New Tapes, Nets

projects.

Needed For Courts

discussed when a meeting of the

Tenms Club was held Monday at

New tapes and nets are to be pur-

pointed to arrange a slate of of

will remain the same this year.

Hall Rental Debate Spotlights Dispute Over Red-Led Union

Lack of Space Hard On UE Efforts To **Hold Meetings Here**

By Siaff Reporter

Culmination of action by local roups in refusing meeting space to the Communist-dominated United Electrical Workers of America was reached this week when Acton Council took a firm stand against the Red-led union and efforts of its out-of-town organizers to meet in the town hall.

Acton was yesterday joined in efforts to ride out the UE, known to the Canadian Congress of Labor to be Red-led, by representatives from the rival International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers (CCL-CIO) who told the Free Press "The UE will never organize in Acton.

On request the OCL stated as authority: "The UE was expelled Mayor Tyler replied, adding the into political shades of attitude on ian Congress of Labor and the Cont hall to anybody. gress of Industrial Organizations) because our membership was satis- locked?" Mr. Footitt queried. fied the UE was Communist controlled. This is not to say that the UE members were Communist." (The UE was expelled from the OCL-CiO in Cleveland in the fall ed.

Thrown Out in Georgetown out as agent for employees of to them the door was locked." Smith and Stone Ltd., Georgetown, Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, all." (AFL) which succeeded the UE in | Councillor Lindsay injected here Communist controlled.

to the Communist party.

manufacture here in February. The he pointed out. Chamber letter asked the employees to investigate the union before they signed.

organizers later claimed it did.

Legion Turns Down Hall Last week the local branch of interfere. ization meetings. The hall had been

agreed they would not let this private hall to the UE.

The action by the Chamber, the Legion and other civic groups was motivated by responsible information, from the CCL and other union leaders, that the United Elect-i rical Workers is controlled in its higher echelons by men known to. have Communist records.

Monday night this /information was made public, at a regular meeting of town Council and as a refrom gathering in the town hall Conviction on the part of councillors that the UE is Communistdominated led to their decision. (While firm in this conviction

Mayor E. Tyler told the Free Press . following the meeting that neither. he nor any member of Council is against a union organizing in the Smallwood plant but, he stressed. he and the Council are against the Communst-led_UE organizing

a local in this town." Before this decision was reached Father and Son Banquet at however, an exchange of words ' 50 many fathers and sons attend- Altogether there were 185 lads that were sometimes heated and ed the annual banquet in the Y on and dads packed into the rooms for bitter passed over the council table i Thursday evening of last week that the most successful event. This was as members thrashed out the gos-, when they were about to begin, it the sixth annual father and soil sip and propaganda from the facts was discovered there-was not ac- banquet sponsored by the Acton about the UE its fight to certify comodation for all of them at the Y's Men's club. Attendance was the membership in the Smallwood tables in the downstairs meeting highest ever. plant and confusion that has beer noom. Hastily, another 30 places E Footitt was chairman for the thrown around management-labor were set in the new leaders' corps program, which highlighted, an relations in this factory.

Deputy-reeve Footitt initiated the debate when he told of a letter' left on his front door In this with roast turkey featured. Dessert letter, he said it stated the workers was pie and ice cream.

tused the use of the town hall for Fishing Contest were led by an agitating and Com-

munistic group," Mayor Tyler an- Again This Spring "Are we going to do something

that both governments won't do." Mr. Footitt asked, referring to diserimination on a political basis.

The Mayor explained he had contacted most councillors by phone when it was found out the UE was positively Red-led and the councillors contacted had agreed they should not let the hall to such a

Tm not in sympathy with this sportsmen your catch isn't just an- the speaker was introduced. union," Mr. Footitt continued, "but other "fish story"! on what grounds can we refuse

them the hall?"

Communist-led organization." scription to the Free Press.

An Observation

been pyramided into an episode that went beyond the confines of the community and in the shuffle became a Canada-wide matter. The discussion became the concern of everyone here and elsewhere.

munity that has until this date enjoyed favorable relationships with a variety of unions representing Acton workers.

perspective in the thinking of the citizens of Acton and that incidents of the past week will be relegated to the circles in which they belong. The attitude of citizens in Acton is not anti-union but is opposed only to unions which have proven Communist leaders such as

and plants in which their conduct was not satisfactory to employees In an industrial town such as Acton unions have a definite place and perform a valuable service in the welfare of its citizens. Let's

the U.E. which have been ousted from the Canadian Congress of Labor

"Was the door to the hall pad- turned to the hall refusal debate. "Yes," said the Mayor.

