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## Guns, Ammunition Stolen from Garage

A break-in at Garner Motors late Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning, via a side window, was reported by local police yesterday. The thieves, or thief, took some cash, a radio, a considerable amount of ammunition and four guns from a case in the garage office.

Missing after the night entry are a 12 gauge shotgun, a 12 gauge automatic loading shotgun, a .351 calibre Winchester and a 22 calibre Remington. Six hundred rounds of .22 ammunition and 11 boxes of shotgun shells were also taken from the wall case.

Stolen as well from the office was \$12 in cash and a portable radio. Two small arms in the same case were left untouched by the intruders.

The guns and ammunition are owned by Lorne Garner, proprietor of Lorne Garner Motors.

## Approve Draft Plan Of Subdivision for 'Lakeview Heights'

Municipal nod of official approval was given a draft plan of subdivision for the 240-lot Jany and Brankiewicz properties in the western corner of town Saturday morning when council convened in a special session with a representative of the Hamilton firm which proposes to develop the land.

Earlier last week representatives of the same firm, Fraleigh Construction Co. Ltd., met with members of the local Planning Board and gained approval for the subdivision layout from that body.

The subdivision, to be known as Lakeview Heights, is located on 53 acres of land, most of which was owned by J. Jany.

### Start This Winter

Last hurdle in the way of a start on the development is the Department of Planning and Development which must approve the same draft before work can begin. In a statement to council earlier this fall, H. R. Ellmore said it was the intention of his company to begin 40 homes in the first stage of development.

It was learned this week the subdividers hope to start construction as early as possible this winter.

At the same special meeting Saturday, council authorized a progress payment cheque to George Schultz, Warren Grove sewer extension contractor, which completes payment of 85 per cent. of money owing, less \$2,000 additional holdback.

It was noted by members that conduit and manhole installations are in no condition for pill testing by the engineer. The \$2,000 holdback, added to the regular 15 per cent. holdback pending a finished certificate, was levied in view of this most recent state of incompleteness.

## Make Snow Safari For Big Evergreen

A snow safari was made by about a dozen men on Saturday who trekked out into the bush hunting for a giant Christmas tree for the town. They were recruited by a Chamber of Commerce committee under Ted Tyler Jr.

A beautifully proportioned, 30 foot high tree was felled on the farm of Mansell Neilis, near Blue Springs Scout Reserve, and the small contingent of men carried it to the road.

There it was hoisted up behind a tow truck and brought directly to the post office. It was decorated this week by town workmen and already symbolizes the Christmas spirit that is increasing day by day in Acton homes.

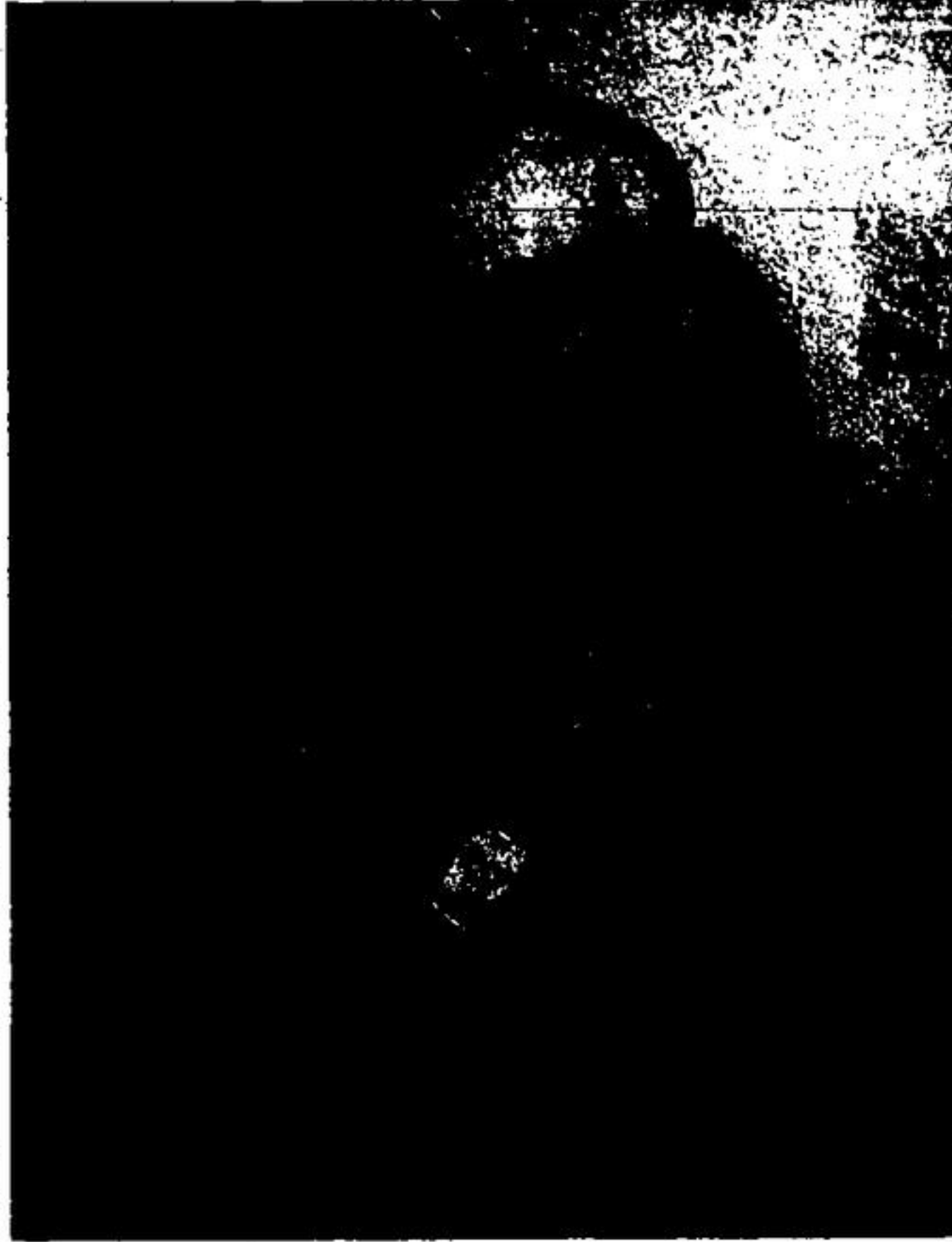
## Junior Y Teams Show Promise In First Competition with Guelph

