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Gets Anti-Rabies Shots Scratched by Rabid Cat

Renee Leferink, nine year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Leferink of Limehouse, commenced taking anti-rabies shots today following a report that a cat she was scratched by last Sunday was proven to be rabid by the Dominion Laboratory at Hull.

The young girl, playing with her sister Ada, age three, and brothers John, eight, Henry, six and Bert, four, was playing in the family yard when she noticed a strange cat perched on the woodpile at the rear of the home.

Approaching the feline the young girl attempted to pick it up when the cat inflicted a deep scratch in the calf of her leg.

Following this, the cat attempted to attack young John and when unsuccessful, it ran under the family car parked in the yard.

When the father was called, he picked up a hockey stick, lying nearby and chased the cat, from under the vehicle and clubbed it to death.

Mr. Leferink, fearing the cat to be rabid, bundled his daughter up and drove her in the family car to Dr. C. V. Williams in Georgetown where she received an anti-tetanus shot.

The cat's head was shipped to the laboratory in Hull and a report was received on Wednesday of this week that the cat was proven to be rabid.

Today the youngster began her first of a series of anti-rabies shots consisting of one shot per day for 14 days. This is the first report of a person receiving rabies treatment in Halton.



SKIPPING SALLY and Teddy Bears peer through a Hula-Hoop as they pose during the operetta presented by the pupils of the Robert Little Public School on Tuesday evening, in the school auditorium. Pictured left to right are: Marke Wolfe, Fiona Gidman and Steven Garrett. Music and arrangements were written by music teacher, Glenn Banks. "H.M.S. Pinafore" was also presented by the school pupils.

Crowds Jam School Auditorium As 345 Children Stage Operetta

Altogether 345 Robert Little public school children entertained a packed auditorium of parents and friends on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of this week when they presented "Mother Goose's Birthday Party" and "H.M.S. Pinafore" for their annual operetta.

Music and lyrics for the first presentation, "Mother Goose's Birthday Party" were prepared by Glenn Banks, the school's music supervisor, with music for one song, "We're Having a Party", written by Alice Sidey, the kindergarten teacher.

In the first presentation, 58 pupils took part on the stage plus the junior choirs.

Lovely Costumes
In this fantasy, costumes were gorgeous and the plot a rather complicated one. The young actors and actresses played their parts to perfection.

As the story begins, Mrs. Lou Janet (Rogwaldson) and Mary Lou (Gay White) are planning a picnic in the country. After locating a suitable spot in the woods, they are suddenly confronted with a gaily dressed character who tells them she is Mother Goose (Carol Evans). She informs the two she has lost her friends, the little animals of the forest.

Tinkerbell (Mary Lamont) is secretly planning a moss birthday party for Mother Goose with all the animals of the forest. She enlists of the mice where the cheese for the birthday cake is and is told it has been stolen by the old witch (Dianne Angell).

As the play progresses, more and more fairy tale characters appear on the stage to join in the party to honor Mother Goose. Horror strikes when the witch appears and is questioned about the disappearance of the cheese and other articles from the forest.

After an explanation regarding her transformation into a witch, Mother Goose takes off the witch's frightening costume and reveals a beautiful fairy.

Witch Transformed
After the wicked witch has been transformed into her real self, everyone proceeds to enjoy themselves as they honor Mother Goose.

The music in this presentation was of a very catchy nature with the backdrops and scenery depicting a forest scene.

Glenn Banks accompanied the singers on the piano with Doug Copeland directing.

Costumes were made by the mothers under the supervision of Mrs. J. W. Wolfe. Scenery was built by K. Black of the teaching staff and D. Fries, caretaker of the Robert Little school. The scenery was painted by the teachers and students. Make-up was by B. Shoemaker, R. R. Parker, Mrs. W. Sproston and Mrs. N. Franklin.

The following is the cast for "Mother Goose's Birthday Party":
Mother Goose, Carol Evans; Mrs. Lou Janet Rogwaldson; Mary Lou (Gay White); Tinkerbell; Mary Lamont; witch, Dianne Angell; Jack and Jill, Jan Riddell and Peggy Gamby; mouse one and two, Lawrence Gordon and Ricky Gordon; flowers, Pat Lasby, Gay Ellis, Madina Ellis, Sandy St. Dennis and Georgina Angell (two).

