

## COUNCIL SEEKS RETURN RENT CONTROL

### Close Vote Approves Resolution on Controls

Acton council will seek to have rent controls returned on Acton properties it was decided in a recorded vote of 5-4 at the regular meeting of council on Monday evening of last week. Councillor Lindsay questioned the legality of the vote taken at the last meeting on the question and another resolution was tabled and passed. The vote recorded showed Lindsay, Greer, Wick, Irwin and Tyler favoring return of rent controls with the remaining members registering opposition.

Councillor Lindsay pointed out that at the previous meeting, four favored the motion but the negative vote was not called for and one councillor did not vote. Solicitor Leatherland pointed out that no councillor could be forced to vote but it was customary for a councillor not wishing to vote to leave the table.

**Some up 55 Per Cent.**  
Reeve Stewart said that in some instances rent controls forced landlords to subsidize tenants. "Some rents have been abnormally low," he declared.

Councillor Greer pointed out that some landlords had raised rents only a few dollars but other rents had increased as much as 55 per cent. He explained that it was this type of increase that prompted a move to return controls. The resolution suggested that council request the provincial government to return rent controls in Acton and a recorded vote be taken on the resolution.

**Grandstand Week**  
Dr. A. J. Buchanan reviewed plans for the Coronation celebration and asked approval for a tree-planting ceremony, a message of congratulations to the Queen, fireworks under supervision and arrangements regarding the grandstand.

### Returned to Office In W.I. Elections

The monthly meeting of the Acton Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. George Lazenby Mrs. R. L. Davidson presided. The roll call was answered by "a community need we might provide." The motto was prepared by Mrs. W. Hamilton and read by Mrs. Wilderspin. "Teen agers need models, not critics."

The secretary read many letters from former members and friends of congratulations and good wishes on their 50th anniversary. As this was the annual meeting Mrs. Lantz took the chair for the election of officers, which resulted in a return to office of most of the former officers: Mrs. R. L. Davidson, president; Mrs. Earl Lambert, district director and Mrs. F. Anderson, secretary-treasurer.

A motion was made that a letter with a gift enclosed was to be sent to the board of the United Church for the use of the church for the anniversary meeting. Mrs. Anderson gave a report of the Coronation group meeting. A donation was to be given to help the plans now being made. Mrs. Lantz read an interesting paper on James Watt, the man who first harnessed steam.

The park committee reported that the condition of the grandstand was poor and supporting posts were weak as well as the flooring and seats. The committee was instructed to secure a carpenter's estimate on repairs to the structure. Councillor Greer agreed to seek information on the possibility of portable bleachers in case the grandstand could not be repaired economically.

**Rename Park?**  
Council approved a resolution to investigate the possibility of changing the name of Prospect Park to some name suitable to honor the Coronation.

**Seeks Lot H Action**  
A letter from E. E. Barr regarding the settlement of Lot H, pointed out letters had been forwarded to K. M. Langdon and T. Seynuck. The letters explained that Mr. Barr planned to erect a fence closing Lot H and also asking Mr. Langdon to arrange to remove water services crossing Mr. Barr's property and serving the lot at the back of Lot H. The action was taken following a break-down in negotiations in which Mr. Seynuck refused to guarantee he would not build on the proposed line of George St. and council refused to sign an agreement not containing this stipulation.

Council passed a resolution notifying the Hydro Electric Power Commission that they would be held responsible for any damage arising from the high tension power line crossing the present public school playground.

The Acton Public School Board had notified council that the cost of removing the line had been set at \$1,200 and no board funds were available. The line also crosses the site of the new high school and that board recently authorized a \$2,000 expenditure to remove that section of the line from the property.

**Town Gets \$67.93**  
The summary of fines for March was received. Total fines collected amounted to \$153 with the town receiving \$67.93.

A resolution was passed that oil for the roads would be purchased from Beamish Construction Co. "when and if oil is used on the streets." It was pointed out that the firm had promised a representative would view the roads before the oil is applied to be sure they are in satisfactory condition.

The solicitor was instructed to prepare a by-law opening one foot on the west side of Wallace St., plan 372 and Reserve 2 to within one foot of block B.

C. F. Leatherland, on behalf of J. Herzog, Toronto, offered \$25 for Block A, having 33 feet frontage and being an odd shaped piece of land behind houses on the Wartime Housing subdivision on Mason Blvd. with an entrance on Reserve 2.

Council informed the representative that the property was not for sale at present.

A resolution was passed requesting J. D. Lucas to inspect the land regarding annexation before the hearing date. The tariff fee of \$25 for the hearing was to be forwarded to the Municipal Board.

It was reported that the fence on the outside of the park track had been repaired and the inner fence removed completely.

Permission was granted to the Acton Rotary Club to hold their Peanut Day.

