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## Baxter Labs. Install New Thermo-Distiller

### New Unit Will More Than Double Output of Distilled Water

A new machine, the only one of its kind in Canada, went into operation recently at the Baxter Laboratories in Acton. Its purpose is to provide pure distilled water for the solutions prepared by this firm in greater quantity than previously. The new machine will deliver 240 gallons of distilled water per hour against the former 100 gallons per hour capacity in the two fifty gallon stills formerly used.

It's a long way from catching steam off the tea kettle for distilled water to this present method used at the Baxter Laboratories. This latest method known as the first used in the South Pacific and Thermo-Distilling process was developed in Milwaukee Wis. by the Cleaver Brooks Co. makers of the present unit who also have installations in Arabia, Africa and Australia some of which distill 2100 gallons per hour.

The Free Press visited the Baxter Laboratories while Mr. Thomas Bishop was at the plant supervising the installation and learned some of the details of this really marvellous mechanism.

We in Acton think our water is quite pure but at Baxter's all this Municipal water is first de-ionized which makes it the equivalent of commercial distilled water. This new unit adds another process of purification in re-distilling the already distilled water.

Mr. Bishop gave us a very fine explanation of the process but somehow we found it difficult as a layman to follow the flow through the seemingly endless piping past cooler through steam compressor, which is really a supercharger and finally emerging as the finest distilled water.

The evaporation unit has 760 stainless steel tubes each 40 inches long. The raw water passes inside this tubing and steam is in the chamber around the flow. Compressors, super chargers, pumps, motors are really all combined in a very small space to do this work.

The pictures which appear this week will give some conception of the outward appearance of the unit. The process of cold water, steam, pressure etc is all beneath this covering in an intricate system which works very efficiently.

### STUDENT OFFICER BACK FROM AN ALL-SUMMER COURSE

John Mainprize, Officer Candidate with the University Naval Training Division returned home this week from an all-summer cruise.

There were many ports visited in Bermuda, Cuba, Jamaica, Canal Zone, Mexico, U.S.A. and Vancouver Island.

John is a third year student in Mechanical Engineering at Toronto University and resumes his course next week.

### Charge Laid for Theft from Acton Stores in Court

At police court in Milton on Wednesday September 15th, two cases were heard. James A. Lowe of 97 Hudson Drive, Toronto, charged with careless driving was acquitted. The car driven by Lowe was in collision with the rear of a truck owned by Mount Dennis Construction Co. The accident occurred on Number 7 Highway just east of Acton on August 30th.

In the second case, Archibald MacDougall of Mary St., Hamilton charged with the theft of two wallets from Hinton's 5c to \$1.00 and a sweater from Wm. Cooper on Tues. September 14th was convicted and remanded one week for sentence.

The accused pleaded guilty to the charge explaining, "I didn't realize I'd taken the stuff." When taken into custody by Chief Harrop, MacDougall was in possession of half a bottle of rubbing alcohol later confiscated by the crown.

This was the first case in which Acton merchants had laid charges for petty theft from stores, but we learn that several merchants have lost goods in this way not only from transients but from residents sometimes children and in other cases adults. It is likely further charges will be laid if this stealing of goods from counter and displays continues.

## ACTON STUDENTS ADVANCE TO OTHER EDUCATIONAL CENTRES

A number of students from Acton are furthering their education by attending higher centres of learning.

The following fourteen represent Acton at the various colleges and educational institutes. Aldo Bralda and Mary Sirra will be attending Western University at London Ont. when it re-opens for the coming term. Aldo Bralda is taking a course in Science and Mary Sirra in nursing. Ray Arbie, Armand Bralda and John Agar will take courses at the Ontario Agricultural College. Ray Arbie and Armand Bralda are returning for their second year and John Agar for his first. Don Ross, Joan Somerville, Jack Mainprize, George Elliott and Phil Pickering are attending the University of Toronto; Don Ross is in medicine, Joan Somerville in second year of Physical Education, Jack Mainprize in third year Mechanical Engineering, George Elliott in first year of Bio-Chemistry and Phil Pickering also in Bio-Chemistry. Shirley Elliott is attending Toronto Normal School and taking a kindergarten course for teachers. Ernest West is studying law at Osgoode Hall. Elton Ross is taking a course for a nursing and Doug Maplesden is at the Ontario Veterinary College in his fourth year.

