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PAVING BEGINS ON NO. 25 HIGHWAY



OVER 10,000 thronged the Halton Agricultural Society grounds for the 98th annual County Fair Saturday, September 30. The warm weather was conducive to a leisurely examination of all the events and exhibits as the fine attendance spoke well for the work of the fair committee. Children were admitted free and enjoyed themselves thoroughly. The well-arranged hall exhibits attracted much attention with baking, flowers, children's and women's work and Women's Institute displays.

Halton Presbytery Reports Inductions

Halton Presbytery met in Georgetown United Church with Rev. R. F. Mercer, B.A., newly appointed chairman, in charge. Worship was conducted by Rev. George E. Almack in which he enjoined ministers and laymen to rekindle the spirit of God that is within them. The inductions committee reported three induction services, that of Rev. George E. Almack at Carlisle; Rev. E. A. Currey at Acton and Rev. Wm. A. Dempsey at Millgrove. These three new ministers were welcomed by the Presbytery.

The delegates to General Council, Mr. Drummond and Rev. Ray Albright, gave instructive reports of the Council.

Three speakers made an interesting day's program. Rev. Dr. Richards, Superintendent of Missions, told of the many demands for M. M. money and stated that all these demands could not be met. However, if the \$3,000,000 asked for this year for missions were realized it would add greatly to the Board's ability to aid the new churches.

Dr. Mutchmor spoke first on Evangelism, stressing the three words, Gospel, Witness and Service; then of the need for greater support of the missionary work of the church.

Dr. Hare, the President of the Laymen's Association for the Hamilton Conference, outlined in a very challenging manner the five-point program that should be adopted by United Church Men's Groups.

RURAL FIRE PROTECTION TO BE FURTHERED ON OCT. 18TH SPECIAL MEETING CALLED

Farmers of the district around Milton will be especially interested in the meeting arranged for eight o'clock on Wednesday, October 18th to further the plans for rural fire protection. It is anticipated a representative of the Fire Marshal's office will be present and pictures of fire fighting equipment will be shown. The meeting will be held in the Town Hall and all citizens and farmers are invited to attend.

Apples Featured In Fair Fruit Classes

The following were named the winners in the Milton Fall Fair fruit classes by judge W. B. Fox of the Department of Agriculture, Oakville.

Commercial grower display—Apples: Greenings, Drummond of Waterloo; McIntosh, Drummond, Geo. Smith, S. D. Turner; Spys, Drummond; Delicious, Drummond, Geo. Smith; Greenings, Drummond, Geo. Smith; McIntosh, Drummond, Geo. Smith, S. D. Turner; Spys, Drummond; Wealthy, Geo. Smith, Drummond; Marjorie McCready; Gravenstein, Drummond; Snow, Drummond, S. D. Turner; Crab, Drummond; Courtland, Drummond; Jonathan, Drummond; Talman Sweet, Drummond; Hamper McIntosh, Drummond, Turner; Nine plates, 5 apples each, Wealthy, Drummond.

Pears: Sheldon, McCready; Bartlett, McCready.

Rotary Governor's Topic Club Theory

Rotary Clubs in 83 countries through the world are united in an endeavor to promote international understanding, good will and peace. That was the message of Atlee T. Minnis of St. David's, Ontario, Governor of District 248 of Rotary International, in addressing the Rotary Club of Milton Tuesday evening, following a conference with local Rotary officers, directors and committee chairman.

In addition to the activities of Rotary's 7,100 Clubs in their own communities to promote this objective, Mr. Minnis explained, over a three-year period Rotary International is spending \$750,000, principally to create better understanding among the peoples of different nations. One of the principal ways in which this money is being spent is on Rotary Foundation Fellowships which enables outstanding graduate students to study for one year in countries other than their own, as ambassadors of good will. Since this program was established in 1947, 195 Fellows have been awarded to students in 35 countries with grants totalling nearly \$500,000.

"Devoted to service, Rotary provides a common ground for 342,000 business and professional executives throughout the world, regardless of nationalities or political or religious beliefs," the Rotary District Governor emphasized.

He stressed the need for greater understanding of the fundamentals which are essential in the building of character in the souls of youth and developing their minds and their talents for participating citizenship of the highest order. Rotary Clubs throughout the world have been active in the development of an informed public opinion on the objectives of the United Nations in an endeavor to make it an effective instrument for free peoples everywhere.

