

"GROUP OF SEVEN" reproductions, gift of Charles Matthews, are admired (top) by library board chairman George Lee. Mrs. Marguerite Taylor, Mrs. A. Orr presented the picture of the Queen and Canadian flag from Lakeside I.O.D.E. and Mrs. E. Lidka a cheque for an outdoor flag from the Duke of Devonshire I.O.D.E. (centre). Mrs. Fred Anderson presented a cheque from Acton W.I. while Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Davidson promised a picture from the Golden Age Club (bottom). Mrs. Davidson holds the clock given by the Y Ladies' Auxiliary, and they sit behind the library landscaped model. (Staff Photos)

First gifts donated to library board accepts pictures, flags

First official presentations were made to the library board for the new centennial library Wednesday evening of last week. The giving of gifts precedes the official opening of the building on June 3, when they will be on display. Other gifts are coming later.

Received in a short, rather formal half-hour in the meeting room of the library were two cheques, seven pictures, two flags and a clock. By the end of the evening, 12 pictures had been donated and more are expected.

Board chairman George Lee welcomed the 10 visitors and Mayor Les Duby, also a member of the library board, echoed his appreciation. The most impressive, illuminated and beautifully framed picture of Her Majesty the Queen, leaning upon one wall, was presented to the board by the Lakeside Chapter of the I.O.D.E. The first donor to speak a few words to the board was Mrs. Marguerite Taylor, who was accompanied by another member, Mrs. A. Orr. The chapter also presented a large indoor Canadian flag, with a gold maple leaf atop the standard and a floor holder.

Board members decided later to mount the picture in the centre of the panel above the showcase in the front hall, above the stairs.

Second to speak were Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Davidson, representing the Golden Age Club. They explained it was their intention to have someone paint a picture especially for the library, and the board nodded assent.

Speaking for the Duke of Devonshire chapter I.O.D.E., Mrs. E. Lidka said the members of the chapter got the idea for a large outdoor flag from the scale model of the library and grounds. She presented a cheque for \$75 to provide such a flag.

Mayor Duby interjected there was some hope that the four planting boxes alongside the walk, suggested in the scale model, might also be coming.

In giving a cheque for \$50 from the Acton Women's Insti-

tute, Mrs. Fred Anderson pointed out her group has been serving Acton since 1903. She recalled the drinking fountain, trough and cemetery gates, saying this time they had agreed "on a donation of money for you to put to best use". The W.I. motto is "Beautify Canada", she said, and the members hope to educate parents not to be litterbugs, as well as children. "On my way here, in one block I passed seven empty cigarette boxes," she said. "That wasn't children!"

Last to speak to the board was William Carnochan of L.O.L. 467, who brought forward six mahogany-and-gold framed pictures of the Fathers of Confederation. George Etienne Cartier, Sir John A. Macdonald, George Brown, Sir Charles Tupper, Leonard Tilley and Thomas D'Arcy McGee. There is a brief biography on the back of each picture.

A second gift from the lodge is a large outdoor Ontario flag, with the Union Jack in the top left corner and the Ontario coat of arms on a red ground. Mr. Carnochan said the lodge will arrange for a pole when the board decides where they wish to put the flag.

A wood and gold battery-operated clock (so no wires show) was brought by Mrs. Paddy Dick who was unable to stay for the short ceremony. It's the contribution of

the Y Ladies' Auxiliary. Library board members concluded by mentioning a few more gifts that are anticipated — a local picture from the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, kitchen equipment from L'Arche Auxillary for the retarded, others from the Gideons and church groups. Micro Plastics will provide a clear protective cover for the landscaped model.

In conclusion, Fred New stated for the board "I wish to officially record our deepest appreciation of your help."

Present with Mayor Duby, chairman Lee and Mr. New were Ted Pratt and board secretary Doug Copeland.

After everyone had admired the gifts, the visitors left and the regular meeting of the board proceeded. At the end of the meeting, members voted in two huge cartons — another gift which had just arrived. The donation of a former Actonian, Charles Matthews of Toronto, comprises five fine reproductions of "Group of Seven" paintings. Similar pictures, some also the gift of Mr. Matthews, hang in the schools.

