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Council Adopts Dog Control System Cecil Robertson to Enforce By-Law

Acton Council at its Tuesday evening meeting agreed to prepare an agreement with Cecil Robertson of Glen Williams to enforce the Dog Control By-law. Mr. Robertson will be looking after the Town of Georgetown dog control program as well. The cost to the municipality will be 20c per capita per year based on the assessor's census.

Explaining the proposed operations, Mr. Robertson informed councillors he would be available 24 hours a day and would be spending two days each week in Acton. The agreement will commence May 1st.

Mr. Robertson advised councillors he would attempt to notify owners of tagged dogs the same day they are picked up. The dog owner will be required to pay a \$5.00 reclaiming fee plus \$1.00 per day board. Unclaimed dogs may be destroyed after three days. Mr. Robertson will operate the control program within the rules and regulations of the Humane Society. It is his intention to construct a new 12 by 50 foot cement block dog pound at Glen Williams.

R. D. Cowley of the Department

of Transport was present to discuss with council his supplementary report on the traffic surveys conducted at the Mill and Main Street corner.

The supplementary report was made after a delegation from

Council had appeared before the Minister. Mr. Cowley in justifying his lack of a recommendation to install stop and go signals at the intersection pointed out that the traffic pattern had changed with the completion of Highway 401 to

Highway 25 and that he anticipated a further change upon the completion of 401 further west. Surveys had been made last August before 401 was opened and again in February. He suggested a survey again in June would be in order when use of 401 became more widespread.

Mandatory Delay

He said Council "have to concede that signals are a nuisance sometimes" and that "improving a mandatory delay on traffic costs money too." Mr. Cowley also reported the intersection "almost" numerically warranted a traffic signal but that he was not prepared to design a signal for the corner until a more definite traffic pattern had been established. Mr. Cowley pointed out that the "streets are for moving traffic not for storing traffic" in support of his suggestion for a no parking ban on Mill Street from Main to the C.N.R. crossing. He recommended off-street parking be established.

Move Highway

Reeve Greer suggested that perhaps the Department would like to take the highway out of town and pointed out that the Department seemed most concerned with clearing Mill Street so people could drive through town easier to go to Guilph to shop. Mr. Cowley is to return to a committee meeting to discuss the report more fully.

The Daylight Saving-time by-law was given the necessary three readings. Under its provision Daylight Saving Time will be in effect in Acton from Sunday, April 24 at 12:01 a.m. until Sunday, October 30 at 2:00 a.m.

Mayor Gray reported to council that the insurance adjuster had advised him the town is not covered for snow and ice on any of its buildings. The report was ordered filed.

1959 Surplus

The auditor's report was reviewed. A surplus of \$2,986.17 on the operation for 1959 was noted. No recommendations were included in the report. The report was accepted and the clerk was authorized to have 200 copies printed for distribution.

The usual proclamation of Chamber of Commerce week, April 24th to 30th was approved. The policy on the removal of limbs broken from trees during last winter's ice storm was discussed. The directive agreed upon was that "limbs cut to reasonable size" and placed at the road side would be picked up on non-garage pickup days.

Encourages Project

Don Bexton and Mr. Hodgins of the Department of Transport Safety Council addressed the members on the formation of a local safety council. Mr. Hodgins outlined the program of a safety council and requested the support of council for a citizens' group which would attempt to carry on a safety program in the various fields, traffic, water, fire, home and industrial. He pointed out that the main emphasis would be placed "basically in the educational field suggesting the safety council should be a community wide project."

Mayor Gray assured the representatives Council would encourage support of the project.

Recommendations Reviewed by Council

Summary of the points covered in the recommendation of the supplementary report of R. D. Cowley of the Department of Transport are:

1. No stop and go signals at the Mill and Main Street corner.
2. Mill Street east and west a through street.
3. Main Street north and south stop streets.
4. Installation of flashing stop signs on Main St. north and south.
5. No parking on the north side of Mill Street east from Main Street to the C.N.R. crossing.
6. No parking on the south side of Mill Street east from Main Street for a distance of 110 feet.
7. No parking either side of Main Street south for a distance of 60 feet from the corner.
8. No parking either side of Main Street north for a distance of 70 feet from the corner.

Issue Warning

Corporal Ray Mason of the local O.P.P. detachment this week issued a warning to all citizens regarding the firing of B.B. guns within the town's boundaries.

The corporal pointed out that parents as well as any child found guilty of this offence would be charged jointly. Parents will be charged with contributing to juvenile delinquency. It was reported.

"The police are of the opinion that B.B. guns are as dangerous weapons as 22 rifles and anyone found guilty will be charged," the corporal stated.

