



LOCAL CLERGYMEN for two entirely different reasons are in the icy dealing with towns of 2,000 within a stated price-per-acre for 1955. Chiefly, this would mean or Tyler and Councillors E. Footit! news this week. Recently Rev. Evan Jones, who is pictured population and over comes into range. left, was inducted as the rector of St. Alban's Anglican church, Ac- ial Friday night session ton, and St. John's, Rockwood. Last Sunday, Rev. E. A. Currey, right, made public his acceptance of a call to Wellington St. church the municipality that as of Decin London. He has been in Acton for the past five years as minister of the United church. He and Mrs. Currey will leave in July.

## County Jail Employees' Wages Up But Unsettled

Wages of employees at the County Jail are still not settled after members of County Council approved a \$100 a year increase at their regular meeting at Milton Tuesday. A month ago employees requested council for an increase, and the committee headed by Reeve Harold Adkins had council approve of the increase.

### Rev. E. A. Currey Accepts City Call

After a pastorate at Acton United church of five years, Rev. E. A. Cur- per year. rey will move next July to London Currey's move was ratified by Presbytery Tuesday and the call for the and adding employees could still en- all councillors agreed in criticism church here endorsed. Acton United joy the statutory increase next fall. church has been declared open for settlement, and a pastoral relations committee of six church members has been appointed.

isters have contacted the local church.

Rev. Currey's new charge is a a congregation of about 700 as compared to 400 here. It is well organized with church parlours and spec- investigated again by the committee ial meeting rooms. A new pipe who were to meet with employees organ and parsonage will soon be to come to a final decision. acquired, and Mr. and Mrs. Currey . There was a slight reduction in will take up residence in the new the county rate when members set

Hunt, who was pastor of the Lon- Bird. A total of five mills will be don congregation for 17 years, is the required to raise \$395,000 to meet father of Orme Hunt who was ac- expenses for 1955. \$237,000 will be countant in the Bank of Montreal raised for general purposes or three No Agreement Between Area here. Rev. Hunt, who has been in mills while the road levy. is two No Agreement Between Area the ministry for 41 years, is going mills to raise \$158,000. as visitations assistant to Dr. Go in London

### **Presbytery Meets** At Bethel Church

At the meeting of the United grants. church Presbytery on Tuesday, four calls were anounced, including that of Rev. E. A. Currey of Acton United church to London. The meeting in Bethel church, Hornby, was largely attended:

Dr. George Little of head office amination in the schools. spoke to the group of ministers and

days in Sudbury, those present ther council appointments could-be out that sale price must be a realearned. While the ministers are at made in the future. Sudbury, all the vacant pulpits in A number of grants were ap- plan.

#### **Booster Plate Sale** Y's Men's Project

Boosting Acton is the latest project for the Y's Men's club! The groups has purchased 300 red and white metal bamper plates which proclaim JActon, Ont - The Centre of Progress."

Bill Wilson has distributed boostclub and some have sold as many as 50 already.

Sheriff W. J. Robertson informed us and some 47 other towns who'll members he felt he would not have be caught without police," he adda staff to take care of the 16 inmates | ed.

where he will be the minister of Halton were not equal to other Provincial riding member for Hal-Wellington St. United church. Mr. places and we were liberal in grant- ton, Stan Hall. ing an increase at this time," he said

County Rate Down Members did not suggest the employees were highly paid men after Sheriff Robertson informed council Already several prospective min- of the wage scale as paid in Peel \$300 a year more than in Halton.

Council felt the matter should be

the rate, after hearing a report Mr. Currey learned that Rev. made by finance chairman Wilfred

> Estimated expenditures were \$291.855.40 with estimated revenue at \$54 855 largest amounts returning to this fund from the Registry Office \$20,000 and Hospital accounts of expenditures were estimated at and Mr. Routley, superintendent of was received for the building. \$300,000 only \$158,000 was levied for, the balance consisting of available

#### Combat Future Epedemic

In a report from the Health Unit it was agreed to increase the per capita rate from \$1.20 to \$1.25. Reeve ! C A Martin said this addition would provide a reserve to assist The president of the Hamilton combatting any future epidemic conference. Dr. Waldemar Williams which might be experienced. They of Westdale church, Hamilton, and further asked increased dental ex-

