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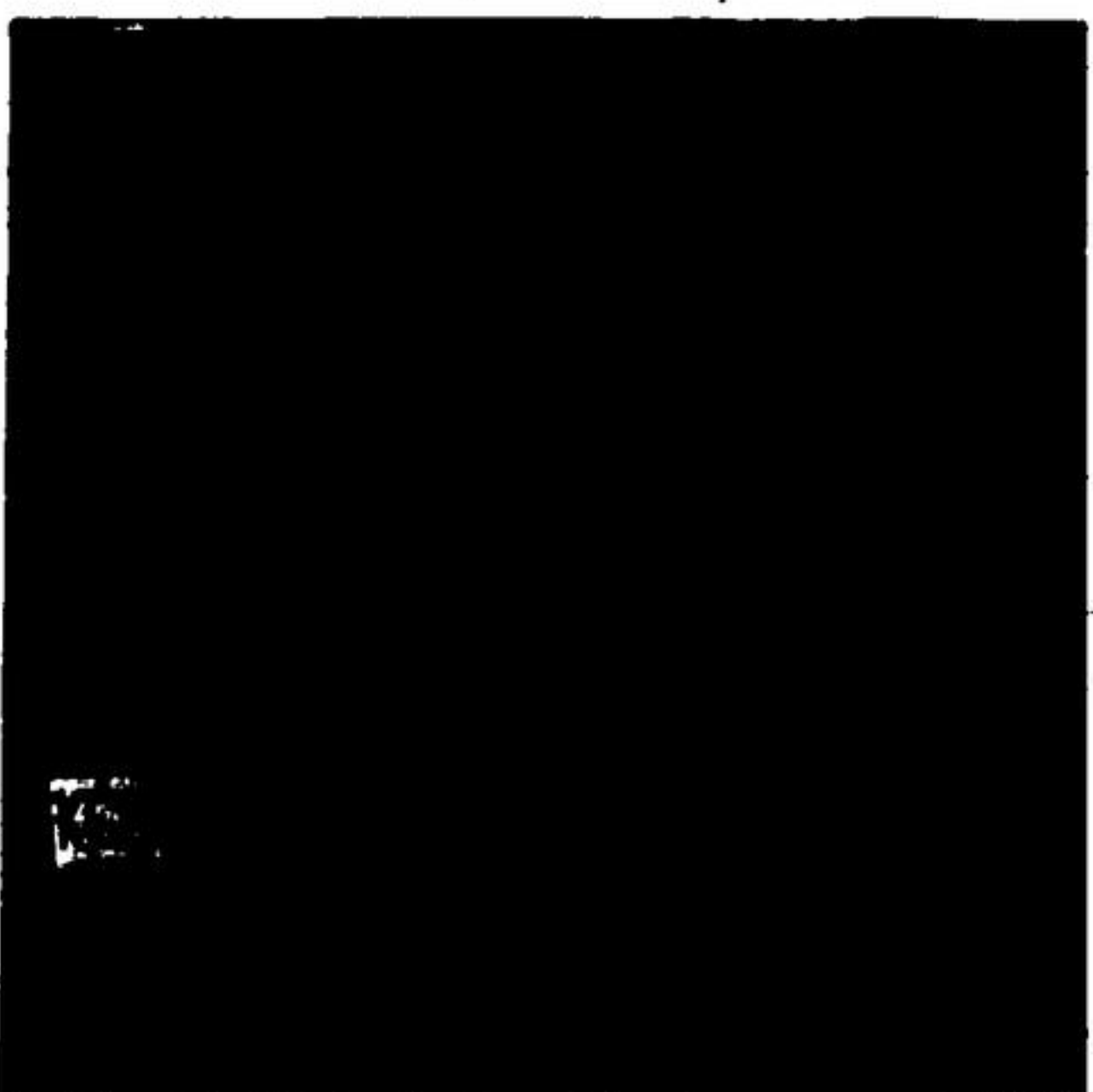
Post Office Remodelled, Install New Boxes



—Staff Photo

Urgent need for more post office boxes was eliminated last week-end when entirely new banks of shining metal boxes were installed, adding 111 more for new renters. Clerks Mrs. Chris Britton and Mrs. Wilma Chapman are shown inside the enlarged working area of the post office sorting circulars into the newly located boxes. Week-end alterations included new boxes, increasing work area, new wickets and laying linoleum. Van Gils brothers were contractors.

