

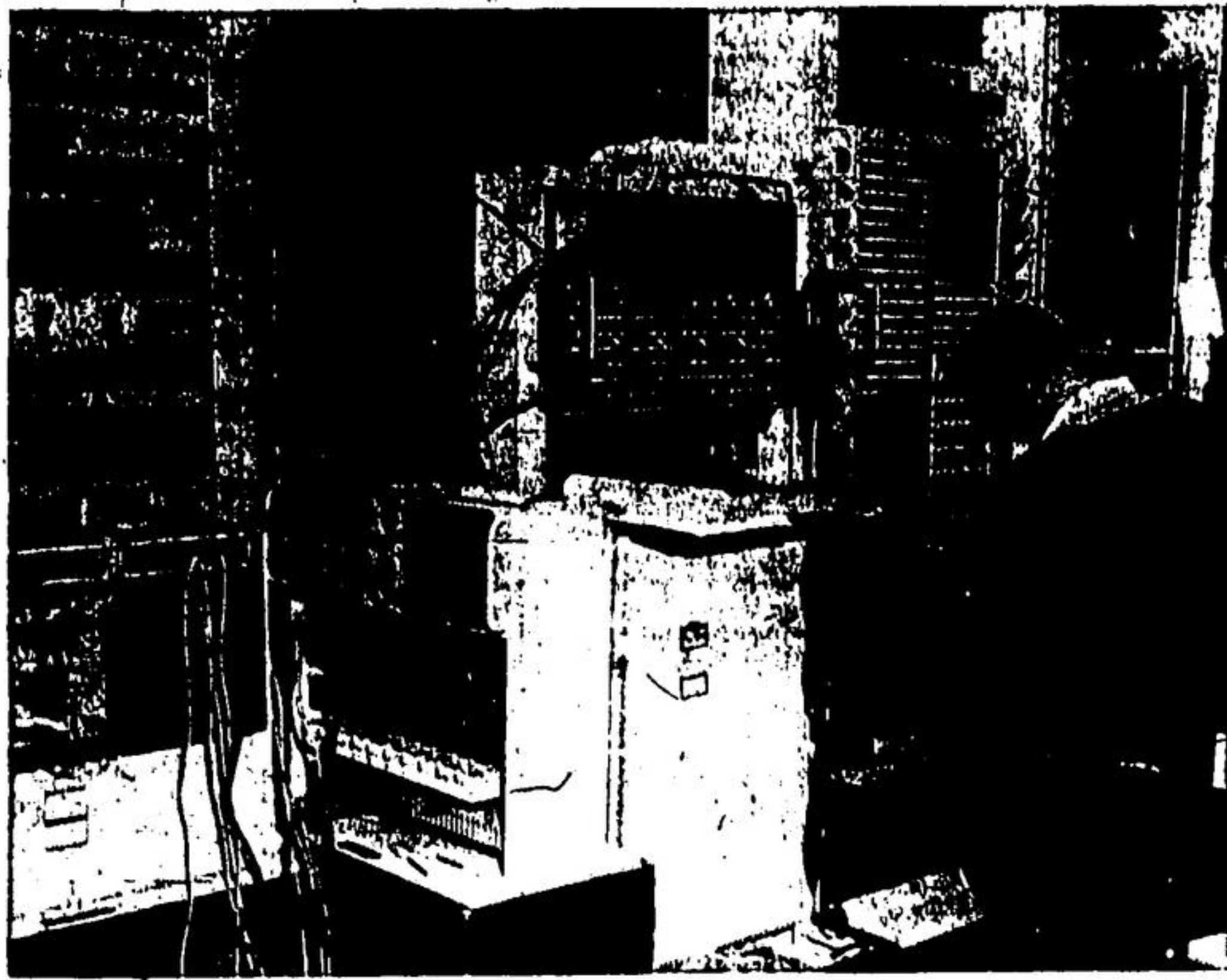
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DIAL EQUIPMENT is being given checks by Northern Electric workmen this week in preparation for the switchover December 17. Pictured above at the testing board is Howard Garvey as he makes notes on the results of panel checks. Every number has to be checked and double checked.

