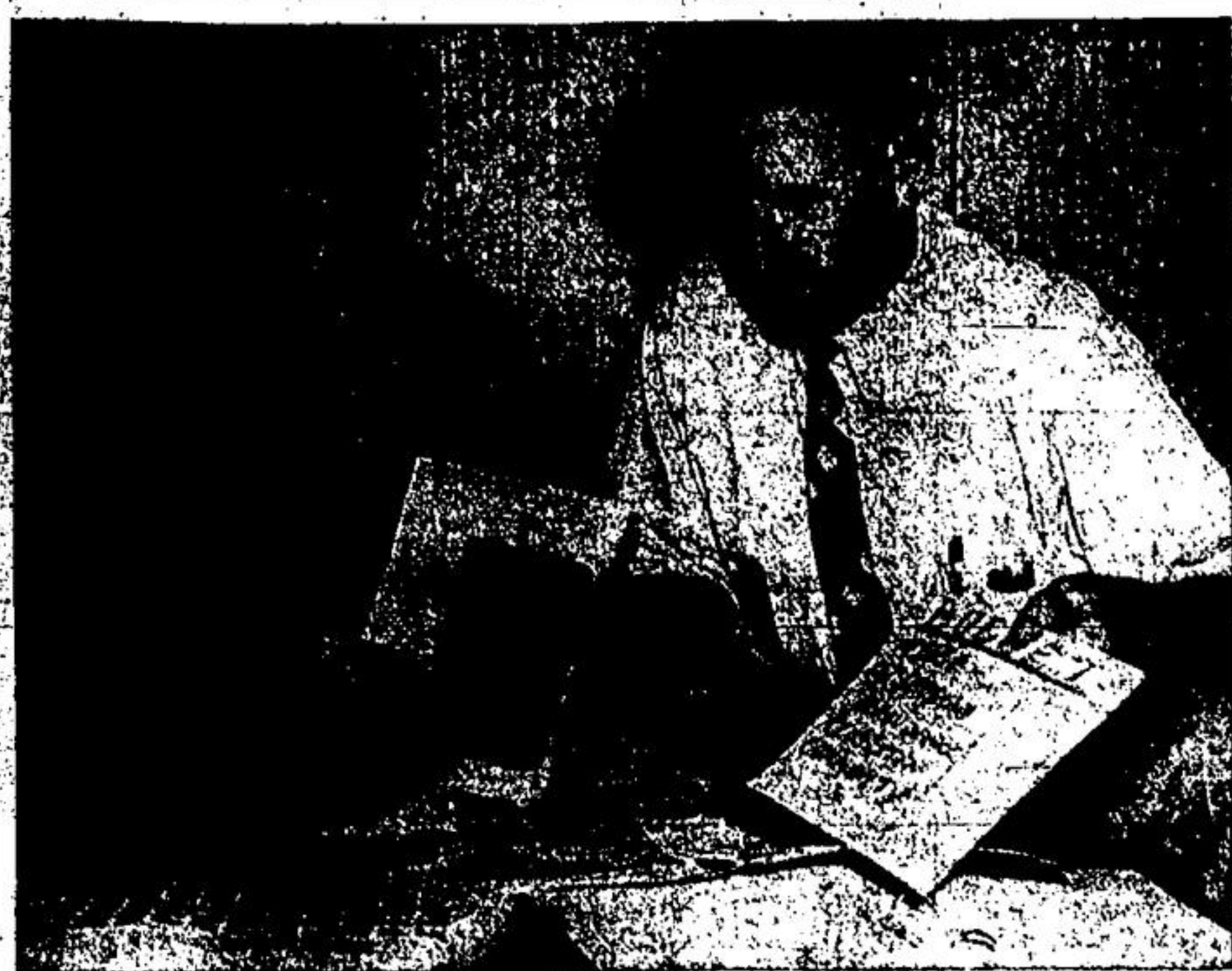


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**FINAL DETAILS** for the International Y's Men's Clubs Central Ontario District Spring Conference in Acton this Saturday and Sunday are completed by Harry Arbic, conference chairman, left, and Clarence Rognavaldson, Acton Club president, right. To date over 100 delegates from Brantford, Brantford, Galt, Guelph, Kitchener-Waterloo, Kitchener Pan Politae and Acton, have registered to attend. The delegates will be billeted in hotels, motels and private homes for the two day affair.

## Family Left Homeless As Fire Guts Farm Home

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Snow and their three children were left homeless on Good Friday when their farm home was completely gutted by fire in spite of valiant efforts of both Erin and Acton Fire Departments.

Sitting at the dinner table, the Snow family, accompanied by Miss Janie Given, an aunt, heard the crackle of flames and immediately realized the roof had caught fire. They formed a bucket brigade while calls were being put in to the fire departments.

Their efforts soon proved in vain. With the help of neighbors, however, the family managed to carry out some furniture from the main floor.

