

Obituary

John Airdrie

John Airdrie, a World War One veteran, died in St. Michaels Hospital, Toronto, February 8 following a six month illness.

Mr. Airdrie, of RR 1 Acton, was born on July 9, 1900. On December 19, 1925, in Welland, he married Ethel Lowe Kirk, who died December 12, 1978. He was a retired auto mechanic and was a life member of the Acton Legion.

Left to mourn his loss are: daughter, Patricia (Mrs. Lawrence Taillefer), RR 1 Acton; son John, of Guelph; brothers Frank, Brantford and George, Halleybury; sisters Anne (Mrs. Ed. Cornell) Brantford, Myrtle (Mrs. Allan Burton), Arizona and Agnes (Mrs. James Holdich), Jordan Station; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his wife, two brothers, six sisters and one grandchild.

Funeral service was held at Shoemaker Funeral Home February 10 with Rev. Peter Barrow officiating. A special Legion service was held the previous evening.

Pallbearers were Doug Guthrie, Grant Allen, Jim Milne, Doug Mason, Hector Lambert and Art Ford.

Interment was at Fairview Cemetery.

Knox Alert

The Knox "Alert" Evening Group met in the Mary Ellen Anderson room recently. Lillian McLennan opened the meeting with the Call to Worship, followed by the Hymn "I Love to Hear the Story."

Lillian read the Scripture, Psalm 127 and Isabel McDonald gave a reading "Our Church". Lillian read from the Glad Tidings "A Talking Box" and Isabel gave another reading "Love" followed by prayer. Babe Roszell sang "Beloved, Let Us Love", which was followed with the hymn "What a Friend We Have In Jesus."

Lil took charge of the business, calling for the secretary's and treasurer's reports, which were duly accepted. Babe read a letter from Ruby Clark (thanking the group for remembering her at Christmas. Gladys Davidson moved that the bill for the supplies be paid, seconded by Isabel. Isabel read the Lamp report and Lil reminded the group of the WMS Annual meeting in Orangeville. Isabel moved that all monies be put into one account, but that a record be kept of each fund, seconded by Gladys. Vera Inglis moved that besides a new tablecloth, a mirror be bought for the upper lobby, and the money to be taken from the legacy of Emma Cole with the remainder to go to the Knox College Restoration Fund. This was seconded by Bessie Musselle. The offering was received and Lil gave the offertory prayer. Cards were signed for Pearl Young and Kathleen Dadds and the meeting was closed with the Mizpah Benediction.

Vehicles collide

Two vehicles collided on Main St. Thursday, report police. A vehicle driven by Garry Sauve, 34, of Brantford, had about \$800 damage say police. A vehicle driven by Joseph Stone, 29, of Fergus, sustained about \$4,500 damage.



Acton Chamber of Commerce 1984 officers and directors were sworn into office Monday evening at their annual meeting by Justice of the Peace Bob Hart. They are, left to right, Mariene Graham, Reg DiCola, directors; Len Tuitman, treasurer; Bill Cook, second vice president; Paul Nielsen, director; Sue Poulsen, secretary; Larry Grieves, director; Jennie Kulken, first vice president; Doug Fread, director; Steve Dawkins, president; Corey Herrington and Ted Tyler, directors and Bob Hart.

Up to towns to promote own tourism, says official

It's up to the individual areas throughout Ontario to pick up on the provincial 'Yours to Discover' tourism campaign.

Colin Chedore, marketing manager for the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, told about 100 Acton Chamber of Commerce members Monday night the main job of the Ministry was to make people aware of tourism in this province, but it was up to areas such as Acton to make tourists know what is available on a local level.

Chedore told the members about Ontario's marketing campaign, which since 1979 has turned the image of Ontario around and increased the inflow of tourists from the United States by 1.5 per cent.

David Bingham, Tourism-Industrial Consultant for the Ministry, was also on hand for the annual general meeting. He revealed Halton has applied for a study program to assess the needs and weaknesses of the area as far as tourism is concerned. This study is a jointly-funded project by the Ministry, local and regional governments and the private sector.

Bingham noted the Ministry campaign creates a climate to encourage people to come to Ontario, or for Ontario residents to stay in the province. Then, he said, it is up to the local areas to give the tourists something to do.

The consultant showed a film explaining the benefits on the local economy tourism is developed from the hotel owner right down to the farmer providing the food.

Almost 12 per cent of Ontario's gross product is generated from tourism, the film stated, with 13 per cent of all jobs stemming from the trade.

Chamber president Steve Dawkins warned the private sector was going to have to work with the government which "can be a very pleasant surprise."

Regional chairman Pete Pomeroy told the Chamber members he recently returned from Yugoslavia and the Olympics. While there he learned the small, poor country held the international games mainly to attract tourists, not just this month, but in

the future. The entire world got to see how beautiful the country is and hopefully will vacation there.

Pomeroy encouraged everyone to speak to their councillors about the proposed tourism study to get it passed through regional council.

