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## To Collect for Hungry Children In Other Lands This Halloween

Children will collect money for the United Nations Children's Fund on Halloween, it was decided by a majority vote at the Home and School Association's first meeting of the season. About 100 attended the meeting in the public school, on Monday evening. C. T. Taylor presided.

The Halloween project was outlined by Dick Bean, instead of collecting candles and apples for themselves on Halloween, the youngsters will collect coins for hungry and sick children in other parts of the world. The money is distributed through the United Nations Children's Fund, which has been distributing voluntary contributions from government and individual since 1947. A committee was named to be in charge of the project here.

The Association voted \$75 to the school to assist in the purchase of a tape recorder. D. Davidson outlined the many beneficial uses to which the tape recorder could be put.

It was decided to put on a play next spring, and a committee was set up to arrange this.

A letter expressing appreciation from the school board for the piano was read and the president thanked all those who helped in making the presentation possible.

It was voted that the balance of \$39 remaining in the piano fund be transferred to the general account, and used in some future project.

Miss Anderson introduced Miss Kay Alger who showed slides and gave a very interesting commentary on her recent visit to Great Britain. W. Mattocks thanked the speaker.

Following the lengthy business session the recital by Miss Alughlan on the new piano was postponed until the next meeting. Lunch was served by the members of the executive.

## Church, Community Honor Clarence Reid

Two social evenings were held recently in honor of Clarence Reid, who has gone to Western Canada, where he plans to reside. Members and friends of the Acton Baptist church gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Landsborough and after a very enjoyable program, presented him with a beautiful zippered travelling case.

The home community gathered at Greenock school where a pleasant evening was spent seeing pictures of Bermuda, England and Scotland, shown by Mrs. Barnes and Mac Sprowl. Charles Landsborough presented several—cornet, solo, accompanied by his daughter at the piano. Miss Helen Aiken read an address and Angus Thompson made the presentation of a fountain pen, a travelling alarm clock and set of tie pin and cuff links.

At both functions Mr. Reid made very kindly replies and all enjoyed a social time together.

## Hamilton Peal Choir President

Acton's male chorus has resumed rehearsals under the direction and leadership of George Musselle. Faced with a busy season of entertainment dates, this home town group of melody men opened activities with an election of officers. President is Hamilton Peal; vice-president, George A. Hall (chorus accompanist); secretary - treasurer and music librarian, Vic Bristol.

New music has already been purchased for the coming season. The walls of Luxton Memorial Hall will resound each Wednesday evening to the lusty strains of men in close harmony.

## Reception, Shower For Newlywed Pair

A reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mainprize was attended by many friends and relatives on Monday afternoon and evening. Guests of honor were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mainprize of Montreal, who were visiting here on their wedding trip.

Acton friends honored the couple at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Dills on Sunday evening. Gifts for their new home were presented to them.

## Television Medium For Young, So-Ed Club Speaker Believes

Some facts on the newest mass communication medium - television - proved informative and provocative, when Jack Lancier, of the Kitchener television station addressed the So-Ed Club in the Y.M.C.A. last Thursday evening. Lancier explained that a small private station like Kitchener had 60 employees working a hard, full day to make the programming possible. Included are office staff as well as cameramen and technicians and what Mr. Lancier calls the station's "talent"—those who appear on the screen.

He pointed out that the oldest person working at the station was the manager, who is only 32. Although he could not give a reason, he felt that television is a profes-

## Draw For \$100. Made at Euchre

Jane Elliott won the draw for \$50 at the Tennis Club euchre held Friday evening in St. Alban's Parish Hall. Winners of additional \$10 prizes were Mrs. W. Footitt, J. A. Van Fleet and R. J. Papillon of Acton; Miss Margaret Langtry, who was in Acton last year and is now at Carleton Place, and Mr. Wesulsky of Galt. Fred Kentner made the draws for the club.

Euchre was enjoyed during the evening. Winners were ladies' high, Marjorie Hall; ladies' low, Mrs. Bill Dumarch; men's high, Mr. Phillips; men's low, Mrs. Tom Cook.

The lunch, convened by Mrs. S. Brunelle, of sandwiches and coffee was served. Mrs. J. Graham convened the euchre, Mrs. W. Dumarch the draw and Miss Jessie Coles the prizes.

