



THE ACTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE held its first meeting of the year on Monday evening with John D. Glen, of Toronto guest speaker. Shown above left is Mr. Glen and right G. V. Barbeau, President of the C. of C., who was installed into office that evening.

## Appoint J. Whitam Chairman Planning Board Looks to Future

"What plans has the Planning Board for the town of Acton?" was the question posed by Mayor W. H. Cook when the 1958 Planning Board held their first meeting on Tuesday evening.

Members appointed J. Whitam as chairman and E. G. Tyler as vice-chairman for the year, with other members consisting of F. J. Ball, W. J. Mattocks, G. V. Barbeau, M. B. Evans, Mayor Cook, A. P. Deacon, planning consultant and J. McGeachie, secretary.

Following the enquiry by the mayor, Mr. Deacon reviewed the progress of the Planning Board since its inauguration and stated the first thought of the Board was to work with council in finding adequate water supplies for the town to assure industry a continuous supply.

The consultant noted the Board had employed Sparion Airways to supply aerial photos of the town and surrounding areas in order to compile a map as a guide of the territory for future study.

Mr. Deacon, pointing out the outlines of the zoning map, remarked how aware he was of the silly shape of the town as shown but emphasized that a correction was quite possible with future development.

E. G. Tyler suggested the average person looking at the zoning map might think the entire area could be covered in a matter of an hour and a half, when it had taken the Board several hours to cover each individual block.

"It is quite possible to produce a good theoretical plan for council and the planning board, but it might not prove practical in accordance with the town's assessment. Therefore we have to reach a compromise," stated the consultant.

Referring to the recent proposal to study annexation, Mr. Deacon suggested the board leave the matter until March and set aside two meetings specifically to study the program.

The board agreed to present the recent zoning by-law to the town council on Monday, January 20, for their discussion and approval. Mr. Deacon was requested to be present at this meeting.

E. G. Tyler suggested the board members study the town's boundaries prior to studying annexation and Mr. Deacon agreed it would be a good idea to do so in order that members could get acquainted with the surrounding area.

J. McMullen was present to request permission to erect a used car lot on his property facing No. 7 highway on the westerly border of Acton.

It was explained to Mr. McMullen the area involved was in a residential zone and it would be impossible to allow the establishment of a used car lot.

J. Creighton requested a change in his property zoning from an M-1 zone to an R-3 zone.

The board reviewed the area and the change was granted.

Board member G. Barbeau inquired for a resident if it was possible to erect a mutual garage between two properties.

Mr. Deacon reviewed the ruling on semi-detached houses and pointed out the two incidents were of a similar nature.

The board suggested if a compromise could be reached a garage could be put behind their own houses but a mutual driveway could be used.

## Acton on TV

### Film Scenes Shot in Acton To Appear on TV February 16

The National Film Board announced this week the film entitled "The Editor," which was filmed in Acton in the summer of last year, will be seen on television on February 16 on the show "Prospective."

Many Acton residents will recall during the summer the TV crews shooting scenes in the Free Press plant, Boardman and Company Acton park, a local restaurant and various other locations in the community.

Although professional actors were hired for the parts, residents will be interested in viewing a first for Acton.

### Mutual Aid Firemen Elect New Officers

Haltion County Mutual Aid Fire Service Association held their election of officers for 1958 at the Fire Hall in Georgetown on Sunday, January 12.

Elected president for the coming term was Chief J. Newton of the Acton Fire Department, with G. Bray of Bronte being elected vice-president and R. Smith of Burlington taking over the duties of secretary-treasurer.

Appointed co-ordinator of the group was Chief J. Snow of the Oakville brigade, with deputy co-ordinator, Chief A. E. Clement of Milton.

Committees named included: finance and management, J. Creighton, E. S. Pore, A. Kealy, W. M. Cole, E. F. Fugrave and J. Goodlet; transportation, G. Brown, W. Cook, R. Carbert, building, F. E. Masterson, W. Cook, R. Carbert, N. Pickett, property, M. Raspberry, C. Anderson, E. Fugrave, J. Goodlet.

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### Name John Hall Board Chairman

John Hall, Milton, was named chairman of the North Halton High School District Board and N. M. Coles was named vice chairman at the inaugural meeting Monday in Milton.

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### Nursery Business Started Near Acton

Another new business has been established on the outskirts of Acton, known as the Caroline Nurseries.

Now open for business, the new establishment is situated two miles west of Acton at Carleton's Corners and is operated by J. Rol, formerly of Toronto.

Dealing in bulbs, shrubbery and landscaping, Mr. Rol comes to the area with years of experience in this field. The owner was previously employed at Long Branch and Southern Base Tracks in charge of the landscaping and is still employed by F. S. O'Brien on his 223-acre estate at Orangeville.

