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## Compliment '49 Council As Sessions Completed

**Art Vines Appointed Town Supervisor for Laying Sewage System—Additional Liability Coverage Covers Installation Of Sewers—Drop Letter Boxes For Acton—Busy Year Completed**

At the final meeting of Acton Council for 1949, a letter was received promising drop letter boxes for Acton in the near future. The letter from Hughes Cleaver, M.P., enclosed a communication from the post office department explaining that contract specifications were in preparation and as soon as they were completed, tenders would be invited and the service inaugurated in Acton. Council had asked for six boxes to be placed around town.

Colin McColl waited on Council and asked what the location of the sewerage disposal plant was to be. Mr. McColl asked to have the plant located in the south-east end of town rather than the Cobble Hill district. He felt that if Council intended to use the Cobble Hill district, he would prepare a petition against that location.

V. Churchill approached the Council regarding an increase in salary due to his regular winter work at the arena as well as long hours in the summer at the cemetery. Council left the employee's salary at \$35 per week.

Councillor Nicol asked Council what their stand was on Sunday hockey in the arena. Council decided that regular Sunday hockey should be forbidden unless ice conditions were uncertain and important games were pending.

A motion was passed accepting the tender of the Spartan Construction Co. for the installation of sewers in Acton.

Gas and oil for the town truck is, by motion, to be purchased by the month from each garage in turn.

The clerk was instructed to make additional coverage on the village public liability and property damage policy at a cost of \$117.30, to cover the installation of the sewerage system.

Tenders for the town's supervisor on the laying of the sewerage system were opened and the tender of Art Vines at the wage of \$45 per week with \$15 car allowance was accepted.

Town Supervisor E. E. Harrop discussed with Council the heating system at the arena. No action was taken. A request by the Boardmore Co. for the use of the Town Hall piano for their Christmas party was granted. Mr. Harrop also presented a sample requisition form which he felt it would be advisable to use. Council agreed.

Accounts were passed as follows:

H. F. Holmes, petty cash	\$ 50.00
Municipal Board	350.00
Acton Public Utilities	245.75
G. R. Sommerville, wood	80.00
Thompson Motors	147.23
Stewart Elliott, sand	40.00
Acton Free Press	16.70
Bell Telephone	27.34
E. S. Cooper	5.78
County of Halton	863.75
Acton Public Utilities	2800.00
Town operations for Oct.	179.03
Town operations for Nov.	267.43

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## Couple Overcome By Strong Coal Gas Monday Midnight

Coal gas almost proved fatal around midnight Monday night when Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Robertson were almost completely overcome in their home on Peel St. Mr. Robertson was awakened and noticed the effect the gas was having on his wife. He stumbled to Reeve Theron Jones' home although he was almost unconscious from the gas. Mrs. Robertson was unconscious and she was revived with fresh air shortly before the doctor arrived.

## BUSY BEES W. I. MEETING PRESENT MRS. J. J. KENNEDY WITH FINE CHINA CUPS

The December meeting of the Busy Bees W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. David Henderson with an attendance of seventeen ladies and three children.

The meeting opened with Mrs. McLean the President in the chair and all singing "O Come All Ye Faithful." Roll call was answered by naming a Halton Industry. Mrs. Alf Allen read the minutes of the last meeting. Correspondence read by Mrs. Stan Robinson included a letter from the Sick Children's Hospital and one from Mrs. P. F. Putcher, President of F.W.I.O. A letter from Ontario Mental Hospital was also read.

Mrs. Robinson gave report of the tea and hazaar held at Brookville Hall which was financially successful.

Donation of \$25.00 was made to the Sick Children's Hospital and \$5.00 and a personal gift box to the Ontario Mental Hospital.

Mrs. J. J. Kennedy, convener of public relations and community activities gave her report for the month under which Mrs. David Henderson was elected coach for a play. Mrs. Stephen Cox reported on some social welfare work accomplished and gave ideas for latter. A resolution asking for a dumping ground for Nassagaweya residents is to be taken at Nassagaweya council.

