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## Friends Honor Miss E. Anderson For 25 Years in Mission Service

Knox Presbyterian church was the scene of a pleasant and informal gathering Tuesday evening when the congregation was joined by the friends of Miss Mary Ellen (Nelle) Anderson, on furlough from Georgetown, British Guiana, where she has been engaged in evangelistic work among the women and children.

The occasion was the silver anniversary of her designation as an overseas missionary under the Women's Missionary Society (W.M.S.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

As the guests assembled and signed the guest book, organ music was provided by E. A. Hansen. With Rev. R. H. Armstrong as chairman, a brief program was enjoyed, solos by Miss Bella Roszell and Mrs. John Davidson, readings by Mrs. R. L. Davidson and violin solos by Rudolf Spielvogel.

Left Acton 25 Years Ago  
Mrs. H. L. Bennie gave a brief outline of Miss Anderson's missionary service. She said that it was 25 years to the day that Miss Anderson had left Acton for her first post in Japan. She recalled incidents on the journey to the Union Station in Toronto the day of her departure.

Miss Anderson served for 10 years in Japan. When war broke out, she was forced to return and served four years in Canada and in 1944 went to British Guiana. She spoke of the enrichment Miss Anderson has brought to Knox church on her various furloughs.

Mrs. Bennie then called on Mrs. R. H. Armstrong, who presented Miss Anderson with a gift from the congregation, a 35 mm. camera with range finder, telescopic tripod, view-master and a purse of money to purchase further accessories.

Miss Anderson responded in a gracious manner and, thanking the congregation for their prayers over the years, spoke of the urgency of missionary work today. "Greetings and expressions of welcome home were brought to Miss Anderson from many of her friends. Mr. Armstrong welcomed her on behalf of Knox church, saying that her home congregation was proud that one of her members had been called to so high a service. Alex. Mann, Clerk of Session, recalled interesting anecdotes from the time Miss Anderson was organist and choir leader.

Held in High Esteem  
Mrs. H. Mainprize spoke of the high regard in which Miss Anderson is held by the General Council of the Women's Missionary Society. Mrs. A. J. Buchanan recalled her associations with Miss Anderson on a furlough in Georgetown, British Guiana, where she was honored for her long service there and in other mission fields at a gathering in Knox church Tuesday evening when the W.M.S. presented her with gifts and tributes.

Miss M. Z. Bennett remembered Miss Anderson first as her pupil in the entrance class, from which she graduated with the highest marks in the County and, later, as colleague on the teaching staff. Miss Ruby Clarke said she taught Miss Anderson in Sunday School and that the teacher had learned much from the pupil.

Mrs. Fred Anderson recalled attending summer school with Miss Anderson at Knox College. M. M. Cole spoke of his high esteem for Miss Anderson and of the anticipation of spiritual enrichment one may expect from having Miss Anderson here during her furlough.

The congregation sang "Bless be the tie that binds." Ken Mann showed color slides taken with a similar camera, showing its possibilities. During the lunch hour, Miss Anderson cut a three-tier anniversary cake.



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Following a recent purchase from Glenside subdividers Thomas & Thomas of 66 building lots, the firm of Bradley and Houghton here Wednesday issued 43 building permits valued at \$10,000 — a total of \$430,000.

To the end of July some \$917,150 in building permits has been issued, mostly to local subdividers. The issue this week brings the total well over the million dollar mark to \$1,347,150.

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### So-Ed Club Plans Six Fall Sessions

Organization of Acton's first So-Ed Club was completed this week at a meeting Monday evening in the Y. The group, which will welcome town and area young couples to a fall series of six sessions, has a varied program planned.

Each meeting night, scheduled for consecutive Thursdays from October 6, will be divided into three main activities. First half hour will be devoted to lectures and discussion in a choice of three topics, marriage counselling, current events and general interest. Second hour will be a skills craft group, which will offer chances of square dancing, photography, home economics or do-it-yourself. The final hour will be devoted to social and recreational activities.

It was pointed out that membership in the So-Ed Club is not restricted to Y members. Another meeting of the executive is scheduled for Friday night in the Y.

### Peanut Queen Leaves For New York Tour

Frances Oakes winner of the Queen for a Week contest sponsored by the local Rotary Club in conjunction with the annual Peanut Day, left this week accompanied by her mother, Mrs. F. G. Oakes, for a four day tour of New York city.

