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Expect Large Turnout Friday For Remembrance Day Service

Acton and district citizens will join with veterans Friday morning to pay their respects to loved ones fallen during the wars.

Led by Acton Citizens' Band and Acton Junior Pipe Band the parade will leave the Legion Hall at 10:30 in the morning and march to the cenotaph, where wreaths will be placed and a brief service held.

Joining in the ceremony this year will be Acton Legion and Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, town council, Duke of Devonshire and Lakeside Chapters I.O.D.E., Firefighters, Cubs, Scouts, Guides and Brownies as well as other local organizations.

The Legion charge will be read by president Max Storey after which wreaths will be placed on the cenotaph by organizations and individuals. Legionnaire John McHugh will read the names of the fallen dead followed by the last post played by W. D. Elmer Smith, Acton Junior Pipe Band which will play the lament and Mr. Smith will play Reveille.

Before the brief ceremony concludes everyone will join in a hymn played by Acton Citizens' Band and Legion Padre Rev. A. H. McKenzie will offer the benediction.

The parade will march to St. Alban's Church of the Martyr where a church service will be held. Taking part in the service will be the following members of the Acton Ministerial Association, Rev. D. Engel, Rev. A. H. McKenzie, Rev. H. B. Stokroff, Rev. Jas. M. Budd and Rev. J. Nutma.

Veterans will gather in the afternoon and drive to Haltonville where a brief ceremony will be held at the cenotaph there after which a church service will be conducted in Nassagaweya Presbyterian church.

Rev. H. C. Mar and K. Griffiths will conduct the church service after which veterans taking part will be served lunch.

Scholarships, Bursaries Total \$1,000 High School Commencement Program

Girls dressed in their flowing dresses and boys in their Sunday best and both transformed from students to young men and women were admitted by proud parents as they traipsed up the steps to the platform of the Acton High School auditorium to receive their certificates and awards, Friday evening, during the annual commencement exercises. This year the awards were the biggest to date, totalling over \$1,000.

Principal E. A. Hansen welcomed the crowd seated in the auditorium and overflowing to the bleachers and praised the students for their achievements. He told the audience that if the school enrolment continued to increase another school addition would be necessary in the near future.

Gaily decked with flowers and school colors the stage held staff teachers and guest speaker who shared the limelight as certificates and other awards were handed out.

Girls big winners
Girls copped the largest share of the awards with several receiving two or three during the evening. Louise Wasowicz, valedictorian, received two scholarships valued at \$250 and was presented with the valedictorian medal by student council president Barry Kirkness. She is now attending teachers' college in Toronto.

Petite Ilene Vary received the Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. scholarship of \$25 for the student in grade 12 who in one year completes the course in grade 12 with the highest standing and continues to upper school. Mrs. W. Spruston made the presentation.

Greatest proficiency in the commercial option course won Melboretic scholarships for Gloria Latimer of grade 10 and June Davidson of grade 12. The awards were presented by Mrs. J. Galoway.

The Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. bursary of \$1000 for a student proceeding to higher education was presented by Mrs. J. W. Wolfe to Louise Wasowicz. The Canadian Legion scholarship for general proficiency to the student in grade 12 or 13 who continues to an institution of higher learning was presented by Legion president Max Storey to Mary-Lou Creighton, who is

now at the University of Toronto. The annual awards of the Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. Never-late, Never-absent Certificates were presented on behalf of the chapter by Mrs. W. Spruston and Mrs. R. Spielvogel to Ruth Coles, Richard Currie, Kay Dennis, Bob Duby, Lesley Anne Duby, John Gov, Peter Homer, James Ironside, Katherine Kirkness, Wayne Mason, Stuart McDonald, Ray Pasma, Diane Robinson, Janet Rognvaldson, Gail Rossell, David Roughley, Murray Smith, Ross Swackhamer, Ilene Vary, Susan Walters, George Ware, John Williams, Carmen Woodburn.