Acton's fourteen advanced students are gaining their education at eight different centres in a variety of courses. Of course there may be more of whom we have not yet heard but our list is almost complete.

## Esqueing Council Approves of a Deer Hunt

### Two Meetings Held This Month to Deal With Township Business

The regular meeting of Esqueing Council was held Tuesday evening September 7th. Deputy-Reeve George Currie, Councillors George Leslie, H. Craig Reid and Wilfred Bird were present. Reeve G. E. Cleave presided.

Accounts authorized for payment included Dept. of Health for Insulin \$2.47; Georgetown Herald, printing, \$5.94; Province of Saskatchewan, Charity for September, \$20.00; Bell Telephone Co \$4.25; Dept. of Public Welfare \$98.34; Mrs. W. Caves, account for meals, \$46.20; Sheep Claims and valuations, \$40.00; Hawes and Nelson, July and August accounts \$857.27; Georgetown Furniture Sales \$34.00; Richardson's Hardware \$13.54; McBean and Co., \$9.00; Mrs. W. Caves, rent, \$20.00.

Road accounts of \$2,874.52 and relief accounts of \$79.50 were also passed for payment.

A by-law was passed to assess the several school sections of the Township.

Another by-law re-appointed the Road Superintendent on a different salary basis.

Moved by Currie, seconded by Reid, that this Council approve of a deer hunt in the Township of Esqueing, on condition that 80% of the Licenses be sold to residents and 50% of License Fees be retained by the Township. The total number of Licenses not to exceed 100. Carried.

The adjourned meeting of Esqueing Township Council was held Friday afternoon with all members present Reeve G. E. Cleave presided.

Mr. Fellows, assistant to the Municipal Engineer attended the meeting.

Moved by Leslie, seconded by Reid, that I. M. Bennett be appointed Tax Collector for the Township of Esqueing and a By-law be prepared to cover the same. Carried.

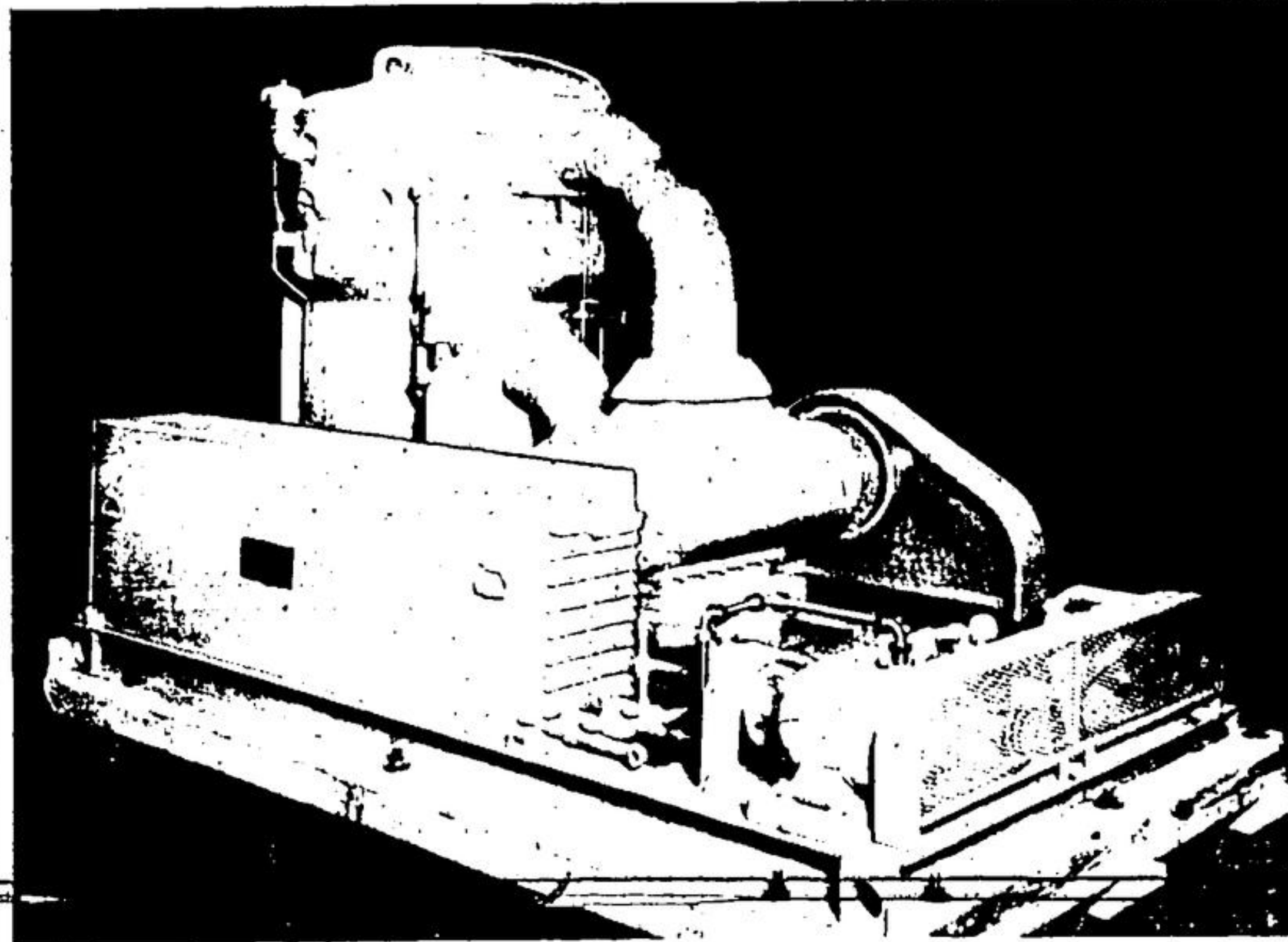
Moved by Currie, seconded by Bird, that the Road Superintendent be instructed to transfer from Capital Account to Road Account the amount of \$6,000.00 for Garage Construction as part payment of account per Hawes and Nelson. Carried.

