



Dignified Councillors
Pose for Photo Many Years Ago

Who are they? This picture of an Acton Council of many years ago was located in the town hall during renovations there, and so far identification of the bearded gentlemen is not complete. It is believed the photograph was taken about 1910. The Free Press would be interested to hear from anyone who recognizes a grand father among these townsmen.

Milton Play Judged Best Vast Improvement Noted

With what was considered a difficult play to present, the Milton junior farmers walked off with the W. I. Dick trophy for the best play at the annual drama festival of the Halton junior farmers staged in Fairview school, Louisville, Friday evening.

Jean Peterson, who played the female lead in their play, "The Monkey's Paw" was awarded the Margaret Alice Gibson trophy for her performance as the best actress, and Ross Austin of Norval, who played the male lead in their production of "Sparking" was the winner of the J. E. Whitehead trophy for the best actor.

Palermo, Norval, Milton and Acton juniors each presented a one-act play. Palermo, in a Glass Darkly, was a melodramatic romance starring Betty Barnes as the girl playing the victim, carried to the edge of the cliff by the villain before the portrait was finished, the artist had fallen in love with his subject, but she refused to marry him because she felt she couldn't make him happy. It wasn't until the end of the play that the audience learned the girl was blind and couldn't see her portrait anyway.

Suspecting actresses were Norman Rowden as the blind girl's sister and Mary Fitzpatrick as the girl's maid. Mrs. Evelyn Oates directed the production.

Norval's Sparking was a comedy and presented a lighter vein to an otherwise serious evening. Ross Austin who won the best actor award played the role of Orby Sparks, the dim-witted farm boy who comes to court Lassie Hanna, the country girl, played by Carol Hunter. He ran into trouble with Lassie's grandfather, played by Jean Wigglesworth, who unfortunately offered the youth some chewing tobacco. In his clumsy manner Orby spat his juice into the cupboard where grandma's new white dress hung instead of out doors. When grandma realized the error away, but he returned, made up for his mistake, and grandma decided she would dye the dress black for her funeral instead. Marilyn Wigglesworth played the part of Susan Hanna, daughter of grandma. Mrs. C. Chester and Howson Radell directed it.

Milton's winning play, "The Monkey's Paw" was a one-act drama in three scenes, directed by Stuart McFadden. The story centres around the mysterious paw of a monkey which when possessed grants the owner three wishes. Through a friend Sergeant Major played by Jackie O'Connor the paw came in to the possession of Mr. and Mrs. White, played by Dave Wilson and Jean Peterson. Mr. White used his first wish in hoping for a girl, and his second wish to return her son. As someone knocks on the door the audience supposed it was her son returning from the dead. Mr. White wished the evil of the thing and washed his son dead again.

Mrs. Peterson's dramatic enacting of the part of the troubled wife drew favorable comment from the adjudicator, John Binks of Hamilton. The scenery and lighting of this play also drew high compliments. Gordon Harris played the part of Mr. Sampson from the play.

Acton's comedy, "Not Quite Such a Goose" was the story of a teenage boy (Allan Bowen) who was interested in nothing but baseball and his hero (another baseball player) until his sister (Mildred Watson) brought home her girl friend (Doris Thompson) for a visit. The youth's whole outlook on life changed, and he did all sorts of never-before-

Levy Five Fines In Court Here

Two charges of careless driving and one of impaired driving brought fines in Magistrate's Court here Tuesday.

On a charge of impaired driving a fine of \$30 and costs plus six months of the driver's license for six months was registered.

One charge of careless driving netted a fine of \$50 and costs while a second brought a fine of \$75 and costs.

A fine of \$3 and costs was assessed on a driver charged with speeding and \$5 and costs for failing to stop at a stop sign.

Magistrate K. M. Lawton presided.

Sessions Clerk Of Eden United



NORMAN MARSHALL

Eden Mills United church board of elders recently appointed Norman Marshall as clerk of sessions.

A native of the Nassagawawa-Eden Mills district, Mr. Marshall has been postmaster in Eden Mills since 1928. His father, John Marshall, was a member of the Ebenezer church on the Guelph Rd. and was one of the founders of the present church building.

