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# Campaign Hits \$49,472 Mark

## Two New Police Motorcycles Modernize O.P.P. Detachment

North Halton O.P.P. detachment was modernized last week with the arrival of two new Harley-Davidson motorcycles, which will patrol provincial highways 7, 25 and 401 through northern Halton.

Corporal Charles Wilkinson said the motorcycles were needed to cope with the heavy influx of traffic the local highways have seen over the past few years. He added it was part of the O.P.P. plan to equip more detachments with bikes.

Constables Al Miles and Joe Fieldcamp will operate the motorcycles on daily shifts of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. The detachment will still retain the four cruiser cars that are presently in use.

The police station at Milton will soon be outfitted with a base radio and transmitter for radio contact with cruisers, district headquarters at Dundas, provincial headquarters at Queen's Park and other detachment bases. Included in the installation is a 70-foot relay antenna to be erected behind the police station. It will operate on 60 watt power.

Corporal Wilkinson said the detachment will be holding its first female addition sometime in June. A trained stenographer will be transferred here from Mount Forest.

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Recent staff changes in the detachment have seen Const. Dave Richardson return to work after eight months' leave of absence following a serious accident. Const. Ron Stratton has left the police work to return to schooling, and Peter Orr, of Niagara Falls has joined the force. Constable Richardson was hospitalized last August 30 when an escaped Guelfer convict he was chasing forced his cruiser off the road near Acton and he was injured.

## Peanut Blitz This Weekend

Members of the Acton Y's Men's Club spent Wednesday evening unpacking and checking carton after carton of peanuts in preparation for their annual peanut blitz this weekend. Over 124 cartons of peanuts, peanut butter and other goods were unloaded from a truck Wednesday morning and routes were checked, holders prepared and final plans made in the evening.

Proceeds from the campaign assist in the operation of the Acton Y.M.C.A. The Y's Men's Club members will be knocking at doors and blitzing the streets on the weekend hoping to raise funds for this worthwhile project.

## Six Room Central School Scheduled for Limehouse

The new Central school for Esqueping school-board area number one to be erected at Limehouse is expected to contain six classrooms and will be sited on property to be purchased from Fred Brooks.

First preliminary plans for the school were presented to the board Tuesday evening, May 16, and were discussed at great length by the members. Architects for the project are Barnett and Rieder and necessary drawings in the plans will be finalized at the next board meeting.

After tentative estimates are received, Township council will be advised for debenture purposes. Mrs. Douglas, secretary of the Home and School Association is present to advise the members of the Association activities during the past few months.

Expected registration for the September term was reviewed

and it was agreed to engage two new teachers to handle the overflow. These teachers will continue to teach in the new Central School on completion of the building.

## Wire on Line Causes Blackout

Residents suffered a 25-minute blackout Sunday evening when power was cut off in the Rockwood-Acton area.

Ontario Hydro workers solved the problem after tracing lines from the main feeder station in Guelf and located the trouble on a pole near the Eden Mills cutoff at No. 7 highway. A roll of wire had been tossed on top of the high tension feeder lines shorting the system and blacking out the area.

"I'm very optimistic of the final outcome of the campaign," stated chairman Johnny Goy as he analyzed reports of progress on Wednesday evening. "We have reached a total now of \$49,472 and when we finally clean up the campaign, I'm sure we will reach our objective. The next \$10,000 will be much slower coming in because the places that are left will require individual attention."

Treasurer Lorne Youngblut reports that of the \$49,472 total, 37% of the pledges have been cash donations, 20% are post-dated cheques and the remaining 43% are payroll and bank deductions. The average of all pledges has been slightly over \$49.

The response to the canvass of the rural area by the Fall Fair Board has been most encouraging to date. President Nino Braida reports that the canvass is progressing steadily but has been somewhat delayed by the late spring season. It is expected this section of the campaign will be completed in another two weeks.

Gord McCutcheon, in charge of house-to-house canvass, reports his section is practically completed. "Only a few calls have yet to be made and we will finish them shortly," he praised the reception and help given canvassers while making their calls.

Gord Beatty, chairman of the business canvass, reported his committee was completing its calls at the present time. "The response by former residents to the appeal has been quite good and contributions are continuing to come in," reported-treasurer Lorne Youngblut. Chairman Goy urged, "If there is anyone who was unable to pledge when the canvassers called and now feels he would like to make a pledge, get in touch with the committee. We will be happy to call again."

