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REMEMBRANCE DAY was observed in Acton on Sunday when veterans, citizens and other local organizations attended a brief memorial service at the cenotaph and a service of remembrance following in Knox Presbyterian Church. The above scene of the event at the Cenotaph reflects the two minutes' silence when last post is sounded, flags are lowered, and heads are bowed prior to the sounding of reveille. Acton Citizens' Band assisted in the service.

## County Endorses Nelson Resolution Protecting Residences From Industry

After considerable discussion, Halton County Council in regular monthly session endorsed a resolution which would protect residential areas from adjoining industry. The debate was sparked by a letter from Nelson township council which noted the Shell Oil Company had made application for a change in zoning in Trafalgar township. It also stated the City Service Oil Company wished to locate in the same area. Nelson is opposed to this area being used for this purpose, the letter said. Nelson asked county council to review these changes in respect to the establishment as being a detriment to the health of residents and pollution of lake waters.

**Defends Location**  
Trafalgar representatives receive Robert Marshall, strongly defended the location as being desirable for industry. He said everyone knew for some 18 months this industry was located in Trafalgar, and oil companies were making every study and spending considerable money to eliminate any objectionable odors or refuse from the industry. "Our planning board has reviewed these applications very carefully and I am sure they are not going to allow a nuisance to be created." Reeve Marshall stated.

**Support Nelson**  
Burlington representatives announced their support to Nelson's objections, having similar locations in the south-west corner of Trafalgar township. Reeve William Card, Oakville, said he was opposed to the resolution as tabled, naming oil refineries. "This may give the impression this council is opposed to industry locating along the lake, which I think is far from the intention of the resolution. We may slow up this development for the time being, but I am sure the whole of the lakeshore area between Toronto and Hamilton will surely become industrialized in our time, and it is a fact that we should not lose sight of."

**Fear Wrong Impression**  
Council members agreed that if a misinterpreted press report got out, it could give the impression industry was not wanted in this area. Many members did not favor the original resolution as sponsored by Deputy-Reeves Fred Atkinson, Burlington and R. C. Cunningham, Milton, but supported the resolution after amending words were inserted and others deleted. Georgetown and Oakville representatives agreed residences and people should be protected. Deputy-Reeve Don Bath, Trafalgar, pointed out that as these areas were not zoned, it was anybody's guess who their neighbors would be. "We must protect our homes and the health of the people in these areas, and this type of industry should be isolated." Deputy-Reeve Walker insisted.

The amended resolution endorsed by council is: "that this council

go on record as being opposed to permitting industry to become established adjacent to established residential surveys without complete protection to the residences. A copy of this motion is to be sent to all councils and planning boards."

**Observe Silence**  
To honor the memory of Miss Sybil Bennett, Member of Parliament for Halton, council stood and observed a one minute's silence. Members supported a recommendation of the road committee asking the Board of Transport Commissioners to review the grade separations at railway crossings on the Eighth Line, Trafalgar; the Seventh Line, Esquesing, near



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## Judges Name Lesley Ann Duby As Public Speaking Champion

Lesley Ann Duby is the winner of the Rachlin trophy for public speaking, as Acton public school's champion. Ten competed on Tuesday morning. Judges Miss Ruby Clark and Rev. Ray Costerus declared Miss Duby the winner, with runners-up Helen A. Benton, Carol Eisen, Randy Lidka, Christine Johnson and Judy Papillon.

These six will compete again tonight when about 20 pupils from Acton, Georgetown, Milton and Glen Williams school meet in the school here for the North Halton urban finals. Two champions will be declared to proceed in county competition. There will be four judges tonight, one from each town.

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## Year's First Accident Due to Ice Friday

The first accident in this area due to icy road conditions was reported Friday evening on Highway 7, a mile east of Acton. A new car driven by Ernest Sparks of Toronto, travelling east on the highway, skidded on a patch of ice on the road, crossed into the north ditch and rolled over, coming to rest on its roof.

Constable G. Moore estimated damage at between \$600 and \$700. No injuries were reported.

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## Nassagaweya, Acton Services Recall Sacrifices of Two Wars

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As the group watched in reverent silence, the following wreaths were placed: province of Ontario, by Mrs. Neil McNabb; town of Acton, by Mayor E. G. Tyler; Ladies' Auxiliary to the Canadian Legion, Mrs. W. Buchanan, the president; Women's Institute, past president Mrs. R. L. Davidson; Lakeside chapter I.O.O.F., Mrs. J. Jacques, regent; Duke of Devonshire chapter I.O.O.F., Mrs. J. Whitham, regent; Acton Legion, Bill Matthews; United Pastry Workers, Les Duby; Textile Workers, Herb Cook; Acton Firefighters Association, Mike Cox; Acton Citizens' Band, Hector Lambert.

