



LEARNING THE TRICK of playing the drums and bagpipes are several Acton youngsters, interested in becoming members of the Acton Junior Pipe Band. Shown above, from left to right are Gerald Dick, on the bagpipes, John Creighton, on the side drum, Mary Grishow, with bagpipes, Maxine Gough, tenor drum and Joyce Kennick, with the bagpipes. Phil Caddick, band leader, is teaching the bagpipers and Michael Ross, one of the members of the band is instructing on the drums at present.

Pipe Band Grows From 9 to 19 in Two Years

Acton voters will be asked to decide at the Municipal Election in December on a one mill grant to the Acton Junior Pipe Band and Acton Citizens' Band, as well as the dissolving of the Public Utilities Commission.

The Acton Free Press has prepared a series of articles beginning in this issue outlining the organizations involved.

Junior Pipe Band

A suggestion by Bob McVey, an Acton area resident and member of the Gurlich Pipe Band that Acton could have a Pipe Band of its own, led to the formation of the present Acton Junior Pipe Band.

Under the supervision of Mr. McVey, Bob Hubsdale and Phil Caddick, boys and girls of Acton were contacted and interested in learning to play the bagpipes and drums began taking lessons in September, 1956.

First problem of the instructor was to obtain instruments. Frank Caddick, an uncle of the present band leader, gave several pairs of pipes to his nephews, who modified them into suitable playing instruments.

Acton Citizens' Band gave a bass drum and remnants of two side drums to the leader, who repaired them for use.

F. L. Wright, president of the band, purchased four side drums and a bass drum (which payment has been received), and the bagpipers were in business with enough equipment to start practicing.

Nine to 19

Of the nine members first starting, all are still active in the band, which has grown to 19 members, fully equipped with uniforms and instruments.

Today, approximately 20 youngsters are learning to play the bagpipes and drums in preparation of joining the regular band, as Phil Caddick teaches the bagpipes and arrangements have been made with a side drummer from the Gurlich Band to teach drumming to the youngsters. At present Michael Ross, one of the charter members of the band, is teaching the beginners and new music to the drummers.

Recently appointed as executive of the Junior Pipe Band are F. L. Wright, president, Bob Foyers, treasurer and Lawrence Doby, secretary.

Mr. Caddick reported this week that the executive is considering ways and means of providing long sleeved jackets of the "Charlie Stewart" style for the band and adding to the present supply of uniforms.

Most Enthusiastic

The band members are most enthusiastic.



ACTON JUNIOR PIPE BAND are pictured prior to taking part in the Remembrance Day Service in Acton on Tuesday of this week. The band played the Lament at the Cenotaph and led the parade from the Baptist Church to the Legion Hall. From left to right are: Bernie Truher, Joyce Kennick, Daney Holmes, and Michael Ross. Back row: Leslie McPherson, Russell Murray, Mary Lou Creighton, Betty McArthur, Lawrence Doby, Gordon Paul, Phil Caddick, leader, Alan Laird, Bob Foyers and Andrew Foyers. Missing from picture are: Jim Robinson, Jim Paul, Bill Dwyer, Don Laird and Don Cardwell.

On October 10 they played at the meeting of the Scottish Country Dance Club in Milton and on October 17 at the Acton Scottish Dance Club.

Today the Juniors played the Lament during the Remembrance Day service at the Cenotaph. Leader, Phil Caddick, recalls an appreciation at the Mount, Forest Hill Baptist where the Acton Junior Pipe Band started off one of the series with two full bands and ended up with a band of 19 youngsters at the end of the year.

Held Tag Day

They took part in the program at the Fall Fair in September. On September 26 they held a successful tag day and parade, which raised \$170.

and at a picnic party at Dr. and Mrs. Buckner's home, in June at Decoration Day, a tattoo in Mount Forest and at the Waterloo Band Festival where they played in the street parade in July.

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They have completed a busy round of engagements last year. In May they played in Milton

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In the short three years the band has been in operation, the youngsters have come a long way and prove an asset to the whole community.

The pipe band leader remarked that the band was grateful to the various organizations that assisted them financially which the band was first formed.

Members of the band are: David Paul, Lawrence Doby, Leslie McPherson, Andrew Foyers, Russell Murray, Mary Lou Creighton, Betty McArthur, Robert Foyers, Michael Ross, Jim Robinson, Bernie Foyers, Jim Paul, Bill Dwyer, Daney Holmes, Jim Kennick, Alan Laird and Alan Laird. Don Laird and Don Cardwell of Gurlich Band leader is Phil Caddick.

Bottle Blitz Fills Scout Hall

The town was "blitzed" for bottles Saturday, Nov. 1, when clubs and scouts undertook a novel project here.

By noon, when the boys had all

enjoyed hot chocolate and cookies provided by the Scout and Guide Mothers, the floor of the upstairs of the scout hall was covered with bottles. Pop bottles and beer bottles predominated in the glassy blitz.

The scouts and clubs canvassed the town by phone Friday evening and about 60 followed the calls with their collection the next morning.

Pick up of the bottles took place at various times during the week. Total amount raised was approximately \$125.00.

