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## To Canvass Town for Assistance To Murder Scout Hall Mortgage

Not just a place to put in time but a spot where youngsters are molded from boyhood into manhood in order to create better citizens for tomorrow, Acton Scout Hall is faced with a mortgage of \$1,500.

In order to "Murder the Mortgage", the Scout Group Committee are staging a town-wide campaign Friday evening when every home will be "blitzed" by scouts and envelopes will be left for citizens to make a contribution toward the goal of cleaning the slate.

### Pick Up Donations

Monday evening similar calls will be made and anyone wishing to contribute to the cause will have their donation slipped in the envelope and it will be picked up and delivered to the Scout Committee at the Scout Hall.

The Acton Rotary Club has taken on the project of the Boy Scout Movement in Acton and through the committee are endeavoring to wipe out the debt.

Built in 1952 the Scout Hall has been a training spot for nearly 200 Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies and has received considerable renovation in order to continue with the worthwhile cause, committees must be met and funds raised to further the movement.

Chairman Gordon McKeown, of the Group Committee has appealed to every citizen to take an active part in the campaign and submit their token of appreciation in the envelope and make sure it is sealed before returning it Monday.

## "No Bonus" Policy Set by Commission During Stormy Four Hour Hydro Session

The former policy of paying Christmas bonuses to hydro employees was abolished Thursday evening, February 9, when commissioners adopted a "no-bonus" policy during the regular Hydro Commission meeting.

During the lengthy and stormy discussion on the bonus question, chairman Gordon Beatty stated additional bonuses should not be necessary and salaries should be adequate.

Commissioner Gordon McCut-

chen agreed as he pointed out that a person's wage should not be a certain amount plus a bonus. Mayor John Goy reminded members the commission had agreed previously (prior to last Christmas) the bonus policy was not satisfactory. He felt a hard and fast rule should be established, then everyone would know where they stood.

Following the discussion, the majority present agreed to dis-

pense with the "bonus system" which has been in effect for years. The system was adopted by the former Public Utilities Commission and shared the employees' share in the yearly program.

A discussion regarding the number of hydro workers required for one job led to the question of overtime pay to the employees. Superintendent Doug Mason noted his department had been kept quite busy recently thawing frozen water services. To date this winter, 45 service calls for frozen pipes had been received by the town since January 28. Unfortunately, of this number 13 were received last weekend.

Chairman Beatty stated a salaried person should not anticipate overtime while performing hydro duties and questioned the overtime submitted by the superintendent. A resolution was approved authorizing payment of overtime to the superintendent only when on duty calls after hours or weekends when he is on standby.

Mayor Goy pursued the pipe thawing subject further and was told the town water pipe thawing had cost the commission \$406.13 in labor only. According to the agreement between council and the commission, the town was being charged at the rate of \$10 per call, amounting to \$450 for the 45 calls to date.

The commission agreed to continue the pipe thawing program for the town at the rate of \$10 per call but approved a \$5 increase in the service scale if they happen after normal working hours or on weekends.

Lakeview resident Jim Williams requested consideration of a reduction in the double service charge for his residence. The commission agreed the charge should stand as two self-contained apartments were occupied in his home.

Until further notice, the commission was notified by the regional office of the Ontario Hydro not to sign agreements with the Bell Telephone Company allowing joint use of hydro poles. The letter from the regional office notified the commission the Association of Municipal Electricities would submit their recommendations on the subject. During a lengthy discussion on a proposed water heater program, members reviewed a similar program adopted by Georgetown, Brantford and Milton and studied their costs and operating expenses including rental, salaries and service charges for electrical water heaters.

After a two and a half hour discussion on the subject, the town clerk tolled midnight, and it was agreed to submit a resolution covering the plan at the next meeting.

Following a recommendation from Jim Farrell, Ontario Hydro representative, superintendent Mason was instructed to boost the substitution transformers by two and a half per cent in order to correct the low voltage problem affecting domestic consumers.

