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## Halton Presbyterial

### W.M.S. Annual Meeting

Held in Georgetown last week Largely Attended—Year's Work Very Encouraging—Resolutions Deploing the Treatment of Jews and Opposing an Open Sunday Passed—Officers Elected.

The tenth annual meeting of Halton Presbyterial of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church of Canada, was held on Thursday, March 9th, in Georgetown, United Church, with the president, Mrs. Earl Wilson, presiding.

At the morning session, the worship service was conducted by Mrs. Wilson, assisted by Miss Evelyn Mitchell, travelling secretary of the Dominion Board of the W.M.S., who introduced the theme hymn, "Spirit of the Living God." The visitors were welcomed by Mrs. F. C. Overend, and the reply was given by Mrs. Butt, of Lowellville auxiliary.

"The Story of the Year" was presented by Mrs. J. F. Kirkwood, which was followed by a Foster Parade in which ten departmental secretaries took part. The outstanding feature of the parade was the original poster displayed by the secretary of Temperance and Christian Citizenship, who brought her two small grandchildren, Betty Anne and George, to the parade, as representatives of the coming citizenship, whose souls we must endeavor to keep pure and whose lives we must try to keep from being blighted.

Mrs. Caldwell said she had been shocked that a call had gone out to our W.M.S. women last December to refrain from the use of wine in their preparations for Christmas entertainments and urged the women to "get down to business this year." Literature was the subject of a five-minute talk by Mrs. W. A. Shone.

The treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Chapman, reported \$5,620 as the amount raised by the Presbyterial in 1938, an increase of \$172.23. Mrs. A. G. Boswell presented the allocation for 1939, and Miss G. Wilford dedicated the year's work and gifts. Forty three bales of new clothing had been sent to File Hills, Alta., twice the amount sent away ten years ago.

Mrs. O. A. Sherrin conducted the worship service at the afternoon session, assisted by Mrs. T. Allen, who gave impressions received from a report of the Madras Conference in Toronto, at which four members of the Presbyterial were the speakers.

Mrs. George Aitken, of Guelph, a former president of Halton Presbyterial, brought greetings from Mrs. J. Laughland, president of Hamilton Conference Branch.

Mrs. Mitchell in her address on "Christians in Action" spoke of outlying posts in Ontario through to the Pacific Coast, where worthwhile work is being done. Dr. Darby's work in B.C. and the Hearst Hospital in Ontario were mentioned, also an isolated section in Peace River district where an invalid was carrying on from a wheeled chair and in Saskatchewan where a Sunday school superintendent of poor means, a man of 75 years, walks several miles each Sunday to his school.

An impressive "In Memoriam" service for fourteen deceased members was conducted by Mrs. F. Matheson, assisted by Mrs. J. T. Heslop, with memorial solo sung by Mrs. A. E. Pickard.

A chorus by the Georgetown Mission Band was followed by the presentation of honor awards to Ash Grove, Ballinacred, Burlington, East Flamborough, Georgetown, Millgrove and Waterdown Bands by the Presbyterial Mission Band secretary, Mrs. A. Speight. A solo was rendered by Miss Betty Speight.

Resolutions deploring the treatment of the Jews and protesting against any possibility of an open Sunday in Ontario were passed. An invitation for the meeting to be held in Waterdown in 1940 was accepted.

At the evening session, Mrs. H. Caldwell, a personal friend of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Moffat, of Weston, Ont., introduced them to the audience.

Mrs. Moffat spoke briefly, after which Mr. Moffat held the attention of all present with two hours of colored moving

## Council Did a Good Job

Last week we had reason to comment on the condition of the streets about town. While the comment then was not of a favourable nature, we have now reason to congratulate the Town Council on their efforts to put the streets in a passable condition. Last week the Halton County Grader was engaged and employed in laying business places in the streets on our streets. Especially was a good job made on Queen and John streets. These streets were in a deplorable condition, but now traffic is allowed to proceed unperturbed. During the winter many merchants had voiced their opinion that the snow should be removed from the Main street. It was done in other towns and they thought it only right that it should be removed from our Main street, but Council made no move to do so. They had some trouble up in Stayner where snow piled so high it was impossible to park cars on the street near the stores. For some time the council in that town would do nothing, but the continued protests of the merchants, and the suggestion that if the town provide a truck the merchants would shove the snow off the street, was in front of their respective business places, brought some action. Thus the snow was moved at a minimum cost. While we don't think it necessary in Georgetown to use this way of moving the snow, nevertheless, it causes some inconvenience. We hope, at this late date, it will not be necessary to move any more snow this year, but the suggestion might well be worth keeping in mind for another winter. We also drew attention to the icy sidewalks on some parts of the town and suggested sand be applied. However, this suggestion may have been a little delayed, for on Thursday evening last a Georgetown lady fell on Main street and fractured her wrist. We understand a claim has been laid against the town for damages. While insurance is carried, it entails a good deal of inconvenience to all concerned.

