease in the world today."

Turning to history and known statistics, Dr. Ewart explained how improvements in social habits and medical science have reduced the once-frightening ratio of 400 TB deaths per 100,000 to 10 per 100,000 in less than two centuries. Going farther back, he traced the toll of TB on human life since the time of Hippocrates, through the "blood-letting of the middle ages to the starvation-suffocation remedies of the romantic age.

Table TB Survey
Despite the contrasts in today's remarkable advances in diagnosis and prognosis, this consumptive killer is still the number one infectious disease, the speaker concluded.

Earlier, he was introduced by Dr. W. Anderson, Oakville, and thanked at the conclusion of his address by Bruce MacNab, Milton.

A highlight of Monday night's meeting was the tabling of the Halton survey on TB awareness, conducted for the Ontario TB Association. W. C. Dalgleish, public relations director of the Halton organization, reviewed the category of questions asked, indicated how some of the answers might be interpreted and briefly discussed results of the poll when considered in a directive or measuring stick sense.

Although it was evident the public is lacking in some specific areas of knowledge about TB, the Association and the Health Unit survey is still regarded as successful.

successful in view of the usefulness of the results.

Halton An Example
At the outset of the meeting, E. J. O'Brien, secretary of the Ontario TB Association, stressed, "TB is a community problem and should not be shrugged off to the governments or medical profession." He referred to the importance of co-operation with the Health Unit in preventive measures and carrying through treatment backed by the team-work of all organizations.

Mr. O'Brien credited the Halton Association with "the biggest Christmas Seal sale of any area in Canada."

Dr. L. Holling, of the Ontario Department of Health, also spoke of the exemplary reputation of the Halton organization and emphasized the role of volunteer groups in the fight against TB.

Treasurer D. Hamilton-Wright, Oakville, revealed 1954's sale of 138 in the county returned \$16,196, an increase of \$2,075 over last year's sales of \$14,063. He said sales totals in four years have quadrupled. Credit for this, the treasurer indicated, should be given to Mrs. M. E. Lunau, the general secretary.

President Reviews Year
Mr. Hamilton-Wright also presented the Mountain Sanatorium superintendent with a cheque for \$2,000, additional to \$3,000 already turned over to this institution.

Later the treasurer, retiring this year from the organization and leaving Oakville, was presented with a briefcase by president R. F. Bean.

President Bean of Acton reviewed the highlights of the year's work and noted particularly the patch test program in Halton schools. Results so far have shown only two per cent positive reaction, it was later reported.

The president, re-elected for 1955 office, disclosed a travelling chest clinic is under consideration for the north end of the county as a major part of 1955's detection efforts, one of a three-point program outlined for the year's activities. He outlined the other two aims of Association action for 1955 as a stop-up of educational efforts and wider disbursement of funds on TB patients and with post-san cases.

Secretary's Report
In her secretary's report, Mrs. Lunau said Halton had 21 patients in sanatoria. During the past year there were five deaths among consumptives. She went on to outline the allotment of money in 1954 for social and rehabilitation work, then turned to statistics on the 1954 Seal sale.

The current campaign was the most successful yet. Over 12,000 letters were sent out and each one averaged a return of \$1.28. 1955's average return was \$1.19. Each contributor donated an average of \$2.91, she said. Concluding, Mrs. Lunau thanked the organization and citizens of Halton for support in Ontario.

Officers named Monday night for 1955 are: president, R. F. Bean, Acton; vice-president, E. C. Foster, R.R. 3, Campbellville; treasurer, B. Harrison, Oakville; medical advisory committee, Dr. A. F. Bull, MOH, Dr. W. L. Anderson, Oakville; executive secretary, Mrs. M. E. Lunau, Oakville; directors, H. C. Morris, Oakville; G. Gowland, Milton; Mrs. Mary S. Pettit, R.R. 2, Burlington; N. Craig, Burlington; K. R. MacDonald, Georgetown; Mrs. M. Featherston, Halton W.L. president; E. MacNab, R.R. 6, Milton; public relations, W. R. Dalgleish, Oakville.



