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### Intruders, Rustler Run From Thievery

Nighttime intruders had a luckless time of it in Acton over the Easter week-end when two attempts were made at theft but both ended in the would-be thieves taking to their heels.

Last Thursday night a break-in at the Highway Garage netted nothing. Apparently the intruders stole into the ladies' wash room, cut through a wallboard partition into the men's wash room, then entered the main part of the garage and tried to cut a window into the office where the safe and till were kept.

The timely entry of the owner of the garage, S. McGeachie, frightened the break-in artists away before they reached the office.

Saturday night an attempt to rustle cattle at the farm of E. Braida also fizzled. About 11 p.m. Nino Braida, son of the owner, spotted a man trying to untie a registered cow from her stall. The cattle rustler ran from the barn and disappeared in the darkness.

Police later searched the farm area but found no trace of the intruder. A truck was reported parked on the Third Line before police arrived.

### Fire Spreads Over Land, Reforestation

A small bonfire of rubbish inside the sunken stone foundation of a destroyed barn developed into a grass fire which Acton firemen estimated spread over 100 acres Sunday morning. Firemen left church Easter Sunday morning to answer a call to the farm of Don R. Stewart and J. A. Cini, R.R. 2, on the fourth line of Nassagawey.

Apparently a few shingles from the small fire blew out of the barn foundation and spread the blaze to several different places at once. The men were unable to cope with all the outbreaks. As well as blackening fields and charring fences, the flames consumed small trees set out as reforestation on the neighboring property of Dr. Teskey and extended into the property of Charles Darby.

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As the firemen left well after noon, the men who had been trying to cope with the bonfire since "before-breakfast" declared they didn't want to "think about anything except the Arctic circle."

### In Churches, Halls, Homes

## Message of Easter Heard Sunday

The message of Easter was the theme of Sunday church services of all faiths in Acton. Each congregation, whether meeting in dilapidated old buildings or in the Y.M.C.A. in a rented hall or in a private home, heard the message of the resurrection—some in languages other than English.

A sunrise service was held at 7 a.m. Easter Sunday morning by the combined Young Peoples' groups in the Baptist church. Pastor Ray Costerus was the speaker.

Frank Bean of the United church presided. Joe Jany of the Presbyterian church read the scripture and Clarence Cole of the Presbyterian church led in prayer.

The Baptist church girls' trio, Fay Garner, Helen Landsborough and Mary Reid, sang.

Easter morning service at Knox Presbyterian church was one of the best attended in years. Easter lilies, daffodils and carnations continued the Easter theme in the music and messages. This is the first Sunday since the church sanctuary, classroom and ladies' parlor have all been repainted in attractive pale green.

## Six Civil Cases At Spring Assizes

Six civil and two divorce actions were set down to be heard by Mr. Justice Kelly at the annual spring Assizes this week in the Court House, Milton. Two of the civil cases were adjourned to another session, while the divorce actions are proceeding.

In an action brought by E. F. Ford on behalf of Barbara Jean Ford, damages were sought arising from an automobile accident on the Queen Elizabeth highway against James Oliver. The township of Welton are seeking an injunction against two trailer camps, their owners being Joseph Kowal and Walter Flis.

E. D. Hickey of Hamilton is claiming the township of Nelson with the failure to complete a transaction for the sale of land which the plaintiff proposed to use for an abattoir and meat packing plant; to some for industrial use and to provide the purchaser with water and sewer services.

An estimated cost of \$40,180, aside from street lighting expenses, will face the Public Utilities Commission to put general hydro services into Acton's three subdivisions now in progress or about to start. The figure was revealed at a regular meeting last week.

Projected plans call for the servicing of hydro to subdivision roads from lines strung at the rear of the lots. Street lighting cost, estimated for the three developments at about \$20,000, would include steel standards with underground wiring. The subdividers are to be consulted with a view to the installation of additional cost of this more modern method of street lighting installation.

Breakdown by subdivision of the lighting and servicing estimates is as follows: Glenlea service \$19,043, lighting \$2,000; Lakeview service \$15,000, lighting \$3,945; Fairview service \$5,245, lighting \$1,822.

**To Repair Shop Roof**

Earlier secretary J. McGeachie said, the hot water heaters, burned in the hydro shop fire, were reported by the manufacturer to be damaged on the covers, which would have to be replaced. Cost is not yet determined.

It was also reported the damaged derrick on the hydro truck has not yet been repaired but arrangements made to complete this job.

The commission ordered purchase of a new derrick from the station pump at the pumping station, from a Hamilton firm for \$8615.

Insurance on hydro shop contents has been increased to cover more stock purchased for new local developments. A premium of \$1000 was ordered paid.

Repairs to the hydro shop roof, estimated at \$160 for flashings, etc., were discussed. It was noted \$100 was allowed in the fire insurance settlement for this work.

After brief talk, where it was stressed the interior finish of the shop should not be endangered by a faulty roof, the contract was authorized signed.

