

ACTON FIREFIGHTERS attended a regional fire training school in Oakville last week, and the four Acton representatives received diplomas from chief instructor William O'Sullivan of the Fire Marshal's Office at Friday's closing exercises. Shown during the presentation are Mr. O'Sullivan, Bill Spielvogel, Wayne Kelly, Harold Townsley and Bern Vanfleter.

## Firefighters Attend Regional Fire School

Oral tests, graduation exercises and the presentation of diplomas on Friday afternoon closed a week-long regional fire school for 33 Halton County firefighters. The school was conducted in three Oakville fire halls by five instructors from the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office, Toronto.

During five days and one evening of instruction, the men learned from the experts about such vital subjects as fire extinguishers, fire hydraulics, knots, salvage, ventilation, pumps, rescue work, masks, ladders, pumping, forcible entry, radio loads and fittings, nozzles, radio communications and special hazards.

### Roaring Oil Fire

In a practical demonstration on Friday morning, the men assembled at the King Paving Dock on Oakville's waterfront, to extinguish a roaring oil and gas fire with water fog sprayed on the blaze from a nearby pumper. The fire was prepared and deliberately set by F.M.O. instructors, who ignited a 20 square foot pit filled with 1,500 gallons of used oil and five gallons of gasoline. Straight hose streams of water failed to have any effect on the fire, but the fog nozzles produced a blanket of water which smothered the flames and cut off the oxygen supply.

District instructor William O'Sullivan of the F.M.O. was in charge of the course, assisted by instructors Robert Stewart, A. Anderson, Thomas Jarvis and Herb Mallory. Courses were held in Oakville's Rebecca St. and No. 2 Fire Stations and the Fire Department headquarters on Church St.

### Officials Present

Oakville Deputy Reeve Lester Whiting, County Mutual Aid Co-ordinator Chief Douglas Wilson of Oakville, Deputy Co-ordinator Chief A. E. Clement of Milton, and Oakville District Chief Grant

Bray attended the closing ceremony, and assisted in the presentation of diplomas to the successful firefighters.

Each speaker praised the volunteers for taking time off from work to become better trained for their jobs in their respective fire departments. Mr. O'Sullivan said a great deal of praise was due the employers of firefighters attending the school, for granting leave of absence for the men to attend. He said the men would be more valuable to their places of employment and to their communities, after the valuable training the school provided.

### Industrial Men

Firefighters from Oakville Burlington, Acton, Georgetown and Milton fire departments, as well as several industrial fire department representatives, attended the school.

Attending from Acton were Bern Vanfleter, Wayne Kelly, Harold Townsley and Bill Spielvogel.

## Nixes Market Plan Without Egg Vote

While subscribing fully to the general principles involved in Ontario's marketing legislation, Hon. William A. Stewart, Minister of Agriculture, said today that he was not convinced that there was sufficient indication of support from Ontario's egg producers to warrant the adoption of a marketing plan without a favorable vote on the part of the industry.

The Ontario Poultry Producers' Association had requested the government, through the Ontario Farm Products Marketing Board to establish a plan without a vote on a two-year trial basis.

"After study of the request it would appear from the meagre attendance at the various meetings held to discuss the proposal, that there is no pronounced support for the plan," said Mr. Stewart. "There has been no great degree of public support being evidenced at this time. It cannot be assumed that all those producers who stayed at home during the discussions were in favor of the plan or even against it."

## POET'S CORNER

Following the retirement of Dr. W. G. C. Kenney last fall, barber Sam Holmes wrote the following poem in appreciation of the doctor's services to the town.

### DR. W. G. C. KENNEY

(In Appreciation)  
Although the sun is shining this beautiful Fall day,  
It just seems sad and gloomy-like since Kenney went away.  
For age is creeping on us fast,  
With "rheumatiz" and gout,  
But somehow, we feel better to know that he's about.

For years, he shared our sorrows and listened to our groans,  
Supplied our pills and plasters and set our broken bones.  
We were sure that when those doctors, his case did diagnose,  
They'd find a complication of other people's woes.

Studies at school and college, he mastered with a will,  
And experience, too, has added her quota to his skill,  
But Nature gave him something to make life more complete,  
For his soul is somehow fractured with an everlasting sweet.

There was tonic in his presence for his patients every day,  
For his smile was like the sunshine with its ultra violet ray.  
No deadly germs of war or ghastly could in a sick-room stay,  
For Kenney's jokes and Kenney's laugh soon drove them all away.

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Though often tired and weary, discouraged, ill or blue,  
He kept his troubles to himself and no one ever knew.  
Though he shared the little secrets of the husbands and their wives,  
He never failed to make the train when that old clock arrived.

"There's nothing" that he lives for years, and when at last he dies,  
That he can read his title clear to mansions in the skies.  
Though in that land of peace and joy, no pain is ever found,  
It will seem a little cheerier when Kenney is around.