Mr. Rol, in an interview this week, stated he has a small crew of men and he is glad to give free estimates.

## Plastics Division Representative Speaks to Chamber of Commerce

John D. Glen, technical sales representative of the Plastics Division of the C.I.I. Industries, was guest speaker at the installation meeting of the Acton Chamber of Commerce on Monday evening in the Y.M.C.A. He used illustrations to explain plastics and their uses to the members present.

Mayor W. H. Cook was present to install the new officers of the club. He commended the club on the fine work they have done in the past and conveyed his best wishes for added success in the future.

Mr. Glen, in addressing the group, pointed out the plastics industry is only a baby in the field as it was only discovered 80 years ago. He noted, however, that wood was the first product put into use as it was the most obvious material at hand. It was not until some 50,000 years ago that stone was first discovered and put to constructive use and until 3,000 years ago, bronze and iron were an unknown substance.

The speaker continued in the field of plastics and introduced several illustrations. One in particular intrigued the men in the form of a trans-Atlantic cable showing a cross view of the various plastic materials protecting the underwater cable.

Mr. Glen explained that polyethylene was developed after years of research. It is tough and durable and has proven unbreakable, rust-proof, light in weight and quite pliable.

The speaker was introduced by J. Bert Wood and thanked by J. Goy.

Frank Terry, outgoing president, reviewed the history of the Acton Chamber and noted that Ted Tyler was instrumental in having the organization started in 1954.

Mr. Terry recommended to the new officers for 1958 that they increase the membership and promote more projects in the near future.

Following the installation of president G. V. Barbeau, vice-president J. Bert Wood and second vice-president M. Symon, Mr. Barbeau thanked the members for their vote of confidence in electing him to the high office. The president then proceeded to appoint committee chairman.

The following were appointed to the various offices: retail section, F. Terry, membership, R. Goodwin, industrial, F. Prouse, program, J. B. Wood, public relations, Henry Derynau.

During the business meeting, J. Bert Wood was elected as permanent secretary, therefore relinquishing his office as vice-president. It was agreed to have the Council of the Chamber appoint a vice-president.

A discussion followed the treasurer's report regarding a means of assisting members for dinners not attending in order to make payment to the ladies preparing the meal.

F. Terry, retail section chairman, reported that some of the merchants had approached the Chamber with the idea of a Monday closing instead of Wednesday. He had taken a survey and found 60 per cent of the merchants were in favor of the all-day Monday closing.

E. G. Tyler suggested the Chamber should not take the project on their own shoulders but could assist in any way possible.

A motion was tabled to proceed with a petition to approach the merchants regarding all-day Monday closing and present it to council for approval.

C. Bradley moved an amendment to the motion, requesting a meeting of all town merchants in order to discuss the proposed closing.

## Mill St. Building Reaches High Pitch

Construction in the Mill - Elgin Streets area reached a high pitch on Tuesday when heavy equipment was moved in and earth removers dug into the soil in preparation for the new buildings to be erected.

On the north corner, Albert Van Gils started removal of earth for his new three-story business and apartment building and on the south corner, the new United Church got underway as the Arisa Construction Company began operations. At present, the basement will be completed to house the Sunday school rooms and the church addition will be added later.

No doubt the cold weather will curtail the assistance of sidewalk superintendents on the two projects but nevertheless, construction will proceed as weather permits.

## Car Hits Tree Damage \$400

A passenger in a car driven by John Russell of R.R. 3, Acton, received minor injuries Thursday of last week when the car ran off the Fourth Line north of No. 7 Highway and hit a tree head-on.

Don Cunningham, R.R. 1, Guilph, received a cut forehead and lacerations to the scalp in the accident. The car received \$400 damage according to investigating constable Ray Andrew, District O.P.P. detachment.

## New Rate Increase For Telephone Users In Acton District

Increases to 10 cents per month for two-party residence telephone service in Acton and of 20 cents for one-party residence lines will go into effect on January 31, 1958, according to C. S. Keith, Bell Telephone manager here.

The new rates were authorized in an order issued by the Board of Transport Commissioners.

The increase for one-party flat rate business service is 35 cents monthly, and for two-party business service, 20 cents monthly.

A comparison of the present rates and the new rates for typical classes of service in Acton follows:

Present New Inc.		
1-party line	3.45	3.65
2-party line	2.85	2.95
Rural	2.75	2.85
Ext.	1.00	1.00
Business:		
1-party line	5.65	6.20
2-party line	4.65	5.20
Rural	3.85	4.00
P.B.K. trunk	6.80	9.30
Ext.	1.25	1.25

## K. Y. Dick Attends Liberal Convention

Liberal delegates from Halton registered in Ottawa this week to help direct policy and to cast leadership ballots at the fourth national convention of Canada's Liberal Party.

