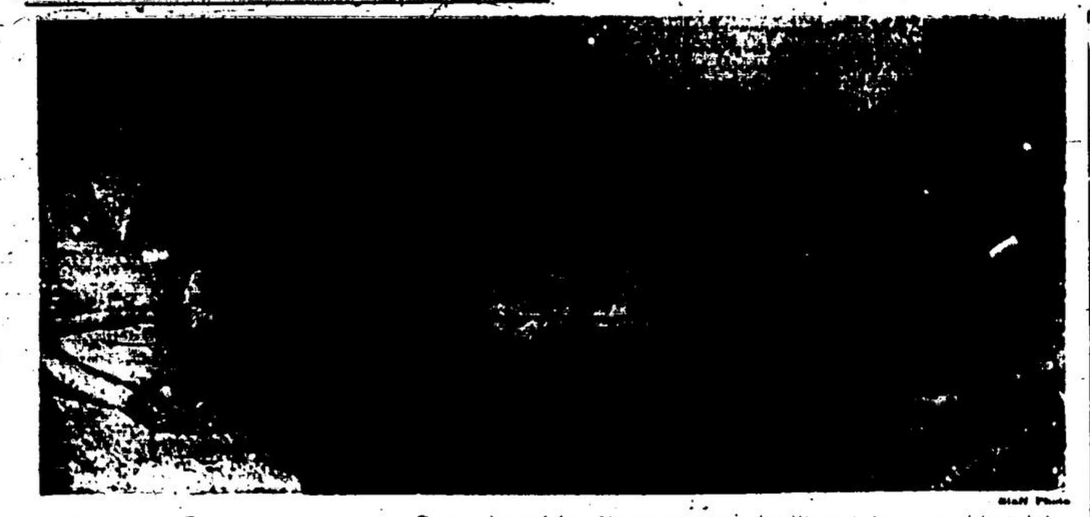

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Nassagaweya Institutes Celebrate 60th W.I. Birthday

The members of four Nassagaweya township Women's Institutes celebrated the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Canadian organization with a party in Brookville hall Tuesday night. Shown, from the left, are Campbellville president Mrs. James Wallace, Nassagaweya president Mrs. Andrew Frank, Halton District president Mrs. G. R. Somerville of Acton, Dublin president Mrs. William McIntyre, and Busy Bees president Mrs. Oscar Locker, with the birthday cake.

Mystery Councillors Are No Longer Nameless

Several phoned the Free Press during the past week to help identify the councillors in this old picture, recently discovered at the town hall. One of them was the last surviving member of the group, William Cooper. From left to right, the men are thought to be lawyer A. J. McKinnon, A. T. Brown, Sandy Bell, George Hynds, Murray McDonald, William Cooper and John Harvey. The photo was taken in 1910.

West Indian Addresses Club

A British West Indian, Hector Massey, addressed Acton Y's Men at their regular meeting on Thursday of last week. His subject was "The British West Indies: They Seek a Better Country." Mr. Massey is an undergraduate at McMaster University in Hamilton where he is studying for the ministry. He plans to serve a field in Canada before returning to his home in Jamaica, B.W.I.

"For over 400 years the West Indies has been governed from quasi colonial administration which often jeopardized the rich and continued injustice and corruption," Mr. Massey said. "The economic side was genuine."

"Today we are in the transition from the great chapters of our history. Most of the islands have representative governments of one form or another. Units like Jamaica can hope to have complete self-mastery — a government similar to Ontario within a few months.

"The governments of the British West Indies are doing all they can to improve the standard of living and education. The tourist industry is at an all time high. Life in the West Indies is exciting and just as if not more fascinating than most places," he pointed out.

Club business included acknowledgement of receipt of 50 chairs for the Y.M.C.A. These were purchased from funds made available by the Ladies' Auxiliary, to the Ya Men's club.

Plans were discussed pertaining to the Ontario conference of Ya Men to be held in Geneva Park, Muskoka, sponsored by the Acton club.

February 21 (today) a large group of the members planned an inter club visit to Kitchener.

Final arrangements were detailed for the Father and Son banquet to be held March 14.

Georgetown Chapel Is Wedding Setting

Rose church chapel (Georgetown) was the scene of a quiet wedding when Sylvia Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Allen, RR 4, Acton, became the bride of Fred Rendner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rendner, Acton Rev. Alan Calder officiated at the ceremony.

The bride who was given in marriage by her father, chose a floor length gown with white dress satin. She wore a corsage of pink carnations. Lorrie Hyde, maid of honor, for her sister wore a blue gown and pink carnations. Mr. Arnold Rendner of Oakville, a cousin of the groom, acted as groomsman.

A reception was held at the bride's home where her mother and the groom's mother received following the ceremony. Members of the families and friends were present. Mr. and Mrs. Rendner left for a motor trip to the States for their honeymoon.

Youngsters are practicing for tryouts for the Music Festival at the public school this week.

Canadian stocks of frozen fish at the beginning of 1956 amounted to 48,441,000 pounds.

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Old Costume Parade, History Of W.I. Featured at Greenock

A very interesting January meeting of Greenock Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Elwood Johnston. Mrs. E. Patterson presiding. After the usual opening and scripture reading by Mrs. J. Near, the roll call was answered by A Favorite Hymn. Mrs. E. Johnston read the minutes and thank you notes and items of business were discussed.

The temperance conveners, Mrs. R. Allan and Mrs. A. McNiven took over. Mrs. Allan gave many appalling figures on alcohol costs as released from Parliament Buildings, Toronto. For example, its cost to our province in a year is over 278 million dollars — more than the cost of roads.

Mrs. R. McKeown gave a poem, The Business Man, Mrs. H. Reid a poem, Strong Drink is Raging, and Mrs. C. Aitken a poem, The Face on the Bar Room Floor.