**Authorize Credits**

A credit of \$79.53 was authorized to Lee Can on his transient trader's fee and to A. Cooke of \$77.60.

A detailed report on the road expenditures to the end of March showed expenditures totaling \$2,799.94 with a total estimate on the year of \$17,335.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Bell Telephone, services	\$ 61.80
E. S. Cooper, medicine re- ligious	6.19
Jack Harris, 12 posts at 35c	4.29
Blow Press, grader part	1.33
Acton P.U.C., hydro	373.06
A. Cook, brushes	5.00
Watson Dairy Bar, lunch	5.50
L. Garner Motors acct	113.24
Thompson's Farm Serv., account	24.59
Don Van Fleet, Burlington trip	7.00
Dunlop Tire and Rubber Goods, fire hose	521.16
Safety Supply Co. Scott Air Pak	255.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,358.42</b>

### P.U.C. To Arrange Coronation Lights

Dr. A. J. Buchanan, chairman of the Coronation Committee, attended the meeting of the Public Utilities Commission on Thursday evening of last week. He asked the co-operation of the P.U.C. in using the colored lights on the street during Coronation week. The Commission left the matter of lights with Dr. Buchanan and Superintendent Mason. Secretary J. McGeachie was instructed to purchase the necessary decorations for the officers and some flags for the waterworks and hydro buildings.

Les Davies was present. He felt an error had been made on the meter book. In checking over the meter book, the Commission felt his claim was justified and adjusted his account accordingly.

The Commission was notified by letter that the chlorine used for purification work was now exempt from sales tax.

A letter was sent to the Y.M.C.A. board, pointing out the dangerous condition of one window which had been cracked some time ago by a stone from a car wheel.

Superintendent Lambert reported a plugged lateral at a house owned by J. McMullen on Bower Ave. This stoppage was definitely on the property side and so the charges as set by the Commission some time ago would apply.

Superintendent Lambert reported that a leak had been repaired in the caulk of the water line going into Baxter Laboratories and also on a short lateral at the Denay Taxi stand.

Instructions were issued for the purchase of a wheelbarrow and forks for use at the sewage plant.

Superintendent Lambert reported on the convention held recently at Buffalo of the International Waterworks Association, which he had attended.

Arrangements were made to sow grass seed on the banks at the sewage disposal plant and Superintendent Lambert reported on the progress being made flushing the manholes of the system. Extra help was hired while this work was in progress.

Arrangements were made for the placing of fill at the rear of the new hydro building.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Waterworks Accounts	\$291.91
Acton P.U.C., hydro acct's	158.00
Doughty and McFarlane, grass seed	8.45
Bell Telephone, services	9.73
Consolidated Engines and Machinery	32.49
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$342.58</b>
Hydro Accounts	
Petty cash, exp & trans.	\$ 3.09
J. B. Frank, painting	158.00
H.F.C. of Ont., mds.	2.52
Burroughs Adding Mach., services	19.90
H. G. Barlow & Co., mds.	8.98
Ellis & Howard Ltd., mds.	10.99
Levit-Safety, mds.	44.85
Highway Garage, acct.	4.17
Sawoy's Continuous Forms Ltd., mds.	107.28
J. R. Kearney Corp., mds.	34.30
Bell Telephone, services	24.45
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$418.52</b>

### HONOR DR. G. SIRRS AT ANNUAL ACTON MINOR HOCKEY BUN FEED

Over 100 boys attended the annual bun feed of the Acton Minor Sports Association at the Y last Thursday night to mark the conclusion of another successful season of minor hockey in Acton. Special guest of the evening was Doctor George Sirrs, of Newtonbrook, who was active in the organization while he resided in Acton.

Doctor Sirrs was presented with a brochure in recognition of his services to minor sport in Acton, by Mike Cox who expressed the regret of the Association in losing him and paid tribute to his work with minor teams. In reply, Doctor Sirrs thanked the Association and reminisced over the highlights of both the baseball and hockey seasons in the past few years. He urged the boys to help the present officers as much as they could and to remember the true essence of sportsmanship was team work, and learning to get along with the other fellow.

Winner of the most valuable player trophy this year was Bob Cox, Councillor "Dude" Lindsay presented Bob with the trophy and congratulated him on the achievement. This award is given after a vote is taken on a selective basis of all the coaches in the town league. Runner up in the voting for this coveted award was Bob Wahlman.

The trophy for the junior division champions of the town league was presented to Reg. Black and Bob Wahlman, manager and captain of the winning team, respectively. Wilf Duval and Bill Coon accepted the senior division trophy.

In conclusion, Rev. E. Currey showed slides for the boys.



