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BREAKING THE SOIL for the new change stations to be erected in Acton Park is G. V. Barbeau, chairman of the Board of Parks Management. Looking on left to right are Reeve W. Wilson, and members of the Parks Board, Mrs. G. Fryer, E. G. Tyler Sr., A. Irwin and H. Cox. The new change stations will contain shower rooms, change rooms, toilets, check room and many other facilities. It will also serve as the foundation for a future grandstand. The new building will be erected by Len Ariss Construction Company of Guelph.

Board Accepts Grant Cut Agrees to \$3,000 Budget

The Board of Parks Management accepted the recommendation of the finance committee of the town council and approved a grant of \$3,000 in place of one mill, at a special meeting last night (Wednesday).

This action followed a review of the town budget by the finance committee to eliminate a planned deficit after the mill rate had been struck two weeks ago.

Present at the meeting were Reeve W. Wilson, chairman of the finance committee, and Councillor J. Hurst, acting as parks board representative on behalf of the mayor.

G. V. Barbeau, chairman of the board, pointed out they had originally budgeted for 1½ mills and addit. Mr. Wilson answered, "I cannot agree" and Mr. Irwin informed him he meant the road work would entitle to a one mill grant.

Mr. Wilson informed him they were up until the Saturday meeting the budget had been revised.

Mr. Barbeau reviewed proceedings at council meeting on Monday night when the by-law to accept the newly altered budget had been voted on the second reading. He had voted against it and informed council members that one mill was in order and the parks board would have to decide to accept the cut or demand their just share.

At this point, a motion that had been sitting in front of Chairman Barbeau for some time was raised by the mover and placed face down on the table.

Mr. Tyler informed other members it asked him to think council had given the by-law the third reading in spite of Mr. Barbeau's statement.

Silent Bystander

Mrs. G. Fryer, a silent bystander to this point, remarked she had been listening to both sides of the story and was of the opinion council was trying to put the blame on the parks board and added, "If council had been more lenient, they would have looked the Act up."

Mr. Barbeau noted the board had not cut one cent and implored if it was to be cut, it should be done by members.

Chairman Barbeau inquired if

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Local Champion Appears on TV

Miss Gayle Hufford, 17-year-old Acton girl recently acclaimed Eastern Canadian Women's Bowling Champion, appeared on the CHC-TV program "Tabloid" on Monday evening to be interviewed regarding her recent achievement.

Miss Hufford, who two weeks ago broke the previous record, bowled a near 1,057 on the alleys in Acton. Gayle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Hufford, who are proprietors of the Acton alleys.

Bowling with five other bowlers at the time, she racked up a 320-400-327, to top the previous triple record of 1,049.

Planning Board Rejects Offer To Engage Full Time Solicitor

Planning Board members indicated no interest in the employment of a solicitor should council engage

a full time lawyer. The question arose at the Planning Board meeting on Tuesday of this week when Mayor W. H. Cook reported a council committee was considering a full time lawyer. He questioned if the Board would be interested in the plan.

The mayor was informed by W. Matticks a solicitor was strictly for legal entanglements and not for planning. Members reminded the mayor P. Alan Deacon was engaged by the board as adviser in a planning capacity.

Mr. Deacon told the Planning Board, "This is a dangerous business. He backed up his statement by naming a lawyer advising the town and conducting a private business could be embarrassing positions at times."

F. S. Salt remarked, "I don't think we have an occasion to use a solicitor. Any legal business lies on the town."

Chairman J. Whitham concluded the discussion by remarking, "With all due respect to the legal rights of the town, we would rather not participate."

Mrs. W. Porter and son, Danny, were present to inform the Planning Board they had an opportunity to sell their property on Mill Street East to William Dunsire, who wished to operate his Home Maintenance business from this residence.

Members explained to the delegates the building was in a residential zone and the purchaser would be operating a business. It was further explained the zoning by-law had received temporary approval by the Municipal Board and the only way to have the zoning altered was to apply for an amendment to the O.M.B.