Erin Fire Department had arrived

and were pouring water on the blaze by the time the Acton firemen arrived and for a time it appeared as though the fire was coming under control. Then a nearby pond from which firemen were pumping water ran dry.

Hightailing it for a stream a short distance away, flames were fanned by parked cars and drifting snow and soon the entire building was entombed in the blaze.

Although the frame home was completely gutted firemen managed to prevent flames from spreading to a nearby milkhouse, garage and barn.

The Snow family were offered shelter by neighbors living nearby. To date total value of the loss is not known.

## Class Appears On TV Friday

Children in Mrs. Robert Buckner's "Music and Movement" class will appear on television Friday afternoon. They will be displaying their musical training on Telescope, the Kitchener program which begins shortly after 1 p.m. This is the same program which has featured Acton ladies recently doing their relaxing exercises also under Mrs. Buckner's capable direction.

Taking part will be Valerie Coles, Terry Dowling, Anne Gordon, Mark Hurst, Sheila Jeffrey, Michael McGrath, Alan McKenzie, Anne Marie Quinn, Angela Ross, Cathy White and Ellen Wasenz.

Mrs. Kathleen Duggles of Guelph will accompany the youngsters on the piano.

## Local Ladies Named to Board At Children's Aid Society Meet

Outlining the importance of early treatment of crippled children, Dr. H. V. Cranfield, medical director of the Ontario Society for Crippled Children, addressed the annual meeting of the Halton Children's Aid Society in St. Paul's United Church, Milton, on Tuesday evening.

Titling his subject "Habilitation of Crippled Children" he noted that many crippled children had never known a better life and so it was not a case of rehabilitation.

He outlined that the Ontario Society was started with representatives of 10 service clubs and now has 221 participants in the program. The province now has 13,

790 crippled children and funds provided average about \$1.90 per week on each.

Reviewing the facilities necessary at the new Crippled Children's Centre, the speaker expressed the hope the new building in North York would be in operation by this fall.

**Silently Bless You**

"We can learn from those who are handicapped. They strive to be ordinary and while they surpass you in personal accomplishment they will silently bless you if you greet them as your equal," Dr. Cranfield concluded.

President Murray Mahon conducted the annual meeting that

saw Sydney Childs named president, Harold Biggar vice-president and Mrs. Leslie White secretary, with E. W. Foster treasurer.

Other directors named were Mrs. D. Taylor, Mrs. J. W. Wolfe, Acton; M. T. Douglas, Mrs. Velma Norris, Burlington; Miss Margery Mackenzie, Rev. A. J. Cahler, Georgetown; Sydney Childs, E. W. Foster, Milton; Mrs. Leslie White, Mrs. Wilfred Bird, Esquesing; Mrs. F. J. Bowden, Mrs. H. C. Pullen, Oakville; J. Murray Mahon, Omer; K. VanSickle, Nassagaweya; Harold Biggar, Albert Watson, Trafalgar; Douglas Sargent, R. C. Cunningham county representatives.

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# Forecast 12 Mill Rate Increase Budget Still Subject to Revision

J. T. Hurst, chairman of the finance committee of Acton council, urged all municipal committees responsible for spending money to closely review their submitted budgets in order to cut a pre-budget mill rate of 78.41 for industrial and commercial and 74.41 for residential, during a special council meeting in the Robert Little school auditorium on Tuesday evening.

In stressing the need for a careful budget review, the finance chairman expressed alarm at the possible 12 mill increase over last

year, suggesting it was too big a burden for the taxpayers.

**Deficit Beyond Safe Level**

Basing his pre-budget figures on a total assessment of \$5,228,321.43, Mr. Hurst noted that it was an assessment increase over last year of \$686,420.09. He explained the debt of the town of Acton was beyond the safe level of 25 per cent of the total assessment as recommended by the Ontario Municipal Board.

In reporting on the 1958 deficit, the finance chairman outlined the various departments which had

shown a deficit by reporting the following: unconditional grants deficit amounting to \$11,970.00; sewer deficit, \$14,974.04; parks board deficit, \$1,843.89; water deficit, \$3,706.73; capital expenditure out of revenue, \$4,115.10 (for the purchase of land); Porter water and sewer service installation, \$5,372.15; Micro Plastic water and sewer service installation, \$10,709.00; engineer's fees on the Micro job, \$629.95.

**Budget Errors**

In explaining the deficit figures, Mr. Hurst stated that the amounts

given for the first two deficits were, definite errors in budgeting. He noted they were justified due to a time element in presenting an estimated budget for unconditional grants from the government.

In reviewing the Parks Board deficit, the chairman pointed out this had been explained by council at an earlier date.

In a review of the water debt, the audience of local officials was told that the finance committee intended to suggest council investigate further the sale of water and revised water rates. It was hoped

this might offset further debt in this department.

Mr. Hurst also explained that the four listed as deficits represented capital expenditures out of current revenue. He pointed out that council had attempted to debenture \$18,000 of this but the plan had failed.

