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**NEW SIDEWALK IS POURED** on Mill Street this week and last week as the town's first-laid stretch of concrete walk is torn up to be replaced by a new, wider walk. Here town workmen are shown directing the ready-mixed cement for the area between John and Elgin. The Elgin to Frederick section continues this week.

## Opening Brings Manor Investment Near Million

The new staff house at Halton's Centennial Manor will be officially opened Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. by L. E. Ludlow, the Director of Homes for the Aged Division of Ontario, who will officiate. This, with the landscaping now underway, will bring the county investment there to just under a million dollars, the Board Chairman pointed out.

Many officials of the County will be present and Robert H. Shannon of Burlington, Chairman of the Halton Manor Board, has extended an invitation to everyone in the county to visit the new staff house and the Manor this Sunday.

The Lorne Scots Band will be on hand at the ceremony to supply the music and light refreshments will be served in the main dining room of the Manor following the opening.

The staff house, situated north of the present Manor building, was undertaken in 1955 when it was found the Manor would reach a state of full occupancy by next year. The main two advantages of having a separate building to

house the staff were: 1. It would release 20 beds to provide accommodation for a number of years for new residents; 2. It would mean the staff would have their own facilities with obvious advantages to both residents and staff.

After the commencement of the construction in March of this year, a program of installation of sidewalks, patios and landscaping was undertaken. The new sidewalks mean safer walking and more outside exercise for the residents and with the patios they can enjoy themselves outdoors to the fullest extent. This winter it is planned to plant large shade trees around the grounds.

A large outside checker court has been provided so that residents can play this game outdoors in the summer. An extensive lighting program has also been undertaken and drive and parking facilities at the front of the Manor are completed. A lighted sign is being installed at the entrance to the Manor at Highway 25.

There is also some remodelling being done in one part of the home to provide better accommodation for married couples. The Board believes that it is essential that married couples admitted to the home should be together in their quarters.

Accommodations and furnishings are as bright and as pleasant as possible. According to Mr. Shannon "it costs very little if anything more to put bright paint on instead of drab paint. This also applies to other furnishings and does a great deal to improve the surroundings for the residents and improve working conditions for the staff."

"The citizens of Halton County can be as proud as any citizens in Canada for the care and comfort they accord their elderly citizens," added the Board chairman.

George Ellis, publisher of the *Goderich Signal-Star*, and retiring president, said that "it is impossible to believe that society will continue to produce men who could be hurled into the breach as we have been in the past years."

He forecast new co-operatives with modern presses and transport facilities to speed up production of the weeklies. Growing competition with allied financial problems demands streamlining, he said.

Anthony S. Mendell of Streetsville was elected president. Other officers are vice-president, J. G. (Bud) Landsborough, Grand Valley, secretary; Willard Gardiner, Harrison, treasurer; directors, Don Southcott, Exeter; William Templin, Fergus; David Dills, Acton.

**Lifesaver Lack Finishes Sales Project Success**  
With 2,420 rolls of lifesavers sold and market for plenty more, the Gra-Y club's lifesaver sale proved highly successful Friday and Saturday. Altogether \$62.94 was raised for world service work of the Y.M.C.A.

Champion seller of the project was Verna Churchill with \$19.30. Second was Jacoba Van der Brink with \$10.20 and third, Dave Fleming with \$16.40.

The boys and girls went door-to-door and even sold packages of lifesavers in Rockwood. Sales ended when the boys and girls ran out of lifesavers.

## Popular and Active Citizen L. Masters Dies in Crash

### Model Railroaders Set Up Display in Y

Members of the Black Creek Railroad held their first social night in the Y.M.C.A. Friday. Model railroaders from Guelph and Georgetown also attended the meeting. Colored home movies on railroading were shown by Owen Masales and John Fleming. Colored slides were presented by Owen Masales and Harry Otterbein. Members of the club set up a display of model equipment including most of the prototype rolling stock in the various model railroad gauges.

Lunch was served by Jim Lindsay, John Fleming and Robert Buck. 30 members were at the meeting. The next meeting will be held in the Acton Y.M.C.A., Friday, November 2. Anyone interested in joining the model railroad club is cordially invited to attend.

