

# Energetic, friendly town group Golden Age Club reports on year

By Mrs. Elsie Reed  
I respectfully submit the annual report of Acton Golden Age Club.

The new slate of officers took over on Feb. 2nd, 1971 with Mr. Warne as president, for a busy, successful and worthwhile year. Members attended Holy Week Services in Trinity United Church, and also The World's Day of Prayer in the Pentecostal Church. Our usual contribution of \$5.00 was made to the United Senior Citizens of Ontario. Immediate Past President, Mrs. George Fryer was given the Past President's Pin.

**Zone events**  
A representation went to the Annual Spring Zone Executive meeting held in Milton, March 28 to help plan for the Annual Zone Picnic and to the Fall Executive Meeting held in Burlington Oct. 19 to help plan for the Zone Rally. A bus load of members attended the picnic held in Coronation Park, Oakville, on June 22 and a bus load attended the Rally in Burlington, Nov. 8 in their beautiful Centre.

**Bus trips**  
Other bus trips taken were enjoyed. The Lion's Club generously provided transportation to the Halton Manor for their Garden Party there on June 26, to wind up Senior Citizens Week's activities. A sight-seeing trip was taken to Ontario Place on August 10 and a color tour to Owen Sound via Listowel, Wingham, and Teeswater, returning through Mount Forest to Listowel where a delightful hot Turkey Dinner was thoroughly enjoyed.

A car load of delegates and visitors attended one day of the 13 annual convention of the United Senior Citizens of Ontario, held this year in York University, Toronto on August 24. A beautiful quilt made by the ladies realized a nice sum from the sale of tickets. A beautiful float, ardously decorated for the fall

fair, failed to win a prize for the first time.

**Donations received**  
Donations received were: \$10 from a member who wished to remain unknown; \$25 from the sisters of Mr. Norman Somerville, donated in his memory; \$150 from the town of Acton; \$200 from the Parks and Recreation Committee as the Club's share of money budgeted for the Recreation Program; \$4.50 from Mrs. Pearl Kennedy, an accumulation of prizes received for games won in euchre, crokinole etc. Mrs. Kennedy was a crokinole champion, and also is a good hand at euchre.

There was much sickness and some accidents among the members, including the bad accident when Mr. and Mrs. Warne's car was wrecked and Mrs. Warne received severe injuries. Mr. Milne had a very bad fall in the mill at Rockwood and received severe injuries.

**Lose members**  
A tribute of silence was observed, and each family of the deceased received a potted plant of golden mums when Miss Jessie McGregor, Mr. C. K. Browne, and Mrs. Wm. Nesbitt passed on to their reward. Mr. Browne was 101 years old and the ladies close to 90 years old.

Fred Turner a former member also passed on at the good age at the Manor. As "grey does not look so grey beside a patch of gold" there were two golden wedding anniversaries happily celebrated, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Warne and Mrs. George Fryer, received the club's heartiest congratulations and sincere best wishes along with a golden mum plant. There have been no weddings in the Club so far!

**Community Tasks**  
Besides working hard for the club and their various church organizations many members take part in other community



APPLAUDING THE program at the Golden Age club dinner last Wednesday are Mrs. Fred Cleave, Mrs. Arthur Spears and Mrs. Bert Jordan.—(Staff Photo)

activities, such as the Women's Institute, The Fair Board, the Cancer Society, the Local Swap-shop, etc.

The Golden Age Club of Senior Citizens is growing to be recognized as an energetic and exciting group for friendly companionship and entertainment to get older folk out from endless hours sitting watching TV alone, for a few 'tasting hours of carefree fun to

dispel boredom and loneliness, while meeting old friends and making new ones!

We soon begin a new year and all folk over sixty are welcome to our meetings. Come out and join in.

Mrs. Elsie Reed

**\$22,000 available**

Halton County Board of Education will study possible projects that can be carried out under the Provincial-Municipal Incentive Program, superintendent of business and finance Bruce Lindley said on Thursday.

Mr. Lindley indicated Halton's allotment of the \$4,270,100 would be about \$22,000. Mr. Lindley said the board was looking for more guidance from the department of Education concerning what projects are eligible before going ahead.

Based on Welfare Allocations to the counties and districts were made by the Department of Municipal Affairs and are based on the welfare caseload within them.

School boards must submit their projects to the Municipal Affairs Department for approval and they are subject to the same conditions that apply to municipal projects.

## Free Press Personals

Dances, concerts and parties are highlights of the Christmas season. Please phone and let the Free Press know of these happy events which all add to the bustle of holiday time.

Members of Walker Lodge arranged a ladies' night at the Mohawk Raceway last Tuesday. The group enjoyed the buffet supper and races.

Friends send wishes for a prompt recovery to Mr. David Swetman, taken unexpectedly to Guelph General for an operation last week.

Mrs. Nelson McMaster, Toronto; Mrs. R.C. Cunningham, Milton; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rose, Weston, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dolson Georgetown; Mrs. Ken

Harmer, Caledon; and Mrs. Doreen Nicklin, Guelph visited recently with Mrs. J.M. Steele.

Helping his father working on the new fire hall in Guelph, John van der Kooy fell 20 feet from a ladder Saturday. The young man has one leg and one arm in casts, with another bandaged foot, as a result of painful injuries. John is a grade 13 student at Georgetown high school. Best wishes for quick mending are extended to this ambitious young man, who has his sights set on university.

## Ceramics party at L'Arche meeting

The L'Arche auxiliary for the mentally retarded held their meeting of Nov. 24 at the Acton Public Library with five members present. It opened with a prayer for the retarded read by Mrs. R. Lausten. The minutes were read by Mrs. P. Garton.

The gifts for the children at Orillia have been purchased. The auxiliary has also sent a donation of money to the Sunshine School, A.R.C. Industries and the Tinker Bell Nursery to assist with their Christmas parties.

The next meeting will be held Jan. 26 at the library.

Following the meeting a ceramics party was held with articles on display for Christmas gifts. It was well attended and ceramics made by the retarded adults at A.R.C. were given as door and game prizes. Mrs. W. Isham was very willing to give details about the production of these articles and orders were taken for those which were a sell out at the party. They appreciate the chance to show the work done by the retarded and to let people know how productive these people can be when given a chance.

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ACTON LEGION Choralists sang old time selections at the Rotary-Legion Golden Age Christmas Party last week.—(Staff Photo)

## Suggest hike in pay

Esquering councillors will likely receive \$25 for each fire area committee meeting they attend in future, as a result of a discussion at Monday night's regular meeting.

Up until now councillors serving on the Georgetown fire area committee have received a flat rate of \$50 per year and those serving on the Acton fire area committee \$30 per year. Milton fire area committee members have been paid \$25 per meeting.

Ridiculous Councillors agreed it is ridiculous to have members of the Georgetown committee receiving only \$50 yearly, even though they might attend more meetings than Milton committee members.

"It does seem unfair," Deputy-Reeve Russell Miller commented. "Georgetown has the biggest area and the most equipment to look after."

Councillor Dick Howitt, a member of the Milton fire area committee, concurred.

"I go to four or six meetings a year, none of which is probably as difficult as Georgetown, for \$25," he said. "The Georgetown committee is usually the busiest and the toughest. A flat rate of \$50 is ridiculous."

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