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## Board Takes Steps To Improve Lights In Stone School

Inadequate lighting in the stone school caused members of the Public School Board Tuesday evening to call for a lighting expert of the H.E.P.C. to make an appraisal of proper requirements in the rooms found deficient.

A letter from the Minister of Education, W. J. Dunlop, declared November 11 a school holiday and urged reverence and interest in this day honoring the dead of two world wars. Teachers were requested to impress pupils on the significance of the day. By invitation, the board was asked to march with members of council in the Remembrance Day parade.

To an appeal by the Home and School Association's sub-committee for a safety patrol at one of two Main street intersections, the secretary was asked to reply that staff and board responsibility for the children ceases when they leave the school.

**Need Pictures of Queen**  
However, conscious of the need for safety supervision and appreciation of the action of council in ordering stop signs, the board requested that council be told of the hazard of children crossing the highway at Main and Knox or Main and River Sts.

Members granted permission for the Halton Warden's dinner to be held in the public school auditorium subject to the usual provisions. Approval was given for purchase of additional tables for the board and staff room and for a required coat rack.

Principal G. W. MacKenzie reported pictures of the Queen in all new school rooms supplied by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the local Legion, but none in the old school or stone school. Trustee C. Bradley offered to donate one picture.

Secretary W. Middleton noted a total of \$161 paid in non-resident fees for September and presented for payment regular accounts of \$261.99, which were passed.

Before the 10 p.m. adjournment, members agreed to change the meeting day to the first Thursday of the month.

## Missionary Tells Of Work in India

The fall Thanksgiving meeting of the Baptist Mission Circle was held on Thursday evening, October 28, at Acton Baptist church. Guests from Guelph and Georgetown, as well as other Acton churches, joined the ladies of the congregation and brought special greetings from the groups they represented.

The president, Mrs. H. Helwig, was in charge of the meeting. Mrs. C. Landsborough took the devotional period and Mrs. J. Chapman led in prayer. Accompanied by Mrs. L. Bulmer, Miss Jessie Coles sang two solos.

MUSIC for the meeting was played by Mrs. Bulmer on the piano and Mrs. Lorne Garner on the organ. Mrs. Leslie Wilton, a missionary to India who is home on furlough, was the guest speaker. She described her work in the Telegu district and later, during the social period, demonstrated how to put on the graceful, one-piece Indian dress, the sari.

Mrs. Wilton was introduced by Mrs. Costerus and thanked by Mrs. Hugh Reid.

## Church Anniversary Has Guelph Guests

Rev. Ernest E. Baskier, B.A., the minister of Dublin St. United church in Guelph, was the guest speaker both at the morning and evening services when Acton United church celebrated its anniversary last Sunday. A good congregation heard him speak on Jesus Christ, the Hope of the World in the morning. In the evening, members of other Acton congregations attended and the sermon topic was "The Whole Armour of God."

Guest soloists were Mrs. K. Randall, formerly of Acton and now of Guelph, and John Kitching of Guelph.

At the evening service, Rev. E. Jones and Rev. R. Armstrong also took part. Rev. E. A. Curry was guest speaker at Dublin St. church in Guelph in the evening, but was present at the morning service.

