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## Will Ask New Tenders on Revised Disposal Plant

**New Location and More Flexible Plant Makes This Necessary—Council Confers with Wartime Housing Officials and Sanctions Sale of Houses Now at Lower Lot Price**

Acton Council met in special session on Thursday evening with Reeve Tyler, Deputy Reeve W. J. McLeod and Councillors L. Hotchen, J. Greer, J. Hargrave, R. Thompson and W. Rozzell present and Mayor A. Mason presided.

Officials of Central Mortgage Corporation were present to discuss with Council the installation of sewers in Wartime Housing subdivision and also to explain the plan of selling these houses to private owners prior to the first five year period. Under the original arrangements, the municipality was to install sewers and house connections at the same time as in other parts of Acton. Last year, Central Mortgage had spent \$23,000 in correcting and rebuilding the septic tanks in this subdivision and it was felt this would care for the problem for 5 to 8 years.

It was brought out that the town was not obliged to install sewers in this subdivision but if sewers were installed, connections must be made to the houses. Various methods of sharing these costs were discussed and Mr. Scott was very fair in all proposals.

Sewer rental charges will be permitted when the installations are made and will be a charge to the tenants just as water rates and other charges will be made elsewhere in town.

Subject to the approval of the head office, Mr. Scott agreed to a settlement of \$5,500 for sewer laterals in this section. The municipality will pump out and fill in the present septic tanks after sewers are connected.

Council and housing officials also discussed sale of the house to tenants. Mr. Scott said approximate prices were \$4,625 for the six room house, \$4,225 for the five room and \$3,925 for the four room type. These could be purchased with a down payment of 10 per cent and the balance payable as rent. It was optional with tenants if they bought. They would have first chance but would not be evicted to sell a house to another. There would be no pressure to purchase. If the town agreed to accept \$200 payment for the lot in the first five years, the prices quoted gave the purchaser the benefit of this saving. In any event the houses would not be sold until the lot price was reduced to \$200. The following resolution was passed: That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign an amendment to the original agreement dated the 17th day of January, 1947, with His Majesty the King in Right of Canada and Wartime Housing Ltd. to be known as Amendment No. 1, permitting the company to institute a sales program immediately and reimbursing the town to the amount of \$200 per lot sold.

Mr. R. Anderson, engineer, discussed with Council the contract on the disposal plant which had not yet been awarded. The location had been changed and the plant was being re-designed to make it more flexible. It would be another week before the outline drawings were ready but it was proposed to allow for additions that could be put on to double the plant capacity when required. The new plans were so changed that it was deemed advisable to call for new tenders on this work and the following motion was passed: That we call for new tenders on the disposal plant contract in its new location as soon as Engineer Anderson has the drawings prepared, March 1st if possible.

The matter of detours on Main Street from River Street north was discussed and the engineer gave assurance the sewers could be laid on one side and a line of traffic be maintained while construction was in progress in this section.

**Entry Made at Plant of J. B. Mackenzie & Son**

Sometime Tuesday night, thieves broke into the office of J. B. Mackenzie and Son on Church St. Petty cash in the office was taken but so far that appears to be all that was removed. In November the same office was entered and some petty thieving done. The Provincial Police are investigating the entries.

## Three Injured in Rockwood Accident Saturday Afternoon

Three people, one of them an 18-month-old infant, escaped serious injury Saturday afternoon when their car collided with a hydro pole in the village of Rockwood, snapping off at the base and came to rest against the rear of another car.

The vehicle, owned by Alfred Morrison of Toronto, was being driven by Mrs. Morrison. She told provincial police she wheeled the car over to the side of the road and was bringing it to a stop to let her husband drive.

Mrs. Morrison, police said, told them she felt a weak spell come on and she doesn't remember what happened after that.

The 12 inch hydro pole was snapped off at the base and pushed ahead of the car approximately 15 feet from its original position where it remained resting on the front end and hood of the car.

