

C.G.I.T. News

United church C.G.I.T. met in the Sunday school room on Tuesday. The meeting opened with the purpose, Mrs. Brayshaw conducted the games. Alvena Hill, Diane Dedels and Karen Damm led in the worship service. Miss Boyes took a picture of the group at their felt craft.

The regular meeting of the C.G. I.T. of Knox Presbyterian church was held in the Sunday School room of the church. Mrs. Davidson led a worship service and read an Indian version of the Lord's prayer and a legend of the Rockies. Ruth Spielvogel, secretary, read the minutes and roll call.

The group made plans for their Mother and Daughter banquet. Mrs. Kirkness showed the girls more about raffia work and the girls enjoyed a work session doing their raffia work.

Governor General Opens C.N.I.B. Home

The years-old dream of the blind and the sighted was officialy realized Monday when Governor-General Massey snipped a 15 foot ribbon in the lobby of the new \$3,000,000 headquarters of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind and declared the building open.

Among the many attending the opening were G. F. Thompson, president, C. H. Riddells, secretary and H. Willis, the treasurer of the Halton County Advisory Board to the C.N.I.B.

One of the most modern buildings of its kind in the world, the national headquarters in Toronto to have been named Bakerwood in honor of the two men who did so much to aid the blind in Canada. Col. E. A. Baker, the managing director, and Lewis M. Wood, president from 1948 to 1954.

Lady Kamp, president of the C.N.I.B., who was chairman for the ceremony in the institute's auditorium, spoke of Col. Baker as "not only a great man, but one of the greatest blind men in the world, an international figure."

Diocesan Conference For Anglican Men

The Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen are planning a Diocesan Conference on "Catharism" on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 20, 21 and 22, and Anglican men in this Deanery are more than invited they are urged to attend. The Brotherhood movement is progressing by leaps and bounds in the Deanery of Halton, and it is hoped that this conference, and the lesson it teaches, will prove to be proverbial "shot in the arm" for Anglican men in the Deanery of Halton.

The program for the conference is full and promises to be of outstanding interest. Most of it will take place in St. George's church, and opens with the registration on Friday evening. Rt. Rev. W. E. Baginall, D.D., Bishop of Niagara, will preach at the Diocesan service of witness, followed by reception in the Parish Hall.

Saturday starts with Holy Communion in Christ Church West at 8 a.m., with breakfast in the parish hall at 8.45. At 9.30 registration continues in St. George's Parish Hall and at 10.00 the conference begins in the church. Lunch in the Parish Hall at 12.30 is a prelude to a conference session from 2.00 to 5.00 p.m., and at 6.30 the conference banquet will be served in Grace church Parish Hall. His Grace the Archbishop of Rupert's Land, the Most Rev. Walter F. Barfoot, Primate of All Canada, has graciously consented to be speaker at the banquet.

Communion at 8.30 in St. Thomas' Church begins the last day of the conference, and after breakfast at 9.15 in the parish hall the final service, Matins, will be held in St. Thomas' Church. For this service the special speaker will be Rt. Rev. F. H. Wilkinson, D.D., Bishop of Toronto, and the service will be followed by a farewell snack in the parish hall.

Delegates appointed to represent St. Alban's at this conference are as follows: G. Rose, C. Taylor, K. Thompson and E. Lasby.

W.I. Euchre Party Held at Parker Home

Mrs. E. Nicholls was hostess to a Women's Institute euchre party Wednesday afternoon, April 11, at the home of Mrs. Robert Parker. There was a good attendance, 10 tables playing. The guests were received by Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Nicholls, assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Bean.

The prize winners were Mrs. Wes Marchmont, Mrs. E. Johnston, Mrs. Lyle Cripps, Mrs. E. Lambert, Mrs. J. Frank and Mrs. F. Coles. Travelling prizes were won by Miss M. Somerville and Mrs. R. Brown. A lucky chair prize was won by Mrs. M. Holmes.

Lunch was served and a very pleasant afternoon spent.

Gaily Patched Jeans Novel Group Project

The most patched up jeans in town were taken to pieces Monday evening—and \$33 resulted for the treasury of the Y Ladies Auxiliary. As a project, the ladies had passed around four pairs of jeans, with contributors sewing bright patches over their money.

To add even more interest to the novel scheme, prizes were offered for a mystery amount and for the patch on a certain spot on each pair. Mrs. Alf Duby, Mrs. Reia Dwyer, Mrs. Hazel West, Don Wilds and Pete Fisher won the awards.

