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PUBLIC SCHOOL GRADUATION banquet, sponsored by the Home and School Association, was held last week in the school auditorium where 64 senior pupils were tendered a farewell dinner. The high school entrants were addressed by Fred Rowan of Guelph. The graduation class presented the school with two paintings of Fairy Lake by Jean Johnston. The entire group is shown in this staff photo.

In Just Five Days

Word has been received from Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Braida, who are visiting in Italy, that they received their copy of the Free Press five days after it was mailed in Acton. On the other hand, reports we get from such places as Belmont, Hillburgh, Moffat are to the effect that the Free Press reaches them in about five to six days from the time it is mailed in Acton. Distance doesn't mean a thing these days.

Surprise Check For \$500 Given Building Fund

Legion Ladies' Auxiliary members surprised the Legionnaires when, at a dinner given in their honor, they presented a cheque for \$500 to the building fund. This brings their recent donations up to \$1,000. Joyce Buchanan, the president of the Auxiliary, handed the unexpected cheque to Gordon Beatty, building committee chairman. The Legion had arranged the evening in appreciation of the work done by the Auxiliary, Friday in the renovated hall. Men, under head chef Herb Woods, served a cold plate meal.

Brownie Revel Was Day of Fun For 75 Kiddies

About 75 Brownies from Milton, Georgetown, Acton and Norval, enjoyed a day of fun and games at the Agricultural rounds in Milton on Saturday, when the first annual Revel Day was held under the sponsorship of the North Halton District Brownie Association. The First and Second Milton packs under Mrs. J. Simpson, the Georgetown pack under Mrs. H. Henry, the Acton pack under Mrs. B. Dawn, the Norval group under Mrs. E. Shering spent the morning and afternoon playing games and singing, and had a wonderful opportunity to meet the other Brownies in their district. The day started with the Fairy Ring, followed by singing, games led by pack leaders, lunch, a rest period and a sing song. The Brownies mixed up in groups of five and went on a nature hunt, and at the pot-luck later discussed their finds on the trip. Each pack sang an action song, and Mrs. S. E. Wood of Milton told a brownie story. The day ended with tips and a dismissal.

"We hope to repeat it every year," said Mrs. Wood, who is North Halton District Commissioner.

Massed Pipe, Brass Bands Play at Taltoo

A dozen bands will parade through Acton Saturday when Acton Citizens' Band holds its Band Taltoo. The marching bandsmen will come from Milton, Fergus, Trafalgar Township, Guelph, Oakville, Brampton, Burlington, Port Credit and Kitchener. Their program in the park is to include separate numbers, massed brass band and massed pipe band selections. Fireworks are to conclude the evening, planned by the Acton bandmen and their leader, Bandmaster Perrott, and parade marshalled Dr. A. J. Buchanan.

A Step Ahead

On Page Three of this issue of the Free Press there's seven full columns of pictures and story to describe the newspaper's latest step forward—a step that will better service to advertisers, add interest for readers and facilitate better presentation of one of the most important products in newspaper making—pictures. The Free Press has added to its expanding plant one of the modern electronic wonders of our generation—a photo-electric engraver. See story and pictures on page three about this enlargement to the photo department.

Halton County Leads Way In Social Work, TB Seals

Halton county still leads the province in the TB seal campaign. The seal campaign for 1956 in Halton exceeded any other year and there were returns amounting to \$18,125. In 1955 the returns were \$16,196. The average return per contributor in Halton county was \$3.05 while the provincial average was \$2.31. The per capita contribution in Halton county was 35.9 cents and the provincial average was 29.9 cents. 27 per cent of the people in Halton county contributed and the provincial average was only 7.7 per cent.

