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Golden Age Club New Group Name

The Golden Age club is the name chosen by ballot as the name of the Senior Citizens group, at an executive meeting Friday evening at the home of Miss Annie Allin.

It was decided to hold two meetings a month, on the first and third Thursdays, one an afternoon meeting at 2 p.m. and the other an evening meeting at 7:30 p.m. The first evening meeting is Thursday, June 18 at 7:30.

Executive members say all persons over the age of 60 years of age are cordially invited. "Please take this as your invitation and join in fellowship and friendship. Maybe we can help you; we know you can help us. We are anxious to make this a busy, active group."

The program committee is working out a varied program of music, games, films, etc. Later there will be handicrafts, bus trips and other special activities.

Suffers Bad Break Helping Youngster

Playing the part of a "Good Samaritan" didn't pay off for 17-year-old John McGilloway. Saturday afternoon he broke his arm while attempting to recover an object from a tree at the park for a youngster.

The youth was standing on a park bench reaching up into the tree in an attempt to retrieve the lost article when he lost his balance, slipped and fell to the ground. He was rushed to hospital in Guelph where it was learned he had received a bad break in the upper arm.

After X-rays were taken Sunday, the cast was removed Monday and an operation performed to repair the bad break.

He is the son of Mrs. Catherine McGilloway, Victoria St.



BOER WAR VETERAN Wilfred Coles, Church Street, sat out Sunday's Decoration Day parade and attended the service. Complete with his legion attire and medals, Mr. Coles received a few visitors prior to the parade forming up near his home. Holding the Scottish flag is Danny Corstorphine of the Guelph Pipe Band while attractive Carol Greenward of the Georgetown Girls' Pipe Band serenades with the bag pipes. Back row looking on are Mrs. Joan Ford of the Acton Legion Ladies' Auxiliary and branch member and parade marshal Bill Nicolak.

Council Seeks Back Taxes \$26,000 Shows on Books

Acton council will take action immediately to collect back taxes from delinquent taxpayers. This action was decided Tuesday evening at the regular meeting following a recommendation from No. 1 committee.

Deputy-revee J. B. Wood, who is a member of the committee, informed his colleagues since the committee meeting, he had second thoughts on going after all delinquent taxpayers. He was of the opinion legal action should be taken only on taxes owing after three or four years. He was assured this was what council desired.

Clerk-administrator Jack McGeechie told council if after three years, taxes were not paid, legal action could be taken. He also said \$26,000 in back taxes were owing at the end of the year. Councillor Ray Arbie said he thought the clerk should have a little regard for specific cases and council should modify their policy accordingly. "As far as I'm concerned it is up to the clerk to collect and use discretion," stated the councillor.

New Fire Code

Providing council adopts a newly constructed fire code, residents will be unable to burn leaves or garbage without a permit from the fire chief. These are only two of many restrictions which will be imposed.

Councillors refrained from adopting the by-law after giving

it one reading until each member had an opportunity to study the fire code first. The clerk was asked to order sufficient copies for each member.

Deputy-revee J. Bert Wood wondered if the code was adopted how the public would be notified of the main offenses and what sections might possibly be published. One irritating aspect for homeowners is they will be allowed to light a barbecue in their yards. This is not an offense according to the code.

Low Pressure

During No. 2 committee report chairman Alex Johnson said Tom Shields of the H. K. Porter plant had been present and requested council consideration to relieve low water pressure at the plant. It was noted the Underwriters had stated water pressure for the sprinkler system was too low. The committee will continue investigation into the low water pressure.

The town's steel water tower on Main St. S. will be offered to the town of Hivth if they wish to pick it up. During the committee report it was noted Hivth had advertised for a used water tower and clerk was to write officials there regarding the Acton tower not being used.

Start Bridges Soon

Following Department of Highways approval for construction of bridges on Brock and Church Streets, council approved a con-

tract with Inverleigh Construction company for the work. Construction is expected to begin sometime next week. Cost of the Brock St. bridge is expected to be \$9,474.50 while the Church St. bridge will be \$10,050 plus steel for both amounting to \$2,995.

Council also:

- Approved payment for member's half year stipend.
- Authorized the clerk to attend a conference at Honey Harbour from June 21 to June 24.
- Approved the engineer's account amounting to \$2,151.
- Agreed to investigate installation of an air conditioner in the council chambers. Voting against this were Reeve Hinton, Councillors Peal and Frer.

Fairy Lake Weed Control Doubtful Unless Government Grant Available

"The Credit Valley Conservation Authority has been under fire for spending too much money, but the cost of land keeps going up," remarked Acton's authority representative, R. R. Parker, when he attended council meeting Tuesday evening.

Mr. Parker appointed to the authority by council, had been asked to attend Tuesday's meeting to give a detailed report of activities. During his review he outlined land purchased and improvements made to date and said, "We have been criticized for spending money but would be subject to more criticism if we hadn't bought selective sites throughout the watershed for parkland and preservation of water supplies."

