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## Block of Ten Houses for Erection in Leishman Survey

### Council Makes Plans for Waterworks Extensions to Serve New Sections of Acton being Built up—Repairs to Arena Roof are under Discussion—The Wartime Housing Site to be Chosen this Week—Adjourned Session lasted until after Midnight

Councillors C. Cook, J. H. Creighton, Wm. Coon and R. M. Aylsworth were present Tuesday evening at the adjourned meeting of Acton Council and Reeve F. J. McCutcheon presided.

Mr. H. E. McKeown submitted a quotation for roofing the west section of the arena over the band stand and waiting rooms. Total cost of material and labor was \$113.64. On his inspection of the work done last fall he noted 'ice had marked the roof and this would be repaired.

Mr. McKeown had also made an inspection of the roof of the main arena and submitted recommendations on aluminum and black roofing material. The black asphalt material was guaranteed waterproof for ten years, while the aluminum paint was guaranteed against chipping or peeling for three years. He gave quotations on both materials. Council agreed to give the matter consideration.

The Clerk reported correspondence in connection with securing lawn mowers for putting the grass in the park.

Mr. Wilson was present to explain what had taken place at the meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission in engaging a Secretary-Treasurer to replace Fred Turner, who had resigned. By motion the Commission had engaged Mr. Wm. Williams for the position and Mr. Williams was present to meet Council. Council gave consideration to his appointment as Municipal Treasurer. By-laws are required to make this appointment and these were not ready for this meeting.

Messrs. VanGiles and Jones had made enquiry regarding building ten houses in Acton under the integrated housing plan. They required information regarding the municipality and approval of the town. The municipality must be prepared to install the water services. These men had already purchased ten building lots in the Leishman survey. Council gave approval and information required.

Another inquiry was made for a water service to a property in the Cripps survey which required an extension.

Other enquiries were made for new buildings and consideration was given to the total amount of new water mains required for this year's building and securing the labor for laying the mains.

Council also discussed the sites for Wartime Housing. It was finally decided to meet owners of the properties the following evening and make a choice between the two locations.

A new plan for the section at the rear of Baxter Laboratories which was a former pond was submitted with a letter from the Department of Planning. To have this land properly conveyed from Mr. Amos Mason to Baxter Laboratories this plan submitted must be approved. Council gave the approval and supplied the Department of Planning with the information required.

Notice was received from the Hospital for Sick Children of admittance of an indigent patient.

It was decided to purchase steel culverts for approaches to new residences and other drainage along the streets.

Council considered insurance coverage of town properties for fire, etc. It was felt some items should be increased, some deleted and some covered that were not now insured. It was arranged to have Mr. F. L. Wright at the next meeting to discuss the insurance further.

A letter was read from the County Assessor outlining the advantages of the annual convention to be held in Sudbury this year. He urged that the assessor be sent to the convention. The letter was filed.

Another letter from the County Assessor suggested that the assessor be supplied with a written authority to enable him to carry out his duties. Council passed the necessary motion.

A letter from the Secretary of the Recreation Committee requested a joint meeting of the committee and the Council. It was agreed to have this meeting at the next regular session of Council.

Organization for the British Flood Relief Campaign was left to the next meeting.

Council adjourned shortly after midnight.

Fishing dates for the coming season, disclosed by Ontario game officials are as follows: Black Bass, from July 1 to October 15; muskellunge, July 1 to October 15; speckled trout, brown trout, rainbow trout and aurora trout from May 1 until September 15.

## FORMAL DANCE HELD BY LAKESIDE CHAPTER I.O.O.F.

The Lakeside Chapter I.O.O.F. held a formal dance in Acton Town Hall on the evening of Friday, April 11th.

Receiving were Miss Marguerite Ryder, Regent, and the two convokers of the dance, Mrs. Helen Otterbein and Miss Jessie Coles.