HALTON TB ASSOCIATION reported the most successful year in its history Monday at the annual banquet attended by over 130. Here secretary Mrs. M. E. Lunau hands a cheque for \$2,000, completing a \$5,000 donation to Dr. H. T. Ewart, superintendent of Mountain Sanatorium. R. F. Bean, centre, of Acton, was renominated president.

P.U.C. Rejects Saunders Fund Donation, Power Costs Enough

A plea for contributions to the R. H. Saunders Memorial Fund, entered through the H.E.P.C. with endorsement of the Ontario Municipal Electric Association, got a deaf ear from Acton Public Utilities commissioners last week when the letter was unanimously ordered filed.

The letter pointed out that since public utility bodies are not legally constituted to such a fund, the O.M.E.A. would request for the Fund committee through the H.E.P.C. on behalf of the municipalities, a donation that would not exceed two cents per kilowatt.

The two cents per kilowatt would be added to the cost of power to those municipalities desiring to donate, the letter continued.

The local commission took little time in deciding the cost of power was high enough, even without an additional two cents per kilowatt.

Earlier in last week's brief session the secretary reported a \$379 settlement from an insurance company for local commission cost involved in the replacement of a pole and wires knocked down at the western edge of town when an accident occurred there last winter.

Members discussed extension problems in laying a water line down in the eastern section of town.

A proposal from the Association of Municipal Electrical Utilities to hire a professional employee consultant, at a fee of \$25 weekly to members the size of Acton, was quickly turned down when it was noted an additional fee would be charged if the consultant were called in.

During hydro superintendent D. Mason's report, read by the secretary, it was decided to follow the same procedure used last December for meter reading arrangements while commission employee A. Duby is supervising on loan to the town.

A question of hiring another hydro department employee, in view of an impending work increase due to subdivision activity, was deferred.

The report also noted weatherproof wire had been purchased for new lines to subdivisions.

Waterworks superintendent J. Lambert reported sewer flushing underway. Some trouble had developed in the blockage of one lateral connector, he said, but was being looked after.

Complaints were reported from a local woman regarding condition of her lawn as a result of adjacent lateral installation work.

Members talked over arrangements for the installation of two temporary water services on Cobble Hill prior to permanent lines being put in.

Mayor E. Tyler reported that an underground telephone line, broken by sewer extension shovel work, was not the responsibility of the commission since a go-ahead to dig was being looked after.

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C.I.O. Union Counters Efforts Of Red-Led UE to Organize

Woman's Clothing, Choker are Found

A woman's shortie coat, with one glove and an imitation pearl choker, mysteriously turned up near the Silvercrest Hill.

The find was made by Frank Osborn, R.R. 4, Georgetown, and was taken to the district police office in Milton.

Honor Hockey Team At Banquet, Dance

Acton Junior Farmer hockey team was honored at a banquet in Hamrickburn school Monday night. Acton Junior Institute sponsored the special event which was followed by a dance.

President Ida Archibald received the guests and Miss Stanley presided. On behalf of his team mate, Charlie Thompson presented a matching leather wallet and key case to Glenn Scott, the playing coach.

County president John Pickett and his guests.

Archie Kerr's orchestra played for dancing.

Bill Somerville, president of the Acton Juniors, read the following letter from Miss Sybil Bennett, House of Commons, Apr. 5, 1955.

Dear Glenn:

Will you please accept for yourself and pass on to all members of your team, my very warm congratulations for the wonderful work you have made. At the same time, I send you my best wishes for future success.

Please remember me to all the boys on the team, many of whom I know very well.

Yours faithfully,
Sybil Bennett, M.P. Halton

Scouts, Cubs Have Church Parade

On Sunday, Acton scouts and cubs held a church parade to Knox Presbyterian church with their leaders David Dills, Murray Seyone and Gordon Ringler. About 45 boys sat together in the church for the service.

