

# Chairman Gordon Reviews Work To March of Dimes Volunteers

Acton Rotary Club has taken over the sponsorship of the March of Dimes campaign scheduled for Monday evening, January 30. Under the chairmanship of Rotarian Art Gordon, last minute details have been finalized for the blitz.

Mrs. Jim Ledger has been named Chief Marching Mother and will head teams of ladies from the Acton churches during the campaign.

The following team captains will be in charge of the canvassers in their respective districts: No. 1, Mrs. Winnie Kerr; Glenlea subdivision, No. 2, Mrs. Dave Cohen, north of Highway 7, including Warren Grove subdivisions; No. 3, Mrs. A. Nolan, Guelph St. to Bower Ave., Frederick St. and the Crescent; No. 4, Mrs. A. Bowman, Frederick St. to Main, Agnes St. to River St.; No. 5, Mrs. Fred Anderson, west of Main, from Knox St. to Cobble Hill; No. 6, Mrs. Jim Ledger, Main St. N. Knox Ave. and Lakeview subdivision.

During a recent meeting with the volunteers, Mr. Gordon stressed the importance of the campaign and reviewed the work done in the past.

Each month in 1960, the Rehabilitation Foundation, March of Dimes spent \$43,000 providing treatment and rehabilitation services to disabled men and women in Ontario. Commenting on this amount, chairman Art Gordon said this was an increase of \$4,000 per month in comparison with \$39,000 spent each month in 1959. "The reasons for the increase," said Mr. Gordon, "are due to expansion of service to all parts of the province and speed-up in handling the patients referred."

"March of Dimes casework is now done on a full-time basis in every county and district in Ontario," continued Mr. Gordon. "In addition, last year we gave half a million Salk vaccine injections in the polio-prevention program."

Medical records reveal that about 40 per cent of paralytic polio cases in recent years had occurred in those over 19 years of age. Yet many adults have not yet taken Salk vaccine.

Mr. Gordon urged everyone, especially parents with young families, to have their injections without delay. If the three in-

jection program is begun right now, they will be fully protected when the polio danger is at its height during the late summer.

The Acton March of Dimes committee is busily engaged this week putting the finishing touches to their Mothers' March of Dimes campaign which takes place on Monday evening, January 30, between 7 and 8 p.m. Target for the overall Ontario March of Dimes campaign for 1961 is \$650,000. More than 50,000 mothers in 200 Ontario centres will participate in the one hour campaign.

## Welfare Council Learns County Considers Mental Health Unit

In February the Halton County Council will be considering the possibility of approving a grant to assist in establishing a County Mental Health Unit, Dr. Archie Bull reported at the regular meeting of the Halton Community Welfare Council in Burlington Thursday. "The cost to the County will be equivalent to the cost of one half of one hospital bed," stated Dr. Bull, "and the benefits to the people of the area should be many times that."

Welfare Council members voted unanimous commendation to Dr. Bull for his tireless efforts on behalf of improving mental health facilities in the community.

**Gives Own Impression**  
County Clerk Garfield Brown presented a short brief outlining his personal opinion regarding appointment of a County Welfare Administrator. "There would appear to be greater meaning in

establishing a County-Welfare Office now and for the future than at any other time heretofore," said Mr. Brown. "Each County now has a relationship with the Children's Aid Societies in the administration of the Child Welfare Program, operating in this way from a larger population base. The same is true in relation to the Homes for the Aged program. The care of persons in nursing homes would seem to be developing along the lines of dependence upon the County in the matter of licensing procedures. At the present time Counties are in a great many instances assuming the responsibility of hospitalization for a certain residue of un-

insured persons. I believe one section of welfare that could be administered very capably on a County basis is the new Home-makers and Nurses Services."

Mr. Brown, however, felt it would be advisable for local municipalities to retain direct relief assistance. Again, he stressed that this was but his personal opinion.

## Butcher Closes Doors After 25 Years Service

After serving the residents of Acton for nearly 25 years George Benton, local butcher, closed his doors Saturday night owing to ill health.

Mr. Benton started in the butcher business in Acton in 1925 in the present location at 69 Mill Street and renovated the stucco building in 1942 and bricked the building and added a modern front.

In 1947 he sold the business to C. W. Bradley and later built the present Mayfair Restaurant and he and his wife operated a grocery store for five years.

After Mr. Bradley moved to his present location on Mill Street, Mr. Benton returned to his old stand in 1952 and once again served his customers from behind the meat counter.

His health has forced his hand and under the doctor's directions he closed the store and will take a well earned rest. The couple have two children, a daughter and son.

**MEDICAL COLLEGES**  
In 1951 medical colleges in Canada had a total of 858 graduates, in the 1900-1961 academic year, despite the forecast of an increase of nearly four million in the country's population in the decade, the estimate of "medical graduates is 860."

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ACTON LEGIONNAIRES placed second Saturday in Milton, during the Zone Bowling Tournament. The happy-runners-up are shown above following the play. Front row, left to right, are Jack Pink and Jack Bullough. Back row, Norm Morton, Pat Waldie and Pete Turkosz. Missing when the picture was taken was Mickey Holmes.

## Old Letters Tell

### Canada Land of Opportunity For Settlers of Century Ago

Newcomers to Canada over 100 years ago found this a land of opportunity. One who was not disappointed was George Tushingham, who came to Canada in 1851 and lived at Limestone, where he built the first church. Descendants still living here include A. M. MacPherson and Mrs. Marquette Taylor.

Letters he sent back home to England have been saved by members of the family there, and here are a few interesting extracts from them.

