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C. K. BROWNE'S store on Main St. North was a focal point Saturday for the 12th of July celebrations. A parade started and ended there; the pipe band serenaded him and there were many visitors from out-of-town lodges. Behind the counter, Mr. Browne is pictured with Alvey Gordon, master of Acton LOL 467, and M. McCartney, Fergus, county Master of Wellington.

C. K. Browne Heads Parade Juveniles Win in Georgetown

A parade through Acton Saturday morning started off the "Glorious Twelfth" for members of Acton lodges. From here they went to Georgetown where 2,500 marchers from 79 lodges in Halton, Peel and Wellington counties, Pefferlaw, Toronto, Weston, Highland Creek and Orillia took part in a three-mile walk.

Acton Junior Pipe Band took in two parades—one in Guelph and the other in Georgetown.

Friendship Lodge No. 457 of the Juvenile Orange Association on their first annual parade won the juvenile trophy for the largest lodge.

Music of the fifes and drums and traditional spanking white, brilliant orange and clear blue out to the sidewalks Saturday morning to see the local lodges.

First in the parade came a convertible with prominent lodge member C. K. Browne, who has been particularly honored by a serenade since he has been unable to attend the parades himself.

The convertible, lent by Ross Ballentine, was driven by a past master of LOL 467, Al Green.

LOL 467 was led by master Alvey Gordon. Joining them were members of LAVA 555 and Belvedere LOBA of Guelph and Prince Arthur 1331 LOL. The well-trained and enthusiastic bandmen were under the leadership of Mr. Forest and headed by two port majorettes. The young people in Friendship Lodge had their own flag.

The parade began and ended beside C. K. Browne's store. Acton Junior Pipe Band encircled Mr. Browne for a brief serenade after the gala parade.

Mr. Browne, now 91 years of age, started taking part in Orange walks when he was eight at Midland. He marched every year without fail until just recently when ill health forbade it. Buses and cars slowed down as they passed his store on their way to the walk in Georgetown as many friends gathered in years of lodge activity called and waved.

He is Right Worshipful Honorary Past Grand Master of Ontario West, Past Master of LOL 467, District, past County Master of Hornby district, past master of the Royal Black Preceptory, Guelph, Past Commander of the Scarlet, Honorary Past Grand Master of Ontario West and Honorary Past Grand Master of British North America. He is the oldest member of Grand Lodge and was presented with the first 40-year jewel issued in Canada.

Proud of Trophy

Friendship Lodge No. 457 of the Juvenile Orange Association of Acton has had a busy two months with church parades at home and away and the parades Saturday.

Instituted in October, 1960 with 19 members under the guardianship of Mr. and Mrs. Ken McDonald, membership has increased to 37. They were all very pleased and proud to win the Juvenile Trophy on their first annual parade and eager to do likewise next year.

With the parade over, a lot of the members are planning to attend the Juvenile Orange Summer camp at Peacock Point on Lake Erie. The near future will be occupied with plans for their Birthday Party to be held in October, working on handicrafts to be sent to the bazaar being held at the Grand Lodge meet- ing next spring, and increasing their membership.

Guelph Parade

Guelph lodges paraded to the centaph for a wreath-laying ceremony before going to Georgetown, and the Guelph parade was headed by Acton Junior Pipe Band and Guelph Pipe Band.



BACK TO CLASS after their play period go the beginners, group under the direction of Miss Grace Proper, and Mrs. J. Longene, top left to right; Other members of the class are, starting from the front, Ann Kreimer, Mary Churchill, Ada Liferink, Dick Van Arragon, and Burt Liferink.

Council Lays Plans For Arena By-Law Forwarded to O.M.B.

Fire Practice

Bill Benton, purchaser of the Cripps property, Queen St. and Acton Blvd., has offered the remaining old building to the Acton Fire Department for training purposes. Mr. Benton has commenced construction of his Frostes Press.

40 Hear Bible Stories at Knox

Knox Sunday School room's chairs were set up—ranging from the tiniest ones in the front row to adult size at the back—when 40 children came Monday and Tuesday mornings to hear Bible stories. The Rev. Andrew McKenzie began the Vacation Bible Story Hour as an experiment. It continues Thursday and Friday and "perhaps next week" until Thursday, when he and his family start holidays.

Response was good to the venture. There were 37 youngsters there Monday and 43 on Tuesday—a total of 50 registered. The youngest are preschoolers, three-year-olds Truly Toebes and the minister's daughter Carol. Others are four, and ages range up to 12. Not all are Presbyterians, and any children are welcome, Mr. McKenzie says.