Moved by Leslie, seconded by Reid, that this Council petition The Department of Highways for the Statutory Grant on Road Expenditures, January 1st, 1948, to August 31st, 1948, on \$39,119.10 Carried.

Moved by Bird, seconded by Currie, that Hawes and Nelson be paid the sum of \$1,980.10 percentage on contract. Carried.

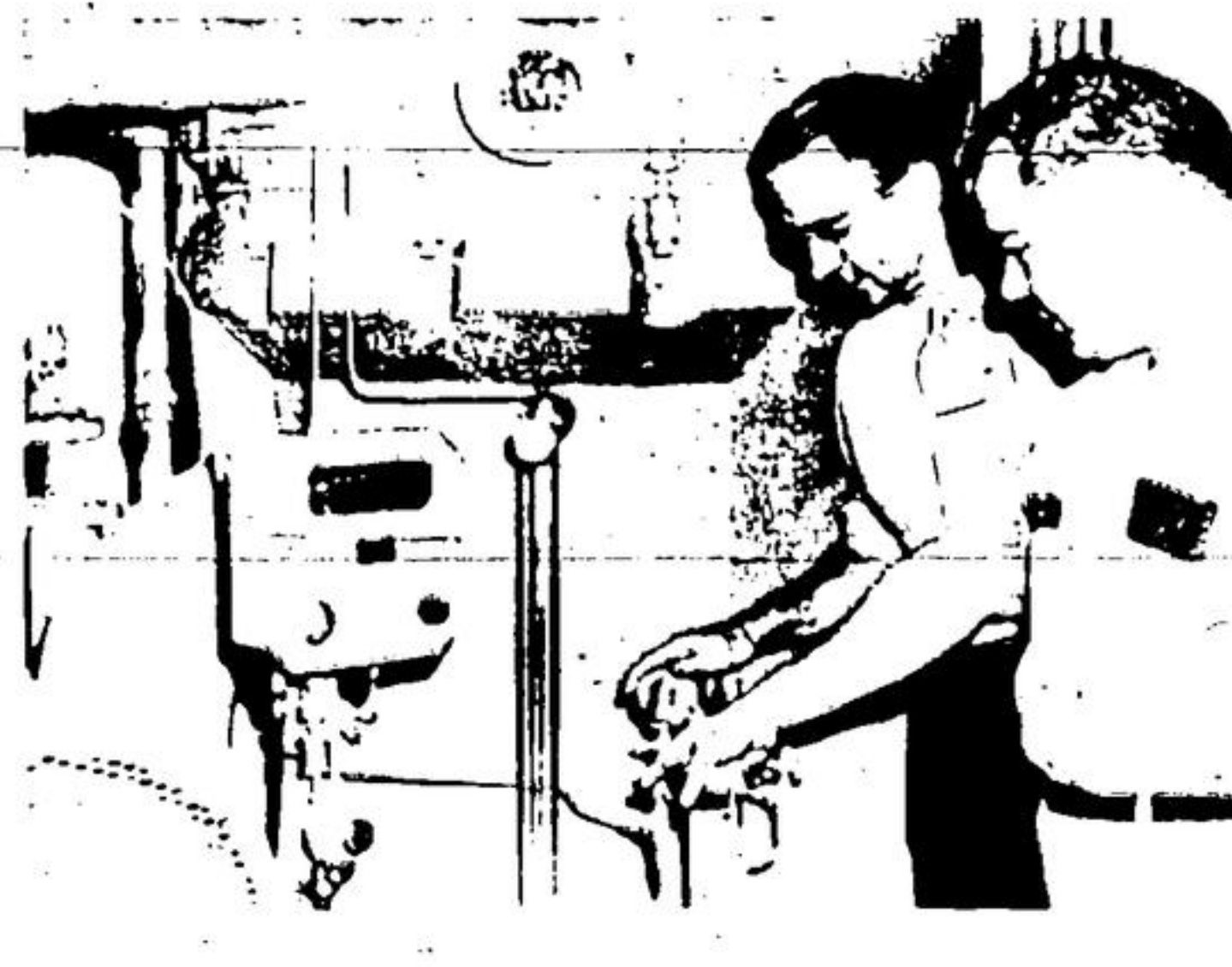
Many from this district will be attending Georgetown Fair on Saturday.

## ONLY ONE OF ITS KIND IN CANADA



Upper picture is a general view of the Thermo-Distiller that went into operation at Baxter Laboratories in Acton recently. Pumps and motors are in the foreground of the unit while at the left is the section packed with stainless steel tubing through which cold water and steam pass. The large round section in the centre is a steam compressor or super charger.

Lower picture shows Plant Supt. Gordon Rognvaldson explaining the many intricate valves and gadgets to General Manager William Benson. The capacity for producing distilled water at the Laboratories is doubled with this latest unit. Story appears in another column. Free Press Photos



