

# Eramosa School Board Presents Centralization Plan to Council

On March 7 Eramosa School Board presented a printed report on the board's proposed centralization program in the township to Eramosa Council. The board proposed the following:

1. A two room addition at No. 2 school.
2. A three room addition at No. 11 school.
3. A new three room school at Oastie.

**No Tax Increase**

The board pointed out in their report that when the program was completed, the increase in provincial grants would take care

of the debenture and transportation costs. There should not be any increase in the tax rate but it was possible to foresee a slight reduction.

It was further pointed out that if the board's proposal was accepted, it would not be necessary to spend more money on the old schools. Under the centralization program, the board would operate with 19 classrooms whereas under the present system 21 classrooms would be required.

**Date from 1870's**

According to provincial statistics approximately eight per cent

of the total provincial school enrollment attend one room schools. Most of Eramosa's schools were built in the 1870's.

The board's report concludes as follows: "Your school board feels that now is the time to embark on this program of centralization and sincerely solicits the cooperation of council in carrying this program through to a successful conclusion. At an extra cost to the ratepayers, this township can provide new schools, a more efficient school system, a system which has been proven and recognized over the Province of Ontario."

## Personal Notes...

Of Actonians Visiting Out-of-Town Points and of Visitors in Acton Homes

Mrs. Douglas Kennedy is visiting this week with friends in Whittby.

Quite a few were down to the Sportsmen's Show in Toronto last week.

Mrs. George Gold is home again after treatment in St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph.

Mrs. Garnet Rose spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. A. H. Soverelgn, Huttonville.

After a holiday in Florida, Dr. and Mrs. K. B. Waller returned to their home in Rockwood last week.

Friends are sorry that Mr. Frank McIntosh is still a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph. Many send their best wishes.

Visiting on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Frank, Willow St. were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Henry and Mrs. Jim Currie and baby of Wingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Krapke, Jimmie and Jennifer, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Delaney and Stephen in the Elm district on Sunday.

Sharon and Stephen Stewart of Burlington, children of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stewart, spent the weekend in town with their grandparents.

Miss Madeleine Gibbons, Miss Elma Braida, Mrs. F. Maroux and Mrs. H. Coles attended the regional meeting of Catholic Women's League held at St. Ambrose church, Galt, Sunday.

Among the spectators at the Eastern Canadian Championship bowling in Hamilton last week end, lending vocal support to Acton's contestant, Gavle Hulton, were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin of Rosedale Terrace.

An 18-mile hike faced five Roy's Thursday when, with a holl day ahead of them, they set out for a test of endurance and strength. Camping overnight at Blue Springs were Ricky Currie, Dave Peal, Brian Otterbein, Mike Homer and Laurence Dabry.

High school teachers observed their counterparts in several American schools when 11 from here attended the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation district 12 conference at Buffalo last weekend. The group went Thursday night and stayed at the Lafayette hotel, Buffalo. There with principal Ted Hansen were Mrs. Hansen, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. A. Orr, Mrs. F. Rogers, Mrs. J. Galloway, Mrs. Boss, Mr. Evans, Mr. Don Bothwell, Mrs. Bothwell, Mr. Phil Cadlock, Mr. E. Campbell and Mr. Clarence Rogynvaldson. High school students have had a holiday.

## Study of Africa Continued By Alert Evening Auxiliary

Mrs. James Inglis presided and convened the worship and study period of the Alert Evening Auxiliary at their meeting held at the home of Miss Emma Cole on Wednesday evening of last week.

The opening hymn, "O Master Let Me Walk with Thee," was followed by Bible reading by Mrs. Robert Adams and Miss Laura Wiles leading in prayer.

**Nigeria Topic**

Mrs. Inglis led a three part discussion on the work in Nigeria with particular emphasis on the decision that workers unite with the Church of Scotland. The first two to respond from Canada were Miss Agnes Gollan and Miss Joan Ronchmont. The latter has been replaced by Miss Dorothy Bulmer.

Miss Gollan will be on furlough later this year so members are looking forward to hearing some first hand information from this young lady. Mrs. Adams and Miss Wiles assisted in presenting this interesting study.

