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## Council Approves Services For a 240-Lot Subdivision

### Hamilton Firm to Start Work Shortly on Some 40 Houses

Arrangements were completed with Council last night for services to be supplied to a 240-lot subdivision in the western corner of town on properties held by J. Jany and T. Brankiewicz. The subdividers are a Hamilton firm, Fraleigh Construction Co. Ltd., who anticipate a start on some 40 homes by next month.

At the special session of Council H. R. Eilmore and R. B. Jeffery, representing the Hamilton company, informed members sale terms had been reached with Mr. Brankiewicz this week to complete the acquisition of lands necessary for the 53-acre subdivision. Mr. Eilmore said that while a full plan of subdivision is still on the drawing boards, over 40 applications for homes have been received and loans have been secured on these.

He went on to outline the type of homes, generally to sell in the \$8,000 to \$10,000 price range, and emphasized it was his company's intention to start foundation work on the initial group of houses as soon as possible.

Council summarily passed a resolution to apply roads, water and sewers to the Jany and Brankiewicz properties in the town involved in the subdivision on application of the Fraleigh Construction Co.

To an inquiry if the town would view favorably action to have annexed that part of the subdivision within the township of Esqueving, members agreed in reply that the municipality would be willing to accept that parcel of land for annexation.

Following completion of this business, members again reviewed the revised plan of subdivision for the Wool Combing property off Queen Street and accepted it as prepared by the Colbert Construction Co. The plan was passed last week by the local Planning Board.

### Last Post, Reveille Sound Today In Honor of Dead of Two Wars

Again assuring that "Their Name Liveth Forevermore", Acton citizens honored the dead of two world wars at the annual Remembrance Day service today. The parade and service were again under the auspices of Acton and District Branch No. 197, Canadian Legion B.E.S.L., and the mayor and council.

Acton Citizens' Band led the parade from the Legion Hall. The group, with representatives from local organizations marching, halted at the cenotaph, where two minutes' silence was observed. Elmer Smith sounded the traditional Reveille. Lieut. R. M. Storey gave the Legion charge and Wm. Mattocks read the names. Wreaths were placed at the foot of the monument. After Abide with Me, Rev. E. Jones pronounced the benediction.

The parade proceeded to Knox Presbyterian church for the yearling service of remembrance. Speaker for this year was pastor Ray Coe.

Rev. Armstrong, H. Capt. E. A. Currey and Rev. E. Jones also took part in the service.

This afternoon representatives of Acton Legion are taking part in the Memorial Service in Nassagaweya Presbyterian church.

At the soldiers' memorial there, silence was observed and wreaths laid. Arthur Padbury read the names and Elmer Smith sounded the Last Post and Reveille.

W. F. Slinn gave the memorial address in the church. Also taking part were Rev. R. E. Porritt and Rev. J. D. Gordon.

### Subscribers

Certain changes have been made during the past three weeks in the Free Press mailing system to out-of-town subscribers. It is hoped the changes will mean faster service to those who have been finding their paper unduly late in arrival.

If there is still found to be undue delay in receiving the paper at out-of-town points, please write the office and let us know about it. We will do all in our power to correct the delay.

### Grill Catches Fire In Restaurant Here

An overheated fish and chip grill is believed responsible for a minor fire at the Mayfair Restaurant late Monday afternoon when Acton fire brigade was called to extinguish a flash blaze.

Stinging smoke from the burning grease filled the kitchen of the restaurant and when firemen arrived smoke was billowing out the back door. Slight damage was caused by the smoke.

### Two Acton Couples 25 Years Married

Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Poole celebrated their belated silver wedding anniversary on Saturday evening with the members of their families. Mr. and Mrs. George Poole and Nancy Jane, Mrs. Winnifred Adams and Miss Ruth Adams, all of Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Tyler celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, November 9. Guests were present from Acton, Hamilton, Georgetown, Campbellville, Brampton, Guelph, Brantford, Kitchener, Oshawa, Buffalo, N.Y. and Batavia, N.Y.

Dinner was served for about 25 guests and about 100 called in the evening to bring congratulations. Many beautiful gifts were given to the couple. A cake, decorated in silver and white, was a special feature.

### Work at Manor Described to W.I.

The November meeting of the Acton Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Fred Anderson with 35 members present. The meeting opened with the singing of the Institute Ode with Mrs. E. McKnight at the piano. The Mary Stewart Collect followed and the minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. Fred Anderson.

