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Lively Night for Father and Son Annual Banquet

Acton fathers and sons—170 of them—had a lively night last week in the Legion auditorium where the Y's Men's club held its annual Father and Son banquet with a guest of honor from Canada's Olympic hockey team.

Don Rope, Kitchener—Waterloo Dutchman star, spoke briefly and was given genuine attention from his audience. He stressed the worth to young Actonians of sportsmanship and physical fitness and drew from his experience as a player in Canada and abroad at the 1956 winter Olympics to illustrate his points.

Following his talk, Mr. Rope showed colored slides of the Olympic competition and scenes in Italy and Prague. The pictures were taken by himself while touring and competing with the Canadian Olympic team.

Mr. Rope was introduced by Ed Footitt and thanked by Lorne Masters. Chairman for last Thursday night's program was Elmer Smith, who also thanked the Y's Men's Ladies' Auxiliary for preparation of the turkey supper. Y.M.C.A. board chairman Ken Knox welcomed fathers and sons to the annual affair, which is not confined to Y members.

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Plan Plebiscite On Hospital Aid

A by-law was introduced to hold a plebiscite on the question of Nasagaweya township participating in the building of Milton District Hospital at the meeting Monday of council of the township.

A resolution received from the Village of Long Branch was endorsed by council to petition the senior governments to take action to redivide the fields of taxation.

Accounts were passed for payment amounting to \$650 and the road superintendent's vouchers, totalling \$1405.30.

A plan presented by the C.P.R. was authorized showing a proposed extension to the siding west of Guelph Junction.

Mr. Groves, from the Department of Lands and Forests, outlined a proposed by-law for appointing fire wardens and regulating the setting of fires and to prescribe the times at which fires may be set in the open air.

A grass fire on Mill St. east of the high school, was quickly extinguished by firemen Tuesday afternoon.

Church Choirs Present Concert Here in English, Dutch Before 200

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord," began the Psalm that A. Boersma of Hillsburgh read to open the concert presented last evening by the choirs of the Acton and Brampton Christian Reformed churches. About 200 people gathered in the public school auditorium for the evening of music.

J. Schenk led the singers, whose fine blending of tones, sincere phrasing and soaring enthusiasm indicated their "joy"—or pleasure—in singing.

The program included combined choir songs and anthems, separate choir selections, a duet and recitations. Some were in English, most were in Dutch. Taking part in a short skit were Ben Venneuwenn, Elty Stulp and Dick Timmermans of Acton. Accompanist was Kees Kuiper of Brampton.

Ratepayers' Association:

Favors Slow-Down on Subdivision Activity Here

The brake applied by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation to the rate of building in local subdivisions was greeted with approval at a meeting Monday night of the Ratepayers' Association.

Association chairman H. Lowe told an audience of about 30 people that some retails of letters and work by the executive are seen in this slowdown of subdivision construction. He noted the Glenlea subdividers has been limited for the present to completion of 10 homes.

In a recent letter to the Lakeview subdividers, sent on to council, disclosed C.M.H.C. was slowing down loans to subdividers until Acton's "tax situation" could be reviewed.



FATHER AND SON BANQUET in the Legion Auditorium last week was another exciting time for young Actonians who were again educated and entertained by a player from Canada's Olympic hockey team. Don Rope is shown here surrounded by a circle of young autograph-seekers. The banquet, sponsored by the Y's Men's club, was open to all Acton fathers and sons. Over 170 attended the event.

Local Gardeners Look For Warm Evenings

Tuesday was May Day and, like the day before it, was favored with a warming sun and milder temperature.

Since Daylight Saving Time started Sunday, local gardeners have been hoping for good weather to carry through to the evenings. Except for Wednesday, they haven't been disappointed this week.

Today (Thursday) is bright and breezy. After last week-end's dismal days, the forecast for a warm, dry week-end this week seems to have better than even chances of proving true.

Name Officers For Presbytery

New officers were elected at the regular monthly meeting of the Halton Presbytery of the United Church held in Acton Tuesday morning and afternoon. Ladies of the presbytery, the secretary is Rev. Jim Hummel of Freeport.