The 17-year-old Acton High School student was crowned "Queen for a Week" at the conclusion of the Club's two-week contest last May, contended by 11 other fellows-students. During her New York tour, she will visit high-lights of interest in the huge metropolis.

### Gardener Grows A Siamese Cucumber

With gardens around town in full maturity, this is the time of year for vegetable or floral oddities. This week the Free Press was shown a Siamese cucumber which grew in the garden of Herb Helwig. The cucumber, about eight inches long, grows from one stem but has a branching, strap down most of its length. The two parts are almost identical twins.

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The adjournment came after the Halton Natural Gas Company's conformity to the Board's public notice regulations was questioned by the counsel for a rival gas company in the Milton area.

Previous to this the same counsel, L. G. O'Connor for the Union Gas Co. of Canada Ltd. and the United Suburban Gas Co. Ltd., had questioned the ability of the Halton Natural Gas Co. to supply gas to this area.

Mr. O'Connor injected other questions, some directed at D. A. S. Brooks, who was representing the Halton Natural Gas Co. and others directed at the chairman of the Ontario Fuel Board, A. R. Crozier, in an attempt — which ultimately was successful — to have the hearings adjourned.

Hear Georgetown First  
The Halton Natural Gas Co. had submitted franchise applications for all three towns, Georgetown, Acton and Milton. When the hearings commenced shortly after 11 a.m. Thursday morning, the Board took over half an hour to receive and record the affidavits for services and proof of notice. Finally getting to the Georgetown agreement, Mr. Brooks said the major alteration from the form submitted, requested by the council, was a stipulation that work on a distribution system start within six months of agreement signing.

Mr. Brooks read a letter from the Consumers Gas Company, which was quoted as saying it would supply gas if the agreement was in force before November 1, 1955. Here Mr. Brooks also mentioned, later to be disputed, that his company was prepared to buy gas from the local company, Anthony Gas and Oil Explorations Limited, of Acton.

The system would be supplied by the Lakeland Natural Gas Co. Ltd., he stated, which it was later revealed is shortly to assume control of the Halton Natural Gas Company.

Mr. Brooks' client was interested only in the Milton application, expressed doubt about the capability of the applicant to supply gas. He asked the Board to determine if the applicant had gas available, then moved for an adjournment.

Says Unfair to Adjourn  
Mr. Brooks protested it was unfair to adjourn the Milton hearings in order to give Mr. O'Connor's client time to make their own representation before Milton council.

To Mr. O'Connor's insistence, the Chairman reminded that the hearing was only to consider the Halton Natural Gas Company's applications, not to decide who gets the franchise.

It was when Mr. Brooks began to introduce the regular proofs of services for Milton that the United Suburban Gas Co. counsel broke in with a question on the conformity of the public notices to the Board's regulations. This precluded the adjournment.

After a brief recess, the Chairman announced it would be necessary to adjourn the Milton hearing because the full directions of the Board regarding publication of notice of hearing was not carried out. The counsel for the applicant conceded this was the case.

P. McWilliams, representing the town of Milton, asked questions on the basis of procedure, from application for a franchise to hearing for certification. Mr. Crozier supplied the answers.

Anton Adjourned Too  
In a few moments, an adjournment was ruled on the Acton hearing for the same reason the Milton hearing was adjourned.

While Chairman Crozier made a reference to the potential supply of natural gas in the Acton area, T. Seynack, president of Anthony Gas and Oil Explorations Ltd., rose and declared that his company would never sell a cubic foot of gas to the Halton Natural Gas Company.

Before the meeting broke up, Mr. Brooks sought some assurance from the Board that objections, as evidenced from opposing parties, would be filed in advance of the next hearing. The Board declined to grant this assurance, stressing that the nature of the request did not fall within the regulations of the section under which the franchise hearings are being dealt.

No date was fixed for the resumption of the Acton and Milton hearings.

### Car Hits Guardrails At Crewson's Corners

An accident at Crewson's Corners Wednesday resulted in \$200 damage when a car driven by Gustav Engman, Kitchener, had a blow-out and crashed into the guard rails on No. 7 Highway.

Another accident two miles west of Georgetown occurred last week when \$110 damage was caused to a car driven by Douglas Gamble, Toronto. He collided with a vehicle driven by George Dimson, Guelph.

