

# Scottish Dance Club to Sponsor Retarded School Blitz for Acton

There was an excellent attendance at the Acton Scottish Dance Club's family night in the Y.M.C.A. on Saturday, February 11th. Parents and children from as far off as Caledon and Milton came to join in the fun. J. Donnelly and his committee had a varied program of songs and recitations, accompanied by simply Scottish dances for the young folks.

Highlight of the evening's entertainment was the "rock" fashion show by Dave Izatt's group of Scottish dancers from Milton and Acton.

**Guest Speaker**  
G. G. Addison of Milton, chairman of the building committee of the new school for retarded children, gave an interesting talk to the members of the club and guests.

Mr. Addison explained the reason it had been decided to build a new school, rather than attempt to renovate one of the older schools for the purpose. This was decided after the few available schools had been examined very carefully by Robert E. Bornhold, school inspector. Any other schools available were either too small, or too old, and found not practicable to fix up. A grant of 30 per cent was being given by the Department of Education. This grant is only available for the purpose of building an entirely new school.

**Started in 1955**  
The speaker told how the school for mentally retarded children was first started in 1955 in a church basement in Milton. Mrs. R. D. Buckner of Acton had been of great assistance, teaching the children music and movement. He went on to explain how it was only practical to have a class of five or six pupils to one classroom. The new school was planned for at least 20 pupils. Three classrooms were required, also a teachers' room and if possible, a gymnasium was to be included.

The site for the new school, which will be known as the North Halton School for Retarded Children, has already been purchased on the seventh line near Hornby.

To date, the sum of \$15,000 has been raised and set aside in a Trust Fund. Mr. Addison said the total cost of the new school was expected to be \$40,000, which amount included all furnishings etc., and the price of the building lot. With the assistance of the 30 per cent grant from the Department of Education, the amount still to be raised was approximately \$13,000.

It was reported that Milton had already had a very successful drive and Georgetown was busy planning theirs.

Dr. R. D. Buckner thanked Mr. Addison for his informative talk and promised that the Acton Scottish Dance Club, sponsors of the drive in Acton, would leave no stone unturned to reach their goal. A tentative date has been set for a community night in the park during the coming summer to attempt to raise funds, and all industries and clubs in town were being contacted to assist.

## Earth Means Life

By WES FOUNTAIN

**WEAPONS IN NATURE.**  
Before we can understand the role horns, teeth, tusks, claws, talons, beaks, spines and tentacles play in the world of nature, we must understand that nature is an exacting taskmaster. She has played each species in its natural habitat and then assigned a limitation on overgrowth by a system of checks and balances.

No single species is permitted to increase too extensively in its natural world because of its enemies. Weapons — both defensive and offensive — are the controlling influence.

**Horns Permanent**  
Horns are hollow, usually unbranched, and are permanent parts of an animal's body, developed from skin integument rather than bone. The pronghorn antelope is the only exception as this animal sheds its branched horns yearly.

Horned animals show evidence of their horns at an early age. Bumps appear on the frontal bones that later form cores over which sheaths grow. There are particularly active cells in an animal's body that cause this growth during its younger days. The cells continue to leave small deposits on the horns through out the animal's life.

During late winter or early spring, the white fall deer sheds its antlers, leaving bloody scars on the animal's head. New soft skin covers the pedicles, a curli-ugious growth pushes upward, and the outside bone surface of the new antler conceals a soft tissue through which nourishment is supplied.

Once the velvet coating on the antlers is shed, a gentle hack may suddenly be transformed into a dangerous antagonist. In the wild, this state occurs during the deer's mating season.

**Defense Mechanism**  
Many animals have a fleet footed, defense mechanism. A frightened pronghorn antelope has been clocked in the vicinity of 50 miles an hour, while tall deer will do 40 during desperate short sprints, and a fleeing caribou can outpace a wolf.

The sharp-tipped front hoofs are used as weapons, particularly after the antlers are shed. High climbers like the mountain sheep have spongy hoofs that cushion their precipitous leaps. The sure-footed mountain goat has sturdy legs on rubbery hoofs with sharp thins, a combination which suits this animal. Without these special features, even goats would be unable to survive in the rugged peak country where they live.

# St. John Ambulance Brigade Seeks Financial Support for Supplies

It is often said that to be a good spy or a good detective, one should appear as a motor-man or a postman. Such a statement is quite true because such people are so much a part of our daily life, their service is so taken for granted, that we are hardly aware of them.

