



NEW ASSISTANT M.O.H. for Halton County is Dr. Louis Douglas whose appointment was announced this week by Dr. Archie F. Bull, M.O.H. and head of the county Health Unit. Dr. Douglas, whose hobby has made him one of Canada's top marksmen, is shown here at Acton baby clinic examining the young son of Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Jones. Held on his mother's knee, the wee patient is lent a steadying hand by nurse Jean Rowe, Acton, one of the assisting nurses at the baby clinics

Historical Society Recalls Fame Of Old Stone Rockwood Academy

Two famous landmarks in Rockwood, the Rockwood academy, and home of Jas. Hill, American railway magnate, may be marked shortly. The Wellington Historical Society is interested in drawing attention to these attractive old buildings. They realize that as the proposed park is developed under the direction of the Grand Valley Conservation Authority, more and more people will be visiting the lovely little village in the valley, a few miles east of Acton. Hi-Pot-Low park is a beauty spot which already attracts those who know of its natural and geological interests. Rockwood Academy was founded in 1849 by William Weatherald and many young men and women who later became well-known received their education there. Of course there were no high schools as we know them then. One of those who attended Rockwood Academy was H. P. Moore, former editor of the Free Press. William Weatherald began his boarding school in a small frame building. In 1855 the stone school was put into use, built of native limestone. For a three month term, scholars paid \$21. There were 50 students in 1857. It was the head of this school who gave the village of Rockwood its name. His wife was the former Gemma Harris Balls, a daughter of the woman who held the first school in Rockwood. Donald McCaig was the second master of the school and Alex McMillan the third. The Rockwood Academy became unprofitable as high schools became established throughout the country. Private schools were being used less and less. Even before Rockwood was constituted a police village in 1903, there were as many as 100 beds at school in the then-famous Academy. Here are some of the school's most noted graduates: Sir Adam Beck, Hydro figure; Hon. A. S. Hardy, Ontario premier; James J. Hill, railway builder and executive; Dr. William Tytler, educationist; D. D. Christie, executive after whom Glen Christie is named; John Richard Harris, founder of Rockwood's woollen mill; T. Albert Moore, moderator of the United Church who was well known in Acton.



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OBITUARY

Charles S. Noble, 85 Was District Farmer

Once a farmer on the Fifth Line, Esquesing, and a former resident of Ballinacree, Charles Samuel Noble, 85, was buried in Greenwood cemetery, Georgetown, following funeral service at the Harold C. McClure funeral home on May 26. He died at Port Credit at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Clarence Bouskill. Mr. Noble was a native of Kingsley Falls, Quebec, and was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Noble. He came to Ontario 34 years ago, and after retiring from farming, lived at Ballinacree. Surviving are four children, Mrs. Clarence Bouskill (Adele) of Port Credit; Mrs. Arthur Wilson (Idella), 39 Victoria St., Georgetown; Marshal of Guelph; and Mrs. John Walters (Neoma) of Hamilton. A daughter, Mrs. Freda Webster, died 30 years ago. He also leaves three sisters, Mrs. Charlotte Spurr and Mrs. Margaret Brown of Claremont, New Hampshire, and Mrs. Ida Scandrett, Los Angeles, California. There are 13 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. Rev. Alfred Barker conducted the funeral service. Six grandsons were pallbearers, Orner and Everett Wilson, Bud and Lawrence Bouskill, Jim Cross and Jack Louth.

First Gra-Y Conference Ever Planned by Acton Y Secretary

The first Gra-Y conference ever to be held by a Y.M.C.A., has been arranged by Bob Brayshaw of the Acton Y. Co-hosts to an estimated 50 boys and girls this week-end will be the Acton and Kitchener Y's.

An idea Mr. Brayshaw has had in the back of his mind "for years", the conference will begin Saturday afternoon at Belwood Inn near Fergus, and last until Sunday afternoon. Site for the unique conference is the Kitchener Lions Club camp near the Shand Dam. As well as a large farm house, the camp includes sleeping cabins. Boys and girls from Toronto, London and Peterborough will be attending as well as from the host clubs. The Acton group is to be responsible for the worship service on Sunday, the discussion sessions and the sports-skill session which will include fishing, golf, horse shoe pitching and badminton. Girls from Acton who will be attending are Verna Churchill, Sandra Hargrave, Jacobs Van Der Brink, Helen Benton, Pat Quinell, Maureen Bennett, Gwen Mainprize.

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