



SECOND PLACE was won by the senior choir from the M. Z. Bennett School in Acton at the music festival in Acton this week and the school choir is pictured above. Front row left to right: Danny Arbic, Keith Andrews, Sandra Hargrave, Bonnie Arnold, David Chapman, Jack Wensley, Elaine Dainith, Lynne Masters, Carol Camp and Joan Cook. Second row: David Lidkea, Jennifer Taylor, Sandra Cunningham, Donna Andrews, Jill Hurst, Catherine Higgins, Sally Wilson, Thelma Phillips, Pat Adams, Dorothy Thompson, Mardie Paul, Janice Rolston and Janice Wagner. Third row: Janice Gardner, Diane Swackhamer, Nancy Miller, Gail Timmey, Doreen McElvey, Susan Radford, Tony Leighton, Patricia Riley, Maureen Sargent, Diane Robinson, Beth Parsons, Lynda James, Elaine Bradley and Christine Lawrence.

Night School Committee Named Courses, Clogged Irons Topics

Acton night school committee members were re-elected with very few changes at the annual meeting Monday evening in the staff room at the high school. Again this year attendance was very disappointing, with only 10 there to represent a night school enrollment of 225.

Committee is: chairman, Mrs. E. Leyland; vice-chairman, Don Bexton; secretary, Mrs. W. Toth; treasurer, Miss Florence Wilkin; applications secretary, Mrs. J. Creighton; publicity, Mrs. Dave Dilks; promptly committee, George Bowman; Mrs. J. Inglis, Bill Mainprize; general committee, Mrs. J. Chapman, Mrs. H. Mainprize, Mrs. H. Helwig and Mrs. W. Coon.

Mrs. Leyland reported a most successful year. She referred briefly to the questionnaires which were filled out at the close of the season. About 85 per cent indicated they were in favor of continuing the classes with six before Christmas and six after. Interest in new classes was very encouraging.

The few who were present talked over some of these new courses. All the courses that proved so successful this year will be offered again next fall, as well as leathercraft, metalcraft, electrical repairs, rug making and photography, which drew insufficient applications this past year. It was felt that new interest warranted trying again.

Suggest New Courses
Brand new courses which might be held, depending on enrolment and arrangements, include interior decorating and square dancing, which could be held in the new high school auditorium. Others are floral designing, ceramics, plastics, wood inlay, a home handyman's course and "brush-up" shorthand.

Value Men's Free Labor On New Hall at \$49,000

Labor worth \$49,000 has been contributed by the men of the parish of the church of St. Alban the Martyr, it is calculated. The parish hall, formerly dedicated last night (Wednesday) cost the church \$26,000 and it was evaluated last month at \$75,000.

The dedication was the culmination of years of work, with sustained enthusiasm.

Many Skeptical
In 1940 the Rev. Laxton convinced his parishioners that a new parish hall could be built, despite the skepticism of many, and the cornerstone was laid in 1951. Tom Jones and Henry Jolly were the workers of the time.

Plans for the new parish hall were drawn up by architects Murrell and Evans Hamilton and construction soon began under the leadership of a committee of Sam Jones.

The hall, built by the people of the parish, was dedicated on Wednesday night, March 18, 1959.

Not One Accident
A dozen or more people were always working on Saturdays and Sundays. It is now thought that the World Series will be completed.

Although most were amateurs, there was not a single accident recorded during the entire construction project.

Mr. Laxton did not see the completion of the hall. He died suddenly on Tuesday, January 22, 1952, after endeavoring himself to his parishioners. Parish halls at

Ballinafad C.G.I.T. Has Special Service

All missionary groups were present at the Easter Thankoffering service on Sunday evening, April 19, at Ballinafad church with Miss Hills presiding. The meeting opened with a hymn and prayer.

Mrs. Jamieson and Mrs. Lawr of the evening auxiliary had charge of the devotion.

The C.G.I.T. group sang a chorus and with their leader, Mrs. Black, held their affiliation service donating a sum of money to Mrs. Mills for their share in the project. They received from her a certificate.

21 Years of Work
Miss Hills presented the Mission Band with their fifth certificate which represents 21 years of faithful work. Mrs. Lawr, their leader, accepted on behalf of the Band.

Three of the Band members received the offering and gave the dedicatory prayer.

Mrs. Mills of Burlington was guest speaker. She had attended the world Christian education convention in Tokyo, Japan and visited in Korea, India, Hongkong and the Holy Land and showed some pictures of each place.

Mrs. Shortall expressed a few words of appreciation to Mrs. Mills and all who had taken part. The meeting closed with a hymn and prayer.

Irons Mistreated
It was agreed that irons and ironing boards would be readied for the Fall term. Committee members reviewed occasions when it was discovered the steam irons had been placed hot in their boxes, or left with water still inside — and not distilled water at that — tap water. A thorough cleaning is needed.