Circulars Stowed Away In New Boxes at Post Office



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Almost every box holder received new keys this week, except for a very few who call for mail just once in a while. Here Gordon McKeown issues a new key to Mrs. Marshall Paul.

Key Exchange Wicket is Busy



—Staff Photo

Mrs. Garnet Winter finds her new box at just the right height. The rows of gleaming steel boxes give the post office lobby a smart, modern appearance. There are now 663 boxes—all new.

New Key In New Box



—Staff Photo

Many hours of hand-cancelling are saved since the installation of this automatic cancelling machine. Postmaster Frank Terry and Cyril Ryan operate the speedy device. The post office was closed Saturday morning as contractors worked against time for three days so the post office could open again Monday.

Cancelling Machine Is Modern Time-Saver

Council Approves Ambulance Purchase Method of Operation Not Established

Help! Help!

Canvassed or not, won't you come to the blood donor clinic in the Legion Hall tonight? To match the last successful clinic, many more than have registered are urgently needed. At least 100 more are needed from 6 to 9 p.m. tonight (Thursday). One person can be taken every 5 seconds, and officials are there now waiting for volunteers.

The blood bank in Hamilton is urgently in need of donations.

Spring Building Hope of Church

Members of the congregation of the Pentecostal Assembly, which holds services in the Y.M.C.A. hope to begin building a church of their own in the spring. Discussion on the future comprised part of the annual meeting of the church, with the pastor, Rev. J. K. Reid, as chairman, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cook.

Increases in membership and Sunday school enrollment were noted. Reports from all departments were very satisfactory.

Deacons elected were Arthur Cook, Percy Baker and Peter Bunn. Ross Norton is again secretary-treasurer.

Well Drillers Down 115 Feet

Well drilling at the third line site had reached a 115 foot depth on Wednesday afternoon of this week.

The drilling in an effort to augment the present municipal supply is being done on land purchased some time ago by the town when a 44 foot shaft was drilled. At that level the flow did not seem sufficient to warrant the development of the hole.

Following that, a well drilled to a depth of 100 feet brought in a large supply, but too hard for use. It has been suggested drilling will continue as deep as possible without breaking the formation beyond which hard water is reached.

The drillers report they are in limestone and the well was being tested at an estimated 35 gallons a minute.

Drilling at the site began on Monday.

Year of Gradual Progress at Y Elmer Smith President of Board

A year of gradual improvement was indicated by general secretary Bob Brayshaw at the annual meeting of the Y.M.C.A. there on Thursday evening of last week.

About 25 attended the meeting and enjoyed a most beefy program served by the Ladies' Auxiliary. Guest speaker was Dr. Robert Buckner, who most capably pointed out some of the problems faced by adolescents in today's society. Jim Fleming introduced Dr. Buckner and he was thanked by Lloyd Holmer.

Elmer Smith was named president of the Y.M.C.A. board. Four new members were elected: Harry Rogers, Morley Allen, Jack McMullen and George Hollinger. Other members of the board are G. W. McKenzie, Phil Cadden, Mrs. D. Rogers, M. Van Hemmelich, Bill Shroeder, M. Jeffrey, J. Adams and Harry Arnie. Officers and chairman will be appointed at the first board meeting.

The general picture in the Acton Y.M.C.A. over the past year has been one of gradual improvement. Mr. Brayshaw said in his report. The Board of Directors has been increasing steadily since the last annual meeting and has grown in numbers from eight to 13. There are now several committees composed of Y.M.C.A. members and citizens of Acton advising the board on matters of finance and program and these committees have done much to stimulate activity in the Association.

"Our World Service and Christian Emphasis committee have been very active over the past year and for the third time in the past three years, Acton has been on the World Service Honor Roll of Associations which have exceeded their fund raising goals for World Service. Although our goal has been small, we have been steadily increasing it and the effort that has been put in to the work by many of the clubs has helped stimulate interest in the Y.M.C.A. as a World Wide Fellowship. The Acton Association has distributed through the churches, Y.M.C.A. World Week of Prayer booklets.

"Adult program has been steadily increasing during the past year. Badminton, chess and body building have proven very popular and all these clubs are well attended. During the past month we have been fortunate in forming a square dance club and this activity looks very promising for the coming year.

"Our greatest achievements have been in the field of leadership development. We have a staff of 24 volunteer leaders, who are doing a great deal of good for the Association and community. Volunteer leadership is one of the most practical answers to an Association of this size where funds prohibit the hiring of adequate professional staff to handle a large program. Acton now has the potential and with careful use of our resources we can set an example for Associations in other communities of this size."

