

### Service diploma awarded at fair board's dinner

A record crowd attended the annual fair board dinner this year. Increasing numbers necessitated moving the annual affair to larger quarters — the parish hall in town. The dinner has been held in villages as a rule.

Over 100 enjoyed the turkey dinner catered to by the Guild of St. Alban's church on Wednesday evening of last week.

After a program of short speeches and presentations, slides were shown and the evening concluded with dancing.

One of the evening's highlights was the presentation of an agricultural service diploma to A. "Sammy" McLean by president Jack Marshall. The award is given annually for "contribution to the community and agriculture."

Mr. McLean was a director on the first fair board when the fair was organized in 1913, and he is the only surviving "charter" director. In 1922 he was elected president of the fair. He was a member of the fair board in 1880 and after farming till the age of 22 he was a barber for 50 years in Acton before selling to George Holloway. He was particularly interested in light horses, serving on the committee for many years.

Mr. McLean spoke a few words of appreciation.

Other life members present at the dinner were D. D. Wadsworth, Smith Griffin Sr., J. A. Robinson and R. L. Davidson.

Another presentation was made to Mary Lou Brown of Limehouse 4-H club which had the best display at Acton Fair. The H. H. Hinton homemaker trophy was presented by Mrs. M. McCullough.

Other 4-H members present at the dinner were Keith Aitken and Bill Lasby.

Guest speaker was a recent bride, Mrs. Bob Kerr. The former Pat Knox, she is vice-president of the Ontario Junior Farmers. She gave an illustrated talk on her trip to England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and the Orkney Islands as one of four Junior Farmers from Ontario awarded the bus trip. The vivacious young woman was introduced by Mrs. J. McEnery and thanked by another Junior Farmer tripper at one time, Mac Sprowl.

First vice-president of Georgetown Agricultural Society, Keith Webb spoke a few words. Others bringing greetings were Harold Griffin, a councillor from Erin township; Duncan MacPhedran, councillor from Eramosa; and Mrs. George Leske on behalf of her husband, the reeve of Esqueving township. Mrs. Griffin and Mrs. McPhedran were also guests.

Vince Mountford added a few words as well. He and his wife came from Brampton for the event.

Mayor Duby welcomed the group to Acton and urged them to make use of the new centennial library.

Although Mrs. Duby generally accompanies her husband when invited to special functions, she found herself with a

### Pet dog shot 50-50 chance

A pet black Labrador retriever missing for eight days before being recovered, was found shot through the head, suffering from malnutrition and with infection set in the wound.

On Saturday, January 7, D. J. Rowe, Rockwood, noticed both his Labrador and St. Bernard dogs were missing. Later the same evening the St. Bernard dog returned home without the other pet. Worried about the second dog, Mr. Rowe began hunting but didn't locate the animal until Sunday.

It was found down the Guelph Road quite a few miles from the Rowe home after the owner had been notified by nearby residents. The family pet is presently at the Ontario Veterinary College at Guelph where doctors give it a 50-50 chance for recovery.

It is expected charges may be laid in the shooting.

### Council renews taxi licenses

At the last meeting of Acton council, applications for renewal of taxi licenses were received and referred to the committee for consideration.

Reeve Hinton and Deputy Reeve Oakes told council of their appointments to County Council committees at the inaugural meeting. Reeve Hinton was appointed to the Roads, Manor and Personnel committees and Deputy Reeve Oakes to serve on the Board of Health, Agriculture and Child Welfare committees.

### Bridal shower for Wendy Black

Sincere sympathy is extended to Mr. H. R. Howard in the sudden death of his brother, John Charles in Pennsylvania. Mr. Howard attended the funeral, returning home on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Buck spent a few days last week in Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hurten attended the marriage of Jessie Louise Kinnear to James Albert Drexler, which was held recently in St. Boniface Church, Parkhill and the reception at Parkview Motel, Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Clarke visited on Sunday with the former's mother Mrs. Clarke at Halton Manor, Milton.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray McKirick had their son Kenney down to the Crippled Children's Hospital in Toronto for a routine check-up.

Mrs. Bert Mills and Mrs. Stuart McKinnon were co-hostesses to a bridal shower held at the latter's home, for Wendy Black, bride elect of January 27.

Wendy is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Black R.R. No. 1, Guelph.

Approximately 30 friends and neighbors spent an enjoyable afternoon of interesting and humorous activities.

Wendy received many lovely and useful gifts, after which she thanked all for their good wishes and friendship.

Lunch was served and the time passed all too quickly, as does happen when good friends get together.

Mr. Gordon Aitken attended the funeral of his aunt Mrs. M. McLean at Guelph on Friday.

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## Free Press locals

—Record low temperatures for the winter were set Tuesday night.

—Ground hog day is not too far away—February 2.

—In Milton, the J. O. D. E. chapters are presenting "Portraits of the Past", the showing of old costumes that was so successfully sponsored by the fair board ladies here last spring.

—Curling ice has improved since the ice maker has been repaired and the ice surface is shaved every day.

—After the Duke of Devonshire I.O.D.E. and the fair board ladies, next group to attend a meeting in old-fashioned dress is Alert Evening Auxiliary of Knox church. They meet tonight.

—A brief history of Knox church has been prepared by the minister for the Presbyterian and copies will be available for the congregation next Sunday.

—Ladies associated with the fair are sewing themselves costumes for centennial year. How about beards for the gentlemen?

