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**Refugee Family  
Happy in New Home**

A new country and a new home have brought happiness to these four from Hungary who are presently staying with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jany here. They are Mr. and Mrs. Sandor Patcai and sons Sandorka and Janoska, now known as Sandy and Johnny.

## Refugee Family Finds New Home

A family who walked nine hours to cross the Hungarian border during the present unrest there, Mr. and Mrs. Sandor Patcai and their two sons, Sandorka and Janoska, are at present staying with cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jany, here.

The family lived in Budapest, where Mr. Patcai was a chartered accountant. But he is searching for "any kind of work" in this country, he says. Mrs. Patcai speaks English, having worked in the exporting business. She knew the names of Acton and Simpson's stores from her work in Hungary.

Even with both Mr. and Mrs. Patcai employed, living conditions were not good for the family in Budapest, and they are looking forward to a better life for themselves and their children here.

But first, there was the ordeal of the trek to leave their homeland. Little Janoska, exhausted by walking at one point told his weary parents he could go no further, and they would have to leave him behind. His father carried the young lad.

Mr. Patcai has already started night school classes in Basic English here and is seeking work each day so far without success.

The Jany's, expecting their first baby for weeks since they had received word they were in Acton, had left their Christmas tree up for the country's safety, but for them beneath it. Surprised for the parents were the stores, so well filled with goods that anyone might buy.

The Patcais have Anglicized their names to new friends here. They will have less trouble. They are now Olga and Alexander Patcai, Sandy and Johnny.

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## St. John's Ambulance Outlines Service Town Will Seek Volunteer Division

### Dr. Paul Beer, Beardmore Official Dies Suddenly in Plant Tuesday

Dr. Paul Beer, vice-president and managing director of Beardmore and Co. Ltd., died suddenly in the plant on Tuesday morning of the week.

The funeral service will be held in Georgetown on Friday from the Harold C. McClure funeral home at three o'clock.

Dr. Beer was associated with the Collins Leather Co., Aurora, born in Budapest, Hungary. He came to Canada in 1928 and was immediately associated with the local firm.

Dr. Beer's farm in Township of the most attractive homes. It was improved by artistically carved gates, built by his wife Lada, who died in 1951. He was a doctor in 1951. He had a mother also resides at the farm.

Dr. Beer was a member of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade from Toronto and Hamilton met with the North Halton Urban Board in Milton. Superintendent Charles Jeffkins of the Hamilton branch told the town representatives after the board's meeting that the St. John's Ambulance Brigade would back you 100 per cent in the formation of a municipally owned service which would be operated by local volunteers with special St. John's training.

The meeting had been called by the Ambulance Brigade representatives after the board's meeting. A fully qualified St. John's Ambulance supervisor over the three brigades and a division of officers in each municipality.

The cost of the brigade to the municipality was estimated at \$120 the first year per man (considerably less in successive years) plus \$15 per year per man operating expenses. As the ambulance would be municipally owned, a nominal fee could be made for its service.

St. John's representatives stressed the brigade is a purely voluntary organization and cannot make any charge for its services. Council could, however, give a donation toward the upkeep of the unit.

The location of enough volunteers to man the ambulance 112 in each municipality was suggested and discussed and members agreed to advertise for a public meeting of those who presently hold St. John's certificates. The meeting was held on the 16th and the nucleus of an active brigade.

Members reviewed that Halton had been the first to have a Mutual Fire and Ambulance Association. North Halton had the first Urban Board. Members agreed Halton had taken the lead in many such undertakings and if this ambulance corps is established, other municipalities might follow.

Deputy Mayor Doug Sargent of Georgetown was named chairman of the board for the coming year. A list of secretary, Jack McGeehan of Acton, chairman, Sargent of Milton, and Tyler of Acton have authority to sign board cheques.

## Review Ambulance Service Need Here Seek Basis for Continuing Operation

Ambulance service for the town occupied the major portion of the regular meeting of Acton council Tuesday evening. The clerk reported on the discussions held at the Urban Board meeting the previous Wednesday. With the present ambulance service to terminate on January 31, various means of solving the problem were presented for discussion.

