



**CELEBRATING THEIR 50th** Wedding Anniversary, Mr and Mrs. Nell McNabb, 50 Alice Street, Acton had 112 visitors on Sunday. The couple received gifts from their friends and neighbors and also a letter and scroll of official congratulations from the Province of Ontario. The couple were married in Wingham and moved to Acton after their honeymoon.

### Golden Wedding

## Bride and Groom of 50 Years Acton Couple Greet Friends

A certificate from the Provincial Secretary at the Parliament Buildings, Toronto, a letter from Stanley L. Hall M.P.P. and a visit from 112 friends and relatives highlighted the celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Nell McNabb, 50 Alice Street on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, December 15th.

Married in Wingham 50 years ago, the couple moved to Acton following their honeymoon and have resided here since December 18, 1907.

Married at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Tony Nicol of Wingham, Nell McNabb and Julie Maud Linklater began married life following the ceremony conducted by Rev. Dr. W. Perry.

The McNabbs have spent all their married life in Acton, where their three children were born: Reta (Mrs. A. G. Bruynst), lives in South Dakota, U.S.A., and Col. In, with his wife and daughter, lives in Nassau, Bahamas Islands, where he owns and operates a hotel.

As a gift to his parents on the occasion of their 50th anniversary, Colin has invited his parents to his resort for the winter.

Their youngest son, Neil, was killed during World War II and news of his death saddened the entire community, where Neil was well known.

Still keenly interested in sports, Mr. McNabb at one time managed one of Acton's champion baseball

### Retiring Councillor Expresses Gratitude

In an interview following the close of the final council meeting for 1957, councillor F. Watts apologized to the electors of Acton and stated, "I have carried out my duties to the best of my ability and I regret that my best was not good enough."

Continuing he said, "I firmly believe that my refusal to accept the new sewage disposal plant in its present form cost me my seat on council, but I carefully studied the figures supplied by the committee and I could not make these figures add up to the benefit of the majority of our taxpayers. If at a later date assurances are forthcoming from the users of the plant, and if my figures are proved to be incorrect, I shall be delighted to endorse the project."

Concluding, Mr. Watts said he wished to thank the Mayor personally for the unfailing courtesy and consideration the Mayor had afforded him during his term of office.

### Regains Title In Table Tennis

The tables were turned at the Y when Don Price regained his table tennis championship this week.

In the semi-finals, Don defeated Ralph Tripp, 23-21 and 21-12. Uppie Pasma defeated Keith Anderson, 21-18 and 21-10.

In the final struggle for the crown, Don outmaneuvered Uppie 21-17 and 21-17.

Don will wear the prestige for another week while the other boy practices up on the serves.

### No Scrooge Here

## Christmas Spirit Evident As Acton Prepares for Santa

Christmas activity in Acton is beginning to reach high pitch this week as many residents are seen going home with a Christmas tree tucked under their arm, or a satisfied grin of having purchased one from the assortment at the back of the Y.M.C.A.

In the evening a different look is taken on throughout town as a drive around reveals some trees are already up and their bright lights are glowing through the frosted panes.

Outside too, decorations are being put up in front of homes with the familiar reminder pulling Santa across the roof top in the laden sled. At other homes Christmas spirit is evident as a tree

outside on the lawn and stringing colored lights in order to show their favor of the Christmas festival.

Children are seen eyeing the assortment of toys displayed in the local stores and wishing hopefully for the jolly old gentleman to fulfill their wishes come Christmas Eve.

Merchants too have become conscious of the season and many a store window is decorated to attract the attention of the shoppers.

Mill Street again approaches to and from Acton cheers the traveller as he wanders his way to business or home ward bound with the colored lights fashioned on the new street lamps.

## Acton Couple Suffer Injuries Following Three Vehicle Crash

Following a three vehicle collision on Sunday evening, three miles east of Acton, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Boulton, 270 Arthur Street, Acton, were admitted to Guelph General Hospital.

Mr. Boulton suffered a fractured knee cap and his wife was admitted with lacerations and bruises.

Police report a sand truck owned by Peter Carriage of Guelph and driven by W. C. Smolles of that city, stalled on the highway when

the battery failed and before the driver could get out, three cars, the Boulton car, had driven into the rear of it, forcing the truck into the north ditch.

A third car driven by Arnold Armstrong of Rockwood, collided with the rear of the Boulton car, with no injury to Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong. The highway was slippery following a light snow.

Constable Dave Hardy of the Halton County O.P.P. Detachment investigated.

### Overseas Y Secretary Speaker at School

Strengthening the every day life of the average boy and girl in Japan, Earl Buckley, overseas Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in Japan, spoke to a large audience of boys and girls at the M. Z. Bennett School on Wednesday, December 11.

Mr. Buckley told the children the average student in Japan takes his studies seriously.