Eden Mills United church is in the Ebenezer charge.

Week-end Visitors In District Listed

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCutcheon and Dianne Kitchener visited on Sunday at the home of Miss Mary Fountain, 125 St. Mary's St., with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Justin and Bobbie.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Alton and Ian, Guelph, were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. John Alton and Miss Jennie Towell.

Mr. and Mrs. Leaman Thomson, Guelph, were recent visitors at the same home.

Miss Joyce Fountain, Guelph, visited on Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Fountain and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jeston, Paris, and Nancy visited with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Milne, Rockwood on Sunday.

Mrs. Tom Cutting, Mrs. Norton and Tommy attended a surprise party for Mrs. Gerry Stumph, Rockwood on Saturday.

Miss Mary Fountain spent Saturday with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Stewart, and Bonnie, Guelph.

Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cutting, Mrs. Norton and Tommy were Miss Marjorie Cutting, Mr. and Mrs. A. Clarke and Marilyn Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. McCutcheon visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Ellenton, Louisville.

Jas. Fisher, Georgetown Heads Halton Mutual Co.

James T. Fisher, of RR 3 Georgetown, was named 1957 president of the Halton Union Farmers' Mutual Life Insurance Co. at the recent annual meeting. Mr. Fisher was vice-president in 1956.

He Craig Road of RR 6 Milton, was named to replace him as vice-president. A. T. Moore of Campbellville, secretary-treasurer, was re-elected.

Last year's directors Cameron M. Kitching of Rockwood, Mr. Fisher and T. J. Brownridge of Georgetown, Daniel Gray of Hillsburgh, F. F. Ford of Milton, J. E. Pearson of Acton and Victor Hall of Honeybush retained their positions. Mr. Reid and William E. Beckton of Burlington were named to replace Leslie Kerns of Burlington and Charles Reathhead of Milton, who retired.

C. R. Harris Appointed Co-Op General Manager

The Board of Directors of Halton Co-Operative Supplies has announced the appointment of Charles R. Harris as general manager.

Mr. Harris was formerly branch manager at the Georgetown office of Halton-Co-Op. He has been associated with the Co-Operative for 12 years.

Badminton Tourny In Guelph Saturday

A return badminton match between Acton Y and the Guelph Garrison club was played in Guelph Saturday. The local players, who had won the encounter here previously, lost the second engagement.

Both Guelph and Brantford players entered in the three-way tournament.

Tea and refreshments were served afterwards.

Acton players were Mrs. Joyce Carpenter, Mrs. Geneva Myles, Mrs. Jackie Nolan, Miss Anne Dalnith, Roy Gatenby, Jack Carpenter, Garnet Myles, Douglas Dalnith and Maurice Jeffrey.

Another tournament will likely be arranged to be played here.

OBITUARY Mrs. Elizabeth Symon Life-time Resident

A life time spent in this community was closed Tuesday of last week when Mrs. Elizabeth Symon passed away at St. Joseph's hospital Toronto. She had been in failing health for some time and was in her 84th year.

Mrs. Symon was a daughter of the late Archibald and Eliza McPherson and was born at Spey-side of this family so well known here. Five brothers and four sisters survive her. They are A. M. of Acton, Robert, George, Frank, Hubert, Mrs. J. H. Noble, Mrs. Jean Johnston, Mrs. Mary Warkner and Mrs. Edna Sarder, all of Toronto.

Her husband, the late James Symon, predeceased her several years ago. He established and owned the Symon Hardware, which is still conducted by the family. They were married in Acton and all but five years was spent in this town. Three children remain to reverberate the memory of a loving mother.

Charles of Montreal and Mrs. Margaret Taylor and McPherson of Acton. To all the bereaved warm sympathy of many present and former Actonians is extended.

Mrs. Symon took a keen and active interest in the community and her church. She was a charter member of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. She was a member of the United church and when health permitted, she rarely missed being in the family pew. She was active in the Women's Missionary Society and the Women's Auxiliaries.

The funeral service was held at the home on Willow St. on Friday afternoon conducted by her pastor, Rev. G. Adams and Rev. Kettle of Washbridge. Many friends called at the home and many floral tributes expressed sympathy and esteem.

