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Knox 114th Anniversary Features Speaker, Dinner

The 114th anniversary of Knox Presbyterian church was observed at two well-attended services Sunday and culminated with the widely popular fowl supper, when about 350 dinners were served.

The guest speaker was a friend of the Rev. Andrew McKenzie, the Rev. Richard H. Williams of First Presbyterian Church, Mount Clemens, Michigan.

His theme at the morning service was "And the bush was not consumed." Noting that the burning bush is the emblem of the Presbyterian church, he emphasized that man, eternal values in life cannot be destroyed by time or stress.

In the evening, the subject was "Sin against the future."

Special Music
Mrs. William Moorehead, wife of a Toronto minister, was guest soloist and sang twice at each service. Organist Ted Hansen led the choir in two anthems "Let Not Your Heart be Troubled" and "Mad of Galilee."

Mr. Williams was born in an Ontario manse and ministered at Northside church, Regina, first.

On the program were June Joyce and Donna Mullin who sang, Jane McPhedran, violin solo; Les McPhedran, bagpipe selections; Ted Hansen, organ number; Nurm Elliott, three solos; Mrs. Bruce Ward, elocutionist. Mrs. George Robertson played a group of Scottish airs on the piano and acted as accompanist.

Last Meeting

School Trustees, Ambulance Discussed at Urban Board

An ambulance service for the town of Milton and appointing representatives to the High School Boards in each town came under discussion during a one hour meeting of the North Halton Urban Board Wednesday night, at the final business session of the year.

The members learned that Georgetown council had appointed their representative to their High School Board but Milton and Acton have not done so to date.

This action was agreed at an earlier meeting of the board in order to acquire proposed members with the operation of a school board before the end of the year. At this time the North Halton High School Board dissolves in favor of individual boards in the three towns.

During the discussion on the Ambulance service it was learned that Milton had nothing constructive to offer as a means of a replacement for the local service being provided presently by two local Funeral Homes. The service presently in operation in Milton is to be discontinued shortly following notice by the two services.

It was suggested to Mayor S. Childs of Milton to approach the two-men and offer to subsidize one.

ambulance and have the town pay for the service calls and collect the fee from the individual user of the service.

Mayor Childs acknowledged the suggestion and noted he would report to the committee selected to secure an ambulance service for the town of Milton. Ways of deciding between the two present ambulance operators were left for the decision of the Milton council.

Mr. Childs reported his council had been approached by two interested parties who were seeking information on supplying a service to the town.

The board adjourned on the note of meeting again at their annual banquet at Hilltop Lodge.

Operation Move

Free Press in New Home "Open House" in February

The Acton Free Press, first established 78 years ago in the original post office where the Bank of Nova Scotia now stands, this week made the second move in its history.

Sixty years ago, the Free Press moved from the original location to 36 Mill Street, where it remained until Thursday of last week.

Its second move was to a plant on Willow Street formerly occupied by Baxter Laboratories of Canada Limited.

Last Thursday was a hectic time for each employee of the firm as they all pitched in and took an active part in the move to the new premises.

Board Agrees to Survey Following Council Action

Acton Planning Board Tuesday evening endorsed council's recommendation to authorize the planning consultant to make a survey of the immediate area adjacent to the present town boundaries.

This action followed the presentation of council's resolution and an explanation by Mayor W. H. Cook of the plan.

The board instructed A. Reimer, owner of Reimer Electric to re-draft plans for an addition to his property on Mill Street west before making further application for a building permit.

This decision followed an explanation by Mr. Reimer who outlined the purposes for the new addition and told the board he intended to install a plumbing and heating business with space allotted for a showroom and storage.

Staff Party

The object was to get acquainted when the teachers of the M. Z. Bennett school entertained the teachers of the Robert Little school last Thursday after all the young pupils had left.

The kindergarten room was decorated with a Halloween theme and the lunch was seasonal, too—sandwiches, pumpkin pie and coffee.

New Bakery to Open In Business Section

A new bakery opens shortly in the shop formerly operated as Ovenette Bakery, Lou Wegner of Georgetown is in charge. He is associated with his brother in the bakery business, and explains he just started six months ago. His brother has been a baker for the past 12 years.

The business will be called the Lion's Bakery, and there's a branch in Georgetown as well.

When the situation was explained Mr. Reimer consented to re-draft plans for a proposed addition and present them to the clerk for his approval before applying for a building permit.

The move was not possible without much overtime being put in, not only by company employees but many local contractors who burned the midnight oil.

Old wiring was torn out, new installed, walls torn out, replaced in another location with new, and much carpentry work and electrical work completed.

Although all the work is not completed in its entirety, it has been quite possible for the employees of the Dills Printing and Publishing Co. to begin their operations from the first of this week.

