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## Urge Start of Program to Seek Better County Roads

The establishment of a program to construct a more permanent road surface on county roads was urged by members at the regular meeting of Halton County Council Tuesday afternoon. Headed by Reeve Allen of Georgetown, who said that his municipality had begun a program of inexpensive road treatment which he felt should be followed by the county road committee, he explained a certain road in Georgetown was found most difficult to keep repaired, and it was costing his town considerable amounts each year. Last year the surface received a primer-coat and was followed by a treatment of a certain type of oil. "This road has stood up under heavy traffic conditions and the winter months as well," he said, adding it only cost about \$600 for more than a half mile.

Other members felt it might be advisable for the committee to start such a program so eventually Halton would have the best roads in the province.

"Burlington has all its streets treated in the same manner and our road budget for the year is only \$20,000," deputy-reeve Harry Wade injected.

Reeve Robert Marshall, Trafalgar, said the county should now concentrate on first class roads instead of second class.

"I feel this county has been following a policy of false economy, instead of preparing the foundation for hard top roads," deputy-reeve Wade said.

### On the Prowl

Provincial police in the northern half of Halton are on the prowl for cars with bad brakes.

It was reported Wednesday that out of five cars examined, drivers of two were fined for operating with faulty brakes.

Constable Howard Gunn indicated that the checking over the Acton, Milton, Georgetown areas and through Esquesing and Nassagaweya townships will continue this week.

### Rotary Club Peanut Day Project Scores Its Best Success

Acton Rotary Club's third annual Peanut Day marked its best success to date Saturday when net revenue of about \$575 was tabulated from peanut sales and merchants' support.

Although local Rotarians support several charitable and humanitarian causes, large part of the Peanut Day dollars will be used for crippled children's work.

Saturday's parade was a colorful event, led by six local young ladies stepping high and one young man. Immediately behind this group was the Acton Citizens' Band who in turn preceded the popular Planters float with its oversize human peanuts.

Two nine-year-old boys, Carmen Woodburn and Jack Hinton, were the best guessers among Actonites who figured on how many peanuts studded the float. Both boys submitted 200,000 in their bid for the \$10 prize and won when it was announced the float held some 189,200 peanuts.

The club sold about 57 cases, or 1368 cans, of large peanuts over the two week project and also moved 14 cases, or 165 packs, of the three tin party packs.

Rotary Club members in charge of this year's Peanut Day arrangements were Vic Masters and Jim Ledger.

### Baptism For 16 At United Church

Christian Family Sunday in Acton United church was marked by the baptism of 16 children on Mother's Day.

Beautiful plants and bouquets were placed in the church for the service.

Music included a duet by Nancy Lambert and Carol Fetterly. Rev. E. A. Curry was assisted by Rev. Veldhuis, the clerk of Session and Orwell Johnson in the baptismal ceremony. Baptized were Bonita Loren Shortill, Russell Andrew Long, Albertine Schmuil, Charles Neil, Irongide Christine, Marie Brunelle, Katharine Anne Cook, Edwin John Holmes, Linda Marjorie Kirkwood, Robert John McCallum, Christopher Garth, Wallis Glen Ford Hubbell, Charles Douglas Hubbell, Samuel Walter Hubbell, Marlee Isabel MacSwain, James Brendan Irwin, Donald James Hufnagel and Heather Jean Buchanan.

In his sermon, Rev. Curry referred to Mother's Day and the fact that this has now been extended to Christian Family Sunday in church. Paying tribute to mothers, he said, nowadays it is important for the whole family to assist in the home. Men are what women make them be declared.

Another baptismal service will be held during the latter part of June.

### Social Meeting For Acton W.I.

The annual social meeting of the Acton Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Earl Lambert, Bess St., on Thursday afternoon when Mrs. George Fraser, the new president, presided.

During the short business period \$10 was voted as a donation to the landscaping at Halton Centennial Manor and plans made for the district annual as guests of the Busy Bee Institute at Sodom church in Nassagaweya.

Convivial gave their reports of their work.

In the social period when 14 mixed games of cards were played with the following winning prizes: Mrs. James White, Mrs. O. Robbing, Mrs. Charles Mason, Mrs. William Buchanan, Mrs. Nelson Lambert and Miss Marjorie Hall. Luncheon of ice cream and cake was served by the executive.