The closing hymn "Where are the Reapers" was sung and Mrs. Inglis closed with special prayers for the people and workers in Nigeria.

**Gifts for Manor**

Mrs. George Young, the president, received the reports from the treasurer and secretary, including correspondence. The roll call was announced by bringing gifts for the Hobby Class at Halton Manor. The group will visit the Manor the latter part of April.

Committees were appointed to take care of the plans for this annual visit.

**Rummage Sale Ahead**

The spring rummage sale was discussed and further plans will be made at the next meeting.

The meeting closed with a timely poem by the president and repeating the Mizpah benediction. A social time was enjoyed during the lunch period and courtesies were passed on to the hostess and committee.

## Mrs. Walter Footitt Resident 41 Years

After six weeks in St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, Mrs. Walter Footitt passed away there on Tuesday, March 15. Her home was at 89 Crescent St. and she had lived in Acton for the past 41 years.

Mrs. Footitt was born in Bealton, Canada in 1885 and came to England in 1913. She had lived for six years in Galt before moving to Acton. She was the former Marie Wallbanks, and in 1912 married Walter Footitt who predeceased her in 1954.

She was always interested in community activities and many friends mourn her passing.

She is survived by three sons, Edward of Acton, George of Port Hope and Robert of Georgetown, one daughter Dorothy, Mrs. V. Kirby of Georgetown and eight grandchildren.

The Rev. H. B. Stokroel conducted the funeral service at the Rumlak-Shoemaker funeral home on Thursday, March 17, and the committal service at Fairview cemetery. Pallbearers were I. Smith, J. Gaver, T. Ware, J. Bradshaw, G. Voss and M. Kirby.

## Greenock W.I. Full Program Includes Interesting Reports

The February meeting of Greenock Women's Institute was held on Wednesday afternoon of last week at the home of Mrs. Jennie McKee with an attendance of 16 ladies. The president, Mrs. Chester Allen, opened the meeting with a poem. All joined in the ode and Mary Stewart collected.

Scripture reading was by Mrs. Angus Thompson and the secretary's report followed. Mrs. Elton Armstrong from the Department of Agriculture will be the speaker on program planning at Greenock school April 21 when several branches will be invited to attend. \$15 was voted to the Red Cross campaign.

Mrs. Wm. Ballentine and Mrs. M. Keown were named as a nominating committee.

Mrs. Trivessenaar and Mrs. Cathie Aitken, program conveners for Canadian industries and agriculture, presented the program. The motto, "Be glad of life; it gives opportunity to love, to work and to play," was written by Mrs. Ralph McKee and read by Mrs. Elliot Patterson.

**Meal By-Products**

Mrs. Trivessenaar gave a splendid report on the meat industry, mentioning a million and one uses, from garments to drugs, from luggage to naval guns — all by products.

A poem, "The Pleasant Fields," was read by Mrs. Chester Allen and the farm accident synopsis was given by Miss Elva Pearen. The Lazy Farmer read by Mrs. Wm. Johnson proved humorous.

**Talk on Textiles**

Mrs. Cathie Aitken gave an interesting talk on textiles, fibres and fabrics, and the changes in clothes down through the years. A contest conducted by Mrs. Ait

## Seals Soon

Speaker at the Rotary club meeting Tuesday was Mr. Thompson of Simpson's Sears in Guelph. The club's Easter Seal campaign will start soon. Current project is the theatre night at the Ross tonight (Thursday).

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## Eke Out Victory

In a close broomball game Friday night the Acton Firemen managed to eke out a victory over the Citizens' Band team. Playing a close-checking, hard hitting, hidden ball type of game the band confused the issue right down to the final shout (no beer).

The firemen playing a wide open type of game confidently left their net wide open numerous times to rush extra forwards into the fray in an attempt to contain the hard playing Band in their own end. Frank Spielvogel of the band team was unable to score on Bernie Van Fleet in the firemen's net on a penalty shot... sweep? ... push?

## Firemen Best Broom-Wielders

The express train roar of the snow leaving the roof on the west side of the arena was the only sound heard that night. Players on both teams dived to the side boards at its approach but the arena was not fated to collapse that night.

