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DRAIN, REBUILD ACTON WATER TANK

W. R. Norton Appointed Meter Reader by P.U.C.

At the regular meeting of the Acton Public Utilities Commission held on Tuesday evening, the tenders for the position of meter reader were opened. There were nine applicants: Messrs. James Moore, Martin McCristall, Joe Joque, Burt Watson, John V. Savage, Charles Mason, W. R. Norton, James Adamson and E. J. Hassard. After going over the tenders, the one from W. R. Norton was accepted. Reeve E. G. Tyler, Commissioner J. T. Ware and J. R. MacArthur were present at the meeting.

The Commission decided to have the water tank sand blasted and painted on the inside during the time the tank is being repaired. This is the most opportune time as all the water is out and the tank is dry. Trans Canada Steeplejacks were to be contacted to do this job.

Prices were submitted for trimming and removing trees on the Commission lines about town. The price of the Cedarvale Tree experts for \$200 was accepted. This price did not include removing four dead trees which would increase the cost by \$60. The wood from this tree trimming was to go to the Corporation and all brush removed.

Superintendent Mason reported that the transformers were on hand for the power services on Wallace Ave. The changeover is planned for Saturday morning next so that industry will be interrupted as little as possible. A number of trees are to be removed on Peel in order to move the power line so the street can be widened.

The thawing of water services was discussed at some length by the Commission. Rulings were given on the thawings which have taken place this winter and the charges are to be the same as formerly charged.

Supt. Lambert asked the Commission's pleasure on removing the indicator on the water tower. As this indicator is of no use, due to modern controls on the tank, it was decided to have it removed.

Mayor Tyler was to bring to the attention of council the wood which is at the spring property. It was felt the town could use this wood for heating purposes and the workmen could cut the wood. It was also reported that timber is being cut in the bush in which the spring is situated.

A report of the Hydro Electric Pension and Insurance scheme, of which Acton is a member, was tabled. A proposal is to be discussed regarding raising the amount of benefits.

Mr. M. Jordan was present to inquire why he had been let out. After discussing the matter with Mr. Jordan the Commission talked the matter over with Supt. Mason. It was felt another man was needed for the work which has to be done this summer and Mr. Jordan was offered re-engagement at a salary of \$2,000 per year.

A letter from a consumer asked consideration of his account. He had quit his job and his bill was owing for two months. The Commission ruled that the regular collecting rules must be adhered to.

A letter was read from Standard Chemicals stating that the carbonyl, in which the chlorination compound is purchased, had increased in price. The price has risen from \$5 to \$5 per bottle for the containers.

A letter from the Electrical Employees Association of Ontario (Continued on Page Eight)

Ladies Meet in Presbyterian Church For Special Day of Prayer Service

Miss Ella Currey, the minister of the Orton Circuit, was the guest speaker at the World Day of Prayer service held in Acton on Friday, February 9th in Knox Presbyterian Church. The service was well attended by ladies of all the Protestant churches of the town, and was led by Mrs. Harry Mannprie.

Others taking part in the service were Mrs. Rose and Mrs. A. Haydon of the Anglican church, Mrs. John Chapman of the Baptist church, Mrs. Fred Cleave and Miss Dorothy Simmons of the United church and Mrs. A. J. Buchanan of the Presbyterian church.

The theme of the meeting was "Perfect love casteth out fear." Miss Currey chose as her topic a sentence which was previously repeated by the congregation in a responsive portion of the service. "We, as members of Thy Church, which is Thy Body have not con-

Three Cars Meet In Feb. 10th Accident

Three cars were involved in an accident just south of Acton on No. 25 highway last Saturday night, February 10th. Although no one was hurt, damage to two cars was estimated at \$100 each.

Allan Ross of Toronto stopped his car a half mile south of Acton to fix a tire, and Bruno Cassarin of Milton Heights stopped his car to help.

A third car travelling north driven by Crawford Douglas, Speyside, braked to avoid the other cars and skidded into the Ross vehicle. The driver claimed that he had met two cars that failed to dim their lights and he was unable to see the parked vehicles.

Damage to both the Douglas and Ross cars was estimated at \$100.

KITCHEN LINEN SHOWER HELD FRIDAY FOR MRS. LINO MARZO

Last Friday evening, February 9th, a shower was held at the home of Mrs. Robert Footitt for Mrs. Lino Marzo who was recently married. Assisting Mrs. Footitt were Mrs. John Dunn and Mrs. Hooshley.

