



ARCHITECT'S PERSPECTIVE of the proposed civic centre is shown in this reprint of a line drawing. Monday Acton's ratepayers will mark "Yes" or "No" on a ballot questioning provision of some \$200,000

for this contemplated project. At the same time the taxpayers will be asked to approve allowance of a half-mill annual grant to the Acton Citizens' Band.

### Forums Agree 97 Per Cent Local Government Is the Most Useful

Local governments in Ontario communities are serving a useful purpose, judging by the opinions of 97 per cent of the 387 Forums reporting on the Forum discussion on the question "Is Local Government Effective?". Indeed, the most of them seemed to feel like Little Jersey Creek forum in Elgin, who said, "We do not think we could get along without our local governments today."

There were a few, however, who thought like Kimberley forum in Grey, that the present system of local government should be abolished or changed to give more efficient service. Along with several others, they think the township council might be done away with and the county council do the job. On the other hand, about 10 forums

thought the township level of government was good but the county council was not needed. For their second question, the forums were asked for reasons why they thought local government served or did not serve a useful purpose. Answers were many and varied. However, half the groups said like Demorestville in Prince Edward that the local government knows local conditions and is thus in a position to administer to better advantage for the people in their community than a government controlling a wider area.

Then about 20 per cent of the forums agreed with Munro's Mills in Glengarry, who said they believed a local government was most economical and was more effective because of the contact with the people. Sunnyside forum in Wellington put it another way when they say local governments "spend less money and do more work than any other government."

Valleyhill forum in Lambton point out, with about 15 per cent of the groups, that local government is a good training ground for anyone to participate in the work of governing. They add that this also makes for closer contact because the local government is more interested in local problems and will try to satisfy the needs of the people where possible. Friendly Corners in Wellington sum up the thoughts on the matter nicely when they say that "local government is democracy at work in the community where the local citizen can most easily participate and make his wishes known. It gives him a chance to help decide on matters which are of direct concern to him."

#### ORIGIN OF WREATHS

The holly wreath, like many favorite Christmas customs, came as a result of the early Christian practice of enhancing Druid customs with Christian significance. Thus the holly wreath became the crown of thorns, the red berries the drops of Christ's blood.

#### EXCHANGE OF GIFTS

The custom of exchanging gifts at the Christmas season goes far back to the time of ancient Rome when the citizenry packaged gifts of sweet pastry, lamps or precious stones according to their wealth.

The world's only flock of greater snow geese, which summers in Canada's north and which once was down to 3,000 birds, now numbers about 90,000.



#### ONIONS IN THE STEW

Remember The Egg and I? Betty MacDonald always manages to do something different — and in this book she has a different husband to do it with. She still has her two teen-age daughters, though. Of course it's Betty MacDonald's wit and vivacity that make this book so much fun.

She and her family, after much hunting, buy a house on the island of Vashon in Puget Sound, where they can see the lights of Seattle in the distance.

Naturally, their troubles are many and ridiculous.

It is estimated that in the current year 128,000 new dwelling units will be built in Canada. For the year 1959 the total was 51,700.

#### POPCORN BALL

Christmas Day was not recognized in America until the second half of the 19th century and in parts of the U. S. was even outlawed until then.

#### INDIAN EDUCATION

We think it is impossible for the Indian race, under our present Indian laws which are basically unchanged since the first treaty was signed with the "Great White Queen, Victoria," ever to become a full fledged part of Canadian life. The new generations must be educated to a greater degree.—Ponoka (Alta.) Herald.

### First Canadian Carol in Huron

Perhaps the first truly Canadian carol (considered by some students to be the first New World carol) is a fine example of triple heritage. "The Huron Carol" as it is now simply called, or "Jesus Ah-ah-ah," is credited to a Father, Jean de Brebeuf. He was a Jesuit missionary who between 1626 and 1649 worked among our Huron Indians in that part of Ontario lying between Lake Simcoe and Georgian Bay. He sang it in the Huron language, set to an old 16th century French carol tune, the carol only becoming widely known after its translation into English in 1926. It is thought that it was sung among the Hurons about 1641-42; "Jesus" being referred to as "The Great Spirit" and the "Three Wise Men" as the "Three Chiefs."

In 1649 when the Iroquois invaded Huronia, Brebeuf and Lallemont were tortured to death at the stake; Huron Indians driven away. Some escaped and settled at Lorette, a village near Quebec City, where a hundred years later another Jesuit priest, Father de Villeneuve, heard their descendants sing the carol and set it down under the title "Jesus set ne" in which form it was sung for years in that province until 1926 when a Canadian poet, J. E. Middleton, wrote the English words which catch the mood of the original song although it is not an exact translation.

"The Huron Carol" is included in "Folk Songs of Canada", recently published and beautifully illustrated by Elizabeth Wilkes Hoey, a textile designer from nearby Bronte.

Only in 1952 did Canada's exports exceed her imports in value.

