



**CELEBRATES HIS 90th birthday Saturday at a family gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Colin MacColl, James Gibbons has had an active life which has led him to many ports of call. He is still interested in world affairs and enjoys painting, reading and gardening. With their father for the occasion were left to right: Cecil of Markdale, Mrs. Colin MacColl (Mary), Acton, Mrs. Theo Papillon (Nora), Acton, Jim of Hanover, Mrs. Dave Newbery, (Flo), Guelph, Charles of Goderich, Mrs. Wm. Crapps (Nell), Elm, Mich. Unable to attend was Mrs. E. Coles (Margaret), Guelph.**

## James Gibbons Reaches 90 Years Family Gathering Marks Birthday

The ninetieth birthday of James Gibbons was celebrated with a family dinner at the home of his daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Colin MacColl, Cameron St. Saturday evening.

Family members from Flint, Michigan, Detroit, Guelph, Hanover, Markdale, Guelph and Acton joined in wishing Acton's newest nonagenarian many more happy years. Many of his 100 descendents sent congratulatory messages.

Born in London, England, September 23rd, 1875, James Gibbons has had an interesting and varied life ranging from years under the masts of the old sailing ships to a new life in Canada away from the sea. He lives with Mr. and Mrs. Colin MacColl where his many activities suggest a man of much younger years.

**Many Hobbies**  
Physically and mentally alert, he includes his hobbies of gardening, reading and painting his favorite subjects—sailing ships. He shows a keen interest in world affairs and corresponds frequently with friends in far off parts of the globe, many of them places he visited in his career as a sailor in the merchant marine.

### Talks to Sea

Following a family tradition, Jim Gibbons chose the sea as his calling in life. At age 14 he enrolled in the training ship H.M.S. Arethusa, a vessel which took part in the battle of Trafalgar. Moored on the River Thames the ship was his home for two years while he served a seaman's apprenticeship.

He first served in the four rigged sailing ship, Norwich, a Canadian vessel out of Yarmouth Nova Scotia. His maiden voyage

on the windjammer, loaded down with a cargo of railway ties, took 70 days, sailing from London, England to Montevideo, Uruguay. From there the ship rounded the horn and sailed to Pisagua, Chile.

When another crew had been shanghaied, the Norwich returned to England with nitrate of soda as ballast. The voyage took 90 days. From there it proceeded to Hamburg, Germany, where the crew was discharged. Pay for the round trip

was 25 shillings a month, recalled Mr. Gibbons. The Barque "Thimble" a ship in which he spent the next three years on three voyages between the Falkland Islands, London and Sydney, Australia. The cargo was wool. His last journey in a windjammer took him to Lillooet, New Zealand.

Steamships were rapidly replacing the old sailing ships then and Mr. Gibbons signed on for several voyages to Australia and New Zealand. The latter part of his merchant marine days he spent sailing to continental ports and cruising the Baltic, to Russia.

**Moved to Canada**  
In 1907 he packed up and brought his wife and family to Canada. The family settled in Fessenden, a lumbering village near Coldwater, Ont. In 1912 they moved to Bracebridge where Mr. Gibbons went to work in the Beadmore tannery.

**Served Overseas**  
He served overseas with the 122nd Battalion during the First World War along with three sons, Jim, Jack and Charles. When Beadmore's centralized their operations in Acton the family moved with them. He stayed with the firm until his retirement.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibbons, parents of four sons and five daughters, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1947. After the death of his wife in 1980 Mr. Gibbons spent some time in Florida and Bahamas. Since then he has lived with his daughter, Mrs. Mary MacColl on Cameron St.

**Family Home**  
Sons and daughters present for the dinner included Mr. and Mrs. James Gibbons, Hanover, Ont. Mr. and Mrs. Dave Newbery, (Flo) Guelph, Mrs. Jack Gibbons, Detroit, Mich. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gibbons, Goderich, Ont. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Crapps, (Nell) Elm, Mich. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Gibbons, Markdale, Ont. Mr. and Mrs. Theo Papillon (Nora), Acton. One daughter Mrs. Elizabeth Coles (Margaret), Guelph, was unable to attend.

