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**PRINCIPAL E. A. HANSEN** congratulates Bruce Andrews on winning the E. G. Tyler Trophy awarded to the student who has made the greatest contribution to the welfare of the school. On Friday evening the Acton High School held their commencement exercises at the Robert Little School auditorium.

## Mary K. Gibbons Chosen to Speak

The Robert Little public school on Monday was the scene of much activity when finalists from grades six, seven and eight held their public speaking competition finals. Judges for the event were Rev. R. Costera and Rev. G. Adams, of the Baptist church, and United Church respectively.

Chosen to represent Acton in the North Hallow Public Speaking Contest is Mary K. Gibbons.

The judges heard the finalists speak on a prepared topic and then an impromptu speech on "What it means to be a Canadian." Rev. Costera and Rev. Adams praised the children on their speaking ability, noting a vast improvement over last year.

Finalists on Monday were Carol Esen, Mary K. Gibbons, Mary Beth Elliott, Helen Benton, Janet Hogvidson, Susan Howard, Carmen Woodburn, Robert Meyers, Neil Franklin and Theresa Papillon.

## Holy Name Society Holds First Meeting

The Holy Name Society of St. Joseph's parish, Acton, held their first general meeting in the parish hall Sunday evening, November 17.

Invited guests were Russell O'Neal and Emile Demers, president and regional director, respectively, of the Hamilton Diocesan Holy Name Union. Rev. Father Morgan, spiritual director of the local society, was also present. Mr. Hartley Coles, president, was chairman. Rev. Father Morgan opened the meeting with the Holy Name prayer and Mr. Coles welcomed the visiting guests and members.

The minutes of the executive meetings were read by the secretary, Henry Deveau. The treasurer's report was read by Hugh Lewis and Roy Gatenby gave the report of the membership committee.

Mr. Russell O'Neal, the special guest speaker of the evening, was very capably introduced by Rev. Father Morgan. The subject of his talk was particularly well chosen for the occasion. Mr. Devereux spoke briefly on an invitation from the chairman, "wherein lies the justification for our council passing a motion to ask the ratepayers of Acton to stand guarantor for a further expenditure of upwards of \$800,000 for an industrial Sewage Disposal Plant and supplementary water services to service two big businesses at an increase of \$200,000." Questioning the condition of the arena, town hall and other public buildings, Mr. Brock wondered if all of its resources are tied up in previous debentures leaving no money for current improvements. "If this is the case," stated the chairman, "wherein lies the justification for our council passing a motion to ask the ratepayers of Acton to stand guarantor for a further expenditure of upwards of \$800,000 for an industrial Sewage Disposal Plant and supplementary water services to service two big businesses at an increase of \$200,000." Questioning the condition of the arena, town hall and other public buildings, Mr. Brock wondered if all of its resources are tied up in previous debentures leaving no money for current improvements.

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## Ratepayers' Delegation Visits Council Discusses By-Law, Sewage Treatment

**To All Citizens**

The Planning Board announce two maps designating the different zones in town will be available by Saturday morning for citizens' perusal.

One is to be placed in the town office and one is to be placed in the town hall.

## Police Investigate Local Theft, Break-in

Corporal Ray Mason reports theft of a wrist from the Robert Little public school and a break-in at Lindsay's flour and feed mill.

On Wednesday of last week, caretaker D. Price noticed a stranger in the supply room at the school and upon asking him what his business was he asked to see Principal G. W. McKenzie.

The stranger was directed to the principal's office and Mr. Price went on about his business.

Sometime later, a wallet owned by Miss Goodwin, one of the teachers, was found to be missing from the office.

Police report the wallet was recovered later in a hotel room in Quelp. Guelph and Acton police are investigating.

A break-in at the Acton Flour Mills was reported to police on Monday morning.

A stolen car from Toronto was left at the scene of the crime but police report nothing had been taken from the premises.

## 74 Church Visitors Call in Knox Homes

More than 74 visitors participated in an every-member Stewardship canvass of the congregation of Knox Presbyterian church, Sunday.

Visitors called on members of the congregation and explained the work of the church. Commitment for contributions in 1958 were obtained for an estimated \$5555.55 although complete returns are not yet in general chairman Dr. A. J. Buchanan explained.

The visitors were commissioned at a special Sunday morning service following a period of training and several months of preparation. Knox church is one of 12 churches in the Guelph-Sector conducting such a visitation.

Officials this week expressed the hope that with pledges and weekly offerings, they will exceed the budget of \$18,700.00.

## Acton Singers Receive Medals

The Guelph Kiwanis Music Festival got underway on Monday at Chalmers Street United church, with Acton being capably represented.

Jon Hurst, singing "O Had I Jubah's Lyre," tied for second and received a silver medal in the oratorio class for unchanged voices.

Eddie Long came in for a silver medal when he placed second in David Farnell of Georgetown.

This was the 12th Musical Festival held in Guelph and adjudicated by Dr. Ernesto Vinci of Toronto.

