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## Kiddies Aged 3,4,5 May Receive Vaccine

The supply of vaccine for the prevention of polio lasts long enough, Halton children aged three, four and five will receive it this year, according to authorities from the department of health.

Halton school children this week carried home to their parents a request for polio vaccine. The vaccine, which, when signed by the parents, allows the children to receive the shots from the Halton County Health Unit. Those eligible to receive the vaccine are those who received two doses in the spring or early summer of 1955 and all other children attending elementary public or separate schools. Those who got the two shots in the arm in the spring last year will receive their third dose.

The cherry red serum is injected in three doses—the first two four weeks apart and the third some months after the second.

## Hamilton Church Mission Aids New Canadians

A home missionary from the People's Church at Hamilton told of her work there at the Easter Thankoffering meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church, held Monday afternoon in the Sunday school room of the church. The visitors were welcomed by the president of the group, Miss M. Z. Bennett.

Greetings from Knox church were brought by Mrs. A. Buchanan from the Baptist church by Mrs. H. Helwig, from the Pentecostal Holiness church by Mrs. J. Reid and from the Ebenezer church by Mrs. George Robertson. Representatives were also present from the Christian Reformed church and Ballinafad church.

Mrs. A. Orr read the scripture and Mrs. A. Shoemaker read one of Peter Marshall's prayers. Miss Dorothy Simmons and Mrs. B. Veldhuis added a duet to the program.

The offering was taken by Mrs. J. Lambert and Mrs. Lidkea and dedicated by Mrs. P. Binnie.

Mrs. Gordon Johnson introduced the guest speaker, Miss Evelyn Ricker, missionary at one of the People's churches in Hamilton. Miss Ricker pictured for the group her work in assisting those who come to this country in finding homes and positions.

They often have no friends, no knowledge of the English language and very little money. Miss Ricker told of the appreciation that results when these people are given aid and the benefit of Christian services through the church's workers.

The vote of thanks to the speaker was expressed by Mrs. Lidkea, a former associate. The president closed the meeting with prayer.

The ladies were invited to remain for a cup of tea and refreshments. Mrs. Hannah and Mrs. Lidkea poured tea.

An invitation was extended to the members of the Society to attend meetings of Knox and Baptist W.M.S.

## I.O.D.E. Group Given Historical Talk on Pottery

"Most of us take the dishes we use for granted," pointed out Nell Davy as he introduced a display, film and talk on Spode china. Many guests were present at this meeting of the Lakeside chapter, I.O.D.E. in the new Legion hall Tuesday evening.

Mr. Davy is a representative of Copeland Duncan in Toronto, sole distributors of Spode in Canada. He welcomed Don Bexton "to our Spode family."

The history of pottery was traced swiftly up to the end of the eighteenth century. It was then that fine china as we know it was developed in England. Josiah Spode made the first full service of dinnerware in 1770, including plates—an innovation. The Spode method is still very much the same and the plant in England is about the last to still produce completely hand-crafted ware.

Spode is famous for quality. Mr. Davy stressed. The excellent glaze feels warm. Although a minimum of five per cent bone is necessary for bone china, Spode has over 47 per cent, bone. Spode is heavy, its few air spaces assuring durability.

It has the longest line of patterns and articles in the world, with 200,000 patterns. A complete service includes from 20 to 1500 different articles.

Mrs. Elmer Smith introduced Mr. Davy and he was thanked by Mrs. A. Buchanan, who presented him with a gift.

Spontaneous applause broke out when Mr. Davy read the name of the winner of a cup and silver—Mrs. Robert Armstrong. She is leaving Acton shortly. Four other small gifts were given to Mrs. Pat Walde, Mrs. Ken Adamson, Mrs. Clarence Rogivaldsen and Mrs. W. Garner.

Refreshments were served to about 125.

A large crowd attended the last dance of the season for the Square Dance club in the parish hall on Friday evening.

## P.S. Trustees Study Pupil Load as Classrooms Bulge

To meet the exigencies of educational demand, the public school board has held special meetings, arranging to partition the double enderings to accommodate an extra classroom of grade six pupils. The board was grateful to Mrs. Helen Little, who volunteered to teach the new class from April to June.

Board members studied the following breakdown of pupil loads in intermediate grades before making the decision.

Miss Anderson, 34 grade four, 7 grade five; Mrs. Switzer, 38 grade five; Mrs. Smith, 27 grade five, 12 grade six; Mrs. Polych, 34 grade five; Mr. Stratton, 12 grade six, 27 grade seven; Mr. Davidson, 41 grade six.

The maximum load for efficient teaching is considered to be 36 pupils in a classroom. The influx of newcomers is responsible for the overloading of classrooms and more may be anticipated.

Therefore, grade six pupils were transferred to the new classroom. Grades five, six and seven pupils were evened up in various classrooms to equalize the pupil load. Now all the teachers are teaching three straight grades.

