

Mark Remembrance Day At Haltonville Cenotaph

(Intended for last week)
Remembrance day services were held November 11th at the Haltonville cenotaph under Max Storey, of the Acton Legion. Arthur Padbury read the names on the cenotaph and the last post and reveille were sounded by W. D. Elmer Smith. Rev. Marr led in prayer.
The veterans then paraded up the hill to the Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church, led by pipe major Phil Caddick, followed by Cubs, Scouts, Brownies and their leaders, from the surrounding communities.
How nice it was to see these young people, who had a holiday from school to participate in this impressive service.
Kenneth Griffiths from Ebenezer delivered the address for this

service and he took his text from Hebrews 12, Per Ardua Ad Christum.
A few from Ebenezer choir assisted the Nassagaweya choir in the leading of the hymns.
Mrs. Frazer of Moffat was organist for the service.
Film on India
The Young Peoples' Union of Ebenezer met in the church basement on Sunday evening with good attendance.
David Griffiths was in charge of this meeting and he showed a film on India. He then divided the members into groups and asked questions on the film. The groups scored an even number of points.
Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Moffat were the invited guests for this meeting.



KEYBOARD OF THE Edward Ley organ being installed in the new United Church gives little indication of its capacity, organist George Elliott points out to junior choristers Ruth Lamb and Pat Dennis. The organ has 25 ranks of pipes with 26 stops. The mechanism is of the tracker type, the same arrangement used by J. S. Bach. The organ came from the Berkeley Studio of the United Church.

Contest of Bushel Weights Adds to Agriculture Program

November meeting of Greenock W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. J. Thompson with 13 members and one visitor present. The president, Mrs. C. Allan, presided for the meeting. Mrs. B. Johnston read the Scripture. In keeping with the standing committee program the roll call was answered with "an industry in Wellington County."
Mrs. C. Aitken presented the report of the Centre Wellington District executive meeting held recently at the home of the district president, Mrs. N. Jamieson, Elora. An invitation was read from the Ballinfad W.I. to attend a short course on "Catering to Crowds" conducted by the department to be held in Ballinfad in November.
Mrs. L. Tryssenaar and Mrs. C. Aitken convened the program on agriculture and Canadian industries. A reading, "The electronic age," was given by Mrs. C. Allan. Mrs. C. Aitken explained the history of glass leading up to the fibre glass industry of today; and also gave a few items of news regarding Canadian agriculture. Following were a poem, "Back to the Farm," Miss E. Pearen; paper, "The romance of Canadian cheese," Mrs. L. Tryssenaar, and the motto, "Trifles make perfection," Mrs. T. Hemslay.
A novelty sing song and a contest on bushel weights of farm products concluded the program. The hostess and lunch committee served lunch following the national anthem and Institute grace. Mrs. J. McKeown was courtesy convener for the meeting.
Mrs. W. Johnston will be hostess for the Christmas party in December.

