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W.I. Observes Anniversary As 105 Attend Celebration

Sixty years of service "For Home and Country" were commemorated Tuesday afternoon when Acton Women's Institute hosted over 100 at an anniversary celebration in Knox Presbyterian Church.

During an impressive program, presentation of corsages, a guest speaker and a history of the branch were highlights, while during the pleasant tea in the school room afterwards, the highlight was a large cake decorated in blue and gold, the traditional colors of the Institute.

There were 105 who registered, including representatives from Ballinacree, Silverwood, Limehouse, Georgetown, Scotch Block, Nelson, Mountain Union, Dublin, Busy Bees and Hornsby Institutes. (all in Halton area) and Rocklong, Ospringe, Greenock and Guelph's Royal Institutes. Some were unable to come because of the sudden snow-

storm. Despite it, however, the ladies wore their gayest spring bonnets for this special occasion.

Familiar Words
The Ode and Collect, both so familiar to the ladies there, opened the program presided over by current president Mrs. Cecil Maplesden. She welcomed everyone and the Rev. A. H. McKenzie later added his greetings.

After a silent tribute to deceased members, Mrs. M. McAulay offered prayer.

Vocal numbers were a solo, Hymn of All Nations, sung by Mrs. John L. Davidson, accompanied by Mrs. M. McCullough; a duet "I Will Give You Rest" by Mrs. B. Veldhuis and Miss Dorothy Simmons, accompanied by Mrs. Alfred Long.

A quick history of Acton branch was given by Mrs. Fred Anderson.

Honored With Corsages
Those who have given leader-

ship were honored with the presentation of pretty corsages by Mrs. Roy Brown and Mrs. W. Maddox. The eight corsages were pinned on Mrs. George Lantz of Hallow Manor, president in 1928; Mrs. J. Wilderspin, president 1939-40 and 1942-44; next president Mrs. George Lazenby; Mrs. W. Allen of Scotch Block who as Mrs. Lappin was president in 1944-45; Mrs. R. L. Davidson, the member longest on the roll, who was president 1945 to 1954; Mrs. George Fryer, president 1954 to 1960; Mrs. George Hargrave, president 1960 to 1962 and Mrs. Maplesden, president last year and again this year.

Another corsage was for one "deserving of remembrance," Mrs. James Wilds, who has been a continuous member for 48 years.

Comical Reading
In one of her popular readings, Mrs. William Ballentine as—
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Council Turns Thumbs Down On Braida-Ledger Proposal

Acton council Tuesday evening turned thumbs down on an application by Eugene Braida to permit Acton Lumber Supplies to locate in buildings on his property on Longfield Road formerly occupied by Corona Shoe Company.

The property where the buildings are located is zoned residential. This was done after the Corona Shoe business had been established. Council allowed Corona to operate since the by-law was established on the basis only a shoe factory could operate there. Corona has now moved and the buildings are vacant.

Won't Break Law
Mr. Braida appeared at council on two previous occasions to seek permission to have J. B. Ledger, owner of the lumber company, operate in his buildings. Both times he was informed a committee of council would investigate and bring back a recommendation to council.

Tuesday evening permission was refused on the basis council had no authority to break existing by-laws. Mr. Braida had been told during his last visit to council members were of the opinion it was not conceivable for them to break the by-law and expect other residents to comply.

ing the former post office building for an administration building for the town. Before any action is taken, council is anxious to clarify the disposal of the Y building. Mr. Denny reported further meetings on this subject would take place and if a charter was received by the board an agreement with the town and board would have to be drawn up before final action would be taken.

Wage Information
Approval was given to release information regarding town employees working and wage schedules to the North Halton Urban Board, with the provision information would not be made public. This action was taken following a recent Urban Board meeting when representatives from Acton, Georgetown and Milton councils, who are members of the Board, requested the same information from each town as a future guide to each municipality.

Acton Citizens' Band was granted an advance amounting to \$350 on this year's budget in order to pay the bandmaster his salary to date and clear up a recent expenditure. Mr. Denny also reported a meeting had been

held with the band Monday evening and it had been agreed to comply with the town auditor's suggestion regarding bookkeeping of the band books.