C. of C. Civic Night Draws Out Lively Local Queries

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much publicity, but assured his audience that senior officials of the town have always and are continuing to promote the town at every opportunity.

E. T. Rachlin said the town has had many nibbles from prospective industry, but wondered how come Acton has never landed one. Clerk McGeachie replied that reasons were never given on why a town is turned down. W. Woodburn suggested some program of civic education was needed to augment industrial promotion activity.

Another question asked why council had cut the last rate this year when so much municipal work was waiting. Mayor Tyler explained that more money was being spent this year on maintenance than the town has ever spent, referring mainly to new sidewalks and roads. Clerk McGeachie added there is some \$10,000 more being spent this year for maintenance than last year.

Subdivision Policy
It was asked if future subdivisions here should be held responsible for further school accommodation and required to provide offsetting industrial assessment. The clerk said there is a motion on record that there will be no further residential subdivision expansion in Acton until industrial expansion paces present growth. Acton, the mayor appended, is hewing to the P.U.C. and using revenue approved by the Department of Municipal Affairs.

A question about the wisdom of the P.U.C. making capital expenditures out of current revenue, instead of debenturizing, caused interested comment. After reference was made to power bill increases, system expansion and renovation, it was answered that the reason the P.U.C. had used revenue instead of debenture money seemed to lay in past policy.

Clerk McGeachie said he held his own opinion about whether or not this practice was a good idea. E. T. Rachlin voiced his opinion, maintaining that it was not healthy to see capital expense come out of revenue. Mr. Rachlin said it tended to keep the rate up and as well, meant present citizens were fully paying for facilities which future citizens would enjoy practically free in later years.

Why Rate Not Lowered
Mr. Rachlin further wondered why the P.U.C. hasn't used these revenue surpluses now providing capital expense money. To lower the current hydro rate, Commissioner J. Stewart reminded that the H.E.P.C. sets both the buying and selling rate for local commissions. Discussion continued on this point, involving comparative rates in Milton and Georgetown, H.E.P.C. rate-setting policies and little known causes which can raise or lower hydro rates. The clerk intimated that sometimes it's a complicated mystery how the H.E.P.C. arrives at schedules of rates.

Turning to the Planning Board.

Laymen of Halton Presbytery Vote to Organize Men's Council

An estimated 400 laymen of the Halton Presbytery of the United Church voted almost unanimously Tuesday night in St. Paul's United Church, Milton, to proceed with the organization of a Men's Council in the Presbytery.

Representatives of 43 United churches heard Rev. George Johnston, M.A., B.D., Ph.D. give the theme address "Christian Faith in Action." "It is the personal duty of every Christian first to be enlightened and then to shine," he challenged the men present. He noted that others judge Jesus Christ by the standards they see in those who profess to be Christians.

The laymen present were divided into groups for discussion periods, the results of which were later summarized and discussed. Activity of laymen, advancement of Christianity, the spiritual and social side of Church work and the effect of Christianity were among the topics considered.

Dr. Johnston gave conclusions on the forum discussions which were followed by an explanation from D. Phillipot on what a presbytery Men's Council might be.

He suggested men could be organized to revitalize the church through such an organization. A standing vote followed that indicated strong support for a Men's Council. Churches represented — Milton, Port Credit, Burlington, Georgetown, Acton, Appleby, Nelson, Appleton, Burlington, Churchhill, Melville, Dixie, Britannia, Burnham-

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Acton Woodcrafts

Reach \$900

The Easter Seal campaign has so far raised \$900 in Acton, committee chairman Walter Woodburn announced this week. Although the amount is not as high as last year's total, some contributions are still coming in. This is an annual project of the Rotary club to aid crippled children.

A question handled by member T. Jones informed the audience that the town board has tried repeatedly to get co-operation from Esqueping township board but so far has failed on matters of joint or common interest.

Further to planning, the Chamber was told that it is expected the official town plan will be ready this summer and that the organization could assist with public meetings to give all citizens a chance to question and examine the plan.

Acton's police chief, Cpl. R. Mason, replied to a question that Acton taxpayers pay for ranked First Class constables for local duty. He noted it was not always easy to get First Class constables, since as a rule municipal work was not attractive to O.P.P. officers.

Cpl. Mason urged some program be devised to interest holidaying school children at Easter, when hockey is over, playgrounds are still not usable and the youngsters are at large and at a loss for something to do.