When business was completed Mrs. McLean announced a change in the usual programme and read a complimentary address, while Mrs. W. W. Dredge presented Mrs. J. J. Kennedy, who is moving from the district, with two lovely, fine china cups and saucers. Mrs. C. E. Davenport spoke a few words expressing her feelings and those of the club at losing Mrs. Kennedy as a member. Mrs. Kennedy thanked the ladies for the surprise, the gift and kind words.

Mrs. C. E. Davenport, convener of Canadian industries and agriculture gave a splendid paper on Industries of Oakville, Ont. which are far larger in number and variety than most of her listeners realized.

Mrs. Tuck read a humorous and interesting article "Fingers Before Forks."

Mrs. Henderson served a lovely lunch that included seasonal goodies such as Christmas cake and mince-meat patties. Mrs. McLean moved a vote of thanks to her for the use of her home and kind hospitality.

## Christmas Greetings

'Tis the Christmas Season—and the world is filled with cheer! The twinkling lights of the Christmas Trees give forth a happy glow—the greens and reds of Christmas foliage add too, to the wonderful color. Everywhere men and women are happily engaged in the fun and gaiety that is Christmas—humming the carols that so aptly reflect the beauty of the Season. The children, too, are bright with smiles and laughter in the knowledge that this holiday is the merriest of all! And so—we pause—in the midst of a time of special awareness of goodwill and good deed, to extend to you and yours our sincerest Christmas Greetings.

## Hockey Group Object to Obvious Juggling of Teams

As a preliminary to the regular hockey season, clubs entered in Group No. 1 of the O.H.A.'s Int. "B" division are indulging in a full scale battle of the committee room to settle a point they themselves legislated. An amazing amount of subterfuge has obscured who is convening the group and in consequence the drawing up of a schedule.

In effect, the controversy revolves around the Walkerton entry. At a meeting last week, by a vote of 4-1, the clubs decided to make it a five team group by barring Walkerton, in view of the long distance to the western Ontario town Orangeville was the sole objector.

This procedure is often used to oust undesirable clubs in a projected group and in this instance was adopted on the suggestion of O.H.A. top brass. Walkerton was voted out and there the matter apparently ended.

However, far from being ended, it touched off a string of repercussions that threw a monkey wrench into the works.

Within a few days Mr. John Royson, of Acton, the group convener, was notified Mr. Tony Gregg, "noted" Western Ontario sportsman" and O.H.A. committee man, would assume the convener'ship.

Amazed at this sudden turn of events, Acton officials contacted the other teams, seeking a valid reason for the change in plans. To complicate the matter further, Ferguson, Elora and Bridgeport said as far as they were concerned, they were to abide by the negative vote at the meeting. No one had approached them to the contrary.

Club officials here disclosed additional reason for barring Walkerton from its logical group, chief of which is the fact they have a stacked team, several of whom are in the travelling class.

Tuesday night a meeting was held in Ferguson to settle the issue. It was resolved to draw up two schedules, one with Walkerton in and the other without, final decision pending on the O.H.A.'s decision. There the matter rests.

## ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH HOLDS ANNUAL SUPPER AND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On Monday evening, December 19th, the congregation and Sunday School of the Acton Baptist Church held their annual supper and Christmas concert.

After a very bountiful supper which was arranged by the ladies of the church, a very splendid program was enjoyed.

The Mission Band, which has been organized only a few months sang a number of choruses. This was followed by a piano trio by Helen, Ruth and Bob Landsborough, accompanied by Mr. Charles Landsborough on the cornet. This was enjoyed by all. Two lovely violin selections were given by Shells, Paul and Helen and Bob Landsborough favored with a piano duet. A very appropriate song was sung by Mary Reid entitled "Christmas" "O Holy Night" was rendered by Mr. Charles Landsborough on his cornet. The pianist for the evening was Miss Ethel Franklin. Rev. Mr. Gower gave a "Flanel-graph" of the Christmas Story which was enjoyed by both young and old. The program had now come to the end when the sound of sleigh bells was heard and jolly old Santa Claus arrived.

After the distribution of gifts and candy, Santa made his departure under difficulty.

## ACTON JUNIOR BAND ARE HOST TO PARENTS AT CONCERT, PARTY

On Saturday evening the Junior Band were hosts to their parents at a party and concert in the Town Hall.