Before the vehicle came to rest, it bumped into the rear of another car parked on the side of the road owned by Fraser Plummer of Rockwood. The parked car sustained only minor damage, police said. The grill, front end and hood of the Morrison car were extensively damaged. The Morrissions were on their way to Toronto when the mishap occurred.

Saturday, employees of the Hydro Electric Power Commission and the Bell Telephone Co. effected temporary repairs to their lines. Several leads in the telephone cable were broken by the impact.

Sunday, the broken pole was replaced by Hydro workmen. Power cut-offs lasted approximately half an hour. Replacing the wires and pole took about five hours on Sunday it was learned.

## Fine New Garage Opened Saturday Afternoon Here

**Lorne Garner Motors Opens General Motors Sales and Service in Modern New Building**

Many residents of Acton and district attended the opening on Saturday of the Lorne Garner Motors' fine new garage and presentation of the 1950 Pontiac. All afternoon and evening, crowds attended and enjoyed the hospitality of open house. Sandwiches, coffee and cakes were served by Mrs. Garner and her assistants.

The formal opening ceremonies were conducted by Mayor Amos Mason, who welcomed Mr. Garner to Acton and congratulated him on his fine premises and the bringing of General Motors cars and service to the community.

Other brief congratulatory addresses were made by Mr. Jackson, District Manager of General Motors and Mr. Watts of British American Oil Co. and Rev. E. T. Yeh of Acton G. A. R. Club was master of ceremonies.

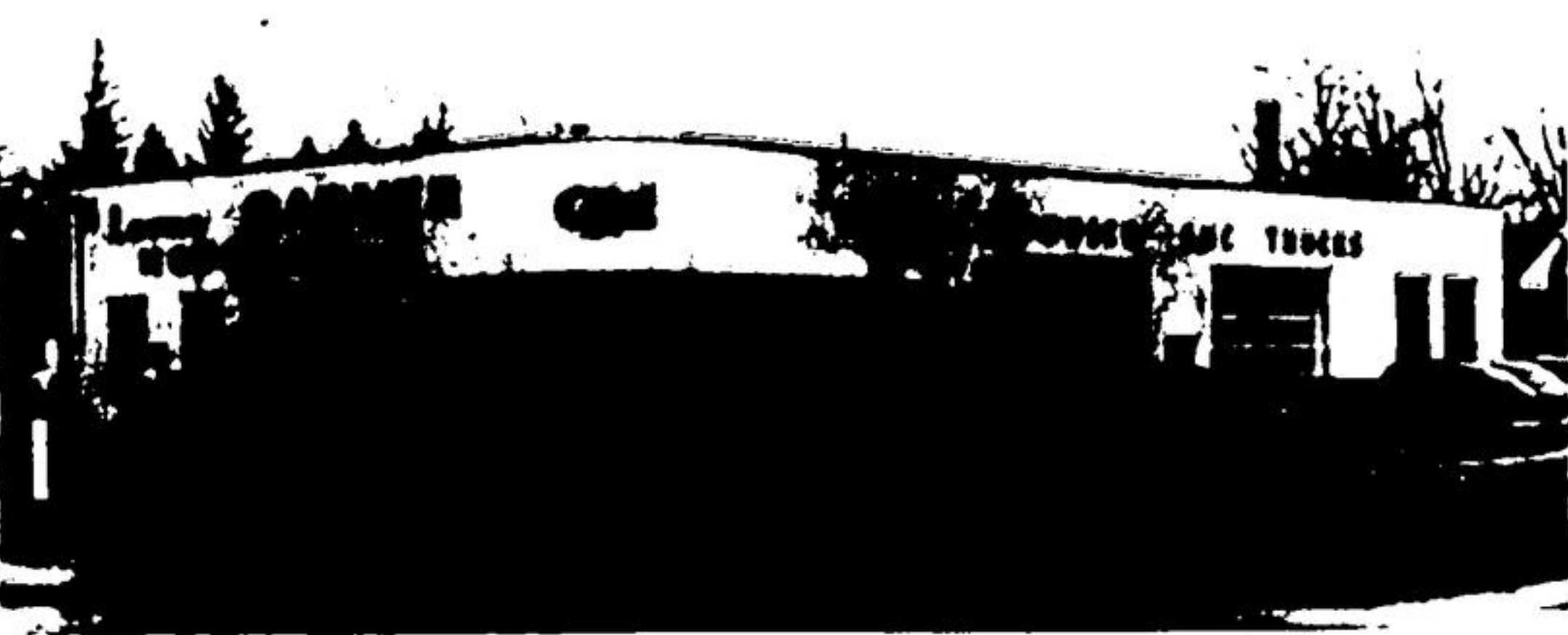
The garage and showroom is situated on Main Street at the corner of West Bower Ave. It is a large, commodious building with fine show room and ample provision for all the facilities of any modern sales and service for automobiles and is furnished with the latest equipment. The contractor on the building was Mr. J. J. McMullen of Acton.

