

University development fund endorsed at C. of C. Meeting

A rosy picture of Acton's economic future and local children's improved education opportunities, was portrayed for nearly 50 at the Chamber of Commerce annual industrial dinner Thursday evening of last week. After hearing a speaker and a panel and asking a variety of questions, those present unanimously endorsed a motion that "Acton Chamber of Commerce endorses the University of Guelph Development Campaign."

There was agreement, but not much apparent enthusiasm. Terms are currently seeking additional funds in Guelph and surrounding area.

The Chamber had heard a presentation before, but last week had many representatives of local industries there to be included in the discussions. It is likely that a chairman will now be sought to head up a local campaign. The fund office in Guelph would supply a plan, modified for Acton, and local canvassers would be named.

Chairman for the dinner meeting in Knox Presbyterian church was Chamber president Rev. A. H. McKenzie. He welcomed those present as a good cross-section of the community.

Present among the 47 were seven Chamber of Commerce executive members, other Chamber members, Warden Hinton and Mrs. Fryer from council; Murray Smith, Vic. Bristol, Cyril Bishop and Orval Chapman from the public school board; the three school principals; one bank manager; Citizen of the Year Fred Wright; and representatives of Beardmore and Co., A. P. Green Co., Micro Plastics, H. K. Porter Co., Mason Knitting Co., Dills Printing and Publishing, McNair Mushroom Farm, Acton Jersey Dairy, Ridley Cartage, Goy Cartage, Caroline Nursery and several contractors. There were five women present with their husbands.

Speaker was one of two co-chairmen of the University of Guelph development campaign, Ronald Ritchie of Toronto. He is also a vice-president of Imperial Oil and a member of the board of governors of the university.

Others who joined him in answering questions were Will Gray of the Imperial Tobacco Co.; Bill Hall, vice-president of the Guelph Labor Council and co-ordinator of the employees' section of the campaign; and Spencer Williams of Brakely & Co. Ltd., Toronto, consultants in campaigning.

The discussion was chaired by Paul Nielsen, head of the industrial committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

The interested audience learned:

● Education is an essential part of making life worthwhile, and higher income and higher standard of living follow higher education.

● Previously, there haven't been enough universities to go around for all the young people who wanted to go. Guelph is the 16th university in Ontario in the recent spurt of growth. Its proximity to Acton will make it much less a burden for Acton students to attend university. They will live at home, saving about \$25 a week in board. Increase in fees parallel the increase in all costs.

● Projections show 80 per cent of university students in this area will attend Guelph and

44 per cent of them will likely live at home.

● A university in the locality also benefits industry. Corporations are donating generously to Guelph.

● Facilities for adult education will be greatly expanded on a part-time basis there.

● Guelph tri-semester system makes it more possible for students to "work their way through."

● By 1980, Guelph will be the third largest university in Ontario with 15,000 students. By 1968, there will be 5,300 students (well over Acton's population).

● The Ontario government this year is spending 900 millions on education. Government tax money supports the operating budgets and pays 85 cents on the dollar for capital funds for building. Thus the remaining 15 cents on the dollar must come from voluntary giving. For the University of Guelph, this means seven and a half million

dollars must come from the public.

Mr. Ritchie said no figures have been set for Acton "and it would be unwise to do so".

Labor council representative Mr. Hall explained how employees with average and below average hourly wages can help by giving a suggested 40 cents a week — or less. He urged industries to participate to the fullest possible extent.

One questioner said he felt Acton's interests traditionally lay in the "middle range of technical training."

Concluded Mr. Ritchie, "If you agree the University of Guelph is Acton's university, I would hope you will put your heads together and decide what you can do about it. I feel you need, the university, and I know the university needs you."



G. E. TYLER scholarship award was presented by Ted Tyler Jr. to Merl Harris at Commencement Friday evening.

Nassagaweya Council Briefs

At their regular monthly meeting on Monday night, Nassagaweya Township councillors:

● Received a letter from Chief G. M. Holmes of the Acton and Area Fire Department indicating what precautions should be taken at the Township dump site to prevent fires. It was pointed out the suggestions of the chief regarding permanent fencing, the cutting back of trees and the erection of a gate are being taken care of.

● Noted receipt of a model parking by-law which will be studied by council. It was noted the by-law would be difficult to uphold because of the lack of a Township Police Force, but it was suggested one "mess" concerning a wrecking yard could be cleared up.

● Learned that a suggestion for a second township dump, to be located in the southern part of the township, was considered very good by Halton County Health Unit. However the Health Unit will have to consult the Ontario Water Resources Commission before final approval can be obtained.

● Received a letter from Halton County Clerk-Administrator Garfield Brown requesting the opinion of individual councillors on Plunkett needs study. Opinions on eight different points of reference are to be sent to the County for study by December 12.

● Learned the Ontario Water Resources Commission has granted approval for proposed sewage treatment facilities for the Mohawk Motor Inn currently being built on the Guelph

Line just north of the MacDonal-Cartier Freeway (401). A provision of the approval indicated wastage could only be released during the spring and fall months.

● Referred a letter from H. Eichenberger to the Planning Board. The letter suggested certain lands should be rezoned as commercial on the Township's Official Plan since commercial enterprises are currently locating on them.

● Approved payment of the Township levy of \$536.51 to the Grand River Conservation Authority.

● Referred a copy of the proposed Puslinch Zoning By-law to the Planning Board for study.