The board commended principal G. W. McKenzie on the fine redistribution of pupils which will enable teachers to maintain high standards of teaching in Acton public school.

The Home and School Association requested additional safety precautions for the school crossing at River and Willow Streets at a public school board meeting last week.

H. Freuler appeared for the Association to ask for protection at the junction of these two streets during the peak load of pupils going to and from school.

The board pointed out that jurisdiction over public ends at the school property, but reminded Mr. Freuler that at the request of the board, council has last year erected stop signs at this center, also that teachers, continually cautioned the children to safety measures and would continue to do so.

It was considered that safety measures taught in the home and carried out rigidly by the parents, especially when with children at street intersections by crossing properly instead of jay walking, would have a greater safety value and prove much more worthwhile.

The secretary reported receipt of \$56 non-resident fees. Finance statement of \$2688.25 was approved and payment authorized.

The painting done during the Easter holidays was inspected by the Board and found to be satisfactory.



BEFORE THE CURTAIN RISES on any stage production there's always last-minute make-up daubing and costume checking, not to mention lines scanning. Acton Home and School Association players are no different as Belle Newton straightens Bill Wilson's tie before the first night performance of the comedy "Nothing but the Truth" in the public school auditorium tonight and Friday night.

## Olympic Day Climax to Y Program Last Week, Champions Declared

Last Thursday was Olympic Day at the Acton Y.M.C.A. Competition was keen in all four divisions and the winners worked hard for their victory.

In the junior competition, Linda Cox and Lorraine Bennett, tied for first at the end of the regular contests and the winner had to be decided on performance in each event. The championship went to Linda Cox for her record of nine and one-half minutes of skipping.

Betty Allanby took the senior competition with three firsts and a second for 11 points. Margaret Sunter was her nearest rival with eight points.

The girls' events were high jump, broad jump, skipping and a potato race. Senior records set at this first meet were high jump, Betty Allanby, three feet, seven inches; standing broad jump, Betty Allanby, six feet, seven inches; skipping, Betty Allanby, 15 feet and potato race, Margaret Sunter, 26 1/2 seconds.

Records for the senior section were, high jump, Bruce Anarews, four feet, eight inches; broad jump, Dale Woodburn, seven feet five inches; medicine ball throw, Bruce Andrews, 29 foot potato race, Dale Woodburn, 24 and nine-tenths seconds.

## O.P.P. Safety Check For Motorists Can Be Had by Request

Ontario's Provincial Police have intensified their safety drive with the coming of better driving conditions. As week-end motorists multiply on the highways, it's becoming a common sight to see O.P.P. officers stopping cars to check brakes, lights, wipers, horns, etc.

Many local and district drivers have already had their cars checked in this area.

In Acton police point out that the safety check doesn't have to be made while motorists are on the highway. The police, anxious to see as many cars as possible with the safety check tag on their windshields, can arrange for the brief inspection if the car owner contacts any officer on duty or call the Acton O.P.P. office at 351.

## Jim Ledger Heads Acton Rotary Club

Jim Ledger is the new president of the Rotary club, following the resignation of the late Mr. J. H. Huggert. Others on the executive are vice-president, Bill Mattocks; secretary, Ted Hansen; treasurer, Walt Woodburn; directors, Harold Kinrad, David Dilks, Fred Gordon and Wes Masales.

Pennat Day was one of the items under discussion at the meeting.

## Vacation Bible School Planned By Churches for Week in July

The regular meeting of the Acton Ministerial Association was held last Monday morning at ten o'clock at the United Church Manse. The Rev. G. Adams, president of the Association, acted as chairman.

The most important item on the agenda was the formulation of preliminary plans for the vacation Bible school which will be held this year from Monday, July 2 until Friday, July 6. The Rev. Gordon Adams was appointed Dean of the school and Director of Music. It was decided to hold a meeting of the teaching staff of the school on Monday, July 7, in St. Alban's Parish Hall.

Ray Costerus, student pastor of the Acton Baptist Church, announced the date of his ordination to the ministry as Wednesday, May 30, and extended an invitation to all the Acton clergy to attend. The service

## 'Tax Situation' May Halt Construction In Lakeview, C.M.H.C. Warns Builders

The possibility that building in the rising Lakeview subdivision may be halted, was revealed in Council Tuesday night in a letter from the contractors who wrote that Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation officials were worried about the "tax situation" here and were considering withholding further loans.

## Scouters Set Big Acton Cubaree

At the first regular meeting held since February, 14 District Scouters met in the Acton Scout Hall last week to plan district events.

In May the Scouters of the North Halton District will be participating in Camporee, while in June Cubs will be competing in a Cubaree in Acton Park.