## Elections Likely Next Fall

Indications of a general election some time before the end of the present year are growing stronger every day in face of persistent reports to the contrary from Liberal quarters. It was learned this week that all returning officers had received orders to have their revised voters' lists completed by the beginning of June. The Act leaves to the discretion of the chief electoral officer in Ottawa when these lists shall be prepared, but it is understood that he is acting on an indication if "not actual instructions from government regarding the time of date of the election still depends on the progress of the House during the next two months. The government, it is believed, would like to have prorogued Parliament before the King's visit in May and to have gone to the country during the summer before the patriotic enthusiasm of the Royal tour period had had a chance to abate.

The idea of a May prorogation, however, has now been discarded, it is understood. In the first place with the slow progress that has been made so far, it would be impossible to finish the necessary business before this date unless the government resorted to railroading methods.

In the second place the Conservative Party from the first has apparently been anxious to prevent an election being called during the King's visit. They would much prefer a summer session of Parliament in which they could get the electorate back to a critical attitude toward the Liberal administration.

## READ!

The advertisements in the Herald. They are your shopping guide. You will find Georgetown Merchants offer you choice goods at as low or lower prices than you can get them for elsewhere.

Read the advertisements every week in the Herald and patronize the Merchants in your home town.

## Garage Operators

### Held Meeting

The March meeting of the Halton Branch of The Ontario Garage Operators Association was held in the Farmers' Hall in Milton, Monday evening, March 13th. Mr. I. McKindley, the Branch President, presiding.

## Esteemed Residents Celebrated Their 88th Birthdays

MRS. ROBERT PRICE AND MRS. DAVID SWACKHAMER

Mrs. Robert Price, lifelong resident of Esqueping township, Halton county, celebrated her 88th birthday at her home in Acton on Saturday last, Mar. 11th. Last December Mr. and Mrs. Price observed their 54th wedding anniversary.

Born at Palermo in 1851, Mrs. Price moved to the sixth line of Esqueping township as a child. She still vividly recalls the fear that ran through the district over the possibility of the Fenians advancing and attacking homes in north Halton.

There is more lawlessness today than when she was young, Mrs. Price believes. More people used to go to church before they had automobiles and other conveniences that should now help them to go there, she says.

Mrs. Price has two children, Mrs. Angus McEwen, and a son, Harding Price, on the seventh line of Esqueping. Her maiden name was Mary Ann Harding.

Mrs. David Swackhamer celebrated her 87th birthday at her home in Lincolnton on Sunday, 8th.

She has spent most of her life in the Georgetown area although she was born in Buffalo, N.Y.

Mrs. Swackhamer, whose maiden name was Mary Dukes, can recall many interesting memories of pioneer life in Canada. Her childhood days were spent on a farm on the town line between Halton and Wellington counties where she attended the old Woodside school. She tells how she made thousands of candles when she was a girl. Button lamps were common then, she says. They were made by twisting a wick around a button and putting it in the centre of a saucer of oil.

Mrs. Swackhamer has six daughters and two sons. Mr. Swackhamer, who died in 1928, helped put the railroad through Georgetown, although he was a thresher. His father was one of the pioneers of Halton county and cleared his farm from virgin forest.

## VERDUN REBEKAH LODGE

### BIRTHDAY PARTY

The members of Verdun Rebekah Lodge celebrated its 21st birthday by holding a party in the Arena, Georgetown, on Friday evening, March 10th. There were 25 tables of euchre and a birthday table in the centre of the room decorated with the three-story birthday cake with pink and white candles, with silver tea services. The delicious birthday cake was made and cut by the Noble Grand, Mrs. Stafford Groat.

Prize winners in the euchre were: Ladies, 1st, Mrs. Doyle; 2nd, Mrs. Ross Thompson and Mrs. Joe Blain; Gentlemen, 1st, Mr. E. Brownlee; 2nd, Mr. E. Wheeler. Lucky number draw, 1st, 32-peece tea set of dishes, Miss Gladys McOshoo; 2nd, white linen table cloth, Mrs. W. G. McDowell. Door prize, fern, won by Mrs. Wm. Near, a former member of Verdun Rebekah Lodge and now of Guelph.

There were about 35 visitors from Guelph present.

A very dainty lunch was served and the delicious birthday cake. It was a most enjoyable event for the large gathering present.

## HALTON JERSEYS MAKES

### OUTSTANDING RECORD

In a recent issue of the Jersey Bulletin prominence is given to an outstanding record made by Cluny Castle Miss Standard, developed and owned by F. W. Ruddell & Sons, of Georgetown. This six-year-old cow has recently completed two records which were highest in the Dominion for the past four months and incidentally won for her a gold medal and a medal of merit in both the 306 and 365 day divisions. Her production in the 365 day division was 16783 lbs. milk and 902 lbs. fat, and 15133 lbs. milk and 805 lbs. fat in the 305 day division with an average test of slightly over 5.3% butter fat. During 1938 only one other Jersey cow in the Dominion besides Cluny Castle Miss Standard qualified for both a gold medal and a medal of merit in both divisions. This is a high honour indeed and Ward Ruddell & Sons are to be congratulated on this wonderful achievement by Miss Standard which brings recognition and honour not only to the Ruddell herd but also to Halton Jerseys in general.