FALLING TIMBER along Acton's main thoroughfare isn't an every day occurrence; however, Tuesday the second tree to be felled within a week crashed to the ground less than a second after this photo was taken. The trees are making way for a wider Mill Street.

### Soccer Club Scores 5-2 Win in Dundas As S. Ontario League Schedule Opens

Acton Soccer Club made a flying start in the Southern Ontario Soccer League last Saturday by taking two points from Dundas Rangers in Dundas.

Dundas kicked off at 3:15 p.m. and five minutes later Larry Nolan scored Acton's first goal on a free pass from Tony van Dam. Acton forced the pace all the way and before half time, Cliff Sutton added two more to the team's score.

Dundas' first goal came a few minutes before the half ended. Jack Calder, in trying to clear, kicked the ball against one of his defence men and S. Casson, Dundas' centre forward, had no difficulty in hitting the rebound into the net.

Tony van Dam and Terry Bottomley combined to make Acton's fourth. Bottomley's pass from the right wing left van Dam with no opposition except the goal keeper. Shortly after Casson scored Dundas' second and last goal.

Acton's fifth-counter came just before the final whistle. Bottomley from an acute angle, swung over a long lob. The ball scraped the crossbar on the way down and ended up behind the posts, giving Acton a 5-2 victory.

Jack Calder, despite the fact that he got kicked in the face before the game was 10 minutes old, played his usual fine game in goal. He stopped the only penalty shot of the game from S. Casson's foot after G. Hall, who was available on defence, was accused of dangerous play.

T. Bottomley and A. Fish, although they only scored one goal between them, played a terrific combination on the right wing, while Les Davies and Andy Nelson on the half-back line always seemed to be where they were most needed.

Acton's first home game in the league will be played against Kitchener Victorias in the park next Saturday.

## Town's Gloomy 13th Bill To Stand Pat, P.U.C. Told

### Compete For Crests In Four Y Leagues

Although the floor hockey playoffs are still underway at the Y.M.C.A., winners have been declared in basketball, dodgeball and volleyball. Winners in all three sports will be presented with crests at the Y closing night exercises in the public school auditorium.

Three teams competed for the title in the junior boys' basketball league, with Don Wilds' boys victorious. On the team were: Don Wilds, Jim Denny, Ken Dells and Bob Jones.

Michael Hurst's team nabbed top honors in the middle boys' basketball loop with four teams in competition. With Michael Hurst on the team were: Bob Cox, Jim Lindsay and Doug Ruddick.

Tangling for dodgeball top spot were three teams. The victorious team was Rick Currie's, with Brian Otterburn, Peter Marks, Arnold Phee, David Roughly and H. Mellon.

The team of Blair Hotechen emerged as winners in the volleyball loop of two teams.

### No Injury to Acton Man as Car Rolls

An Acton man, Les MacSwain, was uninjured early Tuesday morning when the car he was driving north of Milton crashed into a ditch and rolled over.

Following the accident, which occurred on the Base Line near Milton Brick Co., police estimated damage to the car at approximately \$1500.

Sunday, near the Blue Springs sideroad, two cars were involved in an accident which resulted in about \$20 total damage. Police reported that Robert Watson, R.R. 1 Acton, and Jan Louyenga, R.R. 2 Rockwood, driving in opposite directions, side-swiped each other as their cars rose over the brow of a hill.

### Visit to Ottawa For Janice Baker

Chosen to represent Acton high school in a Rotary club sponsored trip to Ottawa is Miss Janice Baker. It has been announced this week.

"Adventure in Citizenship" comprises a four day visit in the country's capital, including specially arranged tours and meetings.

Miss Baker will leave Sunday from Milton airport for the visit, which is sponsored for her jointly by the Rotary club of Acton and the Rotary club of Ottawa. The event is held annually so high school students may observe the government at first hand.

A brilliant scholar and adept at sports, Janice Baker is the subject of a brief biography in this week's High School News column. An innovation in the column is the "Student of the Week."

