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Miss M. Z. Bennett, retired public school principal, is pictured with Wes Wolfe, school board chairman, as she laid the corner stone for the new M. Z. Bennett School.

## Volunteers Needed

The Parks Board are hoping the fleet will move in, on operation "Stump Removal" this Saturday at Fairy Lake.

Anyone with a boat who wishes to volunteer assistance is asked to meet at the park at 10 a.m. this Saturday morning.

## Alert Fireman Turns in Alarm

On Friday afternoon, a fire confined to a small shed at the rear of J. Starkman's property on Mill St. received prompt attention by members of the Acton Volunteer Fire Department, before any serious damage could result.

The smoke was noticed by J. H. Price, local fireman, 15 Willow St. who immediately turned in the alarm to summon the firemen.

The fire was extinguished with a hose from the booster tank.

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The steel beams are erected at the fire hall and the workmen are putting up the joist.

## Miss M. Z. Bennett Lays Corner Stone

A very quiet ceremony last Monday afternoon saw the corner stone at the new M. Z. Bennett School laid, with Miss M. Z. Bennett and members of the Public School Board officiating.

Miss Bennett, a public school teacher in Acton for 32 years, of which 10 years were spent as principal, retired in 1929, with many pleasant memories.

It was very fitting to have her present to lay the corner stone for the new public school named after her in appreciation of her untiring efforts in the cause of education in Acton.

A few present-day coins were deposited behind the corner stone for "Good Luck".

## Three Contest Federal Seat In Halton Riding

When Halton's 49,000 voters go to the polls on June 10 to elect their next candidate for the Federal seat, the ballots will have a choice of three names on them.

At the official nomination meeting Monday afternoon in Milton town hall, only the three names were put forth—Alexander Beak, Georgetown, nurseryman, Progressive Conservative; Kenneth Y. Dick, Box 128, Milton, lawyer, Liberal; and Jack Henry, Box 31, Oakville, carpenter, C.P.F. No other candidate came forth at the last minute as is sometimes the case.

About 15 people attended the nomination, which were chaired by Halton electoral officer Alex Cooke.

## Announce Highway 401 Public Hearing Plans Show Complete Cloverleaf on 25



Acton was invaded with a television camera, set up at the Bank of Montreal tower last Friday afternoon.

CKCO Television, Kitchener, sent Jack Phillips, photographer, and Ron Hill, director and interviewer, to interview some Acton citizens for their program, "Gadabout".

G. A. Dills, editor of the Free Press, first to be interviewed, reviewed the history of Acton and gave the nearest estimate of the population of Halton.

He was followed by Wm. Davey, manager of the Bank of Montreal, who gave a brief outline on a few of Acton's industries.

Mrs. Mason, Edna Taylor and Lorraine Tyler were also asked for their views on Acton.



A public meeting is planned for June 28 in the Court House, Milton, for any persons interested or affected with the location and plans for the proposed Highway 401 which passes through North Trafalgar Township and cuts into Equeusing Township's south-western corner.

The province-wide controlled-access highway is 150 feet wide, and construction on this phase is to begin this summer.

Starting with Highway 25 and proceeding east along the new super-highway, the final sketch shows the following:

A complete cloverleaf will carry Highway 25 over Highway 401 about 10 miles south of Acton.

The new highway will go over the C.N.R. tracks between Highway 25 and the third line of Equeusing township.

The third line of Equeusing will be closed where 401 crosses it about 2,500 feet north of the base line. A service road will run east to the fourth line on a parallel with Highway 401.

At the fourth line, Equeusing, the base line will be diverted to the north and will cross over Highway 401 just west of the fourth line.

From here the highway goes in a south-easterly direction to about 2,000 feet below the base line, where it crosses the fourth line of Trafalgar. The fourth line will also be closed at the junction. Here the new highway will run parallel to the base line (2,000 feet south of it) until it leaves Halton County.

Highway 401 crosses over the fifth line of Trafalgar and a creek there is to be slightly diverted.

The sixth line of Trafalgar will go over Highway 401 and another creek here will be diverted.

A semi-cloverleaf or half-interchange will be constructed at the seventh line which will go over the new road.

The eighth line will be closed to traffic where the new highway crosses it.

The ninth line will cross over Highway 401.

Just before reaching the tenth line, which will be closed where it meets the highway, Highway 401 will jog to the south-east.

The county road between Halton and Peel counties will cross by bridge over Highway 401. From here the new road continues in a south-east direction through Peel County to meet the part of the highway already finished.

