

## PLAN FOR RURAL FIRE AREA APPROVED



MR. AND MRS. GEORGE LANTZ recently celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Robertson, Acton, when the family gathered to mark the occasion. Well-known in Acton, Mr. and Mrs. Lantz are shown here as they admire the scroll received from the Ontario government and the many cards from friends. Mr. and Mrs. Lantz operated the Bell Telephone exchange in Acton for 21 years and have lived here for many years. —Staff Photo

### ALL MUNICIPALITIES APPROVE PLAN FOR TWO SCHOOLS AND ADDITION

A plan which has found approval of all five municipalities and has been endorsed by all five municipal councils was submitted by the North Halton High School District Board. Members of the Board submitted it to the various councils last week as reported. Esqueving and Georgetown had approved the plan. On Monday night the councils of Milton and Nassagaweya passed resolutions of endorsement and on Tuesday night, Acton council gave unanimous approval.

Briefly the plan calls for new schools to be built in Acton and Georgetown at a total cost including site and equipment of \$255,000 each and a dual purpose classroom-gymnasium at the Milton school to cost \$45,000. The total cost will be \$550,000. The total cost will be \$550,000. The province pays 70 per cent of the cost and the five municipalities will be required to raise \$13,400.

Division of the costs of building and maintenance in the district have been agreed upon as set forth by the equalized assessment and are estimated at nine-tenths of a mill on this assessment. The program, it is estimated, will cost each year, Acton \$2,110; Milton \$2,010; Georgetown \$3,290; Esqueving \$4,300 and Nassagaweya \$1,690.

The resolutions passed by council will be found in the report of the council proceedings. It was also pointed out to council that by the time debentures are issued on the new program, the present debentures of three-tenths of a mill now being paid will be retired.

Having secured Board and municipal approval of the plan, the next procedure will be to present the plan to the Department of Education and the Municipal Board for sanction. When this approval has been given, an architect will be engaged to prepare the plans and specifications and bids will be called for the construction. It is hoped that tenders can be called in January so work can be well advanced in 1953. The Acton school must be vacated, according to terms of agreement, not later than September 1954.

The Board plans to make the two new schools with four standard classrooms, a commercial room, science laboratory, library classroom, auditorium-gymnasium and a shop room in Acton and household economics room in Georgetown.

The Milton addition will be classroom-auditorium on the present building. These plans are of course subject to Department approval and the amount of funds made available. The schools will be of such construction that additions can be made as the needs of the communities dictate.

### William Bolton Instantly Killed

William Bolton of R. R. 1, Rockwood was instantly killed last Sunday when his light pickup truck, well out of control on the front's gravelly road, struck about 10 miles north of Rockwood.

There were no witnesses to the accident. Mr. Bolton, a widower, was a native of Etobicoke, Ontario. A farmer and trucker, he lived alone. Surviving are a brother, George of Oran, a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Mrs. Mary Ann Smith and Thomas Cutting of R. R. 4, Rockwood.

His wife was the former Lucy Cutting. He was in his 70th year.

Funeral services were held at Ferguson with interment in Belsdale cemetery.

### First Products Flow Through Pipe Line

First products flowed through the pipeline laid this summer south of Milton on Wednesday of this week. The products entered the line on Monday of this week and reached their destination on Wednesday.

The line stretching 185 miles across Ontario from Saranac almost parallels highway 5. Gasoline is pumped into the sinuous tube behind the heavier fuel oils, with no mixing of the two types of oil in any way. They move through the pipe-line in an almost continuous fusion.

### Flowerpot Douses Small Fire at Y

Fire in a wastepaper-basket filled the lounge of the Y.M.C.A. with smoke shortly after 5 p.m. Monday. It was discovered by one of the junior boys attending a class.

A Y class was in progress when the smoke spread through the basement room.

The public school boys and Y secretary Bob Redfern quickly put out the blaze and opened windows for the smoke to escape.

