



JUNIOR FIREMAN is enacted by 11-month-old Reid Kennedy, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Kennedy, 10 Cameron Avenue, after he was presented with the gift by Acton Fire Department, on Saturday, April 19, at the Open House at the Fire Hall. The youngster held the winning ticket on the draw for the truck. Hundreds of citizens were attracted to the hall to view the fire fighting equipment.

Hundreds Flock to Fire Hall View Fire Fighting Equipment

Hundreds of people flocked to the new Acton Fire Hall on Saturday, April 19, as the Acton Volunteer Fire Department held open house for all citizens.

Men, women and children were all greeted by the courteous firemen as they explained minute details of the fire fighting equipment used to protect Acton and the rural area.

Many children were thrilled as they were hoisted up on the shiny fire fighting equipment to fondle the nozzles and hoses used by their heroes.

Visitors were delighted with the immaculate meeting room used not only for serious down-to-earth training sessions, but not so serious games of darts.

Contained in the new fire hall is a spacious meeting room with a modern kitchen, lavatory and fire chief's room.

Three intricately timed doors open upon touching a lead rope to reveal three fire trucks, each equipped with modern types of equipment.

Perhaps considered the grandfather of all is the 1927 Studebaker, gleaming in its segregated stall, but ready to be pressed into service at any time and pump almost as much water as the two newer pieces of apparatus.

No. 2 unit is mounted on a GMC chassis and is used mainly for town calls but may be pressed into service on any call. It is fully equipped and was purchased in 1953.

No. 1 unit, mounted on a Ford chassis, was recently purchased by the Townships of Nassagaweya, Erin and Esqueping for rural fire protection. It is the pride of the Acton firemen, as it stands with all up-to-date and modern equipment, ready to serve not only the rural area but the town of Acton as well.

Since its arrival at the new fire hall a few weeks ago, the new truck has made runs to several country fires.

The Acton Volunteer Fire Department are ready to serve the community at all times and lend assistance to local police in directing traffic at town functions.

Fire Truck Draw
Noticed by visitors to the fire hall was a miniature fire truck equipped with siren, bell, flasher light and ladder.

This was to be the gift of the firemen to some lucky person holding the lucky number during a draw.

Shortly after five o'clock on Saturday evening, Reid Kennedy, 11-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Kennedy, 10 Cameron Street, was enjoying being the proud owner, when his mother's ticket was drawn as winner.

Fight Grass Fire During Open House

During open house at the new Fire Hall in Acton last Saturday, Acton firemen were called to fight a grass fire at the home of R. H. Armstrong, lot 26, fourth line, Esqueping township.

Burning grass, Mr. Armstrong realizing the fire was getting out of control, summoned the Acton Fire Department, who had the fire under control within a few moments after arrival.

Acton Firemen Play Host to 80 At Official Opening of New Hall

Acton Volunteer Fire Department catered to a banquet for over 80 members and guests at the official opening of the new fire hall on Friday, April 18, in Acton.

Present were members of Township councils from Nassagaweya, Erin and Esqueping, Acton council members, ex-firemen of the Acton Department, locally and out of town, representatives from the Fire Marshall's office and fire chiefs from surrounding areas.

Rev. A. H. McKenzie of Knox Presbyterian church said grace as the large gathering sat down to a delicious turkey dinner served by the firemen.

Deputy Chief M. Holmes, acting as chairman, called on Fire Chief J. Newton to welcome the guests and introduce the head table.

Fire Chief Newton informed the guests one of the purposes of the meeting was to bury the hatchet and start anew in referring to his statement, he read a portion of a report submitted to Acton council following investigation of the fire fighting facilities in Acton, by George Alexander of the Fire Marshall's office, some time ago.

The report in brief stated that fire equipment and facilities in Acton were in poor condition and a recommendation for better equipment to be housed in a modern fire hall was submitted.

The Acton fire chief, commenting in his estimation the present facilities were second to none, called on Mr. Alexander to burn the letter, stating "We intend to start fresh from here."

Mayor W. H. Cook, in making a brief speech, told the guests of the cooperation of the public-minded body of men serving on the volunteer fire department, giving up their time and risking their lives and limbs, was tremendous.