Another such group whose efficient, effective and unassuming service is often overlooked is that of St. John Ambulance.

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**Proud Record**  
The brigade has a record to be proud of in Acton. In the past year, St. John Ambulance Brigade members have attended all functions where the public is present in the Robert Little public school auditorium and these functions have ranged from Christmas parties, to music festivals.

St. John men and women stood by at the Decoration Day parade, and each Saturday, Sunday, and public holiday from the first week in June to the last in August, were in attendance at Prospect Park. In addition, the St. John Ambulance instructors taught first aid to Acton firemen and students, and artificial respiration to all who wished to learn.

Such work is worthwhile and well worth your support. It cannot be done for nothing — but it is done for as little as possible. The costs of such simple things as bandages, antiseptics, gauze pads, first aid kits, stretchers, etc., soon mount up. In the month of February, the St. John Ambulance asks for your financial support so that this valuable and necessary work can continue.

When you receive your appeal letter in the mail, please reply promptly and generously or send your cheque directly to St. John Ambulance Headquarters, 46 Wellesley St. E., Toronto.

# Special Teen Town Dance Staged by Acton Lions

"Valentine's Day" was the theme for the Friday evening Teen Town dance sponsored by the Lions Club in the Legion auditorium. Special decorations created a Valentine mood as 185 teenagers kept pace with music by The Consultants.

Special prizes were awarded during the evening to the following: Pat Stieritt, pair nylon; Don Brown, pen and pencil set; Preston Hammond, Janet Davis, Sarge Poite and Miles Ward, tree tickets to the next dance; Emice Norrish, travelling clock; Brian Carpill, Paul's Men's Wear prize of cuff links and tie bar; Barbara Adams and Joe Waller, tree tickets on the draw for a trip to New York being currently sponsored by the Lions Club.

Chaperones for the well conducted and orderly affair included dance chairman Syd Lath, Lions Club president Alec Johnson, Jack Roberts, Morley Allen, Jack Blundell, Barry Inscow and Bert Halliday.

Ash Wednesday services had many participants in local church service yesterday.

Parents are warned to keep children away from the creeks, now that ice is breaking up.

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# Esqueuing School Board Fail to Reach Decision

A meeting of the Esqueuing School Board on Monday failed to reach a unanimous decision on the earlier proposal to build a new school at Silver creek.

A lengthy discussion saw all members reviewing their point of view, and left the Board without a unanimous decision to present to Esqueuing Council later in the evening.

Two board members indicated their conditional agreement to a school proposed school at Limehouse provided the Board was given the right to approve the site. There appeared some doubt that a Limehouse site would produce a water supply sufficient to meet the requirements.

**Meet Council**  
Board members met with Esqueuing Council in committee and following this agreed to look further at sites in and around Limehouse.

After council's adjournment members also discussed temporary teaching vacancies at Milton Heights and North. Discussion also covered how students becoming ill at school should be transported to their homes. Discussion on the purchase of an electric drill for minor repairs in these schools was postponed because of the late hour.

## ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced of Nancy Marie, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Buehch, 80 Warwick Rd., Stratford, Ont. to Delmar Edwin, now of Langton, Ont., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Edwin Watson, Campbellville, R. R. J. Ont. The wedding to take place March 17 at 8 p.m. in St. John's United Church, Stratford, Ont.

**GOLDEN BARS** were received Tuesday evening in the Eden Mills Hall by the group of girls pictured above. Shown in the photo are Margaret James, Joanne Wright, Chris Abram, Doris Tubman, Donna Campbell, Patsy Wright, group leader Brown Owl Mrs. C. Abram and commissioner Mrs. Atkinson, who made the presentations.

# Appoint New Officers Extend Best Wishes For Lakeside Chapter

Members of the Acton Scottish Dance Club and guests enjoyed an evening of dancing in the Y.M.C.A. on Saturday night.

Prior to the regular dance, Jim Dunne's, Jack McGowan and Dave Izatt conducted an instructional class for adults, teenagers and children interested in mastering Scottish dance steps.

**Extend Congratulations**  
During the evening Dr. Backner, the president, extended the best wishes of all the members to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McGowan who were presently celebrating their 20th wedding anniversary.

For best wishes for a very special anniversary were extended to a number of members by Mr. Ed Garvie, who is a present in the Acton Scottish Dance Club.

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