Since the source of the smoke was contained in the small wastepaper basket, the boys and Mr. Redfern did not use the fire extinguisher but poured water to douse the flames in the first available container—a flowerpot with a hole in the bottom. Even this apparently ineffective container, with a flame held beneath it, was successful in quenching the small blaze.

Cause of the fire was not known.

### NURSERY TOTS WEAR FALSE FACES FOR HALLOWEEN PARTY

Ward false faces were worn by the youngsters who attended the nursery school in the Y on Friday morning, when they held their Halloween party. About 40 children are enrolled in the class, which is under the direction of Mrs. Doug Price.

Children's records were played and candies, apples and cookies were given to the young tots.

Among Mrs. Price's assistants are Mrs. Paul, Mrs. W. McGladdery, Mrs. C. Sutton, Mrs. J. H. Price, Mrs. Gervais and Mrs. J. Jany.

### Mr., Mrs. G. Lantz Mark 50 Years Wed

Telegrams, cards, long distance telephone calls and visiting friends brought congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. George Lantz when they happily celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Children and grandchildren — 19 in all—gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Robertson on Sunday, October 26 for a family dinner and celebration. The family presented Mr. and Mrs. Lantz with a lovely tri-light lamp as well as a gold necklace for Mrs. Lantz and a gold pen for Mr. Lantz.

Mr. and Mrs. Lantz were married in the Knox Church manse in Guelph on October 28, 1902, following which they lived in Guelph and in Rockwood for five years.

Moving to Acton, they lived on Mill St. across from where Mark's store is now located, for three years. For 21 years the Lantz's operated the Bell Telephone Exchange on Main St., retiring in 1941. There were about 70 telephones in Acton when Mr. and Mrs. Lantz took over the exchange from Mr. A. T. Brown in 1920 and in 1941, there were more than 500.

Reminiscing on the early days of telephones in Acton, Mr. Lantz recalls that Gordon Beardmore placed the first overseas phone call to England. It was quite a thrill to hear the operators from Acton to England putting through the call. He remembers, too, when Mrs. Lantz got a call through to Montreal in 15 minutes, much to Mr. Beardmore's surprise.

Mr. Lantz is a veteran of the first World War and Mrs. Lantz is well known for her work with the Women's Institute and Knox church organizations.

Present at the celebration of the anniversary were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Cox, Willowdale; Mr. and Mrs. H. Sutcliffe, Bracebridge and Shirley of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gordon and Nancy, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Lantz, Carol, John and Doris, Guelph and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Robertson, Acton.

### MEMBER, WATCH BOTH WENT ASTRAY HALTONITE ARRESTED IN 1852

While this newspaper has its weekly features, Fifty and Twenty Years Ago, the Toronto Globe and Mail has items from "One Hundred Years Ago" in the Globe files.

On Wednesday, November 5, the selection of a 100 year old item was of local interest.

It read as follows:

Thursday, November 4, 1852. Legislative Assembly.

Arrest of a Member.

"Mr. Cartier, as chairman of the Toronto election committee, moved that John White, Esq., member for Halton, be taken into the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms for absenting himself from the Committee more than one hour."

"The motion was carried, and the Sergeant-at-Arms reported that he had taken the member for Halton into custody, and that he was then at the bar of the House."

"Mr. Smith (Durham) said that the member for Halton had explained to him his exceeding regret on account of being absent from the Committee; and that his absence was owing altogether to a mistake of his watch. The fact was that the hon. member intended to be present at the meeting, but his watch went astray and he went astray with it. He, therefore, moved that the explanation be considered satisfactory, and that the hon. member be discharged."

"Motion granted."

At the 1951 census, Canada had 1,306,634 horses.

### Headhunter Wins Hallowe'en Prize

Gay and weird, beautiful and novel were the costumes at the annual Hallowe'en party in Acton arena last Friday evening. Disturbed children, after they had gaily called from door-to-door for the traditional shoo-outs, trooped to the arena behind a cloven hoof, which was acting as a kind of Pied Piper for the party.