Dog Problems
Clerk-administrator Jack McGeechie notified council of a special meeting with Georgetown council Wednesday evening to discuss dog control problems. It was agreed to have representation at the meeting.

During the enquiries by members it was learned complaints had been received from residents on Guelph St. in the Crescent regarding a wrecking yard established in a private lot in the area. Clerk McGeechie was instructed to investigate to determine the nuisance value created.

32 New Trees
Councillor Hamilton Peal reported he had received 32 applications from residents in Lakeview and Glenlea subdivisions for maple trees being purchased on a joint basis with themselves and the town. Planting is expected to begin as soon as the trees arrive.

Accounts totalling \$7,066.41 were approved for payment.

Dine and Dance

Present League Trophies, Prizes During Annual Curling Banquet

Presentation of trophies, election of new officers, a buffet dinner and dancing wound up the second year of curling in Acton Friday night when nearly 150 enjoyed a social evening at the Legion auditorium.

Chester Anderson was chosen 1962-63 president and succeeded past president Wes Beatty. Other members of the new executive selected by nominating committee headed by John Goy include vice-president Gordon Cooper, secretary Jim Inglis, treasurer Lorne Youngblut, by-law chairman, Alex Zebctoff, draw chairman, Vic Patrick, ladies' representative, Willa Hewitt, social chairman, Tom Watson, membership chairman, Bill Toth and property chairman, John Buckman.

Past president Wes Beatty thanked members of the executive and members for their cooperation during the year and offered to assist the new executive in any possible way during the next season.

Dancing was enjoyed to the music by the Don Singular orchestra.

On Committees
Various committee members in club by-laws: Alex Zebctoff, Bill MacKay and Rev. A. H. McKenzie; draw committee, Vic Patrick; Meh Blow, George Williams, Brydon Hunter and Andy Nolan; membership committee, Bill Toth, Dave Manes and Gord McCullough; social committee, Tom Watson, Jean Spibston, Lois Mackenzie, Eve Cooper, Sam Brunelle, John Halmagel and Charles Kirkness; property committee, John Buckman, Fete Somerville, Bill Coum, Grant Allan and Harry O'terbin; spare committee, Jim Casburn.

Presentation Program
Jovial Charles Kirkness acted as master of ceremonies during the presentation of trophies and

prizes and added plenty of wit and humour.

During the banquet, John Goy, chairman of the recreation committee, announced to the curlers the mortgage would be cleared, thanks to an offer by Beardmore and Company to clear the balance still owing.

Winners of the Adams trophy and individual inscribed trophies in the men's league during regular play were skip Walter Dubois, John McHugh, Len Lovell and Sam Brunelle; in the mixed league the Adams trophy plus individual inscribed trophies went to skip Bern Van Fleet, Bea Dubois, Kay Alger and David Gohn. Both trophies were presented by Adams representative Murray Ezzard.

Bonspiel Champs
Winners of the get-acquainted bonspiel, skip Alex Zebctoff, Dolores Jordan, Fete Somerville and Laura Lovell, received individual prizes.

The end-of-the-season closing bonspiel winners topped the Jack Ridley trophy as well as alarm clocks from donor Jack Ridley. Team members were skip Andy Nolan, Gwen Tyler, Dr. Brian Moore and Dolores Tyler. Second

prize in this draw went to skip Walter Dubois, Dolores Jordan, Fred Allan and Gladys Price. Semi-finalists also received prizes. These were skip Case de Jong, Mae Dumarsh, Elmer Grishow and Mary McPhail; skip Claude Cook, Nan Hurst, Ted Tyler Jr. and Sam Brunelle.

In the second event of the closing bonspiel the Hiram-Walker trophy went to skip Brydon Hunter, Peg Coon, Julian Zajac and Stella Brunelle. Also receiving prizes were the second place team of skip Louis Bonnette, Kay Dille, Len Lovell and Shirley Hunter. Semi-finalists in this bonspiel were also presented with prizes: skip John Krapek, Mae Wilds, Bill Dumarsh and June McHugh; skip C. Rogvaldson, Eve Cooper, Bert Hinton and Kay Alger.

A special novelty prize, donated by John Labatt went to skip Chester Anderson, Doris Graham, Fred Wilds and Albert Malby.