Several complaints have been registered at the Acton police office and police are beginning to crack down on offenders. It was noted.

Avian's Gyroplane Wrecked Pilot Hurt in Taxi Test

Avian Industries' experimental gyroplane crashed after an unscheduled jump takeoff at the Wellington-Waterloo airport on Friday.

The aircraft was designed and built by Avian Industries Ltd., Georgetown. The company was formed last year by employees and engineers laid off from the A. V. Roe Canada Ltd. Arrow project.

The pilot, Emil Zuber, 74 Delrex Blvd., Georgetown, a Trans-Canada Air Lines pilot, is in Kit-chener-Waterloo Hospital recovering from a fractured left ankle. His condition was described as good.

The two-seater craft, which

combines the principle of a helicopter and an autogyro, was undergoing taxiing tests when it unexpectedly became airborne. It reached a height of 90 to 100 feet before returning to the runway. The aircraft was not intended to fly on these taxi tests.

Company officials watching the tests from the runway, were surprised when the machine executed the vertical takeoff.

More than \$100,000 has been invested in the prototype aircraft. According to an Avian spokesman, the gyroplane was beyond repair. However, he said the portion housing the engine was not damaged as extensively as the rest of the aircraft and the engine appeared unscathed.

No Defects, Malfunction

Company and Department of Transport investigation has revealed no structural or mechanical defects or malfunction which might have caused the accident.

Department of Transport investigators complimented the Company on the design and excellence of workmanship in the prototype machine.

Total Damage \$2,000 In Rear-End Crash

Total damage was \$2,000—\$1,000 to each car—at a rear-end collision on Highway 7 just east of Acton Thursday evening of last week.

According to Constable Ron Stratton of North Halton O.P.P., James Elliston of Glen Williams ran out of gas and left his 1957 Cadillac parked partway off the westbound traffic lane. Another car driven by Alex Wilson of 133 Queen St., Acton, collided with the rear of the Cadillac and the driver told police he didn't realize the car was stopped.

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Board Reviews By-Law Change May Allow Private Garages

The question of building garages which do not conform to side lot restrictions was again opened at the Planning Board meeting Wednesday night.

The problem was raised by Mayor Gray, who reported he and Councilors had received many inquiries about a change in the by-law to allow garages to be built.

The final decision was to conduct a survey and to request each person, contemplating the erection of a garage, to submit a plot plan of their lot, indicating the existing buildings. When a sufficient number of applications are received, an attempt will be made to have any necessary changes made to allow building to begin.

Individual Approach P. H. Deacon, the planning consultant, pointed out that each lot will have to be looked after indi-

