

County Forums Disagree On Value of Soil Banks

94 Years Old

Next Sunday, Mr. John Graft celebrates his 94th birthday. This nonagenarian, who in good health for his age, lived in Acton vicinity since 1921. From 1885 to 1921, he lived in northern Ontario, coming from there to farm at Acton. His friends extend congratulations on this milestone.

Two Festival Awards For John Maplesden

Ten-year-old John Maplesden, son of former Acton residents Dr. and Mrs. D. C. Maplesden of Guelph, won two awards at the Kiwanis Music Festival in Guelph. For the second year, he was awarded the Simpsons Sears scholarship. A silver rose bowl, offered for the first year by the Guelph Mercury, was also presented to the boy. It is for boys' solo under 16 years.

He received a gold medal with 94 points for boys' solo under 10 years. He is a pupil of Kenneth Harrison.

HALTON MANOR Rev. R. F. Snyder Is Sunday Speaker

Rev. R. F. Snyder, minister of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Milton, came to the Manor on Sunday afternoon, December 2, to conduct the regular church service in the chapel.

After reading verses 26-31 of the 14th chapter of St. Mark, Mr. Snyder described in eloquent fashion, a number of scenes in the last few hours of Christ's lifetime. Having pointed out that these few hours had furnished the Disciples with several opportunities for showing their love and devotion to Christ, Mr. Snyder drew attention to the fact that the Disciples had failed Him. The betrayal of Him by Judas and the eagerness of the great Jewish leaders to crucify Him unjustly are examples of the wasted opportunities that these men had to show their devotion to Him. The three Disciples who fell asleep in the Garden of Gethsemane and Peter, who denied knowledge of Him three times, are further examples of men who wasted their opportunities to serve Him.

These neglected opportunities were the last opportunities that the Disciples had prior to the Crucifixion. Similarly, for many of us Christians of the present day, this may be the last opportunity to submit our lives to Him so that He may make new creatures of us.

Imitate Television For W.I. Program

A very informative and amusing program was enjoyed by the members of the Nassagaweya Women's Institute at their regular monthly meeting held at the home of Mrs. E. Ward, Mrs. C. Curgill, vice-president, presided. The roll call was answered by a Canadian produced I use in my home.

Used clothes were brought for the sale for the Save the Children Fund and \$10, as well as used children's clothes, are to be donated to a needy family in the neighborhood.

After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, Mrs. M. Mahon, convener of Canadian Industries, called two members who are quite experts at growing African violets, to act as a panel in an imaginative television studio, which had for its call letters WARD, channel 5. They told how they took up their hobby and answered many questions from the audience on how to grow African violets.

Mrs. B. Fraser read a chapter from Pages of the Past, a history of Halton county. Mrs. Mahon as commentator, gave the local news. Mrs. M. Moffat gave a reading entitled Betty and the Bear. Mrs. Leafa Anderson, as Leafa March, then asked the \$64,000 questions of the entire audience. Winners were Mrs. K. Griffiths and Mrs. E. Ward tied. After breaking the tie, Mrs. E. Ward was declared the winner.

The meeting was closed with the Queen and the Institute Grace, after which a dainty lunch was served by the hostess and lunch committee.

Council Adopts Assessment Roll Passes Refunds

A special meeting of Erin township council was held on Wednesday, November 21 to revise and adopt the assessment roll taken in 1956 for use in 1957.

As a court of revision council dealt with several appeals. R. John Reid was refunded \$16.20 on his 1956 taxes, and his 1957 assessment was confirmed. Since his barn was burned, William R. Hall's assessment was reduced \$70.59 and Joseph Dentler's assessment was reduced for the same reason. A new tax bill was sent to Margaret H. Smith. Assessments confirmed were those of James Harkness, Dr. J. A. Manucki and Sybil Sharkey.

An agreement was to be signed with the Village of Erin for fire protection. John Boyko was reinstated as holder of a wrecking license.

"The soil bank idea" was the topic discussed by Ontario farm forums on November 19. The soil bank plan, designed to reduce surpluses, increase farm incomes and conserve national soil, water, forest and wild life resources, is being tried in the United States. This is done by farmers setting aside a portion of their land and not growing any crop on it. He must not pasture this part of his farm or derive any return from it. The U.S. government pays them so much per acre.

The reason for studying this plan in farm forums was to determine if farm groups thought a similar plan might be an advantage to Canadian farmers by reducing surpluses and promoting soil conservation.

There was a difference of opinion in the Halton groups. Some thought such a plan would be reducing wheat surplus and keeping all grain at a proper price level. Other groups felt any reduction of wheat supply would be of a short term nature and consequently, nothing permanent would be accomplished. However, all groups agreed that such a plan would promote soil conservation.

To the second question, "Are there any farm lands in your area which you think should be taken out of production?" the majority felt that too much land was being taken for industrial and residential purposes. One group expressed the opinion that some land in Halton might better be used for reforestation.

Contact Number

Due to increased outside police activities, it is often difficult to receive an answer in the case of an emergency when calling the Ontario Provincial Police County detachment at Milton, report Constables George Moore and Harold Youmans, who are stationed there. They have asked that persons wishing to contact them in cases of accidents or emergencies, call DUNDAS, MAYFAIR 8-6311.

This is the Ontario Provincial Police Headquarters for the district and from this office, the local officer can usually be contacted by radio. The constables, home phone numbers, too, may facilitate in contacting an officer. Constable Moore's number is Milton Triangle 8-9220, and Constable Youmans' number is Milton Triangle 8-9311.

