

Personal Notes . . .

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

Mr. Harold McIntyre is a patient in Guelph General Hospital. Miss Frances Kenney visited with friends in St. Thomas during the weekend.

Mrs. Mary McAuley has been spending a week or so with her family in Toronto.

Mrs. Thomas Hemley, Second Line, has been a patient in the Guelph Hospital the past week.

Mrs. Ross Swackhamer is a patient in Guelph General Hospital, where she underwent surgery yesterday.

Mrs. Mary Lyon of Ulster, Pennsylvania, is visiting this week with her sister, Mrs. G. A. Dills and Mr. Dills.

Mr. Oliver Moran has been a patient in Guelph General Hospital, where he underwent surgery.

Mrs. R. A. Storey of Brantford spent the weekend with her sister, Mrs. G. S. Matthews and Mr. Matthews.

There will be several from Acton at the annual Warden's dinner Thursday night (tonight) followed by a dance at the Brant Inn.

Mr. Stewart Reed of Inds. Ave. has just returned from a hunting trip to Northern Ontario, where he shot a seven point buck.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Buckner attended the annual ball of the Kitchener Waterloo Scottish Country Dance Group on Nov. 6.

Sunday visitors with Mrs. J. Lambert and John were Harold Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson of Toronto, also Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lambert and family of Drayton.

Friends will be sorry to learn that Mrs. Barbara Smith, Mac Donald Blvd. is in Kingston General Hospital, recuperating from injuries received in a car accident last week.

Several carloads of members of Wellington Lodge, Unit and Credit Lodge, Georgetown, attended the meeting of Walker Lodge Monday and the annual Memorial Service. Among the guests were Wor. Bro. Tom Niven, district supervisor of Masonic education, and Ed Wilson, W.M. of Credit Lodge.

Won Holiday

Slides of Trip to Nassau Shown Fair Lady Directors

Last Thursday evening was the regular monthly meeting of the Lady Directors of Acton Fall Fair Board. It was held at the home of Mrs. Walter Linham, Fifth Line, Esqueving and was well attended by members. With Mrs. Donald Matthews, the president, in the chair, secretary and treasurer's reports were given by Mrs. Ralph Denny.

Consenters of the various departments presented their revised lists for the advance prize lists. It was decided to increase the prize money on bedspreads, quilt and Afghan entries in the Home Arts section. Suggestions for a program at the regular meeting were made, and a local organization will be contacted.

Attendance Trophy
Mr. Clifford Storey gave a concise report of the sessions at the district meeting of the Fair Boards, held the latter part of October in Bolton. There were 18 members attending from Acton Fall Fair Board, and all were pleased that Acton had brought home the trophy for the best attendance.

Slides of Nassau
A special feature of the evening was the very interesting talk, illustrated by colored slides of Nassau, given by Mrs. James McCulloch. Mrs. McCulloch had been the lucky winner of a two-week holiday sponsored by the local I.G.A., and she and her husband had enjoyed the holiday in the summer holidays. Numerous articles were brought back from the Island, and were of much interest to the ladies.

Following Mrs. McCulloch's talk, Miss Elva Pearen showed colored pictures she had taken of Acton Fall Fair, 1964, and these too were watched with much interest.
Three members were named: Mrs. Donald Matthews, Mrs. W. Linham and Mrs. W. MacDonald — to assist the committee from the men's board in planning for the annual banquet in January.
The hostess, Mrs. Linham, assisted by Mrs. Ralph Denny and Mrs. Clifford Storey served a quality lunch.
Mrs. Stanley Murrison invited the ladies to have their Christmas meeting at her home on December 3. An exchange of gifts

H.S. Valedictorian Expresses Reminiscence, Needs of Future

In her valedictory address at high school commencement Friday Joan Cook said, in part:

"In retrospect, the past five years have been perhaps the most important in our lives. From wide-eyed, overawed grade nine students, we have been transformed by education into adults, in both thoughts and actions. But we will never forget our days in high school; the memories of the first grade nine classes can not be forgotten or relived.

"Miss Barber's living Latin classes brought joy to all those who basked happily in the sunny glow of Catullus and Horace. Seminars brought only fear to those who hadn't even started their 1,500 word assignments until 1:30 the night before they were due for the last two years, grades 11, 12 and 13 have been alternate flying and roasting in the luxury of the stone school. However, the chemistry classes tried desperately to regulate the temperature, and the penetrating odour of hydrogen sulphide. Each week, the laboratory received the students with open arms. We can only hope that Mr. McKenzie and his pupils were not unduly disturbed by the wild flight of smellyballs in and out of the windows at noon.

"Although there was a great deal of enjoyment in the course of high school life, there were serious moments as well. Examinations always sobered the activities but not the spirits in the school while they were being written. Old friends and teachers left to be replaced by others who became, in their turn, good friends.

"We are here today because of our teachers' painstaking efforts to help us to understand our courses. At home, our parents encouraged us with the love and affection that only they can provide: we could not let them down after they had put so much trust and faith in us. To our parents and our teachers, we must extend our deepest thanks and congratulations on their persevering efforts to help us succeed.

"Grade thirteen is a rigorous training ground and a proven test of maturity; only the feeling that you have fulfilled your parents' dreams for you can give greater satisfaction than the realization, on that fateful day in August, that you have passed and this last is the most wonderful feeling that most students have ever experienced.