Call Montreal Man To Milton Church

At a congregational meeting of Knox Presbyterian Church, Milton, a call was extended to Rev. E. Orsborn of Montreal to become minister of the church. Mr. Orsborn will succeed Rev. Edward Phin, who now lives in Arizona. Rev. J. L. Self of Norval, who is interim moderator, was in charge of the meeting.

Mr. Orsborn is a native of Toronto and a graduate of McMaster University. He obtained his theological degree at Presbyterian College in Montreal and preached several years at Lachute, Quebec. He has been minister of Livingstone Presbyterian Church, Montreal for five years and is at present moderator of Montreal Presbytery. He is married and the father of three children.

Car Collides With Tractor and Baler

Damage amounted to about \$150 in an auto-tractor collision four miles east of Milton on the base line last week.

Police said a car driven by Mario Casarin, of Milton Heights, collided with a farm tractor which was towing a baler, driven by Arnold Howden, 14, of Milton.

The accident occurred as the vehicles came over the brow of a hill. It is believed Casarin failed to notice the baler being towed behind the tractor, police said, and both fenders of his car were damaged.

Trip to England is Subject of Speaker

The Mr. and Mrs. Club of St. Paul's Church held its regular meeting on Tuesday, October 10th at the home of Charles and Lois Thompson. The devotional period considering the theme "Thanksgiving," was led by Charles and Margaret Fay. The business portion was then conducted by the presidents, Cedric and Laurel Harrop, much of this being centred around the turkey supper.

Miss Evangeline Carson was the speaker of the evening, and gave a most interesting and informative talk about her trip to England this summer. A brief recreation period was conducted by Harold and Marjorie Magee and then lunch was served. Denzil Lawrence thanked our host and hostess for the use of their home and the presidents closed the meeting with prayer.

District Churches Call B.C. Minister

Campbellville and Nassagaweya churches have extended a call to the Rev. James E. Sutherland of St. Coloma Church, Vancouver, B. C.

The presbytery of Guelph will consider the call in the near future. Mr. Sutherland would fill the vacancy that existed at these churches since last December, when the former minister, the Rev. J. C. MacNeill, received a call to Manteno, Illinois.

Mr. Sutherland is the son of the late Rev. and Mrs. Angus Sutherland of Priceville, Ont. He is a graduate of the University of Toronto and of Knox College and was ordained into the ministry in 1949. He is a brother of Robert Sutherland of Elora and A. L. Sutherland of Knox College, Toronto.

Women's Canadian Club Plans Future

In the Farmer's Building on Thursday afternoon last, members of the Women's Canadian Club met in a business session in connection with the future activities of the Club. Mrs. R. M. Clements presided.

Among several items for discussion, Mrs. C. K. McDougall, secretary, read correspondence from the National Association of Canadian Clubs. The immediate problem confronting the local Women's Club was the refusal of the National body to send speakers to each of the local clubs meeting separately particularly when the membership attendance was not sufficiently large in either group to guarantee that good-sized audience which would be complimentary to the lecturer.

Previously as a solution to the problem amalgamation of the local clubs had been considered by the executive bodies. Joint meetings were therefore endorsed by the members of the Women's Canadian Club for the ensuing year. The lectures will be in the High School and will be evening occasions for which some distinguished speakers are already booked.

Certain recommendations were made by the Women's Canadian Club for consideration of the Men's Club group. It is expected the executive will arrange further details in connection with the joint meetings of the Clubs. Excellent speakers are already pledged for October and November.

Charge Employees With Theft of Scrap

Allan Morley and Jim Shepherd, both of Milton, were remanded a week for trial yesterday by Police Magistrate Langdon in court here at the request of the prosecution, Chief Warrington. The police chief expects to find more evidence in the charge laid against the two men.

He was called in by the P. L. Robertson Manufacturing Co. about a week ago. Officials there reported that unwarranted amounts of scrap were missing. The police investigated and were led to question the proprietor of a Hamilton scrap yard where 350 pounds of brass blacks or defective screwballs were found.

The two employees were charged with carrying the scrap away in small quantities and selling it to the Hamilton dealer.

Both men are out on \$500 bail.

Oversea War Dead Concern of Speaker

The following letter has been received by the local legion. It is reprinted in hopes that it may be of interest to readers.

