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## 1,000 PARADE TO CORONATION SERVICE



**AN ENGLISH OAK TREE** was dedicated to the remembrance of the Coronation at Acton public school grounds on Sunday prior to the parade and civic ceremony. Rev. R. Price is shown dedicating the tree that is being planted. School Board and council members are shown in the background. More than 500 school children were present for the planting and dedication of the tree that took place on the terrace near the high school building.

### Approve Rate Reduction On Water to Industry

Acton council approved a reduction in water rates to industry for quantities used above the present average, at a record-shattering session that adjourned at 9 p.m. with a completed agenda on Monday night. On recommendation of the Industrial Committee present industry will be offered water at a reduced rate of 15c and 20c per 1,000 gallons of water used over the present average based on 1952 consumption. The solicitor was instructed to prepare the necessary amendment to the by-law.

Clerk McGeachie pointed out that the town had a potential supply of 8,000,000 gallons per month and during the past month had used 5,000,000.

The committee emphasized that it would be better to have revenue from the water since it would provide added revenue for application on the town tax rate. Surplus waterworks income is applied against the tax rate.

It was pointed out that the requirements of two firms would be met more satisfactorily with this arrangement and the town was not as likely to lose any present industrial consumers.

**May Clock with Trout**  
Council was informed, in a letter from the Department of Lands and Forests, that pike had been placed in Fairy Lake last year without their authority. Some pike were found several miles down stream in Black Creek. The Department explained that Fairy Lake was potentially trout water.

"We intend to do a survey of Fairy Lake to determine the best species for that type of water. We hope it will be suitable for trout as pike and pickerel are very undesirable species in this particular watershed and in such small bodies of water such as Fairy Lake," the letter concluded.

The solicitor was instructed to complete the preparation of agreements for the transfer of property that would allow improvements on the corner of Park Ave. and Mill St. Negotiations for the transfer were started about two years ago.

**May Get Speed Trap**  
The possibility of purchasing a speed trap for use in the town brought in a general discussion of traffic problems. The recommendation of the Commissioner of Police for Ontario has been sought on the speed trap idea but no answer has been received. Council decided a general tightening of traffic law enforcement was necessary.

The town accepted conveyance of the registered deed for property in Hamilton that was turned over by an indigent patient.

**Investigate Flasher Light**  
More complete information was requested on the prices of traffic signals submitted. The price of a flashing beacon with two red and two amber lenses for the corner of Mill and Main Sts was \$115.

Council, following a meeting to view the property, decided not to sell four feet of park property bordering C. Bradley's residence to Mr. Bradley. The property was requested to widen the driveway.

Council adjourned to meet next Tuesday evening. Appreciation was expressed by council to the members of the Coronation Committee and Dr. Buchanan for their splendid effort in making arrangements for the event on Sunday marking the Coronation.

The following accounts were approved for payment:  
Billy Serv. Station, gas \$ 2.50  
K. Marchmont, signs 9.00  
K. McPhail, fire school 7.00  
W. D. Mason, fire school 9.00  
D. Van Fleet, fire school 9.00  
S. Brunelle, fire school 15.00  
M. Holmes, fire school 15.00  
T. Perkins, fire school 9.00  
J. Drysdale, fire school 15.00

### COUPLE ENTERTAINED FOR GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brownlee were entertained last week on the occasion of their golden wedding. A dinner party given by their son Principal George Brownlee and daughter Mrs. George McAllister was held at "Lockwood" with all the original wedding party present, plus the intimate family.

This was followed by an evening party at Glen-Warren where Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Brownlee entertained for them.

A reception at their home in Thistleton concluded the festivities. Friends and relatives came from Michigan, Guelph, Acton, Norval, Arthur and Toronto.

Highlights of the reception included a poem commemorating the occasion, composed and read by Rev. John Marshall of Melrose Presbyterian Church, also songs by Masters Glen and Warren Brownlee. The tea table was centered with a beautiful wedding cake made by their daughter, Mrs. George McAllister.

Mr. and Mrs. Brownlee were the recipients of numerous gifts, cards and flowers, including a basket of 50 tallman roses.

Mrs. Brownlee was the former Letitia Storey. After living in Toronto for 35 years the couple moved to their present home in Thistleton.

Both enjoy good health, and are ardent church workers.

### Buckingham Palace Story at Meeting

The May meeting of the Greenock Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Robert Allan Miss Elva Pearen, president, was in charge. The minutes and auditor's report were read and approved and the members responded to the roll call by an exchange of plants and slips. Two letters were read from the friendship link in Derbyshire, England, and the Scripture given by Mrs. Hassell. Mrs. Elliott Patterson and Mrs. Elwood Johnston gave splendid reports of the District Annual held in Bellwood recently and the Greenock Institute was awarded first prize for the year's program.