## Acton Girl Age 7 Injured in Collision

Darlene Johnson, aged 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Johnson of Acton, received two fractures of the skull, a broken collarbone and lacerations to the right temple, when she was a passenger in a car that was in collision with a truck at the corner of Churchill Road and No. 7 Highway last Friday morning.

A car driven by Thomas Rock, of 116 Churchill Road, was proceeding north on Churchill Road at the time of the accident and was in collision with a truck driven by Thomas Norman Hamilton of Port Union, proceeding west on No. 7 Highway.

The truck driver told police he applied his air brakes and veered to the right to avoid a more serious accident.

Corporal Mason of the Acton O.P.P. detachment, investigated and reported approximately \$600 damage to the Rock car and no apparent damage to the truck, owned by Wright Transport.

Dr. D. A. Garrett was the attending physician and had the Johnson girl removed to Guelph General hospital for X-rays and further medical attention.

Corporal Mason is conducting further investigation.

## Acton Couple Feted On 35th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Seynuck were feted with a surprise dinner at their home Sunday, May 26 in honor of their 35th wedding anniversary.

A set of Rogers silverware and a dinner set of dishes was presented from relatives.

Guests were present from Cobourg, Toronto, Georgetown, Hamilton, Rockwood, Guelph, Kitchener and Acton.

## St. Alban's G.A. Hold Meeting

The meeting of the Girls' Auxiliary of St. Alban's church was opened with the hymn, "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus, and the G.A. prayer." The Collect was read and dues were taken.

The business session was followed by shellwork. The meeting was closed with the hymn, "Beneath the Cross," followed by the Lord's Prayer.

## Board Approves Beach Area Sanding Plan Park Improvement, Stump Removal

A beach sanding program and proposed swimming classes were discussed at the Parks Board meeting held in the council chambers last Monday night.

Wes Wolfe and Mansell Nellis, representing the Y's Men's Club and the Y.M.C.A. Board, presented plans for sanding the swimming area for approximately 15 to 26 feet out from the shore line and also requested permission to enlarge the beach area and spread sand, in order to allow more pleasant surroundings for the swimmers.

A suitable retaining wall was planned for the protection of the bank at the edge of the water at the swimming area.

It was agreed by the Parks Board that the efforts of the Y's Men's club were very commendable and they greatly appreciated their efforts to produce suitable arrangements for the swimming area. The Board stated they would give any possible assistance to the Club.

Work on this project was to start as soon as weather permitted.

A letter from the secretary of the Y.M.C.A. requested permission to hold swimming classes for juniors at the wading pool from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. during a stated period for the summer months.

It was felt that in view of the secretary of the Y leaving the end of the month, the letter would be filed until further information could be gathered.

The present bathing houses at the park are to be demolished as soon as possible, due to their unsatisfactory condition.

A tender of \$30 from Reliable

taxi was accepted for the operation of the refreshment concession at the park for June, July and August, under the condition that the permit could be cancelled at any time at the discretion of the Parks Board.

It was resolved that the clerk-treasurer be authorized to issue a cheque to Thompson Motors for \$450 to cover purchase of a power mower by the Parks Board.

A suggestion to build two dug-outs for ball teams at the park was forwarded by the Acton Intermediate ball club with a list of supplies necessary to build suitable shelters. They requested that the board assume any or all of the cost of materials. The supplies amounted to \$57 and the work in erecting the buildings was to be done by the club.

The Parks Board agreed to pay \$30 towards the shelters on condition that they become the property of the board and that they be put on skids in order to be moved.

A motion was passed to repair the fence at the park, also that work commence as soon as possible on painting the wading pool.

A letter was received from the Scottish Country Dance Club requesting permission for the use of Prospect Park for a garden party. It was suggested that a representative of the club attend a Parks Board meeting to outline more specific ideas.

The clerk-treasurer was authorized to purchase two new locks with extra keys for use on the park gates.

Mrs. G. Fryer reported the gates

at the cemetery had been painted by the Women's Institute.

It was agreed to hold a stump removal program at the park on Saturday to endeavor to remove, with the co-operation of the hydro commission and any interested citizens, all stumps from the water.

## Y Secretary Resigns Projects to Continue

Bob Brayshaw, secretary of the Acton Y.M.C.A., announced his resignation this week, effective Saturday. Mr. Brayshaw, who came to Acton from Kingston almost four years ago, has had a total of six years in Y work.

In an interview, he revealed he would be leaving Y.M.C.A. work entirely, but did not indicate the type of work he would be entering.

With Bob Anderson managing the team, and Paul Lawson, Owen Masland, Bill Skilling, Scotty McCasland, Don Anderson, John Cunningham, "Spike" Scott and many other new faces, it promises to be a good season.

