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UNICEF record

Forwarded to UNICEF headquarters following Acton's Halloween collections will be a new record for town — \$316.20. Youngsters from the M. Z. Bennett school and Robert Little school gathered small change from door-to-door, along with candles, and turned it in either that evening at one of the depots set up by Y's Men and volunteers, or at school the next day. Some Speyside pupils also collected in town.

In 1965 about \$253 was collected here and the year before about \$200.

The Y's Men expect to obtain a good movie to show the children who collected for UNICEF later.

For the first time, high school students participated in the UNICEF program and collected \$40. Receipts from the coat check room at the Friday dance, a room-to-room collection and money collected from UNICEF boxes in hallways went toward UNICEF.

116 pledge to eye bank through Lions

Just under 120 Acton and district persons have donated their eyes to the Eye Bank, following the Lions Club appeal. On the first Saturday at the customs office, Murray Harrison took 44 pledge cards, and last Saturday he took over 60 more. As well, some donated privately, and the cards may still be sent in.

Canvassers for the C.N.I.B. also have pledge cards to hand out, and Mr. Harrison also has plenty more available.

Lions Club members were quite pleased with the response. Mr. Harrison himself spoke to the Golden Age club, and some of the members subsequently agreed their eyes might be used after death.

Even young children and teenagers agreed to donate, to help others.

Assisting Mr. Harrison last Saturday was Lionette Edith Hopkins. Wednesday Mr. Harrison said he knew of 116 donations, but he expected there were a few more sent in separately.

The Lions Club contacted local doctors, Guelph hospitals and the funeral home, and all favored the project.

Remembrance service on Sunday at cenotaph

"In Flanders Fields the poppies grow..."

This Remembrance Day theme has been emphasized in Acton by Legionnaires who decorated the window at Acton Home Furnishings store Monday night.

While Halloween pranksters were roaming the street, Legionnaires were decorating the window in remembrance of veterans who had lost their lives in the line of duty.

Spearheaded by veteran William Middleton, the Legionnaires changed the annual display this year. Flags commemorate soldiers of the First World War, Second World War and the Korean campaign. The new Canadian flag is added to the Jack, Ensign and Legion flags.

Two large wooden cenotaphs, made expressly for the window display, have flashing light bulbs at the top and list the names of servicemen. Rows of small crosses on artificial grass dotted with poppies depict the meaning of Flanders Fields. The 22 wreaths which will be placed at the cenotaph Sunday back the window arrangement.

Although the display is a thing of beauty, it also denotes the reverence in which Legionnaires hold their fallen comrades as well as families who lost husbands, fathers or sons.

This Sunday a parade will form up at the Legion at 10:30 am, and march to the cenotaph where the regular brief Remembrance service will be held, at which time wreaths will be placed. Following this, a service will be held at Knox Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. A. H. McKenzie will speak on "Freedom" and the Legion Chorales will sing "How Great Thou Art and Eternal Father Strong to Save. Other fan-



HALTON'S 1966 WARDEN H. H. HINTON of Acton was honored by 150 Halton municipal officials and special guests on Thursday evening, at the annual Warden's Dinner in Acton, Nassagaweya. Reeve W. J. Coulter on behalf of the council presented the tra-

First time held in Acton

150 attend Warden's dinner pay tribute to Bert Hinton

The spotlight shone on Acton and Warden H. H. "Bert" Hinton Thursday evening when the first Warden's Dinner in Acton's history was held in the Acton Legion Hall.

Warden Hinton, Reeve of Acton, hosted the evening for 150 guests, which featured dinner served by the Legion L.A., toasts and speeches, two presentations to the Warden and entertainment by a Toronto troupe.

Nassagaweya Reeve William Coulter presented Warden Hinton with the traditional gift, the symbolic gavel of office. He also presented a gift from fellow councillors, a set of gold cuff links. "Your gifts are something I will cherish for the rest of my life," the warden told the gathering.

Among the guests were the 1966 County Councillors, several Acton municipal officials, 11 former Wardens, two Wardens visiting from neighboring coun-

ties, Mayors and Reeves from Halton municipalities, personal friends of the Warden and the Hinton family.

Former Acton Mayor John Goy was chairman for the evening. Following Grace by Rev. Ritchie McMurray of St. Alban's Anglican Church, Mr. Goy introduced the head table guests who included Halton M.P.P. George A. Kerr from Burlington, Acton Mayor Les Doby and Mrs. Doby, former Warden Dr. C. A. Martin and Mrs. Martin from Milton, Halton Judge Alan B. Sprague and Mrs. Sprague.

