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HIS HOME CLUB, other Acton service clubs and friends honored G. W. McKenzie last Thursday evening and presented him with a leather attache case. The special event was sponsored by Acton Y's Men's club which boasts both the international president, Mr. McKenzie, and the district director, Bill Wilson. Left to right are Peter Papillon, president of the Lions club, Mrs. McKenzie, Y's Men's president Walter Dubois, Mr. McKenzie and Ron Lewis, president of the Rotary club. Mr. McKenzie wears an unusual "happy coat" presented to him by the Japanese delegation at the international convention in Buffalo when he was elected president. It's the first time he had worn the bright blue robe with mysterious Japanese characters down the lapels.

Mayor, Clubs Fete G. W. McKenzie Elected as International President

Disproving the maxim, "A prophet's without honour in his own country", Acton service clubs last Thursday evening at a tri-club meeting gathered to honor G. W. McKenzie in recognition of his selection as International President of Y's Men's Clubs of the World. A charter member of the Acton Y's Men's Club, constituted 23 years ago, Mr. McKenzie has progressed through the various offices of the Association until this year when he was honored by being chosen International President in 1964 and was awarded the Elmer Croll award at that time for his outstanding achievement in that office.

Honor to Town
As well as taking a keen interest in Y's Men's club work, Mr. McKenzie has served as president of the local YMCA, Acton, the smallest community in the world to boast a YMCA, as well as a Y's Men's Club. He is doubly honored this year by being the home club of the International President as well as the home of the District Governor, Bill Wilson. In his introduction of the honored guest, Mr. Wilson reviewed the many facts of the service contributed by Mr. McKenzie in his work of the service club. He also paid tribute to Mrs. McKenzie who has been a great help to the club. Mr. McKenzie was presented with a bouquet and Mr. McKenzie a leather attache case bearing the seal of International Y's Men. Thinking the club for their gift he assured the club they would carry it with pride where ever it goes with me it will not bring disgrace to you.

Recalls Experiences
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Buffalo, Mr. McKenzie reminisced of the many pleasant experiences he had enjoyed since the Acton club was formed. He paid tribute to his wife and the many kind people in Acton who had helped him and made it possible for him to devote some of his energies to the service work of the Y's Men's club. He thanked his understanding and progressive school board, the school staff, the merchants, the bankers, the clergy, the neighbors and the hundreds of friends in Acton who had made it possible for him to take part in the activities of the worldwide fellowship of International Y's Men.

Busy Agenda
Outlining his work as president, he stressed his responsibilities and activities for the year. At New Year's he will be presiding at the meeting of the executive in Chicago. In June, he will preside at the annual convention at Essex Park. He will supervise the moving of the Association headquarters to Chicago. He will make many official visits to clubs and may go abroad on good will visits. To assist him during the year he has the help of the present district director, four vice presidents from around the world, 40 District Governors and advisory committees of five to help in the day to day operation of the Association.

Car Just Crumpled Heap Driver is "Satisfactory"

Acton, Ontario—A 1961 Oldsmobile coupe, driven by a 34-year-old driver, was involved in a head-on collision with a 1962 Oldsmobile coupe, driven by a 34-year-old driver, on Saturday evening. The collision occurred on Highway 104, near the intersection of Highway 104 and Highway 104. The driver of the 1961 Oldsmobile, who was driving northbound, struck the driver of the 1962 Oldsmobile, who was driving southbound. The 1961 Oldsmobile was completely destroyed and the driver was injured. The 1962 Oldsmobile was also damaged and the driver was injured. The driver of the 1961 Oldsmobile was taken to the hospital and is expected to recover. The driver of the 1962 Oldsmobile was taken to the hospital and is expected to recover. The driver of the 1961 Oldsmobile was taken to the hospital and is expected to recover. The driver of the 1962 Oldsmobile was taken to the hospital and is expected to recover.



GEORGE DAVENPORT, past president of the Acton, England Rotary Club, paid a visit to the local club Tuesday evening and presented a beautiful album to the members here. Presenting the distinguished visitor (left to right) are president Ron Lewis, Rotarian Max Sproul, Mr. Davenport, Rotarian James Ledger, and Fred Wright. Mr. Sproul and Mr. Ledger had all visited the Acton, England club previously and were acquainted with Mr. Davenport.

ELMER the Safety Flag Flies Monday When Safety Program Hits High Gear

Elmer the Safety Elephant is returning to Acton schools Monday. The Acton Lions Club will sponsor the program in Acton through the Acton Safety Council.