## 50 Scouts, Cubs Help Apple Day

There was plenty of noise and excitement at the scout hall early Saturday morning when about 50 Boy Scouts and Wolf Cubs gathered to shine apples and fill their baskets for their annual day-long project to raise funds. The scouts gave apples as their individual way of saying "Thanks" as Actonians gave donations for scout work.

Almost 20 bushels of apples exchanged hands while coins and a few bills passed in the opposite direction.

Friday afternoon uniformed scouts canvassed the town's industries in the drizzle. Saturday the rain surprisingly did not come and the boys had a most successful Apple Day. They continued their task until the stores closed in the evening.

Don Emmerson sold the most apples during the day. Winners for decorated baskets and winning group were also selected. Money gathered is necessary for maintenance and heating of the scout hall, equipment, supplies, books, badges, etc.

## Honor St. Alban's G.A. Planning Busy Year

Last Thursday the Girls' Auxiliary of St. Alban's church held its fourth meeting of the season. Miss Heywood was present and had the members suggest some activities for the coming year. These included plays, hikes, various parties and handicrafts. They also discussed plans for a coming bazaar and rummage sale on October 29. This year, as last, there will be a sale of peppermint patties.

Any girls between 12 and 19 have been invited to join the club. Under the supervision of Mrs. Barratt, they are looking forward to a very successful year.

## Legion Auxiliary Holds Bazaar, Draw

Saturday afternoon the Legion Auxiliary bazaar was held in Luxton Memorial Hall. Attracting much attention were the fine work table, bake table, white elephant table and the touch and take.

Draw winners were cake, Mrs. Brown; coal, Mrs. Heatley; lamp, J. Higgins; dishes, Bill Blanch; ham, Marilyn Woods; groceries, Mrs. Tom O'Rourke; towels, Mrs. Dunk. Draw on purse, Mrs. Robert Johnson.

Afternoon tea was served.

## Firemen's Course

The Fire Marshall's office is planning to hold an instructors' course for the firemen of the Halton County Mutual Fire Aid Association. The course will cover the aspects of fire fighting and the betterment of mutual aid programs.

The courses will start on November 1 and will continue one night each week for 22 weeks.