Members of the Health Unit had ture indebtedness on the present previously asked the Department to building. Mr. Johnston told of sim. The May meeting is to be held at give permission to increase mem- lar cases in Aurora. Leamington Five Oaks church training centre bership of the board to seven. How- and Sutton where transfers of prosouth of Paris, and the Hamilton ever, it was felt if two members of perties had been made from one conference will be held for five council sat in at the meetings fur- Board to another. It was pointed

the Presbytery will be filled by lay- proved in the budget, the following Chairman W. J. Coon of the High being made: Halton Junior Farmers School Board explained the diffi-\$350; Halton Plowmen's Association, \$250; Halton Soil and Crop Im- municipalities were concerned and provement Association, \$100; Halton Agricultural Society, \$300 with an additional \$200; Esquesing Agricultural Society, \$200 with an additional \$100; Acton Fall Fair \$200.

with an additional \$100. Reeve Robert Marshall argued the grants to local fairs should be substantially increased. "I don't think these grants have been increased in the past 20 years, and realizing the er plates to all the members of the agricultural growth with the new

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# Retain Consultant for Town Planning, Zoning By-Law

Council Condemns New Policy

## Protests Police Removal as 'Backward Step' By Planning Expert

effect, council was told at a spec- | (It was learned this week that town until the end of the year.

An official notification informed ably.) ember 31, 1955, the present contract with the OPP will terminate and will not be renewed. Similar letters have been received - by more than 40 other Ontario municipalities affected by the policy

Councillors have reacted with surprise and dismay at this news. Mayor E. Tyler, who urged protest be filed immediately, termed the action as "a step backward in the province. Towns would now be without province-wide communication, he said, and argued that policing would be generally made less effective.

"Big Bill of Expense" "It'll be a big bill of expense for

if substantial increases were not ... The mayor asked council for a forthcoming. Mr. Adkins explained resolution condemning the action wage rates were set by the Depart- and that a letter of protest be sent ment of Reform Institutions and al- from this town to Premier Leslie lowed for an annual increase of \$100 | Frost, with copies to . Attorney General Dana Porter and the In-"The committee felt wages here in spector of Police, as well as the

> After brief discussion in which of the police withdrawal, a motion endorsing a letter of protest was

Earlier in the special meeting, it was reported the offer made for an additional nine acres of land for County. The starting wage is \$1,940 public school purposes in Acton's with a cost of living bonus of \$420 eastern section had been turned to a local maximum of \$2,270. Wages down by the landowner. Despite lowntown church in London with at the Peel County Jail are about come objections that further negotiations should be carried on by the public school trustees themselves, it was agreed that in accordance with the board's wishes, another joint approach should be made through

> council and board representatives. Continue Negotiations A motion was passed that coun-

trict and L. L. Skuce, inspector of and \$22,000.

Public Schools for Halton, no

Mr. Routley outlined the position

clearly and pointed out the deben-

sonable one to consummate the

culties of negotiations where five

suggested an offer be made by the

. Opposition from Esquesing

Members of the Public School

Board intimated that the price for

the building would require to be

below \$60,000 and that Public

School accommodation must/be

available before September. An

enswer from the High School

Board must not be delayed beyond

Mr. Routley thought the deben-

Public School Board.

WO WYEKS.

Clerk J. McGeachie told council

portion was read. Council was informed of a dec- ulation. sion by Georgetown council to

Shure an' It's Blarney

ton Urban Board. It was expressed, alone.

in Ontario Provincial Police pol- own judgment in making a deal obligation to fulfill the agreement

councillors on what course of actannexed area, less the town's prop- readjustment was examined and and to dissolve the engineering erties is \$420,912. A by-law adopt- the possibility of Milton also droping the assessment on the annexed ping out of the engineering ar- Urban Board. rangement was left open for spec-

The question was raised if Acton withdraw from the engineering ag- could be prepared to employ an reement set up by the North Hal- engineer, full-time for this town

police force in 1966 when a change committee empowered to use its that Georgetown was under some centrated on for some time. At continuance of cost share by that and J. Newton, as a committee, to meet with Milton and continue the engineering arrangement if pos-Views were aired by several sible on a bi-town basis, but if not to advise Milton, that Acton was two-year basis. the total assessment in the newly-lion should be taken. Cost division prepared to hire its own engineer

agreement under the North Halton

(Tuesday evening, in Milton, thi committee met with Milton councillors and the group agreed carry through the engineering agreement on a bi-town basis for the remainder of the year.)

Controlled, Orderly

controlled, ordered growth of this community was taken by the local Planning Board Wednesday night when P. A. Deacon, senior planning. consultant with the form of Deacon and Arnott, was hired to prepare an official town plan and to implement a zoning by-law on a

Members of the Planning Board, who earlier interviewed Mr. Deacon and outlined the needs of Acton in view of anticipated growth and development, reported a great deal of satisfaction with the terms of service outlined by the planning consultant. They were particularly impressed with Mr. Deacon: Importance of Unity

To begin work on the diversified considerations involved in a town plan and workable zoning by-law. Mr. Deacon told the meeting he would need complete aerial photographs of the town and contour maps of Acton's typography.

