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OFF TO THE MAIL went hundreds of Easter Seals following an envelope stuffing bee staged by the Acton Rotary Club Tuesday evening. The annual program to aid crippled children is a big event for the Rotarians and they are shown above at the high school as they fill envelopes. Shown left to right are E. A. Hanson, Jim Ledger, Fred Gordon, Paul Nielsen, Ken Hardman, chairman Bill Pendleton (seated), Art Gordon, Ron Lewis, Bob Grant and Dave Manes.

Annual Meeting

Mrs. Jack Creighton Elected Chairman Of Night School Committee on Tuesday

Election of another committee year's review, plans and suggestions for next year were on the agenda at the annual meeting of Acton Night School committee in the high school Tuesday evening. Retiring chairman Don Bexton presided with an attendance of 14—two more than last year. Elections were handled speedily and unanimously with little discussion. The new chairman, Mrs. Jack Creighton who has had the demanding task of applications secretary. Vice-chairman is George Bowman, recording secretary Miss Doris Cripps, applications secretary Mrs. C. A. Lauder with an assistant to be named, likely from the general committee; treasurer Mrs. Bill Toth, publicity convener Mrs. David Dills; property committee Bob Frank, J. Inglis, Henry De Vries and Al Lauer. Nominated to the general committee are Miss Bella Mave Roswell, Mrs. Peter Dunham, Mrs. H. C. Helwig, Mrs. J. Whitman, Mrs. W. Dumarch, Mrs. Walter Dubois, Mrs. H. Bessent, Mrs. Lorne Botherliden, Miss Verna Smith, Mrs. George Barbeau and Mrs. Claude Cook.

Leaves Suggestions
In his report, Mr. Bexton included several recommendations. He also reviewed the year's activities, beginning with the \$100 prize offered for the oil painting exhibit won by Mrs. Bud Evans "builds up enthusiasm," he said. He recalled last year's experi-

ment in extra advertising using the merchants' bills as well as the Free Press, and increasing the number of application forms distributed in town and throughout the district from 1,000 to 1,500. Recalling registration night he suggested applications might be accepted two weeks in advance at some place of business downtown. He again urged plenty of advertising.

Attendance, New Equipment
Of the 28 courses offered, 15 were held. "We should get students to work for the night school and the night school will reward them with a sense of achievement." He pointed out Acton's attendance had held up while other centres were down—Georgetown had 50 per cent of the registration of the year before.

He suggested that since "a good business operates on a budget," the night school might formulate the prices of some of the courses that are not paying their way at present," he stated.

Allowance should be made for purchase of more equipment, he thought, as a "shot in the arm." He wondered about a second hand oven for firing pottery. A new one would cost about \$300. "We must always be up on new ideas and always a year in advance. It takes thinking, planning and money," he concluded.

Mrs. Creighton expressed the thanks of the night school to Mr. Bexton for his two years of hard work.

Year In The Black
Miss Cripps read secretary's and treasurer's reports. The year's balance of \$283 was made possible by the donation of instructor George Bowman as a draw prize. Problem arose when the government grant on teachers' salaries was reduced during the year. For March, the night school committee here paid 25 per cent of salaries. This was increased to 30 per cent. Mrs. Creighton reported overall average attendance of 80 per cent. Regular occurrence is the decrease in attendance after the Christmas break, although the questionnaire three years ago showed most students preferred the classes at the time of year they are.

No Grants for Some
The group informally discussed some new courses which might be of interest in including, fancy conversation and English, fancy

work by town work superintendent. All Duby, plucked up and down the staircase to carry every movable piece of equipment and trucked it to the basement of Ted Tyler St. for storage. Used to transport the equipment was one of the town trucks and two station wagons.

The band president commended Mr. Duby for his assistance and stated without his help the move would have been much more difficult.

Wednesday evening president Tyler informed the press he had been offered a room in the old stone building at the Robert Laid school by Mayor J. H. Goy subject to approval of the School Board.

Band Vacates Arena Quarters Seeks Adequate Practice Area

An early sight greeted residents near the arena Tuesday evening as members of the Acton Citizens' Band moved all their equipment under the bandstand at the arena under the dim light of a flashlight.

Notified a week ago they would have to vacate the premises prior to the demolition of the front of the arena the band were unable to obtain another location. Tuesday band president Ted Tyler was informed the hall would have to be cleared that night as workmen were to start Wednesday morning on the demolition program.

Work In Dim Light
As power had been disconnected a week ago, bandmen assisted

\$1,300,000 County Plans Unveiled for Council Tues

Not Enough Rooms But Price Too High

Primary plans for Halton's proposed new court house and administration offices were unfolded before County Council's Tuesday meeting by William Armstrong, architect. Councilors greeted the plans with mixed emotions as they first tried to gauge down the projected construction cost of \$1,300,000, then discovered not enough room had been allowed for the county's administrative offices on the first floor and wondered how they could increase the working space without tipping the cost.