Main item on the program was the concert by the band which it is hoped will gradually fill the places vacated in the Senior Acton Boys' and Girls' Band. On the program the five year old daughter of Alex McIsaac played a baritone solo "Jingle Bells," Emerson Baxter gave a cornet solo "Noel" and Blair Hotchens gave a cornet solo "Abide With Me."

All important to the children was the party that was connected with the event. Sandwiches, cake, tarts and chocolate milk provided the children and adults with some nourishment which all visibly appreciated.

## Pre-Season Win For Acton Juniors Over Oakville

In a rough and tumble game at Georgetown in the Junior pre-season tournament Acton Redmen defeated Oakville 4-2 on Wednesday night December 14th. Acton started off rather slow in the first period but speeded up as the game progressed showing every indication of becoming a fine Junior D entry.

It was learned that the grouping will be six teams including Brampton, Oakville, Aurora, Thistleton, Georgetown and Acton. This group should provide some good competition and entertainment for Acton fans who like Junior hockey.

Acton may have the goal problem solved in a young red-head named Coulson who put up a good performance while in the net and he and Anderson from Haltonville will battle it out for the job. Georgetown has not decided whether to give Bob Hepburn his release but the boy is anxious to play here and would fit in nicely. Bob received a four stitch cut in the head on the rough stuff as someone may get seriously hurt.

Goals for Acton were by Zajak, Tom Anderson, Timbers and K. Fay one each.

Regrets is to commence on our own rink and the Juniors' play Brampton, Thursday Dec. 22nd at Georgetown at 8 o'clock.

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY DANCE ARRANGED AT MEETING NASSAGAWAYA INSTITUTE

Plans were made for the Christmas Holiday Dance at the December meeting of the Nassagaweya Women's Institute held at the home of Mrs. Verna and Mrs. Lloyd Campbell.

It was unanimously carried that the Institute send \$25 to the Cemetery Board of St. John's Anglican Church. During the business session of the meeting the ladies also voted remembrance to the shut-ins.

Twenty-five ladies answered the roll call with "Something new for our Community." The program for the meeting was under the convener'ship of Mrs. A. Diamond and Mrs. C. Pickett. The singing of "Jingle Bells" opened the program followed by "Holy Night" sung by Miss D. Simmons, of Acton. A paper on Community Activities was read by Mrs. A. Diamond. Mrs. W. Campbell won the carol guessing contest and also read a Christmas Poem. Another paper, "Christmas Poem," was read by Mrs. C. Pickett. A duet "Whispering Hope" followed with the singing of "Silent Night" by all the ladies. Lunch was served by the hostess and her committee.

## Acton Young People Injured In Car Collision Sunday

Six Acton young people had a miraculous escape from serious injury or fatality early Sunday morning in a car collision on the Queen Elizabeth Way, east of Dixie Road. Mrs. Dirk VanGozen was the most seriously injured, suffering bad lacerations of the knee and all the other occupants were badly bruised and shaken up. The car of Mr. Dirk VanGozen was wrecked beyond repair. Occupants of the car were Mr. and Mrs. Dirk VanGozen, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Johnston, Miss Jean Harris and Mr. Kerwin McPhail, all of Acton.

The other car involved suffered damage estimated at \$200 and was driven by Percy Mandelbaum of Toronto. He was travelling toward Toronto while the Acton car was westbound for Acton.

It is reported that the Toronto car swung suddenly in the west-bound traffic lane and Mr. VanGozen, in order to avoid an accident, went to the right ditch. His car was, however, struck in the middle and again on the other side as it swerved around a lighting standard.

There is no boulevard in this section of the highway but it is marked in four traffic lanes. Police investigated and have charged Mr. Mandelbaum with careless driving.

## CAROL SINGING FEATURED AS DUBLIN INSTITUTE MEET AT MRS. VAN GOZEN'S HOME

Carol singing opened the regular meeting of Dublin Women's Institute on Thursday at the home of Mrs. Van Gozen with Mrs. Ferguson, vice-president in charge. Roll call was answered by "What thrills me most at Christmas."