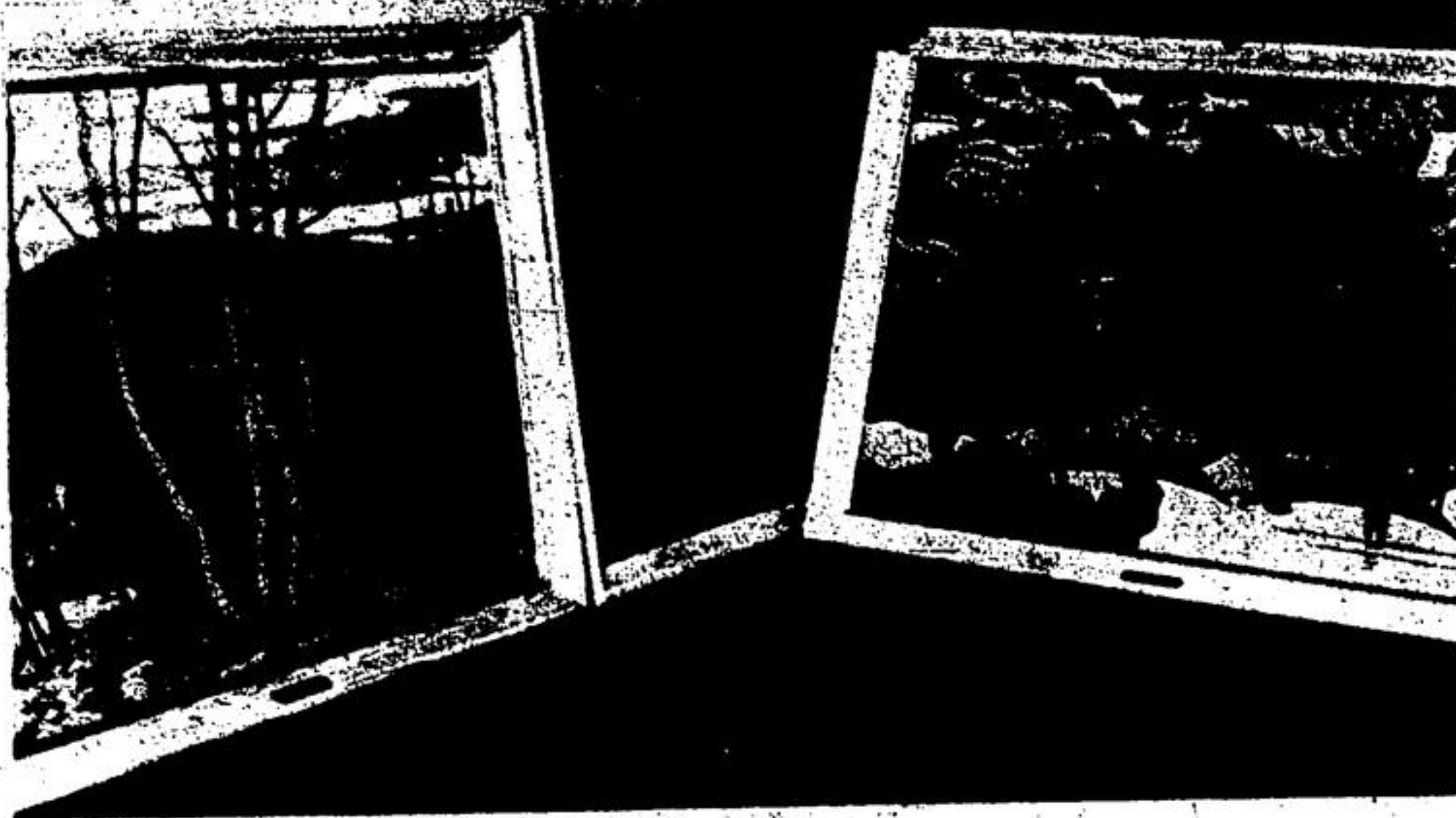
The five pictures are Popular, by A. J. Casson; Maple and Birch, by A. Y. Jackson; Isles of Spruce, by Arthur Lismer; Algoma County, by Lawren Harris; and Mist Fantasy, by J. F. H. McDonald.

The library board will consider the best place to put each

Conference school held at Waterloo

"Called By God, His Purpose For Me" was the theme for the Hamilton Conference School for United Church Women, held at St. Paul's United College, University of Waterloo, May 9-10-11.

The elected officers from Halton Presbyterial who attended were Mrs. H. R. Parker, Mrs. E. Sovereign, Mrs. W. D. Stainton, Mrs. I. B. King, Mrs. R. E. Halward, Mrs. D. MacLean, Mrs. Roy Coulter, Mrs. L. Shaw, Mrs. C. Hawke, Mrs. E. M. Flowers, Mrs. G. W. Cushnie.



Officials accept library invitation for opening June 3

Despite difficulty in estimating the possible number of guests for coffee and sandwiches, library board members are proceeding with detailed plans for the official opening of the town's centennial project on Saturday, June 3.

A representative — perhaps a deputy-minister — will come from the Ontario Department of Education. Other guests invited include regional library board executives and librarians.

Acton Ministerial Association has agreed to participate in the dedications. Rev. A. H. McKenzie will give an opening prayer. The Rev. Ritchie Murray is a member of the library board.

It's expected Dr. Harry Harby, M.P., and George Kerr, M.P.P., will be present. Donald Skinner, the architect and Dean Crowe of Kerr Construction have accepted their invitations.

Chief librarian Mrs. Isabel Watson will unveil the plaque in the lobby. Former librarians will be among the special guests.

A 20-minute concert by Acton Citizens Band, outside under the trees, will precede the official opening. Boy Scouts will be distributing printed programs.

Number of guests who will enter the building to inspect the premises, new gifts and enjoy coffee and sandwiches is hard to determine. The general public is invited and the popularity of the library always has especially included children. Plans for catering, on an initial guess of 300 people, are proceeding.

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