In answering questions, the speaker informed the children the Ricksback, used many years ago in Japan, was no longer used as the main means of transportation and compared the ricksback to the old covered wagon used in North America.

Like the covered wagon, the ricksback has been taken over in the larger cities by the modern means of transportation such as the overhead railway.

The overhead railway, stated the speaker, is not a new idea in Japan as they have been in use for over 20 years.

In closing Mr. Buckley informed the children the Y.M.C.A. plays a large part in helping people to understand each other.

### List Winners In Turkey Draw

The annual Bingo and Turkey Draw for the Acton Y.M.C.A. Club was held at the Legion Auditorium, on Thursday, December 5, with approximately 140 ladies and gentlemen present.

Mrs. J. Green and Gayle Hulford each won a turkey as a special Bingo prize.

In the turkey draw, prizes went to Barbara Winfield, R.R. No. 2, Guelph; Mrs. L. Gussway, Glen Williams; Katharine Kirkness, Acton; Vivian Smith, Acton; Bill Quinlan, Acton; H. R. Forer, Acton; E. S. Forer, Acton; E. Good, Acton; Mrs. D. Bothwell, Acton; and T. Evans, Georgetown.

### Three Escape Unhurt New Car Wrecked

A late model car, driven by Walter Wabous, of Meadowvale, Ontario, and containing two passengers, was completely wrecked as it skidded on slippery pavement and overturned into a deep ditch, approximately one mile west of Acton on Sunday evening.

Wabous was his son Brian and Mike Doolie, teenage friend, who escaped through a broken window after the vehicle ended up on its side in the ditch, reported Constable Bob Moreau of the local O.P.P. Detachment.

Occupants of the wrecked car proceeded to their home.

## Artificial Ice for Acton Arena Possible Benefactor Studies Plans for '58 Action



**GIVING THE BOYS A HELPING HAND**, are four young ladies, who donned their skates and ventured to Fairy Lake last Saturday, for a whirl on the blades. Anxious for the boys to complete shoveling off a clear spot, left to right, Lonnie Marks, Kay Pancheson, Patricia Graham and Julia Halmes, help Bob Hinton, rear left and Allan Chesham over a tough spot. With the cold weather setting in many local children are enjoying the hockey and skating on Fairy Lake.

## Town Officials to Receive Increase Engage Engineers for Sewage Plant

Authorization to prepare by-laws to increase the annual salaries of future Mayors and councillors was given by the 1957 council at their last regular meeting of the year on Tuesday evening.

It was resolved to have the Mayor's salary increased from \$500 to \$600 per annum and the councillors' rates to be increased from \$250 to \$400 per year.

Deductions for councillors missing a regular special or committee meeting was reduced from \$5 to \$1.

Following the passing of the motion to increase the Mayor's salary, councillor W. Cook notified council that as he would be the next Mayor in 1958, he felt personally the remuneration for the Mayor was quite adequate providing there were no tax deductions from it and asked to withdraw from voting on the motion.

The motion to increase the councillors' salary was questioned by councillor H. Lowe, who referred to a motion at the last council meeting resulting to leave any proposal of increase for the 1958 council.

Deputy-rev. W. Wilson suggested it was felt the present council due to its experience, was in a better position to deal with the matter.

Councillor F. Watts pointed out that he felt the councillors' salary was far too low for the work involved and the time lost from work in attending the town meetings.

He suggested if the present council didn't take action to raise the rate the new council would be in a delicate position to do so.

H. Lowe remarked the council is on the new council to approve a turn the suggestion down and councillor G. Barbeau explained it was up to the old council to take the onus of the incoming council.

Put to a vote both resolutions passed, to increase the Mayor's and councillors' salary.

On a recorded vote council authorized by by-law, the signing of an agreement with H. V. Anderson and Associates for their services with regard to the preparation, construction and installation of the new industrial waste sewage treatment plant for the town of Acton.

Favoring were Wilson, Cook, Goy, Brunelle, Barbeau, Hargrave. Voting against were Wabous and Lowe. G. Barbeau stated if the plant was installed, was it the town's responsibility to take care of any pollution and was answered in the affirmative. Continuing his questioning, the councillor asked what assurance the council had the plant designed would not be a source of complaints from the Ontario Water Resources Commission.

Councillor W. Cook informed Mr. Barbeau the plant had to receive the approval of the O.W.R.C. before being constructed.

Councillor J. Goy stated he understood the town was not committed to build the plant and Mayor E. Tyler pointed out that further negotiations must be carried out with the industry but the agreement being discussed was simply to engage H. V. Anderson and Associates to make the necessary arrangements for preparation of the installation.

A by-law to set the procedure of the council of the town of Acton was approved after clerk J. McGeechie read the revised edition of the new procedure.

A discussion arose over the submission of several accounts by the Acton Fire Department amounting to \$256.71.

