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## Start Work on New Addition To Mason Knit

A new dye and bleach house is being erected at the Mason Knit Company Limited plant this week and completion of the addition is expected within three weeks' time.

The new addition, located at the rear of the present property, will house the bleach drums and dye vats as well as the boiler and heating section. One new dye vat is expected to be added to the ones presently installed.

Tuesday morning, cement footings were poured and Len Arlas Construction Company expects to proceed immediately with the cement block walls.

G. Mason, president of the company, reported this week the new addition will house the equipment used for the wet process of making underwear. Concentration of the machinery in one section will eliminate unnecessary moisture throughout the general plant area.

## Drawings Show Proposed Post Office On Bower Ave., Twice Present Space

Plans for the proposed Federal Post Office in Acton, came to light this week, when officials received copies for comments and suggestions.

The proposed site for the new building is on Bower Avenue and two properties will be involved. The new building will be one story with basement and located where the present Stroy Glove Shop and home occupied by Mr. and Mrs. K. Knox stands.

It is expected that double floor space of the present office will be provided and postal department and customs office will share the main floor area.

The building will have two main entrances for patrons and a side entrance for employees. The main lobby is to be divided into two sections with the main daytime business part locked at closing time and another portion which will be left open for business holders to pick up mail after hours.

Washroom, office, storage, bathroom, loading and unloading areas are included in the plans. The complete area in the basement is indicated for storage and mailing facilities. An outside letter drop accommodates patrons after normal office hours.

On the west side of the building a driveway is planned leading to a spacious parking lot with an exit on Alice Street. Provisions have been made for future additions to the building.

Access to enter customs or the Post Office can be gained quite readily with the plans of the entire building following the design of the new Brampton Post Office.

No Time Announced

It is understood that any alterations recommended by local departments must be in the hands of the works department by January 28. No indication has been

given when work on the demolition of the present building, or start on the new Post Office will take place.

## H.S. Students Stage Ice Carnival Week

Ice sculpturing, inter-form games, skating and dancing will feature the Acton District high school "Ice Carnival Week" being staged this week as students participate in winter sports.

Beginning last week students began fashioning figures out of snow and ice and production has been held up due to the cold snap. This week competition has been held as students played broomball minus brooms on the ice surface provided by town workmen on the school property. Equipment for the game calls for hockey sticks, basketball and a good pair of rubbers to prevent slipping and sliding on the ice.

Thursday evening (tonight) a skating party has been planned by the student council for Fairy Lake and everyone is expected to take part. Bruce Andrews has been named co-ordinator of the program and is working in conjunction with the student council.

Friday night there will be a dance at the High school and on Saturday afternoon, tobogganing at the Three-Sisters hills.

## Draw Winner

Mrs. Chester Allan, R.R. 2, Acton, was the New Year's first winner in the Acton merchant's weekly draw, Saturday afternoon at the Post Office and collected \$60.

Mrs. Allan had her name drawn from the huge drum containing thousands of coupons by Mrs. Fred Kentner and J. Bert Wood, of the Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Allan presented the money to the winner.

## Board Accepts Wage Scale Proposal Names E. Force Chairman Tuesday

Two new members joined the ranks of the Acton District High School Board this year and Tuesday evening were among the trustees taking the oath of office during the inaugural meeting in the board room at the high school.

Present for the meeting were Duncan Moffat, representative from Nassagaweya council; C. W. Swackhamer, representative from Easting council; William Coon, public school board representative and E. S. Force and Rev. Dwight Engel, Acton council appointees to the board.

Mr. Force was named chairman for the year with Mr. Coon appointed his vice-chairman. Committees formed during the meeting were as follows: finance and management, E. S. Force and D. Moffat; property, W. Coon; transportation, D. Moffat and C. W. Swackhamer; school program and public relations, Rev. D. Engel and E. S. Force.

Re-engaged for another term were caretakers R. Spielvogel and K. McKinnon, attendance officer G. Spencer Lee and secretary-treasurer W. Middleton.

Chairman Force, while giving the financial report, turned over the reins to his vice chairman W. Coon and submitted a proposal covering the members of the board and the staff for 1961. In submitting the proposal he indicated it was not meant to establish a salary or wage policy but designed to allow the board to carry out negotiations.

The following is the submission in its entirety which was adopted by the board unanimously.