"If I had stayed in England I would not have been worth five hundred pounds as I am today. I have three hundred and twenty acres of land beside the house and lot I live on, and half an acre of land to it besides two good cows and seven pigs."

"You asked me about the price of provisions. Beef is very high. It is four pence of four pence halfpenny per pound, dried bacon

is six pence per pound, mutton four pence, flour is eight shillings for 100 pounds, English money. I went over to the States to see Sam at his farm in Michigan as I had bought some more land out there. Sam has one hundred and sixty acres, I lent him five hundred dollars which would be 100 pounds in English money and he has paid the greatest part back."

**Bring Some Seeds**  
If you ever decide to come out to Canada, bring some flower seeds, 10 week stocks, some Damson stones, plum stones, holly berries, seed potatoes, just for breed, some swigs for raising quickset hedges.

"I came out here in 1851. Brother Sam went over to the States in 1865."

"Wages are not very high among laboring men—three, four or five shilling—in English money."

## Assistance Available to Blind Explained to Greenock Institute

Mrs. Wm. Ballentine, Cambridge St., Guelph, was hostess for the January meeting of Greenock W.I. when Mrs. H. J. Fanson, Guelph, as guest speaker told of the work of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. Speaking from personal experience, Mrs. Fanson explained the assistance available to all in need of training in overcoming the handicap of falling sight or total loss of sight; and the new life made possible through the encouragement of the capable patient C.N.I.B. teachers.

The Institute members were impressed with the craft work displayed, as well as the many articles the speaker uses in her own home to make housekeeping duties easier and safer.

**Public Relations**  
Mrs. Fanson was introduced by Mrs. Ballentine and thanked by Mrs. T. Hensley, the conveners.

Plans were made for the World Day of Prayer, February 17, to which ladies of the Osprey congregation are being invited, when the guest speaker is to be Rev. Byron E. Howlett. The roll call was answered with a verse on guidance for the new year.

The worship portion was prepared by Mrs. A. Kingsbury and read by Mrs. A. Kingsbury, with the theme, "The New Year, the Unknown Future." Members were urged to "go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God; that shall be to you better than light and salt than a known way."

Mrs. H. Horlop was program leader, her topic being "Test We Miss Thy Kingdom's Goal," followed by a skit presented by Mrs. T. Jestin, Mrs. D. Stewart, Mrs. H. Horlop and Mrs. D. G. Robertson.

Following the benediction, the hostess, assisted by Mrs. T. Jestin, served lunch.

for the public relations program. Mrs. T. Hensley read a paper "What is Public Relations?" and also presented a summary of the work covered by and the needs of the Unifairian Service.

Current events were given by Mrs. H. Reid, and Mrs. E. Patterson read a poem "The Push Button Age."

The president, Mrs. C. Allan, chaired the business session. Several cards of thanks were read from shut-ins for flowers received at Christmas. Plans were made for a short course on "Food makes a difference" to be held February 2 at the home of Mrs. C. Allan.

The roll call was answered with "My favorite newspaper column or writer," and Mrs. E. Pearson gave the Scripture reading.

A lengthy discussion followed the report read from the C.A.C. Bulletin on meat inspection, and many helpful hints were brought forth concerning the purchasing of meat.

Following a contest on advertisements conducted by Mrs. F. Hensley and won by Mrs. E. Patterson the singing of the National Anthem and Institute Grace brought the meeting to a close.

The hostess and lunch committee served lunch and a social half hour was spent.

As courtesy conveners Mrs. J. McKeeown expressed the pleasure of the members in enjoying Mrs. Ballentine's hospitality in her new home in Guelph.

The February meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. McKeeown, Acton.

## Radio, Income Tax Are Topics

Discussions on the possibility of radio communication and the current income tax question were the main topics at the Halton County Mutual Aid Fire Service meeting held on Tuesday of last week in the Burlington No. 1 Fire Hall.

Discussions were held during the first meeting of the year and the following men were placed in office: president, Chief Reg. Law of Burlington; vice-president, District Chief Grant Bray of Trafal-

gar; secretary-treasurer, Fireman A. Stayer of Burlington and auditors, Chief George Wright of Trafalgar and Chief Doug Wilson of Oakville.

Two films were shown on school fires. One of them was a film about the tragic Chicago school fire in which over 90 children were killed.

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WELCOME THE MARCHING MOTHERS DURING THEIR CAMPAIGN, MONDAY EVENING, JANUARY 30th

Each year, thousands of Canadians as victims of polio, arthritis, and birth defects find themselves utterly unable to walk... some unable to move as much as a finger. Many cannot afford to pay for the long and costly treatments which can often provide them with a normal, walking life. You could be the next victim... or it could be your child. You could be the next to need aid.



The National Foundation is fighting a winning war against polio, and now turns its efforts to the other forces that plague mankind... the crippling effects of arthritis and the enigmas of birth defects. To continue this struggle, your backing is needed more than ever... your gift to the March of Dimes this month may spell the difference between success and failure... between happiness and misery for some unfortunate child you will never see.

CAMPAGNING CAPTAINS for the March of Dimes canvass in Acton are pictured above with the Rotary committee in charge of the blitz. Front row, left to right, are Rotarians Jim Ledger, campaign chairman Art Gordon and William Pendleton. Back row, left to right, Mrs. F. Anderson, Mrs. A. Bowman, Mrs. D. Cohen, Mrs. J. Ledger, Mrs. Winnie Kerr and Mrs. A. Nolan. The ladies are church representatives and will head division groups.

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