Civil Defense Plan Here Advocated By Mayor Following Arnprior Course

Municipal representatives attended the conference of Ontario mayors, reeves and wardens at the Canadian Civil Defence College at Arnprior recently. Mayor Johnny Goy was among them and now he hopes to see Acton adopt a plan of civil defence here.
The conference, was sponsored by the Federal Emergency Measures Organization in co-operation with the parallel Ontario organization, featured lectures and discussions on various phases of civil emergency planning at all levels of the government. The first two days were devoted mainly to outlining the federal and general aspects of such a program. The final two days included discussions on proposed provincial and municipal plans.
Nuclear Weapons
Officials from Federal EMO, the Defence Research Board, the Department of National Health and Welfare and the Canadian Army dealt with such topics as nuclear weapons and their effects, arrangements for the general area of civil emergency planning, municipal planning, the financial assistance program, the shelter program, planning for emergency health and welfare services, and the role of the Canadian Army in national survival.
During the conference senior officials of the provincial EMO discussed highlights of provincial and municipal emergency planning with the delegates.
Mr. Goy brought home a sheaf of notes and booklets and he'll be reporting to council. A meeting with Commander McGregor of Oakville, Halton's civil defence co-ordinator, may result.
No Grants to Town
Acton cannot finance defense of its own. Mr. Goy learned, because grants only go down as far as the county level. The federal government pays 75 percent of costs, the province 15 percent and the municipality (here the county) 10 percent. Each province administers its own plan.
"I think there are certain parts of the program we could very easily put into effect by having committees formed," Mr. Goy said. "The actual planning of the town of Acton is something that would cost nothing. It would just take time and thought."
He pointed out that, in event of emergency, Halton is lucky to have the central command under Brigadier General Sparling situated in Oakville.
The army's emergency duties have already been laid down.
The conference revealed to the men that although the federal authorities feel that wars are not started by intelligent persons or nations, the possibility of a nuclear war actually exists. Plans should be made.
Public Ignorant
The public on the whole is ignorant of the effects of a nuclear blast. EMO's plan, based on known facts of 1960, is flexible itself and can be altered anytime. Their predetermined plan is aimed to increase the chances of survival in the event of a nuclear war, and everyone has a part to play.
Chief functions of the Emergency Measures Organization, Mr. Goy outlined, are, 1. continuity of government at all levels, 2. guarantee that there will be a public survival and recovery. This is based on the assumption that the country that can absorb a nuclear blow will in all likelihood be the victor, 3. establishment of a plan of all essential services necessary for survival, including justice, public utilities, welfare, transportation and fire protection. This applies at the municipal level and could be done for Acton.
Recommended for towns like this are surveys. A survey would determine if Acton is in a target area, reception area or re-entry area. (The last two apply, Mr. Goy says, since prevailing winds would carry fallout from a supposed blast at Toronto away from us—from west to east.)
Another survey would show how much fallout protection is available in local buildings without the building of shelters. Density of the building material determines the amount of protection. Radiation and gamma rays lose their effectiveness quickly, are easily limited by shielding and distance.
Mr. Goy thought microfilming of some of the town's important records might be considered.
Home Shelters Advocated
He said the main theme at the conference was to impress upon people that personal protection is their job and increases their chance of survival, in some cases by 99 percent, from radiation and fallout.
Mayors from municipalities the same size as Acton, and about the same distance from a possible target area, discussed common problems. The men were told that in a position such as Acton's, the people should consider seeking protection from fallout in a home shelter for anywhere from 48 hours to two weeks, depending on the direction of the wind. (He recalled their stress on the fact there is no protection from the blast—just from fallout.)

Weakness of Parole System Being Studied by Government

The regular meeting of the Acton Y's Men was the occasion for the induction of Jim King, Assistant Manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia and of Paul Lawson of Beardmore and Co. The meeting November 10 in the Y was spirited as usual and the "Gaelic combine" of Foyers and Wilson almost wrecked the fines period.
Mr. Sanderson, superintendent of the Ontario Reformatory at Guelph, was the guest speaker. He put much of the blame for the high level of delinquency upon the lack of parental care. His reports on the apparent weakness of the parole system were enlightening even though discouraging. It was encouraging, however, to hear that the Canadian penal system as it affects the young and short term offenders was being studied by the British government who admit its high value.
At the conclusion he extended an invitation to the Y's Men to visit the reformatory as his "short term" guests and would personally host the visit by way of appreciation.
Y's Man Bill Wilson introduced Mr. Sanderson and Y's Man Elmer Smith thanked him on behalf of all members present.
A most significant feature of the evening was the return to the club of Y's Man and past president Ed Footitt. The membership expressed pleasure at having him back at the table again after a short absence.
The meeting closed again with bridge and table tennis, games engaging the athletic-minded members.

Memorial Certificate Given Miss D. Simmons by W.M.S.