Circle Given Hints On Home Decoration

Samples of materials and colored pictures illustrated Mrs. Catherine Ramshaw Matthews points as she spoke to the members of the Friendly Circle on home decoration. Mrs. Matthews, professional decorator from Hamilton, inspired the ladies with her most attractive and practical suggestions for windows, bedspreads and chair covers.

Officers were elected for the coming year and are as follows: president, Shirley Armstrong; vice-president, Edith Jennings; secretary, Pauline Symon; treasurer, Annetta Van Fleet; corresponding secretary, Olga Thompson; reporter, Dorothy Rogvaldsen.

Group leaders: Group 1, Jean Youngblut, Mary Struthers; group 2, Chris Griese, Charlotte Ledger; group 3, Hazel Everdell, Jean Morrison; group 4, Olive Cairns, Mari-Chapman.

Visiting, L. Lovell, D. Kentner, E. Stewart, Mary McKenzie. Mrs. Shirley McKeown gave the devotional, Mrs. Shirley Armstrong read the scripture and Mrs. Helen Rogvaldsen led in prayer. A recorded hymn, Ernie's Ford's His Hands, was played.

Mrs. Armstrong presided for the meeting, which concluded with delicious refreshments.

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(Intended for Last Week)

"A" Pack
The "A" Pack was sorry to miss their scheduled trip to tour the Ford plant last Thursday evening but inclement weather forced postponement until a later date, possibly in January.

The regular meeting was held with some games and test passing. Points in the Six competition are: Red 49, White 42, Tawny 39, Yellow 40.

"B" Pack
Second Sixer Ken Knowlton was the recipient of the only badge awarded last week. The badge was his first proficiency, the House Orderly.

Instruction and test passing by Raksha and Akela highlighted the evening with relay and group games in conjunction.

The Whites threatened to overtake the Reds in the Six competition but fell short by 3 points. Points are: Reds 78, Whites 75, Tawny 66, Yellow 56.

Next week it is hoped that all "new chums" will be invested and welcomed into the pack.

"C" Pack
This new pack has now progressed to the point where all 18 Cubs will soon be invested and officially be recognized as Wolf Cubs.

Last Friday night, a review on some of the Tenderpad tests and instruction on the remaining, combined with games and inspection, rounded out the regular Friday night meeting.

Director of Welfare Urges Group Action

The monthly meeting of the Council of Community Services for the County was held at the Milton Inn Wednesday afternoon of last week.

Miss Bernice Touzel, Director of the Ontario Welfare Association, gave a very interesting and informative talk. Miss Touzel gave great emphasis to the group organization and joint action on the part of workers in the fields associated with the health and social aspects of family life. The group was advised that the various projects that could be developed within the council.

Members attending were: Dr. A. F. Bull, director, Halton County Health Unit; Miss G. J. Leavey, Supervisor of Nurses; acting chairman, Miss Dorothy Knight, Nurse in charge, V.O.N., Oakville district; Miss Frances Ducker, Nurse in charge, V.O.N., Burlington district; Miss Joy Parsons, Superintendent, Oakville - Trafalgar hospital; Miss MacIntosh, Director of Nursing Service, Milton hospital; Mrs. Mary Gilmour, social worker, Children's Aid Society; Miss Mullarkey, social worker, Mother's Allowance, Trafalgar township; Mrs. Osler, social worker, Family Service Bureau, Oakville; Mrs. Parker, social worker for County Health and Tuberculosis Association; Miss Marion Werry, district director of Victorian Order of Nurses.



PICTURED FOLLOWING MARRIAGE ceremony at Acton United church are Mr. and Mrs. George W. Bell. The bride is the former Ann Alice Fobes of Edmonton, Alberta. The groom is the son of Mrs. Mildred Bell of Acton and the late George Bell. The couple will reside in Kitchener where they will operate a dance studio.

Wins \$36
Mrs. Helen Waterhouse won a ten per cent coupon drawn, worth \$36 in the weekly Appreciation Day draw at the post office last Saturday. Mrs. P. L. Kerr won the regular \$5 draw.

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A majority of Acton Merchants have signified their intention, to the Chamber of Commerce, to remain open according to the following schedule:

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 24—Christmas Eve—All Stores will close at 7 p.m.
WED., DECEMBER 26—Boxing Day—All Stores will be closed All Day.
MON., DECEMBER 31—New Year's Eve—All Stores will close at 6 p.m.
WED., JANUARY 2—All Stores will be closed All Day.

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CAMPBELLVILLE Returns After Visit For Year in England

(Intended for last week)

Mr. Ezra Howlitt has arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Coulter Sr. after spending a year in England visiting relatives.

Winter has arrived and sleighs, toboggans, overshoes and snow tires are the order of the day. Santa Claus will arrive next.

Sympathy of this community is extended to Mrs. John Gilmour during the recent loss of her brother in California.

Congratulations to Margaret McPhail, Donna McMillan and Douglas Dredge who received honors at the Kiwanis Music Festival in Guelph last week.

Friends of Frank Quinlan are sorry to hear he underwent an operation in St. Michael's hospital this week. Many wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Oesch and Sally of Pontiac, Mich., and Mr. Kenneth McCrae of Birmingham, Mich., were week-end guests with Mr. and Mrs. James Wallace and family.

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