Mr. Deacon suggested to the two delegates either they or the proposed purchaser of their property apply to the Municipal Board but explained they would have to pay the costs if turned down.

Chairman Whitham pointed out that residents in the area possibly would object to a business being operated in a residential zone.

F. Van Wyck and S. Brunelle were present to request permission to add an extension to the present Custom-Cleaners building.

Mrs. Van Wyck submitted a drawing of his present building owned by Mr. Brunelle, and explained there was room in his es-

Council Retains 1958 62-66 Mill Rate Cut Budgets, Eliminate Planned Deficit

Acton C. of C. Present Books To Acton H.S.

Acton Chamber of Commerce Tuesday afternoon of this week, presented 140 books to the Acton High School, for use by grades 11, 12 and 13.

President G. V. Barbeau, representing the C. of C., presented the books entitled "Canada Land of Hope" and "Know Your Government", to Miss Shirley Mason, president of the student council and principal E. A. Hansen.

Warrant Out

Corporal Ray Mason of the local O.P.P. detachment reported today a warrant for the arrest of a suspect involved in the armed robbery in Acton last Friday had been sent out.

No arrest had been made up until press time to day.

Acton's Customs Port Now in Higher Grade

Evidence of the growing importance of Acton industrially is to be found in the word received this week that the Customs Port at Acton is to be raised to a Grade Two Port, effective as of April 1st this year. This is the second upgrading of Acton's Customs Port in the past few years.

Grading of Customs Ports is based on the number of entries which pass through the office. Congratulations may well go also to the very efficient and obliging officer, W. E. Middleton, who has been the official in charge here for 24 years. The future would seem to point to an even larger volume for Acton with its enlarged industrial expansion in progress. Mr. Middleton before his appointment to the Customs Port was a resident of Acton for several years and employed by the C.N.R. here.

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Alone in the cleaning establishment at the time Frank Van Wyck, age 37, one of the proprietors was sitting at the rear doing the books when the front door opened, ringing the buzzer system.

Approaching the front of the store, Mr. Van Wyck saw a roughly dressed man with a handkerchief over the lower part of his face, pointing a revolver at him.

Thinking at first someone was trying to play a joke, the proprietor changed his mind when, in a low voice, the gunman demanded the money from the cash register.

Mr. Jones, town assessor, informed the Board it was his opinion residents should be allowed to build a garage on their property without adhering to the six foot clearance from the lot line.

Mr. Jones added the addition of a garage would add to the resale value of any home and improve the appearance.

The assessor pointed out to members he had several phone calls and requests from residents regarding this matter and asked consideration be given.

Mr. Deacon explained to the board there was no way to avoid the regulations as there must be a six foot clearance from the lot line.

Bud Evans, board member, suggested that each case be dealt with individually as they would differ in standards. All members agreed.

Members approved a motion to request a plan of subdivision from H. K. Porter Co. of their property to facilitate the planning of future roads and services.

Mrs. Bud Evans Receives Honor

Mrs. M. Bud Evans, 132 Elizabeth Drive, Acton, while displaying her painting at the Regional show held at Cokerville on Saturday, April 13, had her painting chosen to be shown at the area show in Kitchener May 18.

Fourteen artists from Acton entered the Regional show and competed against 153 pictures entered.

Damage Totals \$225 In Two Car Collision

Damages totalled \$225 in a two car head-on crash Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m.

Chester Peyscha of Acton received \$150 damage to his car when he and Manuel De Salva of Galt, who received \$75 damage to his car, collided on a narrow bridge on No. 111 sideroad near Speyside. Constable Ray Andrews investigated.



ROBBED OF \$105 Frank Van Wyck, 37, co-manager of Custom Cleaners in Acton, is shown left, with his partner, Paul Hurley, shortly after checking their loss. Alone in the store at the time, Mr. Van Wyck was threatened by an armed robber who demanded the cash. Police were called immediately but the gunman had escaped before their arrival.