One of these suggestions was to approach the St. John's Ambulance brigade to ascertain their standing in the area. Representatives of the organization were to be invited to attend the Urban Board meeting to be held this Wednesday evening in Milton.

Mayor E. Tyler, Reeve Hargrave, Deputy Reeve Wilson and Councilors Lawrence, Cook, Goy and Watts were present.

A selection representing the United Suburban Gas Company, Mr. Ord, was present and discussed with council difficulties in obtaining clear title to the land for their regular station located on the third line south of Acton. He felt a compromise "would be in order" in an effort to clear the title to the land and sought councilors' opinions as a basis for reaching an agreement.

The second financial report, amounting to \$6000, was received and passed for payment.

Councillor Cook and Wilson sponsored two motions for the keeping of permanent inventory of the lawn equipment and supplies. During the discussion following the motion, mention was made of the lot owned by the town which could possibly be used for the storage of town materials and equipment.

Deeper Present Well  
The report from R. V. Anderson and Associates on the results of the search for additional water was read to council. A well drilled to a depth of 174 feet had produced a flow of 683 gallons per minute. However, this water after being analyzed by the Department of Health, indicated a total hardness greatly in excess of that of the present town water, so much so that it was totally unsuitable for municipal water supply.

The next step decided upon was as a result of the drilling of this deep well and in the opinion of the engineers, the deepening of the well on the third line on a lot owned by the town. It was felt that this well, because of its proximity to the present water mains could be deepened to provide a flow of approximately 700 gallons per minute. It was estimated the cost would be in the neighborhood of \$1000. The engineers recommended that \$1000 be budgeted this year for search and extension.

On motion of Wilson and Cook, it was agreed that the International Water Supply Co. would be authorized to proceed with the development of this well.

Complete Road  
A letter from Maple Leaf Roofing Co. reported to council that they would be finishing the roof on the town hall as soon as weather conditions permitted.

Councillor Cook, in the course of the plans of the municipal water and sewer system had been completed yet, Engineer Fallesen reported that he was in the process of preparing the map and plans at the present time. Councillor Cook also requested the committee chairman, assist the finance committee by presenting their budget as early as possible so the tax rate can be set at an early date. Councillor Goy inquired as to the progress of the

street stop sign program. He suggested that the council investigate the purchase of a tail gate sander for the roads department. He passed on Milton complaints regarding the provision of 24 hour garage service.

Design Complete  
The engineer reported that the designs and plans for the bridge on Mill St. had been completed and at the present time he was working in conjunction with the fire chief on plans and specifications for the new fire hall. Reeve Hargrave called a meeting of the road committee at which preliminary plans for the seasons program will be discussed.

Councillors Cook, Lowe, Watson and Mayor Tyler were to attend

## County Council Holds First Meeting Names Thomas Millward as Warden

Thomas Millward, Reeve of the Village of Bronte, was chosen Warden of Halton County Council, over Reeve William E. Card, Oakville, at the inaugural meeting of the County Council held at the County Buildings, Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Card, in offering his name to go before council, pointed out that Oakville, like Milton, was celebrating its Centennial year this year. This town has had 10 Wardens during the past century. "And I think it would be a nice birthday present for Oakville to have the Wardenship this year," he added.

Newest Municipality  
Reeve Millward said he was gaining his third year on council and was the village's second Reeve since its incorporation in 1927. "Our town has been admitted into the county, I have never had the honor of having a Warden. I think this is the year," he concluded.

Reeve Card was nominated by Reeve R. J. Hargrave, Acton, and Deputy Reeve H. C. Merry, Oakville, while Reeve Millward was nominated by former Warden Reeve Stanley Allen, Georgetown, and Deputy Reeve Campbell Sinclair, Equeusque. Reeve Millward received 21 votes and Reeve Card eight.

