

A MEMORIAL WREATH was laid at the cairn in Pioneer Cemetery during the Decoration Day Service on Sunday by two veterans of World War I. Pictured above left to right are E. E. Barr and W. Britton, who served together during the war, placing the wreath. Graves in Fairview and St. Joseph's cemeteries were also decorated during the service.

## Boer War Veteran On Duty Sunday

A Boer War and World War I veteran, Wilfred Coles, Church St., once again this year handled the duties of raising and lowering the flag at the cenotaph during the Decoration Day service last Sunday.

Mr. Coles, a Legion member, has during the past years been a familiar figure at the cenotaph during any Legion service, raising and lowering the Union Jack during the playing of the Last Post.

## Church Must Take Share of Burden

Mrs. Joseph Jany was hostess and Mrs. A. J. Buchanan presided for the June meeting of the Afternoon Auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society of Knox Presbyterian Church.

R. R. Parker as convenor presented the Mission Study and, with the assistance of Mrs. Wm. McLeod, led in a service of worship following the theme God's Work.

In the study period, Mrs. Parker told of the many problems and concerns confronting the church in Canada today, many of which are evident in Canada. Among others related to the change and expansion were churches being built in suburban, downtown areas of larger cities, research centres, scarcity of ministers and the need for more young men and women to train for service in the church.

As a national church we must face the burden of responsibility which we have undertaken as our share of the World Mission of the church.

Those present enjoyed music supplied by Mrs. Moran and a time of fellowship.

## OBITUARY

### Learned Wireless Operating in Acton

Funeral service was held for John A. McGill in Ottawa on May 21.

Mr. McGill had been with Canadian Pacific Railways for 30 years, retiring in 1945 as general passenger agent. A Lamhouse native, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McGill, he attended high school in Georgetown. After learning wireless operating while employed with the C.N.R. in Acton, he traded railway work for banking, and was with the Traders' Bank in several places including Sault Ste. Marie, Prescott, Arthur and Carleton Place. He joined the C.P.R. in 1915 he joined the C.P.R. in Cleveland, Ohio and British Columbia before going to Ottawa.

His wife, the former Helen Symons of Acton, died in 1943. He leaves two sisters, Mrs. G. R. Polkinghorne, Coldwater and Mrs. J. F. Downing, London, and a brother, Roy McGill of Georgetown.

# R. A. Brooks Retired Minister Addresses Large Gathering at Decoration Service

"It is so encouraging today to see so many who are unmoved and fearless about tomorrow, gathered here to do honor to those who made, in their way, noble contributions to Queen and country and to our own way of life and who tried to always do their duty, being just, loving mercy and walking humbly with their God," were the words of welcome to the large gathering at the fifth annual Decoration Day service in Fairview cemetery on Sunday, June 7, by Rev. R. A. Brook, guest minister.

In addressing the large crowd gathered at the cemetery for the service, Rev. Brook outlined the reasons for the holding of the Decoration Day service. First, he noted it was a time of remembrance which included some sadness when grief is reviewed as old memories and old wounds are unweaved.

**Sense of Gratitude**

In stressing his second reason, Rev. Brook stated, "These services are occasions when a profound sense of gratitude overwhelms us. We can never estimate the debt we owe to the men who saved us from the evils of tyranny and dictatorship. They stood between us and untold horrors. Let us always feel grateful that we have been saved from a great deal."

"May this Decoration Day be a day of promise and hope for tomorrow. Things are not always as they seem. Sometimes we do far better than we ever expected and if during the trial and the tempest, we put our trust in Him who is greater and mightier than we are, it is quite possible that our efforts will prove better than we ever imagined," emphasized Rev. Brook.