Cubmaster Seyone read the Scripture lesson and Rev. Armstrong preached his remarks on loyalty particularly to the boys.

Reel, Subscription This Year's Prizes In Fishing Contest

This year there is an additional award for the winner of the regular Free Press fishing contest. Symon Hardware will award a reel to the district person who reports the largest fish caught this week-end—the first week-end of the trout fishing season.

Also awaiting the winner—a print of the picture of himself and a year's subscription to the Free Press.

Those with hefty trout over 10 inches long are asked to call the Free Press office on Monday. Postpone your meal and keep the fish on ice—the Free Press wants a picture to prove the story.

Excitement Mounting as Voting For 'Queen for a Week' Begins

Acton is acquiring its annual taste for peanuts and Acton high school students are wondering just what they'd like most to see in New York as the novel Rotary Queen for a Week contest gets underway this week. Ballot boxes are beginning to be fed those bright pink ballots which bear the names of lucky high school girls.

For the first time, the Rotary club peanut day committee is holding a contest in conjunction with the annual fund-raising project.

Any high school girl is eligible for the double trip to New York. Two votes are given with each tin of peanuts sold and one with each package.

There was a door-to-door canvass on Wednesday evening as Rotarians peddle their salty wares. These Rotarians are among the few who realize the value of the club's work as help with local crippled children is kept confidential. Knowledge of this past work increases their enthusiasm in this current drive.

Several questions have been asked about this novel contest. Who is eligible? Any Acton high school girl, in any grade. Who goes with her on the fabulous trip to New York? She may

Halton MP Urges Commuter Trains

The Commons representative from Milton, Miss Sybil Bennett, Wednesday urged that the CNR provide commuter service here equal to that given Montreal commuters.

Miss Bennett said that fast-growing residential areas west of Toronto have only five CNR local trains that can be used for commuting.

The area around Montreal, meanwhile, had 22 such trains although its population was little more than half that of the districts along Lake Ontario west of Toronto.

Miss Bennett asked that fast passenger trains not now used for commuting be required to stop for morning and evening commuters.

The time had come when a population growth around such centres as Toronto warranted the CNR's considering increasing its interurban service.

Top Y Bowlers Feted at Banquet

Acton Y.M.C.A. ladies' bowling league concluded their winter program with a turkey dinner last Thursday at the Dominion Hotel. Y secretary Bob Brayshaw and Mrs. Brayshaw were special guests and Mr. Brayshaw made the presentation of the trophy to the winning team—Captains Mae White expressed appreciation on behalf of the other members of the team, Mae Dedels, Marg Dedels, Betty Armstrong, Marjorie Paul and Gwen Price.

The highest score was won by Marjorie Paul with 350. The most improvement was shown by Marjorie Paul who began with 35 and ended with 211!

After the program the ladies adjourned for a final game at the bowling alley.

Acton Standards At I.O.D.E. Annual

The standards of both Acton chapters of the I.O.D.E. were carried at the opening ceremonies of the annual meeting of the Provincial Chapter of the I.O.D.E. Miss Margaret Butler carried the 54th standard of the Acton chapter and Mrs. L. Agar the standard of the Duke of Devonshire chapter.

Mrs. B. Mowat was the official delegate of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter; Mrs. J. Whitman and Mrs. J. Taylor also attended during the three day convention.

Mrs. Ron Langford was the official delegate of the Lakeside chapter.

There were 49 standards altogether at the opening ceremonies in the Royal Gaiety Hotel, Hamilton, Wednesday of last week. Over 1000 attended.

Mrs. L. Skuce of Milton was re-elected provincial councillor.

Small Crowd Hears Last Band Concert

A disappointingly small, yet appreciative audience applauded the last concert of the season given by Acton Citizens' Band. Concerts have been held regularly Sunday evenings in the public school auditorium.