### Turkey Supper Served to 560

Special services and music and the annual turkey supper, when over 560 dinners were served, marked the anniversary of Acton United church. Guest speaker morning and evening Sunday was Rev. W. Harold Young M.A., B.D., D.D., L.D., the secretary of the Board of College and Students of the United Church of Canada.

Ministers of other congregations also took part in the evening service.

Delicious turkey dinner was served in the Sunday school room on Monday evening. The ladies believed over 500 were served there, and 60 dinners were sent out. A program followed with numbers by Mrs. Kenneth Griffiths, Donna McMillan and Elmer Dewidge who sang.

Mrs. Malcolm Moffat, electionist; Morris Van Hemmen and his accordion; Helen Landsborough at the piano and Edwin Watson playing his electric guitar. Rev. Gordon Adams acted as chairman.

### End Copper Contest At Evening Auxiliary

The October meeting of the Albert Evening Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. J. Van Fleet. Mrs. Alex Mann was the convener for the program. The devotions were taken by Mrs. Mann. Miss Florence Elliott and Mrs. S. Sinclair.

The study book was taken by Mrs. Mann, assisted by Mrs. Benne. Mrs. Sinclair and Mrs. Inglis took charge of the business, during which Mrs. Musselle gave a detailed report of the sale sent in September.

The copper contest was closed and the collectors of 1951 coppers were the winners.

### Chamber Opens

Acton Chamber of Commerce will hold its first meeting of the new season Monday evening when town planner P. A. Deacon will be the guest speaker.

The Chamber will also hold elections for the coming year. President J. Gray pointed out this week that it has been decided to conduct only four major dinner meetings through the season. Chamber council meetings will be held regularly, however.

It is expected town planner Deacon will discuss in part the implementation of Acton's forthcoming town zoning by-law.

Funeral service will be held Saturday afternoon for Lorne Masters, a popular Acton citizen active in community service, who was instantly killed early Wednesday morning when his car ran off No. 25 Highway about four miles north of Milton.

The 32-year-old father of three children was driving alone from Hamilton when the accident occurred. There were no witnesses. District police from Milton investigated after the accident scene was discovered by Jim Higgins, Frank McCarron and his wife who were driving to Acton.

It is believed the mishap occurred about 1 a.m. The car, which went into the west ditch, hit two trees and rolled over. It was a total wreck.

The coroner, Dr. G. Syer of Milton, was called before the body was removed to Acton.

Lorne Masters was a member of the Y's Men's club and a valued asset to the projects committee. He joined willingly and enthusiastically in the work of the club.

After being on the executive of the Home and School Association for several years, he was elected to the office of president this year. He had conducted his first meeting in October.

Star third baseman the year Acton won the championship. He played on many ball teams. He played goal in junior hockey and was on Hespeler and Acton hockey teams. The past year he was a coach for the Intermediate ball club and played some games.

His interest in sports extended to helping the opening stars and he was a member of the Minor Sports committee, helping to organize and coach ball and hockey for boys.

He worked for about 15 years as foreman at Baxter Laboratories. For the past two and a half months, he was district salesman for Acton, Georgetown and Milton for the United Suburban Gas Co.

Mrs. Masters, the former Margaret Lane, and their three children, Lynne R. Wendy 6 and Gary 2, live on McDonald Blvd.

Also surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Masters, two sisters, Ruth (Mrs. Earl Masales) and Betty (Mrs. Clifford, Ashley) and two brothers, Victor and William. All the members of the family make their home in Acton.

The funeral service is being held Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. in Knox Presbyterian church. Interment will follow in Fairview cemetery.

### Mrs. G. Adams North Halton Guiding Head

Many Guide leaders of the Halton Division attended a social evening and pot luck supper in Oakville to honor the retirement of Mrs. R. Hoey, who has long been active in Halton guide work. Mrs. Hoey was presented with a three-piece luggage set by the guiders.

The new appointments were announced at the dinner. Mrs. H. A. Sawyer is now Area Commissioner. Mrs. S. E. Wood of Milton was named Divisional Commissioner for the Halton Division with the exception of Oakville, which is now a division in itself.

North Halton was divided into two districts, with Mrs. Gordon Adams of Acton in charge of Acton and Milton, and Mrs. Norman Marchmont of Georgetown in charge of the Georgetown, Norval and Glen Williams area.