Car Hits Pole Driver Shaken

Allan Ellerby, 23, of R.R. 4, Acton, was only shaken up when his car smashed into a hydro pole on No. 7 highway near Peelson's Service Station late Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Ellerby told police he was travelling toward Georgetown and when he pulled out to pass a slow vehicle, he met an oncoming car with no lights on. He drove into the ditch and hit a hydro pole, damaging his car to the extent of about \$400.

P.C. George Moore of the County detachment investigated.



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Student council members pictured at the annual High School At Home Friday evening are form representative Teresa Arbo, council president Jeannine Molody, secretary Bruce Andrews and form representative Mike Hurst.

Dressed in Best For At Home

Monday "Exchange Day" For New P.O. Boxes, Keys

Future smart appearance of the post office apparent this week as most of the renovations there are completed. Working all day and on into the night last Friday, Saturday and Sunday, contractors had the post office ready for business again by Monday morning.

Albert Van Gils, Morris Van Gils, Sam Tennant and George Cooper installed previously-made counters and wickets, put racks of new boxes in place, altered partitions and laid new flooring to beat the deadline of Monday morning.

There's no peering through your box now. They are of solid stainless steel. The same size as before, they are several inches deeper, facilitating sorting for the staff. The blocks of boxes are not as high as those there before. Largest boxes are all at the bottom.

"Rural mailmen" are moved back into their new room at the back of the post office now. Various arrangements of tables and primary sorting areas and general delivery boxes are being tried by the staff this week.

Added to working space is the former log by the money order wickets.

Prayers arena operation. Council had given congratulatory to the town for the operation of the arena on Saturday morning. It was a fine job of representing. Its resolution council ruled the arena should be reserved for free skating for public school children and pre-school children with their parents on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Subsequent to the arena was approved of \$500 an hour to the high school and \$400 an hour to the public school.

A tax license was to be granted Ken Bertram for two cars, on filing of insurance, with permission to operate from his residence. Council was assured an insurance certificate had been received and the by-laws had been read by the applicant.

Investigate Handling Attachments. It was pointed out the Department of Highways was selling 10 sanding attachments for trucks by auction and the road committee was instructed to investigate.

Engineer F. Pallesen submitted a list of work projects for the consideration of various committees. Inquiries were dealt with on driveway entrances on Elizabeth Drive and instructions given for relaying instructions to the engineer.

Prints of the Acton boundary survey plan were received from Bowman Black and Shoemaker. Council decided to view the boundary monuments at a later date.

Approval was given for the payment of \$1,083.20 to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority with \$583.80 as the 1957 levy and \$499.40 as arrears. A grant of \$1,000 was approved to the North Halton Health Board. Indignant petition on road building \$144.25 were approved and an account to Hayner Construction for extra excavation work on Church St. amounting to \$1,111 was approved.

An agreement covering water proofing of exterior foundation walls of the Acton Y.M.C.A. with installation of foundation tile, submitted by J. McMullen to the Y.M.C.A. board, was left for investigation by the building committee.

The work was considered to avoid water entering the basement room of the Y building.

Notification was received from the Ontario Department of Highways that subsidy would be available on the basis of \$5,000 for new construction and \$15,000 for maintenance of local roads.

An application for relief was left in the hands of the welfare committee.

The magistrate's monthly summary of fines reported Acton's share as \$42.19. The January report for the local police detachment showed gross fines for that month at \$23.

W. Davey and G. Barbeau were appointed to three year terms on the Parks Board.

Three readings were given a by-law authorizing application to the Ontario Municipal Improvement Corporation for the sale of debentures of \$27,000 covering water.

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W. McKenzie Rotary Student



Wendy McKenzie has been chosen to represent Acton high school on the annual Rotary-sponsored Adventure in Citizenship in Ottawa this year. Miss McKenzie, whose home is at R.R. 1, Terra Cotta, will fly to Ottawa about May 21 for three days of specially planned activities there.

Rotary clubs from all across Canada are planning to send students, in co-operation with the Rotary club of Ottawa. Program includes addresses, tours and social times.

The local club sends a student each year on the trip.

Windows Completed

Window installation has been completed at the M. Z. Bennett school with the final panes being placed on Wednesday afternoon. Work on the heating system is being continued.