## ERIN

Mrs. E. M. Breckon, of Sackville, N.B., and Mrs. Gimblett, of Minneapolis, Minn., left this week for their respective homes, after spending several weeks here, following the death of Mrs. J. Geo. Overland.

R. C. Tinney who recently purchased W. Homer's butcher business took possession on Monday and is conducting the business. Mr. and Mrs. Tinney moved into the Overland residence, on Centre street, over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. George Griffin quietly celebrated the fifty-sixth anniversary of their wedding on Tuesday, March 7th. Both Mr. and Mrs. Griffin enjoy good health and are about daily. During the day many friends called to offer congratulations.

Friends here were bereaved in the sudden death of Hon. Robert Weir, who was minister of agriculture in the Bennett Government. He was severely injured in an accident on Tuesday and died shortly afterwards. Dr. Campbell and Mrs. Campbell, Erin, are brother-in-law and sister-in-law of the deceased.—Advocate.

## March Meeting

### Esqueping Council

Township Relief will be Discontinued After April 15th—Dog By-Law Amended—Accounts Passed.

## Acton Juniors win W. I. Dick Drama Shield

In competition with Norval and Palermo Clubs, Acton Juniors presented "Laka Dora" were declared winners in the Halton Juniors Drama Festival. The actor group met Norval in the Norval Parish Hall on Tuesday of last week and on Thursday evening last met in the finals with the Palermo group at the Milton High School. The members of the winning cast were presented with the W. I. Dick Drama Shield by the donor, Harding Price, on the seventh line of Esqueping. Her maiden name was Mary Ann Harding. Mrs. David Swackhamer celebrated her 87th birthday at her home in Lincolnton on Sunday, 8th. She has spent most of her life in the Georgetown area although she was born in Buffalo, N.Y.

## LORNE SCOTS REGIMENT

### EXPECT INVITATION TO CELEBRATION FOR KING

Over 350 men of all ranks of the Lorne Scots Regiment of Halton, Peel and Dufferin counties have started spring training and will continue until June 28th. The object of the extensive program is to prepare troops for the visit of the King and Queen and for the annual camp at Niagara July 9 to 12. Brampton and Port Credit are the militia headquarters of "A" Company. Members of "B" Company train at Oakville and Burlington. Manoeuvres of "C" company take place at Acton, Georgetown and Milton, while members of "D" Company train at Orangeville and Shelburne. The pipe band and signal corps of the headquarters company are training at Brampton. Anti-aircraft and anti-tank corps of the regiment alternate between Brampton and Bolton. Major R. W. Lent stated the regiment anticipates being asked to take part in celebrations attending the royal visit at Toronto, Guelph, or some other centre.

Lieut.-Col. C. M. Fitzgerald of Orangeville giving up the regiment command on May 1 after serving three and a half years. Lieut.-Col. Keene of Oakville will be his successor, it has been announced.

## ACTON

Mr. E. S. Force had the misfortune to fracture a bone in his left foot, while playing badminton at the Y on Saturday evening. He is able to be about, but the foot is in a cast for a few weeks.

Miss Martha Orr, of the staff of the Acton Public School, underwent an operation for appendicitis at Guelph Hospital on Monday.

After several months of intense illness, John Gibbons, a veteran of the Great War and an esteemed resident of Acton, passed away on Wednesday last week, in Christie Street Hospital, Toronto. He was in his fifty-third year. John Gibbons was a native of London, England, coming to Canada as a young man. For twenty-nine years he was a valued employee of the Beardmore Co. first at Bracebridge, and coming to Acton seventeen years ago to serve this firm in the plant here. During the great War he answered the call of his country and served overseas with the 122nd Battalion. Besides his widow, who before marriage was Elizabeth Lavery, he leaves two sons, John and Walter, both at home.—Free Press.

Falling in line with the trend of the times, district hens will soon be increasing their output of shells.—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

## Persistence is Important

John Wannamaker, founder of the John Wannamaker store, Philadelphia, was the first advertising genius in the retail advertising field. In addition to the novelty of his advertising, he kept persistently at it. He once said:—

"Continuous advertising, like continuous work, is most effective. If there is any enterprise in the world that pays the merchant, it is advertising. Advertising does not jerk; it pulls. It begins very gently at first, but the pull is steady. It increases day by day, year after year, until it exerts an irresistible power. To discontinue your advertisement is the same as taking down your sign. If you want to do business you must let the public know it. I would as soon think of doing business without clerks as without advertising."

## Once Again

ONCE again we find it necessary to remind all our subscribers and others owing accounts to the Herald, that March is the end of our business year, and we would appreciate a settlement as soon as possible. Running a newspaper these days requires a large sum of money to meet our obligations, and we ask all in arrears to kindly let us have our due, that we in turn may pay up too. Our mailing lists have been corrected to Mar. 14th, and a glance at your label will tell you how you stand with your subscription to the Herald. Thank you.