Mary Conroy, Lorraine Lasby; Goldie Locks, Donna Taylor; Three Bears, Green, Campbell, Michael Churchill, John Churchill; Jack Horner, Joe Duffield; Margary Daw, Brenda Fryer; Jack-be-Nimble, Henry Heikamp; Humpty Dumpty, Steven Cole; Old King Cole, Steven Goy; King's Court, Terry Smeltzer, Gary McEachern, Gary Waller, Dick Braam and Stuart Johnson.

Drummers, Danny Calder, Peter Masales and Wayne DeForest; Continued on Page Three

Cost Increases \$94,000 On Halton Manor Building

The cost of erecting and equipping an addition to Halton Centennial Manor has jumped from a proposed \$900,000 to an estimated \$994,250, members of county council learned at Tuesday afternoon's February meeting.

The county had planned to pay half of the original cost and a by-law had been given two readings containing the figure of \$450,000. Tuesday, council repeated the first by-law and gave two readings to a second which sets the county share at \$497,125.

It was explained following the meeting that several costs had increased since the expansion had first been planned at \$900,000. The lowest tender for construction of the building was also slightly higher than anticipated, officials noted.

The expansion program will more than double the Manor's capacity from 105 beds to 220 beds, and includes a new chapel and auditorium. The construction tender chosen by the board is still being studied by the architect and the department, and will be approved by the county.

County to Pay Acton's Share For C.N.R. Crossing Signals

County council Tuesday afternoon adopted the road committee's report suggesting payment of Acton's share for flasher lights at the C.N.R. crossing on Main Street North.

Approval was given the third reading of a \$720,000 debenture by-law covering the construction and equipping of additions to high schools in Acton and Georgetown. The North Halton High School Board had already begun construction as the by-law was introduced following the first two readings.

Council also recommended short arm gates be installed on the "Blink" station crossing of the C.N.R.

Approval of the sale of Halton Community Park at Lovellville to Burlington was given by council members, following the appearance of a delegation from Halton Federation of Agriculture.

The county, which holds the deed in trust for the Federation, gave the approval when delegates explained the \$20,000 purchase price would be split between Trafalgar, Essex, Nassagaweya and Burlington. In the agreement it is stipulated that the townships use the \$5,000 share for park maintenance.

Delay Retirement
The retirement date of assessor Ford Rogers was postponed until April 30, 1960.

The buildings committee reported the county staff had been asked to submit recommendations for proposed office space in the planned new county administration building.

A request from Magistrate K. M. Langdon for an increase to \$2,700 in his salary as judge of the juvenile and family court was turned over to the finance committee for study.

Sell Residence
Final arrangements were made for the sale of the jailer's residence to E. G. Ryder, with payments to be deducted from his salary.

Plans to visit all local planning boards were made by the planning committee. They will determine the possibility of a county planning board.

It was agreed that an annual report from the agricultural representative would be welcomed at county council.

A request for a grant to the Burlington District association for retarded children was referred to the finance committee. The association has a 1959 budget of nearly \$7,000 and plans a new \$30,000 school. Annual requests for grants were also received.

Christians Have Failed To Spread Word—Speaker

Acton Pentecostal church was host for the first time for the World Day of Prayer service last Friday afternoon. Despite streets thronged with ice, about 80 women attended the annual service, most of them seeing the interior of the attractive new church for the first time.

Mrs. T. Thornhill and Mrs. R. Albertson welcomed them at the door.

The wife of the pastor of the church, Mrs. Kenneth J. Reid, was the speaker. The theme for the service, prepared by women in Egypt this year, was "I believe and he worshipped Him" and Mrs. Reid based her message on verses from the ninth chapter of John. "Dost thou believe on the son of God? Who is He, Lord, that I might believe?"

Much Literature
"As Christians, we have failed greatly in spreading the word of God. Communism has written two pieces of literature for each man, woman and child in the world to spread their devilish doctrine and undermine the Christian faith and take our young people away from God," she stressed.

"Jesus comes to deal personally with each soul. There are no half measures in the Christian faith. He is Lord of all or He is not Lord at all."

"We must be willing to suffer misunderstandings and many times criticism to see God's work go forward. God wants willing hearts and we are the only Bible which many ever read."

"Persecution on the mission field has greatly increased, but there is a great revival sweeping out mission fields, with the results of bringing many denominations together with the desire to preach God's word in all its simplicity and power," Mrs. Reid said.

Represent Churches
Mrs. Percy Barker of the Pentecostal church was in charge of the service.

Representing the Christian Reformed church, Mrs. J. Bauman read scripture and Mrs. T. Wierstra gave a prayer for the church and its manifold forms of activity.