The hall was tastefully decorated in Easter shades. Winners of the spot dances were Mrs. L. Kline and Mrs. J. Reid. Halfway through the evening in the ballroom dance, dozens of multi-colored balloons were loosened from a huge flag in the centre of the floor and cascaded down on the dancers. The catcher of a specially marked balloon was Mrs. B. Hinton. There was also a lunch served at intermission.

## Report Submitted on Water Used in Municipal System

### Wm. Williams Appointed Secretary-Treasurer to Succeed Fred Turner who has Resigned

The regular meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Monday evening with Reeve F. J. McCutcheon, Commissioner, J. R. MacArthur being present and Chairman C. M. Hansen presiding.

The resignation of Mr. Fred Turner, as Secretary-Treasurer of Acton Public Utilities Commission was accepted.

A letter from the Central Mortgage and Housing Commission requested details about the installation of flat rate water heaters in the proposed Wartime Houses. The Commission specified strap-on heaters, supplied and installed by the owners and if H.E.P.C. rules permitted these would be connected at flat rates. No guarantee could be given about the length of time these would be continued.

A notice was received from the American Waterworks Association of their annual convention being held in Montreal this week.

A letter from the Wallace Tierney Co., requested a date when their representative could come to Acton to supervise the installation of the new chlorinator. It was decided that it would be near June 1st before the road would be suitable for a truck to get down to the pump house.

A motion was passed giving Miss Jessie Walker authority to sign checks.

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## Presbytery Sustains Call to Minister in Acton Church

The Presbytery of Guelph met in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Guelph, last week and sustained a unanimous call from Knox Church, Acton to Capt. the Rev. John M. Anderson, M.C. and B.A., late of the Chaplaincy Service and an overseas chaplain to the Highland Light Infantry of Canada. Capt. Anderson accepted the call, and the induction will take place in Acton on Thursday evening, April 24th. He succeeds the Rev. R. Forbes Thomson, now of MacNab Street Church, Hamilton.

A unanimous call from St. Paul's Church, Guelph and Eden Mills and Rockwood Churches to the Rev. Fred Williamson was also approved by the Presbytery. Mr. Williamson who has been supplying these pulpits since May, 1946, will be inducted in Rockwood Church on Tuesday evening, April 29th. A resolution was received from St. Paul's Congregation highly commending their former minister, Dr. W. J. McIvor, who is now in Ireland.

## MR. WEALL SHOWED HOW HOME GARDEN CAN BE BEAUTIFUL

A small group enjoyed immensely the first of a series of gatherings to learn about beautifying homes and gardens in Acton and district. The meeting was held in the Council Chamber last night under the auspices of the Fall Fair Committee on Home and Garden Competition.

Mr. John Weall of the O.A.C. Guelph was the speaker and on this occasion he dwelt with the small backyard flower and shrubbery planting to make that plot not only a joy to the owner but a beauty spot for the district. Mr. Weall illustrated his talk by a drawing of a small back garden surrounded by other buildings in a community.

His finished picture showed a beautiful arrangement of suitable shrubs and trees, a border with a fine blending of color and an arrangement that gave a beautiful scene from the owners windows and obliterated the unsightly objects surrounding. It is hoped that Acton home owners may have the benefit, in new and old home gardens of such practical advice.

## OWLS, MICE AND MATHEMATICS

Ground sufficient to produce ten tons of grass will support 1,000 field mice with a total weight of about 65 pounds. An owl weighing half a pound or so can devour 1,000 mice in one season. Owls obligingly count their own mouse consumption by means of regurgitated pellets containing the skeletal remains of the rodents, neatly packed in an envelope of fragmentary fur. Owls of all species, their pellets and the tiny bones enclosed therein, make a striking display at the Royal Ontario Museum.

## HIGHEST MARK IN PROVINCE AT THE EASTER EXAMS.

Josephine Boyd, grade 11A General, has been selected by Mr. F. A. Hamilton, principal of the G.C.V.I. and staff as being the student for last week.