Schedule - Salaries - Allowances - Wages for 1961 - 1962.	
Board Members: Meeting Allowance, 12 Meetings, each	\$ 5.00
Business Mileage at 10¢ per mile approx.	
Board Secretary-Treasurer: Salary per annum	\$1500.00
Business Mileage at 10¢ per mile approx.	
Principal's Office: Secretarial services per annum	1000.00
Attendance Officer: \$2.00 per visit and per annum	50.00
Caretakers Wages per annum	6100.00
Acton District High School Teaching Staff Salary Schedule	
Principal	Min. \$6000 Max. \$9300
Plus School Size Allowance \$10.00 per teaching staff member	140
Vice-Principal Class Plus	500
Assistant-Principal Class Plus	100
Annual Increment	500
Principal	500
Vice-Principal	500
Assistant Principal	500
Classification	
Uncertified 0	\$ 4300
Certified 1	\$ 4500
Certified 2	4700
Certified 3	5000
Certified 4	5400
Annual Increment	\$ 300
Cumulative Sick Leave	
Half of unused Statutory Sick Leave Maximum of 100 Days.	
Experience Allowance	
First two years at \$300	\$ 600
Next five years at \$200	1000
Maximum Teacher allowance total	\$4600
Supply Teacher Rate per day	\$ 20.00
The Acton District High School Board will pay any teacher retiring permanently from the teaching profession while in the employ of the Acton District High School Board a Gratuity of accumulated sick leave days at the salary rate enjoyed at the time of retirement, up to maximum of 100 days.	

Following the oath of office by the members, secretary W. Middleton led the board in an inaugural prayer.

A letter of appreciation was received from the caretakers for their Christmas presents from the board and good wishes for a Happy New Year.

It was learned during the meeting that insurance on the school had been renewed with the Western Insurance Company through J. Bert Wood Agency. The agent was instructed to divide the commissions among local agents in the usual manner.

Prices were received from the Eastern Blasting Company for coating other windows in the school on the same principle as the gymnasium was covered. The property committee was instructed to review the area concerned and make a report in the future before any decision is made.

The principal and secretary were instructed to attend a meeting with the Georgetown District School Board to iron out problems regarding payment for country students attending either school.

## Rental Policy Approved

It was decided to adopt a typewriter rental program in place of purchasing machines yearly. Prior to this, the school had been purchasing machines at a constant check by company repairmen would be made and every typewriter replaced for a new one every five years. He pointed out that some of the machines presently in use had been purchased when the school was housed in the stone section at the Robert Little school.

Property chairman Coon reported to the board that during a recent fire drill conducted by the firefighters, one classroom had been lost according to firemen when the shop classroom failed to hear the alarm. Mr. Coon pointed out that no alarm buzzer was installed in this room but he would investigate and have an alarm buzzer installed in both the boiler room and shop class.

The board learned that the conservatory built by the late Amos Mason had been offered to the school for a greenhouse and the principal was instructed to have the science teacher view the structure and see if it would meet requirements. Meanwhile the property committee will investigate approximate costs for installation and erection of the conservatory.

## Shy Bright

Soon the sky was lit up for miles around by the dried branches were fed by several piles of newspaper spotted throughout the trees. The glow from the huge blaze made the surrounding air quite warm.

## 700 Spectators Enjoy Doughnuts As 1,100 Christmas Trees Smoulder

Over 900 doughnuts and 500 cups of coffee were consumed after nearly 700 residents watched approximately 1,100 Christmas trees reduced to smouldering embers during the Acton Chamber of Commerce Christmas tree burning party.

Thursday evening, January 5, citizens walked on foot, drove in cars or came by taxi for the first yearly Christmas tree burning project undertaken by the Chamber. Kiddies were hauled in strollers and everyone waited anxiously for Chamber president E. G. Tyler Sr. and Mayor J. H. Goy to touch off the flame that was to make the pile of trees a raging inferno.

Sitting nearby was one of Acton's fire trucks and a group of firefighters making certain sparks didn't start a fire other than where it was intended. Acton's St. John Ambulance Brigade was ready with their ambulance in the event someone was injured or bitten by frost. Acton firefighters also provided music over their P.A. system.

## Serve Refreshments

Before the flames were out, chamber members were busy setting up tables. Coffee trays were unloaded from the back of a truck and boxes of doughnuts opened to feed the hungry crowd.