## Blames Market Fall

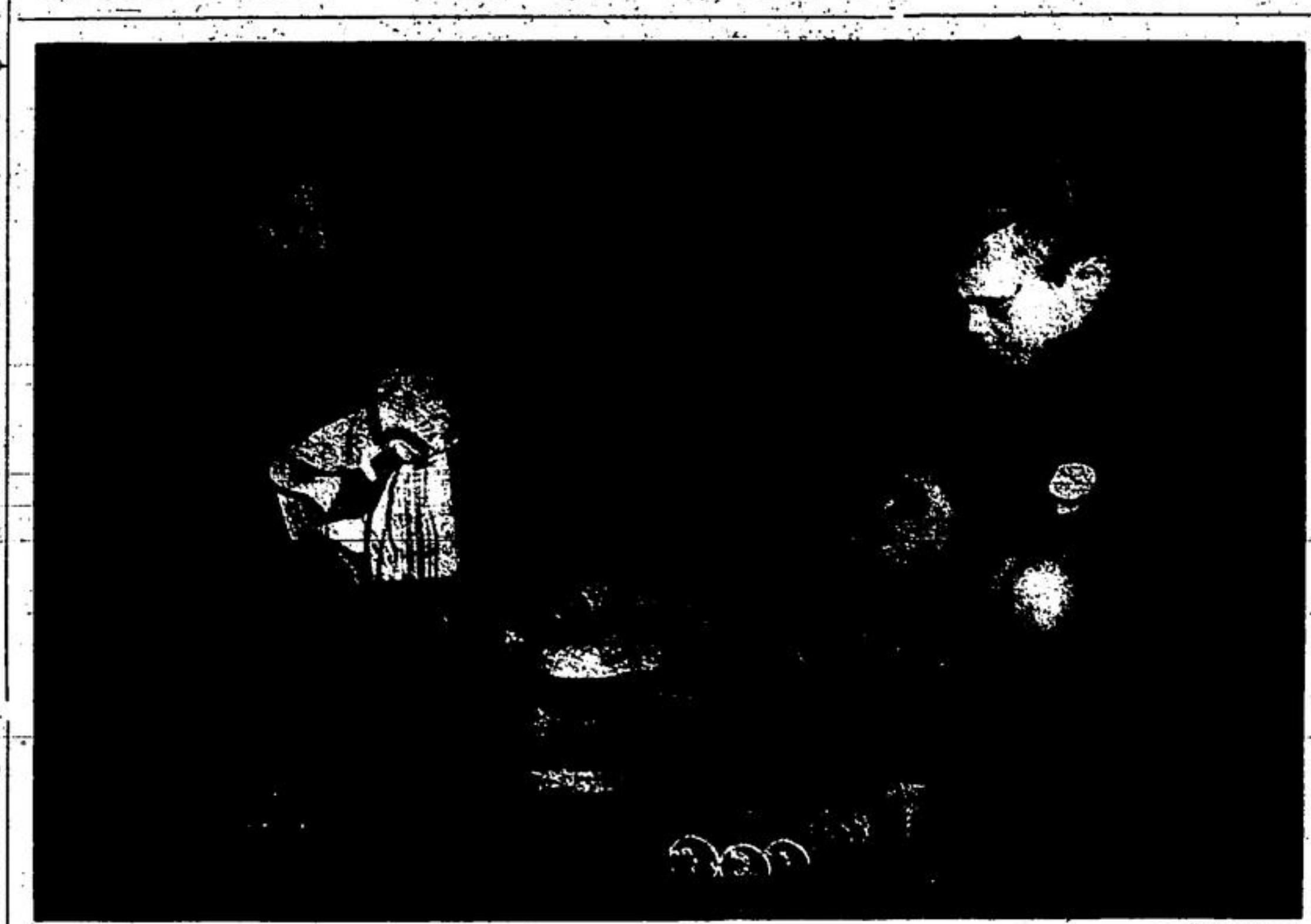
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## Report Micro Plastics Ltd. Sold to Jack Kent Cooke



POLISHING THE APPLES is all in the line of duty for Cubs Ricky Currie, left, and Jim Peal who with other cubs and scouts of the Acton packs and troop worked hard to make last Saturday's annual Scout Apple Day a successful one. Over 50 cubs and scouts canvassed industry and the town.

## 'Civic Square' Idea Unfolds Around Municipal Centre

If and when Acton gets a new municipal centre, it may bloom into more elaborate proportions than are presently envisioned by town officials. Information relayed from Town Planner P. A. Deacon to Monday night's council meeting revealed that the time may be ripe to think in terms of a "civic square."

Mr. Deacon, scheduled to appear before council at a special session next week with planned suggestions, told a clerk by telephone this week that the area of land held by the town, where the aging town hall now stands, may not be enough to accommodate the suggested offices and space for a proposed civic centre.

Last month council and the planning board asked Mr. Deacon to prepare plans on a suggested new civic centre which would include: a fire hall with provision for 24-hour duty; health unit room; town and P.U.C. offices; clerk's and mayor's offices; committee room; library and reading room; police office and cells; assessor's and engineer's office; council chambers and magistrate's court; necessary washrooms.

Apparently, it might not be architecturally feasible to squeeze all these rooms into a building that would fit the land available.

In view of this, Mr. Deacon reportedly suggested the town should take account of a planned "civic square" into its thinking about a new municipal centre or civic auditorium.

Less optimistic was word from the town planner concerning proposed renovations to the existing town hall building. The Clerk told council that Mr. Deacon reported he was unable to find any contractor who would put a firm price on renovating the town hall. It would be a "cost-as-we-go" proposition, he indicated.

In any event, council expects to get a fuller picture of what may or may not be done with the town hall at a proposed municipal centre at next week's special sitting.

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John Hughes, representing J. L. Graham and Co. and Bankers' Bond Corporation Ltd., appeared early in Monday night's short (two-and-a-half hour) session to quote a market price of \$98.08 on the \$36,000 debenture issue for Glenlea waterworks.

These debentures, at 4 1/2 per cent, were not included in the \$79,000 block of four which council sold to the same group a month ago at \$99.82.

