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GUEST SPEAKER at the 116th anniversary services at the United Church Sunday was Dr. Lovell Smith of Toronto who lived in Acton as a boy. He is pictured at the memorial desk with Miss M. Z. Bennett, in whose honor it was given to the church, and Mrs. C. L. Poole, widow of a former minister of the church.

Commission Airs Planning, Arena Wiring, Fair's Bill

Electrical wiring in the rear section of the arena should be completed by the end of this week, hydro commission members learned during their meeting Thursday, October 26. The town hydro department has been installing new lines and replacing old ones in this section.

Superintendent Doug Mason reported his department was "hard at it" and he had arranged for a work bee last Saturday when several Beardmore tannery employees and one fireman had volunteered to assist with the work. Although Mr. Mason could not give a definite date of completion of this phase of the Community Centre work he was almost positive if the work were satisfactory everything could be completed by November 4.

Split Fair Bill?
Nino Braida, president of the Acton Agricultural Society, was present and asked consideration of a hydro bill submitted to them for \$43.53. He pointed out this covered spotlight installation, restoration of power to the red barn and other wiring installations. In making a request for consideration of a reduction, Mr. Braida told the commission last year's power bill had amounted to \$7. He pointed out, and commission members agreed, that Community Centre building operations were responsible for the power shutoff at the red barn.

Commissioner E. G. Tyler suggested that since the Community Centre operations were responsible for the power shutoff and its restoration accounted for a large portion of the bill, a three-way split be made between the town, hydro commission and council. When asked his viewpoint, Mayor John Gov told the members he expected an equally favorable reception from council but he hesitated to negotiate on a conditional basis.

He told chairman Gordon Beatty, "We will cross that bridge when we come to it" when it was suggested the commission hinge their decision on a split of the hydro bill until council approved.

Mr. Braida was told to delay payment of the bill until further consideration could be given. During the meeting a lengthy discussion took place regarding planning for the hydro department workers and chairman Gord Beatty questioned the superintendent regarding this subject.

Members agreed the anticipated layout of one man was directly caused by the lack of planning and foresight. Superintendent Doug Mason received explicit instructions regarding the importance of a planned work program in order to keep his department operating properly.

Another point of discussion arose when the chairman charged the superintendent had failed to order equipment necessary

for completing the Community Centre wiring project prior to leaving for holidays. Mr. Mason explained he had made several phone calls regarding the equipment but had failed to reach the proper person.

At the conclusion of the discussion the superintendent was told nothing personal had been intended in the discussion.

The following accounts were approved for payment:
Town of Acton \$ 78.47
Receiver Gen. of Can. 2.50
J. McCallum Service 20.62
J. K. Johnstone Meters 2.50
J. R. Kearney Corp. 8.30
E. P. Motors 19.03
MacDonald Elec. Ltd. 890.57
Bell Telephone Co. 52.66
The H. E. P. C. of Ont. 13,972.46
Van Gils Cons. 110.00
Receiver Gen. of Can. 200.55
McKeown, P. M. 56.84
H. E. P. C. of Ont. 23.65
Payroll 1,400.89
\$16,899.32

County Office Cost \$760,462

The building tender for \$760,462.25 was let Monday by Halton County Council, and construction of the new court house and administration building should be starting within two weeks.

Architect W. N. Armstrong said that as soon as the Ontario Municipal Board approves the expenditure, the construction would begin at the site on Milton's northeast corner. The county has purchased several acres on the Base Line at Ontario St. as a site for the structure.

Two Hamilton firms and a Toronto firm will share the three contracts awarded. Top Construction Co. of Hamilton was low bidder on the general contract at \$435,311.25 while Farridge Ltd. of Hamilton had low price on mechanical work at

\$352,951 and Plan Electric Ltd. of Toronto was low on electrical at \$72,200.

Last week Oakville Deputy Reeve Herb Merry pointed out the construction price was lower than expected and urged councillors to make provision in the building for an impressive front entrance. On several earlier occasions the Oakville representative had openly resented the fact there was no portico or front entranceway to the building, only two side doors.

Architect Armstrong pointed out the shape of the building did not lend itself to a large front entrance, but explained that by removing several windows on the front of the court house, a front door could be added at a later date.

Award Final Contract for Centre Rushing to Finish Arena Project

17,000 Square Foot Addition Announced for Micro Plant

A 17,000 square foot addition to the Micro Plastics plant is scheduled for completion by late December. Jack Reid, general manager, reported today that the actual construction of the addition will begin within the next few days. Sherwood Construction of Hamilton have been awarded the contract and will complete the addition by the end of December.

The building will be built on the north end of the present plant on Main Street North and will continue in line with the existing plant, parallel to Main St. Of concrete block construction, the new addition will be used primarily for storage of raw materials and finished products. This additional storage will allow more of the present plant to be utilized for manufacturing. With the arrival of additional equipment early in the new year,

production will be increased. New lines will be added to the existing products manufactured in the present plant.