A \$10 donation was given to the flood victims. A pair of blankets was donated to a niece of Mrs. George Fountain who was a victim of the flood. The conclusion of business was followed by the roll call and the convener's report.

Mrs. Bert Davidson told of the plowing match at Breslau and of the fall fair board euchre and dance at Stewarttown. Mrs. W. Denny told of the coming bazaars.

A motto, Peace in Our Hearts, was read by Mrs. E. Smith.

The guest speaker was Mrs. Eric Clarke from Milton who spoke about the Milton Manor. She told of the work being done at the Manor. An invitation was given to the Institute to visit the Manor between Christmas and New Year's.

Mrs. George Fryer, the Acton delegate who attended the convention at the O.A.C. in Guelph, gave a full report on the happenings at the convention. It was decided to have a supper for the ladies of the Institute and their husbands Mrs. Alvin Moore pleased the members by singing songs and playing the guitar.

The meeting was closed with the W.I. Grace. Lunch was served by the committee. Mrs. W. Denny, Mrs. W. Hall, Mrs. H. Bennie and Mrs. Nicol. A vote of thanks was given Mrs. Anderson for the use of her home.

### Hurricane Relief Fund in Acton Passes \$4,000 Mark Yesterday

Following are the amounts totaling \$4,014.25, which have been paid into the Ontario Hurricane Relief Fund from Acton. These are the complete figures as of yesterday.

There are still some industries which have not yet completed their lists and these will be added when they are reported to G. A. Dills and K. Knox who were appointed a committee to head the Acton campaign.

Some of the amounts were acknowledged last week and some of the industries have increased amounts reported. These are all included in the totals which are now reported. The amounts reported from various organizations are also reported in total. If there are any amounts not reported we will be glad to add them next week if they are reported to either Messrs. Knox or Dills.

Bank of Nova Scotia	\$377.00
Bank of Montreal	108.00
Town Office	5.00
Beardmore and Co. employees	1717.00
Collection at Acton Public School	65.00
Wool Combing Corp employees	173.00
Mason Knit employees and Company	300.00
Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E.	200.00
Acton Rotary Club	200.00
Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E.	150.00
J. B. Mackenzie and Son employees	28.00
Acton Free Press employees and Company	70.00
Blow Press employees and Union	25.00
Micro Plastics	68.25
Ladies' Auxiliary of Acton Branch of Legion	50.00
Ajax Engineers	23.00
A. P. Greene Co.	30.00
Baxter Laboratories	61.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,014.25</b>

### St. Alban's Holds Laymen's Service

Last Sunday evening, the service of St. Alban's Anglican church was conducted by members of the Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen. The opening sentences, the Exhortation, were taken by C. O. Ranney, a licensed lay reader and the superintendent of St. Alban's church school. The responses were sung by the treasurer of the church, Vic Eristow. Sam Snow read the Old Testament and Garnet Ross read the New Testament selection of scripture. Both these men are Brotherhood members. The State Prayers were taken by Les Duby.

The special preacher for the evening was Robert Welch, a barrister from St. Catharines, who has been very active in pioneering the Brotherhood Movement within the Diocese of Niagara. Mr. Welch is the Deaconry chairman for Lincoln and Welland of the Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen and one of the best speakers in that part of Ontario. He is a graduate of Osgoode Hall and is practicing law in St. Catharines.

### Acton Youth Makes First Solo Flight

The youngest pilot in the Brampton Flying Club and one of the youngest airmen in this district, gained his student pilot's license Saturday after completing eight hours flying time in the air.

He's Martin Marka, 15 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Marka, Mill St. who last spring joined the Brampton club and worked through the summer to pay for most of the expensive instruction time.

Martin, who is presently attending secondary school at Guelph's Notre Dame, has been the recipient of high praise from his instructors for flying aptitude and ability. The youthful aviator has firm ambitions to make flying a career.

Saturday he made his first solo flight, thereby qualifying for the student pilot's certificate. Next step, after some 20 air hours, will be his private pilot's license. The commercial license, however, quickly he may qualify for it, will have to wait until his age catches up to the regulation 18 years.

### New Heather Club Organized for Knox

A group of the Young Women of Knox Presbyterian church gathered at the home of Mrs. James Ingles on Friday evening, November 5, to form an organization known as the Heather Club for the purpose of social get-togethers and assisting in the work of Knox church. Mrs. H. L. Bennie acted as chairman. Mrs. R. H. Armstrong read the devotion and led in prayer. The officers were elected and installed by Rev. R. H. Armstrong, after which a pleasant social hour was spent. All young women of Knox who are interested in this work have been invited to attend.