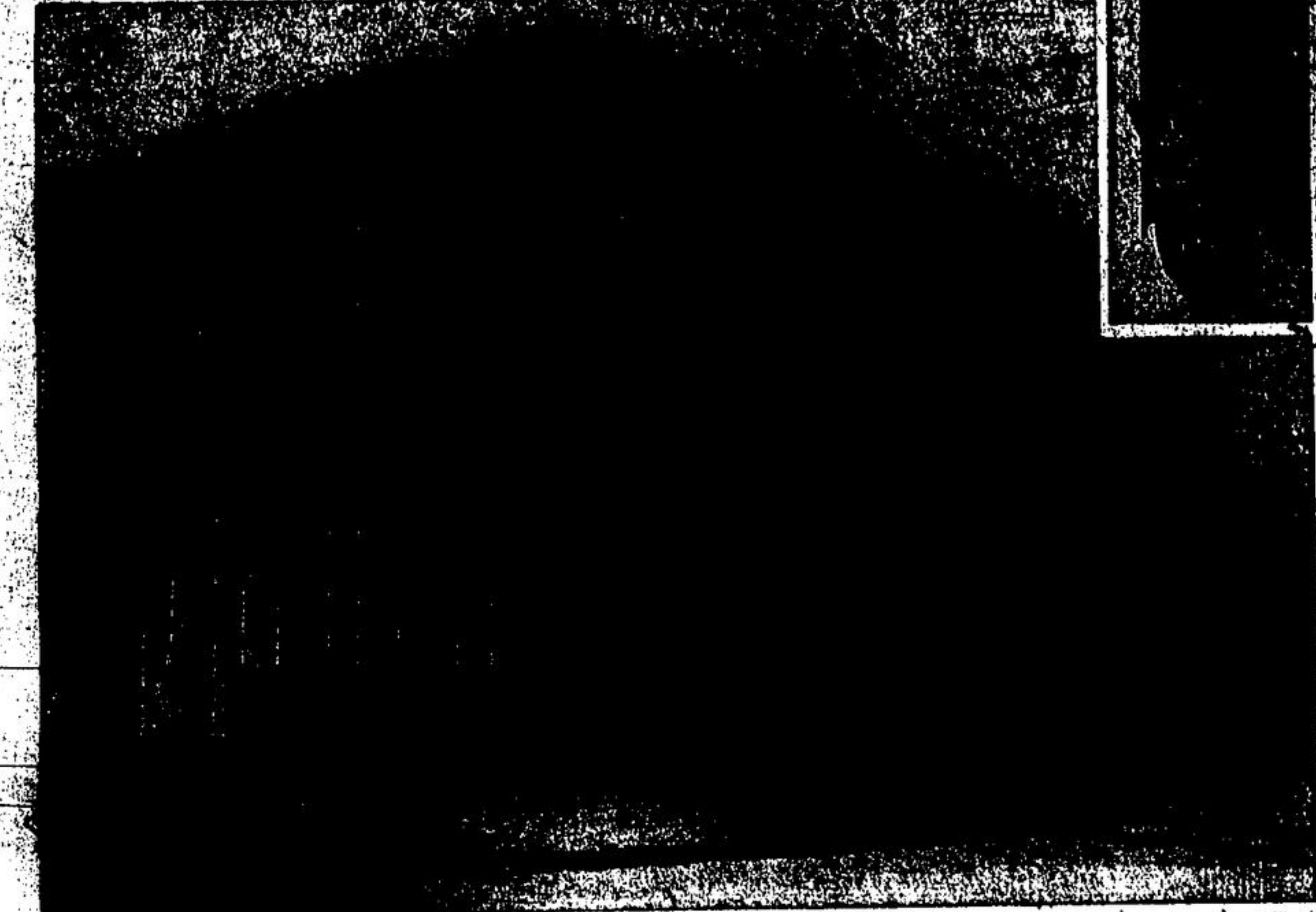
vidually to determine what houses actually have room for a garage.

Dan Campbell, Main Street south, appeared before the board requesting permission to sell three residential lots on his property. The application is being held until information is received from the Department of Highways regarding possible widening of highway 25 at this point.

The Board subscribed to membership in the Community Planning Association at an annual membership fee of \$25.00.

Two recommendations were to be forwarded to council as a result of the application for a building permit by the Bell Telephone Company for the erection of a dial exchange building.

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HILLSBURGH BANK was held up and robbed of \$4,056 on Tuesday afternoon. Two men were apprehended by provincial police a little more than an hour after the robbery and the money was recovered. Inset is Mrs. E. Dymek, who with her husband operates a grocery store across the street from the bank.

Police Capture Armed Bank Robbers Recover \$4,056 From Daring Holdup

Two suspects were arrested Tuesday afternoon little more than an hour after the Royal Bank at Hillsburgh was robbed of \$4,056. The two men were captured after being hemmed in by two police cruisers between Palgrave and Bolton. A description of their car had been broadcast over the police radio. The money was recovered in the glove compartment of the car after the suspects were captured.

Booked at Guilph on charges of armed robbery are Robert Doucet, 33, and Garfield Ridout, 21, both of Bolton.

Men Armed Shortly after opening the bank Tuesday afternoon, bank manager Hugh Oxley and his staff were face to face with an automatic rifle and a revolver, as two men demanded money from the cash drawer.

In the bank at the time of the robbery were the manager, Mr. Oxley, and Miss Isabel McDonald, Miss Iolla Roszell and Laverne Swift, members of the staff.

Miss McDonald, who has been on the Hillsburgh staff for 19 years, said the two men had been in the bank three days prior to the robbery, getting change for two \$10 bills. She noted that both she and Miss Roszell had made some joking remark about the strangers at the time but never suspected anything. It is believed the men were casing the interior of the bank at this time.

No Joke When the two men entered the bank again on Tuesday and demanded the money, the staff members believed they were fooling. They soon realized the men meant business, however, when

they levelled the guns at them and said "We're not fooling."

Miss McDonald remarked after the robbery, "They were quite cool and did not act rough". She then told how the one with the revolver tapped her gently on the shoulder as he ordered her to get into the vault.

One of the robbers jumped over the counter, herded the manager and staff into the vault and after warning them not to move, closed the door. Unknown to him, the staff was able to escape after pulling the burglar alarm from within.

Make Escape The two men stuffed the money into a large bag, rushed from the bank through the back door and ran up the lane to their parked car. Tossing the money and rifle into the car, they raced away down a side road, heading for Bolton.

