



**World Day of Prayer** tomorrow.

TV aerials have taken quite a beating with the recent inclement weather.

Farmers have burrowed out little holes in huge snowdrifts to reveal the front flaps of their mailboxes.

The recent ice storm combined with the heavy blizzard last weekend has many of the eaves on houses bonding under the weight.

Children are having a wondrous time playing in the deep snowbanks and digging tunnels to make igloos like their northern Eskimo friends.

The city club's weekly dance Friday was again a success with dance contests a highlight. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kirkness were the champions this time.

Minor Sports Booster Night to raise funds for sports is being held tomorrow (Friday) evening in the Acton arena and a large crowd is expected to turn out for the event.

Children are being warned to stay away from the snow piled along the bank of the school creek for fear they break through and get trapped under the heavy snow or ice.

Next to the weather, illness is a common topic of conversation this week. Adults have flu and colds, with the children being acquiring the usual roster of contagious diseases.

Town workmen have been kept busy since last Thursday's storm plowing and clearing streets with the snowblower. Some days the men worked 24 hours around the clock.

There are only 11 business days left before the deadline of March 16 for renewal of drivers' licenses and purchase of '60 plates. There will apparently be no extension of the expiry date.

Acton chamber of commerce will entertain council and chairman of other elected boards during their meeting next Wednesday. A question and answer period will be heard and an opportunity made available for members to become better acquainted with civic affairs.



RUG MAKING may be a woman's hobby but during the "Display Night" in the high school auditorium Saturday night, men showed a keen interest in the finished product. Pictured above on the left is R. H. Elliott and on the right D. Masung as they admire the rugs made by pupils of the rugmaking class of the Acton Night School. Displays of other classes were prominent and were enjoyed by the crowd of 300 in attendance.

**Pipe Band, Dance Club Members Entertain At Halton Manor**

Members of the Acton Scottish Dance Club and representatives from the Junior Pipe Band were guests for an evening's entertainment at the Halton Centennial Manor on Monday night.

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**W. Beatty Explains Pledges to W.A.**

The W.A. of Acton United church met Tuesday, March 1 in the church parlours with Mrs. Wilderspin presiding. The meeting opened with the Ode, W.A. prayer and the Lord's Prayer.

Mrs. Poole was in charge of devotions, the theme being, "The Spirit of Man is the Candle of the Lord". Hymns 346 and 157 were sung and the scripture reading was taken from II Cor., chapter three verses 16 and 17 and 18.

Miss Bennett will be in charge of devotional for April. Roll is to be answered with a verse containing the word "Life".

Letter of Thanks

In the absence of Mrs. Mason, secretary, Mrs. Evans read the minutes. A letter of appreciation was read from Mrs. Adams Sr. for the pin given to her before leaving Acton.

Mrs. Lindsay read the treasurer's report. Sixteen cards were sent to sick and shut-ins.

Mrs. Poole offered to look after the sending of plants to two couples celebrating wedding anniversaries, Mr. and Mrs. James Reed, 67 years married and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Masales, 60 years married.

Members were asked to join with other churches celebrating the World Day of Prayer in the Christian Reformed Church, Friday, March 4. Mrs. Wilderspin, Mrs. Evefield and Mrs. Evans agreed to visit the sick.

Wes Beatty was present to explain the pledges requested for the building fund.

The meeting closed with the Miraph benediction. A social time was enjoyed with dainty

**200 Attend Co-Op Dinner New Director From Erin**

The newest link in the Halton Co-op chain will have a representative on the board of directors this year.

At the Co-op's annual dinner and election night held Thursday of last week in the Esquing Township Hall at Stewarttown, Harold Meek, an Erin district resident, was named to his first three year term with the board. A Co-op store was opened in Erin in July.

Directors A. G. Hunter and F. Denny Charles, eligible for reelection were returned. The third position was made available to Mr. Meek when long standing member Clarence Ford refused a nomination for reelection. A director since 1946, Mr. Ford in declining expressed his desire to see the new branch represented.

W. Mahon President

After the regular assembly the directors met to appoint William Mahon of Campbellville president; Fred Nurse of Ashgrove, vice-president; and V. J. Lawrence, secretary. The other directors are Jack McDonald, David Lawson, Spencer Wilson and William Hume.

Some 200-plus sat down to the dinner catered by the ladies of

the Ashgrove W.A. and later joined voices in a sing song conducted by Dave Pellettero.

After introducing the head table guests, the retiring president, Mr. McDonald, addressed the audience on the progress of Halton Co-op during the past year, and later called on F. Denny Charles who thanked the catering group on behalf of those present. This is the seventh year that the Ashgrove ladies have handled the dinner.

Other reports included the financial statement by Mr. Partridge of the Ward-Partridge auditing company; the manager's report by Charles Harris and the secretary's report by V. J. Lawrence. Mr. Partridge's explanation and account of the year's finances was particularly enlightening and earned his company a reappointment.

Traces Co-Op Growth

The guest speaker, Syd Scott of United Co-ops of Ontario, was introduced by Mr. Ford and in an excellent address retraced the history of Co-op from 1951. He was thanked by Albert Hunter.

The door prize, a gallon of house paint, was won by George Pellettero.

**Very Active in Church Work Mrs. W. J. Lowrie is Mourned**

A very active member of Eden Mills Presbyterian church, Mrs. W. J. Lowrie of R.R. 1, Campbellville, passed away in Guelph General Hospital suddenly on Thursday, February 25. She had been ill for three weeks and her death was a shock to many friends.

Mrs. Lowrie was president of the W.M.S. and a life member of the Ladies' Aid and a Sunday School teacher for many years.