Monday and Tuesday they heard stories about Abraham; on Thursday they will be told about David and on Friday the Apostle Paul. Mr. McKenzie has pictures and maps and uses a blackboard to keep their attention.

The weekday "Sunday School" starts at 10 and is out before 11.

Holland Shop Opens In New Spot Today

Another change on the Main Street business section is taking place this week. The Holland Shop operated by E. Huisman has moved to the building where George Benton formerly operated a butcher store and opens today.

The new location will allow the proprietor more space for customers and a larger area to display groceries and dry goods. Clerk is Miss Theresa Huisman.

Club Forum Held After Rotary Meet

After the Rotary dinner meeting members went to president Dave Manes' home for a club forum on Rotary information headed by the Rev. A. H. McKenzie. There were four visitors. A classification of the Holland Shop is slated for next Tuesday.

Eight Baptized By Rev. D. Engel

Eight children were baptized Sunday morning at Acton United Church. They were Douglas Gordon, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Irving; Peter James, Shirley Jane, Phyllis and Mark William, children of Mr. and Mrs. William Morrison; Richard George, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Gibson; Gilmore Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Malcolm; Gordon Randall, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Van Fleet and Eric Robert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Verbeek. The Rev. Dwight Engel, officiated, assisted by the clerk of the session, Orwell Johnston.

Regional Planning "Necessary" Say Tri-County Representatives

Regional planning for the future, a form of co-operative municipal planning by towns, villages and townships in north Halton, Wellington and Peel Counties, was deemed necessary Tuesday night when council and planning representatives of the three counties gathered at Stewarttown Hall.

The outcome of the meeting was to formulate plans for a larger meeting of all interested officials for September, when professionals in planning fields will lead group discussions with about 100 planners, councillors and school board heads from the district.

Join Church

Last Sunday morning three people joined Knox Presbyterian Church. Mrs. F. G. Hepburn joined by profession of faith while Mr. and Mrs. David Cleland joined by transfer of covenant.

There was some discussion on the need for a regional planning board consisting of representatives of each of the municipalities represented.

Acton Council Tuesday evening gave two readings to a by-law to authorize the construction of the new Community Centre. The by-law will now be submitted to the Ontario Municipal Board for their approval before it is given its third and final reading.

Verbal approval for the project had been given by Mr. Kennedy of the O.M.B. following a visit to the department by the Mayor and clerk. Mr. Kennedy had suggested the town prepare a formal by-law and submit it to the O.M.B.

Additional is \$48,000

The by-law provides for the construction of an addition to

the front of the present arena at a cost estimated to be \$40,000. Also included in the by-law is an expenditure for artificial ice installation at \$18,000 and a building to house the refrigeration equipment at \$2,000.

A letter, being submitted with the by-law, describes in detail the amounts pledged to the Community Centre Fund and the other assistance acquired to be used in the construction of the centre.

Council also accepted the recommendation of the joint building committee whereby the architects are authorized to prepare specifications for the in-

stallation of a new steel truss and columns at the west end of the skating rink. The new steel work will replace the wooden gabled end which is showing signs of deterioration. This will also remove all the wooden pillars at the west end of the arena and allow an unobstructed view from the west end.

Delay Demolition

The demolition of the remaining section of the old curling rink was held up until the property committee could hold a meeting and make a study of the situation. It is expected a recommendation will be presented at the next regular council meeting.

Councillors McLeod and Newton registered some objections during discussions of the construction by-law. Councillor Newton questioned some of the estimated costs mentioned in the by-law. Councillor McLeod questioned whether Council should accept recommendations of the special building committee.

Acting Mayor

Reeve Hargrave was appointed Acting Mayor during the absence of Mayor Gay on holidays. Joe Hurst was sitting in at the meeting for Clerk Jack McGeachie who is on vacation.

Councillor Denny reported complaints he had received on weeds and grass growing on vacant property within the town. Mr. Hurst reported that letters were being dispatched to the offending property owners. Councillor Dubs suggested the weeds on municipal property should have some attention but also pointed out that at the present time the town works department is very short-handed through annual vacations and sickness.

Fire Inspections

Councillor Jack Newton pointed out to Council that this year was the year business and industrial property would be inspected for fire hazards by insurance inspectors as part of a continuing campaign to reduce fire loss through fire prevention.

Dupuy-Roove Hinton: Suggested an inquiry request be made to the Industrial Commission for their report (to be contacted); inquired as to the status of the appeal against the Credit Valley Conservation Authority levy (the appeal had been filed with the Authority); informed council an agreement was being prepared to cover the ambulance service; reported interest in the Rescue Squad demonstration and possible formation of rescue teams in Acton; and expressed his concern over the implications which might result from a Milton-Oakville-Trafalgar amalgamation.