Summing it up, Deputy Reeve Herb McVey of Oakville said "It's a very lovely, modern building—but there just aren't enough rooms in it." The building plans were turned back over to the building committee for further study. While the finance committee was asked to figure out how much money the council could spend on the building.

Architect Armstrong explained the building's exterior featured a glassed-in ground floor with a plain concrete wall surface on the second floor. A circular front drive with parking areas on both sides of the building has been planned, with a

glassed-in court occupying a U-shaped entrance.

On the second floor, the administration offices occupy one wing, with the various court offices in the opposite wing and a Registry Office one and one-half times the size of the present building situated at the rear.

The second floor features two identical courtrooms capable of seating 180 people each, with room for future expansion to four courtrooms. Judge, jury and witness chambers are provided with each courtroom, and law- yers', offices and a lawyers' lounge look out over the entranceway courtyard.

A full basement has been designed but not all the basement space has been earmarked yet. Total square footage of the building is 55,000 feet.

Utilities play a large part in the building's cost, the architect explained, as plumbing, heating and air conditioning were estimated at \$239,000; electrical at \$133,000 and glass alone at \$60,000. He said by using a slightly smaller floor area and a cheaper type of materials, it could be constructed for a little less.

Need Control Unit

Approve Radio for Firemen

Provided that either Burlington or Trafalgar can supply a control centre for its operation, Halton County Council this week approved setting aside \$24,000 to equip all fire departments in the county with two-way radio.

The radio system would serve four purposes — for control of local units by the municipality's fire chief, for inter-battalion and communications within the county, for national radio messages on a connection with the fire marshal's office, and for Emergency Measures Organization operations. A 30 per cent subsidy by senior levels of government would leave Halton an expenditure of about \$17,000.

Price Too High

Burlington Reeve Irving Ryckman offered the 24-hour answering service now in effect in Burlington as a control centre at a cost of \$5,000, but Oakville Reeve Fred Tilley objected to the price. Reeve Tilley said Burlington's system costs only \$10,000 a year and the number of mutual aid radio calls would not warrant paying half that amount.

The setup will include installation of radios in five base stations and 20 mobile truck units throughout Halton's nine departments.

1961 County Mill Rate May Rise to 6.25—Clerk

"It appears that the County mill rate will be 6.25 this year," clerk Garfield Brown told members of Halton County Council at Tuesday's March meeting, as council began the annual chore of budget setting. A special meeting has been called to discuss this year's budget.

Last year, the rate paid by local municipalities came to 5.5 mills.

Committee budgets already established include property, \$14,000; personnel and office administration, \$44,900; assessment, \$18,750; agriculture and forestry, \$18,450. Also in this year's budget will be \$50,000 for maintenance at Halton Centennial Manor, \$10,000 toward setting up a mental health program, \$117,355 for Health Unit, and \$104,000 for the Children's Aid Society.

New Fire Alarm System

Beginning Friday of this week, the new fire alarm and alert system will go into service for Acton and district.

Under the new system six private phones installed in firemen's homes will ring when the alarm is given. The first one answering the call will carry on the conversation and receive instructions to the source of the fire. Others may listen in but not interrupt.

When complete information has been charted the fire alarm siren will be sounded to summon firefighters to the hall. The siren may be sounded from a control installed on any of the six phones.

The fire call number remains at 300 exclusively for emergencies until such time as dial is installed and when the number is changed, it will be posted.

Beginning on Friday fire calls will be answered at the home of Chief Jack Newton, deputy chief Mick Holmes, fireman Doug Mason, fireman Al Duby, Beardmore and Company and the fire hall.

Chief Newton urges everyone sounding an alarm to speak distinct and give explicit directions.

County Votes Itself Pay Hike Over Tilley's Loud Objections

Over loud objections from Oakville Reeve Fred Tilley that "we don't need it," Halton County Council gave itself a pay hike on Tuesday. In future, councilors will receive \$20 per council and committee meetings, instead of \$16. Last year, at this time, they raised it to \$16 from \$12.

"I don't think we should increase it this year," said the Oakville Reeve. "We should be holding the line on council meetings." His only support came from Georgetown Reeve Doug Sargent, who voted against the motion with Reeve Tilley.

"Very Justified"
Other councilors suggested \$20 per meeting was a "minimum fee" allowed by the Department of Municipal Affairs. "The figure is very justified," said Acton Deputy Reeve Bert Hinton.

In the same motion, the wardens' yearly stipend was set at \$1,000 for expenses plus regular council and committee fees; the same figure as last year. Per diem expenses for members of council and municipal servants

attending conventions and other appointments were set at \$25 maximum. Those who received committee meetings for presentation to council were also granted the \$20 per meeting rate. All fees are effective from the start of this year.

