

# Accomplishments, pleasures recorded in Golden Age Club's annual report

The following is a concise resume of the accomplishments and pleasures of Acton Golden Age Club for the past year.

At the beginning of the year, a Centennial Committee was appointed and the Centennial theme was developed during the year. The committee chose a beautiful painting by Mrs. Gordon Johnson and donated it to Acton's Centennial Library. A Centennial Year-Book was begun by Mrs. Donald Kennedy who spent much time collecting material and preparing for it. The Centennial Fair in the Acton Fall Fair won second prize in its class.

The Chorallers were given \$25. before leaving to sing at Expo as an expression of the honor they were bringing to Acton.

James Rolston was presented with his Past President's Jewel. Mrs. Jack Creasy was appointed the representative to the Community Service Council and attended several of their meetings. The piano in the Y was tuned.

Many members acted as volunteers to telephone prospective donors for two Blood Donor Clinics.

Several quilts were quilted including one large, beautiful quilt made by Mrs. Jean Smith, and taken by her, to England as a wedding gift to her only niece.

Another quilt made by the quilt committee won first prize in its class at Acton Fall Fair. It was given for at the Fair and the sale of tickets on it added a good sum to the Centennial Fund.

Mrs. Kennedy had spent hours marking beautiful intricate patterns on these two quilts. Mrs. Nelson Lambert was a kind and willing hostess for several quilting.

Mrs. Don Reed and Mrs. R. L. Davidson were appointed official delegates to the 9th annual convention of United Senior Citizens of Ontario, Incorporated, in Hamilton Aug. 28-29, and brought back interesting reports, and a determination to attend the coming convention in Waterloo University if possible and to persuade as many other members to go as possible.

Bus trips were taken to Oakville to the Annual Zone Picnic, to Collingwood, Aug. 3rd, to London Oct. 4th and to the Zone Rally Nov. 22.

The Junior Farmers took a bus load from the Acton and Milton Clubs to see the Christmas lights in Toronto, Oakville and Milton, December 21.

An enjoyable picnic was held in Prospect Park, Sept. 7, with a well-planned program of sports, arranged by Mrs. Robert McEwen.

The Rhythm Band, under the

capable leadership of Mrs. John Cossar, bought some instruments and made good progress. They were invited to perform at the Milton Manor, at the annual Rotarians' dinner for Senior Citizens, in Georgetown, besides putting on a well-received number at the Zone Rally in Georgetown, and entertaining at some of the club meetings. Much credit is due Mrs. Cossar who spent

much time on this project and worked hard for its success.

On Oct. 3, Acton Golden Age Club hosted the Zone Executive meeting when nine of the 10 clubs of the Zone were represented.

All were sorry to see Miss M. Z. Bennett leave her home and move away.

The Club was saddened by the death of several valuable and highly-esteemed members, Mrs.

Wm. Evans, Mrs. Basil Johnson, Arthur Swackhamer, and Wilfred Coles. Their families were given tributes of plants, and messages of sympathy. A minute of silence was held for each.

Several members were bereaved by the loss of close relatives and were remembered.

Miss Annie Atkins, card convener, continued to do an excellent job of sending out get-well

cards, also Christmas cards to shut-ins.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McEwen happily celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary, and Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Brown happily celebrated their 59th Wedding Anniversary. Both couples were given plants along with the congratulations and best wishes of the members.

The various lunch and entertainment committees deserve a great deal of credit for work well done.

Mr. Ford continued to be an efficient and reliable maintenance man.

Mrs. Jack Lambert, eucure, and Ed Healey, crokinole were worthy of praise for their successful efforts in making the afternoon meetings a pleasure.

The annual Christmas turkey dinner, held in Luxton Hall and catered to by the Anglican Ladies' Guild was the highlight of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Davidson again gave wonderful leadership. Many of the other members could be especially mentioned.

Centennial year has been a very busy successful and worthwhile year. We have been made more aware of our wonderful heritage in this beautiful land of ours.

Many paid homage to their forebears by wearing centennial costumes.