Representing the United Church, Mrs. H. R. Force gave the prayer for peace and prosperity; Mrs. Harry Holmes of St. Alban's Anglican church prayer for the Queen and leaders of the Commonwealth; Mrs. George Young of the Presbyterian church gave the prayer for the victims of war and persecution and Mrs. C. Landsborough of the Baptist church prayer for intercession for family life and youth.

Mrs. Gordon Bowen sang a solo, "In Times like These. Mrs. H. Norton of Limehouse was at the organ. Mrs. E. Smith and Mrs. Tom McCutcheon took up the offering, which will go to the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada to be divided throughout the world.

At the close of the service, Rev. Kenneth Reid pronounced the benediction.

Rev. A. McKenzie was present representing the Acton Ministerial Association. The service will be held at the Christian Reformed church next year.

Deputation Asks Change In Road in Esqueving Twp.

A deputation from Limehouse Women's Institute and Limehouse School Association addressed Esqueving township council at their regular meeting in the council chamber on February 3. They asked council's consideration of road alterations at the fifth line below the school south of Limehouse. The matter was left in abeyance until weather permitted further investigation.

Members were all present and receive George Currie presided.

Fox bounty was paid to John Freely, Acton, for four foxes; Geo. Sargent, Glen Williams, one fox; Ken Morris, Georgetown, one fox; Marshall Hison, Collingswood, two foxes; Gordon Barnes, Norval, two foxes.

Sheep Destroyed
Accounts for sheep destroyed by dogs in the township were paid to J. J. Atkinson, three sheep killed and two injured, \$70; and A. N. Stark, two trips, \$8.

Rotary Canvass Nets \$1,300 for Centre
An estimated \$1,300 has been collected in the local Rotary club's drive to raise funds for a crippled children's centre to be built in Toronto, according to club treasurer W. Woodburn, when he gave his report during the regular dinner meeting on Tuesday evening.

The local club's share of the \$4,088,490 objective for the centre was set at \$1,500, which was to be raised with 2 local and district canvasses.

The \$1,300 raised in the canvass was a joint effort of the Acton Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, Campbellville W.L., both Chapters of the I.O.G.E., Y's Men's Club and the Acton Rotary club.

Tour New Plant
Following the business meeting, Rotarian Ron Lewis gave a brief outline of the newly constructed Mono Plastic plant on Main Street North, after which a conducted tour of the building was taken by the members.

Present to join with the Acton members for the dinner was Eric Pearce of the Georgetown club.

Ice Committee To Meet Tonight

Special committees appointed to investigate all possible channels of providing artificial ice for the town of Acton will meet tonight (Thursday) to discuss investigations into the proposed plant.

Results of tonight's meeting will be revealed at a public meeting for all interested citizens on Monday, February 23, in the Y.M.C.A., which will begin at 8 p.m.

The investigation into artificial ice is being sponsored by the Acton Chamber of Commerce, with the assistance of representatives from various organizations.

The Tuesday approval ended months of study by the Federation and Burlington. A private firm had made a bid for the park as well, but Federation spokesmen urged the sale to Burlington to prevent a commercial enterprise. A clause is to be inserted in the agreement preventing the resale of the park for private purposes.

"We felt that as a Federation we couldn't develop the park as it should be developed," said Mac Sprowl, spokesman for the Federation.

\$14,000 on Defence
A Civil Defence budget of \$14,000 is expected for this year, the committee reported, following a meeting with the coordinator, Lt. Cdr. McGregor. The co-ordinator had explained 208 are now enrolled in the county scheme but a lack of

Panel Discussion Highlights Meeting Reviews Children's Reading Problems

"Problems of Children's Reading" was the topic of conversation for a panel discussion at the amalgamated Home and School Association meeting on Monday evening in the Robert Little public school auditorium.

Moderator Don Bothwell of the Acton High School staff, and panel members Miss E. Taylor, assistant librarian, W. D. Elmer Smith, principal of the M. Z. Bennett public school; J. D. Snell, Guelph librarian and F. Rogers, school teacher, discussed at length proper reading material for school children.

Influenced at Home
Mr. Snell agreed that children's reading habits are determined by home influence and stated that if parents are interested in reading, children follow the same pattern.

Asked by moderator D. Bothwell if there was any definite proof that horror magazines lead to crime, Mr. Snell remarked it was difficult to pin the causes of bad behavior in children down to reading bad books.

Asked which children prefer good books or trash, Mr. Snell informed the moderator that home background would lead the child to secure the proper books.

Mr. Snell also stressed that children prefer books that are attractive in appearance rather than poorly illustrated ones.