The United Church Women's Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. A. Ironside Tuesday afternoon, November 8, with 21 present. The president, Mrs. H. R. Force, opened the meeting with a hymn and prayer. The secretary's report was read and adopted.
Considerable mail was then dealt with and a card signed by the members to be sent one of the shut-ins. The treasurer's report was read by Mrs. J. Lambert and adopted. The business arising concerning bills was dealt with.
Mrs. Cleave reported on Community Friendship with 37 calls being made. It was moved by Miss Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Cleave, that the same members remain in office another year.
Mrs. A. Shoemaker reported on the shut-ins and presented Miss Dorothy Simmons with a memorial certificate in memory of the late Mrs. Burns. Miss Simmons gave a very fitting reply.
The offering was received. Mrs. Force thanked the hostess and those helping with the meeting.
Mrs. E. Lidkea was in charge of the worship service with Mrs. Poole and Mrs. Ironside reading respectively the Bible and comments. Mrs. Poole led in prayer.
Mrs. Lidkea took the study book, Turning World, and gave a talk on the Chapter "First Stop Europe." Christians from all over the world and of different faiths met in Holland to aid in building and helping in a slum area which proved a great deal of good, not only in the slums but for those that took part.
The meeting closed with a hymn and all repeating the Mizpah Benediction. All enjoyed a social time over a cup of tea.

Three Acton Men Start New Venture

Last Monday three Acton men started a new enterprise and are fully equipped to handle any chore large or small in industry, home, office or business.
The three partners, Roy Goodwin, Joe Sojka and Earl Goodwin, are ready and willing to tackle any job large or small and have equipment to handle home, office, commercial, industrial cleaning and general maintenance, as well as interior and exterior cleaning.
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The three partners stated this week no job is too large or small to handle and snow shovelling or plowing is expected to be a large venture this winter.

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Busy Bees Discuss Millinery Course

Mrs. Oudesluis was hostess for the November meeting of the Busy Bees' W.I. with the president in the chair. All sang the W.I. Ode and repeated the Mary Stewart Collect. The roll call "What makes a good citizen" was answered by all. As the members are taking the millinery course very shortly there was considerable discussion over this.
The bazaar coming at the end of the month called for conveners and extra meetings. Mrs. Hayward, convener of citizenship, gave a very interesting reading on human rights as they concern the various individuals. This was followed by all singing. "Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag."
Mrs. Lindsay as district director gave a report of the district meeting. Mrs. Cox gave a reading, The Rummage Sale.
As Remembrance Day came during the week all paid tribute to the fallen of the two great wars by two minutes silence followed by a hymn. Mrs. MacLeod read a piece on Sunnybrook Hospital and Mrs. Allen, one on remembrance. A contest followed and was won by Mrs. MacLeod and Mrs. D. McLean. The Lord's Prayer concluded the meeting. The hostess served a delicious lunch, she was thanked by the courtesy convener, Mrs. Lindsay.

Honorary Membership Given To Mrs. Dean Leslie at W.M.S.

The annual meeting of the Acton Auxiliary W.M.S. of Knox Church was held on November 10th at the home of Mrs. A. M. McPherson. The president, Mrs. H. L. Binnie, opened the meeting with some thoughts on 'Remembrance'. The service of worship was led by Mrs. J. McGregor.
Mrs. C. G. Jones gave an interesting report on the semi-annual meeting of the Synodical Society of Toronto and Kingston, held in Calvin Church, Toronto, in October.
Annual reports were presented by the recording secretary, the treasurer and all department secretaries. Mrs. A. J. Buchanan presided for the election of officers for the year 1961.
An honorary membership, the highest honor to be conferred upon a member of the organization, for service rendered, was presented to Mrs. Dean Leslie, Mrs. R. M. McDonald making the presentation of the certificate and Mrs. E. J. Hassard the pin, in the absence of the donor, Miss Agnes Gault. At a previous meeting Mrs. James Wilds and Mrs. R. L. Davidson were honored with life membership certificates and pins, by the Auxiliary members.
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