### No Development Yet On Optioned Acres

There have been no concrete developments to date with the 70 acres of land optioned for industrial use last March by unnamed parties, R. F. Bean, local realtor, indicated to the Free Press this week.

The land, all lying within the limits of Acton, was reported by this newspaper March 3 to have been optioned for industrial development.

### Cooler Days Get Warm Welcome

Sighs of relief are almost as strong this past week as the cooling breezes which, coming on the tail of welcome showers, have lifted the exhausting pall of heat which turned July and early August into some of the hottest weeks in years.

While the week-end was warm, it lacked the sticky closeness that humid air and torrid temperatures brought day after day during the six previous weeks.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday have been a refreshing trio. Cloudy skies and cooling winds in the daytime have kept the mercury in the 70's while at night it drops to the sleep-inviting 50's.

Although summer is wearing on, the weatherman's long-range forecasters warn there will likely be some hot days yet to wind up one of the hottest summer seasons' on record.

This may be so, but a lot of people feel that the break in the heat wave came none too soon. And the idea is to enjoy it while it's here.

### Fund Is Started To Help Farmer After Barn Burns

Area members of the Christian Reformed Church in Acton have undertaken a fund to aid a Nassawega township farmer rebuild his barn and replace his crop, totally destroyed when lightning struck the barn, and reduced the structure to ashes.

Acton farmers rushed to the blaze late Saturday when a call was put through from the home of A. Looyenga, seven miles south-west of Acton. The brigade was thwarted in efforts to save the structure as heat from flames fanned by high winds prevented them from getting close enough.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the fund may do so by contacting Rev. R. Groeneboer, resident minister in Acton of the Christian Reformed church.

In addition to the loss of crop and building, a calf and pig was destroyed and some farm equipment, including two wagons.

A small amount of insurance was held by Mr. Looyenga, who occupied the farm about a year and a half ago.

Acton farmers used a portable pump to bring water from a burn pond nearby. By wetting down nearby buildings and grass area, the brigade prevented the flames from spreading and causing further damage.

### Mr. and Mrs. D. Nelles Feded at Kenilworth

A group of friends and neighbors gathered recently at the parish hall in Kenilworth to present the recent bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. David Nelles (nee Geraldine LeTman), with a beautiful coffee table and a purse.

The hall was beautifully decorated with pink and white streamers and bells for the occasion. James McDonald was master of ceremonies. The address was read by Bert Moore, and the bride and groom appropriately responded.

The evening was spent in progressive euchre and dancing and a delicious lunch was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Nelles and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Nelles attended the reception and presentation at Kenilworth.

### Muckers Lead in Minor Ball Finals

Muckers squeezed by on a 13-12 win over Hotshots Tuesday evening, to take the first crown in a best-of-five final series for the Acton Minor Sports ball championship.

J. Lindsay pitched for the winners and, with his brother clouting as many scored two hits in addition to the hurling chore. Hotshot pitcher was J. Fryer. Muckers trailed after a fifth inning spurge right into the last frame, but pilt in four runs to overcome the same number scored by the Hotshots in the sixth.

Monday's Thursday night's action saw the Hotshots put out the heat on an 11-9 win to advance to the final round against the Muckers.

The story by innings in Tuesday night's contest:

### After Four Games

## Acton Bows to Milton in Ball Playoffs

Acton's youthful Intermediate baseball club last night bowed out of the 1955 play-off series by absorbing their third straight defeat at the hands of a more experienced Milton nine in the best-of-five battle for the right to advance into the O.B.A. Intermediate B playoffs.

It took four games before Milton emerged the winner. First game of the series last Friday night ended in an 8-11 tie, Milton won the second on Saturday in Milton 15-3, the third 4-2, and last night here trimmed the locals 11-3 in a loosely played contest.

Manager Sonny Townsley's fledglings tried everything in order to keep on even terms, but the Milton club, also Halton County champs, capitalized on their many mistakes in judgment and costly errors. The time element—series had to be completed by Saturday—also seemed to conspire against the Acton crew. What was to have been a best-of-seven series was changed to a best-of-five when wet grounds postponed the first two games of the set.

There was no doubt about two of the games — Saturday's 15-3 route and last night's 11-3 win, but with a few breaks tossed in, Acton could easily have won both the first and third games of the series.

Spike Scott, a pitcher who made only a few appearances on the hill for Acton this year, hurled both of these games and restricted the Milton hitters to five hits in both games. However, costly miscues by his mates balanced the scales in favor of the Red Sox, who go into the O.B.A. playoffs a more confident team.

