

# Scout news Grass fires bane of brigade

## ... answer five siren calls

During the holidays Sheldon Barker took the Lions patrol on a hike along the Bruce Trail. The regular scout night was well attended. We focused our attention on community improvements.

Saturday ASM Kevin Conroy took part in a training program for leaders on the new venturer's program.

ASM Ross Budget organized a hike from Acton past the Quarries and the sawmill along the Bruce Trail to the farm of Mr. C. Gough.

Cubs and Scouts: Don't forget to hand over your order forms for Hot Cross Buns.

Acton firefighters, like singer Tom Jones, could be yearning for the green, green grass of home. Dried-out winterized grass and weeds were spontaneous fuel for three of four weekend fire calls and another pair on Monday, making the first shoots of spring more attractive than ever. Going to the blazes, one fireman explained, is not the perfect way to spend a weekend.

Fire chief Mick Holmes advised his fellow smoke eaters to

stick close to home over the weekend since he had issued about 20 bonfire permits. More prophetic words were never uttered.

First call came about noon on Saturday when property owned by W. Weldmann, on lot 22, Concession 6, in Nassagawys township was reported on fire. A pile of wood near a tool shed was burning when the brisk wind blew flames onto nearby grass and a large tool shed.

The tool shed was a total loss and firefighters let grass burn off harmlessly before extinguishing flames as they reached a wooded section.

Sunday morning between 10 and 11 a.m. there were two calls. First one was grass on the Bowen farm on the first line, Esquesing. The second was a repeat call to the Nassagawys property of the day before.

Sunday afternoon about 5 p.m.

the alarm came from the B. & M. drive-in where a tin of hot fudge exploded in the oven. Firefighters carried the flaming stove outside and used smoke ejectors to expel the acrid smoke. Business went on as usual at the busy supper hour in spite of the excitement and confusion caused by the fire. There was no serious damage.

About 3 p.m. Monday the fire alarm sounded twice within 10 minutes. One truck was dispatched to a grass fire at the Esquesing dump; the other quelled a blaze by the incinerator in the grass on the field beside the Mason Knitting Co.

The in-town blaze was quickly quenched with hoses and water while the more stubborn Esquesing fire burned clear to the railway tracks before it was extinguished.

Firefighters, by now champion sprayers, are hoping weekends from henceforth are drier and more fire-free.

# Budget...

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...Council chamber furniture in the room. Everything will be getting a "touch up" of stain before it gets all set up again. In the room. Everything will be spring housecleaned before it's back to normal there.

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# Mr., Mrs. Fred Wright observe golden wedding at open house

Many visitors, dozens of cards, bouquets of flowers and gifts in gold made Saturday a particularly happy day for Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wright. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary amidst friends and relatives at an "open house" in the afternoon and evening and received many congratulations.

The dean of Acton insurance and real estate agents, Mr. Wright was hailed as Acton's Citizen of the Year in May, 1966. Mr. Wright enlisted from Acton in World War One and was married in England before the war ended, and they came back here to spend their life.

from the Acton Scottish Country Dance Club.

Mr. Wright served 20 years as secretary of the Legion, which he helped to organize in 1932, and Dominion Command conferred on him a life membership. The branch sent a bouquet of flowers for the anniversary. President Gordon James was among the guests.

Other flowers were sent by the Ladies' Aid of Knox church; C. K. Browne sent a bouquet from Acton Camp of the Woodmen of the World.

The Norman Wrights had as an anniversary gift a floor lamp, while the grandchildren presented them with a 40-day clock.

Gold cuff links and bar and a gold pendant were the gifts of Mrs. Findlay while others happily presented gold cups and saucers and a gold dish which matched the town's special anniversary set.

Out-of-town guests included Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McDonald, Toronto (he's a former Acton rove); Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hassard, Oakville, Misses Margaret and Jessie Young, Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Turner and family, Fergus; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bowley, Fergus, and the Rev. Laurie Doby, Holy Trinity church, Welland.

many friends in their many years in Acton. Mr. Wright's various activities were detailed when he received the Chamber of Commerce award as one of the town's outstanding citizens.

Fred has been treasurer of Knox church and secretary-treasurer of the fall fair board for 10 years. He's a charter member of Acton Rotary Club, and was a guest of their 20th anniversary meeting Tuesday. He still holds his membership in the Chamber of Commerce.

In the Second World War he was active in Victory Loan campaigns and was top salesman in north Halton. He handled the farm labor force, was later Fed. of Agriculture and Dublin school sound secretary. He helped organize, finance and guide the Junior Pipe Band, and was long associated with Guelph Pipe Band followed by his son and grandson.

In World War One he was in the trenches early, and was mentioned in dispatches in 1915. The citation was signed by Winston Churchill. He was wounded and gassed in 1917, and his wartime romance resulted in marriage on April 1, 1918. "I wasn't fooled," laughs Mr. Wright in his familiar, quick-witted way.

# 20th anniversary dinner at Rotary

A special speaker and a 20th anniversary guest were welcomed at the Rotary club meeting Tuesday.

Reminiscing about the early days of the service club was Fred Wright, a charter member who returned for the evening. He had with him some of the earliest records.

Prof. William Carroll B.A., M.A., a professor of economics at the University of Guelph, put South America in perspective for Canadians in an address related to the recent World Under-stand Week. Aspects of the South American economy were told in an unusual and interesting way.

President Ralph Davies introduced the two guests and Ted Pratt thanked the speaker, Prof. Carroll.

Ted Pratt reported \$703.30 received in Easter Seal receipts, a little behind last year.

There were two visitors present with 20 Rotarians.

The piloted woodpecker can hear woodborer larvae inside a tree. It cuts directly into the insect colony and cleans it out. Usually the tree does not die as result of the large oblong holes, which may become nest sites for other animals, the Federation of Ontario Naturalists points out.