Leadership voting takes place tonight. The first four named will be those who mark ballots with the others as alternates.

Kenneth Dick, Milton; Ernest Hennessey, Burlington; B. Whiting, Oakville; W. R. Lawson, Georgetown; G. R. Harris, Burlington; Garfield McGillivray, Georgetown; Peter Waters, Oakville.

## Knox Auxiliary Hold Meeting

The Ellen Anderson Girls' Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian church met for their monthly meeting Sunday afternoon, January 5.

The president, Lynda Mann, was in the chair. A hymn was sung, followed by a scripture reading by Sherrill Murray and prayer by Shirley Mason. The study of Korea was given by Mrs. A. Elsieby.

Carol Hansen and Shirley Mason were chosen captains for a cup contest. Mrs. O. Moran read an article about Miss Jean Brown, a Presbyterian missionary in Korea.

## Devonshire Chapter Hold First Meeting

For the first meeting of the year, the Duke of Devonshire Chapter IOE met at the home of Mrs. J. Jany. The regent, Mrs. B. Mowat, presided.

Reports were heard from secretaries and a nominating committee was appointed to prepare a slate of officers for the coming year. The committee consists of Mrs. K. Knox, Mrs. W. Beatty and Mrs. B. Mowat.

Ralph McKeown showed a film of Newfoundland depicting several industries of Canada's newest province.

A Dutch auction was conducted, providing some amusement as well as adding to the chapter funds.

## School Association Sees Demonstration By Acton Children

Mrs. Eileen Buchner took her group of Acton children to Georgetown on Monday, January 13th to demonstrate to the Chapel Street Home and School Association the value of music and Movement. Also taking part were two groups of children from Chapel Street School from grades 1, 2 and 3, who were quite new to the idea and Mrs. Buchner was under the impression that early training does to help children to pronounce rhythm. Mr. Ken Harrison was at the piano and Mrs. Roberts Moran assisted Mrs. Buchner with the children. After the demonstration, a film was shown entitled "Building Children's Personality Through Creative Dance" and this film will be shown at the Acton Home and School Association meeting in April.

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## Ukrainian National Youth Federation To Establish Camp on Border of Acton



WORK STARTED on the new United Church building this week and workmen are shown above as they prepare the land for the foundation. Len Arisa, Guilph, has the contract for the construction and it is understood the Christian Education rooms will be completed first in the basement, with the balance of the church finished at a later date.

## Only About 115 Back in 1953 Now 499 North Halton Guides

What's the situation on Guiding in North Halton today?

According to district commissioner Mrs. S. E. Wood, the situation is very good. At the end of 1957, there were a total of 499 women and girls involved in guide and Brownie work in the North Halton district, an increase of nearly 400 since 1953 when the total comprised approximately 115.

A breakdown of the present total shows three commissioners, 39 Guiders (leaders), 134 Girl Guides, 265 Brownies and 58 parents actively connected with the Local Association.

Back in 1953, the earliest figures available show there were 800 active in Guiding in the whole County, and then in 1954 the figures rose to 1,144 so early in 1956, Oakville, Trafalgar and Bronte broke away from the County group to form its own division. At the end of the same year, Nelson and Burlington also broke away to form their own division.

This left Milton, Georgetown, Acton, Norval and Glen Williams to form what is called the North Halton division and in October of 1957, the Lowville group left the Burlington group to join Milton as it was closer. Today, there are 197 active in Guiding in Acton, Milton and Lowville, and 302 in the Glen Williams, Georgetown and Norval area.

Discussing the program for 1958, Mrs. Wood said the biggest project would be the first financial campaign for funds to purchase a campsite on Lake Erie. At present, the Hamilton district Guides are renting land at a huge site on the lake, but it is their intention to make it a permanent site and each group must raise the equivalent of \$100 a member to affect the purchase.

## W.A. Holds Meeting At Member's Home

The Women's Association of the United Church met at the home of Mrs. F. Cleave recently. The president, Mrs. A. Shoemaker, presided. The devotional was taken by Miss E. Hawthorne.

The annual reports were presented at this meeting. There were two removals by death. Mrs. J. Symon and Mrs. J. Bell, both past presidents and five removals from town. Eight new members were welcomed. 582 calls were made and 60 pieces of mail sent to sick and shut-ins, new babies and two golden weddings.