## Council Approve Building Lighting System for Park

### Lease of Arena to Y's Men's Club Approved — Plans Approved for Improvement of C.N.R. Crossing on Main Street — Application Made for Subsidy on Streets of Acton

Acton Council met in regular session last evening with Councillors W. McLeod, A. Melsaac, F. Davison and Deputy-Reeve W. Coon present and Reeve F. J. McCutcheon presided.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows: Georgetown Herald, ad 3.36; E. P. Bowman, Maps of E. Acton 9.00; P.U.C., various services 213.18; W. Coles, clerk and balliff fees 8.00; Bell Tel. services 18.97; Wellington Welders, sharpening mower 8.00; J. McMullen, plastering 14.00; Thompson Motors truck account 26.80; E. S. Cooper, supplies 4.44; Can. Champ, adver. 1.40; C. E. Hickey and sons, firemen's helmets 78.76; Corp. Tax Collector 36.24; Prov. Treasurer, sinking fund 44.66; Miss V. Waller hol. pay 6.73; Jones and VanGils, school account 2554.59; Library Bd. bal. of grant 800.00; J. McGeachie, Toronto trip 3.00; Acton Auto Body repairs to truck 125.00; J. Ford, cedar posts 16.00; W. D. Talbot, supplies 1.55; \$3,991.62

The Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the I.O.D.E. asked permission to hold tag days on the streets on October 1st and 2nd. The funds are to be used for British food parcels. Permission was granted.