Proficiency scholarships
Jack Creighton, chairman of the school board, awarded the School Board Proficiency Scholarships, which are based on academic standing in all subjects. Total amount of the scholarships was \$600. Receiving them were: Louise Wasowicz, grade 13, \$200; Mary-Lou Creighton, grade 13, \$100; Ilene Vary, grade 12, \$100; Doreen Gordon, grade 12, \$50; Elizabeth Force, grade 11, \$50; Brian Barbeau, grade 11, \$25; Jean Hart, grade 10, \$15; Carl Gathof, grade 10, \$15; Mary Beth Elliott, grade nine, \$20 and

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School Board Vetoes Driving Class Favors Stressing Three R's Instead

High school board members turned thumbs down on a suggestion to include driving instruction as part of the school curriculum. Monday evening the board received a letter from an Ontario Safety League official stating the plan had received the blessing of the government and Department of Education and was being carried out in many centres.

However, extra-curricular driving instruction under supervision of qualified teachers and principal was turned down in favor of stressing the three R's — not D for driving in the curriculum.

Inviting members' comments on the subject, chairman J. Creighton heard trustee E. S. Force remark sharply, "I'm agin' it." Trustee M. M. Cole suggested the plan might have some merit in view of the increase in traffic accidents and reminded his colleagues the plan was backed by the Department of Education.

Studies Suffer
Mr. Force read a recent article written by Bascombe St. John, educational columnist of a Toronto newspaper, which quoted statistics compiled by insurance companies on the effects of driving among 25,000 high school students. The writer pointed out that generally speaking the students' academic standing suffered when they either operated or owned an automobile.

After hearing the article, Mr. Coles informed the chairman he would have to alter his opinion and disapprove of the plan.

Trustee Force said, "We will have to choose whether we are in business to teach driving or education." He suggested beginners could take advantage of driving schools.

Chairman Creighton cited results of an experiment in a school in California where driving to school was banned for a period of six months; the result in better grades was tremendous.

Robbing Time
Mr. Force claimed driving re-

quired little skill and suggested the ability to think was the most important. "If we adopt this program we are robbing the school of hours, which should be devoted to study by which students learn to think," he emphasized.

Mr. Coles suggested the government might better raise the age limit for beginner permits. Trustee D. Moffat agreed the board could not afford to teach driving at school; he was all in favor of teaching to drive but not in school hours.

Before the subject was concluded trustee W. Coon told his colleagues he disapproved and stated the teachers had all they could do to teach the three R's without including cars.

Student Council Objects
At a former meeting the board pondered a plan to eliminate bright sunshine pouring in windows in the school gymnasium and a suggestion to paint the glass was held over pending a guarantee of durability from a paint company.

Monday evening a letter signed by Barry Kirkness, president of the student council, objected to the window painting program and asked the board to reconsider their proposal. The student council said that painting the windows would present the first blotch on an otherwise beautiful school addition.

Property chairman W. Coon explained to the board that dangers involved in window cleaning and an attempt to lengthen the life of proposed curtains were the intent behind the proposed painting of the windows. He said the matter had nothing to do with the student council.

"If students are going to run the school, why have a school board?" asked Mr. Coon. His views received the support of the letter a little out of place.

Mr. Force wondered if the letter had developed from the student council opinion only. Principal E. A. Hansen assured the

board the letter expressed the views of the student council entirely and was not backed by anyone on the teaching staff.

Mr. Force told the principal the board had no intention of desecrating the windows and the matter will receive further attention.

