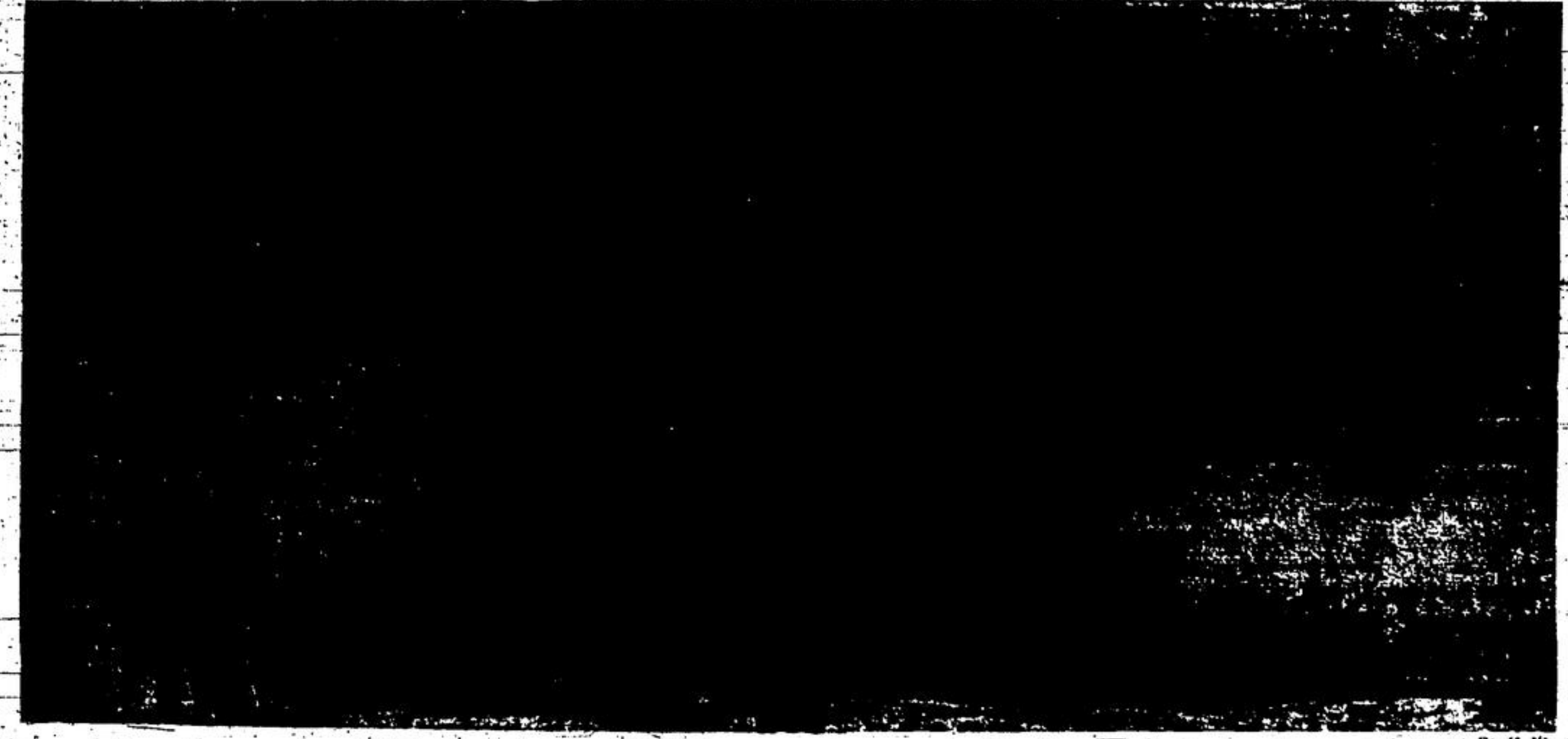


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NEW HOUSES RISE in Acton as the curtain rises on 1955. A spurt of subdivision activity in the latter part of 1954 saw no less than four developments undergo planning for a projected total of nearly 500 houses. Two subdividers made a construction start in '54 and photos taken this week show progress well under way. Lower view shows four of the 10 units in the building stage at the Glenlea (Braida) subdivision and the upper photo pictures three of the four houses under construction at the Cobble Hill subdivision.