The Solicitor read the proposed lease for land for use as a town dump between the Corporation and Mr. and Mrs. E. Bralda. The lease is for ten years and the yearly rental is \$125. The Corporation is to build and maintain the fences. Council approved of the lease terms.

The Clerk read the letter he had sent to the Provincial Police.

The Clerk read correspondence from the Board of Transport Commissioners regarding the fill for a sidewalk over the C.N.R. crossing on Main Street. The Railway agreed to pay up to \$350 toward fill and widen and maintain the planking over the railway tracks. The Council agreed to the order as outlined in the letter. The Clerk was to advertise for tenders for the required fill.

The Clerk read correspondence from the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation regarding the deed to property in the Wartime Housing subdivision. Other correspondence was relative to the taxes owing for this year on the subdivision.

The Clerk read the statement of expenditures on roads for the year for the purpose of provincial subsidy. The amount of expenditure is \$5,335.04 for the first eight months. A resolution was passed covering the application to the Department of Highways.

## Just Another Pull Together for Swimming Pool

Last Friday night the Acton Community Swimming Pool Committee held a three hour session. Present returns show that the first objective is still \$4,000 short. A number of workers have not returned their completed lists and these are to be in not later than September 20th. The Committee will meet on September 24th with these complete lists before them and decide on what course is best to pursue.

There are some who lean to the view that if the first \$10,000 is not obtained that the money should be returned and the project abandoned. The response to the fund appeal will decide the course.

If you have been waiting, now is the time your help is needed. There has been a splendid response by many but others have not been assuming their share of the financial burden. The project just requires a final lift of all together to put it over the top. Contributions may be made at either bank in Acton or at the Public Utilities Office. Your donation is deductible for income tax purposes. Pledge cards can be secured now and the payments spread over six months. The cash will not be required until construction starts but the assurance of funds is necessary now if a pool is to be started next season.

When Newfoundland, the oldest British colony, becomes Canada's newest Province there will automatically be 316,000 new Canadians as many people as there are in Ottawa and Hamilton, Ontario, combined.

A letter from Dr. Mather of the Halton County Health Unit expressed appreciation of the co-operation experienced by the Unit in the first year of operation.

The Municipal Dept gave notice of the Schools being operated for Municipal Officials. The nearest school was in Orangeville this year. It was felt that the Clerk should attend.

The question of the second law mover secured by W. D. Talbot came up for discussion again but no decision was made.

## ACTON LOSES TWO CITIZENS WHO HAVE HELPED COMMUNITY

Acton is losing two citizens who have taken a keen interest in this community during their residence here and many friends regret their removal but wish them every success in their new fields. Mr. R. (Dick) Bean has purchased a farm and service station near Englehart and leaves this week. Mr. Bean has been active in the work of the United Church, a member of the Board of Stewards, Sunday School teacher, President of the Y's Men's Club and District Governor; Member of the Y.M.C.A. Board, and the Recreational Committee, School Trustee and no doubt other phases of Community life which we do not recall at the moment. He was on the office staff of Beardmore and Co. and has spent six years in Acton.

R. M. Aylsworth leaves shortly for Toronto where he opens a law practice. Mac has been with us in Acton since his discharge from the Royal Canadian Air Force where he served with distinction. He was a real worker in the Acton Branch of the Canadian Legion, served as a Municipal Councillor, has been Secretary of the Acton Rotary Club since its inception and a citizen who gave untiringly of his time for community interests. He has conducted the law practice here of Langdon and Aylsworth.

## Consumption of Power Must be Curtailed Here

### Commission Employees Asked Consideration of Salary Adjustment

The regular session of Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Tuesday morning.

A letter was read stating the annual meeting for the accounting personnel of the A.M.E.U. would be held in Windsor on October 14. Another letter was read notifying the Commission that a meeting of the West-Central division of the H.E.P.C. would be held in Brantford on Thursday (today). Superintendent Wilson was instructed to attend the meeting.

It was decided to procure a quantity of cinders for repairing the road on the hill at the spring.

Superintendent Lambert was instructed to purchase a portable light for his work in cellars, etc.

Superintendent Wilson was presented a plan for a permanent installation at the park for the use of the Fall Fair. This plan was to be presented to the Council for approval. Other matters in regard to the Fall Fair requirements were ruled upon.