Josephine was born in Auckland, New Zealand but came to Canada before starting to school. She first attended the Acton Public School and remained there for five years coming to the Highland Light Infantry of Canada. Capt. Anderson accepted the call, and the induction will take place in Acton on Thursday evening, April 24th. He succeeds the Rev. R. Forbes Thomson, now of MacNab Street Church, Hamilton.

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## 700 Attend Junior Farmers 'At Home' Last Thursday

### Guests from Neighboring Counties Enjoy Social Night at Brant Inn

The Second Annual "At Home" of the Halton Junior Farmers again proved to be one of the outstanding social events of the Junior Farmer year. Between 600 and 700 Juniors attended the record setting event held at the Brant Inn last Thursday evening.

The Halton group is the only branch in Ontario to stage such an evening of entertainment in Ontario, and during the evening played host to representatives from neighboring Junior Farmer Organizations. Guests were received at the table by the patrons and patronesses and the County executives.

Music for dancing was supplied by Jack Ryan and his Orchestra which also entertained during a short intermission.

Past President, George S. Atkins, was master of ceremonies for the lucky draw, while Mrs. Lloyd Crawford selected the winners. The following is the list of winners: Miss

John Moore, Georgetown; Miss Marguerite Murray, Ingersoll; Ken Gamble, Wentworth; Miss Mildred Lucas of Appleby; Miss Jean Chester, Norval and Mrs. R. L. Davidson of Acton.

The patrons and patronesses of the dance were Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Whitlock, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Crawford and Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Fisher. The executive in charge of the evening included, George S. Atkins, past president; Edna Aitken, president; Cameron Wilson, first vice-president; Jimmy Keen, second vice-president and Gordon A. Leslie, secretary.

## County Council Debate Loan to County Engineer

### EASTER THANK OFFERING MEETING OF KNOX W. M. SOCIETY

Knox Presbyterian Church W.M.S. held their Easter Thankoffering meeting in the class room on April 10th. Mrs. Blow, was in charge and opened the meeting with a short talk. The Scripture lesson, bearing on the Resurrection of our Saviour was read by Mrs. E. J. Hissard. Miss Blanche McKinnon then favored the Society with a solo which was much enjoyed.

Miss Ruby Clarke gave a very wonderful reading which she said was written by a lady who had experienced a very long period of illness. Mrs. Blow gave a talk and welcomed all visitors after which prayer was given by Mrs. Cordner. A request was made for any one wishing to send any books to Miss Nellie Anderson, Missionary in British Guiana to please leave them with Mrs. H. Mainprize.

Miss Isabelle Anderson gave a very interesting address on the "Triumph of Faith." Miss Blanche McKinnon again sang this time, the beautiful hymn, "In the Garden." Miss Dora Hansen accompanied her on the piano. The offering was taken and the devotional prayer was made by Mrs. G. Lanz. Mrs. Blow closed the meeting with prayer. All were invited to remain for lunch when a pleasant half hour was spent.

### TEEN TOWNERS HOLD A SOCIAL NIGHT LAST THURSDAY

Last Thursday the local teen-agers held their regular bi-monthly "do" in the Y.M.C.A. There was a large crowd and the party was quite a success.

Dancing began on the gym floor at nine o'clock to the notable orchestras like Vaughn Monroe, Harry James, Charlie Spivak and other notables of the profession, via Mr. Arbie's records and record player. A yellow spotlight provided the lighting and created an appropriate atmosphere. There was a large representation of the junior teen-agers which is quite encouraging.

Of course dancing was of major importance but those ping pong sharks found plenty of enjoyment on the green table top, and then too there was the coke bar for the ones the ping pong finished and dancing made thirsty.

Intermission came at eleven o'clock and the teens all rushed for the bottom floor to receive their allotment of coffee and cake, then back to the dancing.

The smooth, mellow sound of the home waltz ended another evening of pleasant times among the younger group.