The annual supervised Hallowe'en fun in the arena is sponsored by the Acton Y's Men's club. Ken Allen was in charge of the program.

Masters of ceremonies were Bill Benson and Jack Calder.

Highlight of the evening's fun was the grand march, led by the cloven hoof, when the amusing and clever costumes were judged. A black head hunter with a head on a stick was awarded the grand prize for costume of the evening and found to be Sharon Gervais.

Other winners, with first and second judged in each class, were as follows:

Kindergarten—Karen and Ronald Heller, grades one and two, Linda Parker, David Hargrave; grades three and four, Jo-Anne Forco, Jon Hurst.

Grades five and six, Sharon Gervais, Merle Russell; grades seven and eight, Patricia Coles, James Wahlman.

High school—Jo Jany, Elizabeth Jany.

Adults—Mrs. George Hargrave, Mrs. Cliff Sutton.

Stunts by Bob Redfern, Cliff Sutton and Joe Hunt entertained the youngsters and singing and comedy by Venice Mountford and her sons of Brampton.

The specially prepared bags of candy 200 of them—were all given out to the young masqueraders during the program so the youngsters could leave. Balloons were also handed out by the Y's Men.

Quite a few adults joined the children in costumes. Among the striking costumes were a birthday present, a snowman, a scarecrow and Dutch twins, as well as the regular old fashioned ladies, witches and cowboys.

### FAREWELL DINNER FOR SUSAN, SHIRLEY COHEN PRIOR TO TRIP TO HOMELAND

The Junior Class of the Acton Baptist church, held a farewell dinner at the home of the Sunday School teacher, Mrs. G. Wagner, for Susan and Shirley Cohen on Friday. A chicken dinner was served. After dinner, games were enjoyed. Brenda Cripps presented Susan and Shirley with a few gifts on behalf of their class and extended best wishes to them for a pleasant trip to England.

### To Hold Services For Remembrance

Remembrance Day services will be held this year in the district as usual in honor of the fallen of two great World Wars. Service in Acton will be held Tuesday morning with a parade to the cenotaph followed by a service in Knox Presbyterian church. Members of the Acton Branch Canadian Legion will participate in the parade as will other local organizations.

A service is planned for Rockwood on Sunday, November 9, which will begin with a parade at 10:30 a.m., headed by Bandmaster Ecott and the Rockwood Band. Rev. (Major) J. W. Oliver will deliver the message in the Rockwood United church following the service at the cenotaph.

Legionnaires will participate in a service at Nassagaweya on Tuesday with a service at the Soldiers' Memorial at 2:30 p.m., followed by a service in Nassagaweya Presbyterian church.

### No Serious Injury In Two Car Crash

No serious injuries resulted when a car driven by Lyle Campbell, Orangeville, was in collision with a car driven by William Struthers, Acton, at 5:20 p.m. Saturday.

The Struthers car was proceeding to Acton on No. 7 highway when the Campbell car came on the highway, proceeding toward Georgetown from the seventh line east of Acton. Police report the collision was almost head on. Damage to the Campbell car was estimated at approximately \$600 with three to \$400 to the Struthers car. Minor injuries and a shaking up were the only injuries. Constable Howard Gunn investigated.

### GRANDCHILDREN, CHILDREN BAPTIZED ON WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Guests from Rockwood attended when Rev. John Oliver of Rockwood United Church baptized Michael John, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Carter, R.R. 1, Puslinch, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Carter, of Arkell, the child's grandparents, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary the same day—October 30.

Mr. Carter was baptized on that date, and the couple's four children were all baptized on October 30.

Their four grandsons have also been baptized on the same day.