The finance chairman outlined the mill rate arrived at by his committee after submission of the various budgets and noted that of the pre-budget mill rate arrived at for industrial and commercial amounting to 78.41 mills, it was made up of \$130,918.97 for schools (28.33 mills); \$26,979.52 for the county rate (4.99 mills) and \$246,130.56 for general operations (47.09 mills).

Mr. Hurst also explained that the residential mill rate consisted of the same total as the estimates previously mentioned less estimated government grants amounting to \$11,970.00, leaving the mill rate at 74.41 mills.

## Y's Men Hosts At Conference Expect 100

Well over 100 men are expected in town this weekend for Central Ontario District Y's Men's conference. Billeted in homes, they will be attending sessions on Saturday and Sunday.

They will be driving in Saturday afternoon from Galt, Kitchener, Waterloo, Brantford, Guelph and Brantford.

**E. B. Jolliffe Speaker**

All their meals and meetings will be in the Y.M.C.A., featuring special workshops. Guest speaker at the banquet Saturday evening is E. B. Jolliffe of Rockwood, who will speak on his recent visit to China.

Sunday morning devotions in the Y will be taken by Rev. Gordon Adams. (Murray McBride of Balmain is taking the two morning services at the United church.)

Another speaker will be Jason McCoy of Canton, Ohio, an international representative.

The Y Ladies' Auxiliary are finalizing their plans for meals for the crowd. They will be assisted by the Y's Men's wives.

The Silvercreek motel has almost completely been booked by the conference.



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**EASTER SERVICES** in local churches were well attended last Sunday and pictured above are some of the congregation as they leave St. Alban's Church. Cars lined the streets from Knox Presbyterian Church to St. Alban's as local residents filled both churches to capacity.

## Children Roam Acton Park In Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Approximately 30 children braved the raw east wind on Monday morning to roam Acton park in search of colored slips of plastic which might mean a reward of an Easter egg during the annual Y.M.C.A. Easter Egg Hunt.

Colored pieces of plastic had been hidden throughout the park on Sunday evening and at 10 a.m. Monday morning the children swooped down on their prey as they searched high and low for the hidden treasure.

During the hour hunt, children peered under buildings, logs, garbage cans and even climbed small trees in the hope of finding the previous plastic slip which meant a higher score towards the final goal.

Out of the 100 plastic slips hidden in the park, the children accounted for every one by the time the final horn was blown to end the hunt.

Big prize winner for the event was Joanne Landsborough, who located 18 pieces of plastic Jacobs

## Police Warn

Corporal Ray Mason of the local O.P.P. Detachment this week issued a warning not only to children but parents as well regarding the possession and discharging of BB guns within the town limits.

The corporal pointed out that previous warnings had gone unheeded and that as of today (Thursday April 2nd) any person breaking this law will be charged and also parents can be charged with contributing to juvenile delinquency.

It was noted by the corporal there are no licenses available for BB guns and discharging of these within the town limits comes under the firearms section of the criminal code.

Corporal Mason advises all parents to take the necessary action as of today to discourage their children from firing these guns in town.

It was also stressed that a very close check will be made immediately as a number of complaints have been received by the police.

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There were large crowds of worshippers in all of the town's churches Easter Sunday morning, backed by the ringing of the bell of St. Joseph's church and chimes of the loudspeaker system at Knox.

At St. Alban's church, extra space in the parish hall had to be utilized to seat the record-breaking crowd.

Palms and lilies decorated the altars of the churches. Full accounts were given in last week's Free Press, in anticipation of the special services which included cantatas and sunrise services.



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**MIDNIGHT REVELS** will be the presentation of a group of Acton children on Kitchener TV to-morrow (Friday) when they appear on Miss Elaine Cole's program. The children participate in Mrs. R. D. Buckner's Rhythm and Movement class and have been practicing for the event for some time. Pictured above, front

row left to right are: Valerie Coles, Sheila Jeffrey, Anne Marie Quinn and Ann Gordon. Back row: Allan McKenzie, Angela Ross, Ella Wisenz, Michael McGrath, Kathy White, Terry Dowling and Michael Hurst. Mrs. Kathleen Duggles of Guelph accompanies the youngsters on the piano.



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**EASTER EGG WINNERS** during the egg hunt sponsored by the Acton Y.M.C.A. on Monday morning are pictured above with their prizes. Slips of colored plastic were hidden throughout the park and children swarmed over the area searching for the hidden treasure. At the conclusion of the program children with the most pieces of plastic received top prizes. Pictured above are

the two main winners in front with J. Van Der Brink on the left and Joanne Landsborough on the right. Second row: C. Lawrence, F. Morton, L. Stevenson, C. Camp, L. Gordon, D. Jordan, and C. Preston. Back row: G. Blundell, M. Flatt, D. Lawrence, J. Lawrence and B. Landsborough.