Mrs. Albert McKeown conducted the program. The motto, "Patience has a sure reward," was given by Mrs. J. E. Pearen. In keeping with the Coronation, Mrs. Ralph McKeown gave a story of Buckingham Palace of the Queen.

Mr. John Near read notes on the wealth of the provinces and the commonwealth and Mrs. A. McKeown outlined the Colombo Plan, established in 1950 and Canada's aid to India.

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### CONGREGATIONS PRAY FOR QUEEN AT SUNDAY, TUESDAY SERVICES

Queen Elizabeth's request, made in a recent speech, that her people pray for her on her Coronation Day was heeded in Acton churches at their services last Sunday. Prayers especially mentioned the young monarch and sermons had Coronations as their topic.

A special Coronation mass, being used by Roman Catholic churches throughout the Empire, was sung Tuesday morning at St. Joseph's church by Father Morgan. Special music for Coronation was presented by the choir and the sermon also dealt with the Coronation, which had concluded in London just shortly before the service here.

The Roman Catholic service was held at 10 a.m.

A special message was given by Pastor Dwight Patterson at the Baptist church Sunday, where the congregation also prayed for the Queen. Douglas Peck of Georgetown sang a solo.

A flag that Rev. E. Currey had brought from overseas was in the chancel of the United church Sunday. The significance of the Coronation was the theme of the ser-

### ENJOYS GOOD HEALTH AT 91 YEARS OF AGE

Today (Thursday) George Griffin is marking his 91st birthday quietly at his home, R. R. 2, Acton, with his son, Arthur Griffin and family.

Mr. Griffin still enjoys good health, is able to be about daily and likes to take car rides.

Although his son, Carmen, of Mishawaka, Indiana, is unable to be present, other members of his family, which includes his son, Arthur, Mrs. Arthur Griffin, several grandchildren and great grandchildren will bring congratulatory

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### Record-Setting Coronation March Follows Colorful Half Mile Route

#### 5-Cent Rate Boost Accepted by Locals

Locals 721 and 1021, Textile Workers Union of America (C.I.O.), linked with Wool Combing Corporation in Acton and Galt, have unanimously decided to accept a five-cent-an-hour boost after talks between their negotiating committee and management. The Galt section is also granted a paid lunch period, which works out at about six cents per hour additional. The paid lunch period already operates at Acton.

#### PATRIOTIC SETTING AT CORONATION BALL

The town hall was decorated with flags, bunting and streamers for the Coronation Ball Monday evening, sponsored by the Lakeside Chapter of the I.O.D.E. About 225 danced to the music of the Debonaires orchestra in the red, white and blue setting.

Formal gowns were worn, as well as ballroom length gowns and dresses to the dance on the eve of Coronation Day.

Winners for special dances were: Philip's tag, Mrs. Tom Watson; ballroom dance, Mrs. F. G. Oakes; spot dance, Mr. and Mrs. Don Cook; man's lemon dance, Ed Footitt. Mrs. Claude Cook won a prize for having the nearest birthday.

The ball was a splendid financial, as well as social, success.

Bunting, flags and colorfully decorated buildings lined the half mile parade route for the largest parade ever staged in Acton with more than 1,000 participating. Students, town officials and organizations were represented led by four bands as Acton and district marked the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in a service in Prospect park Sunday afternoon.

The crowd, estimated at 2,500, covered a corner of the park where trucks were arranged for a platform, and seating accommodation was provided for 2,000 with 250 cars arranged behind the semi-circle of seats.

Parading from Wilbur St. to the park were the Acton Council, School Board, Public Utilities Commission, volunteer Fire Brigade and two trucks led by the Acton Citizens' Band and Dr. A. J. Buchanan, an all the Acton Public school children and rural school children led by the Guelph Pipe Band and G. W. McKenzie, I.O.D.E. Women's Institute, Scout and Guide Mothers, Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, Y.M.C.A. Ladies' Auxiliary, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Wolf Cubs, Brownies and Acton High School students, led by the Hillsburgh Citizens' Band and J. T. Hurst, members of the Canadian Legion, led by the Canadian Field Artillery Trumpet Band and Max Storey.

A tree planting ceremony was conducted at the school grounds preceding the parade and service, when Rev. Price dedicated an English oak tree to the commemoration of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. Council and School Board officials participated in this ceremony sponsored by the Home and School Association.

"O Canada" and "The Maple Leaf Forever" were sung by the school children at the opening of the service in Prospect Park, where the crowd gathered.

Mayor F. G. Oakes proclaimed the service and asked citizens to join in pledging loyalty to the Queen and the wish "that her reign may be long and peaceful, not only for the realm, but for all the people of the world."

Rev. E. A. Currey gave the Call to Worship, followed by the Doxology and Prayer of Invocation "God of our fathers known of old" was sung, led by the choir and Acton Citizens' Band.