### HYDRO CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCES RISE IN POWER RATE TO COMMISSION

Cost of electric power purchased by the Acton Commission from the H.E.P.C. of Ontario has risen from \$38.40 to \$44.50 per kilowatt hour, effective January 1, 1953, according to recent announcements by Robert H. Saunders, chairman of the Ontario Hydro Electric Power Commission.

This is an increase of approximately 15 per cent in the cost of power to the local Commission, officials announced.

According to Mr. Saunders, different municipalities will be affected in different ways. If it is necessary for individual customers to pay increased rates, it will be announced in due course by the local systems after examination of their own rates and revenues by both the town and Ontario Hydro officials.

To change hydro rates, the local Commission must first apply to the Ontario Commission.

The increase in interim wholesale rates to municipalities in the southern Ontario system will be, on average, 14.8 per cent effective Jan. 1, 1953, according to Mr. Saunders.

The increase does not apply equally to every municipality in the hydro or 25 cycle area. It was also pointed out that municipalities should bear in mind the fact that if costs are two per cent higher than anticipated 13th bills will follow. It has been customary in the past for municipalities to receive a credit in the 13th bill.

### Rain Douses Fire Near Terra Cotta

Heavy rain last Sunday effectively arrested the raging forest fire which has been blazing for the past two weeks in the Terra Cotta district between Erin and Georgetown.

High winds on Saturday and Sunday had whipped up the embers of the fire after local fire fighters had believed it conquered. The situation was reported as looking "black" before the rains came.

Terra Cotta lodge and several summer cabins were menaced by the fire before the rain.

Fire fighters over the week-end had been using water tank trucks and huge bulldozers in an attempt to halt the fire. The bulldozers were slashing a trench in the dirt to confine the flames to one area.

### Elect Gordon Oder New Club President

The second meeting of the newly formed Men's Club of the Knox Presbyterian church, Acton, was held on Monday evening, November 3. At this meeting the discussion centered around a name for the organization and also the election of officers.

It was unanimously decided that the club should be known as "The Men of Knox."

The executive elected for 1952-53 were: president, Gordon Oder; vice-president, Charles Kirkness; secretary, Jack Davidson; treasurer, Herb Price; pianist, Tom Hanson; song leader, Charles Kirkness; 1st captain, Jack Calder; second captain, Stan Norton; third captain, Bill Mainprize and chaplain, Rev. Robert Armstrong.

After the business part of the meeting, the group adjourned to the basement for games. Then the meeting was brought to a close by a hymn, the Queen and the benediction, followed by lunch.

### Fire Area, High School Receive Council Approval

An agreement was approved by Acton council in their regular session Tuesday night setting up a Fire Area No. 2 for the protection of sections of Nassagaweya and Esqueving. The formation of the rural area has been under active consideration for a year and the agreement paves the way to the building of a fire hall proposed by the Acton Fire Brigade, as well as plans of the townships to purchase a fire fighting unit.

Under the agreement between the town and the townships, the townships purchase the equipment, pay upkeep and maintenance, make a grant for stand-by through the town to the brigade of \$700 yearly all costs being paid on the building assessment in the sections of the townships served.

The town agreed to house equipment which will not be purchased until housing is ready. The local brigade under Fire Chief F. Dawkins will serve both Acton and the area.

The agreement was adjusted so council felt there was no compulsion for the town to erect a building, after considerable discussion, Chief Dawkins assured council that the brigade had verbally agreed to build a hall on town property with the building and the brigade to administer it and no construction to begin until sufficient funds were available to close in the building.

Acton council endorsed the building program presented by the Acton representatives of the North Halton High School District which called for new schools in Acton and Georgetown at a cost of \$255,000 each and the addition of a dual purpose classroom-gymnasium in Milton at a cost of \$45,000.

It was pointed out by G. A. Dill, spokesman for the representatives, W. Coon and C. Wood, that the program had been endorsed by all other councils in the five municipalities according to plans outlined, would be for 220 pupils, and designed for future expansion if necessary.