**Valuation on Rural Lines**

Rural hydro facilities in the area recently annexed to Acton were discussed in a report by the secretary of a meeting of H.E.P.C. representatives with local commissioners.

Facilities in this area are now being valued and the commission will be invoiced for the lines and equipment April 30, when a summer billing will be taken over by the Acton P.U.C. It was noted there are no recourses for arbitration on the valuation established by the H.E.P.C. A debenture issue may have to be issued to cover the cost, the P.U.C. suggested.

Payment of \$30.25 to C. F. Leath-erland, in connection with collect-

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DISTRICT GRAND MASTERS' night at Walker Lodge was marked Monday evening when 125 Masonic brethren from Acton and district gathered here for an address by Rt. Wor. Bro. A. C. Mason, Kitchener, D.D.G.M., shown right. At left is Wor. Bro. H. Cruickshanks, Kitchener, while centre is Walker Lodge Master Wor. Bro. G. F. Wingate.

## Father Presents Son with Jewel At Masonic Function Monday

A hundred and twenty-five Masonic brethren from Acton and district and from neighboring lodges crowded the Masonic rooms to capacity here on Monday evening on the occasion of the official visit of R. W. Bro. A. C. Mason of Kitchener, District Grand Master. This event is always a highlight in the year in Walker Lodge and the event on Monday under W. Bro. G. F. Wingate measured up well to its many predecessors.

The work in the Lodge room was the subject of very favorable comment from the grand lodge officials. A highlight was the presentation by V. Wor. Bro. Wm. Cooper of the Past Master's jewel to his son, W. Bro. E. S. Cooper. Wm. Cooper not only has the 50 year jewel as a Mason but the distinction of having the 50 year jewel as a Past Master. It is rather unusual that a son has the honor and privilege of receiving the Past Master's recognition from a father so illustrious in Masonic circles.

The wives of the officers of Walker Lodge served a bounteous and appetizing banquet in the auditorium of the Y.M.C.A. At the head table were many grand lodge officials and Masons of many years standing. Wor. Bro. G. F. Wingate presided.

The toast to Grand Lodge was proposed by Bro. Stanley Joe and the response by Rt. Wor. Bro. A. C. Mason. The address of Bro. Mason was titled "Personal Edifice" and in it the speaker stressed the need for members of the Order to build lives of character and give stature to discipline and the teaching of the craft in their everyday life.

The toast to the visitors was proposed by Bro. Martin Bauer and Rt. Wor. Bro. Maynard Watson of Fergus. The candidate of the evening, Bro. E. G. Franklin, also spoke briefly and the appreciation of all to the ladies for their work in arranging the banquet was expressed by W. Bro. Wingate. A very fine gathering concluded in the usual Junior Warden's toast by Bro. Patterson.

## African Souvenirs Shown to Chapter

The April meeting of the Duke of Devonshire chapter, I.O.D.E. was held on Tuesday evening, April 5, at the home of Mrs. W. Woodburn, Mrs. J. Whitham, the regent, presiding.

Plans were discussed for raising funds the day for the blind is to be carried out as usual. Mrs. Jany was named convener of the tea for the Basic English class.

Mrs. B. Mowat gave an interesting talk on South Africa, regarding the segregation of blacks from the whites. Mrs. W. Ballantine gave two readings.

Mrs. Ringler spoke on her stay in Ethiopia, the country's people and customs. She displayed interesting examples of their handiwork, baskets, jewellery and musical instruments. Mrs. Jany thanked the speaker.

## Town Problems Get Clinical Treatment from 'Civic Night'

### Boy Dies as Stolen Car Upsets; Four In Second Accident

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### Revise Urban Board Engineering Costs

Tentative breakdown of halved engineering costs after May 1 for Acton and Milton blazing on Tuesday evening at a regular meeting of the North Halton Urban Board in Milton. After that date Georgetown withdraws from the engineering arrangement.

Georgetown, to continue to share one-third of board expenses aside from engineering has reportedly already hired its new engineer to work exclusively for that municipality.

Board secretary J. McGeachie indicated more complete figures would be available at a later meeting.

Discussion on the Trade Fair arrangements disclosed that all municipalities have prepared a schedule of personnel to man the booth. However, no definite details on preparation of display material, proposed at the last meeting to be undertaken by a Georgetown artist, was given. Acton was urged before the next full meeting and a session of the display committee was set for April 26.

Prior to adjournment members passed a bill from the Mills Printing and Publishing Co. Ltd. amounting to \$872.30 for Trade Fair folders.

The Canadian Red Cross maintains eight Lodges at DVA hospitals across the Dominion.

### Family Party

On Wednesday, April 6, Mr. J. B. Chalmers observed his 87th birthday. There was a family party on Sunday.

## Wm. Anderson Halton Liberals' Choice for Provincial Candidate

Wm. Anderson, former Councillor and Reeve of Oakville, and a man who has been in public life for many years in Halton County, was the choice of Halton Liberals at a Convention held in Trafalgar Hall last night. He promised the 150 delegates present at the meeting that he would carry on a "hard-fought campaign not only to win Halton for the Liberals but to oust the Frost government from power."

