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**MARCHING MOTHERS** blitzed the town Monday evening and returned with nearly \$650 to aid the disabled. The March of Dimes campaign, sponsored in Acton by the Rotary Club, was termed successful by officials of the club. Pictured above, left to right, are Miss Anne Van Arragon, treasurer; Fred Gordon and project chairman Ari Gordon of the Rotary Club and Mrs. J. Bowman. Both ladies are members of the Christian Reformed Church with Mrs. Bowman acting as team captain.

## March of Dimes Canvass Raises \$650. To Aid Disabled During Monday Blitz

A one hour blitz staged by nearly 100 women from six local churches netted \$650 for the Rotary-sponsored March of Dimes campaign, Monday evening.

The campaign to aid in rehabilitating disabled persons was headed by the Acton Rotary Club. Chief Marching Mother Mrs. Jim Ledger headed six zone captains and their helpers from the community churches. Public response was termed "excellent."

Campaign chairman Rotarian Ari Gordon commended the ladies for their splendid effort after final receipts were tabulated in the campaign headquarters in the Dominion Hotel.

**Rotarians Assist**

Rotarians were on hand throughout the evening to provide transportation for the canvassers and hosted a lunch for the ladies on their return with their collections.

Ladies making calls praised citizens for their interest in the campaign and the reception given them during the calls.

Chief Marching Mother Mrs. J. Ledger of Acton United church headed the church ladies, during

the blitz, with the assistance of team captains, Mrs. D. Cohen, Acton Baptist church; Mrs. F. Anderson, Knox Presbyterian church; Mrs. J. Bowman, Christian Reformed church; Mrs. A. Nolan, St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church and Mrs. Winnie Kerr, St. Alban's Anglican church.

**Name Canvassers**

The six church teams working under the direction of the zone captains included:

District No. 1, Anglican church, Mrs. Winnie Kerr, captain; Mrs. Vera Matlock, Mrs. Peg Conn, Mrs. Thelma Barbeau, Mrs. Betty Footitt, Mrs. Earl Taylor, Mrs. Eleanor Guy, Mrs. Betty Blunn, Mrs. May Fountain, Mrs. Marion Pope, Mrs. Beryl Newton, Mrs. Ethel Haggert, Mrs. Carol Stokel, Mrs. Audrey Denny, Mrs. Joyce Lynch, Mrs. Rita Dwyer, Mrs. Madge Creasey, Miss Alice Wilkinson, Mrs. Coker, Mrs. Hil-da Gardiner.

District No. 2, Baptist church, Mrs. Margaret Cohen, captain; Mrs. H. Helwig, Mrs. Ralston, Mrs. J. Rugg, Mrs. Loni, Miss Pilkington, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs.

Hopper, Mrs. H. Freuler, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Dike, Miss Elda Fry, et al.

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## Public School Operetta Preparations Continue

Preparations for a Hollywood spectacular have nothing on the Robert Little School Operetta rehearsals and preparations. The past few weeks have been steady sessions of planning, practices and hard work.

Not only are teachers and children involved but parents are sharing in the production as well.

When the curtain goes up on the play "Sunbonnet Girl" Wednesday and Thursday of next week, every last detail will have been ironed out and spectators will see a colorful and exciting play.

Three pupils headed by Clifford Wedge with Eleanor Heard and Wilma Van De Polder are taking care of necessary scenery as they wield paint brushes to

complete backdrops.

Mrs. J. W. Wolfe again has charge of costumes and heading a volunteer group of parents and Home and School Association members, the operetta wardrobe is being prepared.

Conductor Glenn Banks, music director for the school, assisted by assistant principal Doug Copeland and Mrs. Ted Franklin are shipping the young performers into top condition for the grand showing.

By opening night everyone will have mastered their speeches, songs, skits and other dancing numbers and harassed instructors will be hidden behind the curtain, nervously gnawing their knuckles until the curtain drops at the final act.



**"VERY CONVINCING ROLES"** played by Adrienne Nurse of Norval Junior Farmers, and by George Robinson of Acton Junior Farmers earned them the top actress and actor awards Friday, at Halton's annual Junior Farmer drama festival. Above, George E. Elliott presents the Margaret Alice Elliott trophy to Miss Nurse while Mr. Robinson looks on, holding the J. E. Whitlock trophy.

## New Post Office

C. Alexander Best, M.P. for Halton, announced recently he has been informed by the Honorable David J. Walker, Minister of Public Works, that it is expected a contract for construction of a Federal Building in Acton will be awarded during the 1961-62 fiscal year. The structure will cost about \$90,000 and this has been included in the estimates which have now been tabled in the House of Commons.