The evening was enjoyably spent with Mrs. Marzo presented with useful and lovely gifts of linen and kitchen ware. An attractive lunch was served.

Local Farm Forum Hears Mr. Robbins

Bannoockburn Farm Forum have been enjoying their weekly meeting this winter. The meetings are held in the home each Monday night to listen to the broadcast and discuss the problems in question.

On review night in January, the Bannoockburn Forum met in the school and entertained the Forum from the Stone School, the Acton and Bannoockburn Institutes and other friends. Following the broadcast, Mr. Robbins, Principal of the Acton School, told of his trip during the summer to England, Ireland, Scotland and the Continent. He also showed two reels of pictures taken during his trip. Lunch was served and a social hour enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McDonald were hosts to the Forum on February 5th and Mr. and Mrs. S. Matthews on February 12th. "Would a World Food Bank solve the world food problem?" was discussed at the latter meeting. No definite plan of distributing the food surplus could be arrived at.

A social evening follows each of the meetings.

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50 YEARS IN PRINTERS' UNION—STARTED TRADE IN THE FREE PRESS OFFICE

I read the Free Press and the New York Times with equal pleasure," writes Charlie McCann when renewing his Free Press subscription this week. "We are pleased indeed with such an association. Mr. McCann notes in his letter that in December he received his fifty year button from the International Typographical Union at a banquet in the Robert Trent Hotel in New Jersey.

It hardly seems possible that it is well over half a century since he left the Free Press office after serving an apprenticeship here under the late H. P. Moore. He has been a Linotype operator for some time on a New Jersey daily. Some of our older readers will recall Mr. McCann and join with us in congratulations on the recognition and honor he received in December.

Truck Sideswipes Cars Parked On Ice

Among the many accidents caused by the extremely slippery roads on Tuesday morning of this week is one which involved three vehicles at Silver Creek. A car driven by Mrs. Thelma Cotton of Ballinacra had stopped at the edge of No. 7 highway, and a second vehicle driven by William Barratt was also stopped nearby.

A transport truck of the Guelph City Transport Co., driven by Gordon Bestward, tried to stop and sideswiped the other two vehicles. There was no damage done to the truck but the damage to Mrs. Cotton's car was estimated at \$10 and to Mr. Barratt's car \$150.

Other cars as well were stopped nearby waiting for the sanding trucks before proceeding along the slippery highway.

MODEL AIRCRAFT, PLASTER MODELS MADE BY ACTON Y'S JUNIOR CLUBS

Trophies will be presented to the winners of the men's volleyball league to-night (Thursday) as a new schedule gets under way. The boys' and girls' Hit and Miss schedule also is complete this week with a new series planned to begin immediately.

Other activities at the Y include the Junior Handicraft Club, where about 15 girls meet on Monday evenings and about 10 boys on Thursdays. Both groups are busy making plaster models.

Two meetings have been held of the Model Aircraft Club and this Saturday work begins on the actual models. Over a dozen boys will be making these models together each Saturday afternoon.

Damages Awarded Mrs. Ryder, Family

Damages amounting to \$34,000 were awarded Mrs. Rod Ryder and her three small children in Milton court on Tuesday. The action arose from the death of Rod Ryder in Acton on September 7th, 1949 when he was crushed beneath the wheels of a Gray Coach Bus on Mill St. in Acton. He was riding a bicycle returning home from work in the late afternoon when the accident occurred.

The jury returned a verdict finding the Gray Coach lines 90 per cent negligent and John Winters of Acton 10 per cent negligent. Damages of \$22,000 were awarded Mrs. Betty Ryder; \$3,200 to Magdalene Ryder; \$4,000 to Bryan and \$4,800 to Glen (Roderick), the children of the late Roderick Ryder.

The action was heard before Mr. Justice King on Monday and Tuesday of this week in Milton. The jury returned the verdict at 8.30 p.m. on Tuesday. Mr. K. V. Dick of Milton was assisted by Mr. W. C. MacDonald of New Toronto, on behalf of Mrs. Ryder and family. Mr. G. MacGillivray of Toronto was counsel for the Gray Coach Lines and Miss S. Bennett of Georgetown, assisted by Mr. J. W. Thomson of Toronto appeared on behalf of Mr. Winters.

OBITUARY

Born Near Milton E. Claridge Dies

Following a brief illness from pulmonary thrombosis Ernest Claridge died Saturday, February 3rd at his home at Merlin, Ont., aged 66 years. He had first taken ill on January 25 when a blood clot formed on his lung. He was found unconscious in his hardware store by his wife.