Last Saturday two junior teams from Acton Y.M.C.A. travelled to Guelph to open their season. Both teams lost to more experienced teams but there were few faults which game experience will not iron out.

In the opening game of the double header, the basketball team was defeated 21-11 by a taller Guelph quintet. The boys held Guelph to two baskets in the first quarter and four in the second while Stewart MacDonald of Acton reeked up four of his six points from the corner in the first half. Ernie Lawson added to the baskets of the Acton group in the second half when he and MacDonald each dropped in two points. Bill Greer and Peter Lawson completed the Acton scoring with three points from the foul line.

The Acton group betided the more experienced Guelph players early in the game by confronting them with a zone defence which the home team had not seen in action before, but height and experience soon payed off and the Acton team bowed graciously to the Guelph group.

The basketball line-up for Acton was, centre, E. Lawson, wings D. Lindsay and W. Ridley, guards P. Lawson and S. MacDonald, alternates, P. McGeachie, B. Greer, W. Wilson, F. Marissak.



WHEAT KING W. E. BRECKON was honored by Halton agriculture on Tuesday evening in Fairview school, Lowville. C. D. Graham, deputy minister of agriculture, was the guest speaker at the complimentary banquet. Mr. and Mrs. Breckon were presented with an oil painting.

## Friends, Officials Honor World Wheat King at Halton Banquet

A king and queen were crowned in Halton Tuesday night when over 200 gathered to honor Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Breckon. Mr. Breckon claimed the World Wheat title at the Royal Winter Fair recently and Halton agriculture honored him at the complimentary banquet this week.

On hand to pay tribute to the notable success achieved by Mr. Breckon were C. D. Graham, deputy minister of agriculture for Ontario; Warden J. J. Stewart; Miss Sybil Bennett, M.P.; Mr. Wilfred Schneller, president of the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association; Stanley Hall, M.P.P.; Reeve George Brenholtz and a number of other officials.

Following the turkey dinner provided by the Lowville United Church Women's Association, George Atkins led a song that featured a paraphrasing of "Old MacDonald had a Farm" to "Old Bill Breckon had a Farm" with pigs, milk bottles, gophers and wheat.

Honor to Halton was given by Fred Nurse, president of the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association, who was chairman for the event. Introduction of the head table guests was made by agricultural representative J. E. Whitecock.

Vocal selections were presented by the Lowville Quartette, and instrumental duets by the Flock Brothers. C. D. Graham, deputy minister of agriculture, guest speaker, was introduced by Mr. Hall. Mr. Graham indicated his pleasure at being among friends to honor friends. He emphasized that beyond the glamour of the World Wheat King title, he had brought honor to Halton, Ontario and Canada.

Warden J. J. Stewart pointed out the title was not won by accident and Mr. Breckon was "truly a worthy winner."

Wilfred Schneller of the Ontario Crop Association suggested the wheat crown had been in the west long enough and it would be a challenge to Ontario agriculture to keep it in this province. A collection of photographs of the win was presented to Mr. Breckon by the association.