Interment was in Fairview cemetery here in the family plot. Hall bears were her five brothers, Robert, George, A. M., Frank and Hubert and her brother-in-law, Harry Noble.

C. G. I. T. News

Monday evening Knox CGIT girls held their meeting in the classroom. They opened with exercises led by Mrs. Buchner. The new monthly study was taken up and the business followed. Mrs. Hansen took some girls to the basement to work on a map for the business study.

The roll call was taken with 14 answering. The offering was taken by Sue Walters and the meeting closed with Taps.

ACTON GIRL GUIDES

About 14 of the Girl Guides have their new uniforms now. Bringing as new Tenderfoot Guides are Gertrude McKachern and Linda Vickers of Rockwood.

The troop, which meets in the United church each Tuesday, is holding a Valentine Tea this Saturday (the Sunday, February 24) the girls will join the Brownies, Cubs and Scouts for a church parade to the United church.

Another captain or an assistant is badly needed by the troop.

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Canadian Sales up 40% in Record Year for Sun Life

New insurance during 1956 largest amount ever sold by a Canadian company in any year; policy dividends again increased; \$7 billion insurance in force.

New life insurance sold by the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada in 1956 amounted to \$254 million, an increase of \$93 million over the previous year and once again the greatest amount of life insurance ever sold by any Canadian company in one year. In Canada, a 40% increase was reported. Sun Life's 66th Annual Report to Policyholders, just released, also discloses that life insurance in force has now passed the \$7 billion mark, an all-time record. The Company is again adopting new and increased dividend scales which will further reduce the cost of insurance to policyholders. As a result of these increased scales, Sun Life will pay out \$31 million in dividends to policyholders during 1957, or \$2,700,000 more than in the previous year, and more than twice the amount paid out only nine years ago. During 1956, the Company paid a total of \$137 million in benefits to policyholders, largest amount ever distributed by the Sun Life in any year. Living policyholders and annuitants received \$94 million of this amount. Benefit payments since 1871, when the first \$500,000 life policy was issued, have now exceeded \$3,140 million.

George W. Bourke, Sun Life President, in reviewing Company results for the 12-month period, stated that full advantage had been taken of favourable conditions for a record sale of life insurance by the Sun Life. By mobilizing the savings of millions of policyholders, life insurance is playing a vital part in providing the funds needed for the tremendous capital expansion which is taking place today.

GROUP BUSINESS
NOW OVER \$2 1/2 BILLION
Included in new business during the year was \$250 million of group insurance, or 30% of the total, bringing group insurance in force to more than \$2 1/2 billion. Sun Life's worldwide total of insurance in force now has reached \$7,000,000,000, an all-time high. Annuities payable currently and in future under group pension plans and individual contracts totalled \$162 million per annum at the end of 1956. Life insurance and annuities combined, are the equivalent of \$2,750,000,000 of life insurance. The division of this figure among the major territories in which the Company operates is: Canada 42%; United States 30%; Great Britain and other Commonwealth countries, 13%; elsewhere, 2%.

\$20 MILLION IN NEW MORTGAGE LOANS
An increase in assets of \$60 million took place in 1956, and Sun Life assets were valued at slightly over \$2 billion. During the year 1956, even though there were credit conditions existed in Canada and the United States, the Sun Life advanced \$20 million in new mortgage loans throughout the two countries. Mr. Bourke said "Our mortgage loan account now stands at \$460 million."

Sun Life's Report revealed that the success of the year's investment operations was reflected in the gross interest rate earned on the Company's assets, which increased from 4.17% in 1955 to 4.32% in 1956.

CONTINUED GROWTH
Mr. Bourke concluded by saying that with the prospect of continued expansion, the volume of new life insurance will continue to grow. "In the highly competitive atmosphere in which we operate," he declared, "the Sun Life will continue to be responsive to public needs and anxious at all times to improve the service we have to offer."

A copy of Sun Life's complete 1956 Annual Report, including the President's review of the year, is being sent to each policyholder. Further details may be obtained from George Hollinger, local Representative.

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