During the day visitors were invited to leave their names and addresses on coupons provided and in the evening a dozen valuable prizes were presented to those who were fortunate enough to have their names drawn.

Following are the winners of the prizes: Rev. H. L. Bennie, Melvin McIsaac, D. F. West, Mrs. D. F. Carmochan, Mrs. N. Turner, Mrs. Owen Mastales, Mrs. Wilmer Watkins, Mrs. Grindell, Gerald Downs, Thomas McCutcheon, V. A. Wheeler, Mrs. R. A. Westell.

Mr. Garner has the General Motors agency for Pontiac and Buick cars for Acton, Georgetown and Milton and the district surrounding and had four of the 1950 Pontiac models on hand for the opening event. Mr. and Mrs. Garner and their two children are residing in Toronto until a house can be secured in Acton. His brother, Mr. Leslie Garner, who will be in charge of service has moved to Acton.

## NEW ADDITION ACTON BUSINESS SECTION



The latest addition to Acton business section is the new General Motors garage of Lorne Garner Motors Ltd. which was officially opened on Saturday and attended by many residents of the town and district. The building is a fine, modern structure just completed and has frontage on Main Street and Bower Avenue. The contractor was J. J. McMullen of Acton.

## Dinner Meeting Acton Business Men Held on Monday

About 75 Acton business women and men attended a dinner meeting on Monday night to start the activities of an Acton organization of business folk. Mr. Stephen Jones, President of the Chamber of Commerce and former clerk of Mount Forest, was the guest speaker. He is a veteran of both World Wars and was in charge of demobilization of the Canadian Air Force following the last war.

Mr. Jones brought a message that was very helpful to a new group such as in Acton. To the question of why we should have a Chamber of Commerce, the answer was because we want to stay in business. We help the other fellow because we want to help ourselves and the most important product we have to sell is our town. He felt that it was not the duty of the Council to seek new industries but rather the work of business men's organizations.

Mr. Jones said a Chamber of Commerce or Board of Trade was not a charity, service or fraternal organization. He urged that any group plan well ahead and never try to carry on more than one project at a time. Mr. Jones was introduced by J. H. Goy and thanked by Wm. Denny.

In a question period which followed, many important points were brought out. Mr. Jones told of the advantages of belonging to a central group. These advantages far outweighed the cost of affiliation. The group in Mount Forest included industrial heads as well as retail business men and women.

Further entertainment was provided by Carlings Conservation Club who showed a number of fine colored films on conservation of our forests and wild life. These were in charge of Len Walsh and Wm. Peats.

## COMPLETE 60 YEARS OF SUCCESSFUL WORK IN RURAL INSURANCE

Another year of successful operation was reported on Monday at the annual meeting of the Halton Union Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co. held in Acton. Losses of \$22,627.81 were lower the past year and fewer in number.

Insurance in force at the year end was \$260,200.20 carried in 2,648 policies. Total assets of the company were given as \$1,638,808.03 and the year end surplus was \$119,006.48.