Another interest pointed to the other crop Mr. Breckon was helping develop—the school children of the township. He emphasized that Nelson school children were able to have the best education of those anywhere because of school trustees like Mr. Breckon.

Miss Sybil Bennett suggested it was an opportune time for Halton agriculture that the award should be brought to Halton when we get so carried away with industrial development. "I'll be proud to stand in the House of Commons and tell my colleagues just what we are doing in this great county."

Edwin Harrop "to keep the memory of the occasion fresh in your minds" presented Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Breckon with an attractive oil painting.

Mr. Breckon expressed his thanks on behalf of his wife and himself for the words of commendation, "but we got a pleasure out of preparing the exhibits for the various competitions including the Royal," he declared. The real secret back of the win is the interest in the Ontario Crop Improvement Association. This association has been responsible for bringing about great improvements in cropping practices," he concluded.

## New Registry Office, Halton Manor Addition in County Building Program

An important building program is planned for 1955 according to recommendations made by Halton County Council at the final meeting held at Milton Tuesday afternoon. Council accepted the recommendation of the committees for the new council to proceed, as the necessity of an addition to Halton Centennial Manor and a new Registry office was urgent.

## North Determines Speaking Winners

When representatives of the North Halton Urban Schools at Acton, Milton and Georgetown, met in public speaking competition, the judges declared Carolyn Biehn of Georgetown first and Ella Jany of Acton second. Winning honorable mention were Wayne Hardy and Jacqueline Bristow of Milton and Peter Townsend of Georgetown.

The eliminations, to determine eventually a county champion, were held in Georgetown Wrigglesworth public school on Thursday evening of last week.

The judges were Rev. G. M. McFarlane of Georgetown, Mrs. Hazel Orr of Acton and Rev. E. Osborne of Milton.

All the contestants are from the senior grades of county schools. The finals will be held in Milton in January.

Carolyn Biehn, who was judged the winner, is the daughter of the editor of the Georgetown Herald, Walter Biehn and Mrs. Biehn. Ella Jany is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Jany of Acton.

Harold Henry, the principal of the Chappel St. public school in Georgetown, was master of ceremonies for the evening's program. There were musical numbers as well as the public speaking from four representatives from each school.

The grade eight choir of Chappel St. school sang, and selections were given by the girls' triple trio of Georgetown and the boys' triple trio of Milton.

Miss Biehn and Miss Jany will meet the winners from the rest of the county to determine the Halton champion in public speaking.

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Winners of the turkeys, for which tickets had been sold for quite a few months, were Ray Arbie, S. Braida, C. Pickett, Mrs. Agnes Holmes, Mrs. Gord Lambert, all of Acton; J. Lasby, Rockwood; Mr. Maxwell, Leaside; Mrs. Byr, Owen Sound; Mr. Brouse, Milton and Mr. Davidson, Cooksville.

## Turkey Draw and Bingo at Town Hall

The draw for winners of the 14th annual turkey draw held by Acton Y's Men's club was made at the bingo in the town hall on Friday evening. About 150 attended the bingo, which was planned by chairman Bill Wilson and his committee. Handling the turkey draw was Y's Man Claude Cook.

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## Name Gord. Beatty Legion President

Gordon Beatty was elected president of the Acton Branch of the Canadian Legion at a meeting in the Legion Hall this week. Other officers named are: first vice-president, Victor Patrick; second vice-president, Ed Footitt; sergeant-at-arms, Frank Fowke.

George Musselle acted as chairman for the elections. This year's president, Mac Storey, presided for a business meeting where plans were made for the Christmas party to be held next Saturday.

The new officers will be installed at the annual banquet in January.

For Once, The Three Agree

Urban Board Happy Over Year

## Lakeside Chapter Christmas Program

A Christmas reading by Mrs. R. R. Parker, a Christmas film strip, carol singing, distribution of gifts and a special lunch continued the holiday theme at the December meeting of the Lakeside Chapter I.O.O.F. The ladies met Tuesday evening in the Legion Hall.

Vice-regent, Mrs. J. Jockey, presided for a short business session when annual grants were approved. Mrs. E. Smith read a paper on British Columbia and later showed colored pictures with commentary on Christmas in other lands. Carol singing was led by Mrs. C. Leishman with Mrs. C. Pickett at the piano.

The delightful story of a negro paragon in the south explaining "How Come Christmas" to a group of youngsters, was read by Mrs. R. R. Parker. Her second selection was "Wanted, a Minister's Wife. She was thanked by Mrs. T. Ironside and presented with a bouquet of flowers.

Two aprons, decorated with gay sequins and beads, were won by Mrs. F. Van Wyck and Mrs. J. Ingalls.

Gifts were exchanged beside a gaily decorated tree and the evening concluded with delicious refreshments of sandwiches, cookies and ice cream.