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## Raise \$687.23 Cash For March of Dimes

Final returns for the March of Dimes campaign in Acton have been tabulated and project chairman Art Gordon reports receipts amounting to \$687.23.

Previously returns were reported around the \$650 mark but since that time donations have been sent in including a \$25 cheque from the Acton Legion Ladies' Auxiliary.

Mr. Gordon and the Acton Rotary Club, sponsors of the project, voiced their thanks to the public for their excellent support during the drive.

## Firemen Battle Chimney Fires

Smoke pouring from mortar in the west side of the farm home of M. M. Coles, R. R. 2, Acton, spurred Acton firefighters to prompt action Sunday afternoon when a blocked chimney was responsible for the excitement.

Arriving at the scene within a few minutes of receiving the alarm, firemen checked the interior of the home but could find no sign of fire. Meanwhile, heavy smoke continued to belch from small cracks in the wall as well as the chimney.

After raising a ladder to the roof, a drag chain was dropped down the chimney and the blockage relieved. Firemen remained at the scene until everything was restored to normal.

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## Discusses Board Appointment System Council Declares Street Name Official

After being in continual use since 1957, the extension of MacDonald Blvd. from Wallace St. to the H. K. Porter plant was officially declared a municipal street at Tuesday evening's council meeting. A by-law was given the necessary readings, which now brings this roadway officially into the municipal street network.

A second by-law, an amendment to an amendment to the official plan, was also passed. The latest amendment changes a few words from "the minister of planning and development" to read "the minister of municipal affairs". This was made necessary by a change in departments at Queen's Park since the original amendment was drawn up.

George Lee, at present a member of the Library Board, was appointed to the board for a further term of three years.

On recommendation of police committee members Frank Toth and Bill Denny, the 1961 tax licenses of Reliable Taxi, Chester Pevcha, proprietor and Ken's Taxi, Mrs. Mildred Beerman, proprietor, were authorized.

Another request from the police committee to have work in the police office completed was

turned over to the property committee. Capt. Mason had requested broken glass replaced, the floor tile repaired, the ceiling fixed and the walls painted.

Frank Toth reported to council the request he had received for street signs on Acton streets. Mayor Goy advised the problem had been under consideration for some time and the road committee was again investigated.

Reeve Hargrave requested council's opinion regarding a resolution from Ontario County requesting Halton's support in having members of High School District Boards elected by vote rather than by appointment. Considerable discussion followed in which the pros and cons were well covered. It was generally felt that it would be more satisfactory to have high school board members elected.

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REV. A. C. FORREST was guest speaker during a special service at the United Church Sunday evening when the church sanctuary was filled to capacity. Following the service Dr. Forrest showed colored slides of a recent trip through Africa. Pictured above are, left to right, Rev. A. H. McKenzie, Knox Presbyterian church, Rev. A. C. Forrest and Rev. Dwight D. Engel, United church.

## Rev. A. C. Forrest, World Traveller Outlines World Missionary Work

Acton United Church was almost filled on Sunday evening when the guest speaker was the Rev. A. C. Forrest, B.A., B.D., D.D., editor of The Observer, the official publication for the United Church. Members of other town congregations gathered to hear his most interesting talk on his travels in Africa.

Dr. Forrest mentioned the first thing a person notices while travelling in different countries is the beauty of the countryside and outstanding buildings.

While attending an evangelistic meeting in India, he first noticed the beauty of the Hindu language. Secondly, he was struck by the awful poverty prevalent everywhere. In most countries outside of North America and Europe, many children go to bed hungry.

He visited a camp for children in Africa. Their daily diet was corn meal mush in the morning, cocoa at noon, cold corn meal for supper and tea at bedtime. He stressed that this is more than they get at home.

Dr. Forrest found this situation hard to understand as the potential is there for the growing of sufficient food. The worst living conditions and poverty in the far east were in India, he said.

Two-thirds of the world or more are hungry and discontent with this situation has resulted in numerous revolutions.

