



Thank You, Sir
Remark to Guest

Frank Terry is shown on right, thanking C. W. Allen, guest speaker at the Chamber of Commerce meeting on Monday in the Legion auditorium. Mr. Allen's topic was "It's up to you" and he spoke forcefully on self development. Over 200 attended the meeting.

Add 211 Phones Here in 1956

More telephones were added, more money spent on new construction, more calls handled and more money earned by The Bell Telephone Company of Canada than ever before as it experienced the most active year in its history during 1956.

According to the company's 77th annual report, the net increase of 243,408 telephones brought the total in service in the Bell's Ontario-Quebec territory to 2,766,153.

Locally, growth in telephone service paralleled this overall expansion. Mr. C. S. Keith, Bell manager for this region, said that 211 telephones were added in Acton during 1956, bringing the total at the end of the year to 1,345.

A total of \$150,677.707 in wages and salaries was paid to Bell employees in Ontario and Quebec last year. At the end of 1956 the company employed 29,688 people, 24,056 women and 15,632 men.

Expenditures for new construction totalled \$139,500,000 and the company expects to spend another \$178,000,000 on construction during 1957.

Shareholders increased by more than 15,000 during 1956 and now number 140,738, of whom 137,752 are residents of Canada. Only nine per cent of the shares are now owned outside the country, including the five per cent held by the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. Over 11,000 employees and pensioners are shareholders, with their holdings amounting to nearly eight per cent of the total stock.

First Aid Course Initial Lecture

The registration and initial lecture of the St. John Ambulance Brigade was held in the town hall Tuesday.

There were 28 present, including one fireman from Georgetown Department, two firemen from the Acton Department and eight women. Jack Hunter from Guelph, who has taught first aid classes at the Ontario Agricultural College, was the instructor.

The first part of the evening was spent on theoretical training and the latter on practical.

Charles Jerkhis, area supervisor of the St. John Ambulance, wishes Mr. Hunter to start classes in Georgetown.

It is reported that approximately 29 have enrolled to members. Anyone wishing to enroll is to apply at the town clerk's office.

The next class will be held Tuesday, March 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the town hall.

First Class Honors For Eight Students

In the recent theory examinations held at the Trinity College of Music, all pupils from the studio of Dorothy Richardson Scull, R.M.T. received first class honors.

Grade 1: Suzanne Adams 100 per cent, Heather Leyland 100 per cent, Donna Landsborough, Joanne Bang.

Grade 2: Janet Adams.

Grade 3: Grace Symons, Bonnie Bee.

Grade 4: Gloria Jean Hall 100 per cent.

Sunday School Staff Hosts to W.A., W.M.S.

The Sunday school staff entertained ladies of the W.M.S. and W.A. to dinner at the United Church Monday evening, in appreciation of their assistance. A delicious hot meal was served to about 50 by the men teachers.

Mrs. H. Burns expressed the thanks of the W.A. and Miss M. Z. Bennett the thanks of the W.M.S. Mrs. Burns presented a cheque for \$50. for the Sunday school to Mrs. B. Mowat.

All Long showed moving pictures following the dinner.

People Frustrated In Jamaica - Speaker

Mrs. William Ballentine was hostess to the ladies of the Woman's Association of the United Church on Tuesday with the president, Mrs. Burns, in charge. The meeting opened with the Ode and Prayer. The devotional was taken by Mrs. M. Z. Bennett. Her subject was Faith.

It was decided to send \$10 to Hy-erion camp for girls.

Mrs. Ballentine introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Culley, who spoke on Jamaica. She said that frustration of the people was one of the major problems of the island.

Mrs. Culley showed slides of Rev. and Mrs. Culley have ministered to his people in Claremont, Jamaica, for 23 years. They are now in Ontario.

A vote of thanks by Mrs. Shoemaker was extended to the speaker and to the hostess. Light refreshments were served.

Mrs. Bob Brayshaw Takes Philippines As Topic for Talk

The Daughters of Knox Young Affiliated Group held their March meeting Monday in the church with Mrs. Bern Van Fleet in charge of the business. Mrs. Louise Masters read the scripture with Mrs. Don Le Roche leading in prayer.

Mrs. Allan Holmes entertained the group with a delightful piano selection. Miss Doris Allan introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Bob Brayshaw, who gave an enlightening talk on the church in the Philippines, explaining the different religions and the fight against communism. Miss Inez McLeijn thanked Mrs. Brayshaw.

The meeting closed with the Mirzapah benediction. Lunch was served by the group in charge.

OBITUARY

Retired Farmer Dies On His 82 Birthday

On his 82nd birthday, William Henry McCullough died suddenly at his home on Saturday, February 23. He was a resident of Norval since retiring five years ago from farming.

He was born a Georgetown native, son of Robert and Annie Belgrave McCullough, and before his marriage worked in his father's saw-mill. After his marriage to Macy Melvin, they farmed in Nasagawya, then in Equestron on the corner of the 5th Line and No. 7 Highway, later moving back to a farm in Nasagawya. He was a Jersey cattle breeder, and a member of the Presbyterian church.