This information was presented at the annual meeting last week of the Halton County Tuberculosis and Health Association in Trafalgar hall. The meeting was attended by officers and directors of the Association, Dr. S. A. Holling of the

District Board Accepts Tenders For Work on Milton High School

Tenders for painting three rooms, the main hall and the stage at Milton high school were opened at the Board meeting Monday night. G. Farlow's tender for \$583.82 was accepted. For changing and improving the electric lighting in three rooms the tender of George Bundy at \$422.50 was accepted. Both of these were the lowest bids. There are still two vacancies on the staff at Acton high school and the positions will again be advertised. The report of the Consultative Committee was received and briefly dealt with. Permission was granted to hold night classes in all three schools under the same arrangements which have been in effect previously.

Read Architect's Letter

A copy of a letter sent to the contractor at Milton school addition

C.W.L. Ends Season With Dinner in Hall

A delicious salad plate with cake and ice cream was served to members of the Catholic Women's League in St. Joseph's Hall on Tuesday evening. Conversers of the social evening were Mrs. T. Papillon and Mrs. C. MacColl. The event marked the close of the current season of activities.



OVERTURNED PONTOON BRIDGE at the Breezes, recreation park on Fairy Lake's western edge, is shown in this photo, the scene of an eight-year-old Toronto girl's death by drowning Saturday night. The bridge turned over when about 35 young people, on a church picnic, moved to one side. The seven-section spar is still overturned after it was tilted slightly and the body came to the surface.

Provincial Department of Health, Trevor Pierce, Seal Secretary of the Ontario Tuberculosis Association and Mrs. Collins, secretary of the Ontario County Association, as well as interested citizens of the county. President of the Halton County Association, R. F. Bear of Acton, reviewed the progress of the Halton County Association during the past year. He said that it was a matter of great pride to him that Halton County was a leading county in Canada in the effort to decrease and control tuberculosis.

Mr. Bean stated the Association intended to conduct a mass survey in the county later this year, to continue the close co-operation with the County Medical Association. (Continued on Page Five)

Call Extended For Knox Pulpit

The congregation of Knox Presbyterian church decided unanimously to extend a call to Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D., to take the pulpit of the church. Rev. K. G. McMillan of Guelph, the interim moderator, chaired a meeting in the church Monday evening when the decision was made. Mr. McKenzie, at present the minister of St. Andrew's church, Islington, graduated in theology from Knox College, Toronto. He is married and has five children. The clerk, A. K. Mann, has not yet learned if Mr. McKenzie will accept. The call must go before Presbytery next Tuesday.

\$440 in Chest

Appreciation Day draw winner last Saturday was Mrs. John Frank. She went shopping with \$31 more than expected when her name was drawn. The treasure chest is up to \$440 next week.

Order Inquest in Fairy Lake Drowning of Toronto Child

An inquest has been ordered next week into the death by drowning Saturday night of an eight-year-old girl at The Breezes, a picnic and boating area at the western edge of Fairy Lake.

Dr. J. H. Chamberlain, county coroner, ordered the inquest in Milton following investigation of the accident which happened during a Toronto Baptist church picnic at the recreation park owned by J. J. Jocke of Acton. The young victim drowned when a pontoon bridge overturned, spilling her and 34 others into four to six feet of water.

Lawn Bowlers Top League

Wednesday, June 13, Acton bowlers to Guelph in the Inter-county Lawn Bowling League. The weather was perfect for bowling. Disaster almost as great as the Rockwood debacle of a week earlier struck the Guelph team in the second scheduled game. The trundlers here won four out of five games of doubles for a total of 113 points to Guelph's 92. The only team to lose was skip W. Chisholm and B. Woods as lead.

The other four skips winning for Acton were A. White, W. Near, D. Drysdale and B. Veldhuis. Their respective leavers were Mrs. V. Ingles, Mrs. O. Cairns, B. Mowat and Mrs. H. Holmes. With this added win, Acton rates top of the league with Rockwood in second place, having defeated Georgetown that same evening in Rockwood.

Schedule for Wednesday: Acton will play in Rockwood, Guelph travels to Georgetown.