(A large blow-up of an aerial shot of Acton, about three and a half by four and a half feet, was shown members by secretary J. McGeachie. The enlargement, ordered some time ago, had just arrived this week. It is now on display in the Free Press window.) . Speaking to the members of the

Planning Board, Mr. Deacon stressed his capacity as an advisor. The Planning Board, in co-operation with council, will have to set the He later emphasized the import-

grow to 4000, 5000 or 10,000, is sec-

ondary, he indicated, but contend-

ed the establishment of a desired

"economic level" is vitally import-

ant. Mr. Deacon gave some ex-

amples of -why a community

The speaker referred briefly to

At one point, touching on land,

Following Mr. Deacon's depart-

ure, the board passed a resolution

ance of unity between these two bodies on planning matters and urged an overtone of continuity and co-operation in planning and

Further Annexation? Whether it was the intention of the official bodies to see the town

#### But Envy Wears Green on the 17th Published recently was a scholar-, 17th of Ireland, Irishmen the world ly treatise called The Vanishing over are "Wearin' the Green" in

Irish. Someone, as the book's title honor of St. Pat. indicates, was banishing the Irish from the earth.

without the 17th of March. On that day there are only two

types of people-those who are Irish . . and those who wish they were. tuous, peaceful, saintly, puzzling was born. Mention it to a Celt and depending a lot, on your point of you've got a full scale argument be-

rick with their usual hilarity. dare, they boast, they sing, they ar- mit to you.

Eire and Ulster by four to one.

In Canada it is estimated there offer figure on road allowance in ing well over 100,000. And on the the Irishmah's glib tongue.

new High School Building, Nassa-

gaweya representatives · felt' that

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At a conference of the Milton ture indebtedness against the school

Public School Board. the North was \$60,000 to \$65,000 and felt the

Halton-High School District Board Board would do well if this amount

elementary schools of the Depart- The secretary of the High School

ment of Education, Mr. Johnston, Board said the debenture indebted-

High School inspector for the dis- ness was at present between \$20,000

St. Patrick, of course, was a Frenchman say the French, a Scots-Apparently the authors reckoned man say the Scots, an Italian say the Italians and a certain Toronto radio columnist, and even the English claim his birthplace was in England. An indication of the popularity of the good saint can be The Irish, eloquent, witty, tumul- got from the interest in where he

view, celebrate the feast of St. Pat- fore you can pat the top of your hat. Tis said that anyone who kisses There's' dancing, music and all the blarney stone, the only rock of kinds of blarney. They wear sham- any importance to the Irish, awakrocks, stage parades and swing ens on St. Patrick's morn with the shillelahs. They tell stories in a ability to speak like angels, And twang that delights the ear. They there's proof they have too to sub-

The blarney stone, as you know Spread far beyond the borders of doubt know is as near to heaven the Emerald Isle, the Irish exert as a prince name of McCarthy was considerable influence on the cul- able to put it. McCarthy, so the leture of the country. People of Irish gend relates, was given the stone At Night in Trailer origin in the United States, for in- as a gift from the Scots after he had origin in the United States, for in- as a gift from the Scots after he had stance, outnumber their relatives in sent 5,000 men to aid in the battle of Bannockburn. The most precious thing the Scots have is the Stone of Scone. And it was a piece of are nearly as many Irishmen and that immortal rock upon which Jacpeople of Irish descent as in the ob laid his head that the Scots gave cil's previous motion setting the whole of Erin, Montreal itself hav- to McCarthy. Which accounts for

> There have been-many famous sons of Erin but standing head and shoulders above them all have been Pat and Mike. Fondness for wit is as characteristic of the Irish as their

H.S. Board, Milton on School Sale love of music. Well, today's the day, And can't you tell Irish music on the

radio, Irish jokes in the air. And did you hear what happened

dence. He rapped on the door and but found the siren would Members of the High School when Mrs. Bolan appeared, said: ring. It was later found lightning From Smashed Car Board who represented Esquesing Excuse me, madam, but would you had struck the mechanism. agreement was reached on the pro- Board who represented Esquesing "Excuse me, madam, but would you had struck the mechanism

to purchase the present High a copy of a resolution passed by Alcoholics?" School building in Milton. M. Esquesing Council stating that present building and building a have Dolan."