For a number of years the program was prominent at both public schools and then the Elmer flag seemed to be tucked away in a corner to gather dust. The newly formed Safety Council has dusted off Elmer and with the aid of the Lions Club will reintroduce Elmer at both schools Monday afternoon.

Mayor Les Duby, representatives from the Lions Club and Constable Ron Rupert of the Acton O.P.P. Detachment who was instrumental in starting a similar program in Milton a few years ago, will be on hand to raise the flag and explain the principles of the program to the pupils.

Acton Lions Club expressed his pleasure in the members backing the worthwhile program and is hopeful the children, teachers, parents and motorists will all remember the importance of safety rules at all times.

Mayor Les Duby who will take part in the Monday ceremonies also expressed his gratitude on behalf of town council that the program had been revived and stated "Elmer the Safety Elephant is a symbol which every boy or girl as well as each adult person should be aware of. It is indeed gratifying to know that in those communities where Elmer has been introduced and maintained, his program of safety has had a decided bearing in the reduction of traffic accidents among children."



Elmer The Safety Elephant

Behind Program
President Pete Papillon of the First Appeared in Toronto Elmer, who first appeared in Toronto schools in 1947, has become a rallying point for a comprehensive safety program aimed at elementary grade students everywhere. Elmer's message to the students, based on the six major causes of traffic accidents involving children, reminds children to:

- (1) Look both ways before you cross the street.
- (2) Keep out from between parked cars.
- (3) Ride your bike safely and obey all signs and signals.
- (4) Play your games in a safe place away from the street.
- (5) Walk when you leave the car.
- (6) Where there are no sidewalks, walk on the left side of the roadway facing traffic, and wear or carry white at night.

By Esquing Board
The future of two Esquing Township one room schools was decided Tuesday evening but sale of two others is pending further discussion with interested buyers.

Esquing school board members agreed to sell the Ligny school to Scott's Block W.E. for a community hall at a price of \$3000 and dispose of the Quatre Bras school to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lundy for a residence at a price of \$5000.

Church Trust Fund Honors Orwell Johnston Active in Trinity United for Half Century

The 18th anniversary of the founding of the Methodist congregation in Acton was celebrated at Trinity United Church Sunday at addresses by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Johnston, and a surprise presentation by the well-known clerk of session, Orwell Johnston who this year has been active in the church in a variety of capacities for 50 years.

At a reception afterwards, many from out of town were among those extending congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Johnston.

To honor Dr. Earl S. Linton, a successful sale in the former Mackay's store Friday afternoon helped him to serve. They have had a great effect on the family of God through their fifty years of service.

Gift and Fund
Jim Louft, who was an usher in the church with Mr. Johnston before the first world war, brought from the organ loft a nest of tables for the couple, but Mr. Engel continued: There is another thing more important in your name a fund is being set up to be placed in trust for the education of my niece, training such as at convenience is available now.

The fund could only be an inspiration in church on one early Sunday when Mr. Johnston was not there, but it is now open to the congregation. Mrs. Engel is in charge.

Representing Knox Kirk, session Mac Sproul brought greetings. Rev. A. H. McKenzie and organist Ted Hansen were able to come later.

Complie Book
Many others had written and sent donations to a book being compiled of these letters, names and photographs of the congregation.

Dr. Linton's address book, in the morning on "Play" and in the evening on "Service" in two parts. The first part was the church song book, "Each comprise from Now Let Every Tongue, Voice, and Hand Praise The Lord our Saviour, and joined by the same choir who sang a selection from "Christ Whose glory is the Stars, Georgia Eaton played the organ and the choir sang "I will be a witness to the world."

Express Thanks
Still wondering how such a thing could have been arranged without his knowledge, Mr. Johnston expressed their gratitude briefly and simply.

After years of shaking hands with everyone coming into church, Mr. Johnston switched roles with Mr. Engel then to be congratulated by the many there as they left the church.

Tea, coffee, sandwiches, and cookies were served by the United Church Women. Former members chatted with friends during the pleasant social hour. There were some from other congregations in town as well.

Born on Farm
Mr. Johnston was born on the home farm in 1909, for 40 consecutive years, he has been a member of Trinity United Church. He was president in 1940. He is an honor ary director now. He is a member of Walker Lodge.

In 1924 he and Edna Wiggins were married. Her family came from (Continued on Page Three)



SEVENTY YEARS of service to the church is the record of Orwell Johnston, pastor of Trinity United Church in Acton. After the evening service Sunday he and his wife were joined by the church members and a large and distinguished group of guests for a church 75th anniversary and to honor Mr. Johnston in the surprise ceremony.