Mayor E. Tyler, as master of ceremonies, expressed the hope of those present that the concerts would continue next year.

Guest artists were again featured on the program. Frank Bean sang several solos, accompanied by George Elliott, and Joe Seelen played the accordion. Vic Carter of Georgetown, and Fred Leace of Brampton gave cornet and euphonium duets.

Bandmaster Perrett conducted a varied program of band selections with assistant bandmaster Rudolph Spielvogel taking the baton for one number.

1300 Children Are To Receive Vaccine

The third inoculation of polio vaccine for children in Grades 1 and 2 will be postponed at least seven months as was suggested by the Provincial Department of Health; the Halton County Health Unit announced officially this week.

The children in Grade 3 will receive their first injection of vaccine during the second week of May and will receive the second injection four weeks later, possibly the week of June 13.

About 1300 children will be eligible for this vaccine.

The time and place of Clinics will be announced later.

—Everybody's eating peanuts. —Seeding will be late this year.

Children's Aid Annual

Child Psychologist Attacks 'Prizes'

Dr. W. E. Blatz, psychologist and director of the Institute of Child Study, warned against prizes and competition in the classroom when he addressed one of the largest crowds ever to attend the annual meeting of the Halton Children's Aid Society in St. Paul's United Church, Milton on Thursday evening of last week.

"Children are being brought up on the basis of the more skills learned the more money they can make but very little attention is paid to the development of their emotional lives," the speaker said.

Mr. Blatz was introduced by Dr. H. V. Cranfield of the Society for the coming year, who reminded the audience Dr. Blatz was a "controversial figure."

"How can we train children to take care of anger?" the speaker questioned, preceding to suggest that you always want something and when you're presented with a problem you can't solve you emot.

"When we start to get upset we get more efficient," Dr. Blatz emphasized illustrating by suggesting you will climb a higher wall faster when chased by a bull than if you're just going to pick a primrose.

The psychologist pointed out that if a child wants something and can't get it but is willing to try that is anger which assists him in learning the skill.

Successful Drive For Waste Paper

Scouts and cubs held one of their most successful paper collections to date on Saturday. The boys called door-to-door and readied bundles of paper at the roadside as trucks combed every street.

The paper was taken to Guelph Saturday afternoon and some had to be left in the scout hall for further pick-up.

(The groups have regular paper drives to swell the treasury.)

Raise \$1060

Although \$1060 has been collected in the Rotary club's Easter seal campaign, club treasurer Walter Woodburn announced this week. Donations for crippled children's work continue to come in.

Abandoned Car Near Rockwood

Harold Rudd, 19, of Guelph, who escaped from the reformatory late Saturday night, was recaptured by police Monday evening. He was recaptured without difficulty at his Guelph home.

While the jail break charges have not yet been laid by reformatory officials, Rudd was faced with three charges when he appeared before his worship. He is charged with housebreaking through alleged entry to a Guelph house, Chief A. E. Lambert revealed. Rudd is also charged with theft of two automobiles that were stolen in Guelph during the week-end.

One vehicle, owned by Dr. Howard Neely, Guelph, disappeared from the street during the early hours of Sunday morning and was found abandoned Sunday night about two miles from Rockwood.

Provincial police laid a charge against Rudd of breaking into a garage at Rockwood where entry had been gained Sunday by breaking a window.

Rudd was serving a term of two years less one day imposed at Hamilton.

Car Somersaults Onto Creek Bed

A car which slid from its parking space in Eden Mills last Thursday into the creek had to be hauled back up to the road.

The car set out by itself while its driver, Mrs. John Funk of Eden Mills, was shopping. It careened down a hill, smashed through a guard fence and plunged 20 feet to the rocky bottom of the creek. It turned a complete somersault, landing on its roof.

The garage at which John Funk is head mechanic, hauled up the vehicle, damaged to an extent of \$1,000.