(These irons and boards as well as sewing tables are the property of the night school committee.)

A display will be held at the fall fair, as usual.

Looking far ahead, dates for the next term were set already. Night school will start Monday and Tuesday, October 26 and 27, run six nights before Christmas and stop November 30 and December 1. Classes begin again January 11 and 12 and continue until February 15 and 16.

Due to the annual headache of late registrations, it was agreed to hold another Registration Night on Friday, October 16. Fees will be the same, but several courses may be higher due to special causes such as added tours, or the need for two instructors. Including typewriter rental cost in with the fee of typing was discussed, since the teacher last year felt it was essential for each student to be able to practise at home.

Retail grocery market on Canadian prairies is figured as worth \$500,000,000 a year in turnover.

Fire Department Called Seven Times Last Weekend

Seven calls last weekend kept the Acton Fire Fighters on the run as they checked four grass fires, a car fire, a barn fire and a false alarm, in a short period of time.

On Thursday, April 16, firemen were called out five times with the first call coming at 12 o'clock noon to battle a grass fire near the town dump where it is believed sparks from a fire at the dump ignited dry grass. The fire threatened to reach the United Suburban Gas Company's relay station.

Using brooms and lines from the hot air tank, firemen soon had the blaze under control with no apparent damage to property.

Return Call
At 2:55 p.m. the same afternoon, firemen were recalled to the dump again when sparks from the dump had ignited dry grass. Once again the broom brigade made short work of the flames.

A car fire at 4:50 on the same afternoon had firemen speeding down the highway in the rural fire engine when the electrical wiring system under the hood of a late model car owned by A. G. Woods of Acton shorted, causing a minor fire. Damage to the car was slight, the fire chief reported.

While firemen on the rural run were still coping with the faulty wiring system in the Wood vehicle, a standby crew at the fire hall called out the second unit when the alarm was sounded for a grass fire in Lakeview Subdivision.

The standby crew were joined shortly by firemen returning from the rural call and the flames were extinguished in short order.

Rest Interrupted
Firemen had earned a rest from their four fires in the afternoon, but their recess was short lived when once again at 7:45 in the evening, the alarm sounded and coats and equipment were donned quickly as firemen raced to the home of Buck Hamilton, lot 22, third line, Massagwegyn township.

On arrival firemen extinguished a blaze in an incinerator which had threatened a nearby shed. No serious damage resulted.

Enjoy Rest
Firemen enjoyed a well earned rest on Friday polishing up equipment in the fire hall, uninterrupted by the wail of the siren except for one call to a grass fire behind the Scout Hall.

At 1:25 Sunday morning, they were summoned from their beds to make a fast run to Beardmore and Co. where No. 2 dry valve in the dry loft tripped the sprinkler alarm.

At 1:44 p.m. Monday afternoon, the sound of the alarm had firemen rushing to Ransom St. on the cemetery hill where a grass fire was burning out of control.

Aktivik in Canada's Northwest Territories is the centre of one of the world's largest fur trade areas.

Fred Wright on TV With Piper, Dancers

Fred Wright, president of the Guelph Pipe Band and the Acton Junior Pipe Band, appeared on CKCO-TV, Kitebener, on Tuesday, April 21.

He was introduced by Elaine Cole as one who has been most influential in the district in promoting "things Scottish", and as a keen member of the Acton Scottish Dance Club.

Mr. Wright emphasized that, as president of the Acton Pipe Band, he was most anxious for the members to learn Scottish dancing, as part of their general training. He took along with him two young Highland dancers, Andrena Cumella of Milton and Penny Izatt of Clarkson, who gave a very excellent demonstration of the Double Sword Dance and the Highland Fling. They were accompanied on the pipes by young Jim Izatt.

203 Medals
The close-up of the footwork of these dances was most revealing, and it was obvious why they have already gained such an enormous number of medals. Penny has 203. These two talented young dancers will be taking part in the Ceilidh on Saturday, when the Scottish Dance Club is holding the last meeting of the season in the parish hall.

The club has been in existence for three seasons. Its aim is to keep alive the best in Scottish tradition and to hand this on to the children of the Scottish families in the district.

A Ceilidh (pronounced Caylee) is an evening of song and dance. Originally people in the Highlands of Scotland used to gather together in the evening at a neighbor's house and everyone was expected to contribute something in the way of entertainment according to his or her talent, e.g., a song, a poem, a recitation or the telling of a story.

Not Bandits
The Highlanders, contrary to popular superstition, were not a collection of savage bandits, but a very cultured group of people! Then, of course, there were dancing, reels and the like, and plenty of celebrating.

The recent dance held by this club in the Legion hall, when modern, old time and square dancing were combined with the Scottish dances, aroused considerable surprise and interest among the Acton people who attended, and many of them expressed the hope that there would be more functions of this nature in the future.

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