## Council Approves Financial Report

The 2nd financial report, including the following accounts, was approved for payment at the regular council meeting Tuesday evening:

Fire and Police	\$20.18
Welfare Accounts	184.71
Building Accounts	80.35
Roads Accounts	629.28
Administration and finance	\$13.19

## Crowd Packs School Auditorium As H.S. Commencement Presented

Approximately 400 Mothers, Fathers, friends and students enjoyed the Annual High School Commencement on Friday evening in the Robert Little School Auditorium.

The highlight of the year for the students, many of the pupils received graduation diplomas and awards for proficiency based on academic standing for the year.

Principal E. A. Hansen, chairman for the program, welcomed the parents and the commencement and invited them to take a more active part in Home and School activity.

Speaking to the parents, the chairman emphasized the concern over the student who is indifferent about learning. Mr. Hansen pointed out many of the students who were willing to learn were held back by pupils who did not wish to learn.

"Students entering High School should be prepared to do homework, and the parents should insist that homework be done if they wish their children to be successful," stated the chairman.

"We will always have the crammers who can sit down before an examination and study, but pass by only a slim margin, but this method will have to change," emphasized the speaker.

Mr. Hansen stressed the importance of having the student attend school regularly and not be allowed to remain home to study. The teacher knows best where the student is floundering and every day attendance is important to the student in order for the teacher to point out their weaknesses," stressed the Principal.

The chairman voiced pleasure in the fine attendance and support of the commencement activity.

Joy Peal, graduation student of the Acton High School, now attending Toronto Teachers College, gave the Valedictory message.

## Nurses Association Hears Dr. R. Buckner

The newly formed Hallow Chapter of the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario held their fall meeting in the Oakville-Traillgar hospital on Tuesday evening. A goodly number of registered nurses from the whole county was present.

In a brief business meeting, a program of four meetings during the coming year was planned with each meeting being held in a different area of the county.

The speaker for the evening was Dr. Robert Buckner of Acton, who gave a very informative and much enjoyed talk on his work of psychiatric treatment of criminals.

## Expect Large Representation For Nomination Night Friday

A full house is expected Friday evening at the Legion Auditorium when electors will nominate representatives of their choice for the coming municipal election, December 2.

Nominations will be open for Mayor, Reeve, Deputy Reeve, six Councillors, three School Trustees and two Public Utilities Commissioners.

To date, election campaigning has been limited to a few sidewalk comments, but with important business coming up in the near future, a possible large slate of candidates for the above positions may be nominated.

Those seeking election must sign the necessary qualification papers by 9 p.m. the following evening. Nominations will be open from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday.

## Knox C.G.I.T. Hold Shower

The Knox C.G.I.T. girls met Monday evening in the Presbyterian church for their regular weekly meeting.

A baby shower highlighted the evening event as the girls presented Mrs. E. A. Hansen with gifts.

After the business meeting the girls adjourned to the church basement where work was started on the annual cookie boxes presented to shut-ins.

Lunch was served by Julie Holmes, Joanne McKenzie and Dorothy Duffield. The meeting closed with taps.

## Triple Calves Born on the Farm of Norman Armstrong

P.R. 1, Acton, are shown with their owner. At the time of the picture, the calves were two weeks old and are grade shorthorns.

Following appearance of a delegation of about 30 ratepayers, represented by Ernest Brock, Acton Council on Tuesday evening resolved to notify the Planning Board of the numerous requests by citizens that fully coded zoning maps be made available in any easy accessible place, or if technically possible, a photostat copy be printed in the local newspaper.

Mr. Brock indicated in view of the recent copies of the zoning by-law being mailed to the ratepayers of the town, the ratepayers wondered if it would be possible for the council to submit a recommendation to the Planning Board to distribute maps throughout town in order to enable people to understand the zoning by-law in a much clearer manner.

The mayor explained to the speaker that maps would be posted at the public meeting.

Mr. Brock assured the mayor: "If maps were posted throughout the town prior to the meeting, residents would be in a better position to discuss problems at the time of the meeting."

Mayor Tyler pointed out to the speaker that the procedure being followed by the Planning Board was the same as in other towns.

Deputy-reeve W. Wilson explained to Mr. Brock there were some debatable points regarding building and until such time as the zoning by-law went into effect, the town was without protection.

Councillor H. Lowe asked if a map explaining the zoning areas could be published in the local press and clerk J. McGeachie replied the possibility had been studied but in view of the designated areas being indicated in color, it was an impossibility.

The motion further suggested if postponement of the public hearing was necessary, citizens be given a full and fair opportunity to study proposals under consideration.

**Procedure Under Debate**  
Mr. Brock informed council that after studying "Roberta" rules of parliamentary procedure, his opinion had been confirmed that a recent motion re-opening negotiations concerning the industrial sewage treatment plant, was out of order. "Does it seem right we should throw to one side what is known country-wide and nation-wide? I would advocate to council to use proper procedure," stated the representative.

**SECONDARY SCHOOL GRADUATION DIPLOMAS** were presented to graduates R. Braids, J. Brown, F. Cooper, H. Landborough, M. McEachern, E. McNery and B. Smith, during the commencement exercises for the Acton High School on Friday evening. Awards for proficiency and academic standing as well as sportsmanship were presented. Miss Joy Peal, graduating student acted as valedictorian and gave a splendid address.

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