—Acton's schools didn't have any direct word last week from the Department of Education about the half-holiday for Sir John A. Macdonald's birthday, but at the Free Press at least we got an official news release on Friday...two days late.

—If you wish to avoid a long lineup in order to obtain 1967 license plates, it might be advisable to shop now and miss the last minute rush. Local issuer Jack Hargrave isn't too busy at present and can accommodate anyone in a hurry. The deadline for 1966 markers is February 28.

—This Saturday is the annual veterans' dinner at the Legion and many of the members are planning to attend.

—Notice how the days are getting longer? A certain sign of winter fading away toward spring.

—Mrs. Swackhamer introduced the head table.

—The ladies who catered were thanked by Mrs. Walter Linham.

—Ladies of the fair board will be wearing old fashioned costumes at the centennial year fair, and half a dozen of them presented a preview at the dinner last week.

—Mrs. Jim McCulloch made herself a dress and bonnet from one of the special patterns put out for centennial year. Six others rummaged in attics for their outfits — Mrs. W. J. McDonald, Mrs. Walter Linham, Mrs. Stan Matthews, Mrs. Wilfred Wadsworth, Miss Elva Pearson and Mrs. M. McCullough. Bonnets, bows, shawls and old jewellery added to the rustling antiquity of the old dresses.

—The annual meeting of the fair will be held Saturday, January 28.

## Personals

Librarians Mrs. Watson and Miss Madge Chapman, with library members Fred New and Rev. Ritchie McMurray visited Guelph public library on Saturday to see operations there.

Mr. G. N. Cunningham is a patient in Guelph General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Anderson, their daughter Mrs. J. Krpek and their two nephews, W. M. Collier of Richmond Hill and Ron Collier of Scarborough attended the funeral of their aunt, the late Mrs. Geo. Campbell in Georgetown last week.

Mr. Roy Arnott has been under the doctor's care for the past couple of weeks and away from work at Beardmore and Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dolphin of Weston visited with friends in Acton on Sunday.

East Halton United Church Presbytery held a program workshop meeting for members of the U.C.W. at Palermo United Church Monday evening. An unexpected crowd of 250 jammed the church for the program on study books, use of aids and demonstrations. Attending from Acton U.C.W. were Mrs. George Musselle Jr., Mrs. William Waterhouse and Mrs. C. L. Rognvaldson.

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ants from the university and the secretary."

A proposal to invite the Y.M.C.A. board to the next meeting to discuss the matter further was deferred until the committee was organized.

The "off-the-cuff" discussion resumed on the subject of parks with particular emphasis on the possibilities of developing the Glenlea park area. Mr. Ahern spoke on his hope for a long range plan for parks, dividing them into play areas and green belts. Mr. Tyler seconded Mr. Ahern and said he hoped to see a vigorous program on parks.

Prospect park, Leishman survey park and parkland in Lakeview were all discussed and members felt a long range plan of development was necessary.

Mr. Patterson also felt a five year plan for the community centre should be inaugurated with new cement walls, permanent concrete seating with room for extension of dressing rooms, facilities for the St. John Ambulance people and others. He proposed the committee do this as a centennial project.

Discussion also centred on arena booth, verbal agreements, salary requirements of the recreation director and a possible day nursery locating beside the community centre before the meeting ended.

Attending were board members: H. Patterson; J. Goy, B. Ahern, E. Masales, E. Tyler Jr., director H. Pearce and Clerk-administrator J. McGeachie.

**New store**

Glenlea Smoke Shop closes Saturday and a milk store will be established in that location.

### Hydro...

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It was also decided to advertise for janitor service for the new building.

It was agreed to write a letter to Jim Farrell, Ontario Hydro district representative, to commend him on his recent promotion.

Accounts totalling \$29,399.29 were approved for payment.

Before the meeting ended, it was agreed to review meter reading charges at a special commission-council session before any rate changes took place. A hint regarding "rising costs of living" from superintendent Doug Mason was shelved for the time being as chairman Tyler noted this would be looked after in due time.

The cost of progress was noted when commissioners learned the assessment for hydro had jumped from \$8,600 last year to \$34,075 this year.

Notice was received for the annual O.M.E.A. convention to be held at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto February 26, 27, 28 and it was agreed to decide at the next meeting if anyone from the commission would attend.

**New dealer**

Beginning today, Red and White stores will be a new dealer for the Free Press. Copies of the paper will be sold there each week.

### Lochlan McMillan dies at Calgary

The funeral of the late Lochlan McMillan, whose body was brought back to Acton from Calgary, was conducted Saturday afternoon by the Rev. A. H. McKenzie.

Mr. McMillan was born on the first line of Esqueving township, north of Acton, and attended Lorne school. He farmed in Eramosa, worked in Detroit, and lived at one time in Acton on Knox Ave.

His wife died at Fergus; two sons went to the west, while a daughter still lives near Fergus. Both sons returned here for the funeral from Saskatchewan and from Winnipeg. One is a doctor and one a mechanic.

Other relatives attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Boue with other cousins from Stayner; Mr. Hubert Mann, Fergus; Mr. and Mrs. Donald MacDougall and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon MacDougall, Scarborough; and Mr. Eccles McMillan, Guelph.

Some Acton residents attended school with Mr. McMillan years ago. Mr. McMillan's father, James McMillan, and his grandfather, Lochlan McMillan, were both elders of Knox church here. The latter was ordained an elder in 1886.

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