Mr. Parker stated he didn't think anyone could point a finger at the Authority members and say they had spent money foolishly on the purchase of land. "If we had deferred purchase, land values would have risen anywhere from 50 to 100 per cent by now."

Parks Crowded
During his resume of activities to date he noted the park at Terra Cotta had as many as 1,000 cars on a Sunday last year. Heart Lake Conservation area had to close its gates several times because no more cars could be accommodated.

In his stand for land purchases Mr. Parker stated the Authority had either to cater to people who wanted to get out in their cars on a Sunday for picnics or have these people drive 300 miles to Algonquin Park, have private individuals take over the land for capital gain or let the Ontario government develop the parks (which means the public would pay the costs anyway).

"Think of Nature"
"We have attempted to buy land available at a reasonable

Tenth Decoration Day Parade, Service Begin Plantings at Pioneer Cemetery

The tenth annual Decoration Day parade and outdoor service brought what must have been a record crowd to the meadow at the entrance to Fairview Cemetery Sunday afternoon. With the parade started in an impressive formation before the improvised platform, many standing by cars beyond that and many more back under the trees in the shade, the number could not be closely estimated.

All during the weekend groups had been at the cemeteries planting big geraniums, a lily and petunias or arranging sprays of cut flowers. Memories of many loved ones were indeed fresh on Sunday when, following the service, families and friends strolled throughout the attractive grounds of Fairview.

Plant Willows

A long-range plan for Pioneer cemetery was initiated this year with the planting of two blue Arctic willows. Ted Swift of Blue Springs Nursery worked with the Decoration Day committee to plan the project. A couple of new shrubs or trees will be planted each year on Decoration Day. This year the first shrubs were donated by Mr. Swift.

Father V. J. Morgan and a group of parishioners went to St. Joseph's Cemetery, visited the Rosary and offered special prayers for the dead.

Fairview Service

The Ministerial Association conducted the services at Fairview following the colorful three-section parade.

Acton Citizens' Band played for O God Our Help in Ages Past and God Save the Queen. Rev. G. Stanley Gannon gave the invocation. Rev. Samuel Thoman and Rev. Donald West read scriptures. Rev. A. H. McKenzie led in prayer.

A stirring brief address was given by Rev. D. I. Engel who recommended that "the best decoration is to decorate the community with all things that work for its welfare."

Referring to a similar injunction to Jeremiah, he suggested that those who do not come from Acton should not regard themselves here temporarily, but should recognize the welfare of the town is their welfare. People are bound together by geography and a common task. Those whose parents also lived here should know that everyone who lives here is a part of our community.

"We must remember what those who are buried here did — and

didn't do — when they were part of the community. If they were wise, they worked for the community, and they are, in a way, still a part of our community."

Learn to work for the whole, he urged.

Seated with the members of the Ministerial Association on the flag-draped platform was Mayor Les Duly, who welcomed everyone.

The firefighters had supplied their public address system and Jack Robley's large truck used as a platform. Before the platform were banked the pairs of scarlet geraniums.

Representatives of various participating organizations came forward and took them to plant in reverence on specific graves of servicemen and former members.

Many others had floral tributes to place privately.

Parade marshal Bill Nicolak led the long parade, on a streaming humid day, from Fellow St. Each of the three sections was accompanied by a band — the scarlet-coated Acton Citizens' Band, its rousing drum section lighting the steps up the long hill, the Guelph Pipe Band and Georgetown Girls' Pipe Band, the skilling stirring the hearts of many quiet watchers.

Included were many members of the Legion, council, Legion Ladies Auxiliary, representatives of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter and Lakeside chapters of the I.O.O.F., the Women's Institutes of Acton, Dublin and Hamock built about 20 uniformed members of the fire brigade, the I.O.U. and Lions Club in regalia, many

scouts, clubs, guides and brownies, the St. John Ambulance Brigade and St. John Cadets.

Despite the heat, the brigade was not required to treat anyone. Scouts distributed the printed program which stressed the "community" nature of the event.

Lunch was served at the Legion Hall to paraders. For children who took part, there were soft drinks at the scout hall.

For Deeds

It was at the invitation of the Lakeside Chapter of the I.O.O.F. that the Decoration Day as it is known now was begun ten years ago. Mrs. Alex Orr of the chapter has acted as secretary of the group for the ensuing decade. Al Iwan is chairman currently and Mrs. George Hartgrave treasurer.

Playground Program at M.Z.B. School Is Approved by Public School Board

Children living northeast of the C.N.R. tracks will take part in the summer playground program this year at the M. Z. Bennett public school grounds. Approval for use of the grounds was given to recreation director Jim Cashburn at the public school board meeting Thursday evening of last week.