Established in 1946
Micro Plastics was established in Acton in July, 1946, by Jack Reid and Alf Long, presently with the company, and Jack Sault, in a building on Wallace Ave. Since that time, the plant on Wallace Ave. has been expanded four times and now covers an area of 30,000 square feet. In 1957, a new 14-acre site on Main Street North was acquired and a 40,000 square foot plant was erected.

The new addition of 17,000 feet will bring the total area being utilized by the company to 87,000 square feet. Carlon pipe, the pipe with the stripe, is the major product of the Wallace Ave. plant. The Main St. plant is used for the manufacture of the

company's other lines of thermoplastic extrusions. Micro, Canada's foremost thermoplastic extruder, is a division of Building Products Limited. Officers of the company are Jack Reid, Alf Long and E. G. Franklin.

Final contract for the Community Centre Project was awarded by Council at a special Wednesday evening meeting. The tender of A. L. Reimer was accepted for the electrical wiring of the new west section of the building. Work on the electrical installation will proceed immediately, along with the construction of the building. Plans and specifications were prepared by engineers of Ontario Hydro.

Also approved at the special meeting were accounts totaling \$1,602.20. This amount covers work on the project and a progress payment to J. B. Mackenzie and Son on the new Community Centre building.

The roof of the ice arena came in for some discussion and council agreed to accept the submitted price of \$580 by WeGon General Contractors for the patching and coating of this roof.

Work on the project is progressing at a steady pace in an effort to meet the late December deadline. Hydro crews are this week installing the hydro line on Park Ave. to service the building. Transformers have been installed and the equipment room is being wired. Last weekend, volunteers worked on the wiring in the equipment room and on the lighting installation in the ice arena.

Work Continues
This week, the "boards" at the east end of the arena are being installed and the ice surface levelled with the final layer of sand. J. H. Lock and Co. will return next week and begin the laying of the eight miles of pipe on the ice surface. The ice-making equipment has been installed and the installation of the equipment completed.

On the new Community Centre building at the west end of the arena, the block work has been completed on the lower level. Last Friday, steel erection crews moved in and installed the steel girders to support the first floor.

To Pour Cement
This week, workers have installed the metal sheeting on the floor and the wire reinforcing. Pouring of the cement will be finished today and block work will continue.

Block work on the next level will follow. The steel girders for the roof are on the site and it is expected roofing will immediately follow the completion of the block work. The plumbing and heating contractors are working at the project and the roughing-in work is in progress.

Council has the formation of an operating committee under consideration with the completion of the building in late December. Councillors feel it is imperative that the administrative body be organized so that a full season's use of the centre can be realized.

Work parties of volunteers are being organized to paint the inside of the arena and anyone interested in lending a hand can contact Mayor John Gov.



HALTON COUNTY WARDEN Alec Phillips, who is to be host to the annual Warden's dinner this evening (Thursday) at Oakville, will be wearing his new chain of office for the first official function. The beautiful silver chain, formed of maple leaves, was presented to him at the conclusion of a special meeting of County Council Monday. Here Reeve Jack Hargrave and Deputy Reeve Bert Hinton of Acton admire the new chain.

Remembrance Day

Poppies go on Sale Friday To Help Veterans' Families

In these days of strife and unrest, filled with war rumors and world tensions, let us not forget those who gave their lives during past wars.

Every year on Remembrance Day—November 11—two minutes' silence is observed to pay tribute to more than 100,000 Canadians who were killed in war. Everyone will wear a poppy—a way of saying "Thanks" to those who were killed. Each will remember in his own way. Perhaps veterans will think of comrades as they were a few seconds before their death. Wives will remember the long wait for husbands who went to war and never returned. Parents will think of boys who were so young when they left home for the last time. Some will think of a father who went away such a long time ago.

Many who stand with bowed heads and wearing poppies are too young to remember the last war, have no knowledge of the penalty paid by so many, or have not been affected directly. Nevertheless, their tribute, too, is paid the veterans who gave their lives to offer us freedom.

38th Year
This November marks the 38th year since the custom of wearing a poppy for Remembrance Day was inaugurated in Canada. Remembrance and the poppy are irrevocably bound up with each other because of the fitness of the thought that the memory of Canada's fallen can best be honored by assuring that none of their comrades still living are allowed to suffer want and distress.

Through the purchase of a poppy, everyone can share in assisting not only veterans living and their families in need, but families of dead veterans who are finding it a struggle to survive. Many of these families are not entitled to assistance from the government but are given a helping hand through this campaign.

Poppy Day Friday
Poppy Day in Acton is being held Friday, November 3, and is sponsored by the Acton Legion, under the chairmanship of Ed (Continued on Page Four)

Run Again?