Donations of \$25 was sent to the Hospital for Sick Children and \$10 to the Care for Children Fund. Cards and boxes were to be sent to former members and shut-ins. Mrs. Near read a poem "The Kettle is on for Tea" Mrs. D. VanGozen gave a demonstration on hot water pastry. Miss Mildred Wilson conducted a game contest which was won by Mrs. Daphne and Mrs. Nellie. An exchange of gifts among those present was very much enjoyed. The committee in charge served a delicious lunch and a social hour was enjoyed.

## Eramosa Council Completes Business For Current Year

Eramosa Township Council met in the Town Hall, Rockwood, on December 15, and was approached by J. Taylor, C. Stovel and F. Ostrander regarding the dangerous approach from the 4th line to the No. 7 Highway. Council promised early consideration.

It was moved by Messrs. Cox and Benham that the Clerk and Reeve be authorized to advertise, if necessary, for an assessor for 1950. Council also struck off four duplicate assessments from the 1949 roll on motion of Messrs. Rutherford and Hutchingson.

The prepayment of the balance of the County rate of \$10,397.15 was approved, and the report of the School Attendance Officer was received and the account ordered paid. Accounts amounting to \$2780.64 were passed by Council.

All the members were present and Reeve, D. D. Gray presided over this final meeting for the year 1949.

## Final Meeting High School Board Chairman's Home

All members of North Halton High School District Board met on Monday at the home of Chairman A. Beaumont, at Glenwilliams for the final meeting of the year.

Mr. Lever, auditor, gave a report on the Board's finances and when amounts owing were all returned the operating costs would be within the estimates. Mr. Lever also gave the board information regarding provincial grants which will this year be 70 per cent of the school costs. A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Lever for the efficient work he had done on behalf of the Board.

A report and proceedings to date was given the Board on the action to recover fees from the Oakville-Trafalgar District Board and corresponding of the Board's solicitor to read. The Secretary reported that a new teacher had been engaged for the Milton staff to take for the resignation.

The Inspector's reports on both the Milton and Acton Schools were very favourable and showed good accommodation and equipment and efficient teaching staffs.

Principal Robbins reported on the use of the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium in Acton and the Board sanctioned the annual payment of \$500 for the use of this accommodation. Mr. Robbins also reported on the work done to secure a new teacher for the Acton school to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Unger.

Requisitions for a projector for Acton school and science equipment, library books and program clock for Milton school were laid over until the January meeting of the Board. Accounts were passed for payment.

Following the conclusion of the meeting the Board were very graciously entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Beaumont and a delightful lunch was served.

## KNOX ALERT Y.W.A. CHRISTMAS MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Alert Y.W.A. of Knox Presbyterian Church was held on Wednesday evening December 14th at the home of Mrs. Robert Turner, Crescent Street. The president Mrs. Fred Anderson, was in charge. The devotions were taken by Mrs. Jas. Ingles and Miss F. Elliott. Roll call was responded to by your favourite Christmas carol.

Mrs. Geo. Muscille read a story on the Spirit of Christmas and the legends of St. Nicholas. Several carols were sung as requested by members.

Mrs. Geo. Somerville contributed a reading from the Glad Tidings entitled a "Yunnan Yuletide" as told by Rev. Malcolm Ransom whose work is in the Yunnan Province of China.

Mrs. A. McIsaac read the financial report of the year's activities and other conveners reported for their particular department.

Mrs. Geo. Somerville was appointed to the chair to conduct the election of officers for 1950 which resulted as follows: re-elected, Mrs. F. Anderson, president; Mrs. Geo. Muscille, Secretary; Mrs. James Ingles, Treasurer; Miss Florence Elliott, Glad Tidings Secretary. The program committee to consist of the following: Miss Bella Roszell, Mrs. E. A. Hansen, Mrs. D. Manning, Mrs. Halliday.

A shower of gifts for a Christmas food hamper was received and sent to the home of a member who has been ill and other sick friends are to be remembered for Christmas season with suitable gifts. Mrs. Stewart Sinclair offered her home for the next meeting. A social time was enjoyed served by Mrs. Francis Wilds and her committee.

## CHRISTMAS MEETING BAPTIST MISSION BAND HAD YULETIDE PROGRAM

The Kay Ford Mission Band of the Acton Baptist Church held their Christmas meeting at the home of Miss Ethel Franklin Friday afternoon, December 18th with the President Helen Landsborough in charge.