"Are we going to have padlock law in this town," Mr. Footitt ask-

"No," replied Mayor Tyler, "but we heard they'd take over the hall Near home, the UE was thrown anyway. When rental was refused Mr. Footitt continued: "There are

in 1947 after the membership lost about 25,000 in this union, it's not confidence in this union's ability a Communist union in membership to carry out satisfactory collective, but it may be Communist dominatbargaining. Stanley Allen, former ed. I don't think we should belocal president of the International come involved in such a dispute at

Smith and Stone, said the George- to emphasize the way "these orgtown workers felt their action well anizations operate." He said a lettaken, particularly after the UE ter-was left around town from the was labelled in 1949 by the CIO as UE committee, written by the organizers, full of propaganda about Mr. Allen said that in 1947 it was the Chamber of Commerce. Counbelieved that some of the higher cillor Lindsay explained the motive officers in the UE were sympathetic of the Chamber in writing to the Smallwood employees and said the

Indirect action by the Chamber UE organizers had replied by sayof Commerce was taken two weeks ing in the letter left about town ago in the form of a letter to em- that the Chamber urged the employees of the S. G. Smallwood ployees not to join any union: The plant which began electrical parts Chamber had not urged this at all

Misinterpreted Letter

"Should we help this union organize when we know it's Com-The letter did not exhort the em- | munist-dominated," the Mayor deployees not to join a union, as UE manded, after Mr. Footitt replied to Mr. Lindsay's comments that he still didn't think the council should

the Canadian Legion voted not to! Mr. Footitt repeated he didn't rent their hall to the UE for organ- think council should get involved. rented to this union once before. stamp on these (Communicte) I'll putes.

other large hall in Acton this week mayor," Mayor Tyler exclaimed adjust itself," Councillor Newton night with regret by members. Mr. Councillor Irwin joined the de- job-erved. bate: "I'd like to see council keep! out of labor-management relat- for directions if the UE should seek

At this point stress was again hall again. laid on the errors in the UE's in- . No immediate answer was giv i Commerce letter. Turning to an- : tracked into the unsettled and disother aspect, several members de- turbing circumstances surrounding Construction Co. for subdivision ton and Georgetown were to be bated the criterion council should the situation at the plant. It sult members ruled to bar the UE ladopt in renting or not renting the noted local police have

> has or never would refuse rental disturbances. outfit," the Mayor said. Discussion veered for a moment of the town hall to the UE.

There was sufficient food for all.

year sponsor a fishing contest on

Fishermen are asked to contact

the Free Press on Monday. May 2

and to keep that big fish on ice

meanwhile! A picture of it will be

Prizes: Again this year, a print

of the picture to prove your pes-

the first week-end of the fishing

season. Fish over 10 inches

length will be eligible.

- G. A. DILLS, Editor.

"The town had a right to refuse C. Taylor Heads

organized here yet, you know "The government thinks they camps and a square dance highlight- ly by the public.

was taken." Mr. Footitt countered camps illustrated with colored referring to the telephone poll of slides. A former schoolmate, Joe members that led to the decision Hurst, introduced the speaker to disallow use of the town hall to: The evening ended with a square the UE organizers.

we went to much time and expense executive for the coming year: to bring here, in the interests of president, Cyril Taylor; past presithe town," Mr. Langford replied. | dent. Wes Wolfe; vice president,

Discuss Reported Tactics There was also some discussion of the tactics reported used by the C. Holmes Succeeds contracts amounts to \$8,303.17 of the month. No action was taken pend-total contract price by the success- ing a report from the board's brosupport and so become the bargsining agent for the Smallwood F. Crump, Chairman at once following the awarding of employees.

ating council should not become "Every time I get a chance to involved in labor-management dis-

Officials in charge of renting an- ido it, as a private citizen or as "I think in time the situation will board was accepted Wednesday Clerk McGeachie asked council

> ions," he said, after agreeing he rental of the hall again. didn't have any use for Commun- One member commented that it was doubtful if they'd ask for the

terprefation of the Chamber of the clerk and members again side-It was emphasized council never ip.m. to guard against any public

majority vote not to allow rental matter out.

