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 4. 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 "mock" fashion show by Dave Izatt's group of Scottish dances 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 F. 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.

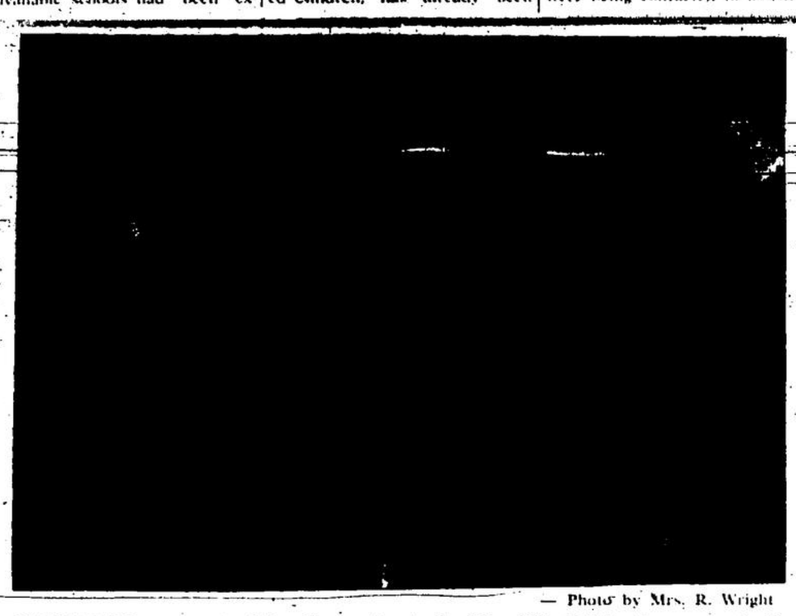
The site for the new school, which will be known as the North Halton School for Retarded Children, has already been purchased on the seventh line near Hornby.

Trust Fund

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.



— Photo by Mrs. R. Wright

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 For Lakeside Chapter

During the regular monthly meeting of the Lakeside Chapter IODE Tuesday evening the following slate of officers were elected for the year:

Honorary regent, Miss Jessie Cameron; regent, Mrs. K. Spurvey; 1st vice regent, Mrs. W. Spence; 2nd vice regent, Mrs. A. Orr; recording secretary, Mrs. J. Hunt; assistant secretary, Mrs. [illegible]; Treasurer, Mrs. [illegible]; standard bearers, Mrs. [illegible], Miss [illegible]; chaplain, Mrs. [illegible]; assistant chaplain, Mrs. [illegible]; education convener, Mrs. [illegible]; assistant education convener, Mrs. [illegible]; [illegible] convener, Mrs. [illegible]; [illegible], Mrs. [illegible]; [illegible], Mrs. [illegible]; [illegible],