Buried at Eden Mills

J. Birch conducted the funeral service at the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home on Saturday, February 27, and interment followed at Eden Mills cemetery.

Palbearers were C. Lasby, J. Wilson, R. Burrows, W. McLean, R. Wright and R. Gordon.

Mrs. Lowrie was born in Nassagaweya in 1892, daughter of the late Charles Rennie. She was married in Nassagaweya on March 12, 1913 and her husband survives her. They had been living at their R. R. 1, Campbellville home for the past 42 years.

Three Children

Mrs. Lowrie is mourned by her husband, two daughters, Isabel at home and Jean (Mrs. J. Daniels) of Toronto; a son Russell of Madam street; Jean (Mrs. G. Robertson) of Guelph; Isabel (Mrs. L. Ballagh) of Guelph; Grace (Mrs. J. Abbott) of Toronto; and brothers Thomas of Toronto, William of Galt and Charles of Guelph.

**Acton Resident Over 50 Years**

Bisectance man at Scotsdale Farms for many years, George William Beavers passed away at his home, 99 Guelph St., on Saturday, February 20.

Mr. Beavers was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1886, and came to Canada in 1906. He had lived in Acton for the past 54 years.

In 1911 he married Bertha Ann Bilton who predeceased him. His only survivors are his nephews and nieces, Mrs. Al. Dubs, Acton; Mrs. Albert Tennant and Gordon Bilton of Toronto; and Mrs. Donald Morrison of Fort William.

Lodge Service

Mr. Beavers was a member of Walker Lodge A.F. and A.M. and a Masonic memorial service was held at the funeral home on Monday evening, February 22.

He was a member of the United church, and the Rev. R. A. Brook conducted the services on that Monday afternoon at the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home and Fairview cemetery. Palbearers were Alan Bullock, Alex Mitchell, Tom Ware, Bert Ware, Sam Adams and Marshall McLaughlin.

**Find Man Dead In Small Trailer**

Ontario Provincial Police officers from Milton found the body of 60-year-old John McClellan in the man's small trailer near Acton Thursday morning of last week but death was termed due to natural causes.

Frank McCarron, who has a long record, advised police when he said the elderly man had not been seen for a few days. The deceased lived alone in the trailer on the McCarron farm.

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**Near 100 Tour Plant Friday**

While the weekend blizzard undoubtedly cut attendance at the Free Press open house, coffee was kept brewing Thursday, Friday and Saturday for guests.

About 50 toured Thursday evening and almost 100 Friday evening.

Over 80 Milton school children, planning to come Friday, cancelled the trip up over car-littered No. 25 highway. They are scheduled for a try again tomorrow.

Miserable weather squashed plans of expected editors Saturday afternoon. However, there was plenty of "shop talk" with Georgetown editor Walter Biehn and Mrs. Biehn; Georgetown shop foreman Garfield McGilvray and Mrs. McGilvray; Charlie Davis, editor of the Elmira Signal; Charles Nolan, editor of the Stouffville Tribune; Don Southcott and Henry DeVries of the Exeter Times-Advocate.

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**C.G.I.T. NEWS**

**Knox Church**

On February 29, the C.G.I.T. group of Knox Presbyterian Church met at the church and opened the meeting with our purpose and the singing of the first verse of our hymn. We then had a worship service led by our leader, Mrs. Greer, during which a skit was put on.

The business part of the meeting was then taken. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read.

Some girls got in groups and planned our St. Patrick's day party while others practiced their parts for the World Day of Prayer service on March 4 with the United Church C.G.I.T. group.

The meeting closed with Laps.

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**Blizzard Blocks Roads Some Ski for Supplies**

Blocked roads and huge drifts of snow were the main topic of conversation during the weekend. With the passing of faithful Old Dublin, many had to resort to shanks' pony to trek in a few necessary provisions.

Some Use Hike

Many men were seen with knapsacks on their back, making their way to the store and even skis were pressed into service.

On many side roads, the plows are unable to make a one way path.

One wonders where one would yield a right of way to an oncoming car!

**Local News**

Mrs. J. Hill, received word of the passing of her sister, Mrs. J. Line, on Sunday, in Toronto.

Mr. George Grundy and sons, Roberts and George attended the funeral of Mr. Jack McLaren at Acton on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bulbach attended the National Gift Show at the Coliseum, Toronto, last week. Miss Doris Fines, Mrs. C. Storey and Miss K. Stubbington attended the leaders' training school last week at the O.A.C. for the 4-H Club Girls next project - "The Club Girl Stands on Guard".

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Bruce visited recently with Mrs. Robert Kingbury and Melvin at Rockwood.

Miss Ria de Jong of Guelph was a weekend guest with Mr. and Mrs. E. Fisher and Jerry. Miss Jane Westerhook of Wilfordale spent the weekend with the Klooster family.

Leaves Hospital

Mr. Archie Sinclair was able to leave the Guelph hospital on Saturday, following several days treatment, and is presently staying in Guelph with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hunter.

Mr. Wm. Stubbington is holidaying with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Storey at Napanee.

lunch served by Mrs. Ballentine, Mrs. Cleave, Mrs. Agar, Mrs. Shoemaker and Miss Bennett.

**Lenten Services At St. Joseph's**

Lent began this week and on Ash Wednesday Mass was sung at St. Joseph's church at 7:45 a.m. Holy Ashes were distributed at the morning and evening services.

There are special Lenten devotions every Wednesday evening until Easter. Parishioners have been urged to attend the morning Masses which are held regularly each morning.

Lasting regulations for all Roman Catholics are out down this year.

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