### Child Injured In Mill St. Accident

Four-year-old Jacqueline Calder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Calder, Church Street, suffered a fractured skull Wednesday afternoon when she darted between two parked cars on Mill Street and hit a moving vehicle.

Driver of the car, A. J. Denny, proprietor of Acton Taxi, stopped his car and immediately took the unconscious girl to the office of Dr. D. A. Garrett, where she was attended before being rushed to Toronto Sick Children's hospital.

Thursday morning, Dr. Garrett said a skull fracture had been determined, but that he was not aware of further injuries.

The accident, investigated by Constable R. P. Robbins, occurred just east of the Mill and John Street corner where several young children had been playing during the afternoon, watching earth moving operations by a power shovel.

### Three Short Films Shown Men's Club

Last Thursday saw a most promising turnout at the bi-monthly meeting of St. Alban's chapter of the Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen.

Following the business meeting, presided over by the president, Clinton Taylor, much interest was shown in the films "Across Arctic Ungava," "Home Town Paper" and "Are You Listening?"

Clinton Taylor reported on the annual convention of the B.A.C.

### 100 Mothers, Tots At Cradle Roll Tea

Over 100 tots and their mothers attended the Cradle Roll tea in Knox Presbyterian church on Wednesday afternoon, May 5. Mrs. E. J. Hassard, president of the W.M.S. and the ladies of the congregation entertained the group. Rev. and Mrs. Armstrong welcomed them at the door.

Rev. Armstrong showed slides to the children and they enjoyed games and coloring in the basement of the church under supervision.

Meanwhile, the mothers and friends were served tea upstairs. Mrs. H. L. Bennie, superintendent of the Cradle Roll, was assisted by Miss Laura Grey, the secretary.

Musical numbers were given by Mrs. McKnight and Mrs. M. McCullough.

### Seals, Peanut Day Most Successful

Wall Woodburn, treasurer, reported last Saturday's Peanut Day was the most successful yet with about \$575 garnered for club funds.

at the regular weekly Rotary club meeting Tuesday. Johnny Goy expressed the appreciation of the club to Jim Ledger and his committee, who organized the Peanut Day this year.

The Easter seal campaign has also proven the most successful to date, with over \$800 collected in Acton. W. Woodburn and Art Padbury reported on the drive.

The club was informed of increased rates at the Sick Children's hospital, when an account for a case was presented. Dr. Harold Leub reported on the rate increase.

Art Padbury, who has been on a motor trip for some time, was welcomed back to the club by the president, V. B. Rumley. Plans for speakers were announced.

## Institute Decoration Day in Acton

Decoration Day, which its planning committee hopes will become an annual event for the community, will be held in Acton this year on Sunday, June 20. A parade and brief service will precede placing of flowers on graves in Fairview and Dublin cemeteries.

Decision to hold Decoration Day for the town stemmed from the Lakeside Chapter, I.O.D.E.'s annual practice of decorating graves of servicemen and chapter members on Remembrance Day. A letter was written to the Free Press suggest-

ing a Decoration Day, and the Acton branch of the Legion agreed to co-operate.

Several organizations were represented at an initial planning meeting held last Friday evening.

Vic Patrick was named chairman of the Decoration Day committee and Mrs. A. Orr secretary. Marshall for the parade will be Dr. A. J. Buchanan.

Attending the meeting were representatives of the Legion, Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, firemen, Women's Institute, the ministerial as-

sociation and both chapters of the I.O.D.E.

Proposed Decoration Day plans met with definite approval and discussion centered on the program of the day.

Although plans are not yet finalized, it is expected a parade will be held with at least two bands, including Acton Citizens' Band. The parade will halt at the cenotaph, where a wreath will be laid from the town and district. This will in no sense take the place of Remembrance Day service.

The brief service, being planned by the Ministerial Association, will take place at Fairview cemetery, or, in the event of rain, in a church.

It is expected that at the grave of each veteran, previously marked with a flag, a pot of geraniums will be planted. There will be an opportunity for anyone to place floral tributes on the graves of friends or relatives, those in charge point out. Decoration Day is to be for the whole community.

The event which is held annually in many towns will be financed by donations from organizations.

### New Business Block At Mill, John Sts.

Construction at the corner of Mill and John streets began this week and will prove to be a modern addition to Acton's Mill Street business blocks.