League Standing	Total	Pts.	Pts.
Acton	2	2	156
Rockwood	2	2	157
Georgetown	2	2	165
Guelph	2	0	156

Car Rolls Over, Girl 6, Injured On Fourth Line

In the same spot where a man died in a motor vehicle accident two years ago, a man and three children narrowly escaped serious injury in an accident Saturday evening. One of the children, six-year-old Alvena Harmer, received a fractured left elbow when her father's car went out of control and rolled over.

Ernest Harmer, R.R. 1, Puslinch, was driving south on the Fourth Line, Esquesing, about a mile and a half south of No. 7 highway. As his car went down a steep hill, it went out of control and rolled over at the bottom of the hill.

His daughter was taken to Dr. W. G. C. Kenney in Acton, then taken to Guelph General hospital where she was placed on her arm and she was released. Two other children in the car escaped injury.

Constable Howard Gunn of the O.P.P. estimated damage to the car at a "lucky" \$250.

Two other accidents, one on Friday evening and one on Saturday evening, caused a total of \$735 damage when cars collided or side-swiped at the corner of No. 7 highway and the Ballinafad road.

Friday evening, three-car crash occurred when a car driven by Robert Howard, Belmont, turned left onto the sidewalk. A car driven by Norman McMurchy of Brampton stopped behind him, and a third car driven by Fred Nixon of R.R. 1, Fergus, smashed into the rear of the McMurchy vehicle. Overall damage was about \$435.

Saturday evening a car driven by Alwyn Bennett, Toronto, making a left turn onto the Seventh Line, was in collision with a car driven by Melvyn LaFey, Toronto, who was driving south on the sidewalk and had stopped at the highway. Total damage was \$300.

Firemen, Boy Scouts Practise Respiration

For the concluding class in St. John's Ambulance Senior first aid, instructor Dave Penon of Huttonville showed a film on artificial respiration. As well as the firemen and scout leaders who took the course, the boys of the scout troop watched the informative film and practised artificial respiration afterwards. On behalf of the group, Mickey Holmes presented Mr. Penon with a tie clip and cuff links. The group took their tests previously.

Unable to Get Stock

Chamber Calls Off Family Fishing Day

The July 1st family fishing day, sponsored at Fairy Lake last year by the Chamber of Commerce, will not be repeated this year. Acton Chamber officers announced this week that the fishing event on the local lake which attracted hundreds of anglers here last July will definitely not be held this year. Chief reason behind the Cham-

ber's decision to cancel the event lies in the unavailability of stock fish, notably bass and pike, for the lake. For months, Chamber officials have made efforts to persuade Department of Games and Fisheries sources to stock the lake have been futile. In view of this lack of co-operation, they indicated, and also, since the bass limit has been lifted, it was de-

termined to cancel the family fishing day for at least this summer.

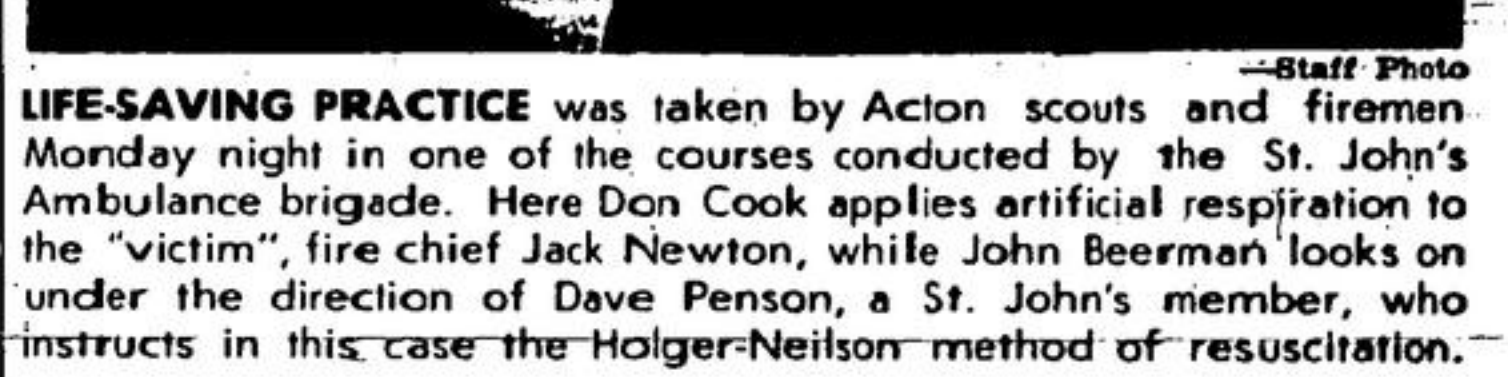
At last year's "derby", the first sponsored on Fairy Lake, over 150 anglers, young and old, participated in the event. Over \$100 in prizes was won and despite 80-degree heat, between 400 and 500 people crowded the park for the day. Some came from as far away as New York

