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BREAKING THE SOD 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 show-ers, 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 1 1/2 mills and noted that it had been cut to \$3,000. He also pointed out that according to the Act, the parks board were entitled to a one mill grant.

Reviews Budget

Reeve Wilson reviewed the procedure in accepting the first budget submitted to council on April 7. He told board members after reaching an agreement to a 62-66 mill rate it was found impossible to budget for a deficit.

The chairman of the finance committee informed board members his committee had to decide to raise the mill rate or start paying various individual budgets. The latter was the final decision, stated the chairman.

He pointed out that the road committee had suffered a tremendous cut although council was aware the road committee's work was important.

Mr. Wilson told the parks board it was found a further cut was in order if the budget was to be balanced to hold the mill rate and a decision was made to cut the parks board's budget.

The chairman informed members he was not at the meeting to demand the parks board accept the cut but to ask them to consider the suggestion and noted that next year, things would be in a good shape.

Fair Economy

A Irwin board member, stated, "I agree it's nice to keep the mill rate down but not to go backwards."

Fishermen Only

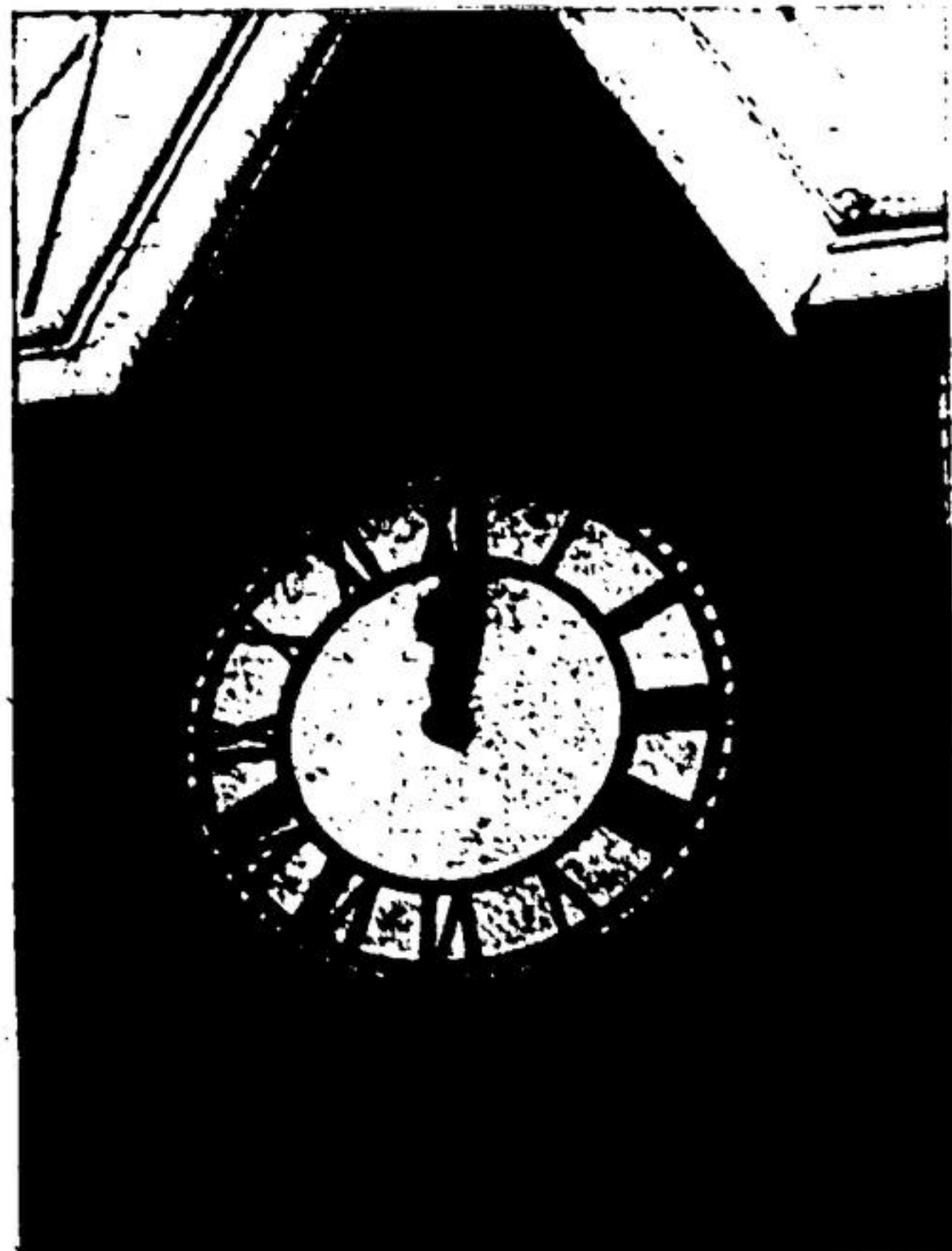
The early awards of free subscriptions to the Free Press and photographs of themselves are awaiting the winners of the annual Free Press fishing contest.

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 opening week-end of the trout fishing season, May 1 to May 3, will receive prizes.

Those having caught hefty trout over 10 inches long are asked to call the Free Press office not later than 5 p.m. Monday.

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



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. Acton residents will once again enjoy the longer, lighter evenings, with the turning of the clock.

Local Champion Appears on TV

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

Miss Hulford, who two weeks ago broke the previous record, posted a neat 1,087 on the alleys in Acton. Gayle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Hulford, who are proprietors of the Acton alleys.

Bowling with five other bowlers at the time, she racked up a 320-400-337, 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. Matlock, a solicitor, that he was strictly for legal entanglements and not for planning. Members reminded the mayor P. Alan Deacon was engaged by the board as an adviser in a planning capacity.

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

F. Salt remarked, "I don't think we have an occasion to use a solicitor in any legal business bases 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. Parry and son, Danny, were present to inform the Planning Board they had an opportunity to sell their property on Mill Street East to William Demarech, 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 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.

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

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 students 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 Saturday had been sent out.

No arrest had been made up until press time today.

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 officiating officer here for 24 years. The figure 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.



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

A lone bandit, brandishing a revolver and masked with a handkerchief covering his face, held up the Custom Cleaners in Acton Saturday afternoon about 3:15 p.m. and made off with \$105.00 in cash, in a daring daylight robbery.

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 tough-looking 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. 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

"Get it," \$105.00 was handed over from the day's receipts.

Unnoticed by the robber were several large bills and a few cheques that remained in the cash register.

After the gunman left the premises, Mr. Van Wyck called the police and then ran to the street to see in what direction the robber had gone.

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

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

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

—The buds are breaking out at a great rate of speed.

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

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Mrs. Bud Evans Receives Honor

Mrs. M. Bud Evans, 132 Elizabeth Drive, Acton, while displaying her paintings at the Regional show held at Cooksville on Saturday, April 19, had her painting chosen to be shown at the area show in Kitchener in May.

Fourteen artists from Acton entered the Regional show and competed against 150 pictures entered.

Damage Totals \$225 In Two Car Collision

Damage, totalled \$225 in a two car head-on crash Sunday afternoon at 5:20 p.m.

Chester Pezcha of Acton received \$150 damage to his car when he and Manuel De Selva of Galt, who received \$75 damage to his car, collided on a narrow bridge on No. 13 side road near Speerside. Constable Ray Andrews investigated.



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".