Armed Bandit Gets \$105 In Daring Acton Robbery

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Mr. Van Wyck told the gunman there was not much money there, hoping to stall for time until someone might come in. When the revolver was thrust under his nose and the bandit demanded

the money from the cash register, he had the gun.

Police appeared on the scene immediately and scoured the district along with Mr. Van Wyck but the bandit had made his get-away.

Road blocks were set up in surrounding towns, but no trace of the bandit has been found.

In partnership with Mr. Van Wyck is Paul Hurley, who had the day off.

—The bandit is breaking out at a great rate of speed.

—Don't forget the Free Press fishing contest on the May 1st opening weekend.

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Acton Council accepted by by-law the mill rate of 62 mills for residential and 66 mills for commercial, at their regular meeting on Monday evening of this week, following a revision of committee budgets by the finance committee.

Formerly accepted was a budget deficit of \$19,990 at the same mill rate but council instructed the finance committee to review committee budgets in order to pare them to meet the set mill rate or raise the mill rate.

Following a special meeting by the finance committee the budget deficit was reduced to \$250.71 by reducing the following committee budgets: Industrial committee was reduced from a proposed \$300 to nil; street lighting reduced from \$4,000 to \$3,500; Public works reduced from \$40,537.00 to \$30,537.00; Arena board from \$2,000 to \$1,500; Parks Board from \$4,500.85 to \$3,000; County rate from \$26,000 to \$24,024.99.

The 1957 deficit of \$14,955.42 was reduced to \$9,470.32.

The final budget presentation for approval indicated a deficit of \$250.71.

III Roads Hard

Following the presentation of the new revised budget, Reeve W. Wilson, chairman of the finance committee, told council members his committee had attempted to hold the original mill rate of 62-66 mills and the only possible way was to pare committee budgets.

Deputy Reeve J. Greer, chairman of the streets, lights and garbagemen in accepting his committee's cut in budget, remarked, "We have wasted a lot of time and spent a lot on gas going around town trying to figure out the necessities and these things are necessary."

Mr. Wilson told Mr. Greer next year would be different and the Deputy Reeve reminded the Reeve he had been on council four years and the same thing happened to his committee each time.

It was suggested to committee chairman Greer he try to manage on his new budget and if a major expense happened to occur it would have to be shown as a deficit at the end of the year.

Councillor J. Hurst remarked, "No one is going to frown if the road committee should come up with a deficit in view of that."