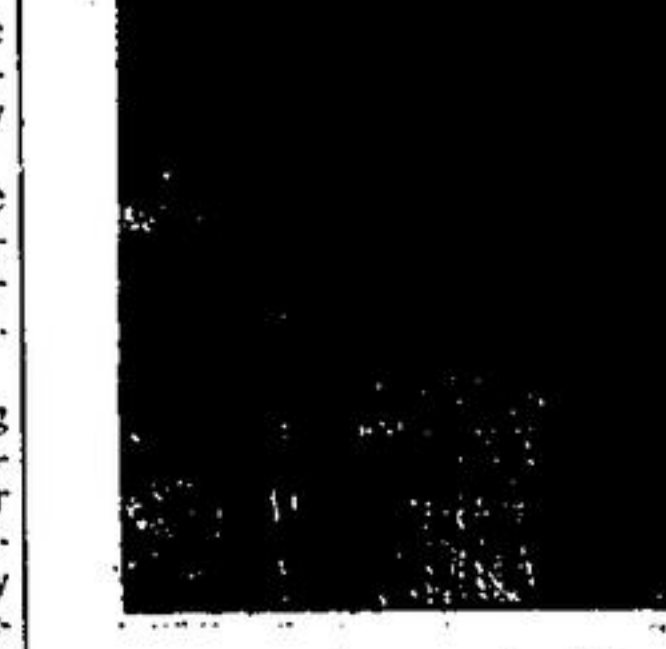
New Ruling
Minutes of special meeting dealing with a request for permission to use the gymnasium for badminton revealed that effective January 5, 1961, a new policy will supersede previous rules. Acton high school property, including the gym, is to be used exclusively for school activities, always supervised by the staff or designated supervisor. An exception to this rule could be the use of the facilities by educational staffs in the area.

Principal Hansen reported on the success of last Friday's graduation exercises and told the board the recent student exchange program sponsored by the Acton Rotary Club had proved quite successful.

Mr. Hansen reported that Christmas examinations would be underway November 25 and parents' night is slated for November 16. He also relayed notification from the Ontario secondary school teachers' federation that staff member W. Coates had been granted category two status. The secretary was instructed to make necessary wage adjustments.

Bus Change
D. Moffat, chairman of the transportation committee, reported bus routes were working out quite favorably. He noted one change in schedule had been made but owing to a large hill he expected winter travel over this particular area would be impossible with the bus. He suggested the township should sand the hill.

It was agreed by resolution to name the school Acton District High School but the name on the building now will not be changed yet.



SCOUT APPLES went on sale in Acton Saturday and scouts and cubs blitzed the town as they sold the apples and handed out tags in return for the money. Pictured above busy polishing apples prior to canvassing homes are scout Steven Coles and cub Bruce Sgaskie.

Arena Changes Await Approval Govt. to Pick up Portion of Tab

Installation of a heating system and toilets at Acton arena loomed into sight once again when council received word the project would probably be clas-

sified under the winter works program and the town would be eligible for a grant. If the plan is approved the government will share 75 percent of the labor costs and the town will assume the balance as well as cost of material.

Clerk-administrator J. McGeechie informed council that a gas line would probably be run from the street line to the arena in preparation for the installation of the heating system.

The building committee agreed to visit the arena Saturday morning to look it over.

Council agreed to declare the week of November 13 to 25 as Retarded Children's Week and make this announcement in the Free Press.

Members were reminded to be on hand Friday morning for the Remembrance Day service and were instructed where to meet.

Vacant seats were plentiful with the Mayor attending a three-day seminar at the Canadian Civil Defence college at Arrnprior. Reeve J. M. Greer still recuperating from an operation and councillor A. Field absent. Councillor E. Pope arrived on the scene in time to take a seat before adjournment.

Following the conclusion of the brief business session at which deputy-revee J. Hargrave presided, council inspected the recently completed town workshop at the water tower.

Improbable?
The men faced with installing and tuning the organ don't know which side of the fence they're on. They want the church as ready as possible for the service Sunday — but for their work they have two pretty improbable requirements—absolute quiet and clean atmosphere with no dust! Their solution: work nights.

Missing is the dedication will be the colored glass in the windows, which is not here yet.

J. Newton Back As Fire Chief
Acton Fire Department held their annual election of officers Monday evening and returned chief Jack Newton for another term of office.

Also returned to office was deputy chief Mick Holmes and "A" captain Bern Van Fleet, and "B" captain Will McEachern. Sam Tennant was appointed "C" captain.

Returned to office as secretary was Phil McCristall with Johnny Krapek handling the roll of treasurer again this year.