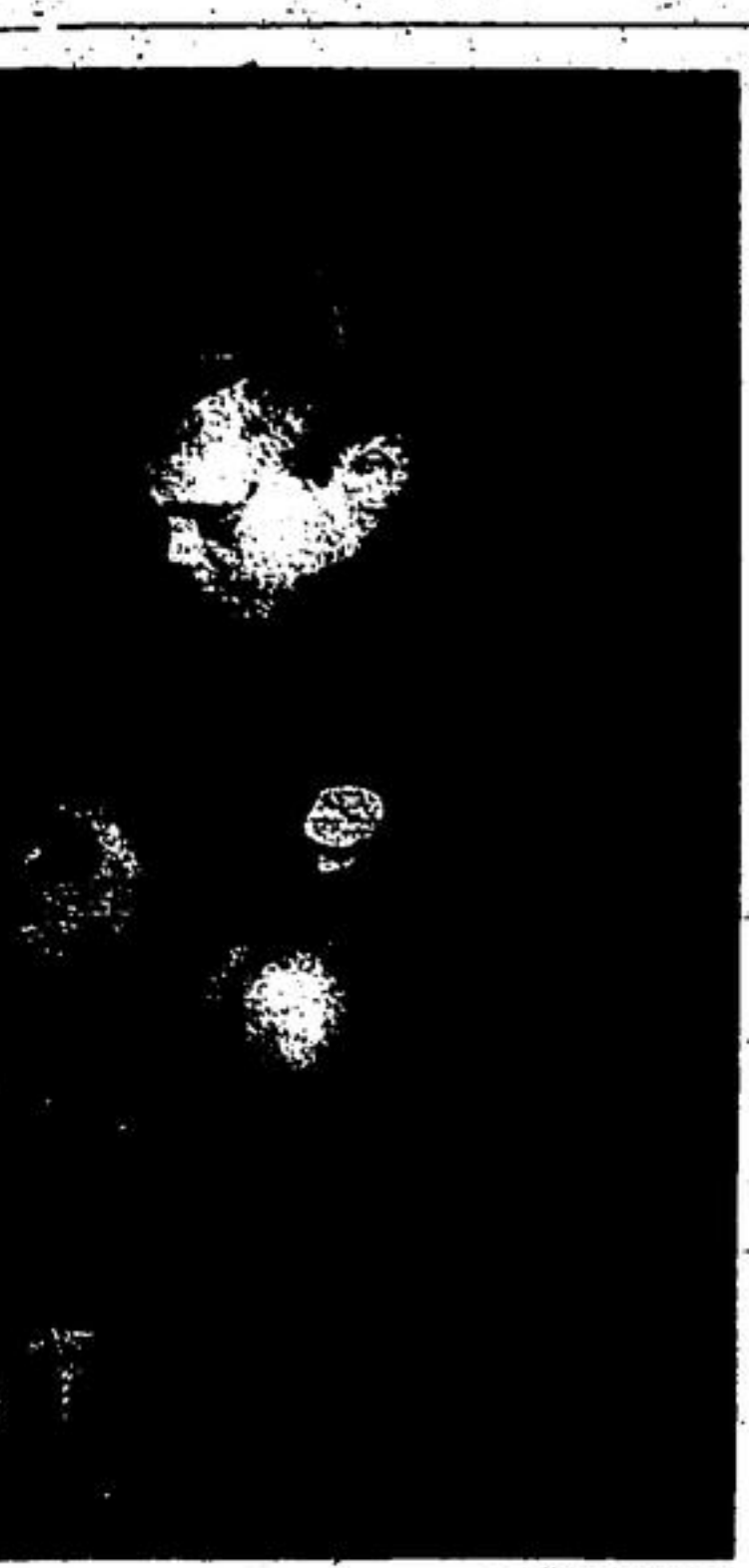
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## Point Gets Clearing At Park's West Edge

While weed cutting and raking continues in the tangled shallows of Fairy Lake, the point at the western edge of the park is also getting a cleaning this week.

The town is having brush, snow growth and some trees trimmed and cut to make a cleaner point and provide a better view of the largest area of the lake from Acton Park.