Miss Taylor informed the panel that in her experience children demanded books they were attracted to and the story was important to children who were not too interested in the format.

Mr. Bothwell enquired if the weekly experiment of sending children from the M. Z. Bennett school to Acton library for books was justifiable. Principal E. Smith replied, "We feel fortunate in having a library to obtain books from as there is none at the school."

The moderator enquired if there were any special needs at the Acton library. Miss Taylor informed him the main need was for further expansion to present facilities as all the librarians are able to do is to dispatch books.

Expansion Ruled Out
However, Miss Taylor informed the panel members that she understood the financial position of the town ruled out any expansion at the present time. Longer library hours was an important issue raised by the Acton librarian.

"How does a pupil's ability to read influence his ability to learn?" was a question directed to principal Smith, who replied, "We keep records at our school and find a close relationship in their attainment with their ability to read. If children do not like reading, their speed is down. There is a close relationship between reading ability and achievement."

Mr. Bothwell asked Mr. Rogers how extra-curricular reading influenced the school work and was told that pupils who read two or three histories were generally the top students.

An enquiry how children could be better influenced to create a habit for more reading brought a reply from Mr. Snell as he remarked, "There is no better library than a home library and no better guide can be obtained than that of the parents."

Nominating Committee
A nominating committee for 1959 composed of Mrs. C. F. Leatherland, W. D. E. Smith, Mrs. J. Gordon and Mrs. E. Jennings was appointed.

Lunch was served following the meeting and a social time enjoyed.

Award winners for best parent attendance went to Mrs. Gwladis La's room at the Robert Little school, Mrs. Smith's room at the high school, and Mrs. Anderson's and Mrs. Turner's room used at the M. Z. Bennett school.

Divide Tax Sale Surplus Between Two Churches

Two deputations were present at the regular meeting of Esqueving township council held at Stewarston on January 19. A deputation from Boston church addressed council concerning a tax sale surplus of long standing.

A farm owned many years ago by the United - Presbyterian church had been sold for taxes in 1941. The sum realized amounted to more than the taxes due, and the surplus remained for the past 18 years while no decision was reached on who should receive it.

Since these concerned now attend Boston church and Knox Presbyterian church in Milton, council decided to dispose of its surplus to those two congregations.

It was agreed to close out the long standing tax sale surplus account. The balance was to be transferred to the general account and out of that balance \$1,000 was directed given to Boston church, with the balance of the surplus going to the Presbyterian church at Milton.

Health Unit Set Budget at \$194,890

Proposed health unit expenditures totalling nearly \$200,000 during 1959 were outlined to county council on Tuesday by Dr. Archie F. Bull, Medical Officer of Health for Halton. The \$194,890 budget approved by council was over \$44,000 higher than the 1958 budget.

The county share of \$69,943 will be matched by the Provincial government, Dr. Bull explained, and a surplus of \$20,000 and plumbing inspection fees expected to total \$35,947, would form the anticipated revenue.

Under expenditures, \$147,740 was listed for personal medical services, \$32,000 for travel, \$1,500 for equipment and furnishings, \$7,000 for materials and supplies, \$4,250 for rent and utility services, and \$2,400 other miscellaneous expenditure. All budgeted figures are higher than last year.

Referring to the great reduction in the number of poliomyelitis cases since an efficient immunization scheme was undertaken early in 1955, Dr. Bull pointed out that if costs of polio treatment could be

calculated "it could be shown the county is being saved an amount several times our annual budget by this one immunization process."

He said during the four year period from 1951-54, there were 63 cases of polio in Halton, but after the vaccine came into use, a four year period showed only 14 cases, and only one of these was in 1958. He recommended immediate immunization of anyone who has not received the shot, and noted "if we can immunize enough we won't have enough left in the county to cause any outbreak."



The H.M.S. PINAFORE cast are shown on the stage at the Robert Little Public School Auditorium on Tuesday evening as the pupils presented their annual operetta. Standing at the rear are left to right; Glenn Banks, school music supervisor, Mrs. Marie Andrews and Doug Copeland, members of the teaching staff, who directed the play. Main characters are pictured in the two rows immediately in front of the directors and the senior choir members in the foreground. Also presented on the same program was "Mother Goose's Birthday party", with music and lyrics written by Mr. Banks and one song written by Alice Sidey, Kindergarten teacher.

Acton Lad Fifth
Gerald Weick, 13 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Weick, placed 5th in a class of 31, entries to correct who competition of the Toronto Kiwanis Musical Festival held in Toronto this morning (Thursday). The young Acton boy competed in the correct class.