Hydro Lay Off One Staffer Due to Shortage of Work

Conclusion of the arena wiring and a shortage of major projects sparked a decision by the hydro commission to reduce the working staff by one employee, when members reviewed the work program during their meeting Thursday, November 9. Superintendent Doug Mason was queried regarding his anticipated work program for the next few months and when it was learned no major project was pending the lay-off was authorized.

During the discussion, the superintendent asked if the town intended to continue with the water reservoir program and wondered if the local hydro workmen would be considered for the installation of poles and wiring. Mayor John H. Goy told the superintendent he didn't have a complete answer but understood that rural hydro would be in charge of that phase of the program.

140 Meters to Go
Mr. Mason informed the commission his department had 140 meters to be taken out of homes, calibrated and replaced. Queried by chairman Gordon Beattie on this project, Mr. Mason noted that approximately 190 meters were checked yearly but to date only 90 meters have been completed.

Commissioners were informed that although no time study had been taken, it was estimated two men could handle approximately 15 meters per day. The superintendent also asked the commission's opinion regarding inspecting 84 transformers in the hydro's jurisdiction.

Asked if this would alter the lay-off program, Mr. Mason stated his department could get along with one less man.

Controls Stores
Also aired at the meeting were suggestions for more effective control of the stores' equipment when it was noted the auditors were not satisfied with present arrangements.

When it was learned that local contractors sometimes borrow equipment from hydro's stock with a casual record kept of the times, it was stressed that a more effective record would have to be kept in the future and items re-

moved invoiced to the borrower. The following accounts were approved for payment: Confederation Life, Pension and Insurance \$464.99; Ont. Hospital Insurance \$26.50; Federal Wire and Cable, Wire, \$18.57; Jack McCallum, Gas, \$2.96; Toth Motors, Gas, \$3.85; Franklin

Prouse Motors, Prestone, \$11.12; Ray Thompson Fuels, Fuel, \$51.00; Thompson Motors, Gas, \$8.85; Jack Rodley Carriage, Hauling bill, \$4.00; Henderson Business Service, Quarterly payment, \$9.00; Town of Acton, Pension, \$26.88; Vantails Construction, Rent - N.W., \$110.00. Total: \$737.32.

Year's Second Fatality Oshawa Man Dies on 401

North Halton O.P.P. investigated this year's second fatal accident in their district on Friday night, when an Oshawa man was killed in a two-car crash on Highway 401 near Milton.

It was the first fatality since March 31, 1961, when an Acton woman was killed on Highway 7 near Acton. By this time last year, the O.P.P. had about 12 fatalities in the North Halton district.

Friday evening William Schrank, 22, of R.R. 2 Oshawa was dead on arrival at Oakville Traulgar Memorial Hospital after his car collided with another on Highway 401 east of Milton. A passenger, Chamberlain Bellanger, 43, of Kawville, Ont., is

Start New Court House

Hot on the heels of the Ontario Municipal Board's Friday approval of the county debenture issue for the new court house and administration building at Milton, Tope Construction of Hamilton moved in men and machinery to start construction on the \$760,462 job.

County official, the contractor or the architect will officially turn the first sod this afternoon (Thursday) at 3 o'clock, when the building committee meets on the site. The building will house registry office, county offices, two court rooms and other facilities.

still under treatment for head injuries and bruises. John Gungrich, 33, of Toronto, driver of the other car, was treated at hospital and released later.

Police are still piecing together details of the accident. Gungrich told police he was westbound on the highway and pulled out to pass a large truck when his car rammed head-on into an oncoming car. Police weren't sure whether the Strank vehicle had been driving on the wrong side of the highway, or crossed the median from the eastbound lane.

Similar Cases
Police reported two other cases of drivers crossing the median on Highway 401 during the past week.

Saturday a Toronto woman was westbound on 401 and attempted to pass a car, when she was forced off the highway by another vehicle. She drove along the median for a distance and pulled back into the highway, right in the path of a car driven by a Lambeth man. Damage was \$400.

