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91 Years Old

On Monday, Mrs. Peter Bayers observed her 91st birthday, when friends and relatives expressed their congratulations and best wishes. Mrs. Bayers is in good health.

Ice Made in Arena Skating on Saturday

On Saturday, for the first time this winter, the Acton arena was open for skating. In the morning the boys and girls were admitted free; in the evening the usual admission charge was made. It is hoped that the weather will cooperate and let the skating continue.

Barr Building Future Unsure

E. E. Barr reports this week that no decision has been made yet concerning the future of his badly burned building at the corner of Mill and Eglon Sts. An estimated \$33,000 damage was caused to three apartments and three businesses in a fire there last week.

Bert Wood, insurance agent whose office was damaged, is continuing business as usual. All his files were saved from the fire. Mr. Wood has set up a new office in the same building as Richee Real Estate at 124 Mill St. West.

Bill Dumarch has temporarily stored some of his stock and is carrying on business from his home.

Andy Tack has not been able as yet to re-locate his shoe repair shop. He would like to stay in Acton, though his machinery will soon be taken away to be checked, and repaired if necessary.

The Legion Ladies' Auxiliary is planning a bingo, with the proceeds to go to the burned out families.

On the night of the fire, a terrier disappeared and hasn't been seen since. She's called Lady and she belongs to Wayne Wilson who is very happy to get his pet back again. Lady has a black back, brown and white legs.

Grant Policy Means \$987

A policy of grants based on taxation of Federal business taxes, announced at the opening of Parliament Tuesday afternoon, can mean an added \$987 for Acton's treasury according to assessor T. Jones.

The Post Office, the only Federally owned building in Acton, will be assessed at \$18,450, making the taxes \$987.

Taxes were formerly collected from this building, only on the apartment as the government only paid taxes if the federal building's assessment exceeded two per cent of the town's total assessment.

Y's Menettes Group Sews for Convention

Working portable sewing machines, needles, thread and scissors, the newly formed Y's Menettes group met at the home of Ruth Leatherland Wednesday night. The ladies are making maple leaf pot holders for the International Convention to be held at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, in July.

The group plans to send a travelling baking basket to all members and wives of Y's Men.

After a short business session, a delicious lunch was served by the hostess.

Acton Badminton Club Wins 7-6 Over Guelph

Acton's Y Badminton club chalked up a 7-6 victory Wednesday night over the Guelph Garrison club in the Acton Y.M.C.A.

In the mixed doubles, Acton took three games, with Guelph winning two, while the men's doubles went 3-1 for Acton. Guelph claimed the reverse of that score in the ladies' doubles.

Playing for the Acton club were Joyce Carpenter, Roy Gairnley, Garnet Noler, Marjorie Gatenley, Lilli Nolan, G. Williams, Maurice Jeffrey, Joyce Carpenter, June Brashaw, Doug Daintith, Maurice Van Hemmer.

Fund Raising Plans Discussed at Rotary

Plans for fund raising in the spring were discussed at the Rotary club meeting which was held in the Dominion Hotel Tuesday.

There were two guests attending, George Thompson from Orangeville and Lloyd Minshall of Oakville.

There are three new members to the public school since the Christmas vacation. Mrs. G. W. Giddals, who comes from Georgetown, teaches grade six. Mrs. Barber of Georgetown has a grade five class. Mrs. Whiting has moved to Acton and teaches grade two.



Children Riding The Snow Sphinx

An unusual sight as you drive through Everton is this snow sphinx. The novel snow figure is about the size of a horse. The three sisters riding the chilly mount from left to right are Donna, Dorris and Linda Fountain.

Name E. Smith Principal New M. Z. Bennett School

The Robert Little school is the name now given to the present public school, it was decided at a meeting of the public school board last Thursday.

The school was named after a former principal and Halton County Inspector. A monument stands in Fairview Cemetery erected by former pupils in his honor during a reunion.

Assistant principal W. D. E. Smith was officially appointed principal of the M. Z. Bennett school which is presently under construction. Colin MacCull was appointed caretaker of the new school.

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Retailer Compensation Explained Made Compulsory First of 1957

Workmen's compensation is now compulsory for all retailers, Acton merchants were told when G. J. Beach, liaison officer for the Workmen's Compensation Board, addressed the Chamber of Commerce.

The first meeting of the year was held with the new president, Frank Terry, in the chair, in the Y.M.C.A. Tuesday evening. Dinner was served by the Y Ladies' Auxiliary to about 25.

Jim Ledger introduced Mr. Beach, who has had 30 years' experience on the Workmen's Compensation Board and has travelled extensively explaining the board's work.