### Coming From Kenya Finds Canada Cool

Vancouver (CP)—Carol Sue Turner, 17 year-old University of British Columbia co-ed, arrived here from Kenya wearing winter garments and complained of cold feet. Carol said it was hot the year round in Nairobi, Kenya, even without the Mau Mau. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Turner of Vancouver,

who travelled the world these last 19 years, live in Kabete, residential area eight miles from Nairobi proper. "Our house in Kabete is right on the edge of the Kikuyu reserve," said Carol. "There is a Mau Mau chief living right back of our garden." "I didn't know it till the police came and burned down his hut. I don't know what happened to him." Carol was born in London and reared in Shanghai, Hong Kong and Singapore.

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## VOTE 'YES' FOR THE BAND

### BY-LAW ON DEC. 5 if you are in favor of:

- ★ having a Citizens' Band continue operation in Acton.
- ★ having a Band available and willing to play for any local organizations or civic functions.
- ★ having musical training provided for the youth who are interested in learning to play a band instrument.

## Do You Know...

- Acton has had a Citizens' Band serving this community for 83 years?
- if some bandsmen had not purchased instruments for themselves, the present band would not be equipped with instruments?
- in addition to devoting approximately 100 hours each year to the Band, the members have had to run projects to raise about \$800 annually to keep the Band in operation?
- many of the bandsmen have no uniform to wear? The uniforms were made for the former Boys' Band and many are too small to be of any use.

**Cash Award Every Saturday**

ABSOLUTELY NO OBLIGATION. GET YOUR FREE COUPON FROM THE MERCHANTS LISTED BELOW.

# RECEIVE CASH AWARDS ATTEND APPRECIATION DAY

**Note These Features...**

Coupons are left to accumulate week after week.

The Treasure Chest increases in amount each week, hence your coupons increase in value each week.

Only stipulation—you must be present at drawing to win.

Coupons free on request at office of sponsor.

## in Acton on Saturday, December 10 and Every Saturday for 52 Weeks

### Opening Fund \$70 - It builds up every week - Draw at 3 p.m. at Post Office Corner

The progressive local merchants whose names appear below have set aside a weekly APPRECIATION DAY as a means of showing their genuine appreciation for your patronage. This is their way of saying "Thank You" for trading and buying in our town.

In addition to the special APPRECIATION DAY values they will be announcing from time to time, these merchants through this sponsoring organization have created for their customers a COMMUNITY TREASURE CHEST as a further token of their gratitude for your continued patronage.

The amount in this Treasure Chest will grow from week to week, and from it a Weekly Cash Award will be made.

You may secure coupons upon request at any time from any of the APPRECIATION DAY merchants or at the office of the sponsor. Coupons will be offered to all present at the weekly APPRECIATION DAY program. They are free.

### You Must be Present to Win

An additional coupon will be offered to you every time you make a purchase from one of the participating firms. In these instances, the percentage punched on the coupon will bear a direct relation to the amount of the total purchase, in order that community surveys may be conducted from time to time to determine the size of the average-unit purchases, the expansion of the trade territory, etc.

With purchase of \$0.25 to \$0.99 you get 5% Coupon  
 With purchase of 1.00 to 4.99 you get 10% Coupon  
 With purchase of 5.00 to 9.99 you get 20% Coupon  
 With purchase of 10.00 to 14.99 you get 30% Coupon  
 With purchase of 15.00 to 24.99 you get 40% Coupon  
 With purchase of 25.00 to 49.99 you get 50% Coupon

(Limit: Two coupons on any one purchase)

**ALL YOU DO** is write your name and address on the back of each coupon and drop it in the box of some participating firm. All coupons are collected each APPRECIATION DAY and deposited in the community container. At the weekly APPRECIATION DAY program, a coupon bearing a person's name will be selected from the container by the same method used in selecting the members of a jury.

**ALWAYS AN AWARD:** If the person whose name on the coupon is not present, another and another will be selected until somebody receives the award. It may be 5, 10, 20, 30, 40 or 50 per cent of the chest, but someone always receives the award each week.

**THE REMAINING FUND** will then be carried to the following APPRECIATION DAY and to it will be added the next week's Treasure Chest subscription. Tell your neighbors about APPRECIATION DAY coupons and where they are obtainable.

Ledger's I.G.A. Food Store  
 Gordon McCutcheon Men's Wear  
 Acton Home Furnishings - Furniture  
 Family Outfitters - General Clothing  
 Mildred Bell's - Ladies' and Children's Wear  
 Symon Hardware - Hardware  
 E. Braide - Shoe Store  
 Eisen's Clothing Store - Clothing  
 Bob Ridsdale's Men's and Boys' Wear - Clothing

Hinton's Stores  
 Ovenette Bakery - Bakery  
 Cooper's Drug Store - Druggist  
 Don S. Bexton - Jeweller  
 H. W. Baxter - Druggist  
 Watson Dairy Bar  
 Holland Shop - Imports and Gifts  
 Gordon's Hardware - Hardware  
 Lorne Garner Motors - G.A.C. Dealer

Acton Creamery  
 Lovell Bros. - Meats  
 Grand Union Carroll's - Supermarket  
 Custom Cleaners  
 Bradley's Meat Market - Meat  
 Manning Electric - Appliances  
 Thompson Motors - Ford Sales and Service  
 Watson's Music Store - Records, music

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