During the meeting a number of the Mission Band took part including a poem by Werna Wagner, piano trio by Helen, Ruth and Bob Landsborough and a vocal duet by Margaret and Charlie Sunter. The Scripture was read by Bob Landsborough.

The Christmas story was given by Mrs. Stanley Cripps and Mr. Gower closed with prayer.

After the meeting the children enjoyed looking at the Christmas story through a view-master, and each member received a Christmas basket filled with cookies and candies.

## Report Suggests Progressive Year At Acton Y.M.C.A.

**Christmas Holiday Program Is Planned For All School Boys and Girls**

Recent reports and developments suggest that the Acton Y.M.C.A. is slated for a progressive and busy program for the year 1950.

Total attendance figures this year are, so far, well in excess of the same period last year, with increasing interest evident in the variety of activities offered.

Initial plans have been drawn up for a Town Volleyball League to commence early in January. To date the following organizations have expressed a desire to enter: Force Electric, Baxter Laboratories, Metro Plastics, Beardmore and Co., and the Y's Men's Club. It is hoped that one or two more teams will be added to this roster.

Arrangements have been completed to resume regular swimming excursions for the younger members to the Guelph Y.M.C.A. again this year. These are to commence the first week in January with the Y's Men's Club arranging the transportation and the Guelph Y.M.C.A. providing experienced supervision and coaching.

The Acton "Y" Program Committee are at present drawing up plans for regular social evening programs for members and friends of the Y.M.C.A. of all ages. Prospects so far have been encouraging.

A Christmas holiday program is planned for all school boys and girls, and will feature a variety of daily activities during the holiday period. The schedule is to be announced soon.

At the latest regular meeting of the Y.M.C.A. Board of Directors, Garnet McKenzie, principal of Acton Public School was elected Acton representative to the National Council of Y.M.C.A.'s for the year 1950 and is considering attending the annual meeting to be held in St. Catharines in February.

A request from the Home and School Association for the use of the "Y" for their regular meetings was granted, these meetings being on the third Monday of each month. Complete renovation of the showering facilities has been completed at the "Y," also a towel rack of which many are taking advantage.

Keen competition is evident in the Intermediate and Young Men's Basketball League. The Black team, captained by Bob Bruce are at present leading the point parade. The championship game will be played Friday at 7 p.m. between the Blacks and Scotty McChrystal's Gold squad.

In the Hill and Miss Gymn Tournaments featured in the Midget and Junior boys and girls classes a total of 94 members are participating. Leading scorers in the different classes are as follows: Midget Boys: Wayne Currie, 51 pts; Emerson Baxter, 44; Gerry Dawkins, 42; Midget girls: Helen Luxton, 34; Marilyn Sigworth and Marilyn Woods tied, 31; Lorraine Tyler, 30; Junior boys: John Cunningham, 40; Russell Arble, 47; Bill McColl and Wayne Arble tied, 44; Junior girls: Peggy Oakes, 31; Joan Hodge, 30; Betty Mae Lambert, 28.

Both competitions will terminate this month with crests to be awarded to the winning basketballers and special souvenir awards to the high scorers in the Gymn Tournament.

**BANNOCKBURN FORUM HAD EUCHRE AND SOCIAL MEETING MONDAY**

The Bannockburn Farm Forum meeting took the form of a euchre party in the school on Monday evening, prizes being won by Mrs. Wm. Dobble and Mr. P. Thompson and the consolation prize by Miss Margaret Brown.

Lunch was served and then all enjoyed a few old time songs and Christmas carols with Miss Margaret Brown at the piano.