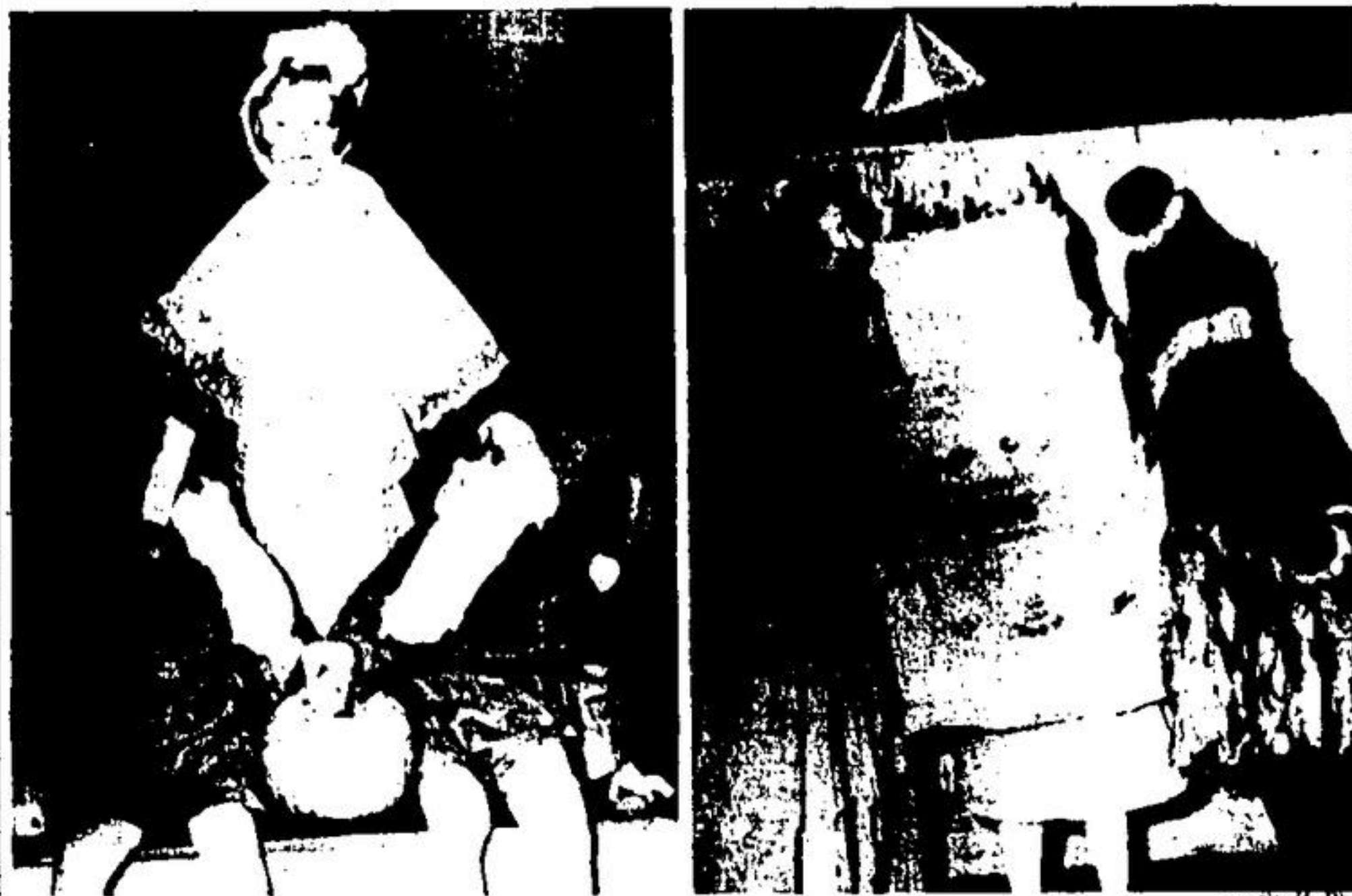
The church was under the direction of the organist, Miss O. Lampard.

## Explorers Enjoy Hallowe'en Party

The home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Bulmer was opened to the members of the Explorers' group of the Baptist church for their Hallowe'en party on Friday evening. Mrs. J. Chapman and Mrs. Bulmer were in charge of the group.

A session of woodcraft, in connection with the handicrafts program, began the evening. Mr. Bulmer instructed the girls. The games period was planned by Ruth Landsborough and Margaret Suter. Mrs. Chapman led the devotional period.

Refreshments were served to conclude the special meeting.