Cost to Acton for the total expenditure of \$530,000, on the basis of the new equalized assessment, would be \$2,110 or approximately nine-tenths of a mill. It was further pointed out that three-tenths of a mill would be removed from the present tax rate this year as the additions at Acton and Milton will be paid for. Actual increase to Acton is then six-tenths of a mill as compared with an earlier program that called for approximately three mills.

### FOUR APPEALS MADE FOR INCLUSION ON ACTON'S VOTERS' LIST

Already four appeals have been made to have additional names included on the Acton Voters List, it was reported last week. The last date for filing appeals at the office of the town clerk, J. McGeachie, is November 15.

The voters' list may be checked at various stores, the post office, or the clerk's office. To qualify for municipal elections, held December 1, 1952, you must be 21 years of age, a British subject, an owner or tenant, or the wife or husband of an owner or tenant, and must be assessed for \$300 or more.

Roomers and boarders are not allowed to vote.

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### Mayor Hufnagel pointed out that he was very much in favor of the plan and council unanimously passed the following resolution, "and resolved that the council of the town of Acton agrees to the N.H.S.D.B. instituting a building program to erect a nine-room high school in or adjoining Acton, a nine-room high school in Georgetown and a dual purpose classroom-gymnasium in Milton, costing not more than \$255,000 for each high school and not more than \$45,000 for the classroom-gymnasium forthwith on the condition that all of the municipalities comprising the N.H.S.D.B. shall agree to be liable for such proportion of the principal and interest payable under the debentures and of the expense connected therewith and the cost of maintenance of the said high school in the said district and all other expenses of the N.H.S.D.B. as the equalized assessment of each of the municipalities bears to the equalized assessment of the whole district. This council further urges the necessity of building a new high school in Acton as soon as possible as the lease of the present building used for high school purposes expires in 1954."

Chief F. Dawkins asked if council would consider allowing the brigade to use one wall of the town hall to cut construction cost of the proposed fire hall. Council expressed the feeling that this was a reasonable request.

Temporary repairs and insulation of the present fire hall were discussed with the town foreman and approved.

A Hufnagel advised council that water was not available in his Main St. North, barn when the pump at the town well was operating. Under an agreement with Mr. Hufnagel, the town agreed to supply water if this should happen. The situation is to be discussed with the Public Utilities Commission.

By resolution, the Public Utilities Commission was authorized to install a six inch water main to Baxter Laboratories for a sprinkler system at cost price. An annual charge of \$10 was to be made for this service.

An inquiry had been received from the company and the matter had been discussed with other municipalities for their policy.

Council accepted the assessment of the town as presented by the clerk. Assessment is land \$292,861; buildings \$1,794,420; business \$273,703; total \$2,360,984.

A letter was received from H. V. Dron advising council they would not collect any more "computer" donations from him and some legal action he planned. The letter was ordered filed.

A summary of receipts and expenditures for October 11 was reviewed and small variations noted in some departments. It was felt that possibly there might be a small overall surplus at the end of the year.

A by-law was passed authorizing the signing of an agreement with Wils. Shepherd for trapping rights on town property for five years at a yearly fee of \$15.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Acton Woodcrafts, merch	\$ 11.29
W. J. Kentner use of saw	4.50
F. Dawkins, fire chief	5.04
L. W. Agar, coal	133.50
Norwich Union Fire Ins. premiums	1474.04
Mun. of Esqueving, taxes	24.31
S. F. Lawson & Co., calcium chloride	145.80
Flintkote Co., merch	46.02
Halton Manufact. Co., repairs to San Van	10.75
Acton Free Press, merch	8.80
R. V. Anderson and Assoc., engineering design	168.00
Ont. Prov. Police	684.34
Wilson Dairy Bar, lunch	5.50
	\$2,747.89

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

A special meeting was held on October 31 to pass a by-law for the taking of a vote on the question of increasing the number of members of the P.U.C. The question will be voted on December 1.