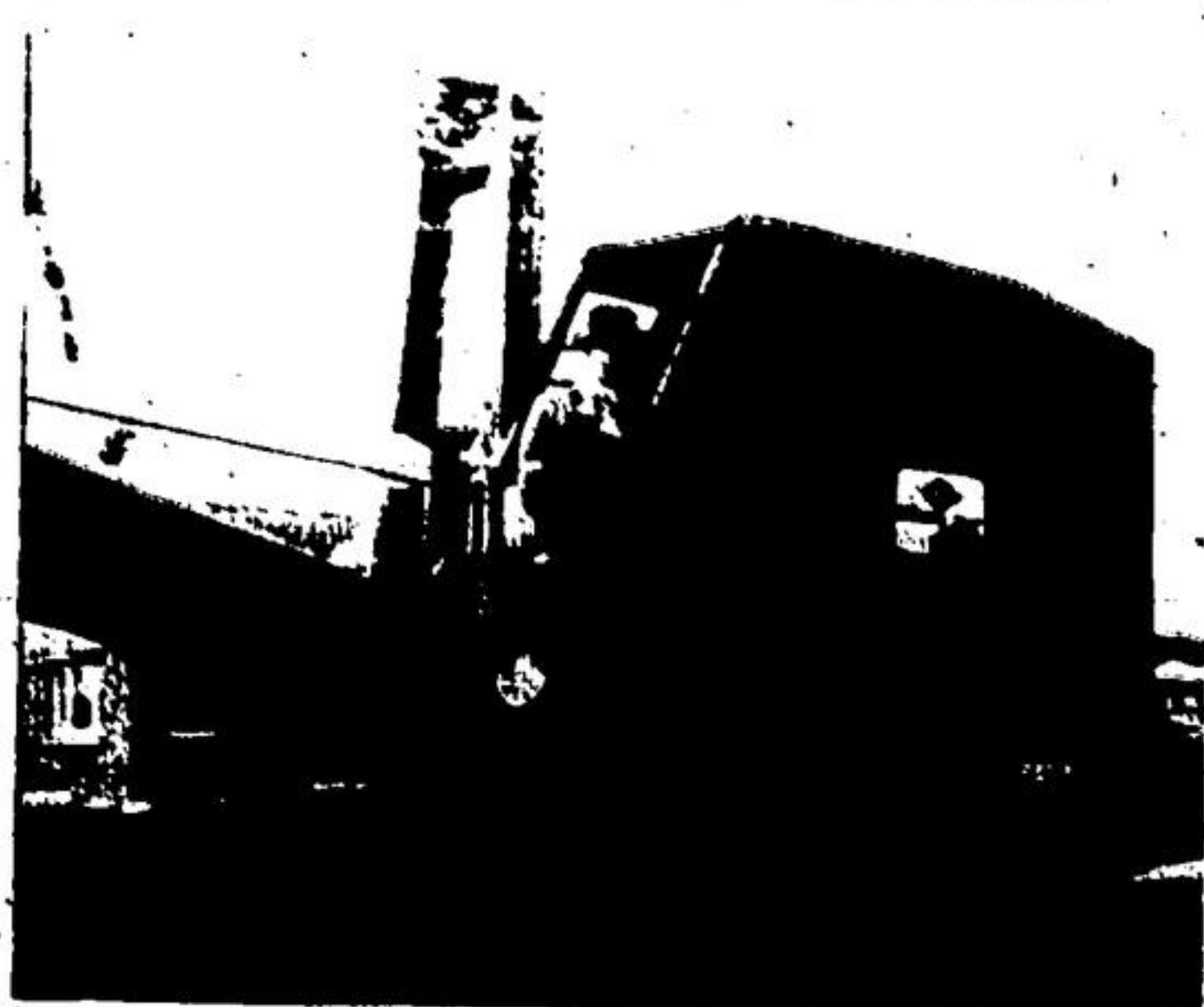
**Coming Events**

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, in cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcements of 25c.

New Year's euchre and novelty dance, Friday, December 30, Crowson Corners Hall. Good Prices. Refreshments. Admission 50c. Dancing till 2 a.m.

Dance, Brookville Hall, Wednesday, December 28, Al Watson's 7-piece orchestra. Novelty dances. Admission 50c. Refreshments. Nassagaweya Women's Institute.

## ACTION ON ACTON SEWERS



Reeve Theron Jones, Deputy Reeve Tyler, and Councillor McLeod stand on the trench digger and smile their approval at the beginning of sewer installations. Resident Engineer Norm Warner, pictured beside the shovel will be on the job until its completion. The first upheaving was on Peel Street last week but installations will be more rapid in the New Year. The \$350,000 project is to be completed in 1950.

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