Rev. Gordon Adams of Acton was named convener of publications. Presiding over the meeting was Rev. Robert Oliver of Clarkson, outgoing chairman.

Dinner was served to both groups at noon by the W.A. of the church.

Record Month In Y Attendance

The month of April was a record month for the Acton Y.M.C.A. For the first time on record, the attendance for the month went over the 2,000 mark. The total recorded participation in activities for April was 2,120. Included in this record number were 1,200 participations by children and 800 by adults.

In April, 1955, only 1,300 took part in activities at the Y.M.C.A. This increase reflects the trend of increased participation in the program of the Young Men's Christian Association which has been evident throughout the year.

Georgetown H.S. Addition Concerns District Board

Schipper-Chisholm Marriage Friday

A quiet wedding was solemnized on Friday evening in Knox manse when Jean Chisholm, the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Chisholm, was united in marriage to Peter Schipper, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Schipper of Glen Williams. Rev. R. H. Armstrong officiated.

The bride wore a blue suit with white accessories and a corsage of red and white roses. She was attended by Miss Joan Arnibaldi of Acton, who wore a charcoal grey suit with pink accessories and corsage of pink and white roses.

Fred Allen of Georgetown was best man. Mr. and Mrs. Schipper left for a short honeymoon to Niagara Falls and other points. On their return, they will make their home on Church St., Acton.

Halton CD Grads Taught First Aid

A first aid course for graduates of the recent Halton Civil Defence training course began in Milton and Nelson village on Thursday evening. Conducted by the St. John's Ambulance Corps, the course is similar to that taken at the recent Milton night school and is expected to be finished in seven weeks.

Thursday evening, 45 civil defence men gathered in the Milton Armories to hear the first lecture by J. Rogers, assisted by Harvey Swift of the Norman Slater (Hamilton) Division of the St. John's. Because of the size of the Halton division, the men were split into two groups and an equally large number of men and leaders attended the lectures in Nelson.

The course consists of five lectures, one night of review and the examination night. Those taking the course are only those who completed the civil defence 10-week training period in Milton just recently.

At Thursday night's lectures, following registration, Mr. Rogers outlined the course in a brief introduction and started right in on the first lecture, using two charts of the human body—one a skeleton nicknamed "Oscar," the other his fleshy counterpart, who as yet has no nickname.

Overtime Win For Galt Bantams

"We didn't win but we sure scared them!" This was the expression most often heard around the Acton Y.M.C.A. last week-end after the bantam basketball team lost a very close game to the smooth playing Galt bantams.

The score was 31-31 at the end of regulation time and this score was a good indication of the entire game. The half time score was Acton 12, Galt 11 and neither team managed to obtain more than a two point lead throughout the game.

In the overtime play, Acton scored the first basket but Galt came right back to tie things up and after one minute of overtime the score was 33-33. After three minutes of overtime Don Corbett, Galt's high scoring center, dropped in a pivot shot to put Galt in the lead. This was the last scoring of the game and Galt took the honors with a score of 35-33.

Outstanding among the Acton players were Stewart MacDonald with 15 points and Peter Lawson and Dave Fleming with eight points each.

The Acton line-up was: Don Price, Dave Fleming, Peter Lawson, Stewart MacDonald, Bill Shannon, Brian McCristall, Peter Gibbons, Peter Newton and Wayne Wilson.

After the game, both teams got together for cokes and a swim in the Galt pool. These two teams will meet again on May 25 in Acton and it should provide an action packed game for all basketball fans.

Acton's next game is in Guelph on Saturday, where they will meet the Guelph Y.M.C.A. house league all-stars.

The inspector's report on the Georgetown school was received and was quite satisfactory.

The resignation of Mr. West of the Milton staff was accepted. Miss Margaret Burke and Carl Shank have been engaged on the Georgetown staff; D. S. Euthwell on the Milton staff. There were reported one more vacancy on the Milton staff and three vacancies on the Acton school staff.