Other special guests included visiting Warden M. J. Mitchell of Wellington County and Lorne Freeman of Wentworth County. The Mayors included S. G. Childs of Milton, McLean Anderson of Oakville, Les Doby of Acton and Joe Gibbons of Georgetown, and the Reeves were Gordon Gallagher of Burlington, William Coulter of Nassagaweya

ditional gavel of office and a set of gold cuff links to Mr. Hinton. Shown during the presentation are other members of the Hinton family. From left are the Warden's son Jack, Reeve Coulter, Warden Hinton, Mrs. Hinton and daughter Kathy.

and George Leslie of Esqueving. Two former Actonians who also served as Wardens were present, J. M. "Bud" McDonald was the 1943 Warden and now lives in Toronto, J. J. Stewart of Guelph was the 1954 Warden. Another special guest was Miss M. Z. Bennett, former Acton public school principal.

The toast to the Warden was proposed by Dr. Martin, who said Mr. Hinton "makes his politics a full time job" and was not only a good warden for Halton but also a good ambassador for the county at outside functions. Dr. Martin noted the Warden was a veritable storehouse of information, most of which he could quickly dig up from his always-bulging briefcase.

"We owe Bert Hinton a great deal of thanks," he concluded.

The Warden, in reply, said it had been "a very exciting and challenging year" and his 1966 council had been an "excellent" one. He added praise for the county staff, boards and commissions and departments heads, and suggested Halton County is "extremely fortunate to have such executive material and such a competent staff."

Judge Sprague, who proposed the toast to the council, reviewed the history of the county system of government back to the days of the Magna Charta. The Judge said the county government was "closest to the people it governs" and the people of Halton should be proud of their public servants. Deputy Reeve Alan Day of Oakville replied.

Zena Cheevers and Company, a Toronto-based entertainment troupe, provided an hour's entertainment at the close of the program.

The program ended on a humorous note as former Reeves William Card of Oakville, George Currie of Esqueving and Jack Milne of Nassagaweya gave reports on the mythical organization called the "Halton County Unemployed Reeves' Protective Association" which has jokingly attempted since 1959 to obtain a \$500 grant from County Council. Council has been postponing the grant until the Unemployed Reeves — like the nurses — gain certification as a bargaining unit by the Ontario Labor Relations Board, one councillor told this newspaper.

Praising the Warden, suggested there was plenty of work to be done "before Thomas Plunkett takes us over," Dr. Martin, who is also a member of Halton Region Conservation Authority, hoped the Warden would soon settle the dispute with the nurses "so he will drop in and help us with some conservation program."

Asked to thank Judge Alan B. Sprague for his toast to the County Council, Oakville Deputy Reeve Allan Day made an obvious reference to the health nurse situation. He noted there was only one Judge in Halton, and this was a good thing — "it

Seek Department approval for M. Z. B. school addition

Public school board members Tuesday night studied sketch plans for a possible addition to the M. Z. Bennett school and will seek tentative approval from the Minister of Education.

Drawn to scale by principal Elmer Smith, the sketch plans included a gymnasium-auditorium, one classroom, nurse's room, library room, two washrooms and storage space. These had been submitted to inspector W. L. McNeil, who had given his tentative approval.

Costs for the proposed addition reach the figure of \$142,737, of which government grants amounting to 50 per cent of the cost are expected if the addition is erected.

Board chairman Vic Bristow pointed out the proposed addition would not be erected this year and possibly not next year. Members cast a glance into the future as they recalled the coming elections and wondered about the public's reaction to a school addition.

If Department of Education approval is given, the Acton board will have to engage an architect to draw final plans and supervise the building project.

During a review of the recent Ontario Public School Trustees' Association convention held at St. Catharines, board members who attended reported on sessions attended. All agreed the convention had been most informative and worthwhile and a great deal of knowledge had been gained.

Mr. Bristow reported on a session he had attended and urged board members to attempt a meeting with both Esqueving and Nassagaweya Township school boards to discuss educational problems throughout the area. Approval was given to have the chairman make a request for such a meeting through the inspector.

Trustee Cyril Bishop said he was "quite impressed" with the session he attended and explained the special services workshop which dealt with opportunity classes. He also said he had attended a session dealing with the teaching of sex education in schools and told his colleagues, it was now being called "health education."

Finance chairman Doug Manning, in his praise for the convention, said "there seems to be no apparent relief to the property owners for education taxes."

He noted that people from all walks of life, including professional men, were represented and interested in education.

He pointed out the difference in proposed building for schools in the future and noted the

trend appeared to be to utilize more natural light and less electricity in classrooms.

"It seems there are great changes in store for the method of providing education," stated Mr. Manning, as he noted it was apparent from the convention that education is going to cost more.

Property committee members discussed the leaky roof problems and board members learned the roofs at both schools, which had been repaired this summer, had received approval from the parent company supplying materials. A 10-year guarantee on the roofs has been given by the company.

During the regular session, a request was read from Ken Eckstine, representing the Apostolic Church, for accommodation at one of the schools for services. The request was read but never dealt with before the meeting concluded.

Accounts totalling \$22,156.85 were approved for payment.

Attending the meeting were chairman Vic Bristow, trustees Doug Manning, Cyril Bishop, William Benson, Murray Smith and Orval Chapman, as well as secretary William Middleton, and principals G. W. McKenzie and Elmer Smith.