### Motion Passed for \$400 Loan for New Car but Held till Next Meeting—By-Law Approved for Salary Increase Retroactive to January 1st—Grants to Lorne Scots Band and the Regiment.

(Written Exclusively for the Acton Free Press and the Canadian Champion by Ross Pearson)

Whether the County will enter the field of financing the purchase of new cars by employees, will be decided upon at the next meeting, members of Halton County Council decided at the regular monthly meeting held at the Court House last Tuesday.

This decision was reached after the matter was re-opened by a member of the council asking that the former motion approving of such an act be rescinded.

Earlier a motion sponsored by W. H. Biggar, reeve of Trafalgar and F. McCutcheon, reeve of Acton, was approved with only four dissenting votes that the treasurer be authorized to advance the County Engineer \$400 on a promissory note, to be applied on his purchase of a new car to be paid for by December 31, 1947.

Very little discussion took place before the motion was approved with Reeve Mrs. Mary Pettit asking if there was anything illegal about the transaction.

Warden Norman Craig said, "The motion was prepared by the treasurer and she is not tripped up very easily." "I wonder where this will lead us," interjected Deputy Reeve E. W. Smith.

After further business was transacted Reeve A. McLaren of Georgetown, asked members to approve of a motion asking them to rescind the motion of the \$400 loan to the county engineer.

"Introduction of this motion proves that there was not enough discussion on the original resolution," declared Warden Craig.

"I think we should find out the legality of this," remarked Deputy Reeve Armstrong.

"No Council should be in the loaning business to anyone including our employees. Why shouldn't a ratepayer come and ask for a loan so they may take advantage of our rates?" injected Deputy Reeve George Currie, adding "It's not our business to be in the loan business."

In answer to a question Clerk William Dunn said there was nothing in the Statutes to say that "we cannot do it. It is a matter of policy."

Reeve McLaren, "I'd like to get the special rate that the county does. If we have to buy a car we can pay for it ourselves, but if he's purchasing one, and we're paying his expenses, he should be able to pay for it himself."

Deputy Reeve Hall: "It doesn't look to me as the right thing to do."

Reeve Whitaker: "I'd say that if you set a precedent in assisting the School Nurse, you can do it for the other employees."

Reeve Geo. Cleave thought a month should elapse before the rescinding motion be brought in. While the Clerk concurred, Warden Craig ruled "Council will have to wait another month before the motion is tabled."

Concluding the discussion, members felt that if the original motion was still in force, the treasurer could pay over the money. "Then it would have to be paid back to us," they said. The Warden suggested the treasurer be requested not to act on the motion until it was settled.