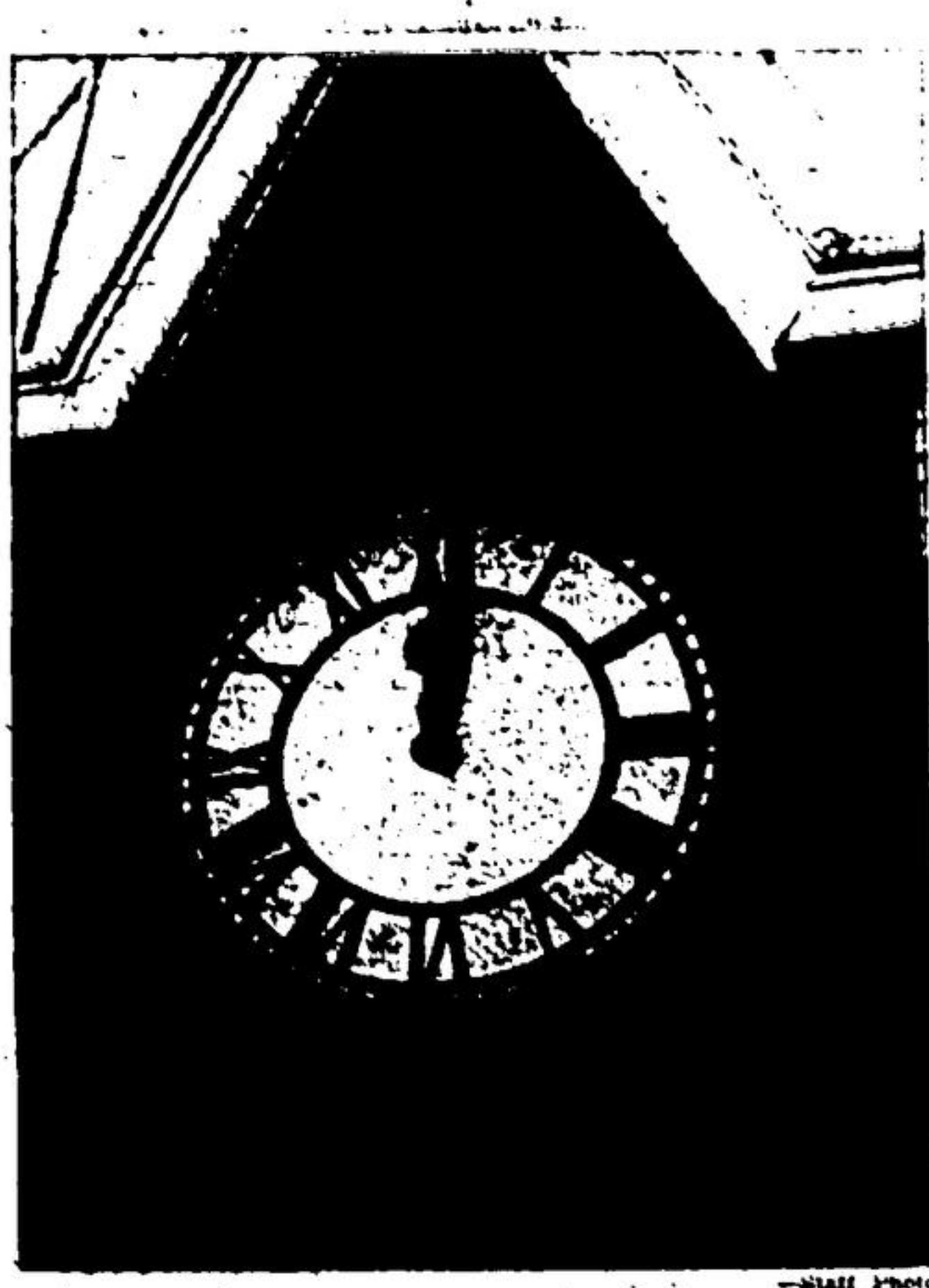
Councillor B. Racine told members, "I don't think we should kid ourselves; if they feel they are going to overspend, we should raise their budgets now. They should try to live up to the budget unless some major catastrophe arises." I personally feel we are going to finish up with a good picture."

Park Cut

Finance committee chairman Wilson had not time to catch a breath when Councillor G. Barbeau questioned him about reducing the Board of Parks Management grant by \$1,500.00.

He reminded council the parks board was undertaking a big project this year in building the

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME will commence in Acton at 12:01 on Sunday, April 27th, as indicated by the town clock above. Daylight Saving will continue until October 26th at 2:00 p.m. Action residents will once again enjoy the longer, lighter evenings, with the turning of the clock.

Fishermen Only

The early awards of free subscriptions to the Free Press and photographs of fishermen are awaiting the winners of the annual Free Press fishing contest.

The contest, divided in two classes, is open to (a) district fishermen catching the largest trout within a radius of 25 miles of Acton and (b) Public school children only, with the largest trout caught.

District persons reporting catching the largest trout during week-end of the trout fishing season, May 1 to May 3, will receive prizes.

Those having caught hatty trout over 10 inches long are asked to call the Free Press office not later than 3 p.m. Monday.

Don't forget to keep the fish on ice. The Free Press wants a picture to prove the story.



140 BOOKS were presented to students at the Acton High School by the Acton Chamber of Commerce, on Tuesday of this week. Pictured above, Shirley Mason, president of the student council is pictured studying one of the books, while J. B. Wood, left, and G. V. Barbeau, right, of the C. of C. offer the volumes. Principal E. A. Hansen, rear centre, offers approval. The books were entitled "Know Your Government" and "Canada Land of Hope".