

African Unrest Revealed By Missionary Speaker

The service last Sunday morning at the Acton Pentecostal Assembly was conducted by the Women's Missionary Council, as is their custom once a year. Mrs. Harvey Norton presided over the service. Mrs. Percy Barker read the scripture, the first chapter of Colossians. Mrs. K. Reid gave the prayer. Mrs. Lawrence Kingwell led in the singing of some favorite choruses. Mrs. Jim Bailey and Mrs. Ross Norton sang a duet. Mrs. George Stewart gave a missionary reading. The guest speaker, Rev. R. J. Skinner, gave a short testimony. An offering for missionary work was received by Mrs. McCutcheon and Mrs. Smith. The Crusaders girls sang a missionary chorus. Mrs. G. Bowen sang a solo.

Africa Revealed
Mrs. Norton asked the pastor, F. Reid, to introduce the speaker. Mr. Skinner is a missionary and the son of a missionary, both serving in Africa. The speaker's message was titled, "This is the Darkest Hour of a Dark Continent." Mr. Skinner said that there are many more heathen in Africa now than in David Livingstone's time because of the rapid increase in population. When the first missionaries went to Africa, there were 153,000,000 people. Now there are 210,000,000. Each year there is an increase of ten million people.

There is much unrest and many riots all over Africa. The communists are causing a lot of trouble in this country, he said.

Eager to Read
The people are learning to read now. They will read anything they can find to read. The missionaries find that the printed page can reach many more than any one person could. Mr. Skinner has been working at Emmanuel Press, Eastern Toronto, S. Africa, where they print a million pieces of literature a month including many tracts. These tracts are easily distributed. Many times a tract has been read and passed on until it is worn out.

Mr. Skinner before leaving to come home on furlough was asked to attend the opening of a new church which began by one man picking up a tract, on the way home from work. He read it and on the side of the road, knelt and asked the Lord to forgive him of his sins. He accepted Jesus as his Savior right there.

Family Saved
He took the paper home and called his family together. Six more were saved that night. This man became a servant of the Lord in his own town because of the printed page. The missionaries are asking the people at home to pray for them.

OBITUARY

Lengthy Illness Ends For Mrs. J. Rowles

An illness of 12 years, followed by a short stay in Guelph General Hospital, ended in death for Sarah Ann Rowles, widow of the late John Rowles, on Wednesday, January 20. She lived at 34 Main St. N., Acton, with her daughter Millie.

Other survivors include a son John of Brampton, a sister, Mrs. H. Andrews of London, England; brothers Thomas Higgins of Hamilton and Joseph Higgins of Milton; grandchildren, Calvert, Maryland, U.S.A., Vivian, Mrs. Hap Simmons, Hamilton, Marretta (Mrs. Jack Cooke) and Bob of Toronto.

Mrs. Rowles was born in England and came to Canada 49 years ago. She was married in England in 1903. After living several years in Milton she moved to Acton 42 years ago.

She was a member of St. Alban's church and the Rev. H. B. Stokreef conducted the funeral service at the Rumley Shoemaker funeral home, Acton, on Saturday, January 23. Interment was in Fairview cemetery, Acton. Pallbearers were Charles Kirkness, Don Houghan, Albert Ford, Ray Agnew, Dale Lindsay and Jim Lindsay.

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Approve \$1,000 Land Purchase For Alice Street Property

Final purchase of property on Alice Street owned by the town was authorized by the Acton Hydro Electric Commission during a four and a half hour meeting Thursday, January 28, when the secretary-treasurer was instructed to proceed with arrangements for the purchase of the land at a cost of \$1,000.

The much discussed land adjoining the present hydro buildings on Alice Street will be used for future development by the hydro commission.

Review Insurance
During the meeting, insurance agent J. Bert Wood and district inspector John McNeil were present to discuss insurance policies owned by the commission.

After nearly a three hour discussion on revisions and additions, Mr. Wood acting as broker was instructed to prepare the necessary policies.

During the discussion it was agreed to carry a separate policy from the town on hydro vehicles. Former policies jointly owned by the town and former Public Utilities Commission had included hydro, sewer and water vehicles, along with town vehicles in one fire policy.