The new regulations for the consumption of power was discussed and rulings were to be sought by Supt. Wilson at the meeting in Brantford. The average daily consumption of Acton is 27,300 kilowatt hours, whereas the allocation for Acton this year is only 21,150 hours per day. If this amount is exceeded it is likely the power will have to be shut off on the orders of the H.E.P.C.

The employees of the Commission requested consideration regarding the high cost of living and asked that the Commission consider increasing their salaries. A special meeting of the Utilities is to be held on Thursday, September 23rd to go into this matter.

Accounts amounting to the total of \$225.43 were passed for the Hydro Dept.

Accounts totalling \$139.40 were passed for the Waterworks Dept.

## STRAW HAT PLAYERS IMPRESS MUSKOKA

(Huntsville Forester)

The Huntsville community has enjoyed enrichment in cultural entertainment this season, through the presentations in light drama, given by the Straw Hat Players.

This group of professional stage artists, has presented four well-known plays in their first season engagement in Huntsville and while the available facilities for these productions have not been perfect, there has been a good average attendance at each, and all who have heard them have felt that this venture in the realm of summer entertainment for this community has been eminently worth while.

The series was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Huntsville in support of their established custom to build up a more substantial background of cultural entertainment in Huntsville during the tourist season. The hope is freely expressed that the Straw Hat Players may return again next summer.

## County Council Gives Approval of Wage Increases

### Plan to Have Simcoe County Council Visit in Halton and Peel

Written Exclusively for the Canadian Champion and the Acton Free Press.

Employees of the County roads department received an increase in their wages, Halton County Council decided at their regular monthly meeting held at the County Buildings, Tuesday afternoon.

Council approved of the recommendation of the Road Committee that all workmen connected with the department should receive a five-cent an hour increase in their wages. Reeve W. H. Biggar, chairman of the committee told members, it would bring their wages up in line with others. They were receiving seventy-two cents an hour he advised. Members also approved of a second recommendation that the remuneration of Wm. Coon be increased \$150 per annum.

They felt the increase was necessary in view of the increased volume of work he has been asked to do.

Several resolutions were discussed and endorsed. Members gave their nod of approval to a request from Kent county who were opposed to having members appointed to the county board of health for two or three years. If regulations were continued it would mean the county council would lose control of this phase of the work.

Reeve Mary Pettit explained that this question has not been finally decided upon, but was convinced it was not the intention of the Department to allow the Health program to get out of the hands of council.

Members recommended a resolution from Wentworth County be filed. They were seeking to have the Ontario and Federal governments assume the liability of displaced persons residing in Canada, when they become indigent persons in respect to hospitalization and Children's Aid care. It also requested the governments to assume this burden until these people become self-sustaining.

"We as a municipality should share our responsibility when we are asking displaced persons to come to our country and become Canadian citizens," declared Reeve Alex McLaren.

He also explained that under existing legislation in respect to indigents, they had to be a resident of a municipality three months before they could seek aid. "Both the Dominion and Provincial governments have already shared that cost, and in some cases looked after these people for as long as two years," he stated.

While members felt there was reason in a resolution from Nasagaweya Township who were seeking to petition the Department of Highways to have a white line painted on Highway 7 from Acton westerly, they considered it did not come within their jurisdiction. Members from the northerly part of the county explained the highway was under repair, and when this was completed, they felt the Department would no doubt paint white lines as they had done on other highways.

Chiding members who were not present at the session, Deputy-Reeve Elmer Foster asked if these members had been present at the last two meetings.

Reeve Mrs. Pettit advised, "It is a rule in municipal councils that (Continued on Page Five)

## Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, no extra per line, with a minimum charge for any announcements of page.

Barn Dance at Claude Pickett's Farm, Seventh Line, 1 1/2 miles north of Hornby, Tuesday, Sept. 21st. Modernaires Orchestra. Admission 50c. But

The Nasagaweya Presbyterian Church, Anniversary Services Sunday, September 19th at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Rev. Norman McKay, Dufferin St. Church, Toronto, guest speaker. B

The 110th Anniversary Services of Church Hill United Church will be held on Sunday, September 26th. Morning and evening service will have Rev. R. Pickering and Rev. John M. Smith as the guest ministers.