Clerk William Deans acted as chairman and welcomed the new members to council. Six new councillors were present, including Charles Thomson, the first Deputy Reeve to represent Nassagaweya township.

Administrators Oath  
Lloyd D. Dingle, Crown Attorney for Halton, administered the oath of office and congratulated the new Warden, especially as representative from the village of Bronte. Reeve Card expressed his best wishes and asked council to make the choice unanimous. However, he warned he would seek the Wardenship next year.

Council welcomed the new members who included Deputy Reeve Eric Gudgson, Nelson; W. P. Hewitt, Deputy Reeve of Burlington; J. A. Milne, and Charles Thomson, Deputy Reeve, both of Nassagaweya; Alec Phillips, Deputy Reeve, Trafalgar; and Campbell Sinclair, Deputy Reeve, Equeusque. Garfield Brown, assistant clerk, was introduced by Clerk William Deans.

Make Appointments  
A by-law was approved appointing the Warden and Miss Margaret

the Urban Board meeting in Milton Wednesday evening.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Financial report following for payment included the following accounts:

Bell Telephone	\$54.00
Acton P.V.C. Hydro	663.37
Simon Hallow	4.81
R. Thompson Fuels	117.35
Lovell Safety Ltd.	3.45
Little Motors	91.18
Acton Auto Body	1.01
Nelson Crushed Stone	10.37
011. Division Court	8.00
J. Rodley	40.00
J. Newton	5.80
Hughes Ocean Ltd.	31.28
Gordon's Hdw.	26.05
	\$966.26

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Strike Committee  
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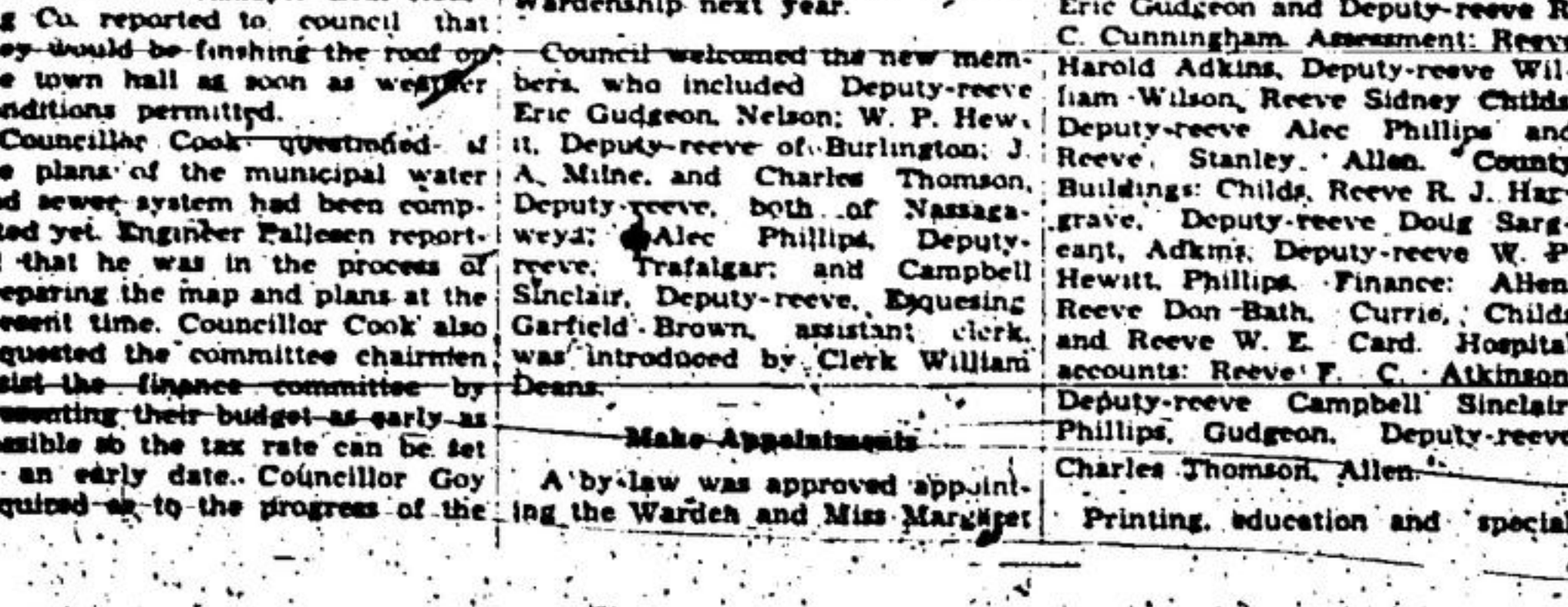
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### Exterior Shows Progress On M. Z. Bennett School