Rev. H. D. Stewart Guest Minister During Knox Church Anniversary

Large congregations attended the morning and evening services, Sunday, and heard guest minister the Rev. H. D. Stewart of Ottawa during the 115th Anniversary services at Knox Presbyterian church.

Addressing the morning congregation the guest minister described "The place of the church in your religious experience," while in the evening he stressed "What the Spirit says to the Churches."

The distinguished speaker from Ottawa told his audiences they must do more than sit back and accept the consolation of the church but must commit themselves by giving time and talents. The speaker urged the congregations to take more active part in the church and stated "Christianity is not so much something to believe as it is a task to be done."

Guest soloist for both services was Malcolm Ketterborn of Blenheim. He was accompanied by organist E. A. Hansen and sang in the morning "The Lord's Prayer" and "Lord God of Abraham." In the evening the outstanding baritone sang "Crown without

Thorns" and "Arm, Arm, Ye Brave." The church choir under the direction of choirmaster and organist E. A. Hansen sang "Praise His Holy Name" and "God, who Madest Earth and Heaven."

Fowl Supper
Monday evening the anniversary was marked by a fowl supper and program in the church. Over 300 dinners were served and many others sent out. (The figure is down from last year.)

The program in the church was arranged by Mrs. Bert Davidson and Mrs. G. Somerville, with Rev. McKenzie the chairman.

He welcomed the group, and expressed thanks to the ladies of the church for the supper, with special appreciation expressed to Mrs. A. M. MacPherson, president of the Ladies' Aid.

On the program were a solo by Mrs. John Davidson, "The Desert Song"; duet, June and Donna Rennie, "Uist Tramping Song"; Solo, Norman Elliott "Just A-Weaving for You"; Cornet duet, Charles Landsborough and Ian Johnston, "Bless This House"; Reading, Mrs. Malcolm Moffat, (Campbellville), Solo, George Musselle, "The Veterans

Song"; piano duet, Mrs. Mel McCullough and Mrs. A. K. Mann—"The Shepherd Boy"; Solo, Donna Rennie, "Tulips and Heather"; duet Geo. Musselle and Norman Elliott, "The Battle's Eve"; two readings—Mrs. Makom Moffat, cornet duet—Charles Landsborough and Ian Johnston—"In The Garden"; solo—June Rennie—"My Task" and a duet by Mrs. John Davidson and Norman Elliott, "The Holy City"

Mrs. Clarence Coles was accompanist for most musical items. Mrs. George Robertson accompanied the Rennie girls in their songs and George Musselle's solo and the duet by George Musselle and Norman Elliott.

\$100 Reward
Woodside school, extensively damaged by vandals, was closed for four days last week and reopened last Friday. Destruction was done the Saturday before. It is understood that a \$100 reward for information has been offered by the school board in the district.

Hold Next Blood Clinic At Legion November 17

A large response is expected from Acton and district residents for the Red Cross Blood Clinic being held in Acton, Thursday, November 17, and canvassers are busy this week calling door to door.

The blood bank being held in the Legion Auditorium will be open in the afternoon from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and again in the evening from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Chairman G. Beatty reported this week that any resident not home when canvassers call can give blood by attending the clinic during these hours.