During their trip on this road, their car became mired in the mud. They were forced to walk to a nearby farmhouse, owned by John H. Simpson, and asked for assistance. Mr. Simpson, unaware of the robbery, helped haul the car out of the mud and the two men raced away.

Police cruisers from Orangeville and Port Credit detachments spotted the wanted men in their car and immediately hemmed them in and took the suspects into custody.

The suspicions of Mrs. Muriel Dymek, who with her husband operates a grocery store across the street from the bank, had been aroused when she saw the car pull into the laneway and two strange men get out. Taking note

of the license number, she was able to supply police with a good description of the wanted car.

Mrs. Dymek reported she saw the two men emerge from the car carrying a box-like object, walk down the laneway and disappear behind the building. Next thing she saw was the men running up the laneway. One of them jumped behind the wheel as the other tossed a parcel into the back as the car raced away.

The laneway connects the main street with the side street between the arena and bank. It was down this side street the robbers sped in their car.

In their hurry to reach the car, one of the men's rubbers was pulled from his shoe in the heavy mud. Police guarded this area in the event it might be necessary to take castings of tire marks and footprints.

Tuesday's robbery was the second one in 15 years for the Hillsburgh branch. Miss McDonald was also an employee at that time.

A magistrate's court Wednesday morning at Guilph the two men pleaded guilty to a charge of armed robbery at the bank.

Welcome News

The Free Press welcomes a new correspondent this week. Mrs. E. Early of R.R. 1, Campbellville, has been sending in news items of the Ebenezer district and we are happy to place her name on the list with other correspondents.

Although it is understood this column may not appear every week, residents of the area are invited to assist Mrs. Early by informing her of meetings, visits and other events.

Youngsters to Join Junior Fire Brigade

Saturday morning will be a busy time for Acton firemen, when a large crowd of youngsters is expected to enroll in the "Junior Fire Brigade".

Fire chief Jack Newton appeared on Captain Andy's T.V. show Tuesday and stressed the importance of children being aware of fire prevention measures and urging them to join the brigade.

On Saturday between 10 and 12 a.m. children enrolling will be briefed on fire prevention measures and everyone signing will receive a certificate of membership.

Plans are underway for future projects for the Junior Brigade and Chief Newton is looking forward to a large turnout at the Fire Hall on Saturday.

Police Investigate Accident, Disturbance

A rear end collision on Wallace Avenue on Thursday, April 7, resulted in approximately \$260 damage to two cars and charges being laid by constable B. Moreau of the local O.P.P. detachment.

A car driven by John Dunn of Acton and one driven by John Hardy of Guilph were involved in the accident.

Last Friday evening local police were called to a downtown restaurant to investigate a disturbance involving four men and three women.

Constable Bob Moreau was the investigating officer and reported the investigation is still underway and charges are pending.

Bun Sale Good Delivery To-day

Traditional hot cross buns will be enjoyed by at least 475 families in Acton this year according to reports from the Scout and Guide Mothers' Association.

This year the group has taken orders for 475 dozen buns and to-day the Scout group committee and fathers of Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies are busy delivering the buns to customers.

It was reported that the sale this year was slightly below that of last year.

C. of C. to Sponsor Community Dinner

The Acton Chamber of Commerce's annual community dinner will be staged in the Robert Little school auditorium on Wednesday April 27, directors learned during a meeting Monday at the home of E. G. Tyler Sr.

During the dinner meeting the C. of C. Citizen of the Year will be honored with an inscribed plaque. The civic committee of the chamber will choose the person for this honor.

Special speaker for the occasion will be W. H. Evans, president of Canadian Manufacturers Association. Mr. Evans was born in Acton and spent his early childhood here.

Tickets for the dinner will go on sale next week and anyone interested is welcome to attend. Further announcements will be reported in the Free Press next week.



A NEW FLAG was dedicated by Rev. A. H. McKenzie for the Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. Tuesday evening and the old flag retired. Pictured above left to right during the ceremony are Mrs. J. Jocque, standard bearer, Mr. McKenzie and Mrs. R. Spielvogel, regent. The dedication took place in the Legion Auditorium during the regular meeting.



NURSERY CLASS WINDUP for the season was held in the form of an Easter party Wednesday afternoon. The excited group of children are shown above in the middle of the program. Front row left to right are Anne Toth, David Lee, Laurie Moore, Steven Jocque. Back row, Elaine Lamb, Kevin Perkins, Laurie Masters, Jimmie Owens, Chris Tennant, Trev Patrick and Jimmie Krespek. Robbison, Bonnie Bristow, Cindy Barr, David Holmes, Malcolm