

34 from Acton attend Senior Citizens' rally

By Mrs. Elsie Reed
Twenty-seven members of Acton Golden Age Club of Senior Citizens went by Tyler's Bus, and seven more by cars, to make a total of 34 members to attend zone 13 annual rally held Tuesday, Nov. 17 in Georgetown. The rally was held in the auditorium of Holy Rosary Catholic Church as few buildings are available with sufficient seating capacity in this area.

32 Senior Citizens answered the roll call and the collection amounted to \$30.15; this money to be used to pay for the use of the auditorium, prizes for the annual zone picnic and small expenses such as the zone secretary's expenses, which are kept surprisingly low.

Help set up
Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Davidson, Mr. Fred Kingsmill, Robt. Warne and Earle Marshall had gone down to Georgetown early to help other men set out tables and chairs and to arrange them conveniently and comfortably in

long rows leading from the stage. Mrs. Ponds, president of Georgetown Senior Citizens and William Fellows, Zone president greeted the members at the door from 11 a.m. on and table room was assigned to each of the 11 clubs, all represented. They were welcomed to the church by Rev. Mr. Scrivens.

Noon lunch
With Mr. Walker at the piano a short sing-song and O. Canada filled in the short time till noon, when Grace was said by Mr. Johnston, United Church minister. Following lunch, Mr. Fellows gave a report of zone 13 and called on Tom Bradley, who with Mrs. McCracken and Alf. Allen comprised the nominating committee. Their report was given. Moved by R. L. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Zimmerman that nominations be closed. Carried.

71 Officers
The list of officers for 1971 is Past presidents Bob Laking, Tom Bradley, Milton; president-

Wm. Fellows, Aldershot; 1st vice-president - Arnold Covert, Burlington; 2nd vice-president - Mrs. Gould, Brampton; Secretary - Mrs. K. Richardson, Burlington; Assistant secretary - Mr. Edgeworth, Aldershot; Treasurer - Mrs. Agnes Forrester, Oakville; Assis. Card Convener - Mrs. May, Streetsville, Publicity convener - Mrs. Donald Reed, Acton.

The Officers were called to the stage, introduced and then welcomed by the members.

Guest speaker
Jack Lerrette president of United Senior Citizens of Ontario guest speaker was introduced by Mr. Covert.

Mr. Lerrette had attended the National Convention in Moncton, N. B. following the U.S.C.O. Convention in August in Kingston. He gave some of the high-lights of these conventions and stressed three of the 17 resolutions dealt with which had been submitted by Acton and other clubs across Ontario.

17 Resolutions
That Old Age Pensions be increased in accordance with the rapid rise in the cost of living.
That the federal and provincial governments pay full cost of education to relieve home owners of the Education Tax which is now a heavy burden on Senior Citizens.
Increase the exemption on guitar and violin. Mr. R. L. Davidson supplied the bass with

his drum. Bill sang some old-time favorites. Anna Smith, Mrs. A. Shultis, Mrs. Joe Fuller and Mrs. McNabb supplied a sumptuous lunch which all enjoyed.

Mr. Joe Fuller's birthday came on Sunday, November 15 and he was greeted with the Happy Birthday song.

After such a worthwhile day all were ready to bid a cheery good-night and hurry home to rest.

Ontario owed much to its Senior Citizens whose stern virtues, high principles, religious faith and real integrity had done so much to lay a good strong foundation in this country.

Mrs. Gould thanked Mr. Emmerson for his kind remarks.

Varied program
A varied program filled in the afternoon. Each Club was expected to give a number with a time limit of 15 minutes, introduced by the club's president. For Acton Mrs. Milne gave an appropriate recitation in her wonderful inimitable manner "What Canada Means to Me" followed by Our Neighbor's Party as encore.

Joe Fuller with violin, Bob Winton at the piano and R. L. Davidson with bass drum played

several favorite old time lively tunes - the bass washtub drum was a novelty to many including Mr. Lerrette who was quite interested in this unusual instrument.

Brampton choir
Brampton's choir of 21 voices was a very pleasing contribution, also Milton's orchestra of violins, guitars and drums, both with well-loved songs and melodies. Burlington's and Streetsville's humorous skits, Oakville's musical medley, and Waterdown's Reading by Mrs. Campbell interspersed to produce a much enjoyed variety.


Mr. Covert moved a hearty vote of thanks to all.

The rally closed with all rising to sing Bless be the Tie that Binds and the Queen.

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Teacher defends Trailer

An Oakville high school teacher came to the defence of Trailer House this week. Don McLean, a White Oaks Secondary School math teacher, told the Halton Social and Family Services committee's Friday meeting he disagreed vehemently with the manner in which the committee handled a grant request by Trailer at the October meeting. He said his information was based on an article in an Oakville publication.

A representative of Trailer, an organization which serves partly as a youth hostel and partly as a centre devoted to fighting drug abuse, had appeared at the October meeting requesting financial support. It was turned down.

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Warden Day said the committee didn't deal with the matter lightly. He told McLean about personal visits to Trailer and reviewed the discussion with Don Morgan, Director of Trailer.

Still on drugs
Nassagaweya Reeve Anne MacArthur told McLean if the staff had been on drugs, quit and then offered to help those still on drugs she could have been more sympathetic. But she noted some of the staff members still used drugs and couldn't in her opinion be of much help in combatting further abuse.

Committee members thanked McLaren for his interest and suggested he should be on the Board of Directors of Trailer. "They need someone like you," Warden Day suggested.

When McLean left he had a more complete understanding of the problem and supported the committee's action. The committee said help would be given on an individual basis to persons in need, but no automatic grant

Plan Christmas party for Golden Age club

By Mrs. Elsie Reed
Although most of those attending the regular evening meeting of the Golden Age Club had had a long, full day attending the annual Zone Rally at Georgetown, a good attendance was noted. The meeting opened with singing O Canada and the theme song.

Good reports from the secretary and from the treasurer were read and adopted.

Christmas party
The president, Mrs. Fryer, explained more of the Christmas party, the Rotary Club and the Legion are giving.

Transportation is being provided to and from the Legion Hall. Each member is asked to bring a small wrapped gift to cost no more than 50c. The ladies' gifts are to be tied with pink ribbon, and men's gifts to be tied with blue ribbon as a distinguishing mark.

Mrs. Millar, card convener, spoke of the need for more card tables and Mrs. Shultis volunteered to make enquiries regarding cost, etc.

Music
Mrs. McNabb was persuaded to come to the piano to play for a sing-song. Bill Miller and Mr. Allen played many duets with

his drum. Bill sang some old-time favorites. Anna Smith, Mrs. A. Shultis, Mrs. Joe Fuller and Mrs. McNabb supplied a sumptuous lunch which all enjoyed.

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NDP leader to visit Erin

The newly elected leader of the New Democratic Party of Ontario will visit the village of Erin on Thursday, November 26. Stephen Lewis MPP will be the guest speaker at a public meeting in the Masonic building basement, 190 Main St. Erin, at 8 p.m.

Most of the meeting will consist of a question and answer period in which the members of the audience will be invited to air their views on everything from county school boards to garbage disposal.

HALTON County Council HIGHLIGHTS

At the November meeting of Halton County Council held in Milton on Nov. 17, council:

- Agreed to consider provision in the 1971 budget for six additional public health nurses to cover an anticipated increase in demand in Burlington.
- Agreed Dr. S. Green, Dental Director for Halton will receive only his regular increment. Dr. Green had asked for special consideration. He works part time for three counties.
- Approved leasing of a 3M-209 duplicating machine for the Health Unit. Until now Health

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