### 60-Cycle Changeover Starts Here

Operation changeover began in Acton this week. A force of over 100 men and 80 vehicles deployed over the town and immediate rural area Wednesday morning to start the nine-day job of converting the locality from a 25 cycle district to 60 cycle frequency.

A large area bounding and south of Queen St. E. was the first to undergo the frequency change. On the same day, Wednesday, crews of Ontario Hydro and Canadian Comstock technicians visited scores of farm homes north and east of here, in Esqueving and Erin townships.

Thursday the conversion crews moved further into Acton to change over the Frederick-Church Streets area and south to the Crescent.

The following schedule is planned for the remainder of the frequency standardization program here, on a day-to-day basis. Areas outlined here are in general terms, but all residents have been notified of the specific date to expect conversion in their neighborhood and in their own homes.

Friday, November 12, Wallace - Mill Street north to Warren Grove; Monday, November 15, downtown Acton, south of Mill Street; November 16, west of Main Street N., Knox-Lake Ave. - Mill W. area; November 17, Main St. S. area past town limits to smaller rural area bounding No. 25 highway; November 18, downtown Acton north of Mill St.; November 19, large area bounding Main St. N., north of River St. to town limits; November 22, three broken sections, near public school, Church - Victoria Sts., and Agnes-Willow Sts.

Also on Friday, November 19, a large rural district in Ermosa and Nassagaweya townships, bounding No. 7 highway as far as Blue Springs, will be converted. On Wednesday, November 17, changeover will be extended into Esqueving township, south of here, to south of the Speyside sideway, all bounding No. 25 highway.

Depot Set Up Here

Here in town a clock and fan depot was set up Tuesday. Customers can exchange their 25 cycle models for new 60 cycle models, or have them altered for 60 cycle operation. It will be open until the end of the month.

The exchange centre is located in the basement of St. Joseph's church on Church St. and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Tuesdays it will stay open until 9 p.m.

Clocks and fans are not converted in the home as are most other appliances, but should be taken by the customers to the clock and fan depot, it was explained. The only exceptions are large business-type clocks and fans, or exhaust, pedestal or bench-type fans of any size, which are altered on the customers' own premises, or in Hydro workshops.

Concern For the Horse

In the latter work, some dispute occurred when the homeowner claimed the new installation was not properly authorized. Amount of the bill in this case was about \$11.

The waterworks superintendent discussed laying of three new water and sewer lines to two Bower A.V. homes and one Main St. home, all in state of construction. It was considered the power digger should be hired for this work.

Concern was expressed for the waterworks department's hose, rented out for well point installation at Warren Grove. Members urged Mr. Lambert to see the equipment was returned, since it is no longer needed for the department well points.

Hydro superintendent D. Mason reported 11 street lights were burned out recently when a truck backed off a pole in the Crescent. The superintendent also explained why the town's street lights blacked out on a recent Sunday evening.

Conversion Preparation

Mr. Mason then spent some time describing in detail the preparations in his department for this week's changeover to 60 cycles. He referred to the various phases of the town's hydro system involved in the conversion.

Report on a recent inspection of town water revealed a satisfactory grading, however some recommendations were made regarding chlorination methods.

The Commission discussed erection this winter of snow fence posts, the long line leading to the main spring. Cost over \$400, was considered too high and a suggestion that the line be graded and leveled to facilitate movements of the snow plow was favorably received as an alternative measure.

Prior to the 11 p.m. adjournment members were told a local woman claims payment of her hydro bill when office contents no remittance was ever received. Discussion of that friends were so pleased to meet circumstances surrounding the matter convinced the Commission that the bill is still owing.

Pass Regular Accounts

The following accounts were passed and ordered paid:

Petty Cash	5.55
Cables, Cords & Fixtures	206.00
H.E.P.C. of Ontario	342.43
The Acton Free Press	60
Line & Cable Accessories	89.50
Elis & Howard	12.92
W. H. Cunningham & Hill	8.15
J. B. Mackenzie & Son	8.50
Addressograph - Multi-graph	1.48
Northern Electric	82.67
Mooney Electric	646.00
F. Terry Postmaster	100.00
H. Palmer	20.00
Simon Hardware	27.45
Butler Inspection Premium	102.00
Federal Wire & Cable	19.60
Canadian Line Materials	257.56
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,830.44</b>

### Bannockburn Club Organized On Sat.

The first meeting of the Bannockburn A.H. Supper Club was held at the home of Mrs. S. Matthews on Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Clifford Storey will be the leader and Mrs. S. Matthews assistant leader.

