

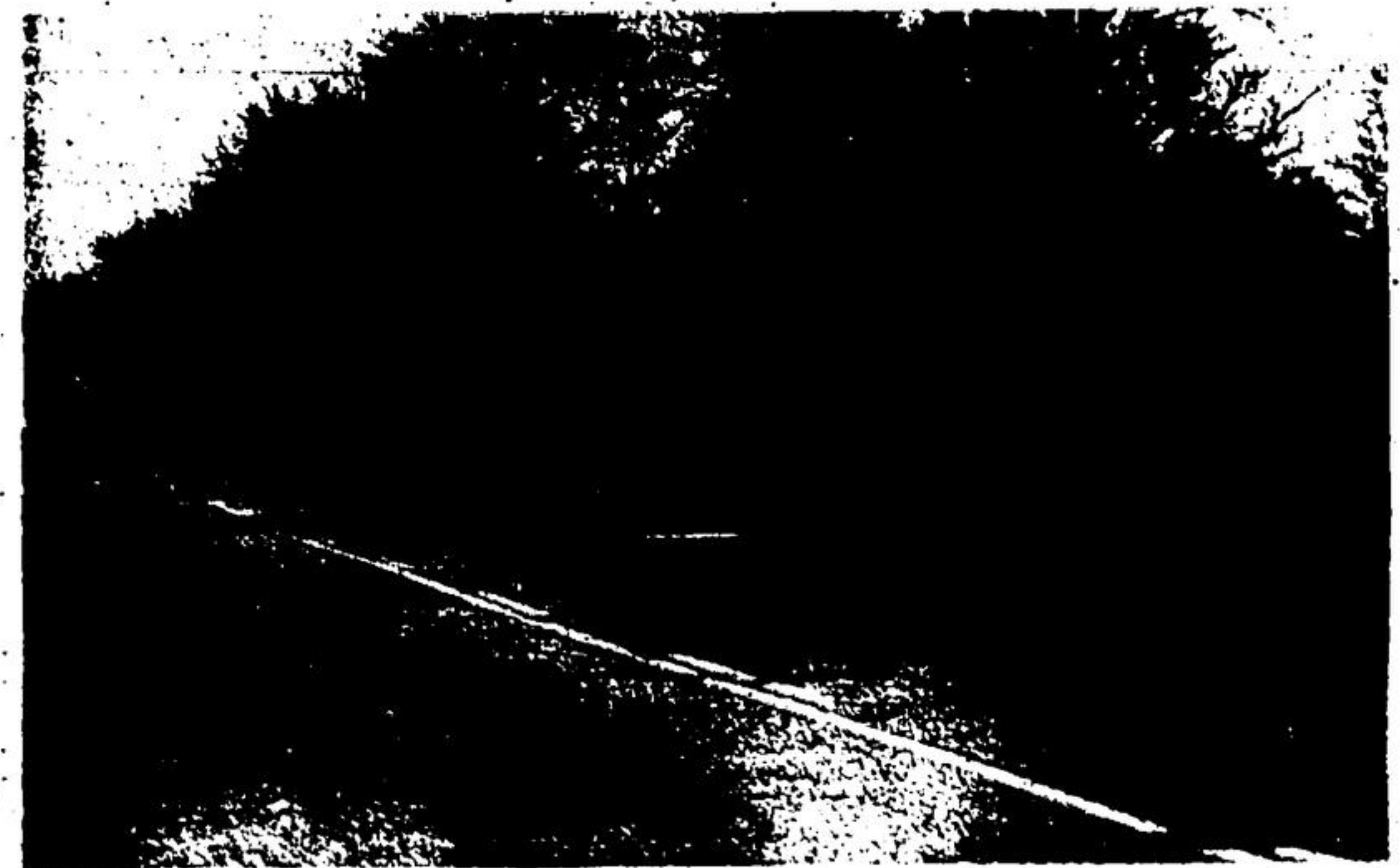
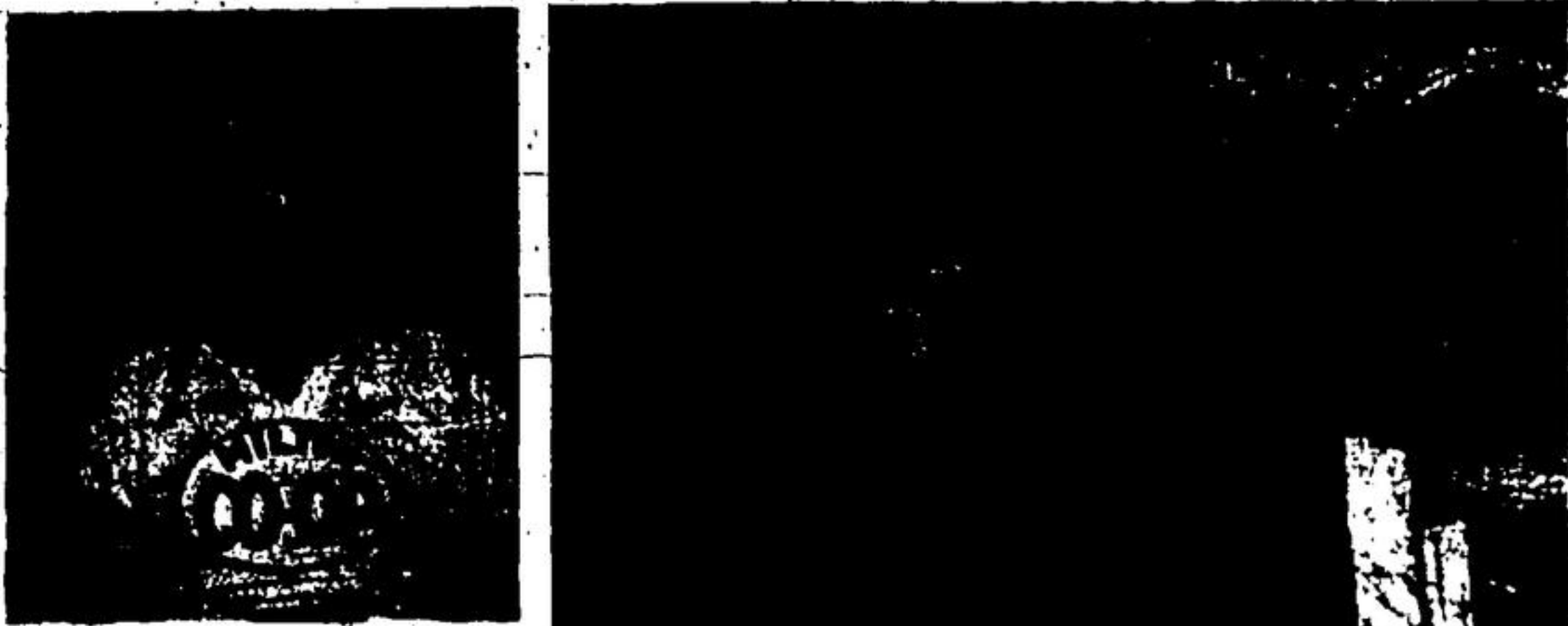
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ACTON ATHLETE KILLED IN CRASH