Papers on Time
The readers of the Free Press received their copy of the paper on time last week and this week again, in spite of the move, the paper was published according to schedule.

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All Play Part
Painters, plasterers and other important workmen must not be forgotten in this important move in the history of the paper, as they all played an important part in making the big shuffle possible.

On Monday morning every employee, fully versed in his or her job, went back to regular work in the new spot and production began immediately.

The paper this week was not printed from the new building but

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POPPY DAY in Acton is well organized this year again and pictured are the chairman, Harry Otterbein and Legion Ladies' Auxiliary president Mrs. Robert Johnson as they fill the boxes in preparation for the canvass this weekend. Shown with the two are piles of wreaths and boxes of poppies which will be used in the canvass and during the Remembrance Service November 11.

Man Over 40

Breaks Up Conservative Meet With Unemployment Queries

An unemployed ex-Avro worker from Milton broke up the annual meeting of the Halton County Progressive Conservative Association in Milton Thursday night when he made a plea against the "damnable cursed cancer" of the working man over 40.

Bob Coates, Kingsleigh Court, Milton, jumped to his feet at the conclusion of a speech by Toronto Parkdale M.P. Arthur Maloney, Q.C., in which the guest speaker had praised the accomplishments of the Conservative government and its restoration of Parliament supremacy. "I would like to think everything you said was true," yelled Mr. Coates, "but I wanted to ask Mr. Starr (labor minister, for whom Mr. Maloney was substituting) what he is doing about this terrible cancer of the working man over 40 years of age."

He explained he had been pounding the streets for eight months and although he has two skills—bookbinding and toolmaking—he cannot get a job because Government cannot expect loyalty from us and expect us to send good reports back to England," he shouted. "Either the government brings in legislation to stop this crime, or it will be known as a government that condones the segregation of a certain part of the population."

Many of the 150 Conservatives at the meeting cheered his speech and most clapped when he finished.

After the meeting, several extended their congratulations for his stand on the tough subject.

In reply, Mr. Maloney explained the minister of labor was presently conducting a study on the situation. "I hope under his influence this criticism will not be one to be validly made a year from now," he said.

M.P. Sandy Best and M.L.A. Stan Hall were also present at Thursday's meeting and brought greetings from their respective governments.

Glen Cooper of Trafalgar was chosen president with Dave Green of Milton first vice-president, Mrs. J. Saville of Burlington second vice-president, John Dewey of Oakville secretary, George Kerr of Burlington treasurer, and John White of Burlington Y.P.C. president. All positions were keenly contested.

John Chaney and Mac Sprawl were named auditors. National convention delegates to Ottawa are president Cooper and first vice-president Green, while Peter Tully of Burlington, Mac Sprawl of Acton, John Sammons of Oakville and Mrs. K. Saville of Burlington.

Jack Newton Returned As Acton Fire Chief

The Acton Fire Department held their annual election of officers during their regular meeting Monday night and returned Jack Newton as chief.

Other officers elected were: deputy chief, Mick Holmes; "A" company captain, Bern Van Fleet; "B" company captain, Bill Williams; "C" company captain, Wilf McEachern.

Secretary of the department this year is Philip McCristall and treasurer, John Krapek.

Plans have been formulated for the coming year and the firemen are looking forward to a busy year, not fighting fires but training in the event one occurs.

UNICEF Pennies Total \$124.01 Best Costumes Judged at Y.M.C.A.

The result of this year's collection for UNICEF on Halloween was most gratifying. Mrs. Bill Wilson reports that \$124.01 has been banked to date, but there are still some boxes to be handed in. Full sum will be given next week.

The number of youngsters collecting for children all over the world increased from 70 last year to 115 this year. One 100% recollecting that just a small percentage of her Halloween callers asked for pennies, speculated what a great deal of good could have been done if each child had only asked for one penny.

Three depots were set up to hand out boxes. The one at St. Alban's church was manned by Mrs. Winnifred Kerr and Mrs. W. Wilson. At the Christian Reformed church Mrs. J. McGeachie and Susan Wilson. At the Y were Mrs. D. Tarrant and Mrs. H. Buckner.

When the children brought their boxes back to the Y, the job of counting the hundreds of pennies went to Billy Middleton, Charlie Leatherland, Bill Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Sid Saitz.

Checking figures, they noted that David Sproston had collected the most, \$3.55, followed by Pat Blindell.

Mrs. White's grade four class at the Robert Little school all entered the "pennies project" wholeheartedly and every one of them collected for UNICEF. They raised \$22.39. A part, at her home followed.

Tests of Miss Betty Fosbury's kindergarten class handed in \$3.55.