Council, Boards Polled

Nomination Day is only 21 days away and interest is spiralling. Positions will be open for nomination of mayor, reeve, deputy-reeve, six councillors, three positions on public school board and two positions on Acton Hydro Electric Commission.

During the past week the Acton Free Press polled present councillors and members of other boards whose terms expire this year.

The following is the result of the poll:
Mayor John H. Gov: "I am giving very serious thought to making this my last year as a municipal official."
Reeve Jack Hargrave: "At the present time I have not made a decision."
Deputy-reeve H. H. Hinton: "I am prepared to stand for office if it is the desire of the

people."
Councillor G. V. Barbeau: "I believe my name will be standing for municipal office again this year."
Councillor Frank Toth Sr.: "I haven't decided at the present time."
Councillor William Denny: "At the moment I am not positive but for business reasons I have some doubt about standing for office again this year."
Councillor Jack Newton has taken up residence in Toronto.
Councillor W. J. McLeod is presently in Europe and not available for comment.
Councillor Leslie Duly: "I intend to allow my name to stand for office for another term."
School Board
With terms expiring this year, the following members of the school board made the following statements:
Chairman Murray Smith: "I am undecided at the moment whether to stand for office or

not. I have given several years to the school board but will have to reserve my decision until a later date."
W. J. Benson: "I enjoyed the brief term of office on the school board and if it is the desire of the people I am only too happy to serve another term."
T. Watson: "My intention at present is to run for school board again."
Commissioners Stand
Two members of the Acton Hydro Commission will complete their term of office this year and when polled made the following replies:
G. McCutcheon: "I intend to allow my name to stand for office again."
Ray Arbie: "I filled a gap in the commission during the latter part of the year and found the work quite interesting. If it is the desire of the public, I intend to let my name stand for a complete term on the commission."

Former Actonite Sweeps Winner

A former Actonite and army corporal James O'Rourke, stationed at Calgary, was one of the lucky ticket holders on Henry VII, the horse that ran for first place in the Cambridgeshire handicap last week.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom O'Rourke of Acton, the lucky ticket holder for the Irish Sweepstakes is expected to enjoy \$101,000 as his portion of the prize money.

Stationed with the Queen's Own Rifles at Camp Borden, Calgary, Mr. O'Rourke is expected to visit his parents this Christmas after he comes east to take a training course at Camp Borden.

Sharing in the family excitement over the win are his parents and three brothers, Hugh, Emmott and Desmond, as well as an uncle, Jim O'Rourke, all of Acton.

Require 300 Blood Donors For Nov. 16 Clinic at Legion

Blood donors are needed urgently to renew the Red Cross Society supply of whole blood for hospital patients. The appeal to Acton and district citizens goes out this week and 300 donors are required. Anyone may benefit from this free blood supplied by donors. The demand has been so great during the past year, the supply is running dangerously low.

Acton Legion Branch 197 is making its annual appeal for help. The clinic is on Thursday, November 16, in the Legion auditorium.

Canvassers will call house to house prior to the clinic and are hopeful of enrolling at least 300 citizens. With the ages accepted from 18 to 65, chairman Vic Patrick is hopeful that many younger residents will volunteer to replace many of the "old faithful" who have been forced to drop out due to the age factor.

Canvassers were set up and the following organization representatives will be in charge of this section: E. T. Marks, Lions Club, will be in charge of ward two, William Wilson, Acton Y's Men's Club, in charge of ward three, and George Ware, Newton Hurst and

Andy Nolan, Legion representatives, in charge of wards one and four.

With the exception of ward three, other areas will be canvassed between the hours of 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., Tuesday, November 7. Ward three will be canvassed during the same hours, Thursday, November 9.

Donating blood can be advantageous to donors as they are given blood type cards. In the event of a personal emergency, these cards are readily available and there is no time lost before the proper type blood is supplied.

Mrs. W. Finley is in charge of reception, nurses and registration. The Legion Ladies' Auxiliary will be on hand to provide tea, coffee and cookies to the donors. Cloak room supervision will be in charge of the Acton Women's Institute during the afternoon and the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. in the evening.

Appointment cards will be checked and processed by representatives from the Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E., Legion Ladies and Y.M.C.A. Ladies' Auxiliary. Y. Wilson will also be in charge of transportation. Typists are Mrs. W. Dumars and Mrs. M. Symon.



APPLE DAY staged by the Boy Scouts and Wolf Cubs Saturday was a big success and photo tally indicates proceeds of \$250 and additional returns are expected to boost this to the \$300 mark. One local resident is pictured above as she makes a purchase from a Cub and Scout during the blitz. Over 20 bushels of apples were sold during the day.



CAUGHT IN THE ACT two Halloween pranksters are seen busy at work as they soap the windows at the Bank of Montreal while the staff are working overtime. Most of the windows on the business section received a thorough soaping Tuesday night and merchants were busy the following morning washing and scrubbing. The names of the merry-makers weren't obtained as the photographer left in a hurry to record other incidents on film.