In 1953, Mr. Beach recalled, the minister of labor, wanted to make Workmen's Compensation compulsory for all retailers but the Workmen's Compensation Board was not prepared to handle the situation.

Later the Board moved to a new building in 1956 an educational program was started to acquaint retailers with the benefits of the Act.

The meeting in Acton was the 45th since the program started to explain the Act to retailers.

Mr. Beach was aware that many retailers were not willing to accept the Workmen's Compensation Act as a compulsory measure, but thought it was generally accepted following explanation. The cost is born entirely by the employees, he said. There is no government subsidy.

The Workmen's Compensation Board is made up of three members who hire and control their staff of 1,200 employees at five offices in Toronto, Kitchener, Windsor, the Lakehead and the rehabilitation centre at Milton. The non-profit board was first organized in 1915 and is now established in every province.

Different types of industry have different rates.

He explained particularly why retailers were placed under the Act. In 1955, 1,333 retailers were under the Act and since then, 3,300 accident claims were made either by employees or employers, indicating the retail trade also needed protection.

Mr. Beach was thanked by Bert Hinton.

Town Beautification Week, the formation of a Horticultural Society and Christmas Parade promotion were all suggested when Mr. Terry asked for suggestions from the members for work projects.

Square Dance Club Organized at Y.M.C.A.

Tomorrow night will be the first night for the new Y.M.C.A. Square Dance Club and it promises to be a wonderful evening.

The caller for these square dances will be Sandy Sanford and tomorrow night Mr. Sanford will be bringing with him one of his many square dance teams from Toronto. Mr. Sanford has trained many Canadian champion sets and many of his sets appeared on television shows. It is hoped that three or four competition sets can be organized from the adults and teenagers attending the Friday night square dance club.

Other Halton Juniors competed in the music competitions, although none were successful enough to be named winners. Dorothy Marshall, Marilyn Leslie and Lorna Woodley sang solos and a mixed quartet was made up of Dorothy Marshall, Audrey Peacock, John Eves and Tommy Hunter. John Eves, Tom Hunter, Stu McFadden and Howson Riddell were entered to represent the county in the male quartette class.

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Christina McLellan second to Mrs. Clare Wilson and consolation to Mrs. H. Wilkinson. Men's first went to C. Storey and second to Clare Wil Flett.

Lunch was served and a social half hour enjoyed by all.

Study of Formosa Taken by Auxiliary

The Ellen Anderson Girls Aux. have held their meeting on January 6. Beverly Smith, the president, opened the meeting. Carol Hagen, secretary, read the minutes, and Marilyn Young, treasurer, gave the financial report. Further business was discussed.

The study of Formosa was taken by the leaders, Mrs. Ellery and Mrs. Moran, followed by a quiz. The meeting was closed with Ellen Anderson's girls' anthem.

The next meeting will be held on February 3 when a full attendance was requested.

Nominations Filed At I.O.D.E. Meeting

Nominations comprised the business portion of the meeting of the Lakeside chapter, I.O.D.E. at the Legion Hall Tuesday.

Mrs. Helen Landsborough gave two piano selections.

Prize winners at bingo were Helen Pickett, Mary Matthews, Helen Josque, Edith Watkins, Jessie Cole, Charlotte Holmes and Helen Landsborough.

Steadily Proceeding Work on the New Bank of Montreal

Work on the new Bank of Montreal is proceeding steadily. Hidden under the canvas cover, the foundation is almost complete—a good start for the modern building underway.

Citizens' Band Name Chairmen

The Acton Citizens' Band announced their committees and chairmen at an executive meeting recently.

Budget—Charles Kingsmill, Elmer Smith, Julian Zajac and Charles Mason.

Membership—Ray Agnew, Joe Seelen and Elmer Smith.

Attendance—Charles Kingsmill, Ed Footitt and Bing Ramadan.

Engagements—Rudolph Spielvogel.

Publicity—Jim Greer.

Transportation—Gord Lawson.

Junior Band—Elmer Smith, Smith, Charles Mason, Joe Seelen and Al Perrotti.

Property—custodian—Charles Kingsmill.

Librarians—Elmer Smith, Emerson Baxter and Lorne Wick.

Gifts Appreciated By Children's Aid

During the Christmas season the Children's Aid Society of the County of Halton received a number of substantial cash donations as well as gifts of toys, clothing, food books and games, reports G. F. Thompson, Superintendent.

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Mr. Thompson expressed the sincere thanks and appreciation, not only of those who benefited from the kindness, but also on behalf of the Society to the organizations and individuals who made this possible.

