

Handcrafts of Native Lands In Women's Section at Fair

Although it was one of the stormiest nights this winter, a fair turnout of ladies attended the meeting of the Lady Directors of Action Fair Board last Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. J. C. Dennis, Willow St.

Mrs. D. Matthews, the president, presided for the meeting. In the absence of Mrs. R. Denny, the secretary, Mrs. William MacDonald read the minutes and presented the treasurer's report showing a very creditable bank balance for the year's work. The auditor's report was read and adopted.

Payment of fees was made. Mrs. B. Damm agreed to assist with the school work at the fair this year under the leadership of Mrs. J. McCulloch. Mrs. D. Matthews, who has been president, before vacating the chair, gave a resume of the year's work which had been a highly satisfactory one marking the Golden Anniversary year. She thanked the ladies for the support given her.

On Committee

John Root, MPP (Wellington-Dufferin) was appointed chairman of the Ontario Legislature Standing Committee on Agriculture at its first meeting on February 5, which was devoted to discussion of the regulations regarding meat inspection. The committee room was filled to capacity and overflowed with people seeking information. To permit members to attend all meetings several legislative committees have been amalgamated.

Other committees on which Mr. Root is serving are those dealing with Resources and Conservation; Education; Health and Welfare; Government Commissions; Highways and Highway Safety; and Private Bills.

OBITUARY

Form Honor Guard For C. J. Henderson

Funeral service for Clarence John Henderson, 33 Ottawa Cres., Guelph, who died suddenly at his home Sunday afternoon, February 2, was held Wednesday afternoon, February 5 at the George Wall Funeral Home, with Rev. F. W. Williamson conducting the service.

Mr. Henderson was born in Nassagaweya Township, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Alexander Henderson. He lived in Rockwood before moving to Guelph over two years ago, and had been custodian of a factory for 22 years at the Guelph Reformatory.

During World War II, he served three years with the R.C.A.F. Mr. Henderson was a keen sports enthusiast and Warden of the Odd Fellows Lodge.

He is survived by his wife, the former Eva Richardson, and a brother, Dr. Elmer J. Henderson of Aurora.

Mr. Henderson's fellow workers at the Reformatory formed an honor guard at the largely attended funeral service.

Members of the Progress Lodge No. 158, held a special service.

Funeral services were Thomas Grey, George Scott, R. Sims, H. Wiltzie, A. MacPherson and W. Common.

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At Fire Hall

Venison Dinner Big Hit With Firefighters, Guests

Sharpshooting firefighters who returned from the north country after bagging either moose or deer during the last hunting season, were handed a pat on the back Saturday evening as firefighters and guests enjoyed the annual venison dinner at the fire hall.

Cooks for the occasion were John Krapek, John Turkoz, Jack Pink, Will Duval and Doug Mason.

Puffing Habit No Danger to Train

Camera fiends and steam lovers will be in their glory again this Saturday as a once-familiar steam locomotive puffs its way through Acton toward Guelph. A fan trip has been arranged by the Upper Canada Railway Society and the train is scheduled to go through here between 10 to 10.15 a.m.

At Guelph, the city firefighters will fill the water tank from hoses as they have done in the past. This is done because water tanks once used to fill locomotives have long been dismantled.

Board Lacks Quorum To Strike '64 Budget

Lack of a quorum foiled Parks Board's attempt to strike a budget for the year last night (Wednesday). Chairman C. W. Bradley, council representative Ray Arbie and secretary J. T. Hurst were the only ones present.

A delegation from the Acton L.O.L. was present to ask permission for use of the park on July 11 for the district Orange parade. The delegation also asked to erect two booths, install a public speaking system, decorate the park gates and stage pony rides during the day.

Norm Fryer told the board 8,000 were expected to be in attendance during the day with some 2,000 people on parade. There will also be several bands. Although the new members discussed plans for the event with the delegation, no decision could be reached until a full board meeting.

Present from the lodge were Norm Fryer, Al Greep, Garry McFadden and William Carnochan.

Personal Notes . . .

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

Mr. Allen Kirkness has been a patient in St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto.

Mrs. G. R. Somerville is a patient in Toronto Western Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. MacPherson were recent visitors with their son and family in St. Thomas.