Born in Scotch Block, near Milton, he was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Claridge.

Besides his wife, the former Maude Shepley, a native of Glenwood, near Merlin, he is survived by one son, Gordon, of Thamesville; also one brother, Wm. H. Claridge of Toronto, and four sisters: Mrs. Elva Robinson of Dundalk; Mrs. Viola Kinnell of Webb, Sask.; Mrs. Telford Woods, (Ruby) of Listowel and Mrs. Norma Montgomery of Toronto. Besides his parents, two brothers, Mervyn and Percy, predeceased him.

The funeral was held from the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Wm. Brant of Glenwood, interment being made in Merlin Cemetery. The Masonic Order of which Mr. Claridge was a member, conducted a service in the home the night before the funeral.

MILK PRODUCERS ENTERTAIN DISTRIBUTORS FAMILIES AT SOCIAL EVENING

The Acton Milk Producers held a social evening at the home of the president, J. J. Stewart, on Saturday, February 10th, entertaining their families and the Acton Milk distributors. The evening was spent in progressive euchre and other games.

Prize winners were Mrs. George Somerville first, Mrs. Wm. Ritchie second, Mrs. A. Adams first and Mr. Jack Stewart second. Ladies' travelling prize was won by Mrs. W. Hefron and men's by Mr. Donald Vantvozen. All enjoyed a lovely lunch served by the producers before going home.

Assessor Selected For Eramosa Twp.

The Council of Eramosa Township was all present at the regular meeting held in Rockwood Town Hall on February 18, 1951, with the Reeve, D. D. Gray, presiding. The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

Correspondence from the following was read and ordered filed, the Community Welfare Council; Graham-Reid Road Convention Committee; Good Roads Association and Department of Municipal Affairs.

It was reported by the clerk that the sawy plowing agreement had been approved by the Dept. of Highways and that the balance of the 1950 road subsidy amounting to \$6,953.42 had been received.

Messrs. Chas. McNabb and F. Ostrander, representing the Federation of Agriculture wanted on council and asked for a grant to that organization. It was moved by Messrs. E. H. Benham and T. G. Hutchinson and carried, "that the Federation of Agriculture be granted \$325 on receipt of advice as to when payment is required and no action be taken on the request for 50 lbs. of Warble-Ply powder."

Applications for the position of Assessor and Collector of Dog Tax were received from Messrs. C. Downes and John Lloyd.

It was moved by Messrs. F. L. Cox and T. G. Hutchinson and carried that the application of John Lloyd for Assessor and Collector of Dog Taxes be approved, and that the necessary by-law providing for his appointment be prepared for the next meeting.

The clerk was instructed to write Mr. A. B. Martin in charge of weed administration, Dept. of Agriculture, for some information on weed control.

Moved by Messrs. Benham and Rutherford that accounts amounting to \$2,811.44 be passed for payment, and council adjourn to meet on Monday, March 5th, at 1.30 p.m.

Repairs To Water Tank May Vary Pipe Pressure

Sudden fluctuations in the water pressure in the pipes servicing all Acton homes may be experienced for several weeks while the 60,000 gallon overhead water tank on Main Street is being repaired. Contracted by the Public Utilities Commission last June to completely replace the corroded steel bottom of the tank, workmen of the Horton Steel Co., of Fort Erie, began work last Thursday. It is expected that irregularities in the water pressure will continue for two weeks or a month, depending on the weather which may prevent the men from working outside on the tank.

Daughters of Knox Described to WMS

The Senior Auxiliary W.M.S. of Knox Church held its monthly meeting on February 8th at the home of Miss Ruby Clark, with the president presiding.

The devotions were taken by Mrs. John Allison with the assistance of Mrs. W. Masales and Mrs. E. W. Smith.

Mrs. Fred Anderson and Mrs. H. Allison reported the work of the church among the Indians and New Canadians in Canada.

A gratifying part of the meeting was hearing of Mrs. Buchanan's experience in the organization of the Daughters of Knox and of their inaugural meeting last month. After the reading of reports and attending to business in connection with the World Day of Prayer, the meeting closed with prayer.

Estimate \$51,000 For Twp. Roads

Eramosa Township Council met at Hillsburgh on February 5th, with the members all present and Reeve Goldwyn Butt presiding.