Induct Rev. D. West At St. Alban's Church

The institution and induction of the Rev. D. H. West as rector of the parish of St. Alban the Martyr by the Lord Bishop of Niagara, The Right Rev. Walter Bagnall, D.D., D.C.I. will take place at the church Friday evening. The sermon will be delivered by the Rev. F. K. Clarke B.A., M.R.E., director of Christian Education of the Diocese of Ottawa. A reception in Luxton Memorial Hall will follow.

Nomination Night

One week tonight on Thursday, November 23, citizens will name their candidates for municipal council, hydro commission and school board prior to the election December 5. Nomination meeting will be held in the high school gymnasium from 8:30 p.m. until 11:30 p.m.

Names will be proposed for mayor, reeve, deputy reeve, six councillors, three school trustees and two hydro commissioners. Proposed candidates' names will be listed on a large blackboard placed on the stage.

Polling Booths

In the event of an election voters will cast their ballots in the following polling booths:
Ward No. 1—Polling Subdivision No. 1 Acton United Church, with Vera Inglis as Deputy Returning Officer; Polling Subdivision No. 2, Y.M.C.A., with Kathleen Hurst as Deputy Returning Officer.
Ward No. 2—Council Chambers, Town Hall, with Harriet Helwig as Deputy Returning Officer.
Ward No. 3—Luxton Memorial Hall, Willow St., with Virginia Dumarsh as Deputy Returning Officer.
Ward No. 4—Y.M.C.A., with Annie Anderson as Deputy Returning Officer.

Citizens' Help Needed to Boost St. John Brigade

Following recent publications regarding the cloudy future of the St. John Ambulance Brigade in Acton, division superintendent Robert S. Hart reported this week that to date, no names have been added to the membership roster and little interest indicated by citizens.

Lacking sufficient members to carry on with duties, the brigade is puzzled as to the possibility of providing first aid service at the arena this year.

Tuesday evening council acknowledged the importance of the brigade continuing and noted the Acton division was the only one in Halton county. Council will attempt to obtain names of interested citizens willing to serve on a committee to handle the administration of the brigade.

Present members are willing to continue with first aid duties but are unable to handle provincial fund raising campaigns. They also need additional members to boost their ranks.

Bells, Buzzers Sound During Dial Testing

Flashing lights, sounding buzzers and bells in the Bell Telephone dial building on Church St. don't mean a nuclear attack. They just mean there's trouble on the line as Northern Electric workmen check and recheck the system prior to the switchover on December 17.

Before the main switch can be thrown to change the telephone system over to dial, every call number must be checked. With the help of a large testing panel, workers are able to trace any trouble to its source.

As each number is dialed during the test, a careful study is kept at the control panel to observe if the lights begin to flash. When this occurs, either a gong rings intermittently or a buzzer sounds. The gong indicates a minor fault and the buzzer a major one. When a number is dialed and no sound is heard and no lights flash, workmen heave a sigh of relief and dial again as they check and recheck.

—Just think! Only 39 more days until Christmas and these are not just shopping days.

Acquire Cemetery Land Assessment Completed

Cemetery expansion problems were dealt with Tuesday evening when council approved a by-law authorizing the mayor and clerk to sign an agreement with David Edwin Coles, Milton, to acquire 4 1/2 acres of land adjacent to Fairview cemetery.

The purchase will allow the town use of property on the south side of Queen Street West for expansion of the cemetery. According to the agreement, Mr. Coles will be allowed to subdivide the remaining property fronting on Queen Street for the erection of homes.

Mayor Goy said the acquisition of this land would take care of cemetery requirements for six to 10 years and assured council the land would be used for this purpose.

Complete Assessment

Assessor John Ladouceur cleared the air regarding assessment problems Tuesday evening when he informed council the assessment roll would be completed by the end of the time extension limit.

When it was learned the September 30 deadline could not be met, a 60-day extension was granted by the Municipal Board. Overtime was authorized for the assessor in order to meet the extended deadline.

Mr. Ladouceur informed members that only a few special assessment calls were left to be tidied up and stressed these could be cleared up immediately. He praised the municipal office staff for their efforts in keeping abreast with computations as returns came in and handled a verbal banquet to office manager Joe Hurst for his work.