### Mrs. F. Cleave Hostess to W.A.

The Women's Association of the United Church met at the home of Mrs. F. Cleave on Tuesday with the president, Mrs. H. Burns presiding. The meeting opened with the Ode and prayer and the Lord's prayer in unison. Roll call was answered by Light. Taking part in the devotional period were Mrs. H. Holmes, Mrs. E. A. Currey and Mrs. C. L. Poole.

Annual reports were presented and the Society had a very profitable year in all branches, 385 visits, 100 pieces of mail, illness, hospital, condolence, business, Easter, Christmas, two removals by death and five new members were reported on. Lucky cup was won by Mrs. M. Walker and a contest by Mrs. R. L. Johnson.

A two minute's silence was observed in memory of the late Mrs. Hamilton. The Society have divided sides for collecting 1953 coppers. A pot luck supper will be served at the annual meeting.

Two cards are to be sent to the sick of the month. Mrs. Cleave served lunch, assisted by Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Deany, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Jordan and a social new year time was spent together. A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Cleave for her home and to the lunch assistants.

### First Regular Services Sunday For Pentecostal Assembly Church

Holding its first regular services last Sunday, the Acton Pentecostal Assembly has organized and becomes Acton's newest congregation. Rev. Ken Reid, who has had a pastorate in Prince Edward Island and is living now at Weston, has been appointed in charge of the new church and he will move later this month to the district.

Services have been held for the past three years in homes by the families who have now formed a church. An organizational meeting was held on Wednesday last week, when Mrs. Bob Brown, who lives near Speyside, was appointed secretary-treasurer.

The new church, which will hold services in the L.O.L. Hall at Crewson's Corners, is naturally no self-supporting and is a mission church under the head office of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. The congregation has secured for Rev. Reid a house in Crewson's Corners, which will be vacated by Roy Butler later this month. Coming with Mr. Reid to his new charge are his wife and four children, Harold, Fern, Joy and a six months old baby.

To have a church building of their own is naturally the hope of the Pentecostal Assembly. The church would probably be built in town.

About 10 families who comprise the congregation have been worshipping in Guelph, every Wednesday evening. Rev. Fred Potter of Guelph came to the district for Bible study.

The first of regular Sunday services were held last Sunday at Crewson's Corners, with Sunday school, morning service and an evening service as well. Mr. Reid is travelling from Weston until he moves here. The family has been in Prince Edward Island for the past seven years.

At present his congregation here numbers about 30 at a service. It is expected that this number will increase as those in the district learn of the new church, and as more Pentecostal Assembly families move into the growing area.

### Men's Club Hosts For Games, Beans

Guests from Nassagaweya and Campbellville Presbyterian churches joined the Men's Club of Acton United church for a meeting here on Monday evening. About 40 topped the evening of business and games with a lunch of beans, bacon, hot-cake and tea.

Included in the recreation program were a chess match between Alex Pringle and Jack Dennison, shuffleboard, zeroball and crokinole. There was a business meeting and a sing song.

The acting committee in charge is comprised of Don Van Fleet, George Hollinger and Ron Davies. They hope for the organization of an active club which will lead to the accomplishment of undertakings on behalf of the church, with spiritual as well as material gain.

### Acton Juveniles Go Under 7-2 In First League Tilt with Milton

Tuesday, January 4, Milton Juveniles, after playing one of their best games, ended up on top of a 7-2 score, playing against Acton. At 5:56 of the first period, Hannant scored for Milton with the assistance of Timbers. After keeping the Acton boys hemmed in their own end most of the time, Charlton clicked from Leamont at 8:50.

The Acton team were not to be denied and at 14:30 Currie scored unassisted.

The second period slowed down from the first and it wasn't until 11:40 that Isnor scored the first of three Milton goals from Hannant and Timbers. But once more Acton fought back and at 12:05 Morton scored from Lawson.

The third period opened fast and at the 35 second mark Isnor scored his second goal, with the assist going to Hannant. At 11:18 Charlton tipped one in for Milton after Riddell started it off with a shot from the blue-line. Then at 16:20 Hannant scored from Isnor and the Milton boys really poured it on. At 17:01 Isnor finished it off for the night after taking a pass from Hannant and Timbers. The line of Hannant, Isnor and Timbers played head-up hockey all night and were rewarded with five of the seven goals, with the remaining two going to Charlton. The game was very clean with only four penalties being called by the referees.

