

Personal Notes

Of Actonians Visiting Out-of-Town Points and Visitors in Acton Homes

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Beatty returned Wednesday from a five week trip in Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller Gray of Brigidon visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dennis this week.

Mrs. J. B. Adamson of Galt visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. Inglis and attended the Decoration Day service.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Browning of Toronto visited with Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Dilts and attended the Decoration Day service.

Mr. Alex Mann, Arthur St., is a patient in Guelph General Hospital. His many friends wish him a return to good health.

Mrs. Isabelle Winfield spent a week recently with her brother, Mr. Wilmer Watkins and Mrs. Watkins, near Shelburne.

Mrs. E. G. Black, Mrs. Jack MacMurchie and Mr. C. A. G. Matthews of Toronto visited friends in Acton Tuesday.

Mrs. Charles Watson, No. 7 Highway, is in Guelph General Hospital undergoing an operation. Friends wish her well.

Mrs. W. Owen has been visiting Mrs. H. W. Hinton, Lake Ave., for some time and left Saturday to visit relatives at Norwich, Ont.

Mrs. Edith Frank, Mill St. and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Frank spent the weekend with friends in Mount Forest and Owen Sound.

Mr. J. Damiani of Preston, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Strone and family of Kitchener spent Sunday in Acton as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Damiani and family.

Members of the Catholic Women's League will be enjoying an outdoor barbecue at the home of Mrs. Harriet Coles tonight before their regular meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Townsend of New York were visitors for a few days over the weekend with the latter's sister, Mrs. E. W. Masters, and other friends here.

Friends of Mr. Douglas Anderson, Main St., were pleased that he was able to return from Guelph General Hospital the first of the week where he has been a patient.

Mrs. M. Beattie, Mrs. Jessie Elton, of Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. B. Allison, of Burlington visited with Mrs. Sam McNamee over the weekend. Mr. McNamee is recovering in St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph.

Miss Mary Neale, Fifth Lane, Nassagawaga returned home Saturday from Guelph General Hospital after being a patient there for three weeks. Her many friends hope for an improvement as a result of her stay.

Green Lauder danced in "Les Soubresols" during "An Evening of Ballet" in Memorial Hall on Guelph Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Allan Lauder's other daughter, Nancy, was in a tap dancing recital as soon as the same night.

Mrs. William Frank is on a trip to the west coast and has arrived in Saskatchewan for the first time. She will visit relatives, the Simpson and McGlaughlin families, and her brother Arthur Stewart in the Peace River district.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hollinger of Belleville, Brenda and Pamela, attended the Muir-Fetterly wedding in Burlington on Saturday and spent the weekend at the latter's parental home, guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Fetterly, Poplar St.

Plans are being made for the reception Sunday afternoon and evening at St. Joseph's Church for the Rev. V. J. Morgan, marking the 40th anniversary of his ordination into the priesthood. Members of his family and many friends are expected.

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Education Problems Stymie Board During Easter Examination Review

Grade 13 mathematics results following Easter examinations were termed "disgraceful" by one high school board member and others agreed that results in general throughout the school left a lot to be desired. Trustee commented on the results after perusing the list during their monthly meeting Monday evening at the high school.

Chairman E. S. Force noted there appeared to be a steady deterioration in certain subjects right down from grade 13 to grade nine. Trustee Jack Reid stated his displeasure at the mathematics results in grade 13. Both teachers and students came under fire as the board members attempted to find some solution to the problem.

Trustee Dwight Engel stated, "It seems to me this report should be highly embarrassing, but I don't quite know to whom. But with their potential, the students' marks should be higher."

No Increase in Ability?

Michael Bevan, assistant principal, informed the board that two standards of examinations had been set up by the department, one for grade 12 and another for grade 13. Mr. Force told his colleagues it appeared to him the results of the Easter exams showed no increase in the ability of the students. Unless students have the desire to learn, it is difficult to improve.

Trustee Reid stated, "The teacher must have the ability to teach as much as for the child to have the desire to learn. If we are going to write off the teachers, we might as well send the students to correspondence school."

Duncan Moffat, Nassagawaga representative on the board, stated, "I don't entirely agree with the present regulations whereby a child must attend school until he is 16 or until he is granted a work permit. I do think the Roberts Plan makes provision for the students who can't learn the academic subjects, to work with their hands."

Teachers' important to the performance of students against their capacity as almost consistently the ones with an average I.Q. were outdoing those with a higher one. Trustee Reid stated,

It was a matter of desire to learn, but admitted he was of the opinion the teachers entered into the picture. "I would like to have the teachers analyzed and I think this," he said. The chairman admitted it would be difficult as a number of phases of education entered the picture. Mr. Engel agreed the subject would be very touchy but not entirely impolite.

Trustee Engel pointed out that next year, the grades 12 and 13 students would be in the Stone School and wondered if the chairman of the board might stress the importance of the student's approach to university. Mr. Force declined the invitation as he pointed out this was the duty of the principal. He also told the board, "It has to be a two-way street. The students must have the desire to learn and the teachers the ability to teach."

After discussing the problem at great length, board members agreed they were quite unhappy with the recent results but could not reach a concrete solution to the problems involved.