He remarked, "You do yourself proud. The prestige of the department is unequalled in any other service in the town."

The mayor told the firemen with their spirit, the fire department can't help but go forward, adding, "The town is proud of you as are the council proud of your record equal to any department in Ontario."

George Alexander recalled the meetings with council prior to the



HANDSOME WAITERS at the Acton Fire Department's official Fire Hall opening on Friday, April 18th, are pictured waiting for the guests. Over 80 members and guests were present to enjoy the turkey dinner sponsored and served by the firemen. Front row left to right are: J. Krapel, N. Price, W. Kelly and B. Quennell. Rear row: B. Van Fleet, P. McCristall, H. Townsley and Herb Dodds.

new fire hall being built and told the audience previous conditions were a disgrace in the eyes of the Fire Marshall's office.

The representatives of the Fire Marshall's office commended the Acton fire chief for submitting plans and specifications for the recently purchased fire truck for use in the rural area and informed the guests there was nothing omitted.

He also informed council members present that in the near future consideration should be given to employing a full time fire chief.

"Fire equipment costs money but money can't buy lives and Acton and Acton area have the best of fire equipment and protection," concluded Mr. Alexander.

Stan Roberts representing the Dictograph Company, was present and showed a film entitled "Four Minutes to Live."

The film depicted how fire can start in spite of being careful and

how, when a fire gets a hold on a building occupants have only four minutes to live before the oxygen is burned up. Unable to breathe, they collapse before help reaches them.

Fred Dawkins, former chief of the Acton Fire Department, extended the thanks of the past members to the firemen.

Members of the Acton Fire Brigade of 1906 were present. Howard Masles and Frank McIntosh both 90 years old. Also present was Fred Crewson (Clarkston), who joined the brigade in 1915 and Bill Crawford, who became a member in 1917. Other guests included Jack Lambert, who first joined the department in 1925, former fire chief Fred Dawkins, Chief A. Clement, Milton, Chief Jack Harlowe, Georgetown, Chief G. Bray, Trafalgar No. 1, Chief George Wright, Trafalgar No. 2, Chief G. Evans, Erin, Rev. H. Griffin, Erin township, Councilor George Wallace,

Acton Firemen Host to Guests From Rockwood

Acton firemen played host on Monday evening to eight members of the Rockwood Fire Department, when they demonstrated the new rural area fire engine.

Firemen pumped water from Fairy Lake during a demonstration period and explained details of the new truck to the visitors.

Following the demonstration, a buffet lunch was served in the fire hall and eachre was enjoyed by the group.

Erin and J. A. Milne, Nassagaweya township and W. O. Sullivan, fire services instructor, Welland.

HELPFUL UNIT
ST. JOHN'S Nfld (CP) The amateur radio emergency corps stepped in to handle important messages when Bell Island was isolated by the big sleet storm here that recently disrupted normal communications.

NO OBJECTION
SARNIA, Ont. (CP) City Clerk Murray Thomas feels sure there is no opposition to establishing a municipal airport here. The Ontario Municipal Board set a date for a hearing to register objections "but nobody came," he said.

STILL WORKS
SHELLBROOK, Sask. (CP) Mrs. Alma Bohne years ago brought from her Swedish homeland an eight-foot grandfather clock made by her father in the style of the 16th century. The hand-tooled works still keep perfect time.

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ACTON FIRE DEPARTMENT held open house on Saturday, April 19th, at the new Fire Hall on Bower Avenue when hundreds of visitors were escorted through the building to view the equipment. Men, women and children alike stared in amazement at the modern equipment protecting Acton and rural area. All visitors were served tea, coffee and cakes after their tour of the Fire Hall.



EX-FIREMEN of the Acton Fire Brigade are pictured as they attended the official opening of the new Acton Fire Hall on Friday, April 18, when present firemen played host. Front Row left to right: J. Lambert, B. Roszell, G. Ritchie, F. McIntosh, W. Chisholm and F. Crewson. Centre Row: R. Footitt, G. Smith, I. Harris, O. Brown, F. Dawkins, W. Waterhouse and E. Jennings. Rear Row: E. Dawkins, G. Currie and D. Dawkins. Absent when picture taken was H. Masales, S. Brunelle and C. Hansen.