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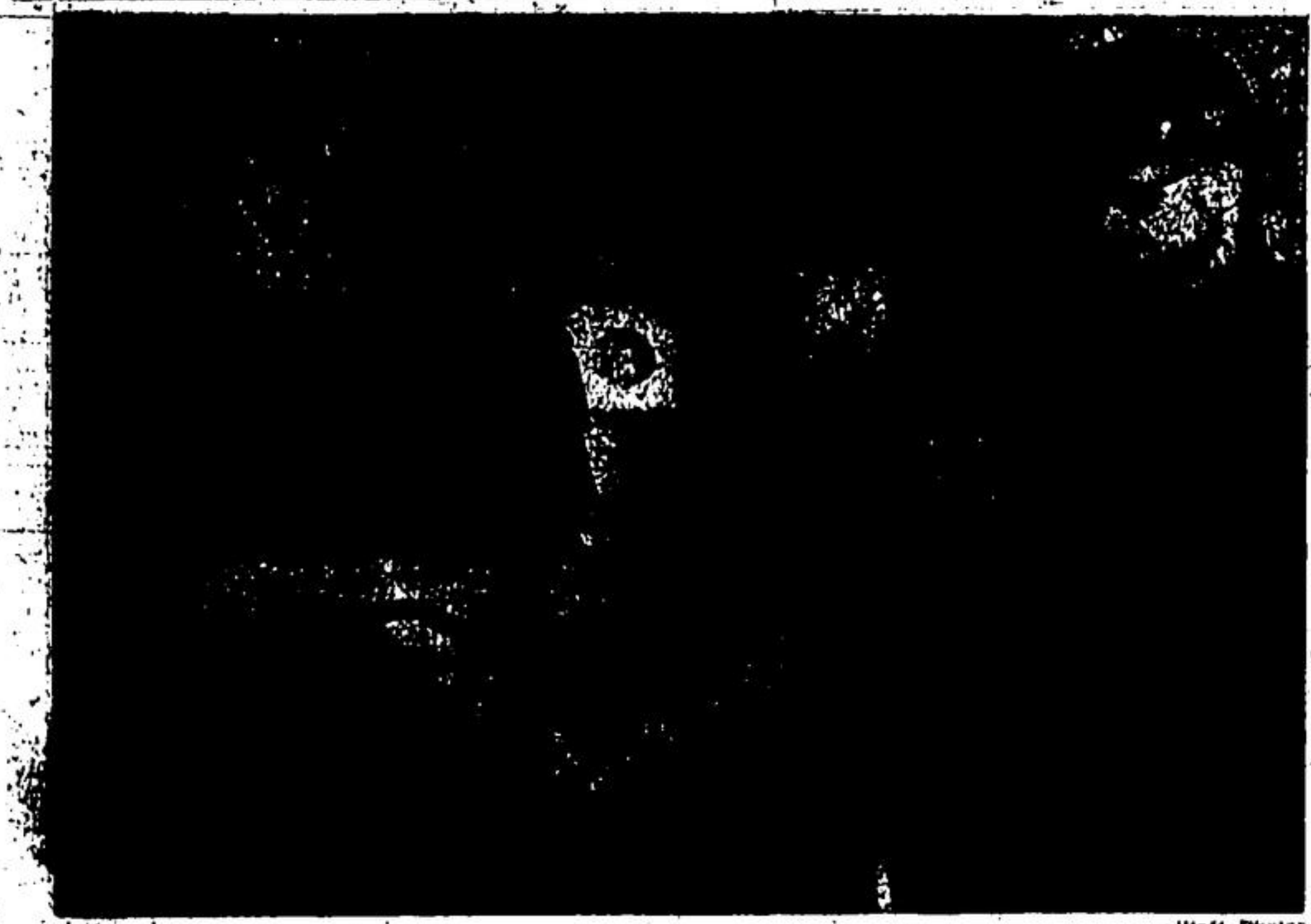
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ROGER LADOUCEUR received his first class Scout badge Monday evening, the first scout to obtain one under the reign of the new scoutmaster, Bruce Williamson. Roger, who is a former leader, passed all tests with flying colors and was commended by the scoutmaster. Pictured above left to right are Scoutmaster Williamson, A. S. M. George Hargrave, patrol leader Roger Ladouceur and A. S. M. Neil Miller.

## Guest Speaker Urges Formation Of Community Safety Council

Urging establishment of a local Safety Council Louis Hodgins, representative from the Department of Transport, outlined the history of a Safety Council during Tuesday evening.

Mr. Hodgins told the Rotarians a local safety council is comprised of a group of citizens determined to make their community a safer place to live by fighting preventable accidents.

The guest speaker pointed out the Highway Safety Branch of the Department of Transport had Safety Promotion officers ready to assist at all times. He noted there were many valuable programs that could be adopted or stimulated by an interested

group in order to encourage safety. The Department representative stressed the various safety promotion campaigns stimulated by the council including water, home, fire, farm and recreation safety. He pointed out a safety Council could be organized immediately by contacting the Highway Safety Branch.

Ten steps in organizing a Safety Council were outlined. Special guest present for the meeting was Constable Ron Rupert of the Acton O.P.P. Detachment who was instrumental in starting the Safety Council while stationed in Milton.

Other visiting Rotarians were Gordon Gowland and Jim Dills from the Milton club.

## Decoration Day Sunday, June 4 Parade, Service at Cemetery

Decoration Day in Acton has been set for Sunday, June 4, this year. During a committee meeting Thursday, May 8, plans were finalized when sponsoring organization representatives were present.