Mr. Harold DeForest St. Underly underwent surgery last week in Guelph General Hospital.

At the Ranger meeting Monday, Nancy Reid showed pictures of her trip to Europe.

Mrs. W. T. A. Bell and Miss Katherine Bell of Toronto, visited with Mrs. R. M. MacDonald Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac. Sinclair of Downsview, Ontario visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Landsborough over the weekend.

Mrs. O. A. Rochlitz and her daughter, Frances of Glenora, Illinois, have been visiting their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin McCullough, the past week.

Little Louise Harmsma, hit by a car last week, came home from Georgetown hospital on Tuesday with her leg in a cast. She was badly bruised and her head injury is improving.

Thursday evening in Milton high school auditorium the University Women's club sponsored the Audubon film "Wildlife of the Eastern Woodlands" and several from Acton attended, despite the bad weather.

Recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Steele were Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson of Burks Falls, Mr. and Mrs. H. Smith, Mr. Aubrey Steele, Mrs. Olive Auger of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Elliott of Brantford, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Hare of Bala D'Urfee, Quebec, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Holson of Georgetown and Mrs. Doreen Nicklin of Guelph.

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P.S. Budget \$194,650 For 1964 Operation

Acton Public School Board at a special meeting Wednesday evening set its operating budget for 1964 at \$194,650, up \$6,421 over the 1963 expenditures. Increases in teachers' salaries and provision for a capital expenditure of \$2,000 for lawn mowing equipment account for the increase. An operating surplus of \$8,000 in 1963 should permit the board to maintain its levy from the Town of Acton at approximately 1963's figure of \$68.324.

Last year, the board received grants from the province of \$118,518. It is expected provincial grants will be increased for 1964. However, the Act has been amended and at the present time, it has been impossible to determine exactly what the grants will in fact be.

A delegation of teachers attended the board meeting to discuss teachers' salaries for the 1964-65 term.

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Anne Bennett Tops Speakers In Doon Contest

Anne Bennett, 16-year-old Acton District High School student, now enters the semi-finals in the Industrial Accident Prevention Association public speaking contest after winning first place in the divisional contest at Doon last night (Wednesday).

The attractive student started her public speaking career in public school and last year brought home honors to Acton in the same contest. She will speak in the semi-finals at St. Thomas on March 25 and if successful, will compete in the finals later in Toronto.

Wednesday evening, she competed against top speakers from Preston, Galt and Kitchener.

Just \$100 Yet St. John Appeal

Proceeds so far in the St. John Ambulance drive are a rather disappointing \$100.

A door-to-door canvass, even for an out-of-town organization, seems to bring more money. The St. John committee sent out individual envelopes but many who would give to a caller at the door have apparently mistaken the envelopes. The group in charge felt this method of appeal would be simple and not involve the volunteering of many people.

Donations can be sent to Chester Anderson at the Bank of Nova Scotia.

First Robin

Robin Blue Breast? Mrs. Turnbull of the town office staff saw a robin on John St. Wednesday. That's the first reported to the Free Press this year, and welcome news it always is.

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Edna Maud Locker Stricken Suddenly

Funeral service was held Tuesday, February 11 at the Rumley-Shusmaker funeral home for Edna Maud Locker, who died suddenly at her home, 87 Bower Ave. on Sunday. The widow of the late rural mail carrier, John A. Locker, she has been confined to a wheel chair for many years.

She was well-known throughout town for she journeyed in her wheel chair wherever she wanted to go, including church. Many would offer to help her at the corners and to hoist the chair up steps.

She was in her 65th year, and is survived by a daughter Olga (Mrs. Frank Thompson), two

grandchildren, a sister Florence (Mrs. Alvin Shovers) Davidson Sask.; brothers Ivan, Davidson Sask.; Axel, Belleville and Norman, Milton.

The Lockers had lived in Acton for the last 30 years, and before that in Eramosa township. She was the daughter of the late George and Nicklas Barlow.

pallbearers were Victor and George Locker, William Spielvogel, Frank Schneider, Ralph Barlow and Wilfred Hauser. Interment was in Rockwood cemetery.

The Rev. D. Engel of the United Church officiated at the services.

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