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Deal with Long Business Agenda At Season's First Chamber Meeting

Elected President Of Y.P. Conference

Stanley Harris of Rockwood was elected president of the Hamilton Conference, Young People's Union of the United Church of Canada at the 23rd annual convention held at Trinity United Church over the week-end. About 550 attended. He succeeds William Whitley of Hamilton.

Other officers are Carl Moore, Hamilton, vice-president; Leonard Hoare, Niagara Falls, treasurer; and Carol Royce, Fergus, secretary.

Model Railway Club Sees Toronto Group

The Model Railway club of Acton Y visited the Toronto Metropolitan club there last Saturday. The Toronto group has its model trains operating in a large room in the Union station.

Next Saturday the father and sons who comprise the members of the club will be holding an organizational meeting in the Hamilton Y with the Hamilton Model Railroad club.

Bigger Hobby Show Gra-Y Club Project

A larger and improved hobby show will be sponsored this year by the Royal Star Gra-Y club. The group of boys met Tuesday evening to discuss their plans for fund-raising. They hope to eventually buy a trampoline for the Y.

Their first hobby show was held last year. They are already making plans for the second show, to be held at the end of January. The show is to cover both adults and children. The prize list to be more than doubled — both in categories and quality of prizes.

Bishop's Gra-Y Club Downs Kitchener Floor Hockey Team

On Saturday 14 members of the Bishop's Gra-Y club visited Kitchener for a floor hockey match. The boys, with Y secretary Bob Brayshaw and parents, left Acton at 8:30 in the morning and saw movies in the Kitchener Y when they first arrived. They joined in a gym class. Acton won the floor hockey match with a Kitchener Y team 2-0 on goals scored by Peter Newton and Bill Churchill. They cooled off with a swim in the pool and then had their lunch in the club. The Kitchener television station followed before the group returned home to Acton.

Next Saturday the Royal Star club will be having a similar trip.

Dairy Farmers Store's Guests

Dairy farmers of the district enjoyed a turkey dinner and a program sponsored by Acton Farm Supply in the Y.M.C.A. on Wednesday evening. The group of men was served dinner by the Y Ladies' Auxiliary.

This is the second banquet held by Doug Rogers of the Farm Supply to interest the dairy farmers in his products. Ross Proctor and Harold Pressey from Burlington, representing Purina Feeds, spoke to the men and showed films. Agricultural representative J. E. Whitlock also spoke briefly.

A propane gas truck from Toronto went off the road in Eden Mills near the Campbellville turn-off Thursday evening. Driver of the truck was Cliff Lewis of Toronto who was unhurt. A fence was damaged.



— Staff Photo
FIRST DISTRICT MOTEL is under construction a few miles east of Acton, this side of the Seventh Line, and is expected to be finished by next spring. The 10-unit building is being erected by Norton Bros. of Lincolnton and Georgetown. It is located on four-and-a-half acres of land, set back from the highway and ringed by a semi-circle of evergreens.

Civic Centre Question to Be Put To Ratepayers in December Vote

Take Maria Bridge Tender \$65,907 Final Cost to Town Only \$15,000

At Monday night's special council meeting a Stratford firm, John Gaffney Construction, was given conditional nod to build the new Maria St. bridge on its tender of \$65,907. Council read four other tenders before awarding the contract subject to Department of Highways and Municipal Board approvals, to this company.

The engineer's (R. V. Anderson and Associates) estimate on the job is \$60,832. Engineering fees amount to about \$4,800.

Other tenders submitted were George Wimpey and Co. Ltd., Toronto, \$88,654.55; Halton Paving and Contracting, Oakville, \$72,694; Birmingham Construction Ltd., Hamilton, \$75,572.50; Bramhall and Co. Const. Ltd., Long Branch, \$66,575.

P. Breithaupt, assistant district

Building, Expansion, Topic Of High School Dist. Board

Building problems and expansion in the North Halton High School District came in for discussion at the monthly Board meeting in Georgetown Monday evening. Principal Lambert of Georgetown offered some suggestions on steps that might be taken to meet the immediate need for next year to provide four additional classrooms.

It was pointed out that in view of the steps taken to form a consultative committee, no large capital expenditure by the present board was likely to receive attention. Such capital outlay as a new school could not be planned until two years hence. The present suggestion was to use the old science room on the third floor at Georgetown; arrange other classrooms by extending an interior small room and acquiring two portable classrooms from another municipality which might have them for sale next year.

Building committee for the present building that night to take this proposal into consideration.

Release From Officers

A letter from the Milton public school board released the high school board from any offers that had been made for the sale of the present high school in Milton.