Mr. Gibbons is a member of St. Joseph's parish, Acton. His pastor, Rev. Father V. J. Morgan also extended greeting to the long time Acton resident.

## Haltion New Party

(Continued from Page One) in the old line parties. This is because of their attempts to embarrass the other side — they're either fighting the last election or the next election and not dealing with things that matter." He suggested that because of the five federal elections in the last eight years, about one year of valuable legislation time was wasted, since the House of Commons dissolves nearly two months before an election and it takes two months after an election to really get started again.

"We can do better but we'll have to work," he said. "Distributing leaflets will help," he continued, "but door to door visiting is the best method — we don't need salesmen, ridings harder than this have been taken."

He pointed out, "A change in attitude is necessary if Parliament is to be restored to its proper place in the country, and if it is to be respected by the people as it should be. We can do better if we form the government, but if we are the opposition, help, but if we are the third or fourth party, we can do very little."

**Reform Ideas**  
He contended, "In order to have a strong government, you must have people with ideas, with the ability to carry the ideas out and with the determination to do so." He suggested the CCF and N.D.P. parties

have supplied almost all the reform ideas since 1931 and pointed to the wide variety of occupations which are represented within the party.

"In concluding his acceptance address, Mr. Kernighan stated, "we must go out and tell the people we have something better to offer and tell them we can give them the kind of government they need and deserve."

William Gillies, the N.D.P. candidate in the last provincial election, nominated Mr. Kernighan, Ed Bruce, president of Local 707 U.A.W., seconded the nomination.

**Now's the Time**  
Guest speaker for the evening was Rev. Keith Woulford, the N.D.P. candidate in Peel Riding. The dynamic United Church minister stated, "there's an old saying, 'Now is the time to come to the aid of the party'." My door-to-door canvassing in Peel indicates that voters who have been backing the old parties are turning to the aid of the New Democrats.

The old parties and their old leaders refuse to look at the scientific revolution in the face and begin to plan for a creative phasing over the automated society. Their persistent policy of little, too late, promises chaos in our unfolding scientific revolution."

In conclusion, he asked that the voters show "no confidence" in the old line parties when election day comes.

## Grand Jury on Tour Recommends New Jail

The construction of new jail facilities for Halton County was "strongly recommended" in the Grand Jury's report to Mr. Justice Schatz, in charge of the Supreme Court Sittings at the Halton County Administration Building and Court House last week.

The jury, consisting of six men and one woman, stated "we understand there is a possibility of a new jail being built and we recommend this be accomplished as soon as possible."

"In the meantime," the report continued, "some steps should be taken to separate the pretrial prisoners from those awaiting transportation to other institutions." They also recommended security measures be taken to allow prisoners use of the "larger exercise yard" and that benches and tables in the cell block be improved. The ventilation system in the old building should be improved, the report added. The calendar of prisoners was checked and found in order.

The report also covered a recommendation for better ventilation in the Children's Aid quarters. The Health Unit was inspected and found to be adequate with "very adequate space" and the Court House Building left the jury with a favorable impression, although it was suggested that drinking water coolers should be installed. C. E. Kirkness was foreman.

**1966 Model**  
**H. S. Driver-Training Car**  
Acton District High School students enrolled for the Driver Training course initiated this year under the Department of Transport plan will take lessons in a new 1966 model Plymouth supplied by Frank Toth Motors.

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## \$50,000 Nassagaweya Building Opens for First Time on Monday

The sparkling new Nassagaweya Township administration building on the Guelph Line, opposite Brookville Hall, will be opened for the first time on Monday. The move from the cramped quarters in the township hall to the new building will take approximately two days and will start on Friday, Reeve William Coulter reports.