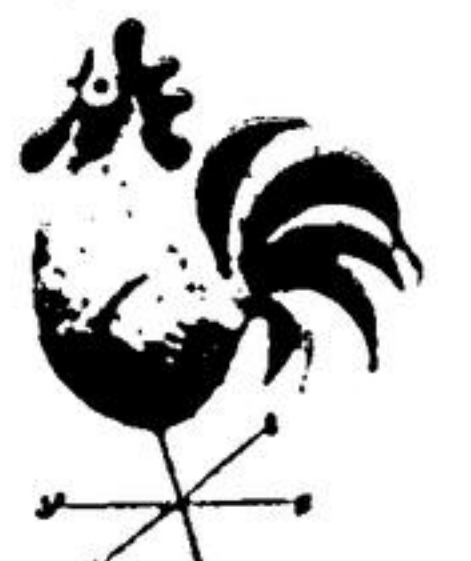
Clark Paul headed the drive with Frank Simkiss and Ron Smith as his assistants.

Book Detailing Film Presented to Library

William Leslie, manager of the Hoax Theatre, has presented a unique book in the Acton Library (called "Moors and Egypt") detailing the research behind the making of the film, The Ten Commandments.

Research for the film included consulting 1,000 books and periodicals, 3,000 photographs and 30 libraries and museums in three continents.

It will be shown in Acton later this month.



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Opportunities for Youth Stressed by Aldo Braidia

A study of the situations our young people are confronted with today was given to the Y's Men at their last meeting in the YMCA.

Aldo Braidia, the guest speaker, titled his address "Youth and Opportunity."

Mr. Braidia pointed out that, given the necessary attributes of health and a desire for knowledge, our educational system from kindergarten to university convocation, was admirably designed to make a worthy citizen out of the earnest and willing student.

Family Task

He continued that it was as much the task of the family and woman to inspire and discipline the young student as it was the duty of the children to submit to that discipline and in so doing comprehend the whole of his ac-

ademic career since education is discipline. Its definition is as simple as that.

Ray Karkko, in response to Mr. Braidia's remarks, thanked him for making us aware of our commitment to our youth and then proceeded to give an ably engaged and lively speech. A vote of thanks was conveyed by a round of applause from the member hip.

Members were present in person and a real luncheon time period served to swell the International Travel Fund. The business of the evening included the final plans for the appearance in Acton of the Schneider-O'Neilus male choir.

Turkey tickets and luncheon plans were also summarized. New members were voted upon and will be received into the club at an early meeting.

Winnipeg Builder Samuel Brown Dies

Samuel Brown, 66, of 791 Preston Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba, died November 4 in the Grace Hospital, Winnipeg, Manitoba. He was born in Acton, Ontario, about 1900.

He worked for several years in the S. J. & Co. building company in this work and later in the construction of the Union Depot. Following this he constructed the Canadian National Hotel, the Fort George National Hotel, the Royal Hotel, the McGee Street Barracks, the Post Office, and Indian Schools from the head of the lakes in Fort McMurray, Alberta.

He married E. J. in 1926. He was the father of R. A. Brown, of Toronto; Dr. J. O. Brown, and S. L. Brown, both of Winnipeg; and one daughter, Mrs. Merrill Brown of Tokyo, Japan, and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by the R. V. D. Rex R. Dolan, in the Thompson Funeral Home, Winnipeg, on Friday, November 7. Burial was in the family plot in Elmwood Cemetery, Winnipeg.

He was a member of Young United Church and the Stratford Golfing Club.

Mr. Brown was a direct relative of the Foyers-McArthur family in this district. He was born near Georgetown, Ontario, and the late Jim Robinson, brother of the late John Robinson of Georgetown, Ontario.

He attended Acton High School.

In Canada's early days the local census-taker was required to list the number of swords and firearms in each home.

Baptist Church Explorer Group Sponsor Party

The Explorer Group of the Acton Baptist church held a Halloween party at the church basement with Mrs. John Chapman in charge.

Many came in a variety of costumes, even skeletons and two in styles of bodies with dresses made in the sock style from socks.

Cakes were prepared by Doreen McKivvers, Jane Edlin and Janice Wagner.

There was a charge of Keith Dunk and David Chapman.

After a short devotion, Mrs. Dunk and Mr. Wagner served the boys and girls, including milk, sandwiches and cookies.

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Lamp Given Pair Moved to Village

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hodgson have used the 17th and moved to Rockwood village.

They were presented with a handsome reading lamp. Both were surprised and very pleased.

They have lived in Nassagawick township for 43 years. Their family consists of two sons and three wives and 10 grandchildren.

PROCLAMATION

Retarded Children's Week

NOVEMBER 16 TO 27, 1958

WHEREAS it has been established that mentally retarded children can be helped through special schooling and recreational, social and workshop programs and that there is a great need for research into the causes of mental retardation;

AND, whereas public understanding will greatly contribute to easing the plight of some 3% of the population who are in some degree mentally retarded;

NOW, therefore, I, as Mayor of the Town of Acton, support the Milton and District Association for Retarded Children in its efforts to help our community's mentally retarded by declaring the period of November 16 to 27, 1958 as "Retarded Children's Week" in Acton.

W. H. COOK,
Mayor.

Many Visitors In Local Homes

(Continued from last week)

Mr. and Mrs. Leaman Thompson of Gurlich visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Alton and Miss Jeanne Tavell. Mr. Alton has been in bed under the doctor's care. We wish him a speedy recovery to better health.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Edwards and family of Gurlich visited on Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ware.

Mr. T. D. McCutcheon and Mrs. Harvey Justin accompanied Mr. Robert McCutcheon of Kitchener and spent a couple of days last week at Thornbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac McLeod and family of Stratford visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Kingsbury and Catherine. Mrs. Wm. E. Holmstrom returned home with them for a week's visit.

Several attended the funeral of Mr. Jim Genderning in Acton on Monday. Sympathy is extended to the family and other relatives.

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