## ROCKWOOD LADY MARKED HER 94th BIRTHDAY SUNDAY

Mrs. M. O'Brien celebrated her ninety-fourth birthday quietly at her home on Harris Street, Sunday, January 22nd. Mrs. O'Brien is in good health and retains all her faculties. She enjoys callers and on her birthday many people called offering congratulations and best wishes and enjoyed a cup of tea and piece of the beautifully decorated birthday cake. Then followed a quiet supper with her most intimate friends. Among the cards and letters of good wishes was a letter from Henry Hoagins, M.P. and a telegram from Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent which greatly thrilled and pleased the aged lady.

## Restrictions on Hydro Eased in Many Services

### Commission Makes Agreement for Repairs on Sewers Damaged by Sewer Contractors

The regular meeting of the Public Utilities Commission was held on Tuesday evening. Commissioner T. Ware and Mayor A. Mason were present and R. MacArthur presided.

Mr. McDonald of the Spartan Construction Co. was present to discuss with the Commission an agreement for repairing water services broken during the installation of sewer mains. It was decided that Superintendent J. Lambert was to make the necessary repairs and that the Spartan Construction Co. would pay for the repairs. The accounts were to be rendered monthly.

A letter from the H.E.P.C. of Ontario gave notice of the lifting of certain restrictions in the use of power. About the only restrictions now in force are those on hot air heaters and uninsulated water heaters.

A letter from the accounting department of the H.E.P.C. gave the standing in regard to supplying municipal services. The Waterworks Department services has a surplus of \$129.73 and the Street Lighting services accumulated a deficit of \$875.40, making an overall deficit of \$745.70.

A letter from District No. 5 of the Ontario Municipal Electric Association gave an account of the meeting held recently in Delhi.

A notice from the H.E.P.C. informed the Commission that the controlled water heaters need only be shut off for two hours per day instead of four hours daily as previously in effect.

Notice of the Annual Convention being held in Toronto on February 28th and March 1st and 2nd was received. Reservations were made for the usual delegates.

A letter was received from the Dominion Department of Mines and Forests. It gave an analysis of the water used in the municipal system and requested information regarding the consumption of water.

Superintendent Lambert was given permission to order ten new water meters for the Waterworks Department.

A consumer was to be notified by letter to improve the access to his water meter. This meter is in a very difficult position for the meter man to read and must be improved at once.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Hydro Department	\$6109.20
H.E.P.C. of Ont. power, etc.	25.00
Bell Telephone Co. of Can. services	25.00
Remington Rand Ltd. services	13.50
Masco Electric Co. Ltd. supplies	73.24
Line & Cable Accessories Ltd. supplies	39.19
MacDonald Electric Ltd. supplies	407.58
Symon Hdwe. supplies	9.27
Jas. R. Kearney Corp. supplies	33.75
Express & transport	7.71
	\$6718.44
Waterworks Department	
Symon Hdwe.	\$ 8.20
Empire Brass Mfg. Co.	126.94
	\$135.14

## GOOD RATING

Gerry, "Don't you think it's a good idea to rate all cars according to their horsepower?"  
Bill: "Not as good as rating drivers according to their horse sense."

## Burn's Night at Knox Church was Night for Scots

Loyal Scots of Knox Church celebrated the hundred and ninety-first anniversary of the birthday of the Scottish bard, Robert Burns, in the traditional haggis supper sponsored by the So-Ed group Tartans of all clans draped the walls of the classroom and provided the proper setting for the enjoyment of all the wholesome fare proverbially associated with Scottish tastes.

The haggis was carried in by Kenneth Mann to the strains of the pipes played by Pipe-Major Peter Gibson and Piper Henderson of the Fergus Pipe Band. Mr. Robert Chalmers was Master of Ceremonies for the evening and executed his duties with genial efficiency. Interspersed with the proper amount and flavor of Scottish humor. After he had addressed the haggis in the ode inscribed to it by the poet and had recited the grace also used by Burns, the company sang "Scots Wha Hae" as an outlet to their patriotic emotions and all sat down to enjoy "a right guid meal".