"In general, the valedictory address is given over to fond reminiscences of the most poignant and most comical scenes that have taken place during the preceding five years. But the young people of today, the cornerstones of the modern world, must look ahead. Although the present and the future are based on the actions of the past, we should cease peering backward into the mists of what has gone before and concentrate upon what lies clearly ahead.

"However, do not scorn a study of what may seem useless or obsolete. If Jim lost interest in Moses when he found out that Moses was dead, because he didn't take stock in dead people, today, many don't take stock in dead languages or even living languages with precision and imagination. Useless algebra, history, philosophy and physics produce useful powers and resilience.

"Everyone who has studied mathematics, physics and chemistry has learned about the systems and disciplines of nature. He found that a leaf, a drop of water, a crystal, a moment of time — all these are related to and are part of the perfection

of the universe. The purpose of liberal education is to develop worthy independent citizens and should enable a person to earn a living and to live a life.

"One of the most frightening things in our world is ignorance, not merely lack of knowledge, but more than anything the ignorance that consists of not knowing that there are better things, better ways of doing things, and a social responsibility to observe and perform these better things. Education will help you to think clearly and reach good judgment about the relative importance of the various kinds of activity that make up human life.

"Upon graduating from an educational institution, a youth should know three vital truths where he is, where he is going and what he had best do about the present stage of life. Mr. Taylor reminded the students to thank parents, teachers, friends, church and the community in which they lived for success to date.

"The familiar yellow street sweeper was in action Tuesday morning, cleaning the streets before winter's fall of snow.

"Schools were closed Wednesday for Remembrance Day. Banks took the legal holiday but the post office remained open for the convenience of the majority who worked as usual, observing Remembrance Day on the next Sunday. Stores were open.

Speaker Urges Grade 13 Grads Be Grateful, Courteous, Thankful

"Whatever your lot in life might be, build something big on it," stressed guest speaker R. S. Taylor, regional field executive officer with the Boy Scouts of Canada, when he addressed students at the annual commencement exercises Friday night.

The grade 13 graduating class at Acton District High School was told "Service is the rent we pay for the privilege of living on the earth. Try to make your life as full of service to others as you can."

The graduating students were told they had many decisions to make as they went forward to the next adventure in life and were reminded to thank everyone who had helped them reach the present stage of life. Mr. Taylor reminded the students to thank parents, teachers, friends, church and the community in which they lived for success to date.

In his address, the speaker used a variety of stories interspersed with sound advice for students to consider. He reminded the graduates to establish a life which would benefit others as well as themselves.

Students were reminded to respect older people and parents were reminded to pay careful attention to what was said in front of their children. "Sometimes you may not think the child is listening, but very often they remember more than you think," he stressed.

Mr. Taylor asked parents if they thought of the people who also help to raise their children and wondered how many took

the time to thank the teachers for what they have accomplished with their children.

"This business of being a school teacher is not a bed of roses, especially if parents only listen to their children's side of the story and form an opinion without trying to get the other side of the story as well," said Mr. Taylor.

In conclusion the guest speaker reminded the students not to come to the time in life when they think they could coast as there was only one way to coast — downhill.

He congratulated the graduates on achieving their goal in high school, stressed the need for more study for those remaining and reminded parents to keep a close vigil with their children throughout life.

He was introduced by vice-principal Michael Hyatt and thanked by student council president John Wood.

During intermission several students presented excerpts from "The Laming of the Shirew," much to the delight of the audience. Miss Diane McConnell directed and two solos by Sandra Hythe.

At the conclusion of the program, parents and guests enjoyed a lunch served by Mrs. Alex Orr and her Home Economics class. Students enjoyed a dance to recorded music in the auditorium following.

Principal E. A. Hansen welcomed the guests. There was a marked increase in diplomas and awards this year with 31 last year and 23 this year, he said. He also stated there was a def-

"Slow" Bend

The recently renovated Bower Avenue corner at the C.N.R. tracks underwent another face-lifting this week when a solid white line was painted around the sharp bend and signs marked "Slow" to warn motorists of the dangerous corner.

Demolish Old Landmark As Quarry Progresses

The former Ross homestead on the fourth line of Esqueving was demolished last week after it had been purchased by Acton Lime Stone Quarries.

The original Ross homestead has been a landmark for many years. Last residents of the house, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Gathol, recently sold the house to the Quarries after a legal battle claiming damage from blasting.

Quarry authorities partially dismantled the house and last week set fire to the remaining portion in order to clean up debris.

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Town of Acton Municipal Office
(Y.M.C.A. Building)

INSTALMENTS ARE DUE AS FOLLOWS

FOURTH INSTALMENT - NOVEMBER 1964

According to the Tax Collection By-law a penalty of 2/3 of 1 per cent, per month will be added on the amount remaining unpaid after the 15th day of May.

This penalty applies to each instalment in a similar manner.

The attention of Ratepayers is directed to the Penalties and other clauses as printed and explained in detail on every Tax Bill.

MAKE PAYMENT NOW AND TAKE YOUR TAX NOTICE WITH YOU WHEN MAKING PAYMENT

J. McGEACHIE, Collector.