This year the parade will depart slightly from past and the brief pause at the cenotaph en route from the CNR station will not take place. The main service is scheduled for Fairview Cemetery and Acton Citizens' Band will play sacred music.

Everyone in town and the surrounding district is invited to attend and assist in decorating graves of loved ones. Members

of organizations will place potted plants and wreaths at graves of veterans buried at Fairview and Dublin cemeteries. A wreath will also be placed by members of the Legion at the cairn in the pioneer cemetery.

The parade leaving the CNR station at 2:30 p.m. will include Acton Citizens' Band, Acton Junior Pipe Band and Guelf Pipe Band. Members of municipal council, veterans, organizations, Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies will take part. Committee members are hopeful a large crowd will attend this annual service and take part in decorating.

## Park Ready

The park is being "spring cleaned" by caretaker Roy Arnold. The grass is short and crisp and small bonfires are consuming branches and rubbish. Swings weren't up long before the first patrons of the season spotted them. Fishermen are sitting in the sunshine along the banks. An article in the Toronto Globe and Mail, listing attractive spots to go on the holiday, included Acton's Prospect Park on the list.

# Council Requests O.W.R.C. Remove Chlorinator D.O.H. Recommends 40 Mile Speed Zone in Acton

"The water samples we are getting back don't indicate any need for water chlorination. I think we should take it out till they (O.W.R.C.) say we have to have water chlorination," declared Mayor Johnny Goy at Tuesday evening's council meeting.

The subject came up along with the rental on the water chlorinator, which was installed in the water system at the time of the water problem late last winter. Other councillors concurred with this suggestion and by motion authorized the chlorinator's removal. The O.W.R.C. was to be notified of this action.

Additional information is to be secured on what action other municipalities are taking on the July 1 Dominion Day holiday. July 1 this year falls on Saturday and there is some question in council's mind of the advisability of declaring another holiday on either the Friday preceding or the Monday following the day.

Support Decoration Day Cyril Leighton, representing the Decoration Day Committee, attended the meeting and requested council's support of their efforts. Council agreed to issue a proclamation declaring Sunday, June 4 as Decoration Day and to have the necessary programs produced.

The dog control by-law authorizing the town to enter an agreement with Cecil Robertson was given its third and final reading. The by-law had been read twice at a previous meeting and some minor changes in the agreement had been made prior to this third reading.

Also up for its third reading, and passed, was the fire chief's assistance by-law, authorizing the chief to enlist additional help to fight fires where necessary.

Appointments by by-law to the Committee of Adjustment were made. Ken Hardman returns for a three-year appointment expiring January 1, 1964. New members appointed to the committee were Jack Doherty till January 1, 1962 and G. W. McKenzie till January 1, 1963.

Ray Abic of Longfield Road was appointed, on the recommendation of the Acton Hydro Commission, to fill the vacancy on the commission caused by the resignation of Dr. F. G. Oakes.

Assessor to School The assessor, John Ladouceur, was authorized to attend the Assessor's School in Hamilton on June 20 and 21. It was agreed to pay the assessor a travel allowance \$200 per year, payable monthly. This amount is to cover his normal day-to-day expenses, attendance at meetings with the county assessor and the annual assessor's district meeting. All other meetings, schools or conventions must have prior approval of council.

Two motions reading "In future all expense accounts be supported by vouchers" and "In future all expense accounts be itemized and supported by vouchers where possible" failed to gain the support of a majority of councillors and were returned to the administration committee for further study. There was considerable discussion.

The fire committee reported it had prepared a proposal to be presented to the rural areas for a new fire agreement. A meeting with township representatives was to be arranged. Notification of a delay in the reconstruction of Highway 7 on Queen St. E. was received from the Department of Highways. The project had originally been scheduled for this year but has

now been postponed until 1964.

The cost of the warning signal installation on Main St. North has been established at \$14,027.67. The town's portion of this, 12 1/2%, is charged back to the county because this road is classed as a county connecting link.

The Department of Highways has submitted another proposal for increasing the speed limits on the eastern and western Highway 7 approaches to the town. The proposal calls for a 40 mile per hour speed limit on Queen St. East for 1,800 feet east of the town boundary to 1,000 feet inside the town limits, approximately to the Mayfair Restaurant. On the west side of town, the proposal would make a 40 mile per hour zone west from the corner of Main St. North and Guelf St. west for a distance of 2,400 feet.

A study by the department showed the speeds on Queen St. in the present 30 mile per hour zone averaged 46 to 54 miles per hour. The complete survey of traffic also showed that 92 per cent of the drivers within the main body of the town obey the traffic laws. The clerk was instructed to make an enquiry to see if the department would make a similar proposal on Highway 25 at the southern end of the town.

Councillor Doby enquired of Acton's position in regard to fireworks after the past weekend of tragedies. Fire chief Jack Newton read the fire by-law which does not allow the sale or discharge of fireworks within the town of Acton.

The clerk was instructed to write the industrial commission to request a report of their activities.

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## All Day

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