During the past week an incident of Acton town hall rental has

It was a climax to a series of charges and assertions against a new industrialist who had just come to Acton and established his business in Acton. These assertions were instigated outside this com-

It is to be hoped this matter can be brought back into the proper

keep our heads and good judgment in choosing wisely and accepting our responsibilities of citizenship in Acton and in Canada.

from both Congresses (the Canad- council was not bound to rent the Communistic activity at governmental and social levels, then re-

> the rental of the hall to the UE as an outside organization," Councillor Langford said, "the UE 15n't Home and School

"We happen to be the govern- on Monday evening. ment of this municipality," Mayor A committee was set up to look Tyler stated, "and we can make after the purchase of a piano for the our own decisions." In this case, he school auditorium went on, a majority of the council Milton Watson, a former student acted on its convictions and a decasat Acton school and now a high school principal in Hamilton, gave For Addition to Acton School

"I didn't like the way the vote a most interesting talk on summer

"Don't you think it's up to our lergetic few interests to protect a firm which. The following were elected to the

Here it was expressed that the Mrs. R. R. Parker; Secretary, Mrs. J. operations of the UE are likely to Calder; treasurer, Chas. Landsborkill any chances of the Smallwood ough; executive, Mrs. J. Black, Mrs. plant getting established and prop. G. Barbeau, Mrs. C. Leatherland, structure of the original building, not been finally confirmed. erly organizing operations in Ac- Herman Frueler, Bill Mattocks,

Councillors Irwin and Footitt of Planning Board

Lorne Masters, Mrs. J. S. Sargent.

The resignation of Frank Crump as chairman of the local planning

given to discussion of facts involved Milton High School would be ready in a desire for transfer of lease ob- for next week, and ample time was ligations by F. Quee who let a par- available for finishing before the cel of land in the Jany property opening of the fall term. before it was sold to the Fraleigh

Members of the Board considered called to stand by at noon and 5 Mr. Quee's problem involved legal complications, but pointed out the lease in the first place was contrary of the hall to other union locals in. It was after I a.m. Tuesday to the subdivision control by-law. It town for meetings. "But that morning when council, on Reeve was suggested all parties involved

> corporate membership, at \$25, with three schools. The schedule called moving into town from Lorn school the Community Planning Associa- for a minimum of \$3.100 and \$3,200 to teach in Actor public school. tion of Canada and thus receive for specialists. Maximum salary Miss Ena Jennings, a graduate of

> Deacon, in an interim report, des- dition to the annual increment was teach. Miss Denise Coles, who movcribed efforts to collect available made for all present members of ed from Acton to Brampton about contour maps of Action and tabled the staff of \$100 and \$200 to prin- two years ago, has been teaching contact aerial prints of the town. He cipals. Maximum salaries of print piano in Acton and now will teach proposed a photomatic contour sur- cipals was set at \$6.200. vey to provide complete and ac- The secretary reported that Mrs Donalda Switzer, who taught curate ground date. This may be teachers at Milton had been en- in Acton before, is returning from undertaken at a later date.

ion of a town plan.

Council Raps Misuse of Dump Area As Cause of Fire Hazard, Eyesore Plans for the coming year we're Indiscriminate unloading of refuse Third Line area were discussed at was interested in natural gas to the

PICTURED THE LAST EVENING of the current year's study are mem- Heron. Ladies of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter, I.O.D.E., provid-

bers of the basic English classes. The new Canadians have been ed refreshments after the last class Monday and two films were

Contract Awarded for \$36,600

Contract for the three room ad- Wilson will become principal of

awarded Monday night 40 J. B . Three new teachers have been

Sub-contractor on the plumbing Correspondence was read re-

and heating are Sanitary Plumbing garding the hability insurance at

and Heating of Fergus and electric Milton and Acton schools which

tin contractors. Messrs. Jones and Chairman W. Coon presided.

\$16,301.59.

school as well.

dition at Acton High School was Tamworth high school

the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Grachased. It was decided that fees mayor described haphazard burning problem. of paper as dangerous to nearby, Later this week Town Foreman to purchase any gas found by a local A nominating com nittee was ap- farm' buildings and irresponsible A Kirkness reported a bulldozer man "who is apparently exploring

studying during the winter with teachers Gordon Ringler and Jack shown.

the dump entirely. A representative and waste well inside the gates. of the County Health Unit suggested

dance which was enjoyed by an en- cost of the new addition will be Cyril Buchanan of Mountview, M.

J. B. Mackenzie and Son were

ful bidder. Work is to commence kers.