Children and adults alike crowded around the tables, eagerly awaiting their turn, with a number of children returning time and time again.

With only a handful of children left and the members of the chamber cleaning up the debris, firemen poured water from the

booster lines onto the dying embers to make sure sparks didn't fly to nearby homes or endanger buildings.

## Mr. and Mrs. R. Warne Celebrate 40th Wedding Anniversary Sat.

Married 40 years ago January 5 in the Erin Parsenage, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Warne, 298 Peel St., Saturday, observed their anniversary with their family and group of friends and relatives.

The couple, both born in Erin Township, lived for six years on the Warne homestead in the Acton area before buying their own place at R.R. 2, Acton. They lived and farmed there for 30 years, before retiring and moving into town in 1947.

Mrs. Warne, the former Mische Hills, was born in Ballinfad and

was always fond of chickens and gardening. During their 30 years on the farm, Mrs. Warne looked after nearly 600 hens in one year. She recalls planting a peach stone and watching it grow into a mature tree producing 18 baskets of fruit one year.

The first year of their move to town, the couple found it hard to adapt themselves to the change, but now are happy and enjoying good health in their retirement. "We wouldn't (Continued on Page Three)

## Council Approves Service Increase Revises Town Water Rate Schedules

\$2,800 was added to the anticipated annual revenue of the waterworks department by the passing of a new water by-law incorporating a revised schedule of rates. The new rates will also increase the revenue of the sewer department by an equal amount. The two by-laws were presented to the 1961 Council at their second meeting of the year.

Mayor Goy pointed out that the increases will "bring up the rates comparable to the communities around us" and will be equal and just to all involved. He also said the aim had been to "go as easy as possible on the homeowner".

## Charges Increased

The service charge has been increased 5¢ per month for 3/4 inch water service. One consumption rate now applies to each consumer whether it is a residential, commercial or industrial account. The two-monthly bill is prepared from two tables.

The service charge is based on the size of the meter installed and the consumption charge is calculated from the number of gallons used in the period.

## Tables of Charges

Service Charge	
3/4 inch Service	\$ 1.44
1 inch Service	2.15
1 1/2 inch Service	3.20
2 inch Service	3.75
2 1/2 inch Service	5.66
3 inch Service	9.73
4 inch Service	16.60
Consumption Charge	27.46
First 50,000 gallons	35¢ per m.
Next 150,000 gallons	28¢ per m.
Over 200,000 gallons	20¢ per m.

These charges are subject to a 10% discount if the account is paid by the 20th of the month following.

\* Installation of a 1/2" water

## Six Years

Rotarian Traces Family Tree Sparks Humor and Interest

One year's perfect attendance earned president Rev. A. J. McKenzie a pen which was awarded to him Tuesday evening during the Rotary Club meeting.

The award was made to the president during the dinner meeting and everyone joined in congratulations to their president.

Rotarian Mac Sprowl gave a humorous and interesting talk on the Sprowl Clan from 1810 to 1960 following the dinner. Mr. Sprowl explained how he became interested in the family tree after hearing many discussions by his grandmother. He told the members it was after these talks he became interested enough to write a book.

Since starting the project six years ago he has travelled to distant points in the United States and to Glasgow Scotland to visit registry offices and talk to older

people acquainted with his relations. Other information was gathered from family bibles and many enquiries have been made. His decision to publish the book came to him about one and a half years ago and presently publication has started and Mr. Sprowl hopes to have the bound copies ready in the near future.

Already some demand for the books have been received and copies have been promised to several libraries in Halton County with relatives seeking a copy as well. He told the members about 400 copies would be published and available.