It is reported the band blew Masch each led a team of 13 players for the game. No physical injuries were reported during the game. Gimpny knees or aching backs may have been in evidence since, however.

## Four Accidents In Three Days - \$750 Damage

Four accidents in Acton on Thursday, Friday and Saturday caused a total of just over \$750 damage to the vehicles involved. Acton O.P.P. report.

Most serious incident was a front-end collision of cars driven by Edwyn Pope of Headwate, Rd. Acton and Harvey Darrh, R.R. 2, Norval, at the Young-Queen corner Saturday afternoon. Const. Mervyn Harness reported Mr. Darrh was proceeding west on Queen St. and Mr. Pope was driving east on Young when the front corners of the vehicles collided. Total damage was \$600.

## Truck, Car Crash

A truck backing out of Thompson Motors onto Bower Avenue, Friday, caused \$75 damage to a car driven by Bert Leslie Halliday, Main St., Acton. Cpl. Ray Mason who investigated said the Gov. Cartage truck was driven by Archie Kentner Sr., Mill St. The truck was not damaged.

A collision at River and Main Sts. Thursday at noon caused \$25 damage to a car driven by Ivan Vickers, Mill St., Acton, and \$50 to a car driven by Gary Martin, R.R. 1, Waterloo. Cpl. Mason investigated.

## \$10 Damage

About \$10 damage was done to a car driven by Robert Arbett, Peel St. as he was driving east on Mill St. Friday morning and was in collision with a car backing onto Mill St. Const. Harness said Joseph Jackling, 12 Mill St. W., was the driver of the second car.

## Birthday Party Marks 20 Years For Y's Men

There's a birthday party for the Y's Men tonight (Thursday) when the club celebrates 20 years of organization. All former members and special guests are invited and guest speaker is past international president Mac Bowman from Niagara Falls.

Doug Copeland headed the committee planning the evening and the master of ceremonies will be Harry Arbie.

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# Bronte Remains in "C" Baseball Midget League Restored by O.B.A.

Bronte Braves, who last year operated in the Halton County Baseball Association as an intermediate "C" club by special permission were again granted that same permission by the powers that be of the Ontario Baseball Association at the 42nd annual meeting of the parent association at Sarnia. Bronte was moved into Trafalgar township last year, upping their population bracket to "A" Major.

The meeting was held on the weekend at the western Ontario town and was attended by over 50 delegates from teams and associations across the province.

**Return Minor Setup**

The biggest change which was made in the amendments put forth was the returning to the old system of ages in the minor setup and the inclusion of midget ball. At the annual meeting held last year in Hamilton, the juvenile age limit was dropped a year as was the junior, with the midget being dropped altogether. This did not prove to the favor of the many baseball groups from the various counties during the season, even though at the time the item was voted on last year it had little trouble being included in the minutes as passed.

The age brackets now are per year, 13 years after May 1; ban tam, 15 after May 1; midget, 17 after May 1; juvenile, 19 after May 1; and junior, 21 after May 1.

**McMullen Steps Down**

Milton's Pete McMullen, just finished completing his third year at the head of the 42-year old organization, stepped down from the post after his nomination and left Otto Manke of

Waterloo and Sperry Annis of Windsor to contest the president's chair.

McMullen is now the immediate past president of the parent body as well as the president of the Halton Association, one of the oldest groups connected with the O.B.A. still in operation. Jim Waddle of Milton was also included in the election of officers and holds the third vice president's chair. Otto Manke is the new president with Jack Carson of Belleville as his first vice, Nelson Hill, Guelph, as the second vice, and Waddle as third. Members of the executive are Art Faguy of Hamilton, Ollie Johnson of Oakville, John Loucks of Batavia, and Arnold Wade of Newtonville.

**League Meets**

The Halton County League will be holding its first meeting of the 1960 season during the first part of April and with two championship teams and a finalist from last year to boast about, the league is expected to be one of the strongest in years. Last year Campbellville and Milton went on to titles in Ontario playdowns, the former the "A" Major crown with the "B" crown going to the latter. Bronte was finalist in

"C" when Caledonia eliminated the Halton club in the final game.

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