**HALLOWE'EN HI-JINKS** may have been at a minimum this All Hallows Eve, but costumed children were as much in numbers as ever. Shown at the Roxy Theatre party Saturday afternoon, at left, are a prize-winning trio as Snow White and two of her dwarfs, three children of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seelen. At right, dressed as a cake, is a first prize winner at the Y's Men's Party in the arena Saturday evening. Sandra Hargrave. Trying for a bite of the cake are Jane McCrea, the Queen and Karen Geravis.

## Tummy Ache Time . . .

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## Four Subdivisions Put Problems to Council

It was subdividers' night at council this week. Four local subdivisions in staggered stages of development involved council in a drawn out session that didn't break up until 1 a.m., Tuesday morning when members groped out of the blue haze of the chamber satisfied with the progress of two housing developments, optimistic about a third and worried about the fourth.

Cobble Hill came first, along with members of the public utilities commission who met with council in the newly-painted room to nail down agreement that water and sewer services to the 14-lot area be installed by town employees and under local supervision.

**Order By-law Prepared**  
The P.U.C. indicated it was favorable to the proposal and in short order council concurred. "I feel perfectly satisfied we can handle it," Mayor E. Tyler commented and councillors agreed with him that it would undoubtedly cost the town less to put down the services than by calling for a contractor. A rough estimate of the cost was \$14,000.

A motion was unanimously passed authorizing preparation of a by-law for installation of sewers and water mains and raising the grade of the street where necessary.

Glenlea, hitherto known as the Braids subdivision, rose for attention in the forms of the builders, engineers and selling agents—seven men in all.

After slight changes in the plan layout were approved, a snag was struck on the point of subdividers' land dedication to the municipality. In order to retain eligibility for educational grants or future building, the town contended, either a land dedication or settlement by cash-in-lieu must be fulfilled.

**Reach Compromise**  
A spokesman for the builders, Thomas and Thomas Ltd., objected there was no mention of such a provision in the town's original agreement. Whether an agreement existed or not, it was emphasized in reply, a land dedication or cash settlement could be demanded by government ruling.

Compromise was ultimately reached when a certain area in the subdivision for park lands was set aside to the satisfaction of both the town and builders.

Brief attention was given to submission of a revised plan of the Queen St. subdivision on the location of the Planning Board, was reviewed by council and suggestions were made that one cross street be moved in order to line up with another roadway. No delegation accompanied this plan of subdivision.

Long grind of the evening came when the proposed Jany property subdivision, in the western corner of town, presented itself for council's consideration via a letter from the Hamilton subdividers' lawyers.

**Can't Come to Terms**  
Land purchase terms cannot be met with T. Brankiewicz, over whose property an entryway into the proposed subdivision must pass, the letter informed members.

In view of this, the Hamilton subdividers, who have already advertised in Acton for interested potential home buyers, requested the town to take expropriation action.

Discussion following clerk McGahee's reading of the letter was long and involved. Circumstances surrounding were at least one councilor intimated, "complex". Expropriation was doubted by several members to be the means of solving the complications.

It was finally agreed, after nearly two hours' talk, to withhold action on the request pending further investigations.

At the outset of the meeting, K. K. x and J. Radley, representing the Y.M.C.A. board, requested town assistance in replacing a worn-out hot water heater at the Y. Council agreed to bear the cost of a new 40 gallon water heater but installation is to be the board's responsibility.

**License New Pool Room**  
Deputy-reeve R. Thompson reported further regarding a request by the A. P. Green Co. to erect a direction sign at Wallace St.

During the sign discussion, the clerk was asked to inquire if school warning signs for Acton could be acquired from a large soft drink company which has supplied the watering for other nearby municipalities.

Council, upon request, granted a license to operate a billiard hall here to J. C. Soanes.

The clerk reported more money agreements with the contractor at the Warren Grove sewer extension. This time over well point payments and use of grave. Contract 7 Geo. Schultz also submitted a bill, council for \$300, itemized for engineer's mistake at the corner of Wallace and Macdonald Sts. A motion that the bill be paid was lost.