A letter from the secretary of the Consultative Committee on high schools in the county notified the board that an open meeting would be held in the Court House in Milton on Wednesday evening, May 9 at 8 p.m. The board were invited to attend and written briefs, if any, should be presented.

The board decided they had no brief to present in view of the fact that they had never asked for such a committee study.

The board was invited to the open house being held in Milton school on Friday.

Accounts approved for the month amounted to \$19,399.51 and the secretary reported that \$33,050 had been received in grants on the daily average attendance of \$6 per pupil.

Trustees Coles, Anderson, Brown, Coon, Dills, Masterson, Hall and Kelly were present and chairman and Mrs. William Cooper, Main St., Acton, won the gold medal for trumpet solo in the 19 and under class at the Peel County Music Festival at Brampton.

Discussion from the floor at Monday night's meeting was brief and sparked by no debate. Schedule of street light completion at Glenlea, tree planting, membership on the Parks Board and closing of the dump were subjects queried and quickly answered.

A taxpayer in the audience asked for advice on recourses when taxes have been substantially increased through local improvement, put past the property but without the property owner made fully aware of its effect. Another taxpayer complained he had received his tax bill without previously getting an assessment notice. The chairman said both these questions would be taken up in efforts to find answers.

Lines on Most Streets

Natural Gas Main Work To Start Here Next Week

Work on the job of laying gas mains here will start next week, according to Fred Clark, project engineer of the United Suburban Gas Co. Ltd., which holds a franchise to supply Milton, Acton and Georgetown with natural gas.

Mr. Clark didn't estimate a date when the work of laying gas lines down nearly every street in town will be finished. That depends on

the number of men employed and the weather, he said.

The contractors who will lay the miles of lines are G. I. Russell and Co. Ltd. Mr. Russell of the company said his men would start with one crew in two weeks, with two more crews to start within the next month.

Some local personnel will be employed to assist in the job of cross-

ing the town with pipe lines ranging from three-quarter inch to four inches in diameter. Mr. Clark said it is company policy to hire as much local help as possible in work of this nature.

The pipes, once in the ground, will be covered by 18 inches to two feet of ground. Size of the pipe varies. The loop lines down most streets will be four-inch pipe, with two-inch distribution mains. Lines from the street into houses will vary from three-quarter inch to one inch lines, depending upon the amount of gas that will be used in laying the lines, pointed out Mr. Clark. The company plans no obstruction to traffic.

While not every street will carry a distribution line, most roadways will be served by branch lines from the nearest street.

Plans for the installation of the lines have been approved by the town engineer, it was reported.

Panel of Speakers Heard at Meeting

Information useful to the secretary of the Halton Co-operative Medical Services was given by a panel of speakers one evening last week when they met in the Milton high school. Mrs. Chester Service, group secretary for the Scotch Block W.I. stressed the importance of keeping abreast of developments in the business so as to provide better services to the group.

Bruce MacNab outlined the services of the Red Cross Society and the TB association to assist in prevention of treatment of illness. Sam McFarlane, manager of the Wentworth Medical Services, and Miss Florence Meares, a director and vice-president of the Halton Co-operative Medical Services, were also on the panel to answer questions concerning the changes approved by members at the annual meeting. Mrs. Roy Coulter, secretary-treasurer, acted as chairman.

Expect 250 Boys At June Cubaree

Over 250 cubs are expected at the North Halton district cuboree at Acton park on the afternoon of Saturday, June 9. There will be two packs from Acton in total of about 56 boys, two packs from Milton, one from Erin, one from Hillsburgh and three from Georgetown.

Acton Band will be in attendance for a parade through Acton. There will be special events during the day with pennants awarded for first, second and third class.

The boys will be entering in the attendance competition, knotting relay, hopping relay, balancing, semaphore, running races. Points will be awarded to each pack.

Bob Brayshaw Named President Five Counties Track Association

Last night in Guelph the Five Counties Track Association held their spring meeting and the first meet for this group will take place in Guelph early in July. Acton will be competing in this meet and making an effort to boost their standing from second place in the Five Counties Track Association to first.