Flowers and cards were sent to those whose loved ones had been removed by death. 22 baskets of Christmas cheer were sent to sick and shut-ins, Halton Central Manor and Hamilton hospital.

The roll call was answered by a New Year's message. The Society is again divided into groups for the work for 1958. A presentation was made to members who have moved from town. Mrs. D. Lindsay was surprised with a birthday cake and the members sang Happy Birthday. A donation was given to the quarterly board. The meeting closed with the Mirph benediction.

Lunch was served by the executive consisting of assorted sandwiches, cakes, Christmas cake and chocolates. Lucky cups were held by Mrs. W. Maddox and Mrs. B. Veldhuis. A reading was given by Mrs. Wilderpen. A vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Cleave and the executive for the lovely lunch.

## Acton School Children Presented with Bibles

A very impressive ceremony took place Wednesday morning in the M. Z. Bennett school when two representatives of Gladwin's International in Canada, Mr. Murray Coles of Acton and Mr. W. M. Smith, president of the Guilph Camp of Gladwin's presented 210 Bibles to the school.

They were introduced by Mr. Smith, the principal of the school. In speaking of their pleasure in presenting these Bibles Mr. Mullen referred to 2 Timothy 2nd and 3rd chapters in which Timothy was advised to "study to show thyself approved unto God". The Bible is the most valuable book because of its contents and because it is inspired by God. It is the world's best selling book and it is hoped that it will be used with good results in the M. Z. Bennett school.

Rev. Ray Costerus offered the prayer of dedication.

A Luke story was presented by Mr. Coles to principal Mr. Elmer Smith and then two representatives of each classroom received 20 Bibles for use in their classrooms.

## St. Alban's Guild Honor Past President

The January meeting of St. Alban's Ladies' Guild was held in the Parish Hall, Wednesday, January 8 with 22 members present. The meeting opened with hymn 97, followed by the Guild prayer. Mrs. W. Coles read the scripture lesson.

The new president, Mrs. G. Barbeau, presented a gift of a cup and saucer to the retiring president, Mrs. R. Healey, and thanked her for the fine leadership she had given during her time in office. The minutes were read by the secretary, followed by the treasurer's report for the year end.

The work groups for the coming year were formed. A discussion was held on the need for a new serving table and a tentative decision was made to accept the offer of one of the members of a large table as a gift.

The meeting voted to buy the material to make a new pair of scarlet drapes for the altar in the church. It was decided to hold a Valentine tea and Mrs. V. Braden and Mrs. B. Radnot consented to act as convener.

The meeting closed with the Mirph benediction, after which the lunch committee, under Mrs. G. Fountain served refreshments.

## LOCAL NEWS

Work is continuing on the K. K. Purser property.

Children are quite active on the lake and the creek, playing water-skiing and other water sports.

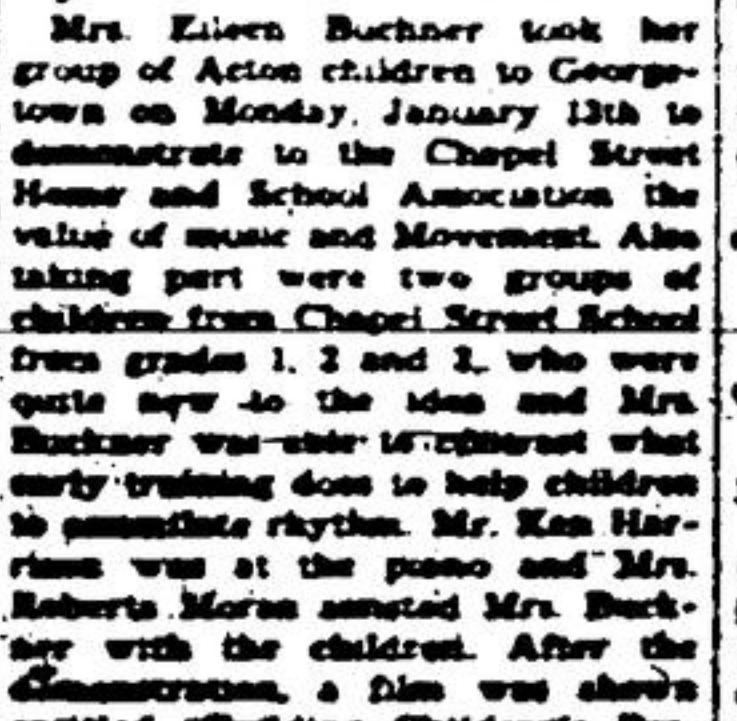
The water works have been quite active spreading sand on the streets after they become icy.

With the unemployment situation getting so bitter, new would be a good idea to have some party given around the home.

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