Mr. Hurst, acting as clerk in the absence of Jack McGeachie, informed council a public meeting at which ratepayers could discuss assessment with Mr. Ladouceur had been scheduled for November 29 in the Robert Little school auditorium.

During the meeting, council approved a by-law appointing Mick Holmes as Fire Chief.

Also approved was a by-law authorizing the borrowing of up to \$35,000 to meet immediate costs on the erection of the Community Centre if required. Mayor Goy explained the amount would be paid back from the campaign funds. It was explained that pledges from the

campaign were not accumulating fast enough and therefore, it was necessary to borrow from the bank to meet present-day expenses.

Permission was granted the Acton Lions Club to erect a banner announcing their Minstrel Show at the corner of Mill and

Main Streets. Before permission was granted, council agreed the banner would have to meet the requirements of the Department of Highways and allow a 20 foot overhead clearance in order not to block stop lights and motorists' vision.

J. Hurst was given power of attorney to sign municipal cheques from November 15 to 28 in the absence of Clerk Jack McGeachie. Mr. McGeachie will be in hospital.

Mayor Goy reported on the volunteer labor report program at the Community Centre. \$275 was authorized for the purchase of wood to repair the seats. In the arena a work party is working on the seats to have them ready for painting on Saturday.

Council passed a resolution to authorize the mayor to write a letter to the Acton District High School Board, requesting it adopt an austerity program in any expansion program of school buildings in view of the municipality's current capital debt situation.

Deputy Reeve H. Hinton suggested the clerk write the Department of Public Buildings suggesting fallout shelters be included in the plans for the new post office and liquor store buildings. He also inquired if any thought had been given to providing space for the county administration should an emergency arise. Council will appoint an FMO committee of council next year.

A letter from the committee of area planning gave the date, December 14, as their next meeting. A series of five area meetings is being planned for next year.

The A. A. organization extended an invitation to attend their second anniversary meeting at which there will be a special speaker.

In spite of Councillor Frank Todd's encouragement and support, Johnny Goy announced that he would not be contesting the mayor's chair for 1962. He said he had been in municipal government for five years and, although finding it hard work, had enjoyed it.



MOOSE MEAT will be the order of the day for two families after hunters bagged a cow moose and a calf moose during a hunting trip in the north. Pictured above left to right are Clarence Ramsay and Floyd Hammond, district farmers, after they returned with their prizes. They were in a party of 10 hunters and visited the North Bay area. Total weight of the two animals after they were dressed was 1,085 pounds.

Solemnity of Remembrance Day Felt at Robert Little School Service

Again this year, the Remembrance Day service at the Robert Little public school was a very impressive one and solemn youngsters heard Mayor John Goy, recall some of his experiences as a gun sergeant during the last war. He told them it is an honor to pay tribute to those who died to preserve the principles of freedom.

In uniform, Scout David Watson introduced him and Glen Holmes, who acted as chairman, thanked him.

Bernie Freuler of grade nine and a junior member of Acton County's Band played the Last Post and Reveille while Stuart Johnston, a Sea Cadet in uniform, raised and lowered the flag.

Karen Gervais gave a Bible reading, Brenda Cripps told a Remembrance Day story, and below the flag-draped stage, the senior choir under Glenn Banks sang Kipling's Recessional. Three student drummers,

John Higgins, Vincent Dome and Billy Holmes, with Mr. Banks at the piano, accompanied the hymns.

Grades four to eight attended the afternoon service in the auditorium as the young people learned the meaning of the holiday which fell the next day. In many classes, too, there were special lessons, literature selections and timely art lessons.

Swear in Judge G. Elliott At Ceremony Nov. 24

Halton's new judge, George E. Elliott of Milton, will be officially sworn into office at an impressive and colorful ceremony at the Halton Court House at 3 p.m. on November 24.

The Halton County Law Society will be host for the occasion, and about 100 guests will attend to see Judge W. E. Schwenger of Hamilton, the area's senior judge, conduct the swearing-in ceremony. Friends of Judge Elliott and civic dignitaries are also to be invited.

Judge Elliott was named to the position on October 30, following the resignation of former Judge Wilson N. Robinson.

