

## TWO LOCAL INDUSTRIES PLAN TO EXPAND

### Micro Plastics, A.P. Green Expand Building Area

Canada's largest extruders of plastic—Acton's Micro Plastic firm—is planning its second addition in two years officials announced this week. The proposed cement block addition will add about 9,180 square feet of floor space which will be used mainly for warehouse although two machines will be housed in the building.

Officials of the A. P. Green Co. have announced their intention to rebuild and expand the fire razed building that was destroyed in the well remembered fire of the early hours of August 16. The floor area of the Acton industry will be increased by approximately 1,000 square feet over its original size and will house more modern equipment.

The announcement of expansion of these two industries is welcomed by the municipality and civic officials.

Micro Plastics building will be built back of the present buildings and along the edge of the C.N.R. tracks. From the modest beginning of five employees, the Acton industry had now a total payroll of 32 with three shifts working regularly to produce the extruded products. In the beginning, only one machine was in the plant. At present the four production lines are being increased by two new lines in keeping with the expansion.

The contract for the addition to the plant has been let to Len Ariss Co., Guelph and the completion of the new building will leave room on the present lot for only one more addition. Work will begin on the building as soon as hydro poles are moved from the property.

A building valued at \$40,000 to \$50,000 will replace the A. P. Green plant destroyed by fire, according to company officials. The building is scheduled for completion in six weeks and the weather conditions make this possible. The plant would be in production by December 1.

The first crucible, following the fire, was produced at the Smith and Stone plant on Tuesday of this week at 5 p.m.

Employees of the plant have suffered no loss of time following the disastrous early morning fire that left only the front wall standing and thirty feet of the side wall. The kiln has been kept closed since the fire and will not be opened until the roof is on the new building. In an effort to save the material left in before the fire.

During the fire, the generator in the plant had a full tank of gasoline which did not explode. It is believed the gas evaporated during the blaze because it was empty when the fire was extinguished.

The new building will be mainly of masonry construction with steel trusses that will span the entire width of floor leaving the centre without obstructing pillars. Modern equipment will also be installed in the L-shaped building.

### Car Catches Fire Sunday Morning

Flames in an automobile, caused by defective wiring, were extinguished by the Acton fire brigade Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. on Mill St. The owner of the car, HARRY E. SMITH of Oshawa, was travelling to Suforth with his wife and children and they were in Watson's Dairy Bar when flames were noticed in their parked car. Although the brigade fire extinguishers soon had the blaze under control, damage to the '37 Chev amounted to \$275.

### PRESENTATIONS, SHOWERS THIS WEEK FOR MISS OLIVE MUSSELLE

During the past week several groups gathered for presentations and showers in honor of Miss Olive Musselle, who is being married this Saturday to Alan Ellerby.

On Thursday, August 28, members of Knox church choir, bringing lunch with them surprised her at her home. Mrs. Helen Otterbein made the presentation of a wall mirror and Miss Musselle thanked the group.

About 30 neighbors and friends gathered on Friday at the home of Mrs. C. Nellis when Mrs. W. Nellis and Mrs. Robert Adams were joint hostesses at a miscellaneous shower. The gifts were presented in a decorated wishing well. Lunch was served.

On Monday, Miss Musselle's two bridesmaids, Miss Elvada Britton and Miss Lorraine Mullin, held a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mrs. Ida Ritchie, when friends gathered for a social evening followed by lunch.

The regular meeting of the Daughters of Knox was held in the form of a surprise party Tuesday evening. The girls and their leader, Mrs. Bertha Buchanan, came to the Musselle home and during the meeting presented the bride-to-be with a silver cream and sugar set on a tray. The vice-president, Dorothy Dawkins, was in charge of the meeting which included games, confections and a motion picture. Miss Dawkins read the address and presented the gift. Lunch which the group had brought with them concluded the evening.

### Lorne Scots Fourth In Ex Competition

Playing of their best piece deferred over two hours from the drawing of positions, the Lorne Scots Band placed fourth at the Canadian National Exhibition on Thursday, August 28. One band had had to stop playing due to the noise of the air show. The draw was made at 4 p.m. and the Lorne Scots played between 6 and 7 p.m.