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The new executive was introduced. Two films were shown, one the highlights of the 1955 Big Four football season in color.



**LORNE MASTERS**, well-known Acton resident, was instantly killed early Wednesday morning in an accident on 25 Highway.

### Former Resident In Fatal Accident

A former Acton resident, Mrs. John W. Scriven, died Sunday evening after the car driven by her husband left the road at a highway junction near Ouzia they had driven through many times before.

Mrs. Scriven was pinned in the car as it skidded and rammed a large maple tree, pitching her into the windshield and her husband into the steering wheel.

Police worked for some time to free her. The family lived on Main St. before moving to Toronto.

### Admitted Thefts Including Entry Of Area Garage

Two Toronto men were scheduled to be sentenced in magistrate's court in Cooksville yesterday on charges of burglary and theft which included a charge of breaking and entering at Ballentine's service station east of here last June.

The No. 7 highway station is now operated by Jack McCallum. The pair, Donald Bradley, 21, and Robert Livingston, 21, pleaded guilty to this theft and several others following their arrest by Toronto township police.

In the June theft at Ballentine's the station was entered by concrete blocks being removed from the rear and a car was driven away. About \$30 and 10 cartons of cigarettes were stolen.

In addition to admitting thefts in Whitby, Cooksville and Unionville, the two also admitted stealing a revolver and two rifles in Acton.

A Toronto township police detective said a search of the men's East York rooms revealed "many interesting things," including two rifles, a shotgun, a 32 revolver, a 22 target pistol and ammunition for all these. There was no evidence the two ever carried the firearms when they committed the various offenses.

The detective added they appeared to have kept all the stolen articles and not tried to dispose of them. They were reported quite co-operative in telling the police where the articles came from.

### New Junior-Hi-Y Club Chartered

At a mother and daughter dinner in the Y Monday evening, the new Three Star Junior Hi-Y Club received its charter. Five boys from a Kitchener Hi-Y club came to conduct the service.

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### Interest at Low Ebb

## Ratepayers Fight to Keep Their Association Living

Acknowledging that it seems to take controversy to stoke interest in their organization, members of the Acton Ratepayers' Association strove Tuesday night to keep the Association alive in the face of declining attendance.

An audience of 21 people turned out for the annual meeting and election night in the Council chamber. At a meeting last month, attended by seven persons, it was agreed to suspend regular monthly meetings and hold gatherings as necessary.

Elections never were held Tuesday night. With the agreement of those in attendance, President H. Lowe suggested elections be set for a month during which time it is hoped to revive the apparent flagging interest of Association members.

It was stated that during this month of grace, efforts would be made to determine if the Association would remain or disband. President Lowe deplored the idea of it becoming a "shadow organization," ultimatum the Ratepayers should keep active or disband. As the meeting developed opinions from the floor indicated a strong desire to revitalize member interest and maintain a strong Association.

**Election Attempt Fails**  
Earlier, an attempt was made to name a new slate. This failed when three named for the presidency declined nomination. However, C. Bishop accepted the temporary vice-presidency following the withdrawal of J. Bulloch. Present officers will stay in for a month.

In a discussion of the apparent lack of interest, especially now at election time, President Lowe recalled a year ago there were "a remarkable number of troubles" about town. Now, he said, many of these troubles seem to be fixed so interest is waning, especially among Glenview members.

Councillor W. Cook admitted it seems to take something controversial to keep the Ratepayers' Association alive.

Diagnosis of the Ratepayers' troubles continued. Reasons were speculated for the interest lack. Little support was given the suggestion of a former Association officer that the nucleus of the organization be retained and members become inactive until circumstances require renewed activity.

Talk turned to ways and means of more effectively advertising the meetings. It was agreed to attempt a renewal of the Association newsletter for distribution among members.

During this discussion it was recalled that entertainment projects planned for last summer had not materialized.

**Review Accomplishments**  
At the outset of the meeting the president reviewed some of the Association's accomplishments through the year. The Brankiewicz case, he said, was handled by the Association and is still being handled by the Association to its completion in court.

Mr. Lowe saw the Association as the "ultimate lever" on Council in getting rid of the town's former dump site. He referred briefly to the new method of dumping the town's garbage. Here he suggested that this new dump site, when filled in, could make an excellent industrial location.