Costumes Judged
The Y gym was full of a wild competition of costumes and masks during judging. Mrs. Peter Dunham and Mrs. J. Heatherington led the list of selecting the boys and girls in the best outfits to be awarded cash prizes donated by the Women's Institute. A Japanese girl with her pompadour stabbed by jumbo knitting needles, Linda Cooper won the nod as the best girl. Best boy was Christopher Coyle—the devil himself.

Sally Wilson thought up her own costume, at autumn leaves with real leaves stapled all over her dress. She was judged the best original girl.

John McGeachie was the most original boy. He was entitled "Summit Conference" and on his father's hat seated on his sister's low chair were pipe cleaner men depicting statesmen of the world. They had nylon faces with tiny wigs of wool.

Through the kindness and cooperation of Mrs. Wes Beatty and Stan Robinson there were plenty of apples for all.

Two Fire Calls Last Thursday

Acton firemen, idle from fire-fighting for some time, responded to two calls last Thursday, October 29—one at 6:34 p.m. and the other at 11:03 p.m.

The first call came from the home of George Hargrave, Wallace Ave., where a fire had started in a clothes closet and had gained some headway before firemen arrived. It caused damage in the neighborhood of \$600.

Fire chief J. Newton reported the biggest part of the damage was caused by smoke.

At 11:05 the same evening, firemen were summoned to the home of Jack Mellor, 136 Bower Ave., where a space heater flooded with oil and residents became alarmed.

Remembrance Service Follows Annual Legion Poppy Day Sale

On Wednesday, November 11th, Canacians will gather at war memorials in some 2,000 cities, towns and villages. Here they will stand with bowed heads and a poppy on their breast in two minutes of silence. They will pay tribute to the 104,000 Canadians who were killed in the war.

Each will remember in their own way. Perhaps veterans will think of their comrades as they were only a few minutes before their death. Waves will remember the long wait for husbands who went to war and never returned. Parents will think of the boys who were so young when they left home for the last time and some will think of a father who went away such a long time ago.

Everyone wears a poppy on November 11. It is a reminder of the blood-red poppy which grew in Flanders Fields where so many men died. Much fighting was done in a place called Flanders during the war of 1914-18. Every spring the soldiers fighting in the trenches noticed the flowers blooming on the battleground. As more of their comrades were killed, the soldiers noticed the poppies bloomed over their graves.

When the war was over and the soldiers returned to their homes, they remembered their friends who were buried in Flanders. Each

time they thought of the graves, they thought of the poppies which grew on the graves. The soldiers who returned from the war decided they should wear a poppy each year to show they remembered their friends.

As there were not enough real poppies to go around, veterans who returned from the war unable to work at other jobs, began to make cloth poppies. Today everyone wears a poppy to remind them of the flowers which grew over the dead soldiers' graves.

Heading the poppy campaign in Acton this year is Harry Otterbein. Assisting the chairman this year are members of the local branch of the Canadian Legion and the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary.

Special advanced tagging will take place on Friday, November 6, when store, office and factory personnel will have an opportunity of purchasing poppies. Homeholders will have an opportunity on Friday evening and Saturday, November 7, when the town will be blitzed.

The poppy chairman also invites any citizen wishing to place a wreath on the cenotaph to do so. He noted that each year wreaths can be ordered through the Legion if the chairman is notified in time.

Mr. Otterbein pointed out that all proceeds from the poppy sale go to help veterans unable to work and their families. Wives, daughters and sons of men who gave their lives on the battlefield derive benefits from the fund as well, it was pointed out.

On Remembrance Day when everyone wears a poppy and stands in silence at the war memorial, they are saying "thank you" to those who died for us on the battlefield as well as helping other veterans maintain and unable to work.

The Remembrance Day service this year will begin at the cenotaph at 10:45 a.m. following a parade of veterans and members of local organizations from the Legion Hall at 10:30 a.m.