Marks were awarded as follows: London Tech. Concert Band 250; R.C.A.F., Hamilton 241; 57th Light Aviation-Aircraft Regiment, Welland 231; Lorne Scots 225.

The Lorne Scots will receive a detailed report of constructive criticism later.

While the three top placing bands had the full number as listed in the class—42—the Lorne Scots were short in numbers. Also short were their instruments, for the band lacked sufficient instrumentation for the test piece for the highest band class at the C.N.E.



CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS have been completed and construction has begun on a new and larger building to house the fire razed plant of the A. P. Green Fire Brick Co. Ltd. A contract has been let to the Len Ariss and Co. Construction for a \$40,000 to \$50,000 building of cement block and steel trusses, making it almost a fireproof construction. Present plans call for completion of the building in six weeks which would allow for renewal of production by December 1.

### Award Bursaries To Acton Students

Two Acton students have been awarded Dominion-provincial student-aid bursaries, O. Robbins, Acton high school principal, announced today (Thursday).

Jack Davidson, a former Acton high school student, has been awarded a \$300 bursary and plans to attend Ryerson Institute of Technology in Toronto.

Miss Marjory Warne, who is in grade 13 this year, is the winner of a \$100 general course grade 13 bursary.

These bursaries are granted by the two governments through the Department of Education.

### PRESENT GIFT TO MRS. C. HUBBELL FROM GUELPH ST. NEIGHBORS

Guelph St. neighbors gathered on Thursday night of last week at the home of Mrs. N. Braida and presented Mrs. C. Hubbell, who is leaving that district of town, with a gift.

Attending the get-together were Mrs. Bob Johnson, Mrs. John Mann, Mrs. Mike Bennett, Mrs. Bill Rudock, Mrs. Ted Hards, Mrs. George Lazenby and Mrs. A. Fetterly.

Lunch was served to the group.

### Knox Ladies' Aid Hold Lawn Meeting

Mrs. Stanley Mathews was hostess for the August meeting of the Ladies' Aid of Knox Church.

Being a delightfully warm summer afternoon, the meeting was held on the lawn under the shade of the maple trees.

Mrs. F. McCutcheon, the president, was in charge and Mrs. W. McArthur read a scripture lesson Mrs. A. J. Buchanan led in prayer.

Business of the day included reports of previous meetings and plans for more in the future. An interesting program was planned, with Mrs. F. Anderson reading an article, "The Importance of a Task." Miss M. Souerville read a poem dedicated to all those on a diet as penned by Edgar Guest. Mrs. George Lantz gave a reading, by Edna Jacques, "Lists," dedicated to the faithful members and donors to our various projects.

These were followed by a public speaking contest, with each one taking part and speaking on a given subject. Mrs. George Somerville entertained with a bird contest with prizes going to Mrs. A. J. Buchanan and Mrs. E. Smith. All joined in singing, "Best be the tie that binds" and repeated the Lord's Prayer.

A delightful time was spent during the social half hour when lunch was served by the hostess and her helpers.

Mock turtle soup is usually made of calf's head.

### Thos. Salmon Dies Acton Mayor Elect

Requiem high mass was sung in St. Joseph's Church, Acton on Saturday, September 29 for Thomas W. R. Salmon, who died in Acton on Thursday at the age of 70.

In 1951 he was elected mayor of Acton, but retired due to ill health. He later underwent treatment in Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto.

He lived in Acton for six years following retirement as a machinist at the C.N.R. shops at Stratford. He was a veteran of the Boer war and of world war 1.

He was a native of the Isle of Man. Surviving are his wife, the former Annie Cooke, four sons, Thomas, Toronto; Benjamin, Guelph; the Rev. R. Salmon and Robin, Stratford; three daughters, Mrs. Wallace Longstreet and Ethel, "Erin" and Mrs. Harry Watkins, Milton.