Thanked Speaker

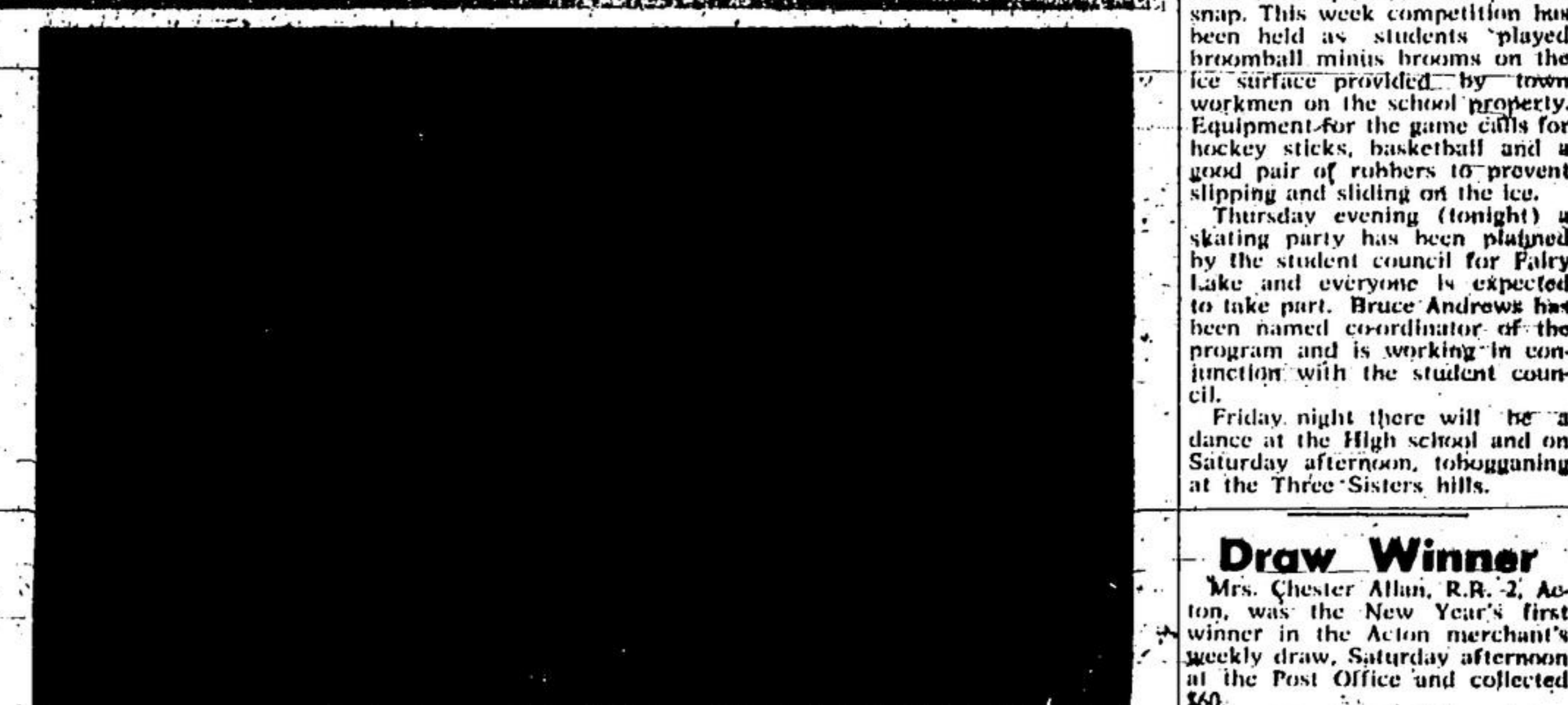
Rotarians received many laughs as Mr. Sprowl told about his experiences when compiling information for his book. He received a hearty applause from the members at the close of his talk.

Only other business completed was the granting of permission to hold a tag day, January 28, for the Squirts and Pee wee hockey teams.

## Steal Money Pouch In Tuesday Breakin

A money pouch containing cash and cheques was stolen Tuesday sometime between 7:30 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. after a side window had been pried open at the home of Russell Patterson, 87 Church Street.

Mr. Patterson notified police the break-in had occurred when he returned home from work and constable Ron Rupert of the Acton O.P.P. Detachment investigated.



TOUCHING OFF over a thousand Christmas trees, Thursday, January 5, are Chamber of Commerce president E. G. Tyler Sr. and mayor J. H. Goy as they apply lighted torches. A large crowd attended the 12th night affair and were served coffee and doughnuts by members of the Chamber. It was the first year this program has been undertaken and already the C. of C. are planning a program for next year.

CEMENT FOOTINGS were poured on Monday for the new addition at the Mason Knit Plant in Acton. The new addition will house the dye vats and heating plant and boiler. Workmen are pictured above on the left guiding the cement from the truck to the wheelbarrows and on the left getting ready to dump the cement into the forms.