Parks board discusses Glenlea park project

Parks board member Brendan Aherne waged a one-man two-and-a-half-hour battle against three of his colleagues at a special meeting Thursday of last week as he pressed for a long-range plan to develop parkland throughout town.

Before the meeting concluded, board members did agree to investigate the possibility of fixing up the designated park in Glenlea subdivision and find out approximate costs.

Mr. Aherne informed the board that children in the Glenlea area use the park in the summer playing ball and enjoy the hills tobogganing in the winter.

"He noted, however, that one section of the park had been open-ditched by the town, leaving a hazardous condition for children. He suggested this area should be tiled and covered, so that children could toboggan there in the winter.

Member Nino Braida claimed the board had spent "a pile of money" there to provide a baseball area.

He was reminded by Mr. Aherne that if the park was developed, there would be more than children using it. "We have certain grounds and should develop them, otherwise we are wasting our time. We have the authority to spend up to one mill to provide facilities and we are not doing this. Instead, all we do is sit chipping and chewing and not doing our job!" he said.

The board had budgeted \$500 for improvement in Glenlea park and to date had only spent \$50 on grass seed and nothing had been done about an entranceway, said Mr. Aherne.

"The year is just about over and we have done nothing," he stressed.

Chairman George Williams reminded the board, the fence at Prospect Park had been installed and the band shell at the park renovated. "That's something," he said. Mr. Braida was of the opinion if the Parks Board was going to cost the public one mill to operate "we had better close up our books."

The chairman felt renovations at Glenlea park would cost over one mill.

"The people didn't put council into office to appoint a Parks Board to save money but to provide park facilities! In 10 years, we may have spent \$1,000 on this park, which equals \$100 per year," stated Mr. Aherne.

"I can't see it as a park, just a rock pile," said Mr. Braida. He said he knew of six children in Glenlea subdivision who don't even know where Glenlea Park is.

"It was handed to us as a park. Are we going to develop it or leave it as a garbage heap?" enquired Mr. Aherne.

"It was handed to us as a grand canyon. You and I are split on this. I can't see spending \$5,000 on this," stated Mr. Braida.

Mr. Aherne reminded the board he was not asking for an expenditure of \$5,000, but that the Glenlea Park be fixed up so the children can toboggan there this winter. He noted that if this park area was anywhere else, he would still press for some action. He again urged members to take stock of all park areas and provide a long-range plan whereby something could be done. (It was for this purpose, he urged this special meeting be called.)

Gordon Harding claimed the Leichman park area was of no

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Quick-thinking student phones fire alarm from Lakeview house

Quick thinking by an attractive 16-year-old high school student, Jennifer Bishop, 215 Elmwood Drive, is credited with saving the new home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Bishop late Friday afternoon.

Although fire and smoke damage has been estimated around \$1,500, firefighters are of the opinion it would have been much worse if the Bishop girl had not had the presence of mind to phone the fire department immediately.

The student was home alone at the time and was in the process of making chips for dinner prior to the arrival of her parents. Apparently some of the fat spilled onto the hot burner and sent flames roaring up the wall of the kitchen of the Lakeview subdivision home which had just been occupied about a month.

Miss Bishop, remembering a fire extinguisher always hung near the kitchen stove at their former residence, automatically reached for it — but then realized it hadn't been placed since moving in. She then phoned the alarm and ducked outside under the flaming paint and cupboards. Within minutes Acton firefighters were on the scene.

Water from the booster tank was used as well as extinguishers to battle the stubborn blaze. Smoke ejectors were used to clear the house of smoke. An air fan over the stove had taken

T. Plunkett, nurses share in spotlight

The annual Warden's Dinner was held in Acton Legion Hall Thursday evening to pay tribute to the past year's leadership by Warden Herbert H. Hinton of Acton.

But the current dispute with the county's public health nurses and another current topic of concern, the Plunkett Report stole a share of the limelight. Comments about the nurses and Plunkett were humorously injected into the program by several speakers.

None of the nurses were there, and there wasn't a copy of Plunkett's epistle on local government to be seen. But their presence was nevertheless felt.

Chairman John Goy, a former Acton Mayor, noted the event was historical because it was the first Warden's Dinner ever held in Acton. Now Spooner and Plunkett are playing musical melodics — we may not have an Acton, he joked.

Former Milton Reeve and Past Warden Dr. C. A. Martin, in

H.S. activities

High school students have been polled about after-school activities, and as a result some new clubs are starting, among them a bridge club, chess club, glee club and drama group.



TOWN WORKMAN Jack Frank officially retired Friday afternoon and was honored by council, town office workers, hydro workmen and the town work force during an informal gathering at the town workshop. He received gifts from all groups. Left to right are councillor Robert Drinkwalter and Mayor Les Doby presenting Mr. Frank with gifts from the town.