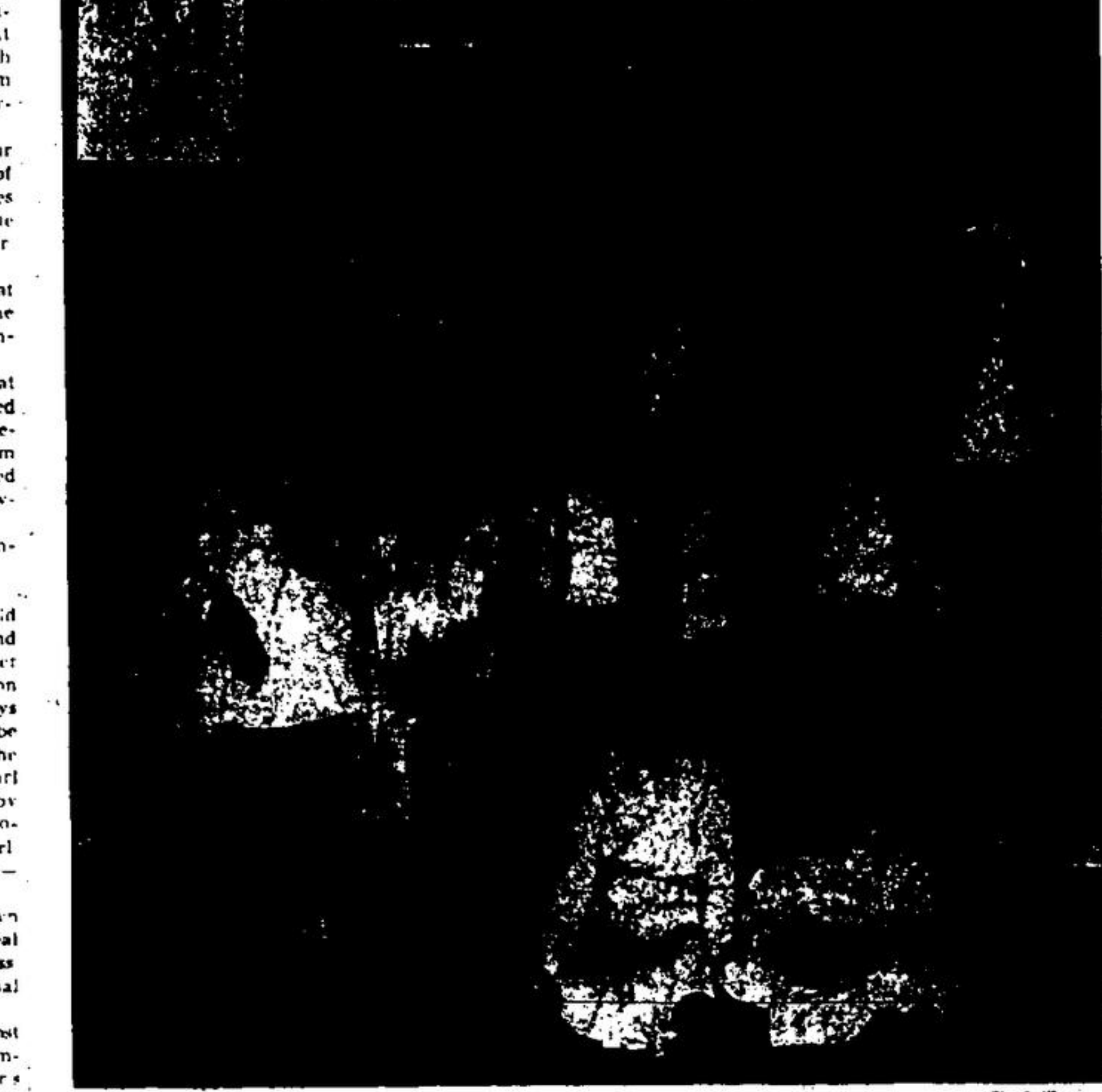
Following the cenotaph service and placing of wreaths a service will be held in Knox Presbyterian church at 11 a.m. with members of the Acton Ministerial Association taking part.

Acton Citizens' Band and Acton Junior Pipe Band will lead the parade. During the church service, a choir composed of Legionnaires will be under the supervision of organist E. A. Hansen.

In the afternoon at 2:30 p.m. a service will be held at the cenotaph at Hilltopville with local Legionnaires taking part. Another remembrance service will be conducted in Rockwood on Sunday at 11 a.m.



HALLOWEEN COSTUMES worn by Acton children collecting for UNICEF were judged at the Y.M.C.A. following the blitz and the lucky winners are pictured above. Shown in the front row left to right are John McGeachie, representing summit conference, Linda Cooper, a Japanese girl, Christopher Coyle, dressed as a devil and Sally Wilson, costumed in a dress fashioned from fall leaves. In the back are Mrs. R. Buckner and Mrs. W. Wilson, in charge of the project.



LOCAL TALENT participated in a play in the Legion Auditorium last weekend and some of the main characters are pictured above in costume. Seated in front row left to right are: Pauline Wasowicz, Joanne Wasowicz and Janine Cooper. Second row: Fiona Gidman, Linda Lingham, Garry Price, Steven Garrett and Mark Wolfe. Third row: Nancy Quennell, Valerie Coles, Bobbie Nesbitt, Rickie Everdell, Jane Watson and Brian Leslie. Back row: main characters are, Mrs. Doreen Cooper as Mabel, Phil Cadduk as Casper and Helen Benton as the Prima Donna.