When the first part of the evening's entertainment had been concluded to everyone's satisfaction, the chairman proposed a toast to the King and to wee Bonnie Prince Charlie, which were met with the usual response. Owing to illness, several numbers of the program had to be cancelled but the following were much enjoyed: an address on the life and works of Robert Burns, a piano solo "Ye Banks and Braes" by Margaret Brown; a vocal solo, "Heather on the Hills" by Crawford Douglas; a reading "Burns Night at Knox Kirk" by Isabel Anderson; a solo, "Annie Laurie" by Mrs. Turner; a violin solo "Bonnie Dundee" by Mr. James Moore, readings from Burns' poems by Mr. Murray Colles; a solo "My Ain Folk" by Mr. Wm. Burton; a pipe selection "The Road to the Isles" by Mal Gibson; and "Auld Scotch songs" by the company. One minute of silence was observed in honor of the immortal memory of Robert Burns.

The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought the evening to a close the popular comment being "Hoeh, hoeh, gran' we're haein'".

## Sewer Construction Now on Four Streets Here

Sewer construction work is now in progress in four sections in town. The south end of Main St. work is near the entrance to Fairview Cemetery and should be completed in a week. This will reopen the road to Highway 25 to Milton.

Another machine has worked north on Main Street and is proceeding along Church Street and the block between Willow and Main Street is closed for traffic. This machine will work along Church Street.

The west section of the Crescent is now under construction. The first section has been laid. A fourth machine is working on the big trunk line from Elgin Street along the old radial right-of-way.

The resident engineer, N. Walker, has at the suggestion of Council agreed to furnish the Free Press with information each week so that residents will know in advance what section of streets will be closed next week and will allow citizens to get in coal or other supplies before the street is closed.

The character of Winnipeg, now 75 years old, reflects culture, industry and good natured independence.

## County Council Approves Land for Home for Aged

### Y's Men's Club Report Many Varied Activities

The Y's Men's Club met last Thursday evening and sat down at 6:30 to a delicious supper served by the ladies. The meeting was presided over by President Ken MacKenzie and Harry Arbie was times master.

A letter was received from the Sick Children's Hospital, thanking the Club for the fifty dollar donation recently forwarded. Wes Wolfe reported on plans for a Father and Son banquet for the boys of Acton from 10 years to High School age. Harry Arbie stated that approximately twenty-five children each week are taking advantage of the swimming classes at Guelph. The boys motor to Guelph on Tuesday evening and the girls on Wednesday evening.

The Club decided to ask all ex-members to join the Club at the party being held at the Brant Inn, Burlington on Friday evening, February 3rd. At least one bus is being chartered for the trip.

The speaker for the evening, Mr. Alf Long, was unable to be present due to illness and after a very profitable session, the meeting adjourned.

## New Carding Machines Placed At Wool Combing

Last Saturday, two new cards for the French Combing Section in the Acton plant of the Wool Combing Corporation were unloaded and this week two more of these machines are due for arrival at the plant here.

The four machines will be put in operation in the French Combing section of the plant and Mr. Williamson, superintendent, anticipates having them in production this month. Delivery of the machines has been awaited for some time to complete this part of operation in the plant. Combs in the other section are now engaged in the processing of nylon and the new machine will complete the French Combing section where part of the equipment has been in operation.

## Fifth Straight Loss Inflicted On Acton Ints.

### Elora and Walkerton Ran Away With Games Last Week To Make Five Defeats

Walkerton Iron Fitmen continued their undefeated streak on Tuesday night by racking up another win at the expense of the floundering Acton club in Acton, and further extended their hold on first place in the group. Showing a wide edge on both play and scoring punch they coasted to a 9-2 win without visibly tiring themselves.

