

# Name G. F. Thompson Life Member Children's Aid Reports Big Year

G. F. Thompson, Director of the Children's Aid Society of the County of Halton, was made an Honorary Life Member at their annual meeting held in St. Paul's United Church, Milton, on Tuesday evening, April 1. The presentation, in recognition of his 30 years' service with the Society, was made by Mrs. Velma Norris and H. C. Murray.

The program for the evening was opened with a prayer by the Rev. Lorne Graham, pastor of the Church, and the singing of the National Anthem.

The president, J. Murray Mahon, told the interested audience that, through the support of the County Council, the Society now has permanent headquarters in the building formerly occupied by the Registry Office, adjacent to the Court House in Milton. He mentioned the completion of the annexation of the section of East Flamboro Township, by the Town of Burlington, on January 1, 1958, which had increased the territory to be served, and that the population of the County was now over 40,000.

The financial statement was presented by E. W. Foster, treasurer, who reported that the revenue for the year was \$40,266.48 and expenditures were \$37,902.16, and that the balance in the Children's Family Allowance Trust Accounts were \$238,800.

In his report, the Director, G. F. Thompson, said that while he thought the organization was fairly well known, the work was of a very confidential nature, therefore could not be publicized to any great extent. He mentioned that during the year 126 children were admitted to care, for various reasons:

90 were discharged, and at the end of the year 134 children were being cared for either in adoption or in boarding homes; 527 children in 223 families received assistance and guidance in their own homes; and 52 unmarried mothers were given aid.

Mr. Thompson reported that, as Clerk of the Juvenile and Family Court, he attended 145 hearings, 40 dealing with family matters, and cases under the Child Welfare Act. Mention was made of the new Court Room in the building occupied by the Society. Mr. Thompson introduced the members of the Society staff, and Mr. Harry Greenwood, recently appointed Probation Officer for the County.

Stanley Hall, M.P.P., congratulated the Director on his record of service, and wished the Society continuing success in its endeavors. Magistrate K. M. Langdon spoke briefly, expressing his appreciation of the new Juvenile and Family Court Room and extended best wishes.

William E. Card, Reeve of Oakville and County Warden, extended greetings from the County Council.

E. W. Foster introduced the guest speaker, George E. Elliott, Q.C., of Milton, an Honorary Life Member of the Society, who chose as his topic, "It's All in Your Mind."

Mr. Elliott said "We should ask ourselves these three questions. What have I been seeking? Did I find what I was seeking? Was it worth it?"

To elaborate more fully on his topic, Mr. Elliott chose the theme word "Security."

"It is for scholarly the more you

work at studying, the more you enjoy life.

"If for emancipated — if you want to be independent, you have to work to become emancipated.

"If for courage — and to teach our children to be courageous.

"If for ultimate minded.

"If for revertent.

"I have ideals — what a small miserable world this would be if we did not have ideals.

"I be thoughtful.

"I be youthful — learn to be youthful — in spite of years, be youthful in mind.

Summing up his speech, Mr. Elliott said, "When you come to the end of the road, are you going as an old broken down person or as a youthful person? The greatest picture that was ever painted, is yet to be painted, and you are the only one that can paint that picture."

Dr. H. V. Cranfield, past president and honorary life member of the society, extended thanks on behalf of those in attendance to Mr. Elliott for his very interesting and enlightening talk.

Donor K. VanSickle thanked the officials of St. Paul's United Church, Brown's Florists, and the Mr. and Mrs. Club of the church for their assistance in arranging for a very successful meeting, and invited all present to remain for refreshments.

The following officers and directors were elected for the ensuing year:

Officers — President, J. Murray Mahon, vice-president, Sydney Childs, secretary, Mrs. J. E. Whitlam, Mrs. D. Taylor, Burlington; W. J. Cheesman, Mrs. Velma Norris, Bronte; Rev. William Sherwin, W. G. Sargent, Georgetown; Rev. A. J. Calder, Miss Margery MacKenzie, Milton; E. W. Foster, Sydney Childs, Oakville; Mrs. F. C. Bowden, Mrs. H. Pullen, Lequering Township; Mrs. Lesbe Walk, Mrs. Wilfred Bird, Nassagoy Township; J. Murray Mahon, Omar K. VanSickle, Trafalgar Township; Harold Biggar, Alton; Walsom, County Council representatives, R. C. Cunningham, Douglas Sargent.