During business discussions mention was made of conservation year for which each group was asked to consider the theme and carry out some form of conservation during 1956. Membership and possible showing of the movie on the Eighth World Jambooree for an early meeting next fall, were considered with great interest.

Erin, led by Scouter Ed Holton, took charge and led the group in wood recognition and map reading games.

The Cubaree, which will be held in Acton June will have Cubs from Acton, Erin, Georgetown, Hillsburgh and Milton competing in an all-afternoon program, following a parade through town. It is expected that more than 300 Cubs from these five localities will be participating.

Mothers and their daughters was the topic Mrs. Robert Buckner, the guest speaker, chose appropriately.

She was introduced by Mrs. S. Sinclair and thanked by Mrs. Doug Mason. Little Jill Hurst presented her with a bouquet.

## Meter Readers' Problems Touchy Too, P.U.C. Learns

The job of meter reading has its problems, and one of them was brought to the attention of Public Utilities Commission members last week in a letter from the Acton Ratepayers' Association.

The letter reported that a Glenlea housewife recently got a fright when a strange man walked into the house in order, she learned later, to read the meter. Commission members were told that the housewife had seen footprints into the house before discovering the reason.

The letter suggested more consideration and care be used by P.U.C. employees entering to read meters.

Commission members regretted the lady was startled, but pointed out that under law the right of access to all meters is held by the Commission for its employees. Members also considered that they are sure meter readers don't attempt to frighten householders. The P.U.C. has good faith in its employees, members added.

## DDGM. Visits Walker Lodge

The district deputy Grand Master of Wellington district, Rt. W. Bro. Ross R. McKay paid his annual official visit to Walker Lodge on Monday evening and was the guest of honor at the banquet which followed in the Legion hall. Over 135 attended, with guests from 15 lodges at Galt, Erin, Georgetown, Guelph and Kitchener.

Mr. McKay expressed his pleasure at visiting Walker Lodge and meeting his old friends such as W. Cooper and Frank McIntosh as well as new ones. He remarked on the quality of the lodge and on the new Legion hall.

Bro. Gordon Beatty proposed the toast to the Grand Lodge, to which Mr. McKay replied. Wor. Bro. A. J. Buchanan welcomed everyone and W. Bro. Earl Wilson of Guelph expressed the thanks of the visitors to Walker Lodge.

A delicious cold plate meal was served by members of the Legion Auxiliary.

## Warm April Sun Draws Frost Out

Income tax deadline may be only a few weeks away, but at least there can be few complaints about the weather during the past week.

"After a spat of snow Saturday night," the following days have been warm and sunny. Temperatures are rising well into the 50's during the best part of the day and the mercury's dip during the nights hasn't been quite so deep.

It won't be long until all the frost is out of the ground and with the sap run nearly over, rural fields will be under treatment for spring seeding.

## Motion for Spring Is Not Yet Unanimous

These robins were right. It is here.

In sunny, sheltered corners of gardens, snowdrops and crocuses are awaiting the roll of proposals that spring arrived. Raising their heads in approval are the swelling tulip, daffodil and hyacinth buds. First flies and bugs and even snakes all agree.

But there is still an opposition in the shade of trees, snow and ice are clinging to the old-fashioned ways of winter.

## Y's Men Serve At Fifth Annual Banquet in Y

Over 100 attended the fifth annual Mother and Daughter Dinner sponsored by the Y.M.C.A. Ladies' Auxiliary in the Y on Thursday of last week. The turkey dinner, prepared by the ladies, was served, traditionally, by Y's Men.

Mrs. Joe Hurst was chairlady for the event. Mrs. Doug Rogers welcomed the mothers and girls and Mrs. D. Wilds introduced the head table. Mrs. Bob Brayshaw expressed a welcome from the Y.M.C.A.

Miss Norma Sinclair proposed a toast to the mothers, and Mrs. G. Huggert replied with a toast to the daughters.

Mrs. F. Ganley led in a sing song and then played the piano for a solo by Gwen Bean and duet by Mary Kay Gibbons and Kay Dennis.

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## Five Acton Girls At Skating School

Acton members attending the Easter holiday Figure Skating School at the Guelph College arena were Linda Braida, Donna Ledger, Elizabeth Force, Diane Newton and Mary Jane Force.

The Easter School is run as an "extra" or "unscheduled" activity for members of the Guelph College Figure Skating Club who are training for "tests" at the club year end. The ice arrangements are made by club manager, Fred Mason, and senior club professional, Ross Smith, is on hand to give any private instruction needed.

## Another Rumor

Rumors that a large Canadian aircraft company had optioned land for purchase just outside Acton's eastern limits were circulating in the town last week, but are so far unfounded.

The Free Press sought confirmation from two landowners whose names figured in the talk of an impending land sale. Both landowners denied any knowledge of the rumored dealings.

Source of the rumor is unknown. However, more than one person reported "rumor" was known over a Brampton radio station.

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