As there were no applications for the position of Assessor and Collector of dog license fees at the January meeting, the by-law appointing officials was laid over until the February session. The by-law was filled in with the name of Bert Berry as Assessor and Collector of dog license fees for the year 1951 and was passed at the February meeting.

A by-law to provide for expenditures on township roads, bridges and culverts for 1951 was introduced and passed with the following amounts: construction, \$10,000; Maintenance, \$22,000; new machinery, \$2,000; machinery repairs, \$3,000; miscellaneous, \$4,000. Total, \$51,000. The by-law was forwarded to the Department of Highways for approval.

The treasurer was instructed to forward membership fees to the Ontario Good Roads Association and to the Ontario Association of Rural Municipalities.

In future no rebate of dog tax will be granted except in cases of error.

The reeve and clerk were instructed to petition the Department of Highways for the statutory grant on the amount of \$42,813.14, road expenditures for the year 1950.

Accounts were passed as follows: general accounts, \$26,532.10; \$131.33; road, \$2,271.11.

This tank, which rides the lines between the spring and town, acts as a buffer, taking up the slack when less than a specified amount of water is used in town, and providing extra at peak periods.

Now, with the tank completely drained, this buffer will be lacking and the amount of water in the pipes will vary. In some cases of homes on high ground, water may be cut off altogether for short periods of time during the repair work when large quantities are being drained off by industries. Previously the buffer tank had supplied the extra needed in this case.

This will be the first major repair job required for the tank which has been in operation for about thirty years. The tank has a capacity of 60,000 gallons or 300 tons of water. During its years of steady service utility workers have cleaned the tank, but the first leakage occurred last year. The completely new bottom of three-eighths inch steel plate is to be riveted on during the next weeks. The tank was drained on Monday with work to proceed as speedily as possible.

While the tank is not in operation, a pressure release valve has been installed at the spring set for 90 pounds. This is the normal pressure when the tank is full at the spring. The two pumps can supply the town with water, one pumping 100 and the other, the original pump, 25 gallons of water a minute into the lines.

The work will cost about \$3750 with the debentures already issued to cover the cost.

Mrs. C. L. Poole Hostess For W. A.

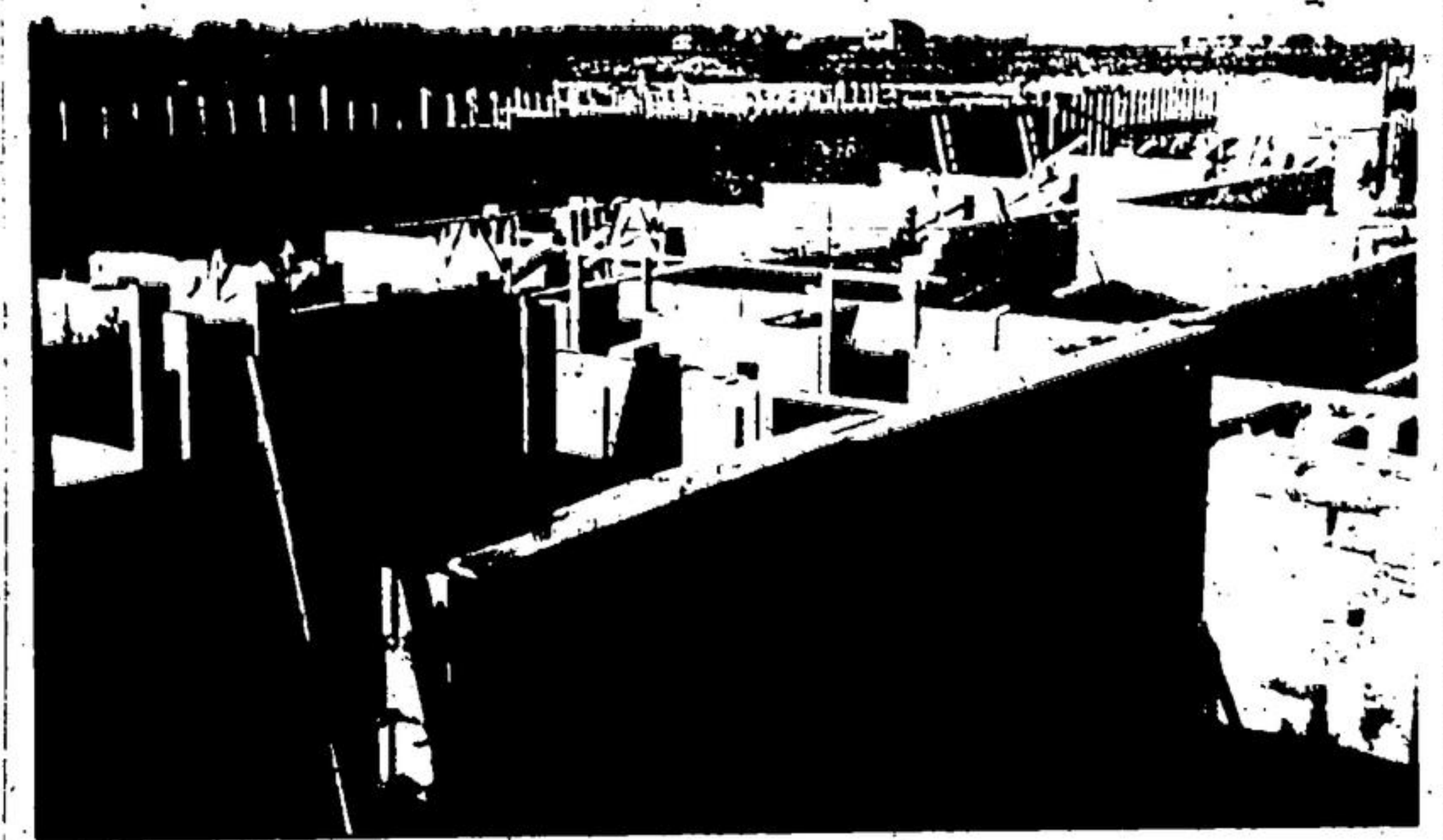
The Woman's Association of the United Church was held at the home of Mrs. C. L. Poole on Tuesday, with the President, Mrs. J. Wilderspin, presiding.