## Knox Ladies Attend Presbyterial Rally

The Spring Rally of Guelph Presbyterial W.M.S. (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada was held in St. Andrew's church, Hespeler on May 22, with afternoon and evening sessions.

In the afternoon, reports and highlights of the Evening Department Conference in Calvin church, Toronto, and the Synodical annual meeting in Westminster church, Saul Ste Marie, were given by Mrs. F. Anderson of Acton and Mrs. I. Shepherd of Galt.

Professor Hay of Knox College addressed the evening session on "The Future of Women in the Church." Mrs. J. D. Cleghorn of Guelph presided and Mrs. Roy Black of Fergus led in the service of worship.

Those attending from Acton were Mrs. James Inglis, Mrs. E. A. Hansen, Miss Shirley Calvert, Miss Inez McLellan, Mrs. H. L. Bennie, Mrs. A. J. Buchanan, Miss Robena Clark, Mrs. F. Anderson and Mrs. H. Mainprize.

The board directed that until such time as a new general secretary is appointed, as many Y.M.C.A. activities as possible would be maintained by the board of directors and the program leaders. It was felt the summer swimming program would be fully organized and supervised by the Y's Men's club.

Stanley Symington, personnel director for the National Council of Y.M.C.A.'s, has agreed to meet with the Board of Directors of the Acton Y to discuss the appointment of a new secretary.

## Halton Juniors Hold Service Bertha Watson Guest Speaker

Halton Junior Farmers held their eighth annual church service in their Orange Anglican church, Milton, Sunday evening.

Miss Bertha Watson, a member of the Acton club, as guest speaker. Following the service, a fireside hour under the direction of the choir was held in the Parish Hall during which several choir and group numbers were rendered.

Miss Watson, who this year was one of five finalists in a provincial speaking contest, is a public school teacher in Erin township. She urged her listeners to work hard "to further glorify God and to serve our fellow man." During her address entitled "An Hour of Devotion," she spoke of forgetting self-gain and helping to make better community living.

Miss Watson quoted the Salvation Army motto of "My hand to man—my heart to God" as a standard of modern living which all should follow.

During the service, the 40-voice Junior Farmer choir led in the hymns and sang two anthems, "Brother James' Air and What are These."

County president Earl Wilson and first vice-president Roy Ford read the scripture lessons. Ushers were Bill Price, Gordon Harris, Bill Wilson, Bill Marshall, Sandy Buchanan, George Greenless, Dave Leslie and Bill Robinson. Grace church rector Rev. D. A. Powell conducted the service.

The male quartet, consisting of Johnny Eves, Royson Ruddell, Tommy Hunter and Stuart McFadden, opened the fireside hour with "Passing By and You'll Never Walk Alone," and later sang "The Lord's Prayer."

Barbara Cunningham sang two solos, "Song of Songs" and "Birdsongs at Eventide," and the choir rendered "Look for the Silver Lining" and "No Noble Doubt." A mixed quartet, Ralph Cunningham,

## New Ambulance Rates

This paper regrets an erroneous report concerning the new ambulance charges as approved at the last council meeting on Tuesday, May 21. The council passed a resolution, to take effect immediately, that charges for ambulance calls were to be \$4 per hour, with a minimum of one hour, and all township and non-resident calls were to have an additional charge of \$5. The basic cost of purchase and maintenance of the ambulance is to be borne by the ratepayers.

## Two Church Services Scheduled for Park

Two open air services in the park this summer were planned at the Acton Ministerial Association meeting last Tuesday morning.

With members present from the Protestant denominations, they decided to hold an open air service in the park on July 7 and July 21 with the co-operation of the Acton Citizens' Band.

It was also noted that, due to lack of leadership, it is with regret that the Summer Church Vacation School will have to be cancelled.

Members present were Rev. K. J. Reid, Rev. A. H. McKenzie, Rev. R. H. Custer, Rev. E. H. Jones, Rev. G. Adams and Rev. R. Groenboer.



At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Y.M.C.A. on Wednesday the board accepted his resignation with regret.

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## Acton Ball Club Opens Season This Saturday

The Acton nine will open their 1957 ball season this coming Saturday at 2:30 p.m. in Acton Park, when they face the Brampton Intermediate ball team.

With Bob Anderson managing the team, and Paul Lawson, Owen Masland, Bill Skilling, Scotty McCasland, Don Anderson, John Cunningham, "Spike" Scott and many other new faces, it promises to be a good season.