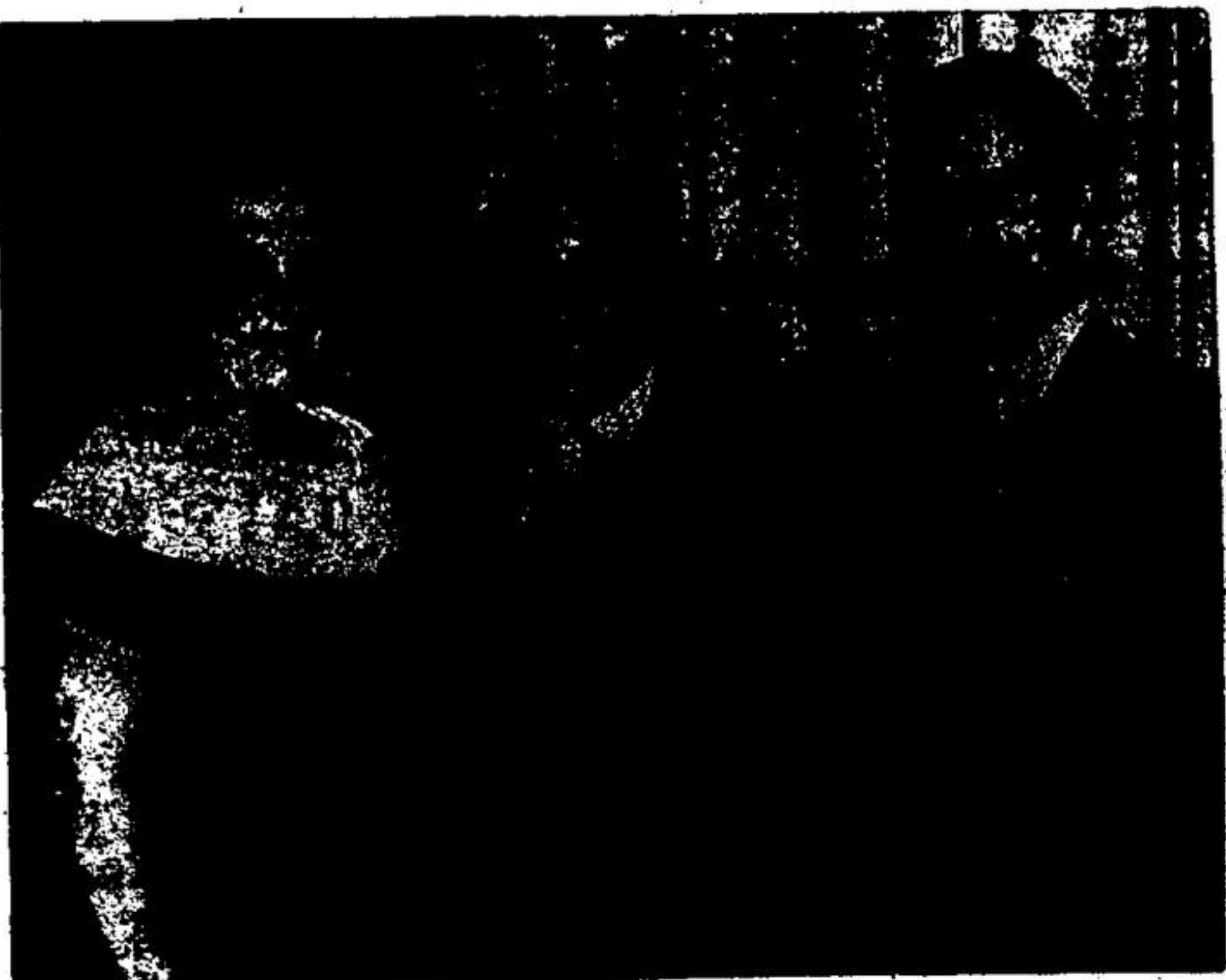
Nurses and aides from Hamilton Red Cross branch will be on hand and will be assisted by local nurses and assistants. Blood taken during the clinic is stored in a

blood bank and can be used free of charge by needy persons.

Again this year the Legion Ladies' Auxiliaries will be on hand to provide a lunch and assist during registration and members of other organizations will also lend their assistance.

The entire operation takes but a few minutes and everyone is screened carefully before being allowed to give blood. It is expected that the same repeaters will be on hand again and it is hoped that a number of new faces will be seen at the clinic.

Mr. Beatty reminds citizens that anyone between the ages of 18 and 65 is eligible to donate and he hopes to see a number of the younger men and women turn out for the first time.



GUEST SPEAKER Reverend E. G. Stewart, past moderator of the Presbyterian church is pictured above in the centre with Mrs. E. C. Read, vice-principal and E. A. Hansen, principal, following the Commencement Exercises at Acton High School, Friday evening. Dr. Stewart combined wit and wisdom in his address which he delivered to a large audience in the school auditorium.