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Expect Monday Decision In Wool Combing Closing Directors Now in Meeting



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Plant's Future A Big Question

Rev. G. Lockhart Royal, B.A. Speaks to Decoration Day Crowd

Rev. G. Lockhart Royal, B.A., of Newell, spoke briefly but very effectively to the crowd assembled at Fairview cemetery for the fourth annual Decoration Day last Sunday.

Choosing as his theme "The Past, Present and Future," he reviewed the past and the future of the town of Acton. He stated that the town of Acton is a town of the future and that it is a town that is being built on a solid foundation.

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What has the future for me, my children and my health? is a question which arises in our minds frequently. Rev. Royal said.

He related that "God calls upon us from the Holy Bible to abide with Him always" and went on to say "The certainty and hope of tomorrow is found in God. The world will be redeemed and saved in one name Jesus."

In closing, Rev. Royal said "Take God into your hearts and keep Him there always."

Led by Grand Marshall Gordon Healy, the colorful procession headed by Acton Citizens Band moved off from the C.N.R. tracks followed by the color party, Acton Council, Acton Fire Department, Halton Civil Defence, the Boy Scouts and Wolf Cubs.

Marshall Dr. A. J. Buchanan led

the second detachment headed by the Guelph Pipe Band in their kilted plaid and skirling pipes piping in step the Acton Legion Ladies Auxiliaries, the Duke of Gloucehire and Lakeside Chapters of the I.O.G.E. the Women's Institute, Girl Guides and Brownies.

The Guelph Sea Cadet Band led the third and final group in a sparkling parade headed by Marshall Vic Patrick, Acton Legion president. In this group were Acton Branch 197 of the Canadian Legion and out of 700 members from the district zone.

A brief ceremony was held at the cenotaph. A wreath was placed by George Simpson and John McHugh read the names of Acton servicemen who died in combat followed by the Last Post by Charles Landstronburg.

Children's Groups Hold Church Service

The Explorers and Mission Band groups of the Baptist church were in charge of the Sunday morning service June 2, and hosts to their parents and interested friends.

The Explorers led the worship service repeating together their prayer, motto and prayer and singing of Espanto Hymns.

James Wagner, Chief Explorer led these exercises. Sandra Cripps led the scripture and David Chapman led in prayer.

Ushers were John Timmy and Kevin Dunk.

Miss Winifred Brewer, Children's Ward Secretary for the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec, told the children a story and addressed the adults.

She spoke of the parents' responsibility to bring their children into close contact with Jesus Christ as possible by personal example as well as sending them to Sunday school.

The Mission Band children sang a song.

Slides were shown depicting the work of post workers meeting and welcoming New Canadians and showing how we can befriend them. A social time was enjoyed with tea served by the girls.

Among the ministers ordained at the recent Hamilton Conference of the United Church were two from Halton county, Rev. James A. Kirkwood, Georgetown and Rev. Norman Aubrey Russ of Hornby.

4-Horse Stage Coach To Visit in Acton

Mayor Tyler will greet a town erier and stage coach at the steps of the Y.M.C.A. next Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

He will be greeting the Mayor of Milton, who begins an extensive stage coach run, complete with four horse team, coachman, town erier, and four beautiful girls decked out in gay costumes of the 1850-1860 era.

It will all be part of the plan to publicize the Milton Centennial slated for this summer.

Mayor Tyler will receive a proclamation from the visiting mayor, and it is possible the stage coach route may be arranged to make it possible for school children to see the special parade.



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Rev. G. L. Royal, from Norval, who addressed the large gathering at the Decoration Day service, last Sunday, at Fairview Cemetery.

Two Brothers Meet After 44 Year Period

A pleasant surprise was in store for Phyllis Fetterly of 179 Guelph Street recently, when he was greeted by his brother, Arthur George, who is living in El Paso, Texas.

The two brothers parted 44 years ago in Cornwall, Ont., when A. G. Fetterly at the age of 17 ventured to London to try his hand at farming for a few short months before he moved across the border to Texas.

He took a position as a bookkeeper in San Francisco in 1913 and worked there for a number of years before finally settling in Texas. He married after going to Texas.

Both brothers served in the armed forces. Arthur in the American Army and Phyllis in the Canadian Army.