SAFETY TAPING BIKES at the public school kept Rotarians busy on Saturday as more than 100 bicycles received strips of the reflective safety tape. Acton Rotary Club sponsored the community service project in an effort to cut down on the hazard of bicycling after dark. A section of the crowd that kept the officials busy on Saturday is shown at the right and in the left hand picture Rotarians W. Coon and E. Tyler apply the safety tape to the bicycles of Garnet Roszell and Jim Waterhouse.

### Triple Car Crash Near Silvercreek

Three cars were involved in an accident Sunday afternoon at about 4 p.m. below the Silver Creek Hill on No. 7 highway. Milton Hilborn, driving north, stopped behind a car, making a left turn into Brown's Auto Wrecking yard. Philip McCristall, also driving north, started to pass the two cars when he saw a car approaching and swerved into the rear of the Hilborn car. The car driving south, driven by Iva Huffman, seeing the situation, swerved into the ditch.

### Milk, Beef Cattle Speakers' Topics

The Acton Junior Farmers' and Junior Institute held their regular meeting at the home of Herb Spitzer, April 18th, with the respective presidents in the chair.

The boys' meeting, opened by answering the roll call with your favorite breed of beef cattle. Happenings in the near future were reviewed. Charlie Thompson was called upon to introduce the guest speaker, Maurice Baker of Scotsdale Farms, Georgetown. He spoke on the care and management of beef cattle.

At the girls' meeting, Mrs. C. E. Storey was the guest speaker on the topic of the Milky Way, which fitted in nicely with their roll call, answered by a milky dish.

At the joint meeting a discussion was on the coming eucure and dance. After this Mac Sprawl was called upon for recreation. He had prepared a paper in which there were comments about a few of the local members.

A lunch concluded the evening's program.

### Leadership Course For Area at Knox

About 40 members of Presbyterian Young Peoples' groups in the Guelph Presbyterial from Campbellville, Guelph, Galt, Waterloo, Baden and Acton attended a leadership training course at Knox Presbyterian church, Acton, last week-end. The two-day course was conducted by members of the Synodical Young Peoples' executive, Ivan Cronsberry, president, Don Christie, vice-president and Norma Gilles, leadership training convener, all of Toronto.

The full program began on Saturday afternoon for the local delegates and those from other centres, who arrived by car. Discussion groups were highlights, with games and sing songs as recreation.

Saturday evening there was a banquet at the church, to which the Ladies' Aid aided. On Sunday afternoon the Acton Young People were hosts at a buffet supper. Other meals were at the billets in local homes.

Two of the leaders, Don Christie and Ivan Cronsberry, took part at the morning service in Knox church and the evening service was conducted by members of the Guelph Presbyterial Young Peoples' with Harry Kuntz of Baden in charge. Barbara Brown of Galt read the scripture and Rev. Satherland of Campbellville gave the address.

Solists were Miss Jean McGregor of Galt and Miss Jeanette Campbell of Guelph, who sang at the morning and evening services, respectively.

### Kilted Scots Visit Two Halton Farms

Two kilted Scottish farmers arrived at Halton county farms on Tuesday to spend a few days seeing first hand how farms in this country are operated. Altogether four Scots, three young men in their 20's and a girl of 22, are in Ontario this month on an exchange visit with four young Ontario farmers.

Graham Rogers of county of Fyfe, St. Andrews, Scotland, is staying this week with Mac Sprawl at his farm home near Acton. Ron Dalgligh of Perth, Scotland, is staying with David Pelletier at his farm home at Ash. The other Scotch lad, Ian Middleton, is standing with Carl Bynnton at Woodbridge and Nancy Fleming is visiting at Galt. All four are members of the Scottish Association of Young Farmers' clubs and arrived in Canada Monday by ship. Before July 22, when they return to Scotland, they hope to pick up a lot of information about farming on this side of the Atlantic.

All four are executive members of the young farmers' associations and all are especially interested in livestock.

Graham Rogers and Ron Dalgligh will go with Halton's prominent junior farmers, their hosts, David Pelletier and Mac Sprawl, to the annual provincial junior farmers' conference in Guelph this week-end. There, they will meet many more of the county's young farmers.

The Halton Junior Farmers' club is singing on Sunday in War Memorial Hall; Eleanor McKeown and Earl Snow will be competing in the debating finals between Halton and Lambton and there will be two delegates from each of the county's five junior farmer clubs plus Mac Sprawl and Ontario president David Pelletier. About 450 will attend altogether.

He "I've just finished reading a book with a very unhappy ending. She "What book was that dear? He "My check book"



TROPHY WINNERS in the Y's minor hockey league this year were presented with their awards at the annual bun feed in the Y on Thursday evening of last week. Dr. George Sirrs was also feted at the event when Minor Sports Association officials expressed their appreciation for his help while in Acton. Shown from the left are Reg. Black, manager and captain of the winning junior division winners, Bob Wahlman, captain, Dr. Sirrs, Bob Cox with his most valuable player award, and Bill Coon and Wilf Duval, captain and coach of the winning senior division team respectively.