Mr. Cashburn assured the board qualified playground leaders would be on duty and children would be supervised properly during class hours. Washroom facilities will also be available during the day.

Board members expressed their regrets at learning Mr. Cashburn was leaving Acton for a new position with the city of London this fall. All commendation for his work here in Acton.

The summer playground will operate both at the park and school grounds from July 6 to August 21.

During the meeting, board members and principal G. W. McKenzie of the Robert Little school discussed the transition period for students from grade eight to grade nine and appointed trustee Vic Bristow, teacher management chairman, to sit on the education committee, along with representatives from Essex, Nassagawewa and high school boards.

Property chairman Louis Bonnette said the board in the past had spent a lot of time on building administration and urged members to determine what authority they had and use that authority toward the most important step in education, "the transition from grade eight to grade nine."

Mr. Bonnette stated pupils from grade one were supervised all the way through to grade eight, and wondered if slackening the reins a little in grade eight would help students when they arrive in grade nine for the transition.

The principal said of the opinion the first step would be to apply a common denominator whereby pupils from all schools entering high school here would be on an equal basis. He suggested the co-ordinating committee set up by the high school board would be the logical committee to investigate all channels.

The principal said trade schools were rejecting applicants without grade 10 education. He stressed the importance of finding some method of getting these prospects into grade 10 instead of allowing them to drop out of school. He said trade schools required grade 10 qualifications in English, mathematics and science, because it is felt students were not able to handle the course without this previous experience. He stated it is amazing what success can be achieved by students in a diversified occupational course.

In conclusion, Mr. McKenzie said, "At one time, grade eight was considered the end of a training course, but now it's only halfway." He stated a number of these students could do well in such a course and make something of themselves.

Board members were happy to learn Inspector W. L. McNeil would once again be supervising inspector of the Acton public schools. Approval was given both principals Elmer Smith and Garnet McKenzie to pur-

chase flowers for the planting strips at their schools.

Approval was given the Christian Reformed Church to use classrooms at the Robert Little school for summer vacation Bible school from June 29 to July 10. Approval was also given to hold the grade eight graduation banquet, Thursday, June 25.

Institute Takes Brantford Trip

Ted Tyler Jr. drove 40 Women's Institute members and their friends to Brantford Monday, June 8. Here, they toured the Harding Carpet Co., the Shopping Plaza, where they lunched in the afternoon, Johnson's Wax, where they had tea and received a small gift and the Brant Museum.

They had dinner at the Sherwin Inn and on the way home, they visited the Mohawk Chapel, the oldest Protestant Church in Ontario, which was built in 1785. The Mohawk Institute near the church is a school for 165 Indian children, where they go to church every Sunday. The silver Communion Service and a Bible presented to the Mohawk Church in 1712 by Queen Ann and the Royal Family are still in use.

The Bell Homestead and the museum where the first telephone is displayed were also visited during the return trip.

Band Concert

There was a small audience when the Citizen's Band gave its first concert of the season near the old bandstand in the park Sunday evening. Band members played a variety program for about an hour before dusk, with Bandmaster A. Perrott conducting.

M. Z. Bennett public school are holding a field day today (Thursday) to choose winners for an inter-school field day.

20 Cadet Officers At Toronto Service

The service of Morning Prayer for the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem was held at St. Paul's Church, Bloor St. E., Toronto, Sunday morning, with many members of St. John Ambulance brigades attending.

There from Acton were about 20 Cadets in uniform, with their Cadet Officers Mrs. E. Hefernan, Nursing Member Mrs. Thomas Cook, Superintendent George Hargrave and Cadet Superintendent Mrs. Hargrave, and Corps Staff Officer R. S. Hart.

Some of the St. John members were wearing the traditional long white robes of the order, and Knights of the order took part in the service. After the procession, the standard, the ceremonial sword and the brigade colors were received at the altar rail. His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor attended the most impressive service.

Some of them made the trip in the ambulance. The group took their lunches, eaten "on the run" to be back in town for the Decoration Day parade. The cadets missed the parade from the beginning, but joined in at the cemetery.

Activities at the park are increasing as the warm summer weather arrives.



INTERNATIONAL DELEGATES to the Rotary conference in Toronto this week, Washington B. Forti and Yamanda Arburuas, both from Salto, Uruguay, visited the Acton club Tuesday evening. Acton Rotarians who visited the conference and met the two men are shown above with the visitors. Left to right are Dave Manes, Paul Neilson, president Ron Lewis, Mr. Arburuas, Mr. Forti and Fred Gordon. At the time of the meeting Rev. A. H. McKenzie was attending the conference.



REV. AND MRS. THOMAS LATO were honored Wednesday evening at Acton Pentecostal Tabernacle on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. During a congregational meeting Rev. S. M. Thoman, church pastor, presented the couple with a purse of money on behalf of the congregation. Mr. Thoman is shown on the left presenting the money to Mr. and Mrs. Lato.