The missionaries have been teaching the natives how to keep alive with medical care and cleanliness but there are not enough people to teach them everything they need to know to keep alive, such as the growing of nutritious food. The potential is there but the grass is burned from the land to plant corn resulting in no crops the following year. Children die from malnutrition, TB and leprosy.

"There are some 80,000 missionaries, but this is a small army to do the job that has to be done," he stated.

Dr. Forrest showed interesting slides taken in Africa which depicted the way of life of the people there and changes wrought through the teaching of the missionaries.

The service opened with prayer by Rev. A. H. McKenzie of Knox Presbyterian church. Scripture was read by Mr. J. Rudd of the Baptist Church. Rev. D. Engel gave the prayer of thanksgiving, intercession and commemoration.

Two anthems were enjoyed, the junior choir singing "Hear Us, O Lord" and the senior choir, "Father of Heaven, Whose Love is Profound". Lunch was served by the C.G.I.T. of the United Church.

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## Galt Skaters to Feature Lions Club Ice Carnival

Plans have been completed for the Lions Club Ice Carnival in Acton arena, Saturday evening, February 25 and club members are busy selling tickets on the special draw for a free trip for two to New York via jet plane.

Returning for the ice carnival again this year will be the Galt Skating Club, who will present their 1961 ice show featuring champions and stars with a cast of nearly 60 skaters.

Included on the program will be a special number by Acton members of the Guelph Skating Club and a comedy act from the Barbara Ann Scott travelling ice show. A special juvenile hockey game will be played between Acton Lions Club team and Georgetown Lions Club team.

Acton Citizens' Band and Acton Junior Pipe Band will be on hand to provide music and entertainment during the evening.

Mayor John H. Goy will officially open the program and door prizes will be distributed to lucky ticket holders.

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## Bird Fancier's Kindness Nurses Kinglet to Life

Suffering from malnutrition and frostbite, a young Golden Crowned Kinglet has been nursed back to good health and is enjoying a steady diet, under the capable supervision of Mrs. Joe Whitham, Young Street.

Found being motionless in the snow at the home of Mrs. G. McKeown, the tiny bird was first thought dead. Taking it into her home, Mrs. McKeown detected signs of life and called her sister-in-law, Mrs. Whitham, who took the female species to her home and put it in a bird cage.

A steady daily diet consisting of bread and milk, egg yolk, greens, and suet has the bird gaining weight daily and hopping around in the cage livelier than ever.

A pet parakeet is a mutual companion for the rare bird. Although in separate cages, the two sense a perfect understanding in sharing the household.

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## Easter Seal Program

Acton Rotary Club are preparing for their annual Easter Seal campaign and have named Rotarian Bill Pentleton chairman of the committee. During their regular meeting, Tuesday, February 28, club members will be busy stuffing envelopes ready to mail to citizens.

Duesless previous campaigns, citizens have operated fully and officials are looking forward to another successful campaign this year.

HALTON COUNTY BASEBALL Association executive for 1961 was elected Saturday at the annual meeting held on Saturday in Oakville. Members are, front to right, Jim Waldie of Milton, second vice-president; Pete McMullen of Milton, president for his fifteenth term; and Earl Nicholson of Waterdown, first vice-president. Back row, Bruce Hood of Milton, secretary-treasurer; Clare Higgarty of Burlington, executive member; Ollie Johnson of Oakville and Bill Randall of Milton, life members; Dave Andrew of Brampton and Ian Ste. Marie of Milton, executive members.

DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE Chapter I.O.D.E. of Acton played hostess to some of Halton's New Canadians Wednesday of last week when they gave tea, coffee and donuts for citizens following the regular citizenship court hearing in Milton's Court House. Above, the group is shown with Judge Wilfrid M. Cory, Q.C., and his assistant Kenneth L. Mackenzie. The ladies are Regent Mrs. Ken Knox, citizenship convener, Mrs. Jack McGeachie, Mrs. H. R. Force, Mrs. J. W. Wolfe, Mrs. H. S. Holmes, Mrs. E. Thomas, Mrs. C. Matthews, Mrs. C. Heller and Mrs. Joe Whitham.