Questions concluded when Cpl. Mason noted that Acton is almost to the population point where a fourth police officer may be added. In the brief business at the beginning of the meeting, the Chamber endorsed support of a petition to the federal government to move the July 1 Dominion Day, Holiday to the first Monday in July.

To Stock Fairy Lake
Secretary Barbeau reported the Chamber is likely to get 100 grown pigs and hogs, as well as several thousand minnows to stock Fairy Lake before this year's Fish Derby. Committee named was R. Lacey, F. Terry, R. Goodwin and T. Cook.

The Chamber agreed to provide meals for the volunteer scrutineers at Monday's special vote on the parks board question. At the same time, Chairman Gay urged his audience to get out and vote affirmative on this question.

A meeting was reported planned with retail merchants to go over the new store hours—by-law, recently put into effect.

R. Goodwin reported orders for three town signs have been placed and added the Ruddy sign company will add a bonus of lighting equipment. He suggested the town might hook up the lights and provide power for these signs, likely to be up by this summer.

Acton High School News

By Neil Benton
The square dance, which was to have been held last Friday evening, was changed to this week. Come out and bring a friend for an evening of good fun.
The boys wish to thank Mr. R. N. Brown for the use of his farm during physical training classes during the past year. This privilege has been a help to Mr. Drijber and the boys' natural science classes are also being held there now under the leadership of Mr. Drijber.
Last Friday 13 we were "lucky" enough to receive our report cards. This is the first time in 1954 that they have brought sunshine into our homes on this date.

Receives Cuts When Car Crashes Rails

Margaret Wallis of 24 Young St., Acton, received lacerations to her right arm and hand when her car crashed through guard rails on No. 25 highway about half a mile north of Milton on Thursday afternoon of last week.
Mrs. Wallis, who works in Milton, was driving north on the highway when she reached over to the glove compartment. The car, according to investigating officer George Moore, drove onto the right shoulder of the road. When she tried to pull it back onto the road, it spun to the left side and went through the protecting guard rails.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. J. Clayton Wilson, R.R. 3, Georgetown, announce the engagement of their daughter, Ethel Brenice, to Mr. Alfred Leonard Williamson, Guelph. The marriage is to take place Saturday, May 12th, in Ash Grove United church at 2.30 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Julia R. Brown of Galt wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Ann, to James Edgar Greer, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Greer of Acton. Marriage to take place on Saturday, May 12, 1954 at 4.00 p.m. St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Galt, Ontario.

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Beardmore Trophy to be Given Each Year for Lawn Bowling

Completion of organization of the new Intercity Lawn Bowling League following the original promotional meeting in Guelph on March 2, took place at a meeting held at the Mayfair Restaurant, Acton, on Thursday with representatives in attendance from the clubs of Guelph, Rockwood, Georgetown, Milton and Acton.

George Perry of Rockwood was elected president and Jim Fleming of Acton secretary-treasurer. Each of the clubs is naming a representative to act with these two officers to form the league executive. The only other appointment was F. H. Weaver, to act as league press representative.

The welcome news was given by president W. H. Rogers of the Acton Lawn Bowling Club that presentation was assured of what will be known as the Beardmore trophy, to go each year to the team with the highest standing in the league games.

As decided upon at the original meeting in Guelph, teams eligible for league games will in each case comprise 10 members, men or women for 18 end games of doubles. Total team score to count in each match, a win earning two points, a tie one point. The team with the highest standing at the end of the scheduled matches will be awarded the Beardmore trophy to be held for one year.

Games are to start at eight o'clock to assure that a motion was passed to the effect that if a team is not on time it will cost a point in the score for each 10 minutes late.

In the event of rain cancelling play, the teams involved will arrange a subsequent date before Tuesday of the ensuing week.

Participants are to pay 25c each for games played, the sum going to the club on grounds of which the match is played. Each club is to contribute \$5 toward expenses in connection with the final play-off.

Following adjournment of the meeting those in attendance were guests of Jim Fleming.

Final Basketball Game for Juveniles

Final juvenile basketball game of the year was played in Guelph Wednesday evening of last week. District finals were Galt, with Acton losing 52-24.

The Free Press fluffed a line in last week's column under a picture of performers' last-minute hurry before the curtain rose on "Nothing But the Truth." The lady in the picture was Beryl Newton, not Belle Newton.

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