Four Vehicles
When the sewer and water departments came under the administration of the town beginning the first of the year, only four vehicles remained in the hydro department.

Other insurance under discussion for revision and approval was burglary, fire, fidelity and equipment.

The commission resolved that Mr. Wood, acting as broker for the transaction of policies, should receive 50 per cent. of the commissions with the balance being divided evenly among all accredited agents recognized by the town council.

Outside Installation
The advantages of installing hydro meters on the outside of local homes was suggested by chairman E. Tyler. He suggested this might be considered by the town council in future agreements with subdividers when building new homes.

Mr. Tyler told members outside installation would cut down on the number of calls made by the meter reader when residents

were not at home on the first call.

Appliances Installed
The commission learned that electric appliances ordered for the home economics room at the Robert Little public school had been delivered and would be installed at the school. These included an electric stove purchased by the school board, electric clothes washer supplied by the Acton Hydro Commission and an electric clothes dryer supplied by the Ontario Hydro.

Hydro superintendent, Doug Mason informed members his department would be calibrating meters in the near future. He also sought members' opinion regarding the installation of a separate holding line from the hydro office to the Alice Street building as a means of contact in the event of long distance calls. The chairman suggested all information regarding this innovation should be secured before approving or condemning the idea.

Try This!
Are you one of those persons who have reached the boredom stage from rising early daily, eating breakfast, donning heavy apparel and striking out before seven to go to work?

If so, a sure cure for this feeling would be to follow the path laid out by a young Acton girl, Elizabeth France, who rises early, shakes the sleepy sand out of her eyes, tosses her figure skates over her shoulder and heads for Acton arena for an hour's practice session before breakfast.

The young skater, with her eyes set on the upper brackets in figure skating competitions, her skates and practice figures for nearly an hour each morning.

Is it lonely, boring, cold? It is cold, yes, but not lonely and boring to the young, ambitious girl, who already has made a name for herself in figure skating circles with the Guelph club.

Oh yes, for those who lack an appetite first thing in the morning, a whirl on the blades before breakfast is just the answer for a keen appetite before heading out to school or work.

Fair Ladies' Division Returns All Officers

The Ladies Agricultural Society of Acton met with the men's board in the Town-Hall on Saturday, January 30, for their annual meeting.

After hearing the financial statement for the year and giving reports from the committees in the hall the ladies retired and continued with the remainder of the meeting at the home of Mrs. A. Robinson.

The financial statement given by the secretary treasurer was encouraging.

The ladies made plans for attending the annual Fair Convention held in Toronto in February. Plans were made for club parties to be sponsored by the ladies.

W.A. Sews Patches On Travelling Apron

On Tuesday, February 2, the W.A. of Acton United church met in the church parlor with Mrs. Wilder's presiding.

Let the Beauty of Jesus was sung. Mrs. Steinhil acting as pianist. The W.A. prayer and Lord's Prayer were repeated in unison.

Mrs. Annes Shoemaker had charge of devotions, taking the scripture reading from 1 Col. 1:14, Romans 20 and 489 were sung followed by prayer.

Mrs. Evans read the coronation. Mrs. Lindsay gave the treasurer's report. A very appropriate reading, "Always talking about money," was read by Mrs. Thedford.

A donation of money was voted on to be sent to the Victor Home for Girls in Toronto.

Visita Party

Thirtyone visits were reported and Mrs. Shoemaker reported a birthday party for three senior citizens, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. Gaultier held at the home of Mrs. Ralston.

A travelling apron will be purchased among the members. Each person will sew on a patch with a cent for each inch of their waist line underneath. The roll call, name a Biblical character, was answered by all. The meeting closed with the Mizpah benediction.

Mrs. McAuley and Mrs. Evans served lunch and a social hour was enjoyed by all present.

Cold Shadow

The groundhog got satisfaction of seeing his shadow on Tuesday - Ground Hog Day - but he must have got very cold doing it. He would surely be most willing to

leave the near zero outdoors and head back in his hole for another six weeks of winter. Lesson for us: keep those storm windows on and plenty of fuel in.



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