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## Drop County Consultant Suggestion Will Establish County Planning Group

### Permits \$212,450

Building permits issued here during October neared the quarter million dollar mark as the total took a noticeable upswing from previous months. The permit figures include the \$125,000 public school permit and \$88,000 bank building. Also included in the monthly totals were a garage, repairs to a house, rebuilding a booth and demolition of a building.

### Firemen Elect Officers for '57

At a recent meeting of the Acton Firefighters' Association, Chief J. Newton was named again to the first office for 1957.

S. Tennant will again be deputy fire chief next year and captain will be Mike Cox. First Lieutenant is B. Van Fleet, while second lieutenant is W. Kelly. Secretary for the Association next year will be W. Quennell and treasurer will be O. Masalles.

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Comets defeated Spitfires 18-11 Friday to take over first place in the floor hockey league at the Y.M.C.A. Jim Lindsay and Wayne Ridley each scored seven goals apiece for the Comets. Stewart McDonald shot home seven goals for the Spitfires and Peter Lawson was credited with five.

After the sixth game of the series, the league standing is as follows: Comets 6, Rams 4, Spitfires 2, Panthers 0.

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Every municipality will be advised to make the appointment of a representative to a county planning committee, it was decided by a meeting of the County Council Planning Committee and municipal representatives last night (Wednesday). When the committee is established, they will review primarily the road system in the county.

Considerable discussion emphasized the fact that each municipality in the county refused to give up the authority of their own Planning Boards, but would be agreeable to an advisory group on a county basis, providing it did not cost the taxpayer any money.

It had earlier been suggested a county planning consultant and staff be engaged to take care of county planning. However, representatives felt a committee would satisfactorily review official plans and provide advice regarding fringe or boundary planning.

Much time was spent on the merits of the municipalities in the south had advanced far in controlled planning. However, Mayor Ted Tyler, Acton, felt that with industrial planning now in the south, the northern areas would become a dormitory for residences. "We are not prepared to assume the educational and other costs of people who work elsewhere," he said.

Representatives of the northern urban municipalities feared the absence of representatives from Esquesing indicated they were not interested in planning. Reeve A. R. Service, however, said the meeting should not criticize Esquesing at this time, as representatives from his township were present only for information.

Reeve Service said there was a time Nassagaweya contributed heavily to the upkeep of county roads and most of the money was spent elsewhere. "I wonder if this might not happen to planning? We

are not prepared to support a County Planning Board at this time," he stated.

Dr. E. G. Faludi emphasized the importance of co-operation in establishing a proper road system. "This is the county with the biggest development between Niagara Falls and Oshawa, in the Province of Ontario. I would advise you to consider an overall system at this time," he said.

In the absence of Chairman Don Bath, F. C. Atkinson, Burlington, acted as chairman. He reviewed the discussions of the previous meetings and hoped the gathering could come to some concrete decision.

Mr. Pearson, Department of Planning and Development was present and urged the meeting to carefully consider establishment of such a board. He said it would be the first in the province, and other counties would certainly take direction from this group.

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St. subdivision, appeared to seek inclusion in his agreement with council the stipulation that street lights will be erected at his own cost. This agreement amendment was readily passed along with a rider that Mr. Cole pay the town \$150 as each lot is sold, this money to be held in trust for underwriting sidewalks and street lighting costs. The rider was included at Mr. Cole's suggestion.

**Fire Chief Appears**  
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**Final Figure on New School**  
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Miss Bennett was born at St. George in Brant county. She received her early education in public and high schools in western Ontario where her father served as Methodist minister. After graduation from the University of Toronto, she continued her studies at Osgoode Hall, where she took part in political debates. She was called to the bar in 1930.

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Objections that the town's water searching project on the Fourth Line would divert or otherwise affect the flow of a stream through farmlands and a private camp in the area were rejected Tuesday night by council. It was emphasized that the drilling International Water Supply Ltd. will carry out would not damage the natural water course.

A lawyer for the private camp owners wrote council that his clients were concerned the stream would be diverted. This was flatly denied by council.

Last month council also discounted fears reported from some farmers in this area that the stream would be affected due to the deepening project by which Acton hopes to more than double its present water supply.

Regarding the most recent objection, members considered if the lawyer wished to make an appearance at council to further discuss his contention he could do so, but they added there was no basis for fears the stream would be affected.

Cost of the original six rooms is \$127,665 and the extra six rooms are estimated to cost about \$99,910. Accordingly, council was asked to prepare a by-law for erection of the six-room addition at a cost of approximately \$30,000, the remainder to be raised.

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