Coaching school for this group will be held in Guelph at the O.A.C. on June 30.

The group held elections last night. Bob Brayshaw was named president. Don McLaren from Kitchener, secretary, Jim Clark from Oakville, treasurer, Vic Worme of Guelph was appointed Western Region chairman and Scotty Thompson of Etobicoke Eastern Region chairman.

While the Y.M.C.A. basketball teams are still trying to preserve winter, the track club is desperate-

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Gifts, Crowds, On Anniversary For Freeman's

Last Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Freeman, R.R. 2, Acton, celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary at the home of their son Frank at Cedar Lake farm. The happy couple, who are both in their upper 80's, were surrounded with gifts numbering between 90 and 100 who called to wish them more happy years together.

The bride of 60 years ago was lovely in a figured navy silk dress and wore a corsage of red roses and pink carnations and her spouse wore a pink carnation.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman were born in England where their two children were born, Frank, of Erin township and Elsie, Mrs. A. Skochev, of Toronto. They have three grandsons, Ted Freeman, Alan and Eric Skochev.

A letter from Churchill United Church paid tribute to the musical ability and love of flowers. Music and flowers were the highlights of their hobbies. Mrs. Freeman is an accomplished organist, and Mr. Freeman a violinist, and even yet while not appearing in public, they do enjoy some music at home. The flowers that were a sight to behold around their home from earliest spring till frost cut them down in the fall were a joy and pride to them and passers-by.

The tea table was beautifully decorated with late tablecloth, a three-tier anniversary cake, decorated in gold and silver, surrounded with mauve tulle, tall candles, and spring flowers. A huge wedding bell with gold streamers made the decoration complete. Neighbors, Mrs. H. McEachern and Mrs. W. Butler, poured tea, and were relieved by Mrs. D. Peers, a niece of Toronto, and Mrs. F. Smith, daughter of a life-long friend, of Meaford.

Many, many cards, letters, telephone messages and gifts were received during the week-end, including a message from Her Majesty the Queen, Prime Minister St. Laurent, Henry Hosking, M.P., George Drew, M.P., Miss Sybil Bennett, M.P., Premier E. Frost, Province of Ontario, per Provincial Secretary, and J. Root, M.P.P. Mr. Hosking, M.P., Mr. Root, M.P.P. and Rev. H. Griffin of Erin township, with their wives, were among the guests that called to "express their congratulations."

Premier Frost, along with his best wishes, sent a book, Pioneers of Ontario. The neighbors couldn't let this occasion go by without extending their best wishes in the form of a gift of a lovely floor lamp.

Other guests were present from Toronto, Kingston, Oakville, Meaford, Guelph, Brampton, Erin, Acton and Rockwood.

Near 600 Get First Polio Shots

Short of 600 public school youngsters lined up for their first polio inoculations here Monday. None had received the vaccinations last year.

Dr. Archie Bull of the Halton Health Unit, supervised the steady flow of youngsters, assisted by the school nurse, Miss Jean Rowe, former Acton nurse Mrs. Audrey Lyle of Milton, and three other nurses.

Dr. Bull expects that before the end of June enough vaccine will be available for a second dose for these newly-inoculated children, and a third dose of serum for those inoculated last year.

Tomorrow in Brookville Hall other youngsters in the district receive the serum.

Except for a short delay while more of the red serum was rushed from Milton, the "operation inoculation" went smoothly and speedily.

The Bell Telephone Company has published a list of communities where dial systems will be installed. Rockwood's date is set at December 1956; Brampton's at April 1957; Guelph as December 1958. Acton is missing.



GRACIE FIELDS CHARMED an audience of 1500 in Milton arena Tuesday night with songs and jokes that have made her a world famous comedienne. Many from Acton and district heard the 57-year-old English entertainer—shown here in a close-up during one of her hilarious ballad renditions—who has been performing for 50 years. The appearance was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Milton.