### 93rd Birthday New Year's Day

On New Year's day Levi Easley observed his 93rd birthday. Mr. Easley, who had a general store at Brookville, retired to Milton where he lived with his daughter, Mrs. Charles Heffernan.

Mr. Heffernan now has a store in Rockwood, and the nonagenarian is living there with them now. Congratulations are extended to Mr. Easley who is still enjoying life at his advanced age.

### New Year's Eve Party at Legion

Over 100 attended a New Year's Eve party at the Legion Hall on Friday. Legion members, their wives and friends enjoyed dancing to records during the evening. Winner of the door prize was Mrs. Marg. Phelan.

### Reduce, Confirm Erin Assessments

Erin township council met as a court of revision on Wednesday, December 29, with reeve Albert Wheeler presiding. All the members were present except George Scott.

Business assessment of the Royal Bank was reduced from \$2500 to \$2250, and John Reid's assessment reduced \$100 for woodlot. Mrs. Frank Bruce's assessment was reduced \$350 on land and \$650 on buildings.

Council confirmed the assessments of Elwood Peavoy, Roy Hindley, William Lang Sr., E. F. Freeman, Norman Jackson, Hector Pinkney, Charles Evans, Mrs. N. Everson and Lionel Watson.

The treasurer was authorized to pay Hungerford and Gamble, solicitors, \$20. fee of Municipal Board.

Elmer McKinnon, assessor, was to be paid the balance of his salary, \$2,135., and commission for collecting dog-tax, \$367.05, a total of \$2,502.05.

General accounts were passed as follows: Fred Coe, room for assessors, \$5.; Daniel Gray, envelopes, \$2.64; the Municipal World, supplies, \$11.49; Royal Bank, collection of taxes, \$26.60.

### "Dangers to Soul" Theme of Week

"Dangers to the Soul" is the theme of the Week of Prayer services which are being held this week in Knox Presbyterian church.

Pastor Costerus conducted the first service of the series on Monday evening when Rev. E. Jones gave the sermon. He spoke on the danger of fear, to a rather small congregation.

The danger to the mind was the topic of Mr. Costerus' address on Tuesday evening. Mr. Costerus is concerned on the effects of squalid literature and included this in his searching address. Mr. Jones conducted the service.

Rev. E. Currie spoke on the danger of doubts on Wednesday evening. Rev. Armstrong was in charge of this service.

Tonight there will be a special speaker, Rev. Dr. T. Hazelwood of Toronto, a former president of the Toronto Conference.

The special offering will go toward the work of the Bible Society. This service will be led by Rev. Currie.

Rev. Armstrong will be the speaker Friday evening.

In past years, the services have been held in the different churches of the town, but this year the congregation meets each evening in Knox. Bad weather and conflicting engagements curtailed the attendance early in the week and the ministers are hoping for increased congregations, particularly to hear Rev. Dr. Hazelwood.

### Rockwood Cable from England Conveys Greetings

On December 24, Mr. George H. Pearen was the recipient of a cablegram from Mr. Frank Moore in London, England, on the occasion of Mr. Pearen's 86th birthday.

Mr. F. Moore, who disposed of his shoe repairing and shoe store business some two years ago and married again, is looking forward to coming to Canada next May on a visit.

Schools re-opened Monday after the brief holiday season for the winter term.

At the pre-communion service at the United Church last Thursday evening, Rev. E. H. Jones, of St. John's church and St. Alban's church was guest speaker for the evening. Sunday morning, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed and largely attended.

Mr. Barry Burgess, who is in the Navy, was a visitor in town last week.

Miss Elizabeth McPhedran of Orangeville-High School staff was home for the holidays. Others who were away to their homes were Miss Jean McColl of the public school staff and Miss Joan Pickering, music teacher.

With some inclement weather during part of the holiday season, skating was out of the question. New Year's Day passed off quietly.

## Knotty Subdivision Problem Causes Complex Troubles at Council's Inaugural Session

### W. E. Mattocks County Registrar

W. E. Mattocks, of Acton, has been named registrar of the county of Halton. His appointment became effective with the New Year.