In an interview, he recalled childhood days when as young men they worked together on the "Rapid Prince," a boat that took sightseers down the St. Lawrence and one of the highlights of the trip was shooting the rapids.

On one occasion, the Indian guide who was always engaged for the hazardous job of directing the boat through the rapids was assumed to be slightly under the influence and the boat ran aground. The captain managed to maneuver the boat without alarming the passengers, until they could free themselves of the shoal.

At present, A. G. Fetterly is a field representative with the Business Men's Assurance Company in Texas, and Phyllis Fetterly is an employee of Beardmore and Co., Acton.

Operation Stump Removal Proves Big Success at Park

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George Harbison, chairman of the Parks Board, stated the Board is more than pleased with the results produced and they are grateful to the many volunteers who gave of their time.

See \$5,200 Ambulance Council Takes No Action

Council took no action following a demonstration by Thompson Motors through Elmwood Motors Ltd. Port Credit, of a new \$5,200 ambulance fully equipped for ambulance calls, at their regular meeting Tuesday evening.

The new Ambulance, equipped with lightweight portable oxygen equipment, a portable lightweight fire extinguisher, ambulance level bed level, flasher, signal and siren, can be converted into a nine passenger station wagon in 10 minutes.

A letter was read from Municipal Service Ltd. regarding house numbering in the new sections of town. After having viewed the streets they were prepared to bring the present map of the house numbers up to date and prepare numbers for the unnumbered houses. The cost of this numbering would be \$2 per house.

Questioned Use

Councillor Gray stated that the older houses in town were presently numbered and questioned whether the new subdivision owners would allow the type of numbering plate to be put on their houses.

It was pointed out that the tenants were under no obligation to put the plates on their houses but the town required a numbering plan for their own use.

Mayor Tyler felt if the proposition was turned down now, the cost would be greater at a later date and at present, the number of plates required would not be too large.

Council agreed to have the road committee investigate the matter.

Ask Deed

The United Suburban Gas Company requested a quit claim deed to the property where a gas substation is presently located. The clerk was instructed to notify the company by letter, suggesting a representative meet with the industrial committee of the town.

Councillor Watts stated a rumormongering had been started regarding stucco houses being built in the Lakeview Subdivision. The Mayor assured him that no authority had been granted to construct such type of homes.

It was resolved to pay \$60 to the assessor for expenses regarding a convention trip to Windsor and to

Repeat Preparation

The road committee reported that the unpaved roads in town had been graded and gravelled and put in perfect condition for riding, prior to the rain last Saturday, but would again have to be graded before the riding program could be carried out.

The clerk-treasurer was authorized to pay \$40 to R. Hanousek for painting the assessor's office.

A letter was presented from Eric Scott, 102 Meadowdale Road, requesting a refund of taxes amounting to \$26.50. The letter was to be given to the assessor for his recommendation.

The road committee reported that the flooding had been located at the Y.M.C.A. and five days had been spent in rectifying this matter.

A recommendation was to be forwarded to the Y. Board, suggesting the construction be repaired to allow the water to flow into the proper drain.

Provide Parking Area

Council agreed to provide a parking area behind the Y.M.C.A. to be designated as parking facilities for municipal offices.

A report from Dr. A. Hull of the Halton County Health Unit showed the water at Fairy Lake to be satisfactory for swimming.

The clerk was instructed to check the minutes following a letter from C. F. Leatherland for his client, William McLeod, wanting no partition had been built for erection of a police light on the building owned by Mr. McLeod.

Council repealed the garage closing by-law, to take effect Wednesday, June 5 at 7 a.m.