**Day of Rededication**

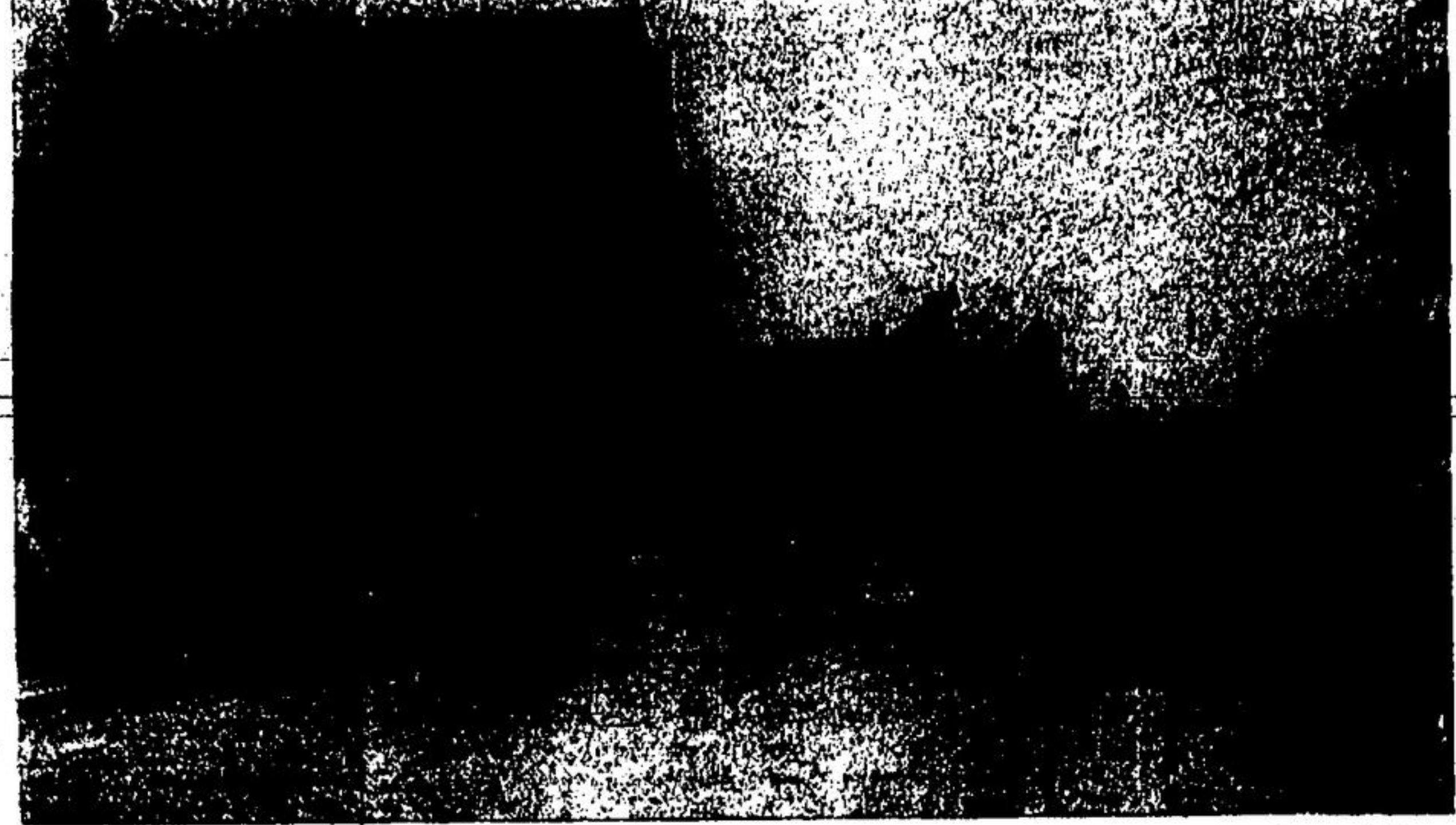
In conclusion, the guest minister urged the people to make it a day of rededication and make their influence felt in this day and generation. "Let us be aware of these evil moods and flee from them, knowing the strength Jesus shares with all who know and love Him. Let us rise up from our dead selves to higher things," he urged.

Cyril Leighton, chairman of the Decoration Day Committee, was chairman for the service. He welcomed all present to the ceremony and introduced the guests seated on the platform.

Introduced were F. Pope and H. Lowe, councillors; J. Guy, reeve; O. Mullin, Liberal candidate; S. Hall, M.P.P. and Conservative candidate; J. Henry, C.C.F. candidate; Mayor W. H. Cook, Rev. A. H. McKenzie, Rev. G. Holmes, Rev. H. A. Brook, guest speaker.

**Welcome by Mayor**

Acton Mayor W. H. Cook welcomed the crowd to the annual service and invited all to linger a while after the service to renew old acquaintances and visit with others present.



A BRIEF SERVICE was held at the cenotaph last Sunday, June 7, during the annual Decoration Day Service and pictured above members of town council and local and district organizations are shown as they reached the cenotaph during the parade from the C.N.R. tracks to Fairview cemetery. Four bands were in attendance for the service and headed by parade marshal Max Storey led the parade to the cemetery where a service was held. Rev. R. A. Brook, retired United Church minister, now living in Acton was guest speaker for the service. Following this graves were decorated in the three cemeteries.

During the order of service, Rev. K. J. Reid gave the invocation. Following a hymn, Rev. H. Stokreef read the scripture, starting at the 31st verse of the eighth chapter of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans.