The heating systems in all three schools had received attention and it was hoped that they would now be satisfactory. A price of \$1160 submitted for new equipment at the Georgetown school was considered beyond the estimates that the Board would spend.

Review of uncompleted work in Acton and Georgetown and items that had been promised attention and were still unsatisfactory resulted in a motion being passed that instructed the secretary to withhold all payments to contractors and architects until the defects had been given attention and properly adjusted. It was pointed out that lists of adjustments had been taken months ago and no effort made toward fulfillment of the work.

Correspondence was read with the officials of the Town of Milton regarding the issue of \$32,000 debentures for the building there and indicated this financing was now approved and arranged.

The account for removal of a hydro line on the school property in Acton was \$1952.58 which had been allowed for in the original building expenditure.

The Halton County Health Unit in a letter pointed out further cooperation with the Board that was

Dead Letter Office Finds \$35,000 in '54 Acton Rotarians Told

Since the postal service is the largest and most used public service in the world, it is subject to the most criticism. C. D. Stipe, postmaster from Hamilton, told Acton Rotarians at their meeting Tuesday. Members of the Acton post office staff were special guests.

Stipe said that the first mail delivery in Canada was in 1705 at Montreal and Quebec. Letter carriers travelled by horse or foot. Canada's own postal service began in 1867.

He explained the mail handling system and stressed that co-operation is necessary for the best service. Last year 6,000,000 letters — containing \$35,000 in cash — ended at the dead letter office, with 3,400 parcels.

Mr. Terry introduced Mr. Frank who, starting at 15 years of age, has been a post office employee 44 years. Walter Woodburn thanked the speaker.

Warm words were exchanged at last week's P.U.C. meeting when the Glenlea subdividers, Thomas and Thomas, came to complain to the commission about high billing for consumption of water by some householders — water which was used by the subdividers themselves for construction.

The subdividers said a section of householders in Glenlea were complaining of big water bills. These same consumers had allowed the builders to use their taps for mortar mixing, etc.

At the same time, the subdividers maintained they had not used the water hydrant's sole supply of water because it took too long to fill barrels with a half-inch hose from the hydrant. They also claimed a three-inch hose they had been using from the hydrant had been taken away. The date of its return was disputed.

Short Court Sitting Here Wed. Afternoon

In a short sitting of Magistrate's Court here Wednesday afternoon, one Georgetown youth was fined \$100 and costs on a charge of careless driving and his license was suspended for six months. A charge of speeding was dismissed.

Four other charges on minor traffic violations were levied total fines of \$26 and costs. Two other minor traffic charges were remanded.

Hear Bill Benson At So-Ed Session

The third meeting in the So-Ed Club series was held last Thursday evening in the Y. Highlighting this session was an illustrated talk on the role of intravenous solutions in clinical and medical work today, delivered by Bill Benson, general manager of Baxter Laboratories here.

Mr. Benson outlined the great advances made in recent years in the preparation, control and dispensing of intravenous solutions. He used as examples the parenteral products prepared here in Acton and distributed by Baxter's.

Introduced by So-Ed president Ken Allen, Mr. Benson answered many interested questions directed by his appreciative hearers.

Due to a slightly reduced attendance, only two regular classes were held following the main speaker. George Gold, proprietor of a local garage, gave some timely tips on the care and servicing of cars as well as a few basic principles of automotive mechanics.

In the photography class, John Black led a discussion on artificial lighting and film characteristics. Following the classes coffee and hot dogs were enjoyed during the social half-hour.

I.O.D.E. Bazaar, Tea Held In Y

The gymnasium of the Y.M.C.A. was transformed with decorations, attractive tea tables and colorful booths for the bazaar and tea held by the I.O.D.E. on Saturday afternoon.

Accounts for the month amounting to \$17,950.74 were approved for payment.

Members present at this meeting were Messrs. Brown, Coles and Anderson of Esquimaux; Masterman and Forgrave, Georgetown; Herbert of Nassagaweya; Cook, Coon and Dilts of Acton; Hall and Pickett of Milton. Chairman W. J. Coon presided.

Mrs. J. Jany convened the tea, with tables set up at one corner of the room. Mrs. C. Mathews and Mrs. A. Long presided.

Highlights of the afternoon were the draws. A plate of delicious sausage rolls was won by Mrs. J. McGeachie. Kenneth James of Burwash, the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Kingsmill of Acton, won the turkey. Janice Franklin won the doll, Mrs. W. McLeod was especially lucky. She won the oil painting and a ticket she bought for her daughter, Mrs. Yabsley of Ottawa, was drawn for the aluminum tray. Boyd Clark of Toronto won the cake.