Doug Manning, owner of Manning Electric, is erecting a four-story brick building which in addition to housing a new store and showroom will contain a separate office on the ground floor and an apartment on the second floor.

Feature of the new building will be a large window front which will face Mill Street and extend around the corner and along the John Street side. Mr. Manning expects to occupy his new business quarters late this summer.

### Hydro Office Reps. Hear Money Story

Seeking some glimmer of relief from the dark burden of its financial problems, Acton's Public Utilities Commission last week sat down with two representatives from the regional Hydro office and were told, in effect, that there's no way out of paying up this year's 13th bill deficit of \$5,769.88 and (b) maybe the local P.U.C.'s money trouble isn't as bad as it seems.

T. R. Scott and G. C. Parker, the two Hamilton office envoys for the Ontario H.E.P.C. listened sympathetically while Chairman F. G. Oakes described this year's gloomy news as "a terrible deficit to have to face... something that comes to us as a shocking surprise."

Nodding, Mr. Parker picked up the conversation with an explanation of just how the 13th bill is determined: that the local P.U.C. is billed for its wholesale power at an estimated or interim rate 12 times through the year, that the 13th bill shows the deficit, or possibly credit, between the total estimated amount and actual cost.

"A very large increase" "But why is there so much difference?" Mayor E. Tyler demanded, "between the bill this year and other years?" Dr. Oakes also spoke out here, indicating no other 13th bill had ever come as such a blow to the Commission.

"Because this year," Mr. Parker replied, "has experienced a very large increase in the cost of power—\$7 per kilowatt higher." The spokesman went on to advise how the regions are billed as a whole then costs divided to share. He then delved into a summary of causes beyond labor and materials costs increase which were responsible for the higher rate to the municipalities.

Sparing estimate on the final cost total of the frequency standardization program was held as one of the major causes to the effect of dearer hydro.

Mr. Parker, later reviewing the disposition of the Commission's cash balance and operating statement, cautioned members against confusing money not in the bank with money shown on the balance statement.

Money on Paper Mayor Tyler remarked here that it was rather difficult for the Commission to pay its bills with money on paper.

For some time facts and speculations on assets, liabilities, obligations, the coming debenture issue, operating costs and capital outlay constituted the gist of the conversation.

Hanging over all these considerations was the needling quandary of the Commission, faced with mounting obligations, in having an actual deficit and at the same time owning a theoretical cash balance.

Mr. Parker urged the Commission to regulate its spending carefully and, he predicted, the latter part of this year may see a definite improvement in financial status. He offered to assist the members by taking up a balance sheet for study every three months.

Immediately before the two representatives left, members questioned them on what manner or means to pay the 13th bill deficit of \$5,769.88 might be available when there was no funds available to do it.

Just what the Commission could do was not clearly made known.

Study Oil Heating Turning to other business in last Thursday's four-and-a-half hour session, the Commission heard two answers from local businessmen following inquiry for costs and particulars on installation of oil heating units in the P.U.C.'s buildings.

Members decided to seek further information on this matter before taking action.

The Commission set aside for further study quotations and particulars submitted by R. F. Bean Limited on machinery insurance coverage.

Secretary J. McGeechie read quotations from a Toronto firm on new marble covers. This preceded a talk, lead by waterworks superintendent J. Lambert, on the town's marble covers and needed repairs.

The secretary also noted that a meter from the Bower Ave. home of L. Davies, who had complained of high readings had been rejected in a government test as four per cent slow. It was noted this was in favor of the consumer.