The new building will accommodate the local offices of the Post Office and National Revenue Departments which need more space to meet growing requirements.

## Final Cash Winner In Merchants' Draw

Last person to receive \$60 cash from the Acton merchants' weekly draw was Charles Watson, R. R. 3, Acton, when his name was drawn from the drum Saturday afternoon at three o'clock.

Future winners in the weekly event held beside the post-office will receive gift certificates redeemable at stores of merchants participating in the draw.

Since the first winner of the draw was chosen during the Friday night show at Acton Fall Fair in September, winners have received a total of \$1,140 in cash during the 19 draws.

On Saturday, Mr. Watson had his name selected by Mrs. J. Bullock and received his prize from J. Bert Wood, secretary of the Acton Chamber of Commerce.

## Hot Water Heater Program Reviewed by Commission

Acton Hydro Commission once again spent a large portion of their regular meeting last Thursday discussing the pros and cons of starting on a water heater promotion program. Present at the meeting were Leo Hodgson and Ken Arnold of Knight Industries, who pointed out to commissioners the main features of the water heaters manufactured by their firm.

The glass-lined tank they manufacture carries a 10-year warranty on the tank and a one-year guarantee on the electrical elements and controls. The representatives pointed out that their tank had been engineered to Ontario Hydro specifications and was "considered three years ahead of any other tank in Canada." Various other technical aspects were discussed.

Chairman G. Beatty questioned the representatives whether their guarantee had any reservations which would invalidate the guarantee because of the hardness of Acton water. The representatives answered the commission there were no reservations in the guarantee and offered to mail the commission a copy of their proposal.

Commissioner Gord McCutcheon suggested the commission contact various municipalities in the area to determine the success and operation of their various water heater programs.

The meter reader, Newton Hurst and superintendent Doug Mason were authorized to attend the Hydro Customer Relationship Workshop to be held in Guelph this month.

A joint use of poles by the Bell Telephone Co. and the Acton Hydro Commission was received from the telephone company. The signing of the agreement was held up until checked by members of the finance committee.

Commissioners E. Tyler Sr. and G. McCutcheon gave a brief resume of their discussions with Howard King, Ontario Hydro Consumer Service Department and Doug Kerrigan on the hydro line re-building on Queen Street East. This line must be relocated as part of the re-building program on this section of the highway.

Various routes had been discussed and the Ontario Hydro representatives were at present estimating the cost of the alternate routes. Commissioner McCutcheon reported that "Mr. Kerrigan was not enthused about building hydro lines over persons' homes."

Chil Ashley was present to discuss with the commission the commission's account for water heater service. After discussing the subject thoroughly, a solution was arrived at which appeared to satisfy the consumer and the commission.

## Elect R. H. Elliott Chairman To Head Planning Board

R. H. Elliott was named chairman to head the Acton Planning Board during the inaugural meeting Tuesday evening. Frank Prouse, a new member this year, will act as vice-chairman.

Mayor J. H. Goy suggested that Mr. Elliott be named chairman as he was the only member present with former experience who could direct the new members.

**Member Resigns**

A letter of resignation was received from J. Whitham who has been a member of the board for a number of years. Members expressed regret as they accepted the resignation. The secretary was instructed to send a letter of appreciation to Mr. Whitham for his valued service during his years on the board.

A discussion followed regarding the naming of another appointee to the board. A number of names were suggested and recommended for council's approval.

A proposed amendment to the zoning by-law submitted to the Department of Planning will receive the nod of approval after certain modifications have been made.

**Ready to Build**

Secretary J. McGaachie informed the board that Snelgrove Real Estate had been in contact with him and have obtained a builder to erect a shopping plaza

## 3-2 Vote Approves \$100,000 School Propose Building Near Silvercreek

A proposed \$100,000 five-room central school to be erected in the Silvercreek area was approved by Esqueping School Board during a special four hour meeting, Thursday, January 26.

The decision to erect the new school and close two independent schools was opposed by two members and carried only by a 3-2 margin.

Following a lengthy discussion, approval was given by chairman C. Cole and trustees Mrs. R.

Armstrong and M. Sprowl, with trustees R. J. Cunningham and S. Brown voting in the negative.

During the four-hour meeting, each member of the board was given an opportunity to air his views and hear suggestions from inspector R. F. Boinhold.