May we all try to make the next hundred years as glorious and progressive as the last century. Anyone over 60 years of age is welcome to attend the meetings and join the Acton Golden Age Club. There are now 93 members, and room for more.

Elsie Reed, Secretary.



RHYTHM BAND, under the leadership of Mrs. J. Cossar, entertained at Golden Age Club meetings and had some out-of-town engagements, too, during the past most successful year. (Staff Photo)

## Golden Age Club officers named at annual meeting

Fred Kingsmill ably acted as installing officer at the annual meeting of Acton Golden Age Club in the Luxton Hall on Tuesday night. Bob Winton was chairman of the nominating committee and the slate of Officers, with few changes was duly installed: Counsellor, Mrs. George Fryer; past president, Jas. Rolston; president, R.L. Davidson; co-president Mrs. R.L. Davidson; first vice-president, Campbell Agnew; second vice-president, Robert Warno.

Secretary, Mrs. Donald Reed; assist. secretary, Mrs. Jas. Rolston; treasurer, Mrs. Jack Creasy; assist. treasurer, Mrs. Campbell Winn; pianist, Mrs. Percy Woods; card convener, Miss Annie Atkins; welcoming committee, Mrs. Wilderspin, Miss Annie Atkins; convener for eucure, Mrs. Millar, Mrs. Lambert; convener for crokinole, Ed Healey, Robert Allen; auditors, Miss Atkins, Mrs. J. Lambert. A good annual report was given by the treasurer with a bank

## Award John Root medal

John Root, M.P.P. for Wellington-Dufferin, has been awarded a centennial medal by the secretary of state, the Hon. Judy La Marsh.

Mr. Root has had the honor of being elected five times to the Ontario Legislature where he was appointed vice-chairman of the Ontario Water Resources Commission, a body which has become increasingly important over the years. He has served the commission for the past six years.

Mr. Root lives near Orton.

## C. of C. election

The Chamber of Commerce annual meeting tonight (Wednesday) follows a buffet dinner at the Station Hotel. Officers for the coming year will be elected.

## CHURCHILL

### Church service visits in news

by Mrs. R.F. McArthur

Owing to Rev. Gordon B. Turner having an accident while skiing on Saturday he was unable to take the service at Churchill Church.

Mr. Allan Lauder took the service using as his text the word "Power" leaving all who were present much to think about. There will be no confirmation class Tuesday evening. All hope his accident was not too serious and that he can soon be around again.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kroeker of St. Catharines and his parents Mr. and Mrs. Jake Kroeker of Virgil visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Swackhamer and girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Brown and family visited on Sunday with their neighbors Mr. and Mrs. W. Butler in Fergus a couple of weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Harper McNichol of Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. Kingsley McNichol of Mono Road spent the weekend with their sister Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hamilton and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hall and Kimmy of Guelph spent Saturday with her mother Mrs. Alfred Saunders.

Mrs. Alfred Saunders spent the weekend with her daughter Mr. and Mrs. Bert Rogers of Hillsburgh.

Mr. and Mrs. Carman Malby and boys of Limehouse spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Turner, Julian and David.

Mrs. Lorne Saunders attended a baby shower for her sister-in-law Mrs. Jack Cowley in Toronto on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Leitch were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Leitch and Beverly.

## OBITUARY

### Former Halton Sheriff W. J. L. Hampshire dies

A former sheriff, a man active in municipal affairs, and a dedicated church worker, William James Laird "Billy" Hampshire of Speyside, was buried in Fairview Cemetery, Acton last week. He died in Milton District Hospital on Saturday, January 13 in his 94th year.

Well known through Halton as a man interested in his community, Mr. Hampshire possessed a keen wit and an excellent memory in his later years.

He resided at the MacNab Chapel in Milton, where a memorial service was held on January 15. Burial took place later in the week. Pallbearers were all neighbors, John and Edward Brown, Jim Fisher, Ernie Wilson, Stan Wilson and Jack Wilson. Rev. S. Smith of Boston Presbyterian Church conducted the service.