### DISTRICT Y'S MEN'S CLUBS HOLD CONFERENCE HERE ON WEEK-END

Acton Y's Men's Club was host at Acton Y.M.C.A. on Saturday and Sunday to clubs from Brantford, Owen Sound, Guelph and two Kitchener clubs at the Spring Conference of the Central Ontario district. About 75 Y's Men took part in the two day event.

Highlight of the first day was the dinner at which Douglas Beattie of Simpsons-Sears was the guest speaker. "Mr. Beattie's subject of 'Christianity in Business' was one that was very timely and was appreciated by all who had the privilege of hearing it. He was introduced by Bill Benson.

Mayor F. G. O. Oakes extended a welcome to the visiting Y's Men on behalf of the town and president Dick Bean of Acton Y.M.C.A. gave a welcome to the Acton Y.M.C.A. C. A. Dillk, first president of Acton Y.M.C.A., congratulated the Y's Men on the splendid service being done in Acton and other centres where Y.M.C.A.'s are established.

G. W. McKenzie presided at the dinner and Jack Greer introduced the head table guests. Sing songs were in charge of Charlie Kirkness and Crawford Douglas.

Entertainment which followed the dinner was presented in the gymnasium under the direction of Bob Redfern. Those who assisted in a fine and varied event were Sheila Paul and Peggy and Fran Oakes, of Acton; J. Smith, Owen Sound, and Vic Mainly, tenor, and Andy Pasakas, harmonica expert from Toronto.

Bob Redfern gave several songs and imitations and Crawford Douglas was accompanist and gave piano selections and played for the sing song.

Sunday's sessions started with breakfast at 8:15 and every session had good attendance and enthusiasm. Morning session was devoted

### Acton Play Wins District Plaque

"The Light in the Window" a sacred drama presented by Acton Baptist Church Young People was declared winner in the drama festival of this district, cast members learned this week a plaque will be presented at the B.Y.P.U. convention in Montreal. Clarence Reid, who was in the cast of the play, expects to attend the convention and receive the award on behalf of the Acton group.

Acton and Hillsburgh presented their plays in Acton on April 6 when they were judged, but no marks announced. The judge also attended sacred plays by Baptist young people in Stratford and Kitchener but placed the Acton group highest in final standings.

Acton was awarded 85 points. Stratford 80, Hillsburgh 75 and Kitchener 66.

This is the first time that Acton Baptist church entered the annual competition. It is expected that more churches will enter next year.

Members of the cast were Lil Wagner, Wilma Chapman, Faye Garner, Clarence Reid, Marjorie Landsborough, David Cooke, Charlie Landsborough and Mary Reid. The play was directed by Mrs. Lorne Garner.

### Cruiser Damaged In Smash Monday

Damage estimated at \$1,000 resulted Monday at noon when a Provincial police cruiser and an oil truck were in collision just east of Acton on No. 7 highway.

The cruiser, driven by Const. Everton Penrose, Guelph, was passing a car travelling toward Georgetown as Thompson's Farm Service truck, driven by Pat Patterson, was entering the highway.

Corp. W. Hodgins, a passenger in the cruiser, was slightly injured. The front bumper of the truck caught the side of the car and the cruiser bounced to a stop across the highway with the rear wheels just over the edge of the ditch.

### Rotary Tapes Bikes In Safety Program

As a practical contribution toward greater safety on our highways Acton Rotary club undertook a campaign to put Scotchlite tape on all bicycles in town. The drive was made for last Saturday and on that day, Acton Rotarians applied this tape to 105 bicycles from Acton and district.

Through the co-operation of Acton schools the work was carried on in one of the classrooms of the school. When the work started on Saturday morning, 50 boys and girls with bicycles lined the school lane ready for the doors to open. It was a busy period from then until noon when bicycle parts were cleaned and the Scotchlite tape applied on front forks and rear fenders.

Scotchlite tape is an adhesive tape which has small particles impregnated into its surface and glows when car lights or any other light strikes it. White tape worn on the front of the bicycles and three strips of red on the rear fender. It is hoped application of it will prevent night accidents for those riding bicycles after dusk.

Those who were not present on Saturday and would like to have the tape applied, may secure the material by making application to Rotarian Ted Tyler on the school bus. The program is not confined to children alone and anyone desirous of securing protective tape for their bicycles may secure it. The Rotary club of Acton is doing this as a service to the community and in the interests of more safety on our highways. There is no charge and the only stipulation is to thoroughly clean the parts of the bicycle where the tape is to be applied.