DISTRICT "D" COUNCIL CANADIAN LEGION, B.E.S.L. Toronto, Ontario September 26th, 1950

To: All Council Members, Branch Presidents and Branch Secretaries in District "D".

Re Canadian Visit of War Graves Chief

Dear Comrades: An event of considerable interest to the next-of-kin of the fallen of both World Wars will take place in October when Brigadier Frank Higginson, C.M.G., Secretary of the Imperial War Graves Commission, London, England will visit Canada in the course of a round the world journey which will take him to many countries in the Commonwealth.

Brigadier Higginson will be in Toronto on Wednesday October 18, and on that evening will give a Lecture in the Auditorium of Sunnyside Hospital outlining the work of the Imperial War Graves Commission at the same time showing a colored film of the overseas war graves.

Tickets are being printed, and may be obtained shortly from the District Office of the Canadian Legion, 22 College Street, Toronto K1, 000.

This Illustrated Lecture will be of vital interest to the next-of-kin whose loved ones rest in our war cemeteries overseas — therefore, Branch Secretaries and Presidents are earnestly requested to draw this event to the attention of bereaved parents and other relatives of the fallen, as this may be their only opportunity of assuring themselves of the care which is taken of these beautiful cemeteries in which so many of our Canadian boys are resting.

Members of the Canadian Legion and relatives of those who have made the supreme sacrifice are sure to extend a sincere welcome to Brigadier Higginson upon his arrival in Toronto, and your whole-hearted support to make this Lecture a complete success is solicited.

Yours Fraternally, W. G. BEECH,

Tea, Baking Sale Is Held to Help W.A.

St. Paul's United Church Parlor were attractive with flowers and tea table on Thursday afternoon last when the Friendship Circle of the Women's Association held a Tea and Home Baking Sale.

Mrs. A. Jaap and Mrs. E. A. Prentice are co-convenors of this group making special effort on behalf of the Women's Association of which Mrs. F. McNiven is president.

Mrs. C. R. Turner with other committee members were in charge of the tea arrangements while other members carried responsibility for the very attractive home cooking sale. A pleasant social time was enjoyed by the guests and a helpful sum realized. An Afghan of quilted silk which Circle members had made was on display calling forth favorable comments. It will be offered for sale when the annual bazaar takes place.

Milton to Acton Highway Paving Begins At Once

The second line between Acton and Milton will be worthy of the name of Highway before winter. The equipment of the Law Construction Co., of Toronto, which was awarded the tender for the paving of the road, began moving through Acton yesterday on its way to the headquarters on the farm of Ray Scott on the 4th line of Esquesing. Work on the \$100,000 project will begin today (Thursday) as the contractor's graders will begin the job of reshaping the road surface prior to actual paving.

"It's a Date" Casts Many Local Players

"It's a Date", which was presented last Wednesday and Thursday evenings in the Princess Theatre, Milton, drew a fine crowd of approximately 700 to see their friends and neighbors perform.

Under the direction of Miss Lois Benton, the actors, singers and dancers did exceedingly well considering the short time they had had to practice. The story, that of a young couple who contemplate in turn each month of the year as one suitable for getting married, was well adapted to use of an amateur group with a continual variety of scenes and occasional audience participation.

Playing the leads were Alice Ann Tight and Jack Yates, with quite a large cast of supporting players from Milton and district. Highlights of the play were a scene with Santa Claus and children, one in which the "characters" resembled housewives somewhat, played by Dave Brush, Al Toews, Ken Bailey, Tom Huddleston, George White and Scottie Paton. The Don McNeil show was quite well done with Rev. Ferris acting as the M.C. and Gert Mountain making a surprisingly accurate Aunt Fannie.

A "Take it or Leave it" show was conducted with contestants drawn from the audience, in which several won cash awards and Mr. Cudmore received a 5 lb. fruit cake donated by White Bakery for answering most closely that jack pot question "What is the population of Milton?"

Winners of the Tiny Tot Contest held during the week were Trevor Houston and Susan Shields. A competition was held each night for the lady who had been married the longest, to give some suggestions to the cast of the play about which month was best for a wedding. The first night, Mrs. Sam Devine was the winner with Mrs. Sherwood of Milton Heights receiving the corsage the second night.