### MOVING TO DENVER, IS HONORED BY FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS ON LABOR DAY

Friends and neighbors from the Churchill community and Churchill church gathered on Labor Day in Woodside school with Mrs. Mary Rutledge as the guest of honor. Mrs. Rutledge leaves today (Thursday) to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Richard Greene, 777 Ash St. S., Denver, Colorado. She has lived in the community for 23 years.

After a program of music, songs and dancing, Ralph McKeown read an address and Clarence Harding presented Mrs. Rutledge with a purse.

F. Petch of Georgetown replied for Mrs. Rutledge.

Lunch was served following the program. Mrs. Rutledge has been sold to Mr. Shull of Glen Williams, who took possession last Saturday.

### NEW TEACHERS, 56 NEW PUPILS AS HIGH SCHOOL COUNTS 132

Tuesday morning 132 Acton high school students were welcomed back to their studies by principal Orland Robbins in a general assembly.

The six teachers, two of them new to the school this year, were introduced and then the pupils went to their home rooms where they were given lists of the text books required. They were dismissed before 11 a.m. as the teachers and principal held their first staff meeting of the school year.

The enrollment this year is not appreciably changed from last year, but two years ago there were 137 students.

In grade nine this year there are 36 students, while last year there were only 16. This increase is offset by the loss of about 10 students from grade 10 who left to go to work. Two years ago there were 67 in grade nine.

This year there are 33 in grade 10, 23 in grade 11, 13 in grade 12 and 7 in grade 13.

The new teachers are Mrs. Mary Snyder of Hamilton who teaches Latin, French and Art, and James Cuthbertson of Cardinal, Ont. who teaches boys' P.T., science and geography.

The other teachers are principal Robbins who teaches mathematics and guidance; A. E. Hansen, history, English and music; Miss Clara Grindley, commercial, French; and Miss Edythe Harris, English, girls' P.T., occupations.

At the staff meeting Tuesday a date later in September was set for parents' night, when the parents, particularly those of the grade nine students, will be told of promotion standards in the high school. A commencement date in November was also discussed.

Principals of the Acton, Milton and Georgetown schools met Tuesday afternoon in Georgetown to discuss the Department of Educa-

### COMPANY, UNION OFFICIALS MEET EMPLOYEES REJECT COMPANY OFFER

Company and Union officials at the Beardmore and Co. plant are meeting this afternoon following the vote of union employees to reject the company's final offer.

Ballots of the recent vote in the plant by members of the United Packing House Workers of America Union were counted this morning and resulted in 139 voting to accept the final offer of Beardmore and Co. Ltd. and 176 voting against acceptance of the offer. There were four spoiled ballots.

The meeting this afternoon called

for 3:30 p.m. was arranged after the results of the balloting were announced. The company offer was the recommendations of the Conciliation Board that met early in August under His Honor Frank Denton, as chairman.

Added to the company offer recently was an additional month of retroactive pay based on the five cent per hour increase making three months of retroactive pay. Company officials also offered to remove the escape clause from the union security section.

### Firemen Win Use of Land For Hall If Plans O.K.

Acton council in regular seven hour session Tuesday evening approved the plan of the Fire Brigade to build a fire hall on the property back of the town hall facing on Bower Ave. Final approval was promised when the plans for the building were submitted to and approved by council before any work was started. Chief F. Dawkins explained that the Brigade intended to purchase materials with contributions and volunteer labor of local contractors and workmen had been promised.

Council asked assurance that work would not be started until the brigade was reasonably certain of the funds to complete the project. The decision of council to grant tentative approval to the project followed a two hour discussion by Brigade representatives and council.

The brigade originally asked that the property on which the hall was to be located, be deeded to them as some assurance that the hall would be used for the brigade's purposes only. Several councillors objected to the brigade owning the property and suggested an agreement could be prepared granting the hall for fire brigade purposes only.

Chief Dawkins explained that the building planned was to be of cement block, approximately 30 feet by 65 feet and two stories high. The garage is to have two 10 foot doors and the bottom floor would allow accommodation of four trucks if necessary and provide room for drill and training. The second story is planned for recreational purposes. It was hoped to have the building closed in before winter with inside finishing to be completed.