Mr. Mattocks, who has worked at the county offices in Milton since 1946 has been deputy-registrar since 1949.

Miss Myrtle Field, who has been the registrar, has retired but will be available in an advisory capacity.

Milton has one of the province's busiest offices for its size.

Town council's inaugural session at the first of the year, usually a short, snappy session full of quick votes on formality motions, started out that way Monday evening when the 1955 Council, with two new faces, convened for its first meeting. However, it didn't end up that way; about 9:30 with most of the routine business wound up, members got wound down in a knotty subject that didn't untangle until well past midnight.

### Two Acton Entries In New Year's Race

After greeting young 1955 at midnight on New Year's eve, who would feel like a good run—say three miles or ten miles—the next day? That was the New Year's Day program for the two young Acton men, Ed McHugh and Wilson Allonby.

They were representing the Guelph Legion Track Club at New Year's races in Hamilton, and had to admit that a lot of the runners weren't in top condition as far as rest was concerned.

Ed McHugh was among 42 who started the 10 mile trek, which lasted for over an hour. He placed 22nd.

While the winner of the three mile race crossed the tape at 15:15 minutes, Wilson Allonby was close behind at 16:57 minutes to place 14th.

The New Year's Day races are sponsored by the Y.M.C.A. and attracted many spectators. The competitors enjoyed dinner provided for them.

### Decision After Midnight

For the next three hours members reviewed, re-assessed, repeated and repeated again the troublesome circumstances which had led to the break-down of sale negotiations between the Hamilton firm and Mr. Brankiewicz. Every possible aspect pertaining to the problem, and a few not pertaining, was recalled and held up for examination. At one point—some time after 11 p.m.—town solicitor C. F. Leath-erford was summoned to take action to expropriate the lands.

Some time after midnight a light of decision seeped in and it was agreed to contact the Fraleigh Co. for further assurance that it would bear expropriation costs. In the meantime a by-law is to be prepared setting forth expropriation action in order to service the proposed subdivision.

Monday night's meeting was earlier marked by a variety of business characteristic of the year's first session. Rev. R. H. Armstrong indicated the work of the new council in a brief opening prayer.

As a striking committee, members readily agreed to the following alignment for 1955: finance, C. Lindsay; E. Footitt, S. Brunelle; streets, R. Hargrave, A. Irwin, S. Brunelle, R. Langford; arena and parks, L. Weick, R. Langford, J. Newton; sewers, A. Irwin, E. Footitt, J. Newton; industry, E. Tyler, C. Lindsay; fire and police, E. Tyler, L. Weick, E. Footitt, S. Brunelle. First named on each committee is the chairman.

Motions were passed to authorize the clerk to have committee cards printed; to set meetings for the first and third Monday of every month; to authorize a by-law for the borrowing of up to \$70,000 for relief to expenses until taxes are collected; to give Mayor Tyler, Reeve Hargrave and Clerk J. McGeachie authority to transact town banking business.

Further routine motions cleared the way for the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to pay requisitions by the school boards; ordered authority for wage payments to town employees; the assessor and payment of post-sanatorium care where desired; authorized the clerk to act in the Mayor's absence; appointed J. Newton to the Planning Board and L. Weick to the Acton Citizens' Band as council representative.

### Icy Roads Cause Of Three Mishaps

Three district accidents reported this week by area provincial police, all caused by winter's slippery roads, were responsible for a total of over \$1,000 damage to car owners. No injuries were reported in any mishap.

Early Sunday afternoon a car owned by Nels Olsen, R.R. 4, Acton, was parked at Haltonville, Guelph line, in front of a garage. Leonard Stokes, R.R. 2, Campbellville, was driver of a car which attempted to pull to a stop behind the Olsen vehicle but slid into the latter car. Damage was estimated at about \$120.

Later in the same afternoon, Joseph Aiken, Vancouver, B.C., visiting in the area, was driving on the same line about two miles north of Brookville. His car skidded on the ice and crashed into a telephone pole, which was broken by the impact. Damage to the car was estimated at about \$300.

Police reported another accident this week at Crewson's Corners, on 7 highway. Kenneth Colyer, Toronto, was driving west when his car went into a skid on the icy slush. The vehicle struck a steep embankment, rolled over and came to rest on its wheels. Damage was about \$700.