—Sam Holmes (The Barber)

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## Cornerstone of Ballinafad Church Laid in 1878 at Impressive Ceremony

Miss Beatrice Hill has written the following history of the church in Ballinafad.

For some years, the Presbyterian people of Ballinafad community worshipped in the Methodist church here, holding Sunday School and church services in the forenoon and the Methodist in the afternoon. Two prayer meetings were held each week.

When more Presbyterians settled in this district, they held a meeting and decided to build a church, so procured a site from a Mr. Hill and had this church built in 1878.

Cornerstone Laid  
A Mr. White, an M.P., had the honor of laying the cornerstone. Neighboring ministers, Rev. Fowler of Erin being one, had charge of the impressive service.

In the autumn of that year, Dr. E. D. McLaren of Cheltenham and moderator conducted the opening service. With grateful hearts, the people rejoiced to think they now had a church of their own in which to worship God.

As Ballinafad would be linked with Melville church, their pastor and Session officiated at the first Communion service.

First Elders  
The first elders appointed were Messrs. John Russell, Fifth Line; George Yemen, Seventh Line; and James Marshall, Ninth Line. The congregation increased in size and interest and it was a common occurrence for one family to occupy a whole centre pew.

While they were getting a start, the Toronto Presbyterians looked after pulpit supplies. Some of the names were Messrs. Lait, McKay, Mowatt and Pringle.

No Organ, Choir  
Mr. Robert Aikett led the congregation in singing, as there was neither organ or choir for the first few years.

Rev. A. B. Dobson was the first ordained minister of the new church. He was followed by Rev. McKay, Rev. Emes, Rev. D. L. Campbell, Rev. George Milne and Rev. Currie.

Many years earlier, the congregation decided to procure a home for their minister; therefore, they bought the house and property in Ballinafad which ever since has been known as the manse.

Rev. Emes occupied that manse while he was minister here.

Church Union  
When the three denomina-

tions, the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches, united in June, 1925, the two congregations here united and the larger church, the Presbyterian, became the United church.

Rev. N. Waddell was minister here for a number of years before union. He and Rev. A. Evans of the Methodist church presided at the first Communion service of the United church.

Ministers  
Rev. N. Waddell continued as minister for a few years after union. He was followed by Rev. Gandier, Rev. George Aitken, Rev. A. O. W. Foreman, Rev. O. Findall, Messrs. William Gibb, Norman Russ, Gerald Townsend, Allan Neelon, Murray McBride and Charles Beaton.

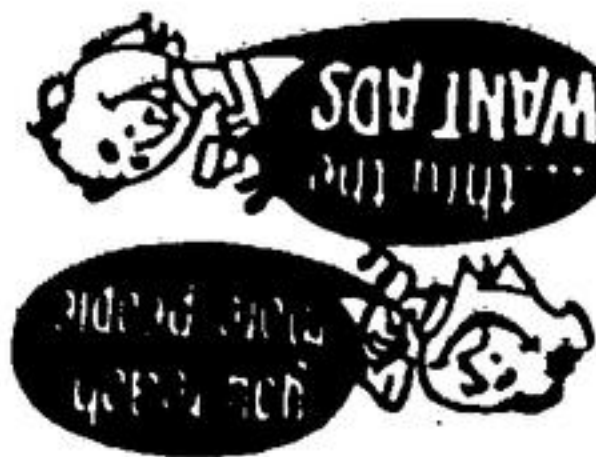
The present minister is Mr. Duncan Fleming, who will be ordained at the coming Hamilton Conference, the latter part of this month, May, 1964.

Church Improvements  
In the year 1954, the congregation decided to put a basement under the church. They began the work in September and were using it by Christmas, though much more work remained to be done. The first Sunday in May, 1955, there was a re-opening service. Many former members and friends came, which filled the basement, as well as the church.

In the early part of 1951, the Women's Association arranged and had a well drilled and water put in the church.  
Down through the years, there has been a Sunday School, a Women's Missionary Society and a Women's Association or Ladies' Aid. Now, there is a United Church Women.

Missionaries  
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Acton public schools will be able to accommodate all pupils of Kindergarten age this year. To enrol they must be five years old by December 31, 1964. (Birth certificate required). To avoid confusion, please complete the form below before May 22 and send or mail it to your district school in care of GARDNER W. MCKENZIE, Principal, Robert Little School, Box 870 or W. D. BAKER SMITH, Principal, M. Z. Bennett School, Box 840.

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Parent's or Guardian's Name in Full .....

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BLOOD OF THE VAMPIRE  
Tech. — Adult — (Donald Wolfitt)  
MONSTER ON THE CAMPUS  
Adult — Arthur Franz  
SHADOW OF A CAT  
Barbara Shelley — (Recommended Adult Enter.)

MON.-TUES.-WED. MAY 18-19-20  
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