Meet Garfield Brown, 35, former clerk-treasurer of Stouffville, for over six years, who Thursday of last week took over his duties as deputy clerk-treasurer of Halton County. He will assist clerk William Deans in the office at the Milton Court House.

Urban Board Inaugural Plan Ambulance Service

The continuance of ambulance service in the north of the county came in for considerable discussion at the meeting of the North Halton Urban Board in Acton Tuesday evening, when regular representatives from Acton, Milton and Georgetown, as well as two representatives of both Esqueping and Nassagawey townships gathered to seek a solution to the problem.

The undertaking, firms of the county, who presently operate privately-owned ambulance services, decided at a recent meeting to discontinue the service early in the new year, reported chairman Charles Johnson from Milton. Milton was the only exception to the move, however, when the undertakers noted that as the businesses were losing money, they would like to give it up but felt they couldn't leave the community in the lurch.

Representatives pointed out the undertakers in Acton and Georgetown had definitely agreed to discontinue their ambulance service.

Mayor Tyler Outlines Active Program As Acton Council Holds '57 Inaugural

Halton Junior Is Among Best Public Speakers

Miss Bertha Watson of Acton representing Halton's Junior Farmers at their Provincial conference in Toronto Saturday, was named one of the top five public speakers from the 24 counties represented. Although she wasn't chosen Provincial champion, reports are that she was one of the best of the five finalists.

Her topic, Transportation, with which she was recently named Halton champion, and a five-minute impromptu speech on Our Fair, took her into the finals Saturday evening. Given her choice of five impromptu topics for the final, she chose Country, and, according to Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitehead, Miss Watson made a fine showing.

Miss Watson is a public school teacher in Erin township.

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Provincial Finalist

Halton representative Miss Bertha Watson of RR 2, Acton, who was one of five finalists from 24 competing counties in the public speaking championships of the Provincial Conference of Junior Farmers in Toronto Saturday.

Three motions were required to establish a meeting night with the motions for the first and third Monday but as well as one for the second and fourth Tuesday. Regular meetings were finally established on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm.

Appointments at the inaugural included Harbison and Tyler to the Planning Board; Wilson, Hargrave, Harbison, Lowe and Tyler to the Court of Revision; Hinton to the Citizens Band Committee; and William Matthews to the County Planning Committee.

A request from Shell Oil for a building permit to construct a service station at the corner of No. 7 highway and Meadsdale Road was shelved, while the County plan to present a more complete plan for the whole area. It was reviewed the planning board had earlier denied a request for accommodating zoning provisions for this area and have refused. The area had been zoned for "zoning center."

The real estate representative agreed to consider development of the entire area and ask later for a joint meeting of council and planning board. Mayor Tyler pointed out the block was not presently possible.

Application to the Ontario Municipal Improvement Corporation for their purchase of debentures totalling \$700,000 for school purposes, was approved. A 30 day option was granted the Hill Gouinlock firm on that sum as a 15 month debenture, a 10 year \$40,000 debenture and a 20 year \$25,000 debenture with yield at 94 on the 20 year issue and 95.50 on the ten year issues.

An invoice submitted to Robert Hudson, Lakeside developer, for installation of lights by agreement that the area was returned. A letter had been sent by the clerk but no reply had yet been received.

The monthly police report shows fines totalling \$179.

As the close of the five hour meeting drew near a motion to complete meetings by 11 pm was approved.

New Well Flow Excellent But Tests Prove Too Hard

A committee from Acton Council was told Wednesday by engineers that the recently drilled water source produced water too hard for practical use in the municipal system.

The well drilled on the Warren farm produced an excellent flow in excess of the present supply.

Members of the committee discussed further action with Engineers R. V. Anderson, Hyde and Kirk, which was to be reported to council by the engineers at the next meeting.

The Wednesday afternoon meeting was preceded by a review of

possible sites around the town, by the engineers. An electric log of the present well, which would possibly determine what depth the existing hard water is reached, was to be prepared by the International Water Supply engineer.

It was pointed out the well on the Warren farm had been drilled to a depth greater than any other wells in the area and thus provided important information in charting further action.

Consideration was to be given in the report to deeper drilling and testing in some of the presently capped municipal wells.

Back to School

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Festive Season Over Trees Disappearing

Those lovely Christmas trees which have made the festive season so brilliant and cheerful are gradually being discarded and taken away to the Acton dump, where to be covered over with earth.

A few are still to be taken but soon all the glory of Christmas and the New Year will have vanished.

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