



**NEW ELDER EMERITUS** of Trinity United church, Orwell Johnston was honored Sunday morning. Pictured are past board chairman Bob Hart who read the address, elder emeritus Clarence Gamble, Mr. Johnston, elder emeritus Lillian Eaton and board chairman Eldon Comfort.

## Orwell Johnston named Trinity elder emeritus

On Sunday the congregation of Trinity United church welcomed into the order of Elder Emeritus one of its most faithful members, Orwell Johnston. Mr. Johnston has been a dedicated elder for over 50 years.

Also participating in the service were two other honorary elders, Mrs. Lillian Eaton, who now lives at St. Luke's Place, Hespeler and Clarence Gamble, Park Ave. Received into church membership were Susan Beemer, Laurie Cook and Gail Manuel.

Speaking of Mr. Johnston and his contributions to the community and to the church, past board chairman Bob Hart read the following: "Our candidate for elevation to the order of

Elders Emeritus was born in Esqueping Township during the reign of Queen Victoria. "He was baptized in Siloam Methodist Church. The building has long been removed from the intersection of the present No. 25 highway and No. 5 sideroad of Erin Township.

"As a boy he lived during the reign of Edward 7th and at the age of 11, in company with his family, on the closing of Siloam, joined the congregation of Acton Methodist Church.

"As a lad of 14 he commenced serving as an usher and in the ensuing years has served on every committee and board guiding the life of his church. The courts of Presbytery and Conference have known his presence as a delegate.

"1924 was a rather large year in Orwell's life. That was the year he entered into a lifetime partnership with Elsie Wiggins and persuaded her that a change of name on her part would be advantageous to both of them.

"Orwell and Elsie, in company with the congregation of Acton Methodist, entered into Church Union in 1925. "For 15 continuous years he served as Clerk of Session and his meticulously kept records read like history books recording the affairs and concerns of the congregation.

"A grateful congregation in 1963 honoured him for 50 years of faithful service by creating the Orwell Johnston Lay Education Fund.

"Orwell's efforts have not been confined solely to the church. From 1929 to 1954 he was active with the Acton Fall Fair Board and served as president in 1940.

"He is a member of Walker Lodge A.F. & A.M.

"It is interesting to note that this life has spanned the reign of six monarchs.

"He helped to build No. 7 Highway. The railroads go from steam to diesel, Ontario Hydro develop from nothing in his youth to the huge energy source it is today, air travel and space exploration were unthought of in his youth.

"During his 65 years of service to this congregation many newcomers to Acton have been welcomed to the Church by Orwell Johnston, I included.

"During these years his dedicated service and kindly approach has made for him a host of friends.

"He has retired from active participation on the board but still serves as secretary of the trustees.

"It is my privilege to present to you for induction into the Order my concept of a very human person, my friend of many years and a Christian gentleman, L. Orwell Johnston."

### Articles

Mrs. E. Lidkea was the hostess for the May meeting of the Duke of Devonshire chapter of the I.O.D.E. Knitting, sewing and ditty bags for the bale were on display. They were valued at \$662 and have since been sent to I.O.D.E. headquarters.

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### Pot luck dinner

## Still pushing for \$12,000 cancer goal

A happy group of Cancer Society members and volunteers gathered Thursday for the annual pot luck supper held in Knox Church.

As usual, campaign chairman Arlie White got a tremendous round of applause when he announced the amount raised so far in this year's cancer campaign. The goal was set as the highest ever \$12,000—and Acton and district are now up to \$11,225.20. Mr. White is full of confidence the goal will be reached before the end of September, and he said the first project is the Afghan draw. Tickets were being sold that night and the draw will be made after the fair. Elma Broda made the Afghan.

Last year the local group's aim was \$10,000 and the year before that \$8,000. Each year Mr. White is equally certain the district will make it. Acton has a remarkably high record of per capita donations for this cause.

Mr. White had glowing praise for his volunteer canvassers, especially mentioning Bannockburn, Dublin, Nassagaweya and Acton W.L.s. Industries, unions, Legion and Legion Ladies, sorority, league bowlers, A B Supermarket and IGA owners and the Free Press.

As for canvassers: "If they ever went on strike they'd get the same pay as years ago, a big thank you."

President Gloria Coats said Grace, past president Wes Beatty proposed a toast to volunteers and Ann Norton replied. Hugh Patterson was master of ceremonies. Councillor Les Duby and Madelyne Coutts, Streetsville, district education chairman of Central counties district, brought greetings. Special volunteers were cited, including Marg Oliver of the daffodil program and the youngest volunteers, Kathy Coats and Andrea

Arbic. The role of caring was subject guest speaker Helen Cummins chose as she addressed the group after dinner. She has been an executive member in Erin-dale, Central Counties and Ontario branches.

Volunteers are people with listening hearts, she declared. We must care about the people to whom we are giving help.

She outlined in a touching way the many services to patients provided. "Use your love, your time and your fingers."

She was introduced by vice-president Sue Sale and thanked by past president Rena Arbic.

There was a display of beautiful toys and other articles made for cancer patients.

Attractive decorations included crocheted daffodils fashioned into corsages and bouquets.

The pot luck dinner was impressive, although attendance was down somewhat this year.

### New bug hits town?

A new flu bug has hit Acton. Many local residents are down with the flu, which sometimes sweeps through an entire family. It involves vomiting and diarrhea, comes on very suddenly, and lasts anywhere from a couple of hours to two days.

### R.R. 1 boxes pulled down

Four R.R. 1 residents reported to police that their mail boxes were pulled off the posts last week.



GUEST SPEAKER at the Cancer Society branch pot luck dinner Helen Cummins admires a basket of crocheted daffodils with volunteers Marg Oliver, Andrea Arbic and Kathy Coats.

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