Beardmore Co. Ltd. is clearing the weeds out with a machine brought in for that purpose.

## Personal Grooming Questions Planned

The girls of the C.G.I.T. of Knox church wrote questions on personal grooming to be answered by the public health nurse, Miss Jean Rowe, when she comes to a future meeting. The meeting was held in the Sunday school room of the church on Monday evening, October 17.

The meeting opened with the purpose and hymn. During the business they decided not to hold a meeting next week or the week following.

## Deer Season

Contrary to rumors circulating among district hunters, there will be an open season on deer in Halton County from November 23 to November 25, inclusive. County Clerk W. Deans noted this week the application had been passed by the County Council and forwarded to the Department of Lands and Forests. Licenses for the hunt are issued by the individual municipalities, it is understood.

## Urban Board All For It

Steps which might eventually bring the area now served by the North Halton Urban Board into a big, metropolitan region from Burlington to Oshawa — organized by the Department of Planning and Development for industrial promotion — were warmly discussed by Urban Board members at a regular session in Georgetown this week.

Georgetown's Mayor Jack Armstrong told members that the trade and industry branch of the Department has already set up two regional areas in the province, the first of a projected nine, to centralize and facilitate industrial promotion for contained municipalities. The projected region which would include Acton, Milton and Georgetown has not yet been set up.

In learning of this program, members agreed the Board should not delay in offering assistance to bring about an industrial promotion region in this area. It was pointed out the Department matches expenditure dollar for dollar, up to \$10,000 in costs and salary to an industrial commissioner who would be hired.

It was urged the Department be contacted to find out when the industrial promotion region for this part of the province is to be set up, so the Board could undertake assistance which might ultimately prove beneficial to the Acton-Milton-Georgetown area.

Earlier in the meeting members reviewed an Urban Board resolution — endorsed by Milton and Georgetown, turned down by Acton, then passed on to county council — to set up a consultative committee to study the North Halton High School District Board, County council, at its meeting last week, approved the establishment of the committee.

This action was reviewed. It was noted a committee of three would likely be formed, as well as two school inspectors. Acton's Mayor Tyler, Chairman of the Urban Board, stressed the need for impartial representatives on this committee. Georgetown's Councillor Nor-

## Present Officers To Remain Here As Directors

One of Acton's major industries, Micro Plastics Limited, has been sold to Jack Kent Cooke, well-known Toronto financier, publisher and industrialist, it is announced this week. As of September 30 all shares of the company were transferred to the new owner. Mr. Cooke is now a director of the Company with J. H. Reid, A. R. Long and N. L. Bowles.

All of the officials will stay with the company for a minimum of three years, and there is no change anticipated in the operation or other arrangements in connection with operations of the firm. Included in the sale of the plant and equipment on Wallace Ave. is another tract of land of 14 acres which was recently acquired on Main St., north of the C.N.R. railway.

The plant on Wallace and Bower Ave. has an area of 24,000 square feet all on one floor and uses 15 extruding machines to turn out its various products. About 65 to 75 employees are presently working here. The company is Canada's largest extruders of plastics.

Micro Plastics Limited was started in Acton in July 1946 when the plastic industry was in its infancy. One extruder was put in operation. The first plant was the building close to Mill St. J. H. Reid, A. R. Long and John Sault were the founders and later Mr. Sault withdrew and Mr. Bowles came into the company. It has shown steady expansion and building since being established.

Acton citizens will be pleased to know that all the members of the firm who reside in Acton are to remain in charge and continue to reside in Acton. They have always taken a keen interest in the town and all the community affairs.

## White Elephant Auction Highlight

A white elephant auction sale was the highlight of the supper meeting held by the Y's Men's club in the Y.M.C.A. on Thursday evening of last week. Charles Kirkness acted as auctioneer for the articles that were wrapped up to conceal any identity. Proceeds of the fun-provoking sale go to the Bishop's Fund which finances overseas delegates to world conventions.

A special evening honoring the international president, Mac Bowman of Niagara Falls, was discussed. The Acton club will be host at a banquet.

Guest for the meeting was Jack Lancier and the Y's Men joined with the So-Ed Club after their meeting to hear Mr. Lancier speak on the Kitchener television station where he is employed.