Born in Fergus, he came to Halton County at the age of seven months and spent the remainder of his life here. His grandfather John McNaughton emigrated to New York State in 1803 from Scotland, and came to Canada in 1815 to settle on Esquesing's Town Line. Mr. McNaughton was Esquesing's first reeve, a member of Halton's first county council, and its second warden.

Mr. Hampshire's family had a 200-acre farm at Speyside and in his youth he helped clear the virgin pine which covered the land. The good pine was sent to England to build ships and the stumps were used for fence which still dot the area.

In the 1890's he carried mortar and stone to help build a stone house on Highway 25 just below 10th Road, which he later bought in 1918. Mr. Hampshire and his sister lived there until

eight years ago when she was killed in a car accident. Since then he resided with neighbor Stanley Brown until two years ago when he moved to the Kelly Nursing Home at Acton.

Educated at Dufferin School, Speyside, he later served 30 years as a trustee of the school, plus a period as caretaker.

He spent seven years on the Esquesing council, two of them as deputy-reeve and two as reeve giving him four years as a county councillor. A member of Boston Presbyterian Church for 80 years, he first attended services there 23 years ago. For 26 years he taught a Bible class, he was Sunday school superintendent 25 years, and a member of the board of managers for several years. He was an elder from 1930 to date.

It was in 1935 that he became Sheriff, Surrogate Court Registrar, and Local Registrar of Deeds for the County of Halton, a post he held until 1946. He never had any hangings to do, but had three jailbreaks to cope with -- one the first day he held the office of sheriff.

A life-long Liberal, he ran in the 1926 federal election but was beaten by the Conservative candidate, Dr. R. K. Anderson. Mr. Hampshire was also president of the County Sunday School Association for several years and did a lot of public speaking at churches around the county. He was once president of the Canadian Club in Milton, a men's social club.

His recipe for longevity was his cheerful disposition and "a good hard day's work." Although bothered by a knee injury, he walked a mile every day until recent years. He loved his pipe and started smoking at the age of 14.



BILLY HAMPSHIRE

### Board maintains h.s. rental fee

Following their request to high school board for a reduction in rental fee for their December 1 dance in the high school, Project Acton received a reply last week from the board.

The board advised the group they regret that they cannot at this time make any changes in the fee which was established at the November 16 meeting.

### Annual meeting

Location of the fair board annual meeting will have to be changed, with the town offices taking over the council chambers for a month or so. The date of the annual meeting is Saturday, January 27.

## O.P.P. log 974 hours patrol 6,394 miles

During the week of Jan. 13 - 20 inclusive, personnel of Milton Detachment, Ontario Provincial Police, worked a total of 974 1/4 hours and patrolled 6,394 miles on area highways. As a result of patrol 30 charges were issued, 47 traffic warnings were preferred, and 12 vehicles were safely checked. There were also 61 convictions registered in Magistrate's Court.

There were 14 property damage accidents investigated and five personal injury accidents resulting in eight persons being injured, and total property damage of \$8,080. Causes of

accidents were, driver lost control of vehicle, improper turn, improperly parked vehicle, follow too closely, and speed too fast for road or traffic conditions. There were four charges laid as a result of these accidents.

During this period there were 27 general occurrences reported, including one minor theft from a parked car, one motor vehicle stolen in Nassagaweya Twp. being investigated, one stolen motor vehicle recovered for other O.P.P. Detachment, and one premise found insecure at night. All other occurrences were of a minor nature.

## Layman A. Lauder preaches Sunday

Allan Lauder, an elder of Trinity United Church, preached Sunday at Acton and Churchill churches, taking "Power" as his subject. Mr. Lauder is leader of the boys' Tyro group.

The minister, the Rev. Gordon Turner, was at Trinity but suffering from a skiing injury. Later in the day he was taken to Guelph General Hospital and is in a cast for an injured tendon.

## ANNOUNCEMENT



DON H. McMILLAN

The Sun Life Assurance Company announces the appointment of Don H. McMillan as representative in Halton County and surrounding area. Don is a life long resident of the area and would welcome the opportunity to serve you.

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