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## Mrs. Peter Sayers Looks Back Over Active Life on Birthday

A cheery nonagenarian who insists she could do everything for herself if she were given the opportunity, Mrs. Peter Sayers, Frederick Street, celebrated her 93rd birthday last week.

There were flowers and cards and a birthday cake as Mrs. Sayers looked back on years of hard work and plenty of fun.

Born at Dublin away back in 1866, she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Gibbons, who were of Irish descent.

In 1904, the former Jennie Gibbons married Peter Sayers, a lumberman in the Nassagaweya area. The couple moved to Guelph in 1906 but returned the following year when Mr. Sayers started a lumber mill. He operated the mill in the Nassagaweya district until the time of his death.

A daughter, Jean, passed away about 30 years ago.

Mrs. Sayers attended St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church when she was able to go out, and was formerly active in ladies' work.

**Fond of Cooking**

The nonagenarian noted she was always fond of cooking, sewing and reading and looks forward each week to seeing the Acton Free Press.

**Fond of flowers,** although not an ardent gardener, Mrs. Sayers said admiring the plants and flowers she received on her birthday as she recalled the numerous changes she has witnessed in the town of Acton.

"The changes are all for the best," she remarked, adding that the town has certainly expanded. Recalling earlier days, Mrs. Sayers noted the winters today are mild compared with the days when snowdrifts were piled to the rooftops.

Shanks ponies were the main means of transportation if you wanted to be sure of getting somewhere in earlier days but mechanical methods of today are accepted by Mrs. Sayers as a must for present day transportation. Television holds no particular interest for the grand old lady.

Confined in her home now, Mrs. Sayers is still active in some of her daily household chores. Living with her is Miss Irene Mulholland.

Mrs. Sayers has been out of the house recently on a few occasions. She spent Christmas Day at the home of Miss Dene Gibbons and Tom Gibbons.

Among the many friends and relatives who visit her is her stepdaughter, Mrs. David Hutchinson.



MRS. P. SAYERS, Frederick Street, Acton, celebrated her 93rd birthday on Wednesday, January 7, when friends and relatives called at her home to congratulate her.

## '59 Board Proceeds with Planning for New 10 Room Public School Addition

Tentative approval from the Department of Education has been given for a new 10-room addition to the Robert Little public school. Trustees were informed at the inaugural meeting of Acton Public School Board Thursday evening. Estimated cost of the addition is \$200,000.

The board will seek council's approval before proceeding with plans to demolish the old brick school and erect the new wing.

Secretary W. Middleton officiated at the inauguration ceremonies which saw two new members, E. T. Marks and R. M. Root, welcomed to the board. He also read an appropriate prayer and administered the oath of office to the newly elected trustees.

The secretary relinquished the chair to C. W. Bradley, who was re-elected chairman of the board for a second term. Committees named by the chairman were: finance, W. Wolfe, T. Watson; property, M. Smith, E. Marks; supply, M. Root.

W. Middleton was again appointed secretary of the board.

## Scarborough Club Takes Program At Acton Rotary Dinner Meeting

Good fellowship reigned supreme at this week's meeting of the Acton Rotary club when the Scarborough club was guest and provided a varied and entertaining program at the United church on Tuesday evening.

Sparked by president George Dyer of the visiting club, Scarborough presented a somewhat hectic and interrupted program which provided laughs and tense moments including the presentation of the visiting club's banner to Acton president Ted Hansen.

Present for the occasion was past district governor Ed Ruggles who outlined the district conference which takes place in Toronto and urged all members to make an attempt to attend the meeting.

Newly appointed District Governor, Dave Kennedy, thanked the Scarborough members for joining the international conference which takes place in New York City. He also informed the two clubs that the international conference was scheduled for Toronto in 1963.

Governor Ed Ruggles presented a banner to the Acton club on behalf of his home town club in Scarborough.

One of the highlights of the meeting was the acceptance of two new members into the Scarborough club when Ted Miller of the visiting club and the Scarborough club were welcomed into the Scarborough club.

Following introductions of the local and visiting members, Roy Brown of the out-of-town club presented each Acton member with a Rotary medalion and guests of the Acton club with a Rotary International key chain.

Jack Quennell and Bill Patton led the entire group in a rousing song which at times threatened to raise the roof.

Bill Patton, introduced as head pin of Scarborough club, was slated to be guest speaker following a commendation to Amos Mallow of Acton for moulding the local club in 1947, he attempted to proceed with an outline of a variety of subjects.

"Attempted" is the proper term, as suddenly two members of the visiting club barged into the room dressed in comic outfits and created a panic as they raised money from the membership and presented the proceeds to the Acton president.

Once more Mr. Patton started his comments but was again interrupted by the two who this time had changed costume and attempted to retrieve the money.