● Approved road accounts totalling \$9,249.78.

● Approved a by-law setting the inaugural meeting for 1967 for 7 p.m. on January 4 (the first Wednesday).

● Requested the clerk to look into the possibility of obtaining grants on the basis that the secretary-treasurer of the Township School Board is using office space in the Township Administration Building. The secretary-treasurer is using what used to be the Reeve's office.

Acton W.I. makes plans

Mrs. William Denny was hostess to the November meeting of Acton W.I. Mrs. Lindsay opened with a poem "What is a Canadian?", Ode and Mary Stewart Collect.

Fifteen members answered the roll by recalling humorous events of their school days. One member went so far in those earlier days as to take part in the hanging of a dog, which came to life again.

Minutes and treasurer's reports were given by Mrs. Anderson. Letters of thanks were read from Runnymede hospital for donations given them.

Mrs. Dods and Mrs. Harris were appointed as conveners for the lunch for the trip to the Manor, Nov. 14 by bus. Anyone wishing to go is to contact Mrs. Fryer or Mrs. Anderson. The members were reminded of Remembrance Day on Sunday. Plans were on the way to hold the annual penny sale on Feb. 10.

A memorial shelf for the new library was accepted as a good idea. An old time quilt will be displayed by a member in old time costume at the District Annual, also old-fashioned cookies. \$10.00 was voted as a centennial project toward a fund to help a student at Wellington College in Guelph.

Mrs. Lambert gave some helpful hints for home economics. Mrs. Davidson gave a historical report mentioning a tree at Fonthill 450 years old. They hope to have "Old Glory" around for centennial year.

Mrs. Holmes gave a paper "Small things make big friends. To have friends you must be a friend". A true friend is like a shelter in a rock.

Mrs. Anderson auctioned articles for sale which helped the bake sale held the Friday before.

Lunch was served by the committee of the month. Mrs. Lindsay thanked the hostess and lunch helpers.

Learned the telephone rates on the Campbellville exchange would be increased since the number of calls in the area has exceeded the rate group by more than the accepted five per cent.

Costume winners, W.I. meet high school awards of interest

Following is a list of those who won prizes at Ballinacraigh Halloween party: 8 and under, Ronnie McLean; hobo, Laurie Greygoose; national, Marion Jamieson; representative, Judy Canfield; animal, Leane Clark.

9 to 14, Kathy Given; hobo, Bonnie Kirkwood; national, Susan Jamieson; representative, Ricky Hembruff; cowboy, Lisa Wood; couple, Mark Shortill and Earl McLean; comic, Earl McLean.

Adult, hobo, Maggie Given; national, Scottman, Lil Given; representative, Jeanette Hindley; couple, Mrs. Bud Snow and Mrs. Floyd Shortill.

Mr. Dick Shortill sent his team of omen to market on Tuesday, which he felt very sorry to have to do.

The November meeting of the Ballinacraigh W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. William McLean. Mrs. Smith opened the meeting with the opening Ode and Mary Stewart Collect. Roll call was answered by 12 members and one visitor with "What part of farm work should a housewife do?"

Many items of business were dealt with. Plans were made for a euchre on December 6, particularly to be announced later. Mrs. Ernie McEnery, agriculture convener, took over with reports from conveners. Motto by Mrs. A. Sinclair was "Whether a fellow ends up with a goose egg or a nest egg depends on the chick he marries".

Samples of candy and the recipes were brought. Following The Queen and W.I. Grace, there was a social half hour with Mrs. Hiltz and Mrs. Kirk.

Two social evenings on Monday and Tuesday allowed curlers to limber up unused muscles, renew old acquaintances and make new friends. Teams and positions were drawn for, with two four-end games per draw.

Regular curling begins next Monday and Tuesday.

Full bus load for city jaunt

About 45 members and a visitor enjoyed a very jolly time at the regular afternoon meeting of Acton Golden Age Club. Tickets were on hand for the Ice Capades performance on November 10. A full bus load plan on the carrying of music in the club was discussed for the Clark's Food dinner on November 17.

Crokinole and euchre were enjoyed, the prizes going to: crokinole — ladies, Miss Annie Akins; gents, Mrs. Ed Healy; euchre — ladies, Mrs. Jim Ralston; gents, Mrs. Fred McCutcheon.

Many of the Golden Age members enjoyed the wonderful special service of music in the Baptist church on Sunday night. It was very uplifting and inspiring.

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To celebrate, magnificent projects are in the works. The Confederation Caravans will bring Canada to millions in rural and tiny out-of-the-way places. The Caravans unfold an exciting colourful story of Canada: from early beginnings right up to the present. Festival Canada brings Canadians the largest entertainment package ever: from western music to opera, musical comedy to drama. Two companies of 300 servicemen each will travel Canada to put on a magnificent stirring Military Tattoo, portraying Canada's past 300 years of military history!

These are just three of hundreds of Centennial events planned for you in the coming year. But what are you doing for Centennial? What is your own personal project? Other Canadians are painting their homes, flying the Canadian flag, planting Maple trees, hooking Centennial rugs, reading up on their Canadian history. What will you do? It's not important how large or how small your project may be. What is important is that you have stopped and thought enough of your country and what it means to you to take up a Centennial project of your own.

The Federal/Provincial events planned will be magnificent and thrilling. But to each of us, the truly exciting and most meaningful projects will be the ones we create ourselves.

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