## 50 Firefighters March To Promote Fire Safety

About 50 firefighters from the five Halton Fire Departments attended the annual church parade of the Halton County Fire Prevention Bureau, held in Milton Sunday morning. Men from Oakville, Burlington, Milton, Acton and Georgetown Fire Departments, who form the county-wide Bureau, attended in uniform.

## Judge Sprague Visits Council

His Honor Judge Alan B. Sprague, Halton's new county court judge, paid an official visit to Halton County Council at last week's September meeting. He spoke at the beginning of the council meeting, then joined councilors at an informal gathering after the meeting to meet each one personally.

Judge Sprague said county councils are "an old and honorable tradition, holding a high and special place in the history of our democracy in Canada." He told the members "you are part of the oldest form of democratic government in the English speaking world... you are the real grass roots of democracy."

He outlined the duties of a county judge, impressing on members his work must proceed courteously, wisely, soberly and impartially. "You are the rulers of today, and the judges are to see to it that your laws, as rulers, are obeyed. You and I in our separate ways are the servants of the people of Canada, and Canada will only be as great or as small as its servants," he concluded.

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## Acton High School News

**Last Friday (Gentlemen's Day), the first formal assembly of the school year opened with comments from Principal E. A. Hansen. He seemed very pleased to note that almost everyone was attired in regulation uniforms. After a few moments talk on how well the students looked, he commenced to hand out a plaque for the best-dressed room. 12B placed first with 11A running a close second.**

Reverend Engel then had the privilege of presenting honours to the award winners. The honours were presented by Mr. Matthews, Mrs. Matthews, and Mr. Bray. Students received felt straps, circular felt badges, bronze pins, or silver pins according to the number of points they had acquired during the preceding year. Names of the deserving scholars, followed by the number of points earned, following each:

- Honor Awards**  
Jill Bagby (30), Wayne Barber (62), Linda Braida (70), Gail Breen (44), Susan Clarke (57), Bruce Coles (33), Connie Coles (35), Stephen Coles (57), Wainfred Dunbar (68), Murray Fatt (24), Judy Fong (46), Ross Gathol (37), Linda Gilmore (25), Tom Ginger (28), Merl Harris (74), Eleanor Heard (41), Peg Holmes (64), Edith Hopkins (40), Gail Kierstead (57), Dietmar Kuhn (25), Joanne Lambornough (48), Gweryn Lauder (29), Linda Latham (36), Jean Little (37), Russell Masles (55), Rita McCrea (46), Tam McKeown (53), Trudy Morris (51), Vicki Newton (69), Betty Ramsay (27), Nancy Rognvaldson (47), Ann Shortall (25), Kathryn Sinclair (24), Carol Swackhamer (60), Paul Turner (31), Gordon Van Gils (45), Bronn-Walker (24).

## British Columbia Nurse Speaker at Church Meet

A former member of Trinity United Church and active in the Friendly Circle group, Miss Flora Moffat R.N. was guest speaker and gave an illustrated talk with colored slides depicting her work in the mission hospitals in British Columbia, at the meeting of the United Church Women, Wednesday, September 22.

Miss Moffat has worked in British Columbia for the past 21 years and this was her first return visit to Acton in eight years. The guest speaker was introduced by Mrs. H. R. Force and expressions of thanks were extended by Mrs. William Muldejon.

President Mrs. E. Lidka chaired the meeting and after the opening exercises, turned the meeting over to Mrs. Dwight Engel, who took the devotional period. Miss Diane Rhor sang two selections, accompanied by George Elliott on the organ. Lunch was served at the conclusion of the meeting.

—Square dancing has been changed this year from Saturday evening to Wednesday night. The first outing last week attracted a fair crowd but many are not accustomed to the change in nights. Recreation director Harris Ros extends an invitation to everyone interested to attend sessions of instruction at the Robert Little school auditorium next Wednesday.

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