Construction on the new six-classroom M. Z. Bennett School is progressing toward the exterior completion date. Shown here are two views of the exterior of Acton's newest school. Delivery of aluminum window frames and installation will facilitate continuation of work. As well as the classrooms, a principal's office and staff room are included.

Officers Named Children Hurt In Car Accident

Members of the Halton County Mutual Fire and Ambulance Association met in Nelson township last Sunday for their annual meeting.

Officers elected for the coming year are president, Chief Rex Mills, Nelson, vice-president, Chief Jack Newton, Acton, secretary, treasurer, Alec Phillips, Trafalgar, educational committee, Alf Peacock of Nelson, Jack Law of Burlington, Grant Bragg of Bronte, membership committee, James Wainwright of Burlington, Ron Johnston of Nelson, Chief A. E. Clement of Milton, banquet committee, A. Peacock, George Wright of Trafalgar, Bill Hyde of Georgetown.

Chief Fred Shaw of Oakville was named co-ordinator, with Chief Clement of Milton as his deputy. William O'Sullivan of the Fire Marshalls office conducted the installation of officers and councillor Warren McEwen of Nelson conducted the election.

Children hurt in car accident

William Douglas, aged five, and his sister, Gail, aged two, required cuts and bruises to their foreheads and faces when a car driven by their mother, Mrs. Irene Douglas of R.R. 4, Acton, was in collision almost head on with another car on the No. 17 road on Tuesday evening of last week. They were treated by Dr. Hannah at Milton Private hospital and allowed to return home.

The car in which they were riding was in collision with a car driven by Henry Nadalin of R.R. 3, Milton. Police estimated total damage to the two cars at \$700. Investigating O.P.D. from the county detachment said the narrow road was ice-covered at the time of the accident.

About 50 Attend Square Dance

There was an attendance of about 50 at the first of a series of square dances held in the gym at the V.M. C.A.

Refreshments could be bought if people were too hot and tired to dance.

Sandy Sanford, who has his own square dance team in Toronto and who is seen on TV, was the caller. It is hoped to see more out in the future at the square dances which are being held every two weeks.

Club Given Lesson On Cumberland Reel

The Scottish Country Dance club met on Friday, January 11 in St. Alban's Parish Hall. The event was well attended, with a number of visitors from Guelph.

A good start was made on the learning of the Cumberland Reel, with Peter Marshall instructing and Mrs. G. Robertson accompanying at the piano. All joined in the Grand March and Circassian Circle and there was the Dealing White, Bergant and the popular eight-some reel, waltz and two-step.

Plans are almost complete for the Burns supper which is to be held on January 25 at the Athenian Room, Treason Restaurant, Guelph. Tickets have been limited and very few remain to be sold.

As well as the traditional piping in of the haggis and the usual toasts to "the lamies" and "the immortal memory", there will be dancing and items by a Scottish singer and a comedian.

United Church Choir Has Social Elections

The United Church choir held a business meeting and social after choir practice Thursday evening of last week.

Officers elected are: president, Jean McLean; secretary, Lillian Phillips; treasurer, George Elliott; librarians, Mrs. Betty Dunn, Delmar Watson; attendance dues secretary, Ken Allan; social committee, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. L. Simpson; Dorothy Simmons, assistant to organist, Delmar Watson; organist, George Elliott.