Acton, meanwhile, although a much chastened team, might be ashamed of making their first appearance in the Halton County Association for three years, the majority of the players are young and need only encouragement to shape up into a first class contender. Real credit is due Sonny Townsley, his son Harold and others who reorganized intermediate baseball in Acton. Although they didn't come through this year they can't say with the fans in Brooklyn — "Wait till next year."

Game Sewed Up  
The first game of the series with Milton played here was a heart-breaker for the locals. Enjoying a two run 8-6 lead in the ninth inning with two Milton players out, and two on base, Primo Riggo, a hitter who couldn't touch Spike Scott's offerings all night, teed off with a triple to the race track in deep centre scoring both runners and tying the score. Previous to that development Acton had overcome a 5-0 Milton lead chalked up on three hits and as many errors in the second frame.

Scoring two in the second, four in the fourth, one in both the fifth and sixth the Acton crew enjoyed an 8-5 lead as the teams went into the seventh. Come the top half of the seventh and Milton narrowed the margin as South walked and made second on a passed ball at first, scoring on a long fly to the outfield.

Acton collected 16 hits off the offerings of Nip Gervais with Bill Skilling and Scottie McCristall being the most consistent Acton hitters, each chalking up four hits in five trips to the plate. Bob Bruce and Harold Townsley each made two hits in five appearances.

John Cunningham started on the rubber for Acton, allowing three hits before he was replaced by Scott in the second. Milton managed eight hits altogether.

Milton Wins Easily  
Acton used three pitchers before they stopped the Milton onslaught the following night when Milton won an easy 15-3 victory. Sam Snyder started on the hill for the locals but was soon replaced by Harry Lawson who made way for Cunningham in the seventh. Milton combed Snyder and Lawson for 15 hits, managing none off Cunningham.

Acton collected seven hits off the starting Milton pitcher, Doucette, and his successor, D. Vaughan.

Best Game  
Monday's game proved to be the best one of the series with both teams playing crisp ball. Spike Scott won the distance for Acton giving up but five hits, matched by Nip Gervais for Milton who also allowed only five.

Acton took an early 2-0 lead in the fourth when Bruce walked, took second as Paul Lawson singled, and scored on Tyler's ground-out. Lawson was knocked in by Bill Skilling's safety in the hole between first and second.

Milton tied it up in the fifth with two hits, a walk and two errors for a pair of runs.

The break came in the seventh when Milton put two Acton errors together with a single to score a pair of winning runs.

Acton Makes Only Four Hits  
Last night the best the Acton club could do off Doug Vaughan's slants was four hits which Milton pounded Harry Lawson for 10 hits and his successor, D. Vaughan.

### Prize Lists Ready For 1955 Acton Fair

The Prize Lists for Acton Fair are now being distributed by the secretary, Mrs. Irene Swackhammer. They offer exhibitors a fine opportunity to make a splendid showing at this big annual event. The Fair is an event for town and rural residents to participate in. Its success depends in no small measure on the interests that all maintain.

Get your copy of the 1955 List. Make up your exhibit and plan now to take an active part in Acton Fair to be held on September 16-17.

### From Peru to Iran, Family Follows Development of Oil Resources

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Norton and Nancy will leave in a few weeks for Iran where Mr. Norton will be associated with the Iranian Oil Exploration and Producing Co. in re-opening the oil fields there.

They will reside at Abadan, South Iran, and their son, David, will remain in Canada to continue in his school studies for the year. He will join them there in next year's summer vacation period. Mr. and Mrs. Norton expect to be in Iran for the next two years.

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Hydro superintendent D. Mason reported a service line trunk, which will supply power to some 35 homes, has been completed in the Glenside subdivision. He also noted that plans are under preparation to start work on the Lakeland subdivision hydro network.

Superintendent Mason discussed an inquiry from the Beardmore Co. Ltd. for hydro poles to string a three-phase power line to a pump at their new water supply source. The Commission agreed to sell the poles to the company, who will be providing lines and transformer.

Problems in completing meter readings were again referred briefly.

Mr. Norton left this week to return to South America to arrange for shipping the household effects to the new home in Iran. His position there is in conjunction with the former firm in South America, who have loaned his services in re-opening the oil fields in Iran which have been closed.

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