The meeting celebrated ten years since the founding of the W.I. and the ladies were glad to have Mrs. A. McKeown present, for it was through her efforts and in whose home Greenock Institute first met. To celebrate this and also the founding of The Women's Institute by Adelaide Hoodless, 60 years ago, a huge Valentine trimmed angel cake provided part of the sumptuous lunch.

A real anniversary program was given: Mrs. E. Patterson gave a talk on the Institute; Mrs. Hemsley a talk on The Mary Stewart Collect used since 1904 to open meeting the world over wherever the English language is spoken. A reading by Mrs. Ballentine concerned on the founding of the Institute by Adelaide Hoodless, who lost her first child through the use of impure milk. She studied Home Economics and was able to convince MacDonald, the tobacco king, funds were needed to provide a college to teach this subject and thus MacDonald College at the O.A.C. was founded, with the assistance of $175,000 from Mr. MacDonald. Mrs. Hoodless, in an address she was asked to deliver at a Farmer's Institute meeting, stressed the need for work among the women to better conditions, and so in 1897 one was formed. In 1900 there were 33 and today we have 1489 branches, the aims of which are:

1. Encouraging better home making practices.
2. Helping to develop happier and more useful citizens.
3. Discovering and stimulating leadership.
4. Encouraging appreciation of the things near at hand.

The highlight of the afternoon was the parade of costumes. While all were decked out with old fashioned hats, Mrs. J. I. Allan came in to the tune of I Want a Girl, Just Like the Girl that Married Dear Old Dad, dressed in back wool shawl, lined long black skirt and black plumed hat, representing 60 years ago. Mrs. J. K. Pearen in her wedding dress and plumed hat of over 50 years ago came in to the tune of Old Grey Bonnet. Mrs. E. Patterson was Red Wing of 40 years ago in red velvet costume and plumed hat. For 30 years ago to the tune of Keep Your Sunny Side Up, Miss Elva Pearen came wearing the short dainty type of dress in pale green silk and lace, brought from Paris in 1937. Mrs. C. Aitken came next to When you grow too old to dream, in her graduation dress of 20 years ago. Mrs. Dunn in black velvet, came to the tune of Four Leaf Clover. Then all sang the Birthday Song.

Ladies' Aid, Group Hold Valentine Tea

A very successful Valentine tea was held at Knox church Saturday afternoon. Baking and candy offered for sale by the Ladies' Aid was all sold out and the girls of the Ellen Anderson group realized a good sum from a table of novelties.

Girls of the group served under the convenership of Mrs. Murray Smith. Pouring tea were Mrs. A. McKenzie, Mrs. W. McLeod, Mrs. R. M. McDonald, Mrs. A. J. Buchanan, Mrs. H. L. Bennie and Mrs. A. J. Murray.

Lorenz Leads Attack For Basketball Win

Wolfgang Lorenz led a driving Acton bantam attack to defeat Guelph Y bantam basketball team 23-11 there on Friday.

Lorenz scored nine points, followed by team mates Don Price, Uppy Pasma and Ralph Tripp with four each, and Dave Fleming with two. Filling out the Acton roster were Terry Cairns, Vic Cairns, Fred Dawkins and Harold Braam. Frank Mariscak coached the team to victory.

Hungarian Relief Fund Reported Over the Top

Over the top success was reported today by the Canadian Hungarian Relief Fund. Contributions amount to $512,071 with a national objective of $500,000.

The co chairmen, G. S. Thorvaldson, Winnipeg, and G. G. Temesvary, Toronto, were both enthusiastic about the Canadian public's response to the appeal.

"We are most grateful to the people of Canada for their generosity," said Mr. Thorvaldson. "Once again, Canadians have opened their hearts and showed their willingness to share their good fortune with those who have suffered to preserve our way of life. The success of the fund is most gratifying."

Accounts Passed By Commission

Accounts passed at last week's meeting of the Public Utilities Commission include the following:

Waterworks Accounts

H. Shortill	$14.84
W. Barker Cons. Co. Ltd.	20.00
Williams Supply Co.	36.93
	71.77

Sewer Accounts

Symon Hdwe.	2.05
R. Thompson Fuels Ltd.	215.10
Lawrence Motors	5.30
Grant's Motors	5.86
Acton Woodcrafts	38.61
Shortill's Sheet Metal	4.89
	271.81
Ellis & Howard Ltd.	24.23
J. K. Johnstone	14.60
Ferranti, Elec. Ltd.	342.00
Grant's Motors	11.74
Acton Free Press	30.10
Can. Line Materials	7.07
John Wood Co.	25.50
H. G. Barlow Co. Ltd.	21.90
Marchant Calculators Ltd.	41.00
Wm. Knell & Co. Ltd.	25.71
Powerlite Devices Ltd.	42.30
D. S. Bexton	12.50
Toth Motors	12.30
Thompson Motors Ltd.	31.37
Acton Motors	46.06
Acton Auto Body	5.13
J. B. Mackenzie & Son	60.85
H.E.P.C. of Ontario	4.80
H. Donnell	2.50
Whitham's Garage	14.83
Cansfield Elec. Co.	7.20
	$784.19

Galt Basketball Team Downs Hosts 37-27

Galt bantam basketball team, guests of the Acton team here Saturday, downed their hosts 37 to 27. A return match will be played there on Saturday.

Big scorer was Don Price with eight points followed by Dave Fleming with six. Uppy Pasma with four, Ralph Tripp, Wolfgang Lorenz and Harold Braam with two each. Fred Dawkins and Pat Churchill rounded out the line-up.

Crows have been reported back in the district. Next: robins.

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