Seven Tenders for Work

Van Gils' bid was second at \$38,000

made next week with details handl-

ed by the contractor for repairs that

rict High School Board

ham. A cuchre is one of the coming and wastepaper near or inside the length. The Mayor ultimately asked extent where his company could local dump area, was rapped by a recommendation from committee make a survey and draw up a francouncil. Monday 'night when the be brought in to deal with the dump chise for council's scrutiny.

> dumping along the Third Line as an had given the dump a thorough go- for gas around here," the repreing over and cleared mounds to put sentative said Whether a fence would rectify the the area in seasonal shape. The To questions by Mayor Tyler, the problem in part seemed doubtful, as hope was expressed that citizens speaker replied any benefits acalternatives were sought to locking who use the dump will leave refuse cruing to the town would be to con-Asks Natural Gas Survey

an incinerator might help the situa- A representative of the United competitive threat to hydro electric Several counciflors, were National Gas Co. Ltd. told council power retailed here by a publicly doubtful if it would be used proper-wither in the meeting that his com- authorized commission. Taking pary had sufficient supply potential leave, the representative promised the UE) are a legitimate bargam- jed the final meeting of the public Conditions at the dump and pub- to meet the needs of the three towns to supply further data and informing agency," Mr. Footitt rejoined school Home and School Association lie practices in leaving waste at the in this area. He asked if council ation at the request of Council.

work has not yet been secured.

Negotiate to Fill Vacancies

Accounts passed for payment and

salaries for April amounted to

This gas company would be happy

sumers themselves He doubted if natural gas would prove a serious

A Brampton man who recently bid on local sewer excavation work sought council's reasons why he was not favored with the tender award. Council explained the award was made on recommendation of the sewer committee which had legitimate reasons for its choice.

Still Work in Warren Grove

A copy of a letter from R. V. Anderson Associates informed connel Mackenzie and Son of Acton. Total-engaged on the Acton staff. Mr. that Warren Grove sewer extension contractor, George Schultz, has \$36,600 and the contractor stipulated | Carl Pielluch of Kitchener and Mrs. | been told there is still clean-up a completion date of September 5' Valeryotte, who now resides at Atwork to be finished at this subdiviin his bid to the North Halton Dist- kell. The teacher for commercial

Discussion of the sewer account payments on new extension costs the builders of the original build. Negotiations are in progress for was briefly held Councillor C. ing last year and the new addition two teachers to fill vacancies on the Lindsay questioned a \$750 purchase follows closely the design and staff at Georgetown and these have of a truck from Garner Motors. The money was taken out of the debenture issue. Councillor A. Irwin said it was cheaper to buy a truck for this work than to hire one for the duration of the job. He emphasized wiring. Total of these three sub- will come up for renewal this that a truck was certainly needed. An account of \$14 with the On-

tario Municipal Board was ordered paid as the tariff on recent sewer and water main extension by-laws. A complaint by Councillor Irwin about a mess around the arena and There were seven tenders for the Present at the meeting held in in the garage shed predicated diswork with the top bid at \$58,750. Acton High School were Messr, cussion on whether or not a local It is interesting to note that the Forgrave, Cook, Dills. Carbert, man should be allowed to use the two lowest tenders were both Ac- Brown, Cole, Pickett and Hall and park track to run his sulky when

the gates are locked to other users. park to all users until the ground became firmer. Councillor J. Newton suggested signs be posted up offering a reward for information leading to the conviction of persons found doing willful damage to the Six new teachers have been his property. This suggestion was ed by the Acton public school greeted with approval.

board and three by the North Hal- "Set Aside Hairdressers By-law

ton school district board to ful. Reviewing the work sheets, counvacancies in the Acton school staffs cillors noted a variety of items to be attended to in ensuing weeks. On the high school staff will be These included repairs to catch Carl Piellusch, Cyril Buchanan ant basins, manholes and ditches as well Mrs. Valeryotte. Mr. Piellusca as grading and sand and rubble comes from Kitchener, Mr. Buch- clearing in various sections of town. anin from Mountview and Mr. J. Robson of the Halton County dressers by-law draft recently stud-The Board agreed to apply for a held with the principals of the Mrs. Murie! Simpson will be ied by council. He said the Unit