after the accident and the victim's body came to the surface. Diving efforts in the dark water had been unsuccessful in locating her. Artificial respiration was started by a 15-year-old girl, Lynda Walker of Toronto, until the doctor and firemen arrived.

The dead girl is Dorothy Snider, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Snider of Lisgar Ave., Toronto. She was in a group of 58 young people of Dovercourt Road Baptist church. The pastor, Rev. R. W. Wilson, was in charge of the outing, the second held by this organization at the Breezes.

Investigating officer in charge is Constable George Moore of the Milton O.P.P. detachment. The bridge, spanning a tongue of Fairy Lake between the main picnic area and the ball field, the recreation park, was built when the Breezes was opened by Mr. Jocke four years ago. It was not used for a year until cables and anchors settled and the bridge proved safe for normal use.

At either end are signs, cautioning users not to rock the bridge.



LIFE-SAVING PRACTICE was taken by Acton scouts and firemen Monday night in one of the courses conducted by the St. John's Ambulance brigade. Here Don Cook applies artificial respiration to the "victim", fire chief Jack Newton, while John Beerman looks on under the direction of Dave Penon, a St. John's member, who instructs in this case the Holger-Neilson method of resuscitation.

Rummage Rampant at Y's Men's Annual Auction Sale in the Arena

Robbie Parker Wins St. Andrews Award

Robbie Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Parker, has learned from the head master of St. Andrew's College that he has won one of three scholarships offered for grade 10 entrance there next fall. Competition for the awards was keen this year, with written and oral examinations at the College. The popular young Acton student will receive \$800 each year he attends St. Andrew's. An excellent student, active in Boy Scout activities, he has just concluded grade nine.

Water Supply Holds in Heat

The season's first onslaught of heat made no alarming demands on the town's water supply strength, waterworks superintendent J. Lambert said this week. Consumption average these warmer days is running about 175,000 gallons per day, Mr. Lambert added.

Contestants Receive Corsages, Compacts

Top ten contestants in the Rotary club's Queen for a Week contest were guests of the members at their supper meeting this week. Each girl received a corsage and a compact with the Rotary crest on it. Entertainment was provided by Eric Paige, who played the piano. —Just ask the children — they know. Six more days of school!

Shoes, hats, coats, suits—rummage was rampant at the Y's Men's sale Friday and Saturday. There was more rummage than ever before this year and customers made the best of it. Clothing and books were displayed separately at the far end of the arena, and shoppers had a hey-day.

The well-known voices of volunteer auctioneers Roy Hindy and Jack Elliott spelled each other over quantities of furniture, dishes, produce and what-have-you for clusters of eager bidders. Away went almost everything from the ice boxes to Horatio Alger books, the brooder houses to ribbarb. Unsold clothing has been crated and will be sent to some worthy organization—perhaps to go to Korea.

Mansell Nellis and Lorne Masters, who headed the active committee which planned the sale, had a roster of sale clerks on hand to assist the crowd. Winners of the draw were Cranston Griesse and Mrs. Kelly Willow St.—They received lengths of hose.

Over \$500 was raised for the club's projects which include swimming lessons, training and purchasing equipment for the Y.V.C.A. The popular sale will be repeated next year.

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