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Guelph College Dean C. of C. Guest Speaker

What will the new University of Guelph mean to Acton and our young people? This will be learned by those who attend the eighth Chamber of Commerce "Citizen of the Year" dinner in the Legion Hall, Thursday, April 8. Guest speaker, it was announced this week, will be Dr. McKinnon, dean of the new Wellington College in the University of Guelph.

He will outline the organization of the new university and will envision for Actonians the effect it will have on the entire district, as well as the students who will be able to go to university so close to home.

Program highlight will be the presentation of the Citizen of the Year plaque to Bill Middleton and reading of his citation. (This is announced in the Free Press this week.)

Popular new singing group, the Royal Canadian Chorals, will entertain. They have sung locally several times—with the band and at the Town and Country concert—but many have not yet heard them.

It is expected there will be a large crowd at the banquet. Announcement of the name of the Citizen of the Year in advance will prevent the disappointment expressed in previous years by close friends and members of the family of recipients who had not been present for the honor.

Tickets on Sale
Chamber of Commerce president is the Rev. A. H. McKenzie and Orval Chapin is in charge of arrangements. Tickets are available tomorrow and should be purchased as soon as possible so final catering arrangements can be made.

Three Year Contract Signed Pay Raises for Hydro Staff

Acton hydro commission Thursday night signed a new three-year contract with linemen Dorson Frizzell and Ken Hodgson as well as adjusting salaries for the superintendent and office personnel.

Beginning April 3, the new contract with the journeymen linemen grants the men a 30 cent per hour increase over a period of three years at the end of this time they will make \$2.67 per hour in place of the present \$2.37.

This year the increase amounts to 12 cents per hour, next year's increase is 10 cents and the third year will be eight cents to make the 30 cent total. Other terms of the present agreement were accepted by both the commission and the workers without adjustment.

Journeyman linemen Dorson Frizzell and Ken Hodgson were both at the meeting and asked for a working wage comparable with other hydro workers in the district.

After dealing with the men's contract commission members reviewed wages for salaried personnel and after discussion made the following adjustments. Hydro superintendent Doug Mason received an increase from \$5,700 to \$5,950, secretary-treasurer Mrs. Audrey Urquart received an increase from \$3,800 to \$4,100 and meter reader and office worker Newt Hurst received an increase from \$3,900 to \$4,100.

Tender Soon
Architect Don Skinner attended the meeting for a brief period and told members tenders for the new building should be ready for calling within three weeks. He noted that levels would have to be taken to determine the amount of fill necessary at the proposed site.

The chairman and secretary-treasurer were authorized to sign an agreement with the architect for 6% of the cost of the building. Accounts totalling \$910.49 were approved for payment.

Five Public Schools Compete In Carnival at Arena Tonight

Pictures and full results will be published next week of the second public school carnival, which should fill the arena with lively, cheering youngsters tonight (Thursday). There is a possibility of as many as 200 entries from five participating schools in the racing and costume events which begin at 6.30 p.m.

Definitely taking part are the two Acton schools, Limehouse, Pineview and Spesside. Also invited but not yet definitely committed are Campbellville and Brookville schools. Buses will bring the rural children.

Recreation committee members and others will be assisting recreation director Harris Roe line up and run off the races.

A similar event held last year was very successful and won by the Robert Little school. A system of awarding points will give equal chance of winning to small and large schools.

Mr. Roe hopes that school groups will sit together in the arena to facilitate getting entrants on the ice for their categories and so cheering support will be concentrated. Parents are welcome.

This carnival was begun last year by Jim Casburn and proved very successful.

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His duties commence September 1. He was inducted during the conference by Moll Hill, regional director for Ontario.

Special speaker whose address was proved stimulating were E. Needles and the secretary of the Kitchener-Waterloo Y. Joe Connell.

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VOICES AND HORNS entertained at the high school Sunday evening during Acton Citizens' Band concert. Choristers from the Georgetown chapter of the Society for Prevention and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America and Acton band members provided the entertainment. Left to right are Steven Gordon with the sousaphone, Acton members of the Georgetown choral group John Barr, Gordon Currie and Jim Pope, with assistant bandmaster George Elliott shouldering the second sousaphone.