During principal E. A. Hansen's report of the Easter examinations, it was learned that out of 36 students in grade 12 trying exams, 29 passed with 50 per cent or more, and out of 20 grade 13 students, 11 had received a pass of 50 per cent or more.

Mr. Hansen told the board that in order to arrive at these figures, he had taken the average per cent in all subjects. He pointed out the procedure was somewhat misleading because the average per cent is not of vital importance. Success or failure in these grades is determined by the June results.

OSPRINGE

Mr. Mrs. Bert Robertson Honored, Leaving Community

Miss Jean Howard, stewardess with American Airlines at Santa Monica, California spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Howard.

Gordon De Vries, R.C.A.F. from Beaverbank, N. S., spent several days leave with members of his family.

David Parker, who has been staying with his grandmother, Mrs. C. Hillis is in Guelph Hospital with pneumonia.

Friends of Mr. Russell Smith, 1st Line, will be sorry to learn he suffered a slight heart attack while at work in Fergus and was moved to Groves Memorial Hospital where he is improving.

A few nearby neighbours gathered Saturday evening at the Acton home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Robertson and presented them with a coffee table and lamp following their departure from the community.

Final examinations are in full swing at the local school in preparation for summer holidays.

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German-Canadian Club Members Hold First Dance, Social Night

Saturday May 26 was a big night for the members and friends of the newly-formed German-Canadian Club of Halton County, when their first dance was held at Perry Park banquet hall.

A good band played for the dance as waltzes, polkas, tangos, and even the twist were included. The hall was gaily decorated with birch branches and streamers, and there was a May-tree as well. The group joined in the round dancing and singing, and sandwiches with old country style meats sold very well. The Canadian national anthem closed the enjoyable evening.

The dance was such a success the members and guests have asked the executive to have another soon. One is planned for June 9.

Corporal Kingman Joins Area O.P.P.

A new Corporal joined the 15 Constables, one Sergeant and one clerk-stenographer on the North Halton Ontario Provincial Police force stationed at Milton Friday. He is Corporal Kenneth V. G. Kingman, formerly of Niagara Falls O.P.P.

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Sandy is vice-chairman of the Government's important Committee on Research, which he helped organize. He has also been active on committees for External Affairs, Agriculture and Estimates. In dozens of speeches in the House of Commons he was the leader in bringing forth the Government's humane slaughter legislation and quality premiums for livestock.

As a teacher and scientist, he actively sponsored the new technical training program, which is bringing \$4 million in federal grants to three technical schools in Halton alone. He championed and helped establish the Productivity Council and the recently organized Medical Research Council; the more than doubled contributions to universities; the A.R.D.A. legislation on land use and conservation; and the elimination of the excise tax on motor cars.

THE FUTURE ...

More Action—through a definite 16-point program for continued expansion designed to further the progress of the past five years.

- Appointment of a Royal Commission to review Canada's whole tax structure.
- Portable Pensions and a contributory pension plan.
- A campaign to encourage industry to produce more goods now imported.
- A start on a second Trans-Canada highway.
- Construction soon of an oil pipeline across Canada.
- Action to underwrite economic growth in all its phases for all Canadians.
- Steps to keep Canada's export credits in line with advantages available to foreign competitors.
- Promotion of northern research into natural gas, oil and other fields.
- Measures to speed commuter transportation.
- Extension of the vocational training program to older people—those too old to work competitively and too young to retire.
- Means to provide the small investor with a share in the development of Canada.
- Creation of a national power grid.
- New Government support for the modernization of secondary industries.

IN HALTON ...

Progressive Conservative concern for the welfare of the individual in Halton County alone, from 1957 to 1962, amounts for \$12,988,000 paid to 4,148 old age security recipients; \$2,785,000 in family allowances paid for 24,100 children in 11,000 families; \$408,000 paid in old age assistance to 250 recipients; \$32,000 in blindness allowances paid to 20 recipients and \$251,000 in disability allowances paid to 170 recipients.

From 1957 to 1961, under a more than doubled program, Federal contributions toward hospital construction accounted for \$518,786 for additional beds in the Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital; \$153,000 to Milton District Hospital; \$27,776 to Georgetown District Hospital; and \$251,007 to Burlington's Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital.

Public works projects undertaken in Halton in the same period involved the investment of another \$4,000,218 in Federal grants for post-office, bridges, harbour improvements etc.

And 5,486 housing units valued at \$66,500,830 were constructed under National Housing Act subsidies—a 28-fold increase in government leadership in this field.

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Meet the Honourable Roland Michener, speaker of the House of Commons. Holly Michener will be the guest speaker at a Conservative reception at the Kelly New residence 1176 Lakeshore Hwy. East, Oakville. Also present to speak and to answer your questions will be the Halton Conservative candidate Sandy Best. Every one is welcome at this meeting, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

An invitation to the annual old time political PICNIC sponsored by the Progressive Conservatives, The Honourable Michael Starr, Minister of Labour, will speak in support of Halton's Conservative candidate, Sandy Best. Fun, games, refreshments, entertainment—including the Sweet Adelines. The date is Sunday, June 10th beginning at 2:00 p.m. Everybody come to meet Sandy Best, and have a "whole of a time!"

BEST Sandy X

Meet the Prime Minister of Canada at the Brant Inn, Burlington FRIDAY, JUNE 15th - 5.30 P.M.