Still Time

There is still time. Donors are needed urgently to give blood tonight (Thursday). The blood clinic will operate until 9:00 p.m. and any interested citizen may drop in and donate a pint of blood.

Chairman Vic Patrick and his committee expect 300 donors during the afternoon and evening but more donors are needed to reach the objective.

Outline Foundation During Rotary Meet

Acton Rotary Club, at their Tuesday meeting, heard a report of the activities of the Rotary Foundation. The foundation sends students to foreign countries for a year post graduate study. Students from all over the world live and study in the country of their choice for a year. Rotary feels that this year and the work of the students on their return to their homeland does a great deal to further international understanding and goodwill.

The speaker was the chairman of the District Rotary Foundation Committee from Cooksville, George Black of the Gospel Club and Sanford Lecker of the Lacombe, Alberta Club. Also present were members of the Acton Industrial Commission and Jack Delaney of the Trade and Industry Branch, Toronto.

Scoutmaster Moves

Scoutmaster Bruce Williamson and his family have moved to Newmarket, where he is stationed with the permanent force of the Canadian Army. In spite of the move, Mr. Williamson will continue as scoutmaster of the troop here.

Honor Servicemen of World Wars During Remembrance Day Services

Crisp notes of the bugle sounding "The Last Post" and "Reveille" broke the silent air under clear blue skies as citizens of Acton and district gathered Saturday morning to honor the war dead during the annual Remembrance Day Service. Sponsored by the town of Acton and Canadian Legion Branch 197, the annual service at the cenotaph was preceded by a parade from the Legion Hall, led by Acton Citizens' Band in which local organizations as well as veterans took part.

The brief service at the cenotaph included the Legion Charge given by president Max Storey, followed by the placing of wreaths. Legionnaire Albert read the list of names of servicemen

killed in combat and W. D. Elmer Smith sounded the Last Post and Reveille as Boer War veteran Wilfred Coles raised and lowered the flag. An honor guard composed of members of the Lorne Scots regiment stood silently by the cenotaph. After the gathering joined in singing "Abide with Me," Rev. A. H. McKenzie, Legion Padre, gave the benediction.

Place Wreaths
Wreaths were placed by the following: Doug Guthrie for the Province of Ontario; councillor Les Dumb for the town of Acton; Ham Peal, Acton Legion; Mrs. R. Angell, Legion Ladies' Auxiliary; Mrs. W. Coles, Duke of Devonshire, I.O.D.E.; Mrs. R. Spielvogel, Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E.; Hec

Lambert, Acton Citizens' Band; William Buchanan, Acton Junior Pipe Band; Jack Pink, Acton Firefighters; Herman Frueker, United Packinghouse Workers' Union; Fred Allen, Plastics Union; Alvie Gordon, I.O.I. 467; Bob Watson and Max Haggitt, Acton Boy Scouts; Ted Evers, St. Acton Chambers of Commerce; St. Pat Dunne, Lorne Scots and Mrs. G. Hargrave, Acton Women's Institute.

At the conclusion of the service everyone filed into the United church and heard the Rev. Donald West, rector of St. Alban's church, give a stern and pointed message on Remembrance Day.

In the afternoon a number of Legionnaires drove to Halton

ville where they took part in the Nassagaweya service. Ham Peal was parade master. After formation in front of the monument, the Rev. R. P. E. Jeffares offered prayer and wreaths were placed. During the playing of "The Last Post" and "Reveille" by Elmer Smith Boer War veteran Wilfred Coles raised and lowered the flag. Following the brief service everyone attended the Remembrance Day service in Nassagaweya Presbyterian church with the Rev. Robert Hadcock and Rev. Jeffares taking part.

Sunday morning another group of Legionnaires from Acton Branch 197, went to Rockwood where they participated in Remembrance Day services there.



REMEMBRANCE SERVICE in Acton was well attended Saturday morning. The color party is pictured above in front of the cenotaph with flags raised as members of the Lorne Scots form a guard of honor. Following the brief service at the cenotaph when wreaths were placed by various organizations, the parade filed into the United church for a Remembrance Day service there.