HIS TRUCK SMASHED AND ABLAZE, 23 year-old Jack Kentner died in an accident about three miles west of Acton about 2.30 Monday afternoon. The heavy dump truck, carrying a load of gravel from Glen Christie to Acton, suddenly cut across the highway, plunged down a five foot ditch into heavy boulders and finally stopped on its side between two trees. The exact location of the accident is shown in the lower picture, taken after the truck was righted. Upper right is the charred cab of the truck in which the driver was trapped. The young father, pictured above left, played hockey with the Milton Co-ops this year and also played baseball with Acton. He leaves his wife, Jean Kentner, and a four year-old son. —Staff Photo

Truck Overtakes, Burns Killing Acton Athlete

Tragic death came suddenly to Jack Kentner Jr., well-known hockey and baseball star of Acton when his truck went out of control on No. 7 highway, three miles west of Acton, crashed into the ditch and overturned, breaking immediately into flames. The accident occurred about 2.30 on Monday afternoon and there were no actual witnesses to the crash.

Jack, who owned his own dump truck, was hauling crushed stone from Glen Christie to put on Acton roads. He was coming east with a six ton load on his truck. What caused the accident will never be known but in some manner the truck crossed directly to the north side of the road and went into a five foot ditch filled with huge boulders. The load overturned and slipped and the truck crashed into a fence stopping against a small tree.

The driver was pinned into the wreckage on the left side of the vehicle and it is believed the machine immediately took fire.

First on the scene was Albert Harker of R.R. 7, Guelph who was following the truck for a mile or so. He lost sight of the vehicle as it went into the ditch and when he came upon the scene saw flames and soon became a running mass of flames.

The Rockwood Fire Brigade was called and did splendid service in putting out the blaze. The truck had to be supported by a service truck, however, before the body could be removed. The charred remains of this well-known athlete were brought back to Acton by ambulance.

Jack Kentner was a son of John Kentner Sr. and Mrs. Jane Kentner and was born in Acton and attended school here. Besides his parents, wife and four-year-old son, Jack, he leaves one sister, Evelyn, 11, of Acton. Heartfelt sympathy of many friends in the

HONEYMOON IN U.S.A. FOR YOUNG COUPLE WED SATURDAY IN KNOX MANSE

Knox Manse was the scene of a quiet wedding on Saturday, April 7th when Rev. R. H. Armstrong, officiated in marriage. Betty Marie Winfield, the daughter of Mrs. Isabelle Winfield, Acton, and Clara Wallace Armstrong, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Armstrong, Acton.

The bride chose a ballroom length gown of pastel mauve with matching accessories. Her bridesmaid was of yellow tulle and baby lace and the bride wore a corsage of yellow roses. Her attendant, Christina Winfield, wore a gown similar to the bride's in pastel mauve with a floral headpiece and corsage of roses. Gordon Darby of Rockwood a friend of the groom acted as best man.

About thirty-five guests attended the reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Walker, R.R. 7, Acton. Receiving the guests the bride's mother wore a dress of navy blue tulle and the mother of the groom chose a dress of grey tulle. Both wore corsages of deep pink roses.

After the reception the bride changed to a beige suit with moss green accessories and wore a pearl necklace, the gift of the groom. The couple will spend a week in Michigan, U.S.A. and then plan to live in Acton.

Guests attended the reception from—Glen Williams, Guelph; Campbell and Rockwood, as well as Acton.

Build Pump House On Main St. North

Work began Saturday on the new pump house on Main Street North on the Hufnagel farm. When finished, the new unit will double Acton's water supply.

The well beneath the pump house, now under construction, was dug last fall to supplement the water supply coming from the spring. Pumping about 150 gallons of water a minute, the additional water supply will reach the mains some time this summer.

The contract for the building of the pump house was given to Jones and Van Gils last year. Although there is actually enough water to supply the town from the spring, consumption sometimes results in considerable reduction in the water supply in the tank on Main Street which must be made up during the night. A reserve supply of water will always be available when the new pump is in operation and there will be more water if it is ever needed in event of a serious fire.

Report Card Sale At Guild Meeting

The April meeting of St. Alban's Guild was held at the home of Mrs. W. Newton on Wednesday, April 4th with 25 members present. The meeting opened with the Guild prayer, after which the president conducted a varied business discussion. Lenten boxes were turned in and also articles of sewing for the spring bazaar.

A report was given on the sale of everyday greeting cards and final arrangements were completed for the bazaar and committees assigned. An encouraging report was given on money raised by individuals for the parish hall fund. The business portion of the meeting was closed with the benediction. A turkey lunch was then served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. N. Morton and Mrs. C. Sutton.

PUC Orders Meter For New Station

Acton Public Utilities, met in regular session on Tuesday evening. Those present were Mayor E. Tyler, Commissioners T. Ware and R. MacArthur.