First Industrial Blood Donors Clinic Brings 225 Pints; Two Given Gold Pins

Co-operation between management and employees resulted in the first industrial blood clinic being a huge success Friday when 225 donors registered to give blood.

Arrangements to have men and women leave work during the day resulted in a much increased number attending the clinic. During the five hours, 120 first-time donors registered to give blood.

Gave 25 Pints
Rev. Stanley Gammon gave his 27th donation and Elmer Roszell

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Assisting nurses and aides from the Hamilton Division of the Red Cross were Mrs. George Benton R.N., graduate nurse Mrs. Doug Rogers and St. John Ambulance Brigade member Miss Bella Mac Roszell.

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Director of services for the Hamilton area, John Anderson, was also on hand to congratulate the volunteers and organizers of the clinic.

Cancer Month
Cancer Month began a little early here when leaflets were distributed at churches in Acton and throughout the district, supplied by the Acton Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society. The annual canvass continues throughout the entire month and some of the volunteers expect to begin Friday.

Mrs. Ray Arble is in charge and everything is ready to begin right at the first of the month. All the canvassers are looking forward to a sympathetic and generous response to their appeal for funds for cancer treatment and research. Few families have been untouched by this disease; more research will mean even more cures.

Back in Church By Next Sunday
The underpinning work at Knox Presbyterian Church involving new footings and retaining walls is just completed and excavation will likely be finished during the week. Upstairs renovations are progressing and nearly done. A modern fold door will make this area "multi-purpose" in function. He hoped the entire program of lowering the basement and renovations will be done next week.

Again last Sunday the church service was held in the Robert Little School with Sunday School classes accommodated in school rooms. Group meetings were held in the church as usual.

Volunteer Assistants
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Billy Middleton Named As 1965 Citizen of Year

Popular resident of Acton for the past 43 years, William Middleton has been selected by Acton Chamber of Commerce as "Citizen of the Year" for 1965. He will be honored Thursday, April 8 during the annual Citizen of the Year dinner at the Legion Hall.

For the first time, the name of the person chosen for the town's top honor has been announced in advance to enable preparations for the dinner to be made without the problem of secrecy. The eighth Citizen of the Year learned with astonishment of the decision the first of this week. He follows Amos Mason, G. A. Dills, Dr. W. G. C. Kenney, William Coon, Miss Madeleine Gibbons, John Gov and Miss M. Z. Bennett.

Since first coming to Acton to live with his wife, the former Helen Dutton, back in 1922, Mr. Middleton has been a faithful and conscientious worker for community betterment and a great lover of mankind. Unknown are many of the times he has helped someone in need without praise or glory.

Station, Customs Office
A native of Bradford where he was born into a family of old brothers and one sister, he met his wife while in the army stationed in her home town of Woodstock. They were married in 1920 and two years later moved to Acton where he became a relief agent at the CNR station here.

While serving as relief agent, he was a successful applicant in 1934 for the position of collector of Customs and Excise until December 8, 1959, he worked at this job in the old post office building on Mill St. Here he came in contact with many, impressing them with his cheerfulness and helpfulness.

He served in World War I with the 71st Battalion in 1915, went overseas and was wounded in 1918 shortly before the war ended.

Board Secretaries
This year he completes his 25th term as secretary-treasurer of the public school board and his fifth as secretary-treasurer of the Acton district high school board.

He also served as secretary of Acton Legion for seven years when the Legion was located in the old arena which later became known as the "Bunkhouse".

He was also Worshipful Master of Walker Lodge A.F. & A.M. and is still an active member in both organizations.

Scout Hall "Push"
Perhaps one of the most memorable incidents which can be recalled by a number of residents, was the long hard fight Mr. Middleton staged for a Scout House in town. He finally won and the present building stands as a monument to his tireless efforts working toward this goal. He did much of the work himself and inspired his crew of volunteers.

During the second world war he was scout master for three years and held meetings in the old Legion Hall. At this time he promised Acton would have a Scout Hall and began working toward this.

It was also during the second World War that he started the local Red Cross unit with an office located in the customs room in the former post office building. He also served as secretary for the Acton and vicinity War Service League.

At present he is treasurer of the Board of Stewards at Trinity United Church.