Councillor Cook suggested the accounts be left over for the new council to investigate and Mayor Tyler informed council the accounts should be paid this year as the Fire Department budget showed a balance.

Councillor J. Goy stated the fire department budget and expenditures should be published as it is the only department in the town that does not account for itself to the public.

Deputy-rev. W. Wilson said the fire committee and the fire department should meet together regarding any purchases and W. Cook pointed out that the procedural by-law would take care of such matters.

It was resolved to pay the fire department's accounts if sufficient money remained in their budget.

Before adjournment by the Acton Public Library Board of two vacancies and recommended George Lee and Charles Kirkness for appointment. Council appointed G. Lee for a one year term and C. Kirkness for a two year term to fill the vacancies.

Authorization was given the Acton-Minor Sports Committee to hold their annual Booster Night in the arena on February 19.

The indigent patients' account of \$156.50 and Churchill-Road account of \$17,221.86 were ordered paid.

Council proclaimed Thursday, December 26, as a civic holiday.

William Coon and Jack Creighton were appointed as representatives of the North Halton High School District Board.

Before adjournment of the meeting, Mayor E. G. Tyler congratulated the new councillors who were elected to office for 1958 and thanked the 1957 council for their co-operation in the past year. Mr. Tyler stated he had been in office for several years and noted that he did not begrudge one moment of the time he had spent on town business as the experience is something that you cannot buy. In closing, the Mayor remarked it gets in a person's blood to serve the people of the community.

Councillor W. Cook thanked the mayor for the fine co-operation he had given as chairman and the time and effort he had devoted to the committees on council. Invited to the final council meeting of the year were officials who will take office in the new year.

Installation of an artificial ice plant and arena renovations next year is entirely possible, Mayor E. G. Tyler revealed in an interview this morning (Wednesday).

He reported that in a recent telephone conversation with the unknown benefactor, the donor had agreed to give full consideration to the artificial ice plant for Acton at the beginning of 1958.

Plans and drawings for the proposed ice plant and arena renovations have been submitted to the donor for approval.

The Mayor reported that owing to Government restrictions, the benefactor was unable to make further donations for 1957.

It was reported many hours of work and many telephone calls have been used in discussing the project.

It was earlier reported that the benefactor was willing to donate the artificial plant to Acton free of charge, with the stipulation that the town could not issue debentures to repay the amount involved, but must pay the cost through arena revenue over an unstated number of years.

It was understood that present rates of admission to the arena could not be raised to offset the cost.

Mayor Tyler reports that the donor in 1947 had on three occasions completed similar projects in other communities.

### Mayor E. G. Tyler Host to Council

Following the closing of the final council meeting on Tuesday evening, Mayor E. G. Tyler invited the council members to his home for a closing-out party.

Mr. Tyler showed movies of recent local public functions and construction on the St. Lawrence Sea-way power project, taken by him.

On behalf of council, retiring Reeve Jack Hargrave presented with a pen and pencil set, for his devoted and continuous service to the town.

A delightful buffet lunch was served by Mrs. Tyler to the guests.

### Christmas Mail Up Over 10,000

Postmaster Frank Terry reported this week, Christmas mail was heavier than during the same period last year with an increase in sale of two-cent stamps by approximately 10,000.

The postmaster noted that train 137, was dispatching mail on Sundays to Acton and the entire staff worked several hours on Sunday morning to relieve congestion on Monday morning.

This week, remarked W. Terry, three bags of mail were dispatched on Sunday and three more on Monday, double any previous weekend dispatch.

Mail is heavy and extra help has been engaged at the Post Office for the Christmas season.

### Police Chase Car At Speeds to 85 Arrest Suspect

Acton police arrested a suspect Saturday evening, following a 15 mile chase of a stolen car, which ended when the vehicle was ditched north of number 24 highway.

The owner of the stolen vehicle, Loretta Brown, of R. R. 1, Campbellville reported to police she had locked the ignition of her car when it was parked in a local parking lot, and when she returned a short time later the car was missing.

Soon after receiving the complaint, O.P.P. Constables, Merv. Harness and J. Justano, sighted the stolen vehicle and gave chase.

Police report, speeds of up to 85 miles per hour were obtained in the 15 mile chase, which ended when the wanted car was ditched 1 1/2 miles east of the second line on number 24 highway.

Failing to sight the driver in the car, the two policemen searched the area for footprints and when none were sighted leaving the scene, a more thorough search of the car was made and the accused was found hiding under the vehicle.

Lodged in the Milton Jail the accused appeared in Magistrate's court in Milton Tuesday and was remanded for further sentence.



**WORKMEN ARE BUSY**, laying the water main from the new well site on R. L. Davidson's property, on the third line, Acton. Drilling began on the site last spring and tests indicated the water would be in an abundant supply. Last week workers began laying the water pipes from Peel street, to the well site, on Churchill Road.

# JUST FIVE MORE DAYS FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING IN ACTON