A last attempt by the guest speaker fell short when a final entry was made by the two ladies dressed as charwomen who threatened to close the meeting in order to clean up the room.

Congratulations were given to Ross Brankston and Roscoe Thornton for the fine parts they portrayed in providing comic entertainment.

Also present for the dinner meeting was Don Douglas of the Orangeville club and Ray Tiffany of Acton.

Dinner was prepared and served by the United church W.A. ladies.

## High School Board Approves Plans For Proposed 12 Room Milton School

The green light was given for mechanical and heating plans for the new 12-room Milton High School including a gymnasium, auditorium, when the North Hills High School District Board authorized the architectural firm of Barnett and Rieder to submit the plans to the Department of Education for their approval to let tenders, during the inaugural meeting of the Board on Monday night in Georgetown.

Tenders for the new high school are being called this week.

Mr. Barnett, accompanied by chief architect J. Rankin and heating consultant A. Flannigan, presented an 18-page plan for the general layout of the new school addition and mechanical drawings indicated plumbing, heating and catch basins.

In explaining the plan, Mr. Barnett indicated that the architects favored metal door frames with plastic coated doors.

**Reviews Layout**

The board also reviewed the general layout of the building with special emphasis on the footings and column pads. Mr. Barnett pointed out that the building would be L-shaped and have a protective canopy at the front entrance for unloading and loading students on buses.

The gymnasium, auditorium dimensions were sketched at 70 feet in length and 45 feet in width with allowances made for future expansion. On the second floor will be contained lab rooms, commercial and other classrooms as well as an entrance to the bleachers for the auditorium.

Mr. Barnett told the school board details had been worked out including a layout showing where the concrete would be placed and what is should contain.

**Heating System**

The heating consultant, Mr. Flannigan, explained details of the heating system and strongly recommended gas be installed in the proposed addition.

The consultant pointed out, however, that the gas installation would cost \$300 more per unit than using medium oil, but said this cost would be offset by not having to install tanks for storage of oil as well as lines to the unit which estimates had shown to be in the neighborhood of \$2,000.

"It would take four years to get the cost of the oil installation back," Mr. Flannigan pointed out.

Other advantages of using gas, reported by the consultant were 24 hour free service, little or no maintenance required, and no fuel storage tanks or handling of fuel was necessary.

**No Consideration**

At this point, T. Niven enquired why the Georgetown school had not been considered for gas heating. Mr. Flannigan pointed out that oil was being used in the school prior to the new addition and it was thought an additional unit using oil would be the cheapest.

J. Hall of Milton noted they had not had any trouble with gas at the Milton school.

Marley Rasberry of Milton asked if any consideration for using a hydro system had been investigated. The consultant reported it was out of the question as the price was too high.

**Query Coal Heating**

E. Furgave of Georgetown enquired if anyone considered heating with coal anymore. Mr. Flannigan remarked it was still considered and found to be economical but the preparations for installation.

## Discuss Tax Sales At County Meeting

Hilton's tax collectors met with a representative of the Department of Municipal Affairs last week to discuss the new tax arrears system recently undertaken by the county.

The procedure permits a municipality to sell properties in arrears after one year. Formerly, three years was the standard waiting time.

## Snowbow?

A novel sight in the middle of winter: a rainbow. There was one gleaming in the sky early Sunday morning.

There was no rain to give the arc its name. And it wasn't even a snowbow. The weather was clear!

## Appointments Highlight Nassagaweya Inaugural

Appointments to various boards were arranged and the inaugural by-laws were passed Monday afternoon of last week when Reeve John A. Milne convened the first 1959 meeting of Nassagaweya township council.

Planning board, Alec Near and A. R. Service; Acton fire area, Reeve Milne and Charles Thomson; Milton fire area, A. R. Service; Grand Valley conservation authority, Charles Thomson; 16 Mile conservation authority, A. R. Service; 12 Mile conservation authority, John Robertson; Milton District Hospital board, Reeve Milne.

**Busy Clerk**

Other appointments included Don McMillan as township clerk treasurer, assessor, tax collector, relief officer and building inspector; Grant McMillan as road superintendent; Robert Dennis, hall caretaker; J. S. Norrish, school attendance officer; Arthur Norrish and William Buck, livestock evaluators; E. Cairns, Charles Lasby, George Dredge and William Mahon as fence viewers; and J. Small, Ross Gordon and Melvin Sorey as pound keepers.

One change in salaries was authorized for overnight laborers \$175 an hour for overtime instead of the straight hourly wage.

## R. Chalmers Injured When Car Rolls Over

Leg injuries and severe cuts and bruises were suffered by Robert Chalmers of Bath, formerly of Acton, early Sunday morning when his car rolled over.