Marion Storey was elected president and Joan Knight vice-president, secretary-treasurer Alice Wilkinson and assistant Gail Dobbie.

At the close of the meeting a delicious lunch was served by Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. Storey. The organization is for girls from 12 to 26 in the area.



**GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**, celebrated this week by Mr. and Mrs. William Cooper, Main Street, was the occasion for many well wishes and congratulations from friends and relatives who called on the couple—well-known in Acton and district—Tuesday

### P.U.C. Clamps Down on Credit on Goods Sales to Public, Tradesmen

Dismayed over the increasing practice by local tradesmen to buy supplies from Acton's hydro or waterworks department, and then take months to pay, members of the Public Utilities Commission last week decreed future sales of goods to the public must be on a cash basis with inclusion of proper markup, and purchases by the trade will be subject to terms of 10 days.

The action by the P.U.C., directed at clearing off some outstanding goods accounts as old as two years and at setting a policy for future retail business, came after one member queried about collection progress of an account in legal process.

The debtor in question led the Commission, in its discussions, to examine accounts of other trades-

men who have purchased from the Public Utilities. In view of several long overdue accounts, Mayor E. Tyler commented that it looked as if the citizens were financing several businesses in their merchandise stores.

Letters to Debtors

Question of margin of profit made by the Commission on retail sales was brought up. It was expressed here that in many cases the P.U.C. not only failed to break even but was losing money.

Further discussion followed on this subject and a motion was put before the meeting that no goods be sold to the public except on a cash basis and with proper markup on cost, and that no goods be sold to the trade except on a 10-day basis from date of receipt of goods.

### Minister of Education to Open New High School November 22

Hon. W. J. Dunlop, minister of education for the province of Ontario will officially open Acton's new High School on Monday evening, November 22.

Word has been received this week that the minister could come to Acton on this date. Plans are now being worked out for the program for the evening and will be announced later.

The new school has been in use since the beginning of the fall term and night classes are being held in the new building. It is hoped that before that date the work of the electricians will be completed and the exterior of the building will be lighted as originally planned.

All of the equipment is on 60 cycle power and power there was switched over yesterday. Electricians on the building are the only trades which have not entirely finished their work. This should all be completed by the official opening date.

While the program details are not complete, they will be necessary to be arranged about the facilities of an auditorium. This can be largely overcome by the communication system which carries any program throughout the entire school and in all the classrooms.

The opening will give all residents of town and district an opportunity to examine the new high school throughout and become acquainted with the staff and the program of studies which are now available in Acton Furnishings in all the rooms are almost complete. The date again is Monday evening, November 22.

### Three Appeals at Court of Revision

Three appeals were heard before Court of Revision here Monday afternoon. The Court granted revision to one, upheld the assessment on a second and recorded withdrawal of third appeal.

Alex Molisac was granted \$525 on land assessment appeal. This necessitated a business assessment revision to \$125, a total of \$650 granted.

George Lawrence appealed his land assessment, however the court upheld the assessment. Jack Sheehy appealed his business assessment but later withdrew claim.

Jury members were T. Jones, chairman, G. O. Brown, A. Near, J. Bitts, and R. D. Fleming. County assessor Ford Rogers and town assessor G. Munnell were in attendance. J. McGeechie was clerk.

### Rectory "At-Home" Held Last Saturday Afternoon

The Rector and Mrs. Jones were at home at St. Alban's Rectory to their parishioners last Saturday afternoon between the hours of 2 and 5 in the afternoon; and 7 and 9:30 in the evening.

In the afternoon Mrs. Thomas Jones and Mrs. Lorne Linfoot poured tea and in the evening Mrs. John Lloyd and Mrs. William Denny. Members of the St. Alban's Girls' Auxiliary served under the direction of Mrs. J. H. Price.

Canadian Brass Co.	276.22
Thompson Motors	8.10
Symor Hardware	21.34
Wallace & Tierman Ltd.	32.45
Acton P.C.U. Hydro	753.96
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,082.07</b>