Ladies' Draw
Draw winners in each of the three draws in the afternoon ladies' league were presented with prizes. Winners of the first draw were skip Charlotte Holmes, Phyl Patrick, Ruth Leatherland and Jean Youngblut. Second draw winners were skip Willa Hewitt, Jackie Blow, Madeleine Bonnette and Bette Footitt. Third draw winners were skip Lil Cook, Pat McCutcheon, Fran Beatty and Bette Footitt.

Mrs. Clarence Rogvaldson won the special draw and received a beautiful patent leather purse and for the men, Gord Beatty received \$10 in cash.

Prizes presented during the night comprised trophies, sets of glasses, electric alarm clocks, pins, carving knife sets and ash trays. The Legion Ladies' auxiliary catered for the buffet dinner and provided choice cuts of cold meats, salads, jellies, relish plates and cake and ice cream.

CAKE CUTTING ceremony during the Acton Women's Institute 60th anniversary program Tuesday was performed by Mrs. George Lantz, oldest living member present and a former president. Left to right are president Mrs. Cecil Maplesden; Mrs. E. W. Smith, former Actonian and member now living in Long Branch, and Mrs. Lantz.

Corresponded Two Years Chinese Bride Arrives

In spite of a dull, rainy night, Friday, March 29, two young people could see nothing but bright lights when they caught their first glimpse of each other after corresponding for nearly two years.

Kung Wong of Acton and Shuei Chung Yee of Hong Kong have been pen pals since early in 1962 and after numerous letters back and forth across the ocean, they became engaged by mail and decided to get married.

Wedding Monday
The 24-year-old Hong Kong

bride arrived at Milton Friday to see her future husband for the first time. The couple will be married in Knox church Acton, Monday afternoon by Rev. A. H. McKenzie.

Miss Yee has been getting acquainted with Canadian customs and since her stay in Acton has been taking strolls around town and meeting several people. To the friends she will make in Canada, Miss Yee will be known as Theresa Yee.

The Wong family operates the Royal Cafe.

Bureau Studies By-Law, Fines To Hit Grass Fire Culprits

A by-law providing stiff fines for persons responsible for setting grass fires, is under study by members of Halton County Fire Prevention Bureau.

At its April meeting, the Bureau heard details of by-laws in effect in other municipalities—some providing fines up to \$300—and members agreed it was time Halton municipalities adopted similar tactics to cut down on the needless rash of Spring grass fires. The Bureau will contact Halton County Council or its solicitor, to see if the council could recommend a by-law that each local municipal council could adopt for use in their own life area.

Cost \$30,000
Grass fires cost Halton taxpayers over \$30,000 last Spring in firefighters' wages and equipment maintenance. To date in 1963 each fire department has been plagued by fire calls to dozens of grass fires, some of which have caused severe property damage.

Bureau members explained that

most grass fires are caused by carelessness. Garbage burning in open incinerators, matches and cigarettes tossed into dry fields, bonfires on a windy day, and children playing with matches, are the four main causes of grass fires.

Need "Teeth"
"It's time we had fire by-laws with teeth in them," Bureau chairman Eric Lewis of Georgetown said.

District Chief George Wright of Oakville blamed land speculators whose vacant properties are covered in weeds and brush for a fire. "They may not set the fire, but they leave the land in such a deplorable state it's easy for someone else to start one," he complained. "The owners should be charged too."

84 Years Young
Richard Harris, the Free Press senior correspondent, is 84 years of age this week. Congratulations, Mr. Harris!

Lose Time

Acton residents Sunday night will go to bed and lose an hour's sleep during the night. There is, however, some compensation in sight — on October 27, at 2 a.m., the clocks will be turned back again.

Clocks will be turned ahead Sunday at 12:01 a.m. to usher in Daylight Saving Time for the summer months. At least gardeners, fishermen, hunters and other outdoorsmen will enjoy the longer daylight during this period of time.

Miss Mohawk Raceway, a pretty 25-year-old Thorold secretary who has been named queen of the new \$3,000,000 Ontario Jockey Club harness racing track near Campbellville, paid a two-hour visit to the horse race newest stamping grounds Monday morning.