## Publicity Director Addresses Rotarians

Eric Curvain, the publicity director for the Milton hospital, was the guest speaker at the Rotary club regular meeting on Tuesday evening. He spoke on publicity and advertising and gave some information on the 50-bed hospital that is to be built in Milton.

Mr. Curvain was introduced to the members by Fred Wright. Ken Hulford expressed the thanks of the group.

## Area Would Be in Big Industrial Promotion Region

Information on the relative costs of building permits and gave some attention to the mushrooming growth in the area and the attending, increased debenture debt.

At one point in these talks, it was commented that most subdividers work on a percentage basis whereby their profits increase as costs rise. At another point, some members questioned the quality of buildings which are being erected in the three towns.

At the close of Tuesday night's meeting, members agreed to contact Bell Telephone Company officials in this area and remind them of the report expected on the feasibility of instituting extended area telephone service. Bell officials were first contacted on this matter a year ago.

The school for retarded children in Milton is now in operation with three pupils and more are expected. It has been named the Sunshine school.

## Preston Downs A.H.S. 15 To 5

Preston high school's garnet and grey team defeated the visiting Acton aggregation 15 to 5 there last Thursday. The first quarter had no scoring and each team seemed content to take turns with small gains. Preston lost a total of 20 yards in penalties.

In the second quarter, an Acton pass was intercepted on the first play and Preston moved the ball 14 yards before Acton took over. A small exchange of little yardage found Preston kicking to Acton. From that kick on, Acton advanced 55 yards for an unconverted touchdown. The score read 5 to 0.

Preston, fighting back, drove 52 yards from the kick-off to the Acton one-yard line. They plunged across for a touchdown which was unconverted. At half time the score read 5 to 5.

In a 39 yard dash from the kick-off, Preston was again on the Acton one yard line on a series of plays. Their second unconverted touchdown was scored. Preston led 10 to 5.

A brief exchange of possession gave Preston control of the ball on their own 40-yard line. It was carried 33 yards by one player, followed by an 11-yard gain and a touchdown. It again was unconverted.

There was no scoring in the fourth quarter.

Acton players were R. Coon, H. Vanderhevel, G. Dawkins, W. Wagner, R. Sinclair, W. Ingles, J. Jany, R. Kerr, D. Watson, C. MacColl, E. Footitt, W. Skilling, W. Oost, D. Wilds, A. Benton.

Preston—B. Larriman, L. Bhandel, Bartels, B. Ellis, W. Altemann, B. Cooburn, J. Brodson, W. Demhouse, B. Balke, P. Pass, J. Gowing, S. Schrantz.

## Guest Speaker At Thankoffering

Miss Ellen Anderson was the guest speaker at the Thankoffering meeting of the Women's Missionary Society held in the United church on Tuesday afternoon of last week. Mrs. C. L. Poole introduced the speaker to the ladies and their guests.

Missionary work was Miss Anderson's subject. She told of the many different castes who do not have the Gospel. Many were learning of our religion with difficulty, and others are on the dividing line. Her descriptions were very vivid indeed, and her talk was much enjoyed.

Miss M. Z. Bennett, the president, presided for the meeting. She welcomed the speaker and those visiting from other churches.

The worship service was taken by Mrs. F. Cleave, Mrs. B. Shoemaker and Mrs. A. Orr. Mrs. B. Veldhuis and Miss D. Simmons sang a duet.

Mrs. J. Lambert and Mrs. G. Johnson took the offering and the dedication was given by Mrs. Hannah.

The meeting closed with prayer and refreshments were served. Pouring tea were Mrs. C. L. Poole and Mrs. R. R. Arnold.

Mrs. Hewig expressed greetings from the Baptist W.M.S. and Mrs. A. J. Buchanan from Knox W.M.S.

## October Fare Is Wet and Cold

Wet and cold weather has been the bill of fare during the previous week, not too unusual for mid-October.

The smell of burning leaves, usually rife at this time of year, has been absent. Instead, the air has hung with a damp haze since the drizzly days started last Friday.

Wednesday took a turn for the better as skies cleared in the morning and sunshine broke through. It may be optimistic, but maybe there's a smidgeon of Indian summer ahead before the winds and first snows of November howl in.

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