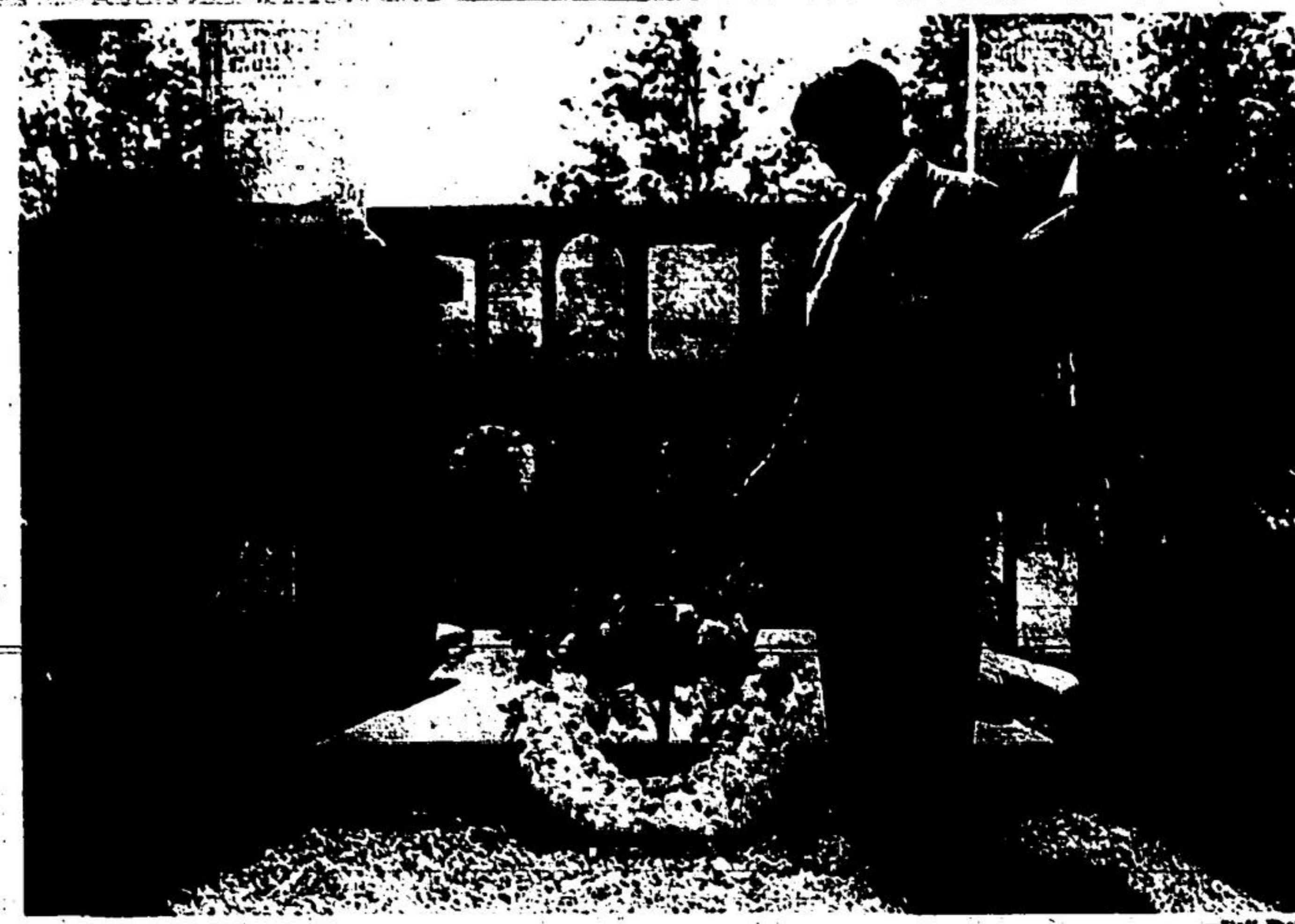
A by-law was passed to provide additional grants for the two hold-backs on the paving program and the Maria Street bridge.

Stage Coach Visit

A letter was received from Ross Pearen, Milton Centennial chairman manager, requesting supervision of a suitable area for the Centennial Stage Coach, to visit Acton on June 13.

The stage coach would arrive at the municipal offices at 9:30 and the town clerk would summon all residents to be present at the Milton.

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F. L. Wright, world war I veteran and Legion member, is shown placing the wreath on the cenotaph at the Pioneer Cemetery during the Decoration Day ceremonies held in Acton last Sunday. Hundreds attended the service and parade after which the graves of the veterans were decorated at Fairview Cemetery, St. Joseph's Cemetery and the Pioneer Cemetery.

Veteran Places Wreath At Cairn on Decoration Day

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K.P. Enrollment Has 80 Pupils

An enrollment of 80 is reported by Principal G. McKenzie for the kindergarten class for the coming season.

It has been suggested by him that any mothers wishing to enrol their children contact the school as soon as possible.

The town workmen are busy painting the white lines on the crosswalks this week.