Superintendent Lambert reported that the water meter was on order for the new pumping station. It is a 4-inch meter and will cost \$360.40 plus tax.

Superintendent Lambert was also instructed to purchase 150 gallons of gas for the Waterworks Department. This gas is used for the truck and also the gasoline booster pump. The order was to be placed with McEachern's Garage.

The insurance on the hydro truck was placed with Wm. R. Bracken with a coverage of \$25,000-\$50,000-\$5,000.

Superintendent Lambert reported the leak on Knox Avenue had been repaired but four families or two houses were out of water on Young Street. Work was to start on this broken feeder line which crosses under the pavement. It was decided to place two lines across the road instead of the one now servicing the houses.

Secretary McGeachie presented an estimate for installing transoms in the windows above the main entrance to the office. He was delegated to make arrangements with the Y Board for the work to begin.

It is expected that the painting of the water tank will be completed this week if the weather remains dry enough for paint to be applied.

Foreman K. McPhail, when asked by Mayor Tyler if he had stated a tree on Peel Street did not need to come down, denied making the statement and also that he had had conversation with the person mentioned for some considerable time. This question was brought up due to the controversy re the removal of a tree on Peel Street which was necessary to facilitate the proposed widening of the street and consequently the moving of the hydro line back to the sidewalk.

Plans were discussed for the improving of the hydro garage and workshop.

A motion was passed authorizing the payment of \$500 on the account of the painting of the water tank.

The following accounts were passed for payment.

Hydro Department	
Messrs. Bowman, Black & Shoemaker, surveying	\$26.75
Highway Garage, repairs, etc.	9.25
G. H. Wood & Co. Ltd., supplies	8.25
Whitman's Garage, gas	16.40
Sutherland & Schultz, supp.	17.67
D. H. Howden & Co. Ltd., supplies	12.10
Northern Elec. Co. Ltd., supplies	17.54
Federal Wire & Cable Co., supplies	300.45
Express and Transport	8.63
	\$417.04

Waterworks Department	
Acton Free Press	\$ 750
Power & Heat at spring	92.91
Wallace & Tiernan Ltd.	13.95
Drummond, McCall & Co. Ltd.	151.61
Thompson Motors	11.76
Can Brass Co. Ltd.	66.15
	\$342.74

Building Progress Reported to W.A.

The monthly meeting of the Women's Association of the United Church was held at the home of Mrs. C. Pickett on Tuesday. The president, Mrs. J. Wilderspin, presided. The devotional period was taken by Mrs. C. L. Poole and roll call was answered by the word "Amen".

The ladies are preparing quilts for quilting again. Work is going ahead on the church kitchen and it will soon be ready for the ladies to use again. The meeting closed with prayer. Mrs. Pickett, assisted by Mrs. Cleave, Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Wilderspin, served lunch and a social time was spent together at the close of the meeting. A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Pickett for her home and to the lunch committee.

County Rate Less, Incorporate Bronte

A slight decrease in the levy of the rate to cover expenses of the county was recommended by W. J. Higgins, chairman of the finance committee at the regular meeting of county council held at Milton Tuesday afternoon.

General expenses for the year have been estimated at \$189,000.00, while revenue is expected to be \$31,750; making a total to be raised of \$157,250.00 or a rate of 1.7 mills. In connection with road expenditures it was estimated that department would require \$93,717.07 or a rate of 2.8 mills.

Total rate for the year was recommended as 7.5 mills to raise \$251,027.87. This is a reduction of 4 mills over the 1950 rate, it was explained. While there was a slight increase in budgeting for general expenditures, estimates in the road department are expected to show the decrease.

Halton will have a 10th municipality on July 31, council decided when they approved a by-law establishing Bronte as a full fledged village. This action terminated a move by the residents of the police village, which began about four years ago to have the village incorporated. They will hold their first general election for reeve and councillors on August 13 with Vernon Busby, clerk for the trustees, as returning officer. A three month delay following publication of the by-law is necessary before the legislation becomes legal. At present the population of the fast growing village is 1,075 and will cover over 500 acres in the municipality.