Sparked by diminutive George Zuk, he of the swivel hips, and "Sparky" Weller, former Kitchener Sr., the Walkerton club blasted three goals behind Harold Robson in each of the three chapters. Acton tumbled in two goals within thirty seconds of one another in the third period for their only powerful bid around the net when given an opportunity to score made the locals miss on several chances.

Ideal ice conditions made the pace fast and the game, in spite of the lop-sided count, was probably the best seen in Acton this season. Reinforced by the addition of two Jrs., Harold Townsley and Freddie Kentner, who both turned in good performances, Acton was considerably stronger than in their last appearance against Elora. But it was the visitor's power that paid dividends. Zuk and Weller both set up and scored goals for their line mates, outfooting their checks on the Acton team with ease.

It was Acton's fifth consecutive defeat against a win and a tie. Elora downed the locals decisively, 10-5, last Friday in Elora, to further dim their chances of catching a play-off spot. With two wins in the remaining three games a mathematical

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## Three Municipalities Voice Objection to Expenditure—Chairman Gives Complete Report On Estimates and Plans To Date — Architect's Advance On Fees Approved — Appointment Made — Road Expenditure for 1950 Estimates at \$180,000

Written exclusively for The Acton Free Press and The Canadian Champion

Plans for the erection of a Halton Home for the Aged began to materialize when County Council officially approved of the purchase of a site at its regular meeting held at the Court House, Milton, last Tuesday. Members approved of a by-law to purchase 20 acres of land east of Milton for the sum of \$4,000. Three northern municipalities did not vote in favour of the by-law.

The majority of council favoured payment of architect's fees following a lengthy discussion in which members of Esquaring council voiced strong opposition.

K. Y. Dick, Reeve of Milton, and chairman of the special building committee for the Home, gave a lengthy report on the progress since council voted in favour of the erection of such a home last July.

He told new members who were not familiar with what had transpired that council decided on the matter after it had learned it was estimated \$103,000 would have to be spent on improving the existing jointly owned buildings at Brampton. He said these plans were not approved by the Department of Welfare and were scrapped. After a second set of plans had been drawn it was found that \$168,000 would have to be spent to take care of those already living at the Brampton Home. Then if expansion was considered a new wing would be constructed at a cost of \$45,000 to accommodate another twenty-eight persons. Furthermore, it was estimated an additional amount of \$30,000 would be required to install a new boiler and heating system, and a further amount of \$25,000 to take care of sewerage.

Mr. Dick pointed out the commission would be faced with a \$280,000 expenditure to remodel the old building. Halton representatives refused to assent to this expenditure before bringing it before Halton council. It was then decided if a major amount were to be spent by this council, it should be on a new Home of our own, he said.

The special committee explored the possibility of Halton and Peel building the new home jointly but officials of the Department of Welfare advised against it.

Stating there were 56 Halton persons at the Brampton Home, Mr. Dick added a survey had been made by municipal clerks as to who may desire admittance to the new home and it was found that the erection of a building to accommodate 100 persons would be most logical and would economically serve the municipality for another five to eight years. However, the committee felt, he said, indications were that additional room would be needed in the near future, and the architects drew a master plan of a building that would accommodate 250 persons.

In order that the architects could establish a rate for fees, Mr. Dick explained that Brownthwaite and Fairfield, architects, had two reputable contracting firms estimate

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## 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 50c.

Knox Ladies Aid tea and sale of baking, Saturday, February 11, at 2:30 o'clock.

The regular monthly meeting of the Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. will be held Tuesday, February 14, in the Legion Hall at 8:15 p.m. Mrs. Arthur Gamble, guest speaker.

Benefit euchre and dance, Lucky Draw, Friday 3, 1950, Crawford's Corner Hall Door Prize Admission 50c Ladies provide. All prizes are donated. Proceeds for worthy cause, Auspices Acton L.O.L.

St. Valentine's Dance, Acton Town Hall, Tuesday, February 14, Good Music by Royal City Quintette. Modern and Old-time dancing. Door prize, Admission, 50c. Auspices Acton L.O.B.A. No. 1101.