Three men were nominated. John Hutcheon, a young farmer 28 years of age who was born and raised

### Councillors Answer Chamber's Queries

Acton Chamber of Commerce's first civic night, which may become an annual affair, featured lively discussion between members and town officials Wednesday night as questions and answers ranging from current road work to long range town planning provided a means for closer appreciation of municipal problems.

Acton's Mayor E. Tyler set the stage for a series of "panel questions" by first ticking off some statistics on school population, employment strength, assessment balance, annexation possibilities and figures from the 1955 budget. His panel was Planning Board chairman Frank Crump, streets committee chairman R. Hargrave, finance committee chairman C. Lindsay and Clerk J. McGeachie.

Effect of industry on Rate Chamber president J. Goy, who introduced the Mayor and explained the aim of civic night as in the interests of community understanding, acted as panel moderator.

Effect of possible new industry in lowering the mill rate was the first question tabled. The mayor replied that industry takes time to move; it is hard to tell if a new industry could come in six months or two years; a high mill rate isn't much of an attraction, but few communities today have such a nicely as a low mill rate.

To another question the Mayor briefly explained the town's anticipated, step-by-step program of road improvement as finances will allow. Council was disinclined to pave costly by one big debenture issue, he continued, since efforts are to keep the debenture rate down. The Clerk added here that roads may be paved by local improvement and cost charged 100 per cent to the homeowners in the area paved.

Maximum Road Reached

Continuing with road questions, Councillor Hargrave answered that the town considered the use of oil a sound investment over calcium. The town has been able to use oil and sand at far greater savings than any other commodity, he noted. The Mayor injected that before actual saving can begin, Acton streets will require considerable work to rectify grades and levels.

Turning to a question on the town's per capita debenture debt, Clerk McGeachie denied as a rumor that Acton's limit in carrying debenture debt had almost been reached.

He later explained how, with inclusion of recoverable waterworks charges and district high school debenture total, the actual debt may seem high while full annual payments do not show in the tax rate.

To a question on future subdivision policy, the Mayor replied that Council had gone a long way with four subdividers in order to get development going in Acton. However, he indicated in future the town will no longer offer to install full services for subdividers.

School Costs and Planning

Several questions followed on school costs at present and expected rises. Among the answers and opinions expressed it was noted: the town's new public school property is to be paid for by debenture; another site was needed because the Department recommends another unit for over 600 pupils; legislation is now being sought to legalize a school tax on families renting property or housing.

Concluding questions dealt with town planning. Board chairman Crump gave a brief history of the Board and referred to its designs to rezone the town and prepare a professional town planner. Control of land uses was an item under particular discussion.

Earlier in the meeting a film, "On to Fortune", depicting the first growth of a new, planned community was shown by secretary R. Bean.

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Damp, chilly weather forced the Y.M.C.A.'s Easter egg hunt inside the building on Tuesday. About 125 youngsters searched the Y from top to bottom for bits of paper which counted for Easter candy.

The girl finding the most vouchers was Violet Oakley and Bob Parker found more than any of the other boys. Each was given a one pound decorated chocolate egg.

Shirley Cohen won a candy rabbit and three eggs for having the "choicest" birthday. She celebrated hers Monday. Wayne Bidley was awarded a half-pound egg for finding the inflated paper.

Everyone participating received eggs or kiddie-pops.



SEWER EXTENSIONS to Acton's new subdivisions began last week when men and equipment laid over 400 feet of conduit in two days into the 10-lot Cobble Hill Subdivision. Work will start next at the 200-lot Glenlea development, then back to the western end of town and the 40-lot Fairview Subdivision.

## First Salk Polio Injections Here Four Days Before Report Made

Although the report that the Salk polio vaccine is effective and harmless was not made public until Tuesday, Acton children of grades one and two received their first shot of the cherry-red serum last Friday afternoon. Those youngsters who had their parents' permission are to be given three injections in the series which began an experimental and now is heralded as a great advance in medical history.

Dr. Archie Bull, who has since fractured a hip and been hospitalized, gave the Acton youngsters their first injections on Good Friday in St. Alban's Hall. The boys and girls were quiet and well-behaved, none of them, apparently, afraid of the "shot."

Pupils of grades one and two in Acton came before those from the rural schools of Dufferin, Dublin

and Lorn.

Dr. Bull was assisted by health unit nurses Miss Lavey, the supervisor, Miss Sally Cameron, Miss Joyce Nevitt and Miss Margaret Langtree.

Wednesday the team was in Ashgrove and Georgetown; today they go to Trafalgar and Oakville and Friday they are in Brookville Hall and Acton again.

Although the time between the injections is not exactly the same as that mentioned in reports of the effectiveness of the vaccine Tuesday, the same schedule is being kept in Milton. The third injection is being given here on May 14.

When the vaccine is readily available, the Ontario government will provide free injections for every-school child, Premier Frost said yesterday.