Townships Farm Area It was also announced to council that Esquing and Nassagaweya were prepared to proceed with a fire area centered around Acton. Erin Township officials had declined to participate at present. The area planned to purchase a new fire truck and station in Acton under the care of the local brigade.

It would be available to Acton in case of major fires and would service sections in the two townships for which the townships agreed to pay the local brigade \$700 per year as well as the maintenance and purchase price of the truck.

A report on the present fire hall, submitted by a representative of the Fire Marshal's office, was read to council. In part it said, "The present fire hall is not nearly adequate and presents a definite handicap to the fire fighters. It seems to me it is false economy to have a fire station where such valuable equipment becomes unserviceable due to the freezing up of valves, etc. during the winter months."

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### Borrow \$17,000

A by-law to authorize the borrowing of \$17,000 by debenture to complete the sewerage system and disposal plant was given two readings and forwarded for the approval of the Municipal Board. Two other debenture issues have been made for the system. The first was for \$350,000 and the second for \$75,000.

### Vote On Increase

Councillor Wreck suggested that because of increased duties in the Public Utilities Commission, council take the necessary steps to have a vote on whether the Commission should be composed of five men or remain with three as at present. The solicitor was instructed to prepare the necessary by-law for taking of the vote at the next municipal election.

A fire by-law passed in 1919 establishing the brigade was read and Reeve Hargrave suggested the fire committee and solicitor meet to prepare a more modern by-law. The old by-law provided for a 30 man brigade.

### To Meet On Lot II

Solicitor Leatherland presented an agreement to cover the conditions of Lot II on which surrounding property owners have been seeking clarification. It was originally not known whether the property was to be used as a continuation of George Street or not. Those involved in the agreement were T. Seynuck, J. Snow, E. Barr, B. Brill, K. M. Langdon and the town. It was planned to have a meeting of the parties for approval of the agreement.

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### REACH LARGEST ENROLMENT EVER AT PUBLIC SCHOOL ON TUESDAY

The largest enrolment ever, 460, was registered at Acton public school Tuesday morning. The full staff of 13 teachers met their new classes after an assembly in the new auditorium in the spec-and-span addition to the school, which was just completed in time for school opening.

Last year's enrolment at the public school was 404. Numbers have been climbing steadily each year. Principal G. W. McKenzie recalls that when he came to the school in 1939 there were only about 285 students. The enrolment is up 62 per cent from that figure this year.

Promotions were announced in the new auditorium where since last week brown wing drapes and leaf-patterned drapes in the front of the stage have been hung. It was a short day for all the pupils; teachers spent the rest of the school day sorting books and supplies.

There is very little to be done yet at the new addition to the school. The land will be sodded this fall and the playground units for the youngest children are yet to be bolted down.

A breakdown of enrolment per

class is as follows:  
Kindergarten, Mrs. Shirley Dill, Miss Jean Kirby, 31 pupils.  
Grade one, Mrs. Jane Gamble, 31 pupils.  
Grade one, Mrs. Kay Alger, 33 pupils.  
Grade two, Miss Willa McKay, 38 pupils.  
Grades two and three, Miss Dena Braida, 36 pupils.  
Grades three and four, Mrs. Helen Little, 36 pupils.  
Grade four, Miss Isobel Anderson, 36 pupils.  
Grade five, Mrs. Annie Wilkinson, 34 pupils.  
Grades five and six, Ralph McKeown, 34 pupils.  
Grade six, Miss Daisy Folster, 34 pupils.  
Grade seven, Elmer Smith, 30 pupils.  
Grade eight, G. W. McKenzie (principal), 37 pupils.

"My husband has disappeared again."  
"Then why don't you call the police?"  
"I did that the last time, and they found him."



FIRST ASSEMBLY in the brand new addition to Acton public school were hung just last week in preparation for the Tuesday rush back to school. Altogether 460 children registered in kindergarten and the eight public school grades on Tuesday, to make the largest enrolment in the school's history. And the children with their teachers were seated comfortably in the spacious, bright auditorium.