Surviving are his wife, with whom he celebrated his golden wedding anniversary in April, 1952, and nine children, Gladys, (Mrs. Harold White) and Annie (Mrs. Jim Grainger) of Guelph, Edna (Mrs. Clayton Wilson) and Charlotte of Georgetown; Ethel (Mrs. Rudy Seilat) of Rochester, N.Y.; Melvin of Acton; Harry of Hamilton; Alan of Niagara Falls; and Tillie (Mrs. Alvin Marshall) of Fergus. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Will Keith (Lily) of Owen Sound and Mrs. H. McCullough (Lala) of Washington, D.C. A sister Violet died several years ago.

There are 28 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Rev. G. L. Royal conducted the funeral service in Norval Presbyterian Church and interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown. Pallbearers were Sam Sabara, William Pascock, and William Lancaster. Guelph, and three grandsons, Frank, Wilson, Georgetown, Ted and Fred Marshall, Fergus.

Progress behind that large tarpaulin at the corner of Mill and Willow Sts. where the new bank is to be, includes: heating in, air conditioning installed, night depository installed, roof on, aluminum frames ready for window glass.

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SCANNING THE Sports SCENE

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DON'T BE IMPATIENT folks! Chesley Colts and Wingham Spitfires have nearly finished their best out of nine series for the W.O.A.A. junior championship.

(In case you haven't heard, Acton is to play the winner.)

Chesley, so-called Cinderella team of Western Ontario, leads the series four games to three with one tied. The Colts had a chance to lock it up on Tuesday night but Wingham scored two goals in 10 seconds to skate off with a 4-3 win and prolonging the series.

Why a best of nine?

Well, it's a little matter of making hay while the sun shines or perhaps a better axiom, making money while the turntills are clicking. Twelve hundred fans pushed their way into Chesley's natural ice arena to see the eighth game of the series. Naturally, the ninth and final game will be played at Chesley.

Pipers and the Timorees ousted the Marlboros.

The Teepees and the Blits will battle it out for championship and accompanying cup.

MEAFORD KNIGHTS went one up on Milton in the third game of their best of seven Senior B series last night. They walloped the Milton crew 12-1 in the northern resort to lead the series 2-1. Milton won the first game by shading the Knights 5-4 in Milton but Meaford came back to take the second game 5-4 from the Pontiac Chiefs. Milton hopes to square the series on Friday night in Milton.

In other district hockey action, Georgetown Junior Raiders opened their series with Preston by blasting the visitors 8-2 in Georgetown last week. It's only the second win the Junior Raiders have managed from Preston this season.

MEANWHILE ACTON Juniors have been trying to keep sharp by practicing when ever the ice is available in the local ice palace.

They must be looking at the 1200 fan figure at Chesley with awe in their eyes. The most fans they have attracted in one game couldn't surpass the 300 mark. However, the play-offs are here and with a little co-operation from the weather they should get in at least one more game here before they shift to artificial ice.

Tight now it looks like it will be Chesley the locals play. The Colts have been playing in an intermediate league all season and much to the surprise of observers finished in first place. They were then automatically awarded the junior championship by Chesley fans but ran into stiff opposition from the Wingham crew.

So, whether the team is Chesley or Wingham, they should make things interesting for the locals when they meet.

Aside to junior club executive: How about adopting a name for the Acton team? We're running out of adjectives.

ACTION IN THE Legion Minor Sports leagues, now in the process of elimination, is curtailed by the mild weather, but the three leagues are managing to keep functioning on soft ice.

Monday night in the Junior A circuit, the Teepees eliminated the

North Halton Golf Club Officers for '57 Named

John W. Bell, Georgetown, was elected for a second term as president of North Halton Golf and Country Club when directors held a meeting at the club house at Georgetown recently.

William McNally is vice-president and James F. Evans, secretary. Executive Committee heads include: Graham Fairall, house manager; Russ Woods, greens manager; Jack Malcolm, finance; Dr. J. H. Chamberlain, Ross Duncan, membership; E. W. Binkley, Ken Nash, Jack Gordon, works managers; Don Harter, Jim Linton, tournaments.

The social committee will comprise appointments from the ladies and men's sections: Cecil Dolbe, Milton and Art Scott are also members of the board of directors.

A volunteer work party is being organized to close in the eastern overgrowth of the club house, to provide more space in the main lounge.

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Don Ryder this week joins the editorial staff of the Free Press. Don is well known in Acton and familiar with the sport fans and local residents. Phone Don at 600 if you have any news items of interest.

Girls of Junior Hi-Y Welcome New Members

Junior Hi-Y Club held their induction meeting at the YMCA on Monday, March 4.

The six new members inducted were Emily Salt, Joan Courtney, Mary Hunter, Susan Detels, Ena Walker and Sandra Hudson.

The induction team consisting of Anne Watkins, Edith Francisquato and Katherine Kirkness made the girls welcome.

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