Pastor Dwight L. Patterson led in the responsive reading "The 55-voice choir, under the direction of E. A. Hansen, accompanied by Miss O. Lampond, sang "Land of Hope and Glory" and later in the service "One World."

The scripture reading by Rev. R. H. Armstrong was from Kings 3: 5-14, followed with prayer by Rev. R. E. Price. The Legion Quartette of H. Peal, W. Mattocks, G. Musselle and J. McHugh, sang "God Bless Our Native Land."

Introduced by Rev. Armstrong, the speaker, Capt. Crawford Smith of Knox Presbyterian church, Guelph, answered the question, "What does the Coronation mean to us?" by outlining it as a recognition of a way of life manifest by freedom; a recognition of justice; a recognition of the Commonwealth and Empire, where there can be unity in diversity; and above all, a recognition of God.

"The Coronation is a recognition of a way of life—a way of life that is our Canadian way of life," the speaker declared. He pointed out that the basic contributions for this land came from the Empire and emphasized that Canadians had a stake in the Commonwealth in having given lives to protect it in two world wars. "May God so help us to consecrate ourselves to his service as Queen Elizabeth has dedicated herself to the service of the people of the Empire," Capt. Smith concluded.

The park service was concluded with the singing of "O God Our Help in Ages Past," the pronouncing of the benediction and "God Save the Queen."

The bands provided music at the conclusion of the service and Acton Citizens' Band presented a band concert in the park in the evening. Members of the Coronation Committee headed by Dr. A. J. Buchanan were Mrs. G. Angell, J. H. Gov. Mrs. F. Anderson, Mrs. J. C. Bradshaw, E. Footitt, Mrs. A. Gervais, E. Hansen, C. Heard, Mrs. A. Mercer, J. McHugh, T. K. Nicol, Mrs. F. G. Oakes, Mrs. M. Symon, S. W. Tennant, L. Wiek and D. Dills.

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The scouts held a campfire around their "beacon" which they lit at Blue Springs scout reserve.

### PAIR RECAPTURED, REMANDED AFTER FLEEING JAIL AT MILTON

Two prisoners charged with armed robbery who escaped from Milton county jail early Saturday evening after beating the governor and a jail guard, were recaptured without a struggle Monday by North York police. Jack Chance and Vincent DiMario, both 24, of Ottawa and Toronto, were found in a North York cottage and were returned to the Don Jail within 42 hours of their escape.

The Saturday break was made at 8:00 p.m. when guard George Cooper entered the cell block to lock Chance, DiMario and a third prisoner in their cells for the night. It is reported the two who escaped rushed Cooper and slugged him with an iron bar torn from a sink in the cell block.

Governor Glen Ryder was standing by the door of the cell block and entered to aid Cooper. One of the prisoners threatened Ryder by holding a sharpened nail file against his throat. After a 20 minute struggle, Cooper was knocked unconscious and he and the governor were locked in the cells. Both were badly battered and Cooper required a number of stitches in a scalp wound.

The escapees were unable to open two other jail doors, so they freed Ryder and forced him to unlock the doors. The governor was locked behind the final door, but managed to turn in the alarm as the prisoners escaped.

Governor Ryder released two prisoners held on minor assault charges to chase Chance and DiMario, but they lost the escapees after two blocks and returned to the jail. The jail keys and governor's coat carried off by the escaped pair, were later found on Mary St.

Ontario Provincial Police were immediately alerted. Cruisers made a search of the county and road blocks were set up. It was not known whether the men had escaped on foot or by car. A province-wide search was underway when the two were apprehended in North York.

Di Mario had been lodged in the jail for 10 days and Chance had arrived from the Don Jail only 30 hours before the break.

They appeared in Milton court yesterday to face charges of armed robbery in the hijacking of \$5,000 worth of furs on the Queen Elizabeth Way over a month ago. Charges of jail breaking have also been laid. Both were remanded for one week.

An investigation into the escape was begun Sunday by Col. Hedley Barber, deputy minister of reform institutions, and other officials of that department. It resulted in the announcement of Governor Ryder's suspension.

**Beacon Fire Marks Royal Coronation**

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### MORE THAN 2,500 ATTEND OPEN-AIR CORONATION SERVICE SUNDAY



### Teen-Agers Hurt In Car Collision

Two teen-agers 17-year-old Ronald Tyler and 16-year-old Bruce Cargill both of R. R. 1, Campbellville, escaped serious injury when their car came into collision with another vehicle late Saturday night on Trinity Side Road, Ancaster.

Both boys and the driver of the other car, Campbell McClure, aged 22, of R. R. 3, Glanford, were rushed to St. Joseph's hospital, but injuries were found to be slight and they were not admitted.