Purpose of the by-law was reassessed in view of information offered by Mr. Robson, who pointed out the Health Unit already has provisions for inspection of hairdressing establishments. In view of this and other data revealed by Mr. Robson, council agreed to withhold passing of the by-law, which is aimed mainly at health and sanitation control but contained an inference to em-

ployment restrictions. Befire Mr Robson left, a discussion on the nuisance value of outside privies prevailed The Health Unit representative said the Public fealth Act allows a by-law to prohibit these structures when they become offensive to health Legislation which can compel the owner of an outside privy to connect to sanitary sewers was reviewed with stress on the extent of power under the Act and local by-laws which a

town or Health Unit may use Referred to Planning Board Council advised F. Quee to approach the Planning Board with a problem of land transfer. Mr. Quee pointed out he holds a lease with option to buy on a piece of land under ten acres in an area which has been sold to a developer for subdivision. He was not aware that his position left him contraventive to the subdivision control by-law, he

the registry office, and if the mic-rental scheme in the town's service

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address by Don Groff boys' work secretary of the Kitchener YM.C. A He showed film strips and told of the actual meaning behind the intials Y.M.C.A. The four-fold purpose was explained. Subject of his talk was What's in a Name?

Grace by Rev. E. Jones preceded The Free Press will again this guests.

toast to the fathers.

A sing-song was led by Charlte Kirkness with Ted Hansen at the Bob Ridsdale and the Y Wizard

necessary to prove to those other club entertained with magic before concluding the program. The dinner was catered to by

Crump is taking a new position outside of town: He was succeeded in for the complete construction. the chair by C. (Mickey) Holmes. Mr. Barnett and Mr. Turner, arwho presided over last night's meet- chitacts, were present at the meet-

A large part of the session was specifications and details for the For Acton Schools

Overflow Crowd Attends Sixth eight copies of all literature.

were necessary before release of the guarantee of the structure. Arrange Salary Schedule The management committee re- Valeryotte from Arke'l A teacher Health Unit reported Dr Bull, the doesn't go for this Communist-led J. Hargrave's lead, agreed by a should get together and iron the ported on the arrangement made for the commercial department has MOH; was favorable to the hairon salary schedule, at a meeting not been secured yet

was set at \$5,100 and \$5,200 for Teachers College from Acton, will Town planning consultant F. A. specialists. A bonus this year in ad- be coming to her home town to

gaged) Mr. Begin of Burlington, Mr. Erin Miss Cay Laughlin is comit a Discussion was held at length as Lee of Guelph O.A.C. and Miss Ry- to the staff-from Wellington coun-Mr. Deacon outlined action to be an of Seaforth. The resignation of ty, and Wayne Stratton, where followed preparatory to the creat- Mr. Clare Wilson from the Milton home is in Wallaceburg, comes here staff was accepted with regret. Mr. from Hespeler school.

Grant of \$2,500 for Work

County Aid for Retarded Children the meal and Ken Knox, chairman . Halton County Council in regular these children, to fit them social, ployees, including the Governor of the Y board, welcomed the out- session last Tuesday, approved a ly and eventually to provide gain- and his assistant. This action was

Otterbein introduced the head table trict Association for Retarded work shops. the project of purchasing a build- that once a school was established on approval of the Department. ing to conduct classes, for this in its own building, financing. Accounts totalling \$20,306.76 were group of children. It was estimat- gould be carried on by the assoc- approved and ordered to be paid. ed \$10,000 was necessary for the liation with assistance from indivcapital expenditure.

Further he advised members ment grants. there were more retarded children. The minimum starting salary of committee, inquired if work had there is some confusion at the Bill Benson thanked the speaker. in the county than one would real- jail employees was set at \$2,500, per ize. The rate in Canada was four year, according to a wage scale refor every 1,000 persons, and not commended by the property com- ro-filming machine had been order- extension by-law for Queen Street. We have proof this is definitely catorial prowess and a year's sub- members of the X's Men's Ladies' until recent years had a movement mittee Increases from \$140 to \$260 been devised to give training to a year granted to all other fail em-

standing crowd to the event. Harry grant of \$2,500 to the Oakville Dis- ful employment in the association's taken after Sheriff W. J. Robert-

iduals, service clubs and govern-

son, on behalf of the employees, Children following a brief pres-! Transportation of children from requested re-adjustment of the Joe Hurst proposed the toast to ented by Brig. James Roberts, pres- Milton. Bronte and Burlington to wages at the last council meeting. the sons, and Jon Hurst gave the ident of the Association. He urged the classes was the largest prob- The increases, retroactive to Jancouncil to consider assistance with lem to be faced. However, he felt uary I, 1955, will become effective

> Considerable discussion arose when Reeve Harold Adkins, Nel- indicated. son, chairman of the property Clerk J. McGeschie told members begun remodelling the basement of Municipal Board over the sewer

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