Just one person who was present at the wedding on April 1, 1918, was with them for the celebration. This was Mrs. Ruth Findley, Mrs. Wright's sister, who also lives here. In the afternoon she poured tea with her daughter Mrs. Kay Timbers, of Waterdown. In the evening, close family friends Mrs. Jean Graham and her sister Miss Annie Stalker, Georgetown, poured tea.

The Wrights' son Norman and his wife from Guelph arranged the reception, and their two daughters assisted with the serving. Caroline is a nurse-in-training in her final year at Hamilton, and Valerio is a secretary at the University of Guelph. Son David, a Guelph high school student, looked after the guest book.

Mayor Les Doby and clerk administrator Jack McGoachie came to the reception wearing two hats - one for their official capacity with the town and the other as personal friends of the Wrights. They presented them, on behalf of the citizens of Acton, with the traditional gold tea service.

Mrs. McGoachie also had a presentation - a pair of dishes, decorated with Scotch thistles.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Donaldson, Wingham, came with the oldest visitor of the day, Mrs. E. Donaldson, 92, and they were taking her back to Wingham with them.

The couple's minister, the Rev. A. H. McKenzie, ordered his name in their guest book first. He called before leaving Friday for a golfing holiday at Myrtle Beach.

Old Legion comrades Mr. Wright was especially glad to see were Mr. McDonald, from Toronto and Dr. Allan Buchanan, His old officer and friend, Col. Gordon Brown, Georgetown, was unable to come but sent a card.

Knox Ladies' Aid catered for the reception.

Monday afternoon, April 1 - the actual date of the marriage - Mrs. Wright was the guest of honor when Mrs. Clare Pickcott and Mrs. Frank van Wyck arranged an afternoon tea at the Pickcott home. Neighbors, friends and relatives presented Mrs. Wright with two gold cups and saucers and a gold centrepiece. Mr. and Mrs. Wright have won the affection and admiration of

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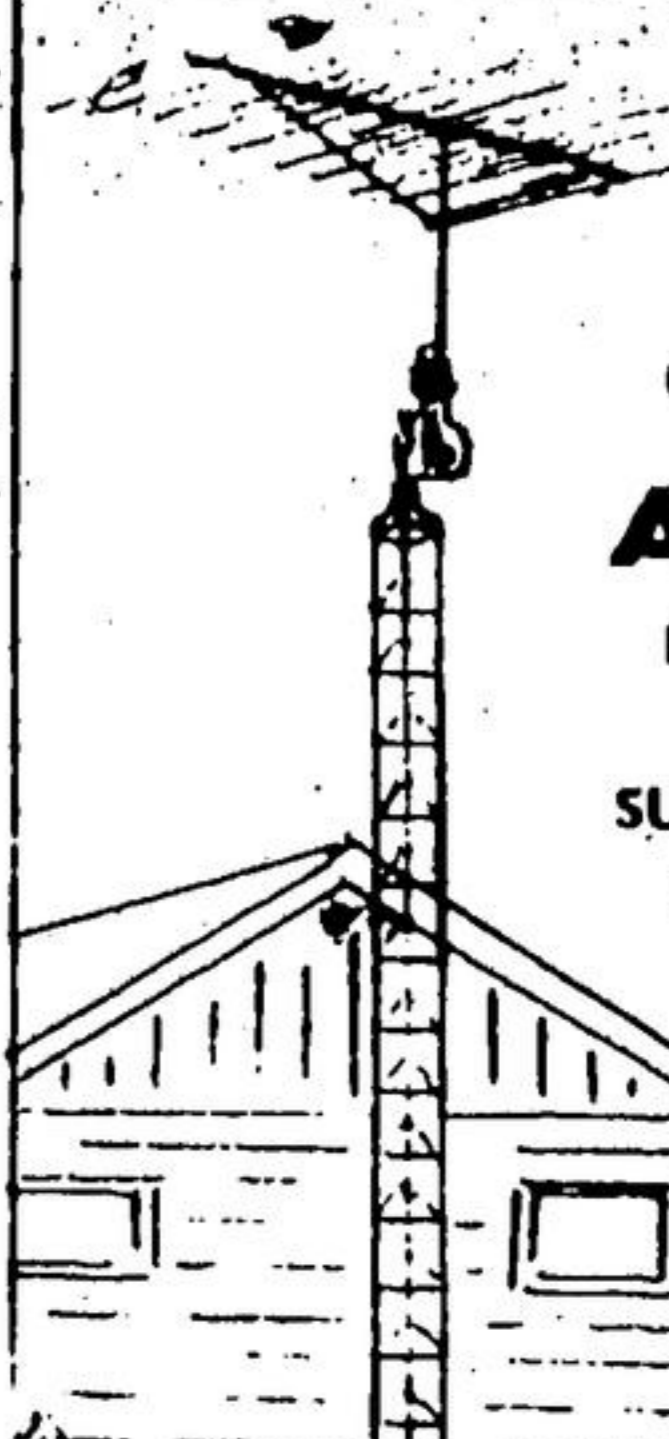
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# Jon Hurst starts new business



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Another new business has started in Acton and district. Jon Hurst announced the opening of Jon Hurst Electric this week. He will specialize in industrial, commercial and residential power and lighting installations.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hurst, Jon is married to the former Maxine Gough and has two children. They live on Yonge St. He attended public and high school in Acton where he was active in sports. He is interested in hockey, baseball and bowling.

Jon apprenticed with the well known Guelph firm of Harlock and Shultz under the four year apprenticeship plan. He has worked there doing all types of electrical work for the last six years.

Jon is branching out with his own business in every type of electrical work. The business will operate from R. R. 4, Acton.

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