He labelled the revitalization of the Acton Chamber of Commerce as a success story and said he encourages and supports tourism.

Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller said he has spoken to a lot of business people in North Halton and found them to be very enthusiastic. "That's the only way we are going to flourish," Miller pointed out this area has a lot to offer tourists.

Big bucks

Police report a car escaped from a two vehicle collision on Storey Dr. last Wednesday with a grand total of \$5 damage.

The vehicle was driven by Heidi Coleman, 35, of 21 Storey Dr. Acton.

However the second vehicle was not so lucky. The vehicle, driven by Kenneth Jespersen, 17, of Lot 26, Concession 4, Eramosa, had \$500 damage.

\$1,500 damage

A parked vehicle owned by Thomas Berry of 114 Poplar Ave., Acton, sustained an estimated \$1,500 damage when it was hit by a vehicle reversing from a driveway on Orville Rd. on Friday.

Police report a vehicle driven by Darren Edmunson, 17, of 318 Orville Rd. received about \$100 damage.

Two chimney fires

Volunteer firefighters answered two chimney fire calls last week. The first one was Wednesday at 98 Main St. N., followed by one the next day at 125 Bower St. There was no damage in either fire.

Dublin W.I.

Donate to heart fund

by Laura Dennis

Thirty ladies, including two guests, attended the February meeting of Dublin Women's Institute at the home of Mrs. K. Smith, Sixth Line, (Nassagaweya), Milton recently.

The President, Mrs. D. Hunter opened the meeting with "A Marriage Message," followed by the roll call, "Memories of amusing farm experiences down through the years" which made a good subject.

As February is heart month, \$100 was approved to be forwarded from the branch.

A course in "Microwave Cooking" was of interest to some of the members, who will attend the classes at Hillcrest Church on February 29; also an RSVP Seminar will be held in Milton in March when some of the ladies hope to attend.

The Officers Conference will be held on May 1-3 inclusive at Waterloo University, and Mrs. John McLean will attend as Branch delegate.

February 25 is the date chosen for the Women's Institute Booth at Holy Cross Church, Georgetown, and Mrs. D. Hunter and Mrs. E. Norton will attend. The purpose of the meeting is to introduce new residents to different organizations.

A second Nassagaweya Community Fun Fair will be held on June 16 at Brookville. It will have Bicentennial (1784-1984 Ontario) accents. Dublin WI hope to have a Bake Sale there with the proceeds being given for the Milton and District Hospital addition being built.

A collection of Tweedsmuir History Books, pictures, etc. will be shown in Erindale on May 19, and Mrs. H. Dodds, Curator, and Mrs. J. Kranendonk, will represent the Dublin Branch.

Two banquets have been catered to recently, and Mrs. E. Wilson, convener handed over a fine sum of money from them.

The Committee, with Mrs. C. Armstrong, as convener, displayed a quilt, to the delight of the women, which they had recently completed. It is a fine piece of workmanship.

"Farm Safety" was the theme of the meeting, and Mrs. A. Murchison, convener, spoke of the many ways that accidents can happen in those surroundings. One in five families are reported to suffer some kind of injury—sometimes with loss of life or limb. A questionnaire presented by Mrs. Murchison was won by Mrs. W. Watkins.

The ladies were interested in hearing of a meeting of Nassagaweya Community School Association being held that evening in Brookville. Mrs. W. Lasby had attended earlier and reported that preliminary plans are being worked on and discussed for expanding the Brookville School to a Community Centre, with an auditorium, gymnasium, extra rooms for crafts, etc. It is still in its early stages, but considerable interest is being shown, in its necessity.

A similar project is being considered by the residents of the Speyside School Section, Mrs. J. Kranendonk reported.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. A. Diamond on March 22. Please note the change of date.

Lunch was served by Mrs. E. Norton, Mrs. G. McMillan, Mrs. H. Haefner and Mrs. D. Appleyard, assisting the hostess, Mrs. Smith. Mrs. A. Near was Courtesy Convener.

Legion happenings

by Al McKerracher

The 15th annual Pee-Wee Hockey Tournament turned out to be a resounding success Saturday evening, a gathering at the Branch acknowledged the contribution of volunteers who, over the years, have devoted so much of their time to Minor Hockey in Acton. As you will read in other sections, Acton was also well represented on the ice.

Sunday morning, a record number of breakfasts were served (about 500) and from the comments heard, the food was also worthy of the special nature of the occasion. Your executive, on behalf of the general membership, would like to thank the many volunteers who have made this annual event such a success and look forward to your continued support in the years ahead.

In the recent Zone Darts Tournaments, Branch 197 was successful in placing first and second in the singles event. Rod Leech and David Lynn will be competing at the District Level next month.

Please note that the next General Meeting will be on March 12 not March 14 as mentioned in the last bulletin.

Canoe is found

A canoe, described as being in "rough shape" was found in the Eramosa River in Eden Mills Saturday, report Guelph OPP. The owner is unknown and it is a 10-foot red Manuqua aluminum canoe.

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