## Christmas Program For Mission Circle

The Baptist Women's Mission Circle met for their annual Christmas program and party at the home of Mrs. Henry Cripps. The meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. Herb Helwig, reading a Christmas poem entitled, "If Christ Had Not Been Born. Following the singing of "The First Noel," Mrs. Helwig led in the opening prayer.

During the business period plans were made to send a food parcel to a missionary in India in the month of December.

The devotional part of the program was in charge of Mrs. William Morris. Following the singing of "A Wonderful Christmas," Mrs. D. Dunk read the account of the shepherds from Luke 2:8-18. A Christmas meditation by B. L. Graham was read by Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Costerus offered prayer.

A period of carol singing was enjoyed, following which a few games were played and gifts exchanged. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Helwig and Mrs. L. Bulmer.

## Y's Men Entertain At Dinner, Dance

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Reeve Robert Shannon's request for the amount of expenditures on county roads in the various municipalities was tabled by Reeve Wilfred Bird. The report noted the various amount the county spent on its roads in 1954 as follows: Trafalgar \$46,460; Nelson \$36,580; Esequing \$22,610; Napanee \$14,380; Burlington \$3,300; Oakville \$1,400 and Georgetown \$480.

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## Acton Post Office Prepared for Rush

Big after bag of Christmas mail is leaving the Acton post office this week, but the flood of Christmas cards and parcels which swamps the staff the week before the holiday has not begun yet. Helping the regular staff are Mr. and Mrs. Cam Leishman, Mrs. Frank Terry and Mrs. John Chapman. All experienced, they are ready to cope with the overflow of envelopes that will deluge the office before long.

Although many still have most of their Christmas cards to write, the deadline for local delivery and that means right here in Acton—is, officially, tomorrow! After that the post office cannot guarantee any cards will arrive with their greetings before December 25. And cards are still being mailed for Europe, the United Kingdom, the United States and the Canadian West!

To speed mailing, there are signs in the post office asking that first class mail be handed in separately and bundles of cards be kept together.

Setting the mood for all the individual envelopes of Christmas greetings inside the boxes in the post office is the 30 foot high Christmas tree just outside between the main doors.

## Plastics Talk for Acton Jr. Farmers

The regular meeting of the Acton Junior Institute and Junior Farmers was held at the home of Don Matthews on Wednesday evening, December 8.

At the Institute meeting the roll call was answered with the exchange of gifts and after the business, Mrs. R. L. Davidson demonstrated Christmas table centres, followed by Christmas hints given by the group.

The Junior Farmers, after business, were fortunate in having Ross Proctor from the Purina Feed Company as speaker. He gave a very thorough discussion on feeding and management of livestock.

At the joint meeting, Gordon Beatty of Acton gave an outline on plastics. He told of its origin, years before Christ, and its present day use.

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A dance followed the dinner and the Y secretary, Bob Brayshaw, a master of ceremonies, kept the evening very lively and most enjoyable.

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## Reeve William Anderson, Chairman of the Building Committee, Reported He and His Committee Had Visited New Registry Offices Recently Built at Woodstock and Guelph. He Said the One at Guelph Was Not So Costly and a Similar One Would Meet Halton's Requirements for a Great Number of Years, Especially with the New Type of Filing and Micro Filming Process.

The committee felt it would not be practical to enlarge the present building, but it could be used for other offices and possibly a court room. "Office space is at premium now, and we believe more will be required, especially when family court space is found," Reeve Anderson said.

Cost \$70,000

Deputy-revee E. R. Leather said "a building of the type we saw in Guelph with the modern facilities would provide space for the next 100 years at a cost of about sixty to seventy thousand dollars equipped."

Council has been conversant with the fact of overcrowding in the women's section of Halton Centennial Manor for some time and approved a resolution empowering the committee to follow the original plan of erecting a second storey addition at an estimated cost of \$44,125.

Reeve Robert Shannon reminded council original plans called for such construction, but the committee felt at that time it would be economical to eliminate the second storey. Council also gave the Manor Board authority to seek legal advice in connection with placing responsibility of a faulty transformer on the property.

Plan Legal Action

Legal action is to be taken against the Sun Oil Co. if they do not enter into an agreement with the county regarding crossing five county roads with their oil pipe line. Council a year ago had given permission providing they entered into a proper agreement, but this had not been forthcoming. Members were informed.

The province will pay for the services of a probation officer and his secretary if the county will provide office space. Mr. Coughlin, Chief Probation Officer for Ontario, told members. He outlined work of a probation officer, adding this service was a need in each county. Seventy-five per cent. of jail, reformatory or penitentiary inmates become repeaters and at least 70 per cent. who were placed on probation ultimately became good citizens. "It is much more economical to have these people on probation than it is to keep them in prison," he declared.

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