The Ratepayers' Association intervened on the Maria St. bridge the speaker continued, and noted it was "remarkable" that it took all the fuss the Association raised to take the bridge to a hearing, and have ownership established.

The president considered Association projects of municipal interest to have concluded satisfactorily. He praised Council for the hardtopping project.

**The Case of the Merry Chase**  
Tuesday afternoon was a fine afternoon for a drive in the country. A reporter and photographer from this newspaper, alternately leading and alternately following the Acton fire brigade, made the grand tour from Acton to Esquesing, Esquesing to Acton, Acton to Nassagaweya and back again looking for a fire.

None found a fire to either photograph or put out but lots of smoke was investigated.

It happened this way: A fire alarm about 2 p.m. speeds newsmen and firemen to that order, off to the Sixth-Line of Esquesing. No fire out there. Firemen learn same from newsmen and the former tear away, this time newsmen following.

Firemen stop, phone into Acton, find out the alarm came from the Sixth-Line of Nassagaweya. Everybody speeds off again now toward Acton. Newsmen have regained the lead.

Entourage passes through Acton, newsmen still leading.

At the Sixth-Line of Nassagaweya, newsmen stop to ask workmen at the Rayner Construction Co.'s asphalt plant for fire. (Asphalt plant is belching smoke magnificently but there's no fire.) Workman points to yon bush and says: "Saw smoke over there a while ago."

Newsmen scramble across plowed field to bush as smoke apparent there. Photographer enters bush, sees man, woman girl moving about a brush fire. Photographer shouts reassuringly: "The fire truck's right behind us—be here in seconds!"

Trip in bush look at photograph. At reporter, then at each other. Man informs newsmen: "We didn't call an alarm. We're getting rid of scrub and this fire's under control."

So it was.

Firemen run in, find out same thing. Excited conversation among newsmen and firemen and everybody rushes off again. This time firemen leading.

Newsmen stop at sight of a third smoke site. Inquire if fire alarm came from Sixth-Line north. Man at Department of Highways repair depot says no and informs newsmen that smoke is coming from a pile of empty cement bags he's burning.

Newsmen chase off after firemen, reach Acton fire hall. Final flurry of conversation. Newsmen learn alarm came from asphalt plant by mistake.

### Polio Shots for H.S. Students This Fall Is Health Unit Plan

The County Health Unit this week received 13,000 doses of polio vaccine for the fall immunization program.

It is hoped that two doses will be given all High School students before the end of the year. Also, clinics for the immunization of pre-school children will be set up before the year is out. Children under school age who have not as yet received the vaccine through the family physician will receive the inoculation at these clinics.

In the early part of 1957, school children who have received two doses of the vaccine will be given a third dose, and the first two doses will be given to those children now in school who have not as yet received protection. This last group will include children in kindergarten and grade one. Some time before the end of June, 1957, the Health Unit expects to administer over 50,000 doses of the vaccine.

**Quiet Night**  
Hallowe'en came and went in Acton last night as one of the quietest in years.

There were plenty of youngsters, fantastically made up and returned, whooping about town in quest of candy. But there were few prowling about bent on damage.

Aside from a few signs uprooted, windows soaped and minor pranks, little damage was caused. It was a relatively quiet night.

**11 Tables in Play At Successful Euchre**  
A successful euchre, with 11 tables in play, was held in the scout hall by the Scout and Guide Mothers' Association Friday evening.

Prizes were won by the following ladies' first, Mrs. W. Cole; second, Mary Mathews; consolation, Mrs. Dunne, men's first, Milly Rowles; second, H. Millward; consolation, Mrs. Alice Newton.

**Plowing Match**  
The Halton Plowmen's Association held its annual match in Nelson township last Friday afternoon. Regarded as one of the best county matches in the province, the event is fully covered on Page Six of this issue by agricultural representative J. E. Whitelock.



**TWO YEARS IN A ROW**, Mary Lou Taylor of R.R. 2, Burlington, has been the only girl competing in the Halton plowing match, held Friday. The pretty teen-ager showed the boys that a feminine touch sometimes helps, when she won a prize in the under 16 years class.

### Or, Lots of Smoke But No Fire

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