Brotherhood Plans All-Male Bazaar

Plans are being made for the bazaar and tea which the Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen is sponsoring in December. The group met in the Parish Hall Thursday evening of last week. The men are making all the arrangements and articles for the bazaar themselves.

Tonight members of the group are travelling to Burlington for the annual laymen's dinner.

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Taxpayers Will Be Asked to Ballot On Estimated \$200,000 Expense

Acton voters entitled to ballot on money by-laws will be asked for their opinion December 5 on the question of building a new municipal centre which all expenses included, could cost up to \$200,000.

First Square Dance In St. Alban's Hall

The first dance of the first series was attended by a good number of members of the Square Dance Club on Friday evening. Still popular after several years of organization, the club meets regularly throughout the winter months in St. Alban's Parish Hall.

The Rhythm Ramblers provided the music with Morris Vey of Hamilton as the caller. Charlie Kirkness acted as master of ceremonies.

Police Report Four Accidents One Prank Theft

Four car accidents and one theft were reported in this district by Provincial Police during the past week. In one car mishap outside Acton Friday night, three Georgetown youths were injured when their car flipped over.

Three men were removed to Guelph hospital after a car driven by William Avery flipped over in the south ditch of No. 7 Highway east of here Friday night.

Ian McNeil received a fractured left arm and William Newson suffered cuts and bruises. Avery received back injuries in the crash. All three are from Georgetown. Damage to their car was estimated at close to \$400. The accident occurred on No. 7 Highway, one mile west of Acton.

Earlier Friday a car driven by George Miller was allegedly forced off the road by Stanley Stonekick who passed another car on a hill. The damage to Miller's car was estimated at \$100. The accident occurred on No. 7 Highway, one mile west of Acton.

An accident at the Haltonville intersection last week resulted in an overall damage of \$175 to two cars, as they collided at the corner. Drivers of the cars were Henry Hills and Roy Elliott.

Monday, Borden Marchmont of Glen Williams reported to police that an old red-wheeled horse carriage had been stolen from his barn. Police believe that the carriage was stolen for use on Haltonville night by a gang of pranksters. The carriage was valued at little or nothing.

Monday, a car driven by Henry Smith, Toronto, struck and killed a deer about five miles south of town on No. 25 Highway. The game warden removed the carcass.

Roses Rise Over Fall's First Snow

The season's first snows came to this district Monday night when, with the thermometer edging toward freezing, high winds blew cold breath of what's to come next month.

Tuesday morning was cold and patches of white lay about on lawns and dead gardens.

One rather incongruous scene Tuesday morning had the still-blooming roses in front of the still-living Funeral Home as on other late lasting gardens about town, sprinkled with snow and stems rising from snow-covered mounds of earth.

Wednesday those who didn't get anti-freeze or glycol in their cars the day before breathed easier as warmer air and sunshine prevailed. But the weatherman predicts cooler weather again to come.

Scouts, Cubs Gather Papers on Saturday

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Council, at a special session Monday evening, decided to put the question to a plebiscite on the right-shoulder facts from town planner and architect P. A. Deacon who told members:

A plan to renovate the existing town hall to include needed enlarged office space and additional fire hall facilities would, if followed through, result in unknown costs.

The present land area on which the town hall is built is not large enough to accommodate a new municipal building with fire hall and library.

It is important that provision be made soon for added parking space in the downtown section (out of this need the "civic square" idea is feasible).

Acton's potential growth in the next few years, with this district and this part of Ontario, will require greater facilities for municipal administration and services.

Site a Question Mark

Earlier Mr. Deacon submitted a plan for a new municipal centre, including fire hall and library and all necessary offices, which he presented along with an approximate building cost estimate of \$130,000.

Council's agreement to question the voters on basis of a total \$200,000 cost came after intense discussion on where more land might be bought in the central area of town and what such land might cost.

A previous motion lost that citizens be approached on the new centre question on basis of a cost of \$160,000. It was evidently feared by the majority of dissenting councillors that this figure would not be enough and could be misleading.

Although desirable sites for the proposed centre were tentatively mentioned, no definite possibility was found and members had no inkling as to what price the town might be asked for new lands which could conveniently have buildings on them now.

Renovation Prohibitive

The motion passed read: "That a by-law be prepared for the taking of a plebiscite at the municipal election in the question of erection of new municipal buildings or buildings to comprise necessary offices and fire hall and library at an estimated approximate cost of \$200,000."

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