Chalmers was driving his brother-in-law, Elmer Gossett, as of Acton, west out of town on a slippery patch of pavement and smashed into a hydrant pole and overturned one mile east of Acton.

Mr. Chalmers was treated by a local doctor and received 21 stitches to his forehead in his face. He was taken to Guelph General Hospital for examination but was released the same day.

The two men acted in their way to Milton about to meet a relative, Jim Chalmers, of Medicine Hat, Alberta, who was attending the funeral of the late J. B. Chalmers.

Mr. Gossett, the driver, received minor scratches and suffered no serious injuries.

Constable Bill Bennett of the North Hills O.P.P. Detachment investigated Mr. Chalmers and determined \$500 damage to the Grosbeck car.

It is believed that Bob Chalmers was unable to attend his father's funeral which was held on Monday afternoon.

## G. McKenzie Club Speaker

Ys Men welcomed Ys Men from Guelph at their meeting on Thursday of last week. The Guelph members were well received and received at Acton a party that club sponsored the Acton Ys Men.

It was the first time that Ys Men from Guelph had been to Acton. The Guelph Ys Men were led by Ys Men from Guelph, Mr. McKenzie, an official speaker to the club.

His message was deliberate and strong. He emphasized the importance of the Ys Men in the community and the need for cooperation between the two clubs.

## Old Connection

### Church Street Water Break Headache to Superintendent

A water break at Church Street between Willow and John streets this week caused many headaches for water superintendent J. Lambert and his workers as they had to cope with broken pipes under the roadway and on the property of T. Watson.

Mr. Lambert reported the first break occurred in the center of the roadway due to the age of the pipe and when repairs were being made a second break occurred in the service entering the Watson home.

Barricades were put up at the Willow and John Street section of Church Street roadway on Tuesday evening as traffic was directed to use this portion of road.



1959 CHAIRMAN of the North Hills School Board, M. M. Coles presided at the inaugural meeting of the board when they met in Georgetown High School last Monday evening. The board appointed J. H. Creighton of Acton as vice chairman. Mr. Coles is the Estates and representative on the board.

## Two Rabid Foxes Reported in Area

Two rabid foxes were reported in the area. The first was reported on Monday and the second on Tuesday. Both foxes were captured and taken to the laboratory for testing.

## Placed on Probation For Acton Turkey Theft

A man was placed on probation for two years for a theft of a turkey from the farm of R. R. A. The man was found guilty of the crime and sentenced to two years probation.

## TV Stars

Several members of the Acton Sportsman Club have been invited to appear on the TV show "Sportsman's Club". The show will be broadcast on Wednesday, January 21 at 10 p.m. Part of the \$2,000 prize will be awarded.

## Firm President, Director Col. A. O. Beardmore Dies

Beardmore and Co. Ltd. was closed last Monday afternoon as officials and employees revered the memory of the last member of the Beardmore family to be actively associated with the company, Col. Alfred Owen Beardmore, V.D. Col. Beardmore passed away at Toronto General Hospital on Friday, January 9.

Company officials, foremen and some of the older employees of Beardmore's paid their last respects at the funeral service at Grace Church on the Hill, Toronto, Monday afternoon. Interment followed at Mount Pleasant cemetery.

Among the honorary pallbearers were S. G. Bennett and W. J. Beatty. J. W. Wolfe acted as an active pallbearer.

Col. Beardmore was the president of Beardmore and Co. Ltd. till 1945 and remained a director until recent years.

In 1904 he joined the firm which was owned by the Beardmore family.

**Raised Cattle**

He resided in Acton at Hill Hall, presently the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Creighton, until 1920. He and his family moved to Toronto and later to Yellow Brae Farms at Mono Mills, where he raised pure bred Shorthorn cattle. He was a frequent prize winner at agricultural shows. Conservation was another interest.

He served as a councillor in Acton and was actively instrumental in setting the first waterworks system in Acton.



COL. A. O. T. BEARDMORE

He was a warden of St. Alban's church during the time when the first parish hall was erected.

He was a former Officer in Command of the Grenadier Guards and served in World War I. He commanded the Sixth Infantry Brigade from 1930 until retirement in 1935.

He had had a lengthy illness.

Surviving him are his wife, the former June-Hosmer and two daughters, Mrs. William Steele (Frances) of Cheyenne, Wyoming and Mrs. Montague Larkin (Margaret) of Toronto.



1959 PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD held their inaugural meeting in Middleton, secretary, C. Bradley, re-appointed chairman, J. W. the Robert Little School on Thursday, January 8, and welcomed Wolfe, T. Watson and M. Root. During the meeting plans were discussed for a proposed 10 room addition to the Robert Little School. Pictured above left to right are: E. T. Marks, M. Smith, W. School.