Prayer was given by Rev. G. Holmes. The guest speaker was introduced by Rev. A. McKenzie, who noted that Rev. Brook was a retired United Church minister now living in Acton after a very distinguished career in the ministry.

Rev. Brook thanked the committee for inviting him to speak. He told his audience he was very much impressed with his first Decoration Day service in Acton when so many people gathered to decorate the graves of not only veterans, but all their loved ones who have passed away.

Following the address by Rev. Brook, the service ended with all joining in singing the Queen and the benediction was pronounced.

**Graves Decorated**

While Acton Citizens' Band played, the graves of the servicemen were decorated with potted geraniums. Graves throughout the cemetery were colorful with the many beautiful flowers placed by citizens in memory of their loved ones. At the same time, graves in the Pioneer and St. Joseph's cemeteries were visited and decorated.

Over 900 people gathered in the cemetery for the service, blessed with perfect June weather.

Mill Street was lined solidly on both sides for the parade which took place prior to the service. Starting at the C.N.R. station, the parade made its way to Fairview cemetery via Mill and Main Streets, stopping briefly at the cenotaph to place a wreath in memory of the fallen comrades who gave their lives in two world wars.

**Four Bands Attend**

Four bands were present for the parade: Acton Citizens' Band, Acton Junior Pipe Band, Guelph Pipe Band and Guelph Sea Cadets Band. A five man guard of honor of Sea Cadets was stationed at the cenotaph.

At the cenotaph, the Legion Charge was given by president H. Peal. Prayer was offered by Rev. A. H. McKenzie, Legion padre, and Max Storey read the names of the servicemen who died in combat. A wreath was placed and the Last Post was sounded by W. D. Elmer Smith as veteran Wilfred Coles raised and lowered the flag.

The parade then moved off to Fairview cemetery for the balance of the service.

Many civic groups took part in the parade and service, including town officials, candidates in the provincial election, Acton Fire Department, Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, Duke of Devonshire and Lakeside Chapters of the I.O.D.E., Women's Institutes of Acton and district Boy Scouts, Cubs, Guides, Brownies, Legion members and visiting Legionnaires and St. John Ambulance Brigade.

Parade marshal was M. Storey. Leading sections of the parade were V. Patrick, B. Nicolak and H. Peal. During the parade and the service the St. John Ambulance Brigade treated several participants when they were overcome by the heat.

## Anniversary Tea Held on Tuesday

It was a time for happy reminiscing when the members of the Duke of Devonshire chapter of the I.O.D.E. met at the home of Mrs. J. Jany on Tuesday, June 2. A short business meeting was chaired by Mrs. K. Knox, the regent, at which a new member was received.

The gathering was turned over to the committee in charge who busied themselves at a refreshment table. As it was the 42nd anniversary of the chapter, its former members were invited to help celebrate the occasion and many were able to attend.

During the serving of refreshments Mrs. E. J. Hassard, a guest and charter member of the chapter, cut the beautifully decorated birthday cake.

**ALCOBOLIC GLOW**

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## 12 Homes

Building permits for construction worth \$126,000 have been issued in Naamagweya township to date this year, clerk Don McMillan reported this week.

In April and May, 12 permits were issued for homes, totalling \$115,000.

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IN SOLEMN REVERENCE the Guelph Sea Cadets Honor Guard stand at the Cenotaph in Acton during the annual Decoration Day Service and Parade. Crowds lined Mill Street from the C.N.R. tracks to Main Street to witness the parade consisting of four bands and local and district organizations as well as town officials.

## 130 From Nine Area Branches At Legion Ladies' Zone Rally

Legion ladies auxiliary members from nine district branches met in Erin and Streetsville, Milton, Legion hall Thursday evening, May 28th, for the annual Zone B rally. Nearly 130 representatives were present from Milton, Georgetown, Brampton, Oakville of Acton, Mrs. S. Thomas of

Milton, a former past president conducted the meeting in the absence of president Mrs. Edith Peterson.

Reports were given from each auxiliary and a question and answer period followed. A buffet lunch was served by the hostesses at the close.

Next year the rally will be held at Acton.

## Fred Day Named School Principal

Fred Day, eldest son of Mrs. Frank Day and the late Frank Day of Rickwood, has been appointed principal of the Central Secondary School in Hamilton.

He received his education at No. 8 Erasmus Acton High School, Guelph Collegiate and the University of Toronto where he received his M.A. degree.

Mr. Day, author of several text books in Mathematics, has been vice-principal of H. H. Park Secondary School in Hamilton since 1955.

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