## "Dedicated to Liberalism" K. Y. Dick Tells Audience

Young and older residents of Acton and district attended the reception last Friday evening at Acton Legion Hall to meet and enjoy a social evening with Halton's Liberal candidate, Ken Dick.

A crowd of almost 200 met the candidate and listened to his brief message.

Mr. Dick said he was dedicated to Liberalism and the good government they had given Canada. He had seen little indication of the blue ruin and havoc his opponent was emphasizing as he went about Halton ringing door bells on the many fine new homes. He outlined his years of experience in service to his home town, his county and country, and promised that if he were chosen to represent Halton, he would endeavor to be the best representative at Ottawa that was within his ability and experience.

He was optimistic of the reception he had been given by Halton electors.

He also spoke of the loss to Acton of one of its industries and pointed to the record of the Liberal government in bringing new industries to Canada. Under a Liberal government, there was more opportunity to share in her industrial development. He was introduced to the group by Art Hill of Oakville.

The first part of the evening was spent in playing euchre, with prizes being awarded to Fred Kenner, Mrs. Jack Kenner, Ron Davies, Mrs. R. L. Davidson, Mrs. Oscar Locker and Mrs. Shirley Braids.

The ladies of the Acton Liberal

## School Officials Present At Ceremony at New School

Acton School Board officials were on hand last Monday afternoon at the new M. Z. Bennett School, when a quiet ceremony took place in the laying of the corner stone.

Shown from left to right are, Murray Smith, Thomas Watson, Wes Wolfe, Miss M. Z. Bennett, Charles Heard, Cliff Bradley, Colin MacColl, William Middleton.



## Sign Charter For New Brigade

A Charter, forming a St. John's Ambulance Brigade in Acton, was signed by 18 members at a meeting in the town hall last night.

Mrs. Raegele and Hunter of Guelph were present to answer questions and to explain details of the organization and invited the newly formed Acton Brigade to attend a meeting of the Guelph Brigade to study procedure.

Dr. D. A. Garrett has been appointed the Brigade surgeon and Mrs. Hart the superintendent, with Jack Denny as sergeant.

The regular meetings will be held on Fridays.

## Acton H.S. Receives Six New Teachers

Principal Ted Hansen of the Acton High School reports that the teaching positions for the High School have been filled for the coming term.

Five of this year's teachers will remain and an additional six new teachers have been added to the staff.

The following is a list of the teachers for the coming season: Ted Hansen, principal, Donald Bothwell, Phillip Caddick, Mrs. Alex Orr and Mrs. E. C. Reed, all present teachers here.

New teachers engaged are: Miss Jean Barber, from Gore Bay; Edward Evans, from Guelph; Mrs. J. Galloway, from Huttonville; Mrs. G. Rogers, from Stella, Ont.; and Thomas Campbell, presently living at Montreal.



## \$200 Damage to Cars In Rural Accident

Two cars driven by Lorne McLean of RR 1, Acton, and George Pavin of RR 2, Rockwood, received about \$200 total damage when they sidwiped on the brow of a hill on the No. 20 Sideroad near the Fifth Line of Nassagaweya on Sunday afternoon.

## Planning Board Review By-Law

A continuing study of the zoning by-law was the order of the evening for Acton Planning Board at their regular meeting Tuesday.

Alan P. Dawson, planning consultant, was present, and with board members reviewed the zoning by-laws pertaining to the residential areas.

Two delegations scheduled to be present failed to appear, leaving the evening open for a perusal of the zoning by-laws.

## Eight Offenders Pay \$99 in Fines

Corporal R. Mason of the Acton Provincial Police, reported 800 and costs was assessed against eight offenders in Magistrate's Court this week.

A careless driving charge brought a fine of \$50 and costs and a motorist charged with failing to yield the right of way was fined \$10 and costs. Three motorists charged with speeding paid a total of \$27 and costs and two cases were dismissed.

Three other offenders were assessed a total of \$12 and costs for minor infractions.

## \$600 Damage Caused By Two Car Collision

Police reported a car proceeding west on Queen St. failed to make the right turn and collided with an oncoming vehicle, proceeding east, at the corner of Queen and Yonge Sts. on Sunday afternoon.

The westbound car was driven by Ivan Melanson of Milton and the eastbound car was driven by Marjorie Lendl, of 310 Longdale Road, Toronto.

Corporal R. Mason reported damage to both cars to be approximately \$600 and that charges have been laid against Ivan Melanson.

In Magistrate's Court on Tuesday, Mr. Melanson was convicted on a charge of careless driving and fined \$50 and costs.

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