Before the show began and during the intermission Ron Harris and the "Milton Hill Billies" entertained with their mountain music. Jim White tap danced a few numbers to the delight of the audience. Just before the end of the show, the cast presented Miss Benton and Mrs. Harold McGee, who kindly acted as pianist, with corsages and the leading man and leading lady with a box of chocolates each.

Occupational Hazard of Town Living Is Being Trapped Helplessly in the Mud

What's this town got, streets or booby traps? You go out in the morning thinking it's a good day. It may be, too, while you're still on your front step looking poetically up at the sky through the yellow and red leaves of an autumn tree. You may feel good.

Pride goeth before a fall... get in all the pride you can while you're still standing on those dry as a bone, honest, straight-forward front steps.

A squeamy squelch and a slippery sensation under the soles of your shoes draws your romantic gaze down from the ethereal heavens and leafy foliage to the leaves and mud on the street. No poetry there. The street looks like dozens of bran muffins have been soaked to disintegration in cold, weak tea. And the tea is still there, lapping away at the bran muffin leaves and gravel and damp earth.

Beware of anywhere that may have been recently dug! Skirt the place suspiciously. Be on the de-

Tenders on the job had been called last June by J. D. Millar, Deputy Minister of Highways, with the understanding that the firm undertaking the paving was to have the road completed before winter.

After the tender was awarded the Law Construction Co. on June 26, Mr. Law stated that he thought the work would commence within a month, and quite possibly at the Milton end of the road. Changed plans have postponed the starting date for the company, however, and there is still doubt as to which end of the highway will be paved first. Tests on the road will determine which end requires less work, and surfacing will begin at that end.

The Law Construction Co. will spend the next two weeks bringing its heavy road equipment to the camp from Atwood where its workmen have just finished resurfacing highways. Three trips have been made already, and four or five more are anticipated. Most of the pieces of equipment have to be brought down one at a time on a large float.

Actual paving should begin within two weeks, depending on the weather. If the present rainy spell continues, it will definitely hamper paving activity. A gravel pit operated by Stewart Elliot is located on the Scott farm where the workers are stationed, and 30,000 tons of gravel will be taken from this pit before the work is through. The contractors plan to set up their own asphalt-mixing plant nearby.

Although the original tender called for ten and seven-tenths miles to be paved, it is rumored the distance has been extended to 13 miles. If this is true, the highway will be paved right into the towns of Milton and Acton.

About 20 men will arrive in re-lays with the equipment this week and next, and about 40 are needed altogether to complete the work crews. Those in charge will try to board the men locally. Although the Law Construction Co. is bringing its own fleet of trucks, it is expected more will be needed.

Actually, the paving of 25 Highway, which will be 20 feet wide when completed, is not a big job as far as the company is concerned. Professional pavers, the workmen will not need to block traffic along the highway. Although the head office is in Toronto, this job locates the workmen the closest to Toronto they have been yet. The firm has other branches in British Columbia and the Maritimes.

Mr. Jack Shay is in charge of the asphalt mixing plant and Mr. Taylor, also on the Law Construction

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Thanksgiving Is An Ancient Tradition, This Year Canada's 72nd Observance

Thanksgiving, thanks for the harvest and the blessings of the year, actually dates back to ancient times before Christ. On the North American continent, thanksgiving services were observed by the Pilgrim Fathers after their first harvest in the New World in 1621. This is the story that so many children learn in school at thanksgiving time, with pumpkins, Indians, turkeys and frame houses adding a colorful background to the religious ceremony. The ladies in long grey gowns with neat white collars and the gentlemen in their tall hats with buckles made the first Thanksgiving very attractive.

In 1759, the British held a special thanksgiving service to celebrate the capture of Quebec from the French in the Ursuline Chapel at Quebec. It wasn't until 1879, however, that the holiday became an official one. The Governor-General, the Marquis of Lorne, set November 6 as a "day to attend church and give thanks."

Since then, the date has shifted perhaps the most of any national holiday. For 12 years after the first world war, thanksgiving services merged with Remembrance Day services on November 11 but in 1931, Thanksgiving was finally fixed on an early Monday in October.

There were good attendances at local churches, with Thanksgiving the theme of the sermons. Organ music and the sweet voices in the choir, as well as serious contemporary music of the real meaning of Thanksgiving provided the necessary note of solemnity before the inevitable Thanksgiving dinner.

W. J. Robertson, County of Halton, Milton, Oct. 2, 1950