Mr. Boinhold forecast a possible enrolment next September of 118 grade one pupils through out the Esqueping school area and told the board they would either have to proceed with a

five room school or find temporary accommodation for at least two rooms.

During a previous meeting, the board had agreed to seek township council's approval to build a two room addition on Norval school but at the special meeting, this resolution was rescinded in favor of the proposed five room school.

The board will seek permission from the Department of Education and township council to have

the new school erected and financed through debentures.

Esqueping's first, leading school board member, Mrs. Shirley Armstrong, stuck to her guns throughout the meeting, stressing the need for a five room school in place of adding additions year after year. She suggested that although a five room school was not necessary immediately, it would be required in the near future. She noted future planning was part of the board's duties.



**PLAY PRACTICE** can be boring at times but fortunately under the direction of music supervisor Glenn Banks, Robert Little school pupils seem to have an enjoyable time every practice. For their operetta this year the school is presenting the "Sunbonnet Girl" and will entertain parents and friends in the auditorium February 8-9. Pictured, left to right, are Mr. Banks, Gaye White as Mrs. Scrogg, David Rydor as Bob Coleman and Beverly Saynuck as Sue Clifton.

## Delightful Presentation of Comedy Earns Norval Juniors Top Play Award

A delightful presentation of Elda Cadogan's "Rise and Shine" earned Norval Junior Farmers the W. I. Dick trophy Friday night as Halton Junior Farmers presented their 1961 drama festival. A crowd of over 250 attended the evening of three plays in Fairview School, Lovellville, and cheered when the Norval players were judged best.

Adrienne Nurse, who played the female lead in the comedy, walked off with the top actress award to add further honors to the Norval club. And George Robinson, who played a friendly Irishman in Acton's play, "Wanted a Housekeeper" was named best actor of the group.

**Close to Winning**

The third play on the night's billing was Milton's "Glorified

Brat" and Lorna Woodley's performance of Amsey in this production came close to winning the award for best actress.

President Bill Marshall chaired the evening musical selections were given by the Junior Farmer Mixed quartette and ladies' trio.

The singers included Tommy Hunter, John Wilson, Aileen Harrop, Joy Hayward and Barbara Bigger, conducted by Mrs. George Newell. The adjudicator was Professor Barney of the O.A.C. Department of English.

Milton players were Lorna Woodley, Evelyn McKay, Dave Wilson and Marilyn Woodley, while Norval's cast included Allen Brownridge, Adrienne Nurse, Jack Robertson and Marilyn Wilson. Acton actors included George Robinson, Bill Price, Jean Britton, June Davidson, Neil Moffat, Eunice Norrish, Kathryn Norrish and Hayward.

Directors were Rev. J. Hill, Houston Ruddell, Mrs. George Thomas and Mrs. Ken Griffiths.

A car which collided with a parked car at Norval Saturday caused \$150 damage.

## Firemen Sit Tight On Tax Payments

Halton's firefighters and the Income Tax Bureau are currently deadlocked in their light over firemen paying income tax on expense money received from lighting fires.

A letter from Halton M.P. Sandy Best to Halton Mutual Aid coordinator Chief Doug Wilson of Oakville advised Chief Wilson to do nothing about the income tax order for the present, as the government was looking into the matter.

The firemen are crossing their fingers and hoping the matter will be dropped. They made inquiries in other Ontario centres, and learned that only firemen served by the Hamilton bureau of the internal revenue department are being asked to pay tax on their brigade expenses.



**PLANNING BOARD** held its inaugural meeting Tuesday evening and appointed a chairman for the year prior to delving into town planning. Pictured in the front row, left to right, are secretary J. McGaachie, chairman R. H. Elliott and Mayor J. H. Goy. Back row, left to right, are J. Bert Wood, deputy-revisee H. H. Hinton and F. Prouse. Missing when photo was taken was Hamilton Peel. Another member will be appointed by council in the near future.

## Investigate Train Theft

Acton O.P.P. constable Myrvin Horness received a free train trip to Georgetown early Wednesday morning when he was notified by Guelph detachment of theft of a wallet containing \$43 and personal papers, and an attempted theft of another wallet had taken place.

Constable Horness was informed a United States resident travelling from Detroit to Toronto on train number 10, had been relieved of his wallet while sleeping in his berth on the train.

Boarding the train at 6:45 a.m. in Aggon the constable rode as far as Georgetown and learned the suspect is believed to have left the train at London.

Guelph O.P.P. detachment cruiser met the train at Georgetown and returned the investigating officer to Acton. C.N.R. police are continuing the investigation.