

Mrs. C.W. Mason marks 90th birthday Friday



MRS. C. W. MASON cuts her 90th birthday cake at a party held in her honor. She's well-known in Acton and district. — (Staff Photo)

Mrs. C. W. Mason, Elgin St., Acton, was honored at a family dinner Friday evening on the occasion of her ninetieth birthday. The affair was held at the home of her son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Howard J. Switzer, Hillsburg.

Mrs. Mason was born in Walkerton, Ontario in 1882, and has resided in Acton most of the years since 1918. A member of the Trinity United Church and its U.C.W. society, she attends regularly. She enjoys the activities of the Golden Age Club attending most meetings and trips.

She was happy to have her four children present, Marjorie (Mrs. Robert Gowen) Dalton, Fern; Isabel (Mrs. Louis McGill) and husband, Owen Sound, Ontario, son Howard and his wife Donald, Hillsburg; son George and his wife Gladys, Toronto.

Grandchildren, too

She has 11 grandchildren, nine of whom were present, Craig and Keith Switzer, Hillsburg, Robert, Elaine and Kay Switzer, Toronto; Jim McGill and wife Sonja, Toronto; Cathy McGill, Guelph; Dr. and Mrs. Norman Wilson, Port Elgin; Keith Ramsden and wife, JoAnne and the great grandsons Bruce and Todd, Clars Summit, Penn. Congratulatory telegrams were received from granddaughters, Dawn Hughes, Upper Montclair, New Jersey; and Lois Smith, Teheran, Iran.

There are ten great grandchildren. Also present were Mrs. Mason's only brother, Rev. J. L. Guinn, Beamsville, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Guinn, St. Catharines, Miss June Thompson, Rockwood, Mr. Lyle Gauley, Guelph; and Mr. John Kerr, Toronto.

Free Press Family page

Tied at home?

Opportunity to help out

Red Cross officers from Georgetown report sadly to the Free Press that they still have been unable to locate a volunteer in Acton. Despite requests in the Free Press and personal contacts, they still have a serious gap in their executive that must be filled.

The Acton volunteer will primarily be involved in the March campaign. However, it's just once a year that the fundraising drive is on.

There surely must be a housewife, tied to her home by youngsters, who would be willing to take on the volunteer task on a short-term basis. It's a

community commitment that's not too demanding of time and travel.

Services here

Since the Red Cross home-maker service has been offered and used in Acton and district, the area must also be asked for funds.

Details aren't set yet. A mail campaign is even possible.

Anyone interested—even in getting more details before deciding—is asked again to please phone the Red Cross public relations chairman, Connie Nieuwhof, Georgetown, 877-2526. She'll be happy to pass along information and talk it over.

Manor residents wed in Burlington

Two residents of Halton Centennial Manor were married last Saturday afternoon as the bells at St. Luke's church, Burlington, pealed. Canon Blackwell officiated for the ceremony, which joined in marriage Mrs. Doris Chapman, formerly of Acton, and William Rolf of Burlington.

They had met at the manor several years ago and on their return, they settled into married quarters there.

Among the family and friends at the wedding were Bob and Kay Pfaff of Ottawa, and Mrs. Pfaff acted as witness for her mother. For Mr. Rolf, his grandson Holl Lockwood joined him in signing the register.

The happy group gathered after the ceremony at the home of Mr. Rolf's daughter, Mrs. Clifford Lockwood in Burlington, where a traditional wedding cake was included in the refreshments.

90 year milestone for Mrs. Jane Sayers

Mrs. Jane Sayers spent an especially happy day last Sunday, surrounded by family, friends and neighbors, when she celebrated her 90th birthday. Mrs. Sayers lives now with her daughter Mrs. Ward Bruce and Mr. Bruce at R.R. 1, Guelph.

With her were her two daughters and two sons, Jean (Mrs. Gordon Johnston) R.R. 3, and Mr. Johnston; Flora (Mrs. Bruce) and Mr. Bruce; James, R.R. 1, Acton, and Mrs. Sayers; Earl, Oshawa, and Mrs. Sayers, with some of her 10 grandchildren. She also has one great-granddaughter. Some of the callers came from as far as Listowel, with six from Oshawa.

After chatting with callers all afternoon, Mrs. Sayers enjoyed a buffet supper for about 30 of the immediate family.

Township resident

Jane Waldie, daughter of Alexander and Margaret Waldie, was born in Nassagaweya. She and Henry Sayers were married by the late Rev. J. C. Wilson, of Knox Church, Acton, at her home in 1906. They farmed in Nassagaweya for 48 years. Mr. Sayers died in Acton for 11 years.

She has been a member of Knox Church for 72 years, she estimates. She also belongs to Knox W.M.S. and the Golden Age Club. She enjoys quite good health.

Cards, flowers and gifts came for the new nonagenarian, with a cake specially decorated by Mrs. George Young.



MRS. JANE Sayers observed her 90th birthday at a gathering Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ward Bruce.



By Wendy Thomson

Last night I didn't have anything better to do, so I went to bed around 8.30 or so. I had been trying to wade through a pile of letters on my desk, but seemed to be getting nowhere in a hurry. Round about the time I tried to sharpen the pencil in the telephone, I decided that enough was enough.

As the three youngsters were already stashed away for the night and the animals had all been put out and were back in again, I thought I'd indulge myself a little.

I turned down the furnace, turned up the electric blanket, soaked in a hot bath for a while, then crawled into bed.