A deputation headed by A. Jennings, chairman of the board of trustees, waited on council and thanked them for their prompt action to establish the village status. He assured members Bronte would establish herself honorably in the traditions of the county.

Others in the deputation were O. A. Allen and W. Sargent. Warden K. Y. Dick and deputy-reeve W. J. Higgins, Milton were chosen county representatives to the board of governors for the Halton-Peel Home for the Aged, their duties to commence May 1st.

K. W. Clement was awarded the contract to lay a fire-proof tile floor on the second floor and connecting corridor in the jail, on the recommendation of J. M. Wickson, chairman of the building committee. Council made this decision following an inspection tour a short time ago.

Rose liability insurance policy was renewed with the General Accident Insurance Company at \$875.73. This is an increase over last year's premium of \$585.78.

Frank Cowan, representing the company, stated that increased premiums were experienced in all municipalities. This was due to increased claims being paid. He further advised this was prevalent in all counties in Western Ontario.

Grants to organizations included: Canadian National Institute for the Blind \$300; Salvation Army \$200; Halton Music Festival Association (Continued on Page Eight)

Council Delegation Night, Session Lasts Until 3.a.m.

Seven delegates had matters to put before Council on Friday night in a session which lasted from 7.30 p.m. until 3.00 o'clock on Saturday morning. Council generously heard the groups and the argument from citizens in support of the various items, gave their decisions and the delegations retired while Council worked on into the early morning to transact other business.

Big Masonic Night On DDGM's Visit

About 175 Masonic brethren attended Walker Lodge A. F. and A. M. on Monday evening on the occasion of the official visit of Rt. Wor. Bro. W. G. Kitchen of Guelph. There were many visitors from lodges in the district and the neighboring towns and cities.

The brethren and the District Deputy Grand Master were very pleased with the work of the officers in the lodge room under W. Bro. J. Watkins who also presided at a delightful banquet served in the gymnasium of the Y.M.C.A.

The toast to Grand Lodge was proposed by Bro. Earl Cooper, Senior Deacon of Walker Lodge. In responding to this toast, Rt. W. Bro. Kitchen said that Masonic lodges were more than fraternalities. The word fraternity was not inclusive enough. Masonry is a fraternity of brotherly love. The speaker stressed the need for loyalty to home, to country, to lodges and our established institutions.

V. W. Bro. Charles Darby made the welcome ring true when he proposed a toast to the visitors. Responses to this toast were from R. W. Bro. George Guthrie, R. W. Bro. Dr. Plath and R. W. Bro. Harry Pike, all of Toronto and R. W. Bro. C. B. Wilson of Bolton.

The candidate of the evening also spoke briefly and the Junior Warden's toast by Bro. L. Lovell brought a fine fraternal evening to a close. The banquet served by Walker Lodge measured up in every respect to the fine hospitality always shown by Acton Masons.

OBITUARY Ballinafad Farmer Dies In Hospital

Funeral service was held at the Victor B. Rumley Funeral Home for the late Alfred Swindlehurst who died in Guelph General Hospital on March 28th. He was in his 80th year.

Born in Erin Township, Mr. Swindlehurst farmed for many years near Ballinafad. He lived near that village since his retirement two years ago.

He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Sarah McLean, Erin and a brother, George Swindlehurst of New Liskeard.

Rev. John M. Smith of Georgetown conducted the service. Interment was in Erin Cemetery. (Continued on Page Five)



PRESIDING AT THE TEA TABLE is a pleasant change from presiding over town affairs for the members of Acton council. Elected to pass tea instead of by-laws at the baking sale and tea held by the Y.M.C.A. Ladies' Auxiliary last Saturday, April 7 are, from left to right, Councillor A. Fryer, Councillor L. Wick, Mayor T. Tyler, Councillor J. Greer, Councillor C. E. Wood, Deputy Reeve J. J. Stewart and Reeve J. Hargrave. Seated is Councillor Miss Esther Taylor.