Shelve "Rep-by-Pop" Discussion Council Hassles Over Fine Points

A lengthy discussion on fair representation of Halton municipalities on the County Council bogged down at Tuesday afternoon's March meeting, and was finally shelved until the April meeting.

Councilors couldn't make up their minds whether towns and townships should be represented on the basis of the number of municipal electors or by total population. Before this argument was resolved, they hassled over whether more representation meant added votes for sit-

ting Reeves and Deputy Reeves, or adding more Deputy Reeves to the already bulging council table of 16 men.

The legislation committee recommended increasing the representation on county council in accordance with the municipalities' size, but some suggested this would make the council unwieldy. Then the committee urged representation by population rather than by the number of electors; but some felt it was municipal electors who named municipal councils, and they should also be

Congregations Join

Former Moderator Dr. Nimmo Will Preach in Holy Week

Sunday next marks the beginning of Holy Week. Sunday evening will be the occasion for the union service of worship for the congregations of the Anglican, Baptist, Christian Reformed, Presbyterian and United Churches. During the week days following, the same congregations, with the exception of the Anglicans, will be uniting in worship in observance of our Lord's Passion. All services will begin at 8 p.m.

The guest preacher will be the Very Rev. Alex Nimmo, D.D., of the Presbyterian Church. Choirs of the different churches will participate.

Born in Ireland
Dr. Nimmo was moderator of the Presbyterian church in 1954-1960 and is minister of St. Andrew's, Wingham. A native of Northern Ireland, he was born in Randalstown, County Antrim, and prepared for the ministry by serving for four years with the Belfast City Mission before migrating to Canada in 1925. Alexander Nimmo graduated from Presbyterian College, Montreal, in 1929, and was ordained in his first charge, Morewood and Russell, in Brockville, Ontario, the same year. From there he moved to Athelstan and Elgin and then

to Beauharnois, both in the presbytery of Montreal.

Dr. Nimmo enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force as a chaplain in 1942 and served with distinction until his release in March, 1945. Then he began his ministry at Wingham.

Radio Pastor
Dr. Nimmo is known for his eloquence and evangelic zeal in the pulpit. Part of his ministry has been through the use of radio over stations CKSN in Wingham and he is known to a large constituency in Ontario for his messages on the air.

In 1927, Alexander Nimmo was married to Ethel May MacLean of Durham, Nova Scotia. Their daughter Margaret is the wife of the Rev. George Malcolm, a Presbyterian missionary in Formosa. Their only son, Stewart, lost his life in an automobile accident in 1954.

Sunday to Thursday
On Palm Sunday evening, the Rev. Dwight J. Engel will speak on "The Servant." Mrs. Sutter, Dr. Nimmo's subjects Monday to Thursday, are "The Agony of Betrayal," "The Agony of Denial," "The Agony of Gethsemane" and "The Agony of Calvary."

This is the fourth year Holy Week services have been held and various organizations have planned to attend together.

the represented body in county council.

As County Council stands now, Oakville, Burlington and Trafalgar have well over two-thirds of the county's population yet only 12 votes in the council. The northern municipalities of Milton, Georgetown, Acton, and Innesburg, and Nassagaweya have the small remainder of the population, yet hold 16 votes in council.

In the end, members were urged to think over the issues and prepare for another full scale decision, and they should also be

Committee Seeks \$60,000 For Arena Program

The committee, appointed to conduct an arena renovation and a "rep-by-pop" installation program met last Thursday evening. During the four hour meeting, a very thorough examination was made of all factors which would affect the decision to undertake the project.

The final conclusion of the meeting was that it would be possible to undertake and carry to completion the renovations and installation. Some major policy decisions were made. Perhaps the most important was the determination that the alterations and addition to the building and an additional ice installation would have to be considered in two stages, but a one project.

The second major decision was that if sufficient funds were not raised for the whole project, no single part of the project would be undertaken. In this case, all funds collected would be returned to the individual contributors.

Award Estimates
In the light of these two policy decisions, with a reservation of final architectural and engineering plans and estimates, it was agreed that the men agreed to in a public subscription campaign to raise \$60,000.

The committee which agreed to undertake the project is made up of representatives from the service organizations and municipalities. Heading the committee is Mayor Johnny Goy. Other members are Alec Johnson,

organizations, Joe Hurst, Bruce Ledger, publicity. These committees are now adding to their business and industry, and Jim their committees and preparing.

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DEMOLITION STARTED Wednesday morning on the front section of Acton arena following a decision by council. The project is being carried out by the government winter works program and is expected to continue for at least a month. The front portion of the arena is in poor condition to warrant repair in its present condition.