MR. AND MRS. FRANK DAY celebrated their 49th Wedding Anniversary in Rockwood, on Tuesday, March 29th. Friends and relatives dropped in to offer congratulations on the occasion. The couple recalled on their wedding day the snow was so deep they travelled from Rockwood to Acton by sleigh to catch the train for Toronto.

## LEGION NEWS

Back in stride again after the holiday, an introduction is in order to our second vice-president, Albert Irwin.

Born in Hillsburg 32 years ago, Al decided to move to the big town in later years. He joined the army in 1942, serving in Europe while serving in France. He returned to Canada in 1945 and received his discharge the following year, becoming a member of Branch 197 at that time.

He has worked on various committees in the Legion and was on the Deformation Day committee for three years and was Poppy chairman for two years.

Our second vice represented the Legion and Minor Sports on the first Park Board and still serves on this board. A worker at A. P. Green Fire Brick Co., he is married to a former servicewoman, who is secretary of the Legion Ladies Auxiliary.

Wife Mary and Al have reared three children, Brand, Jackie and Sandy and no doubt there will be a future Olympic star come from the family as dad's hobby is sports. He is always on hand to lend assistance with Minor Sports at any time.

Don't forget the special thing on Friday, April 11, sponsored by the Branch in conjunction with the Legion Ladies Auxiliary Proceeds are for the Olympic Fund.

Last Thursday the ladies held their regular meeting in the auditorium when Gwen Andrews was welcomed into the Auxiliary. Arrangements for the Zong Rally to be held in Strataville on May 8 were completed. It was noted that any members wishing to go were to be at the Legion at 6:45 p.m.

The 32 members present heard the financial report read and all agreed it showed an excellent balance. Other committee reports were heard and volunteers were secured for the career drive.

The Auxiliary accepted the resignation of Alva Maxwell as social convener with much regret and sympathy. Ella Anderson as the new convener. It was pointed out that anyone interested in holding banquets could make arrangements by calling 250-11.

The executive are pleased to report the anniversary program consisting of the dance and banquet was a huge success.

At the general meeting last Monday, it was decided to form a committee to investigate the possibility of air conditioning the auditorium. Bravo ladies, it's certainly a move in the right direction.

## Personal Notes ...

Of Actonians Visiting Out-of-Town Points and of Visitors in Acton Homes

Miss Ruby Clark has returned after her winter's stay in Florida.

Misses Helen and Janet Buckner spent the Easter holiday in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williams of Toronto visited Acton friends last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Wiggins of Toronto visited Acton friends during the week.

Visiting briefly in town, Let Thurston were Mr. and Mrs. John Black of Elliot Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Chetlain DeLaur and Dennis, visited in Niagara Falls over Easter week-end.

On a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Lamonde were Mr. and Mrs. William Roberts and sons, Lane of the RCAF Downsview and Danny of Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mumpsey and their daughter Susan, from Montreal, to spend the Easter week end with Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Manzi.

Mrs. D. B. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. T. Wood and Mrs. W. McLeod of Toronto Mr. and Mrs. A. Williams and Mrs. E. Ryster and Hobbs of Georgetown visited Miss E. Hawthorne on the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hanna of Oshawa visited on Good Friday with Mrs. E. Hanna Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lamb and family Mr. and Mrs. A. Long and Miss Hildegard Long of Toronto spent the week-end at the Long home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Wood and Steven of St. Catharines, spent the week-end with the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. John Wood.

Spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Dills are Mr. and Mrs. Clare Pether, Marlon, Red Edin and Keith of Leavick, Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Stevens of Cassiar, B.C., spent the week-end with Mr. Stevens' parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Laroche, 185 Macdonald Boulevard. From here, Mr. and Mrs. Stevens will return home via the U.S.A., stopping a day or two in Chicago and Detroit.

"Waiting for Godot", the play in which Fred Enfinger has one of the leading roles, is going to be performed in Halifax. It is at the Hart House theatre in Toronto this week. The young actor will likely be with a summer company later.

## Eramosa 4-H Club Members Hold Re-organization Meet

A re-organization meeting of Eramosa 4-H club members was held at No. 10 school last week when four girls and 37 boys were present, including some from Fin town.