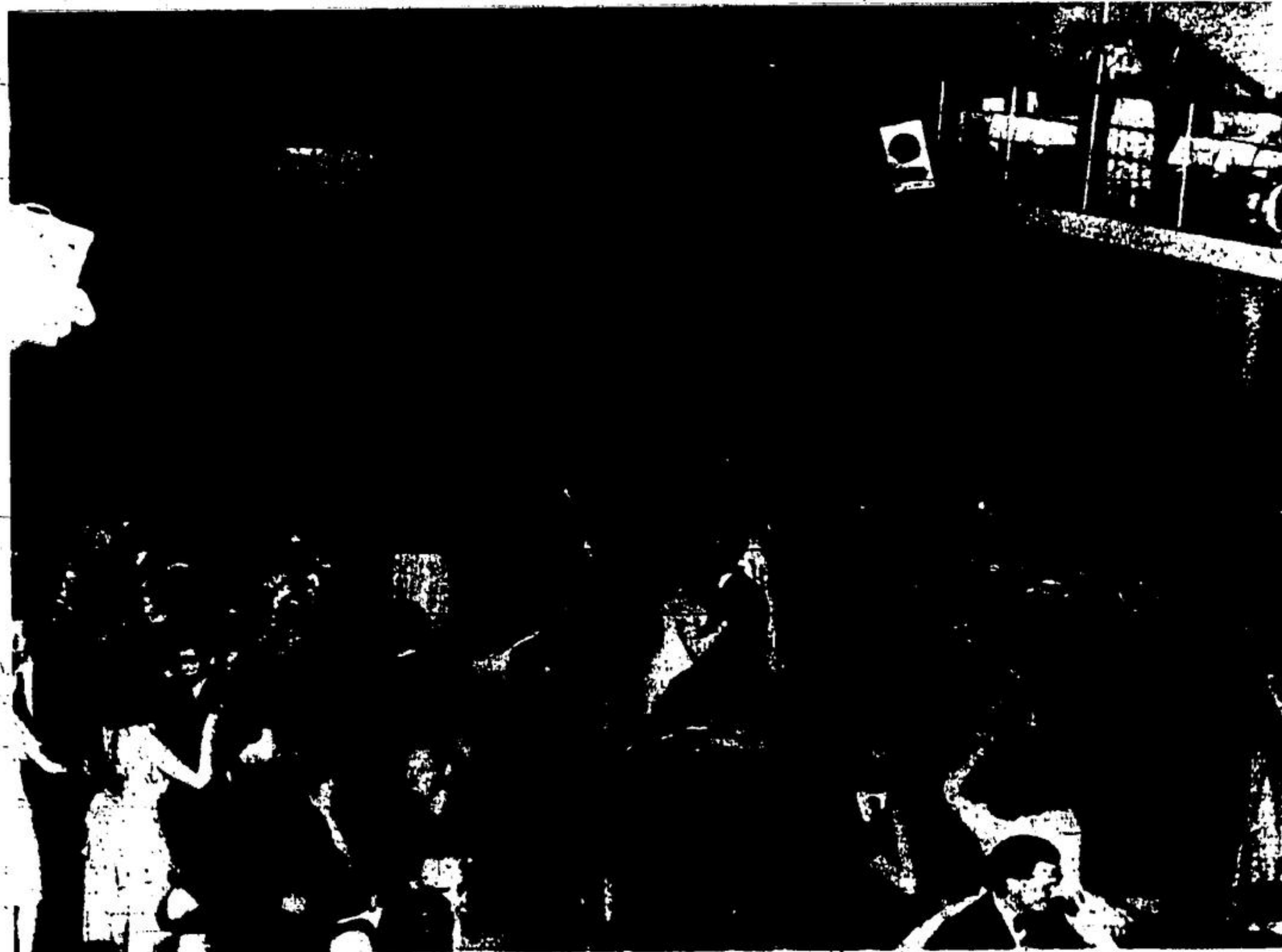
By-laws given a third reading included increasing the salaries of the Council members, Warden to \$500 per year and each member to \$7 a council meeting and committee meetings with mileage at ten cents a mile. The increase will be retroactive to January 1st, the by-law read.

A by-law was amended to increase the salary of the Treasurer to \$1,850 a year and the Clerk to \$1,350, dating back to January 1st.

Council unanimously approved of a by-law respecting the cutting of trees.

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## At Halton County Junior Farmers' Annual At Home Last Week



Between six and seven hundred young people attended the Halton Junior Farmers Annual "At Home" at the Brant Inn in Burlington, last Thursday evening. The above photo of the dance on the Lido deck shows a small portion of the dance floor and

orchestra, as seen from the upper deck. Young people from all sections of Halton joined in this big annual event, as well as guests from other Junior Farmer organizations throughout Southern Ontario.

—Staff Photo.

## Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, in cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 30c.

Women's Institute Birthday Party on Thursday, April 24th in United Church at 2.30. Everyone Welcome.

Dance, Friday, April 18th, Town Hall, Acton. Gib Jordan's orchestra. Admission 50c. Auspices Acton L.O. B.A. 1101.

The last regular meeting of the Acton Junior Farmers will be held in the Lorne School, Thursday, April 24th at 8.45 p.m. Everyone Welcome. Lunch provided.