### Populace, Building And Assessment Increased in 1954

Population and assessment increased in Acton during 1954, figures supplied this week by assessor G. Musselle show. In building during the year, 1954 started slowly but took a sharp surge upward in the last four months, other figures from the same source reveal.

During 1954, the value of new buildings was approximately \$250,873, a marked increase of \$87,128 over 1953 when building estimated at approximately \$163,745 was reported.

Assessment total in 1953 was \$2,459,695.54. Last year the assessment was \$2,545,282.67, an increase on the roll of \$75,586. Where Acton's population was recorded at 2,829 in 1953, the figure in 1954 rose 74 to a total of 2,903.

New building in all classifications during the year, is \$250,873. Of this figure \$212,325 is residential; \$47,500 is industrial; \$1,500 is farm; \$400 commercial. Permits in value of \$600 were issued for demolition.

Break-down by months is as follows:

Jan.	Nil	July	\$2,250
Feb.	\$200	Aug.	\$3,450
Mar.	\$800	Sept.	\$5,675
Apr.	\$7,800	Oct.	\$37,098
May	\$60,445	Nov.	\$90,000
June	\$24,935	Dec.	\$18,220

### Town Development Plans Cause Stir

Plans for importing factories and workers from England directly to nearby Milton have been causing much interested comment here in Acton. This week daily papers picked up the story of expansion which is hoped for by its promoters, the Milton-Canada Industrial Development Ltd. Any who get the newspaper of the county town have already read of the steady growth in the town to the south. This week a C.B.L.T. television crew took shots of the town and in the feature film will be included pictures of the newspaper office and Jim Dill.

The film will be shown some Sunday at 7:30.

### Eden Mills Man Traps First Wolf

William Mino of Eden Mills has added a wolf to the list of foxes he has killed. He caught the wolf in a trap baited with rabbit's meat and then killed the animal with a 22 shot through the heart.

He traps foxes each year for bounty but this was the first wolf he had trapped.

Wolves were reported last year in the district but organized hunts failed to flush any out.

Mr. Mino thinks that many of the sheep killed have been attacked by wolves rather than dogs.

Although wolves are seldom seen in the district, several others have been reported to the Free Press in the past few years. One was shot near Campbellville by Harry Hill in October, 1932 and another by Harry McLeod, who lives near Speyside.

### Grant Tax Renewals

Council granted tax license renewals to two local operators, and also ordered payment of relief to two local cases. Members agreed to have all town purchases signed for by full signature, also resolved to continue membership in the North Halton Urban Board.

Two citizens appeared before council. Wm. Wilson sought support for a project under consideration for the Y's Men's Club. This is the distribution of car plates advertising the town. Council endorsed the idea and agreed to pay \$25 toward cost of the plate design. M. J. Bennett, asked for council's decision on an arena night for the juvenile hockey team. By motion, members agreed on Friday night for the 1955 hockey season.

After the December police report was read, council briefly discussed justice of the peace facilities here, in regard to charges under town by-laws.

### Report on Turkeys

Letters from the Milton and Georgetown public school boards informed council that guards used for safety purposes were not eligible, in those communities, for grant subsidy. This information, a reply to queries made by council, was talked over but no action taken.

A lengthy report from several officials connected with the Health County Health Unit summarized that conditions around turkey pens owned by a Bower Ave. resident were generally sanitary and satisfactory. Regarding the objectionable aspects complained of—noise and odor—the report expressed that these do not constitute legal reasons for removal. To another complaint from a medical viewpoint, the report stressed the pens are not a source of disease.

At the same time council heard a copy of a letter to the Health officials from the complainant on dis-

## Annexation Decision This Month

Since the prolonged hearing of Acton's application for annexation of adjacent land, before the Ontario Municipal Board, there has been much speculation and conjecture among many readers. Enquiry at the Municipal offices gives no enlightenment.

The Free Press, in a telephone conversation with W. J. Moore, who was the presiding official at all three periods of the Acton hearings, was assured that the decision of the Board would be made available before the end of the present month.

It will be recalled that the first hearing on the application occupied two days on September 28 and 29. The Board again heard argument in Acton and viewed the property in question on November 16.

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