Presentations for Rev., Mrs. West After Final Service at St. Alban's

Esteem and affection with which the Rev. Donald H. West and his wife are regarded was evident Sunday morning after his final church service here, when gifts and brief addresses were presented by parishioners in St. Alban's parish hall. Some were near tears as various representatives stated the sorrow felt at losing the family and sent with them to Hamilton the best wishes of the congregation here.

No replacement has yet been named for Mr. West, who begins his term in Hamilton at once. A retired Anglican rector will likely come regularly until a replacement is named by the Bishop.

Mr. and Mrs. West and their two children moved to Hamilton from the rectory on Jeffrey Ave., Lakeview subdivision, to 23 Glenwood Cres., Hamilton.

The reception in the parish hall began with three rousing cheers from Sunday School scholars, and on their behalf superintendent Ernie Coker presented Mr. West with a \$25 bank token.

People's warden Ted Pratt and rector's wife Reg Hoare both spoke, expressing deep appreciation for all Mr. and Mrs. West have done during their three years here and their sorrow at losing them. To Mrs. West, pearls were presented and to Mr. West, a wallet containing \$300 from the congregation which holds him in high esteem.

The choir and B.A.C. presented Mr. West with an electric hand drill which he had greatly needed and promptly used the next day in preparation for moving. Vic Britton made the presentations.

Other Presentations
At their meeting Sunday night the Young People presented him with a sport shirt and socks. President Don Price spoke on behalf of the group in which Mr. West has taken keen interest.

The Wests were guests at the meeting of the Altar Guild at the home of Mrs. Charles Leatherland, when, after an afternoon of court whist Mrs. West was presented with an attractive Israeli-enameled cigarette box and bottle opener.

At the last meeting of the W.A. Mrs. West was given an Italian Tapestry purse. Mrs. Jack Creasey Sr. was hostess to the evening social gathering for moving. Vic Britton made the presentations.

Mrs. Paul Hurley had neighbors and friends for tea in Mrs. West's honor and Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Ted Pratt entertained friends to bid them farewell.

Junior Farmers' Project Aids Acton Firefighters

Acton Junior Farmers are assisting Acton Firefighters by preparing a fire map covering the entire Acton fire area.

The groups will conduct a house to house survey throughout Essex, Navesagawewa and Erin Townships within the Acton fire area in order to obtain information for preparation of the map.

Each house and barn, farm and pond or stream, lot number and names of residents will be included on the map in order to aid firefighters answering calls. As well as the map, a complete telephone system in alphabetical order will be completed.

Committee members spearheading the project are president Don Swackhamer, Shirley Langeville, Pat Manes, Joy Hayward, Judy Britton, Earl Burt, Don Hayward, Doug McLean and Bob Kerr.

Fire chief Mick Holmes and firefighters Alf Duby, Harry Otterbein, chairman of the fire prevention committee and firefighters Don VapFleet and Doug Mason attended a meeting at Brookville Hall Wednesday of last week.

Fifth Week
This is an "odd" week — the fifth week in March — so there were no regularly scheduled meetings to report. There was hydro commission last Thursday and a special committee of adjustment meeting last night (Wednesday).



Back in the 1938-39 hockey season when Acton Tanners brought provincial honors to town, Billy was secretary. Later, he became secretary of the junior club for three years.

In spite of his outside interests and busy agenda with both school boards, he finds time to follow his favorite hobby, gardening. His garden is one of the most attractive in town and his knowledge of plant life has often been passed on to a friend—along with cuttings of roots. Woodworking is another hobby. Billy, who always has a cheery greeting and friendly wave for his many friends, was deeply flattered but dubious of his qualifications when informed he had been chosen.

However, the many who have come in contact with him in his various capacities could quell his doubts.

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Tanners Play Guelph Friday

Acton Tanners, a seat clinched in the W.O.A.A. Int. 'C' Major hockey finals against either Port Elgin or Durham, will play an exhibition game with a star-studded Guelph team at the community centre Friday night.

American Hockey League scoring star Bill Sweeney and other former pros and members of Guelph Senior and Junior 'A' teams will appear to the Royal-City lineup.



ACTON JUNIOR FARMERS, coming to the aid of Acton Firefighters, have begun a most worthwhile project the firefighters need desperately. The group has volunteered to prepare a map of the entire Acton fire area including every residence, farm ponds or other water available, lot number and names. Looking over plans for the project seated in front are fire chief Mick Holmes and president Don Swackhamer. Back row left to right