She liked what she saw. And so will the thousands of customers expected to crowd into the raceway property this Friday night for the grand opening and first night's frolic at Canada's newest and most elegant raceway.

Rural Palace
The new industry rests on 400 acres of beautiful wooded farmland in the south end of Nassagaweya Township — a lush, green palace erected to honor Ontario's prime stock of standardbred horses and the thousands of avid followers who trail the trotting around Ontario's three-club racing circuit.

Last year Canadian bettors placed nearly \$17,000,000 on the 6.86 race operated by 76 different racing associations. That figure represented a \$10,000,000 increase over the previous year, and 1963 is expected to reach new heights in wagering. This is no flash in the pan sport, having lasting and healthy appeal.

First announced a year ago January by Edward Plunket Taylor, then president of the Jockey Club Ltd., the track is a \$3,000,000 project designed to accommodate 7,000 fans at a time. The grandstand alone is valued at \$1,400,000.

The location, a quarter mile north of Highway 401 on the Campbellville Road, gives the track two main advantages. It's far enough off the beaten track to provide a beautiful rural setting and plenty of fresh air — yet it's within a half hour's drive of seven major cities and a big portion of the "Golden Horseshoe" population.

Motorists in Toronto, Hamilton, Guelph, Call, Kitchener, Brantford and Preston will have no trouble reaching the track, thanks to its proximity to Highway 401.

Brings Development
The Nassagaweya location is expected to bring about a new phase of major development for the township, which until now, had remained mostly rural with some scattered residential developments and a few brick, gravel and stone industries. Homes are rampant about large hotels, motels and restaurants springing up in the vicinity surrounding the raceway, but to date there have been no definite commitments.

As mentioned earlier, Miss Mohawk Raceway visited the place Monday morning to view the facilities and see what the track had to offer. First stop was the grandstand, where she and photographers wandered through the maze of ground level offices, panoramic windows, refreshment concessions, and other track accommodations located beneath the seating area.

200 at work

Track manager Ed Bradley happened along, pointed to the rows of betting windows, and assured Miss Mohawk they would all be open and staffed on opening night this Friday. There will be a total staff of around 200 during racing season. Through the winter, over 200 employees have been at work for the general contractor and sub-traders.

Upstairs in the general seating section of the grandstand, where

Miss Mohawk Tours New Campbellville Track \$3,000,000 Raceway Opens to Public Friday

there are open air seats for about 1,800 patrons, workmen were busy putting the last seats together and finishing off the stairways everywhere Miss Mohawk and her entourage of trailing photos went, workmen took a break from their chore to stare at the party.

(It isn't every day a pretty

dark-haired girl walks by on a construction job, neatly filling a white Indian costume trimmed with tassels and topped with a feather cap.)

On the north end of the grandstand, the attractive visitor stopped to watch progress in the glass-enclosed terrace dining room, which will seat another 120. It's the largest dining room in the Jockey Club circuit, and here guests will be able to enjoy a meal and look out over the oval track as the nine nightly races are run off.

Workmen were just putting down the carpets and finishing the electrical installations when she arrived. All will be in readiness for opening night patrons though, the workmen assured her.

Upstairs where the photo finish cameras are located, 75 feet above the track finish line, she also found the press room with its battery of telephones and bookups for nightly radio broadcasts on some district radio stations. Bell Telephone workmen were busy sorting out the maze of wires that will rush the race results to the followers at home.

From here, she got a good view of the entire track layout. Over on the right was the paddock, and the movie camera tower where each race is recorded on film. Behind was the parking lot for 3,000 cars, in front the five-story of a hotel dirt track and the tote board. Away to the west through the bush, the roofs of the five pre-fab horse stables shone in the sun, and beside them, towering the large water tower that will supply the track's washrooms, stables and kitchens with fresh well water.



"COME ON, RUN" shouts Miss Mohawk as she poses in a typical rail-bird's stance at the Mohawk Raceway near Campbellville, which opens Friday. In the background is the track's north corner.



CHRIS BARKER, local carpenter and member of the Christian Reformed Church, explains the details of the interior of the new Christian Reformed Church. The workmen are busy completing the interior of the new Christian Reformed Church. Mr. Barker is hopeful the interior work will be completed within a month to six weeks.