VACATION-BIBLE story hour at Knox church this week drew about 40 youngsters each day. Here the Rev. A. H. McKenzie reads a story to Alex Patca, Karan Ashley and Susan Allan. Seated quietly in the Sunday School room, they hear stories, see maps and pictures about Abraham, David and the Apostle Paul.

Contest Winners

Five Speyside Students Stay Overnight At Fort York Living as 150 Years Ago

Thirty young boys and girls from all over Ontario—winners of a Fort York essay contest—spent the night of Friday, July 7 at Fort York eating, sleeping and living exactly as the defenders of the Town of York did 150 years ago.

Of the 30 selected, six were from Speyside Central School. Principal Colin Leitch was particularly proud of his 12, 13 and 14-year-olds who brought to three the number of essay contests won by their school this past year.

Those with the wonderful experience to recall are Victoria Newton 13, Carol Swackhamer 12, Gary Buttenham 14, Paul Fisher 13 and Albert Vilestra 12. Another winner, Larry Fletcher 13, didn't go.

Mr. Leitch drove them to the fort in Toronto on Friday, where they met the others—from Ormeau, Hamilton, Orillia, Barrie and other places. No other school boasted of as many winners as Speyside.

The reward was for essays written following a visit to the Fort on a grade seven and eight school outing. Mr. Leitch pointed out he wrote in advance for information, and perhaps this pre-knowledge of the fort helped his students in garnering facts while they were there. Their visit was hurried though, and limited to just an hour.

After the return to school, all the grade-eight students and some of the grade-sevens submitted essays to the Toronto Historical Board. Altogether 35 entered from the school. Hundreds of entries came from all over Ontario and the six winning entries are certainly a source of pride at the brand-new school.

Here's how the young people lived, duplicating food and activities of 150 years ago.

Huge Meal

At 7:30 p.m. Friday trumpet sounded mess call for a Military Mess. Dinner served in the historic officers' quarters by scarlet-coated mess stewards (University students with summer jobs at the fort as stewards and, alternately, members of the Guard) at which the Post's Commandant and aides welcomed the guests.

"They were 'stuffed full' with a mouth-watering meal specially prepared by James Buckley, chef of Toronto's well-known York

Pioneer restaurant, who cooked on an open fireplace in the fort's Messman's room. He served up beef stew with mushroom dumplings, buttered mashed potatoes, fried lake trout, dandelion and watercress salad with farmhouse dressing, corn on the cob, fresh open cherried jelly pie with milk, coffee and raspberry wine.

After dinner the boys and girls observed the retreat ceremony by the Guard and watched men working at the forge in the blacksmith shop.

They raced through the fort on a "history hunt" in teams, finding answers to some really difficult puzzles—like What was the population of York at the time of the Battle of York? and How many musket slits are there in the Simcoe Blockhouse? (Answer to the last one—32).

Reward for the winning team: they were lined up, promoted, given insignia and stripes! Vicky Newton and Paul Fisher were on the top team.

Tried the Cider

Next came a party in the officers mess where they ate cakes and cookies prepared in a brick oven and tasted the "specialty of the house" Fort York mulled cider. Some of them liked it, some of them didn't.

The bugler sounded lights out, and the young people were all bedded down on straw pellaeas in barracks. The boys stayed in the oldest building in Toronto—the famous Simcoe blockhouse built in 1793. The girls chatted and laughed and didn't get much sleep. Explained Vicky Newton, "The beds would be all right if you poundered them out enough."

Country Breakfast

After flag raising in the morning had breakfast—oatmeal porridge with maple syrup, fresh blueberry and corn muffins, ham and eggs.

Syd Newton picked up the Speyside group after their unique and thrilling experience, memories of which will remain with them for the rest of their lives.

Vicky Newton and Albert Vilestra were interviewed by the CBC and Monday morning listened to themselves on the radio, intrigued by their own "strange" voices.

They were all given souvenirs of their stay.

Third Speyside Win

Paul Fisher last fall won the weed control essay contest for Exquisite. Ann Shortill won a Glendon gold Bible in another contest.



FIVE WINNERS of the Fort York essay contest from Speyside Central School, July 7 at Toronto's historic fort as guests of the "Military Mess" at the officers' quarters. Vicky Newton, Carol Swackhamer, Gary Buttenham, Paul Fisher and Albert Vilestra are seated at an old well with the fort's well and "Guard" stewards. Menus were cooked on an open fireplace.