Council filed a statement of charges on well drilling (not a bill) from J. L. Graham. Guelph Council also had no ready solution to offer a local resident who is applying for connection to the sewer main. Easements and other difficulties are involved in this case.

Results of the plowing and other details will be found in the Farm News column on page six.

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## Local Donors Assist Hurricane Relief

Following is the progress report on the campaign in Acton for the Ontario Hurricane Relief Fund. All industries have been contacted regarding payroll deductions. However the result of this as far from complete and the returns from a number of industries are not finished, although many are expected to be completed this week.

Beardmore & Co employees \$1579 00  
Bank of Nova Scotia returns 204 00  
Bank of Montreal returns 103 00

Wood Combing Corporation returns 173 00  
Mason Knit employees and company 300 00  
Acton Rotary Club 200 00  
Duke of Devonshire Chapter LOD E 150 00  
Public School children collection 65 00  
J. B. Mackenzie & Son employees 28 00  
Acton Free Press employees and company 65 00

Total to date reported \$2947 00

## Knox Group Taken On Imaginary Tour

Mrs. James VanFleet was hostess to the Knox Evening Auxiliary at her home on Park Ave. The president, Mrs. Alex Mann, was in charge. The worship period was taken by Mrs. Wes Masales and Mrs. Florence Elliott. A most interesting program was presented by Mrs. R. H. Armstrong, taking the group on a tour to the different mission fields. She was assisted by Mrs. Isabel Smith, Mrs. Stewart Sinclair and Mrs. A. K. Mann in presenting the work.

During the business session the report of the baking sale was given. New business included the plans for the fall frolic to be held in November. Committees were appointed as follows: guest speaker, Mrs. O. Hara and Mrs. F. Anderson; program arrangements, Mrs. Clarence Coles, Mrs. J. L. Davidson and Mrs. Mann; luncheon group, Mrs. A. McIsaac, Mrs. Joseph W. Masales, Davidson and Mrs. W. Masales.

At the conclusion of the program the monthly group served lunch and Mrs. G. W. Masales conducted a contest. A vote of thanks was tendered the hostess and all who had contributed to the enjoyment of the evening.

## Acton, Georgetown Vie for Second Slot

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## Test 60 Gals. Per Minute at Well

Official test of water supply at the town's latest reserve well, was revealed to council Monday night following completion of drilling operations.

The well, located on a triangular strip of property back of Mason Blvd houses in Warren Grove, tests a steady output of between 50 and 60 gallons per minute, the mayor informed members.

## 134 Begin Classes In Seven Subjects At Night School

Of a total registration of 140, 134 began night classes at Acton high school Tuesday evening. In the school shop, woodworking is under the instruction of the regular shop teacher, Phil Giddick. There are 15 registered, among them three ladies. Harold Muller of Guelph gave instruction in sketching to 14 in the intermediate and beginners' oil painting class, while Frank Reed of Guelph had the same number of pupils in the advanced painting group.

Mrs. F. Leland, R.R. 4, Acton, will be assisted by Mrs. W. Beatty since there are 27 in the metal tray etching class.

In the children's and elementary clothing class, the teacher, Mrs. Frank Webster of Guelph, had a registration of 22. There were 16 in the advanced clothing group; instructor is Mrs. M. Brown of Guelph.

The largest class was in typing where there were 30. Teaching is Gordon Ringler of the high school staff.

Several who registered for classes were unable to be present for the first session.

L. Marshall visited all three Halton night schools at Acton, Milton and Georgetown during the evening and commented on the efficient way in which the season began here.

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out for 210 domestic and commercial customers in the section of the Guelph Rural Operating Area served by the Acton Public Utilities Commission.

Conversion is already underway at one of Acton's major industries—Beardmore and Co. Ltd., said to be the largest tannery in the British Empire and will begin about the first of November at another industry which will be changed over during the normally planned period for domestic and commercial customers.