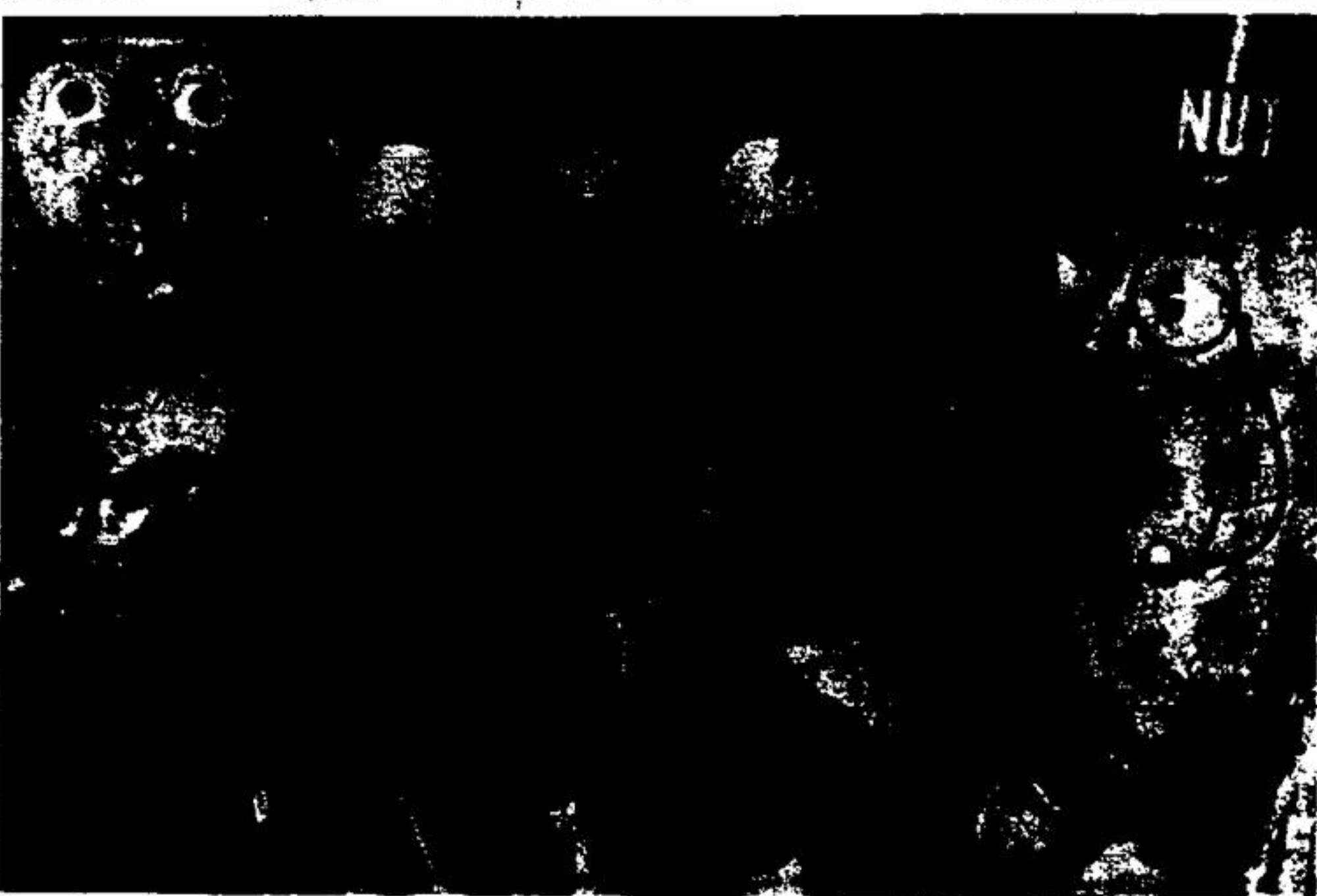
Public Relations Peculiarities The Commission held over for later attention a circular from the Association of Municipal Electric Engineers regarding a forthcoming conference at Bgash, Ind.

Hydro superintendent D. Mason reported a defect in wiring at the spruce house also a leak in a water meter sold by the Commission to a local home-owner. This latter condition had been repaired, he said.

Before a general discussion arose on some of the peculiarities of the H.E.P.C.'s public relations activities late this summer.

### Guelph Lodge Pays Fraternal Visit

Members of Guelph Lodge A.F. and A.M. paid a fraternal visit to Walker Lodge, Acton, on Monday evening. The visiting lodge paid on the degree work under W.M. Thomas Jackson.



PEANUT DAY PARADE here last Saturday was featured by the ever-popular peanut-studded float and its laughing Mr. Peanut men, the Acton Citizens' Band and, in the lead, this trio of baton twirlers who left to right are: Adele Lamarche, Faye Andrews and Dorothy Dawkins.

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