For relaxation, there is nothing like stretching out in a warm bed, listening to Chopin's Nocturnes, and watching candlelight flicker on the ceiling (sometimes I am violently anti-lightbulb).

Model housewife (?)
Part of the contentment came in knowing that, for the past week, while I'd been playing at being a model housewife, all the ironing, washing, mending, and sewing had been caught up, and I'd even started in on the spring housecleaning! For me that's pretty well unheard of.

Most of my letter writing was solved by putting a huge pile away till next Christmas, and with the extra time, I upped my Yoga to an hour and a quarter.

Cleaning time was cut by covering the chairs with something (another chair, even though it made it a little awkward for anyone trying to sit in either) before the dogs had a chance to get up and leave mud and dog-hair. Beds were made immediately, dishes were done at once, buttons were sewn on as soon as they popped off. I just about made myself sick of efficiency!

Conversation with cat
But by then, I was whipping around so fast, I had time to be lazy. Any day that the sun shone, I took a few minutes off to sprawl across the bottom of our bed with a cat, in the sun, to have a long conversation. It's surprising the things you learn!

One thing that helped enormously, was to find that that "Tennis Elbow" that had been bothering me for over a year, wasn't. It was only dislocated, and by the time I had it reset (four or five times) I was

Then there was the time I was industriously doing Yoga breathing exercises while walking from the barn to the road, slipped on ice I should have seen if I'd been watching, and went Splat! flat on my back, two cats and a dog.

And Monday, I thought it was about time we had a phone that didn't work now and then, fixed. While the repairman was here, I worked smoothly about my well controlled house, humming smooth well-controlled hums, but was brought up short by the sight of my uncontrolled dog sitting beside him, carefully and thoroughly licking off the phone mouthpiece hanging from his

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Representatives choose program

The Acton Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society were pleased with the interest shown by the service clubs, organizations and church groups who attended their "Film Previews" on Tuesday, Jan. 18 in the United Church hall, in preparation for their upcoming "Person to Person" program which will be held in March. Four films were shown and the guests were asked to help choose the films to be shown by rating them.

The results were: (a) A Breath of Air; (b) Hope; (c) The Drag; (d) The Elusive Enemy. Coffee and cakes were served.

Raise funds
Announcements were made to remind those present of the upcoming Tupperware Party held at Gloria Coats' Tuesday, Jan. 25, and a bake sale to be held at the Acton Home Furnishings.

No swaps

Beginning in February, the Thrift Shop won't be dealing in swaps. Because of this, says coordinator Marie Tremblis, the prices will be lowered—even lower.

Donations of clean used clothing are as wanted as ever. Information: Mrs. Tremblis at 856-4423.

Splat on back
Really, I don't think I could stand being a model housewife if it weren't for incidents like this. I guess I'm just too easy-going at heart.

Friday, Feb. 4, at 10.00 a.m. Proceeds from both will go to Activity Group to buy materials needed for their volunteer work.

Films and literature are available for any group's interest through the Cancer Society's film library and educational supplies. Guest speakers are also available.

Please contact Susan Sale (853-2873) for further information.

Every member participates

The Knox "Alert" Evening Auxiliary held their first meeting of 1972 in the Mary Ellen Anderson Room of Knox Church.

Every member took part at this meeting, if only to choose a hymn or bring some part of the lunch. This is the second year they have tried this "Every-Member Participation" program and it seems a good way to start the year off and get everyone working.

Furnishings
During the business, they had a report from Mrs. Lena Mann and Mrs. Wilma Coles re the meeting for furnishing the new addition. Different ways of raising money were discussed and some of these will be followed through during the year.

Programs for 1972 were given out and the roll call was answered by the payment of fees. The meeting was closed with the Mizpah Benediction and a delicious lunch followed.

Personals

Ice was to blame for a fall last Thursday which resulted in a broken wrist for Mrs. Laura Dennis. Quite a few breaks were set at Guelph General that stormy day, she was told.

Another who suffered a painful injury in a fall is Mrs. Wilfred McEachern. She injured her elbow.

Mrs. Melissa Belnes had a harrowing ending to her trip to California. Last Saturday her plane circled Buffalo airport for an hour and a half, with stuck landing gear, before landing safely. She was back from a five week trip to Los Angeles. While there she especially enjoyed the Rose Bowl parade at Pasadena when the thermometer registered 84 degrees.

Mrs. Jennie E. Lamb from Guelph and Mrs. James O'Rourke and Karen attended the Yehudi Menuhin concert in Toronto at Massey Hall January 21. Mr. Menuhin was accompanied by his sister and played to a full house which gave him repeated standing ovations.

Norma Titus and Hazel Collerton have just returned from a 10-day cruise in the Caribbean on the Holland America S.S. New Amsterdam, visiting the West Indies. Ports of Call included Aruba, Caracas, Venezuela, Martinique, and St. Thomas. The pair returned to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where they stayed four days. Owing to the air strike, they returned home by Atlanta, Georgia, to Buffalo and from there to Toronto. They had a lovely trip but say they're glad to be home.

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Pilot, nurse wed in north

The marriage of Diane Desjardins, daughter of Mr. J.P. Desjardins and the late Mrs. Desjardins, Lachine P.Q., and Edward Allan Long, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Long, R.R. 1, Guelph, was solemnized at Tuktoyaktuk, N.W.T., December 27. Father LeMuir, who has been a priest there since 1932, performed the marriage.

Ed Long, formerly of Acton, is now a pilot with Trans Northern Turbo Airways. His wife is a public health nurse at Inuvik.

The couple are living at Inuvik.

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