The devotional period was taken by Miss E. Hawthorne, Mrs. F. Cleave and Mrs. C. L. Poole.

Roll call was answered by the word "obey." Several new families have moved into town and the Friendship secretary is visiting among them. The ladies are busy quilting this month at the homes of Mrs. C. L. Poole and Mrs. F. Cleave.

Mrs. Poole, assisted by Mrs. H. Burns, Mrs. E. Jennings, Mrs. D. Lindsay and Mrs. B. Veldhuis served a very lovely lunch and a social half hour was spent at the close of the meeting.

A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Poole for her home and also to the lunch committee.



WORK PROGRESSES STEADILY on the Halton County Home for the Aged on No. 25 highway, south of Milton. Work on the home began in October of last year when the tender of the Kemp Construction Co. for \$530,000 was accepted by Halton County Council. The central portion of the home will be two storeys, housing administrative offices and nurse's residence. The rest of the buildings will be of one storey. An interesting feature of the Halton Home for the Aged is that there will be accommodation for married couples. All conveniences for older people are being considered for the Home. Above is an over-all view of the work that has been done on the home so far.

—Photo by Dredger

Boys' and Girls' Band Members Hold Banquet, Continue 'Blowing for Acton'

"Blowing for Acton Since 1872" members of the Acton Boys' and Girls' Band and bandmen of Acton joined in a delightful banquet on Friday evening at the Legion Hall and talked over bands of the past, the present and plans of the future.

The dinner was a turkey dinner with all the trimmings and was delightfully arranged and served by the Legion Auxiliary. A sing song was enjoyed and when the business part of the meeting came round all were in a good frame of mind to play band activities. Mr. Chas. Mason, who has been so successful in organizing and conducting the Boys' and Girls' Band, was in charge of the event and master of ceremonies. Mayor Tyler and Reeve Hargrave were present as guests.

There were brief talks about bands and it appears that the boys and girls have grown up and that it would be in the best interests to

revert to the Acton Citizens' Band name and continue with a junior band of other young boys and girls. Plans for any changes were left in the hands of the newly elected officers and executive.

The officers were duly elected with last year's vice-president, Crawford Douglas, in charge. Mr. Chas. Mason tendered his resignation as bandmaster but expressed a willingness to assist wherever possible. Many of those present paid tribute to Mr. Mason's work and the success he had attained in many years in Acton bands.

Officers elected were as follows: Hon. President, G. A. Dills, E. Tyler, Sr., A. Mason; Vice-president, Charlie Kingsmill; president, Shirley Rolston; treasurer, Tom Ware, secretary, Ted Tyler; citizens' committee, Ray Agnew, Rudolph Spielvogel, J. Price and a member to be picked from the council.