Eramosa club officers are: president, Murray Swanson, vice-president, Wilbur Freeman, secretary, Gertrude Freeman, press reporter, Harvey Patterson. This club meets the third Monday of each month.

Eramosa grain club officers are: president, Harvey Patterson, vice-president, Alex McNabb, secretary, Kenneth Johnston, press reporter, Glen Gray. This club meets every fourth Monday.

Last Wednesday evening, the ladies of the Presbyterian church catered to the local members of Rockwood fire department and their wives in the basement of the church, when a bountiful turkey dinner was served.

Cliff Meadows was master of ceremonies. Joseph Oakes was also present in the capacity of reeve of Eramosa township as well as other officials of the township and their wives. Following dinner, all adjourned to the town hall, where a social time was enjoyed in games and pictures shown by Frank Schneider and Don Hill.

A number of young people took part in a brief program with selections by Jean Day on her piano accordion. Murray Taylor gave the

## Acton Children To Appear on TV

A group of Acton children will be appearing on the Kitchener TV station on April 11, as guests of Miss Elaine Cole, on her program at 1:10 p.m.

## Cruising Club Purchase Car

The newly formed Cruising Club at the YMCA have purchased an old model car, on which to practice their mechanical ability.

D. Schirp, Y secretary, reports that this week the club intended to use the motor of the vehicle to study the mechanical principles of the engine and how it functions.

The teenage club under the tuition of Arthur Ives, are endeavoring to learn safety measures and highway rules, and the mechanical aspects of motor vehicles.

## Local Couples Honored At Double Presentation

March 29 was a gala night in that district a double presentation was held for two couples.

Alan Neelon the pastor was the chairman and started the evening with a lovely sing song.

J. Ford gave the company a demonstration of memory text. A. Saunders and Mr. Winters gave guitar and violin selections and Robert Denny gave an excellent violin solo.

Mr. and Mrs. Bart Rodgers of Hillsburg (now Evelyn Saunders) were then called to the place of honor at the front.

Mrs. W. Butler read an excellent address and the lucky young couple were presented with a Kneebler rocker from the neighborhood and a card table from Church Hill Church to wash their luck on the event of their recent marriage.

25 Years

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Leitch were also honored on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Ralph Denny read the heartfelt message of best wishes from the neighbors and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Leitch were presented with a silver tea service. Both couples thanked the friends very appropriately.

A social time was then held with a local orchestra playing for dancing. Lunch was served by the ladies.

## Fire

Some excitement was caused last Thursday when a grass fire at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McArthur caused some concern when it whipped out of control.

The fire department was called but the neighbors had it back in control by the time it arrived.

Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Swatsky and three sons of St. Catharines spent the Easter weekend with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Les Swackhammer and daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Worsley and daughters of Kitchener spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Freeman at their home.

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## Approve Report

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The clerk-treasurer was authorized to issue cheques to the North Halton Urban Board for \$100 as part payment for the year's operation and also one for \$200 to the Oakville Humane Society for the control.

Churchill Road waterworks account amounting to \$1364.47 was approved for payment.

A letter from Mr. Acton, collector for the owner of the Fish Pond on the third line, informed council that tests were being taken from the new town well site, to determine if operation of the pumps at the well are affecting the city's water supply. The letter also stated that injunction proceedings would follow if it was found affected.

The clerk was instructed to seek legal advice from a solicitor.

Approve Accounts

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Police Accounts	\$1,925.33
Building Accounts	146.64
Welfare Accounts	2.50
Churchill Rd. Waterworks	3,664.46
Roads Accounts	5,000.00
Admin. Finance Accts	253.16

—Won't be long until the ball players will be out trying out those tired old muscles.

—Act's Easter Parade of new outfits was small this year as the cold winds kept the ladies near the comfort of home.

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WHEREAS the Acton Chamber of Commerce is a voluntary organization of citizens enabling us all to work together to achieve the above goals and generally to improve business, to build a better community, and to develop better citizenship in our community, our province and our country

I, by virtue of the powers vested in me, do hereby proclaim civic support for **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WEEK** being observed nationally April 13-19 and call on all citizens to lend their interest, support and co-operation in making this observance successful in every way.

**WALTER H. COOK,**  
Mayor.