> You must admit, the Irish might be anything else but they are never

Several people reported seeing them this week when, judging by the look of the dark sky. the threat is changed from that of snow to that of rain.

Robins are here!

**Dumb Robins** 

Although everyone is delighted to see the birds that fly ahead of spring, one can't help but think they're not the smartest of robins. They must be a little soft in their perky heads to think they'll find good weather here so

However, the fact that robins are here is still among the most pleasant news of the week.

# Investigate Blaze

should ascertain its desired degree Investigations by a representatof growth, then build toward this ive of the Ontario Fire Marsall' goal within the planning frameoffice are being made this week following -a Saturday night blaze in a trailer moored behind Macthe role of assessment balance, the Swain's Garage on Queen St. division of tax revenue from in-

Firemen, delayed in rallying dustrial-commercial and when the town fire siren failed to ial assessment sources. respond from the switch at the 40cal telephone office, rushed to the use and expansion, he suggested itburning trailer after - Fire Chief might not be out of reason to see Sam Tennant sounded the alarm Acton annex further lands. by ringing the town hall bell and turning on the truck siren.

Hank Earle, who lives in the that the firm of Deacon and Arnott trailer with his wife, alerted Chief be retained to prepare an official Tennant after noticing smoke in- plan to implement a zoning byside as he and his wife came home law on a two-year basis. late Saturday night. The Fire Chief

posal for Milton Public School Township had been furnished with care to contribute to the Home for Damage to the interior of the trailer was extensive, with most Retorted Mrs. Dolan: "Shure. of the contents a total loss. Little Ledwith of the Public School Board township's objection to selling the Come back this evening and ye can of the wood frame and sheathing of here this week, crawled uninwas damaged, however,

> Cause of the fire was not stated. district police reported yesterday. nor were grounds for the investigation revealed.

## A man around collecting dona- called the telephone office to ring tions stopped at, the Dolan resi- the siren, hurried to the fire hall Man Crawls Unhurt

The driver of a late model car which crashed into a hydro pole jured from his smashed vehicle.

Charles Laven, driving west of Crewson's Corners late Tuesday night, lost control of his car when it skidded in deep slush. The car. spun into a ditch," then jammed into a hydro pole, which did not

Police also reported two cars. driven by J. Watkins, Toronto, and T. Lyons, Georgetown, sideswiped each other Saturday in an early evening fog. The accident occurred on No. 7 highway about one mile west of here. Damage was estimated at about \$250.

Late Tuesday afternoon, on No. highway outside Acton, two cars were damaged to the extent of about \$100 when the driver of a westbound vehicle, driven by John Warren slowed down. The second car. driven by Frank Carney collided with the rear of the first

### Firemen To Test Siren Each Monday

Since the town's fire siren would not sound when a serious fire was reported on Saturday night; the firemen have decided to test it regularly, Fire Chief Sam Tennant. reports. Apparently the siren's failure was due to its having been struck by lightning. It is constantly heated and cannot freeze. The siren will be tested each Monday evening and after every - Staff Photo electrical storm, he said.

Firemen worked on the siren after midnight Saturday after they. returned from the fire and it. sounded several times then in the course of repairs.

RED SKY AT NIGHT, Acton Junior Farmers' entry in the Halton Junior Farmers' Drama Festival month, was played before an audience of over 200 in the public school auditorium last Friday night. Shown, rear, left to right, are Sandy Buchanan, Mitchell Neale, Bill Thompson, front, Betty Anderson, Anne McLaughlin, Eleanor McKeown. The Drama Festival adjudicator praised the choice of play.

### Tale of Trailed Tracks

## Bears in Suspicion Around Spring

Track patterns of a large, four- Track prints with deep claw in- rain and melting snow had declawed animal, a shredded tree and dentations and some pad marks tracted from their original definsuspicious looking burrows in the nearly as wide as a man's hand ed markings. spring have given rise to disputed snow. The same group of men hearing the reports, trekked to the

town's southern limits. officials was scouting the area further in the bush, one was over imprints of a large dog, the shredsouth of the spring in search of two feet in diameter. possible water sources when the tracks were discovered.

wooded area south of Acton's main were reported spotted on the fresh Several local hunting devotees. speculation that a family of bears found a rotting tree with bark torn spot later in the week-end and is living less than a mile from the and shredded from the ground to came back with versions which about six feet up the trunk. Of varied from the earlier conclusions. Last week a group of municipal three ground burrows discovered One termed the tracks as the paw

Saturday morning the paw prints peckers and the burrows the habitwere still to be found. However, at of rabbits or foxes.

ded bark to be the work of wood-