



**DIAL EXCHANGE** in Acton Sunday will see the familiar switchboard pictured above put out of use. Telephone customers will have to acquaint themselves with using the dial phone, and get used to operators. Pictured above left to right at the switchboard are Mrs. Beatrice Chew, Mrs. Margaret Ford, chief operator and Miss Sylvia Mages.

## Union, Commission at Loggerheads

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**Name New Officers For Walker Lodge**  
 Election of officers for the coming year took precedent over the regular meeting of Walker Lodge A.E. & A.M. Monday evening and named as Worshipful Master was Lorne Youngblutt.  
 Other officers elected during the meeting included: W. Bro. S. K. Joe, I.P.M.; Bro. M. H. Bauer, S.W.; Bro. G. W. Beatty, J.W.; Bro. E. E. Barr, chaplain; Wor. Bro. R. H. Elliott, treasurer; Very Wor. Bro. H. L. Ritchie, secretary; Bro. H. B. Ramsden, S.D.; Bro. T. S. Newton, J.D.; Wor. Bro. J. H. Reid, D.C.; Bro. E. G. Franklin, I.G.; Bro. G. C. Lee, S.S.; Bro. D. W. Van Fleet, J.S.; Bro. R. West, organist and Bro. John Lambert, Tyler.  
 The new officers will be installed during the January meeting and committees members will be named.  
 Scheduled for the evening was the presentation of a 50-year jewel to Charlie Matthews of Toronto. Mr. Matthews was unable to be present and his jewel will be mailed to him.

## Halton Growers Participate In Fruit Tree Census Program

E. F. Muir, Fruit and Vegetable Extension Specialist in Halton County has announced that commercial fruit growers in Halton will take part in a fruit tree census.  
 Starting December 1, commercial fruit growers in Ontario and the Extension Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture are co-operating in a fruit tree and grapevine census. It is five years since such a count was made.  
 During the first week in December, census forms were mailed to each fruit grower from the office of the Extension Branch in Milton. Included with the form was a self-addressed and stamped envelope, plus a short letter of explanation. Each grower was asked to fill in the form as it applies to his orchard and return it by mail in the stamped, addressed envelope.  
 Fruits covered in the census will be apples, pears, plums, cherries and grapes.  
 "There have been many changes in the industry since 1956," says E. F. Muir. "New varieties have been introduced some fruit growing areas have increased, while others have decreased. We're especially interested in the amount of increase in dwarfing and semi-dwarfing rootstocks for apples."  
 In order for any industry to succeed, it must know and predict its source and volume of raw products. "Only through a count of the fruit trees and grapevines can the industry gear itself for the future."  
 During 1961 some other fruit-producing provinces completed a census. Their figures, coupled

with Ontario's, will give a national figure and will help in developing export markets on a continuous basis. The future and present figures will help when trade and tariff agreements are reviewed.  
 "The provincial marketing groups make use of the figures, too, when they're negotiating for processing and fresh market prices. The census will show the trends in variety plantings, the age groups, and the number of trees in different districts of the province. This information will help research and extension people when they're searching for new management practices.  
 All information answered on the census forms will be treated as confidential. Department officials are interested in the totals only. He suggests that growers mail their replies as soon as possible, to avoid the rush of Christmas mail.

**Tall Tree**  
 The community Christmas tree was hoisted up in front of the post office Wednesday morning by Hydrus and town men. It's donated by Mansell Nellis who supplies the trees for the Y's Men's sale. Lights garland the tall tree.

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## First Dial Call

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 positions after you have turned it around to the finger stop. That's why it is so important that you let it ride back by itself — not forcing it. As the dial rotates back, there is a click for each unit of the digit you dialed — three clicks for the figure 3, four clicks for the figure 4, and so on. Each click sends a pulse of electric current to the mechanism in the central office. The mechanism then proceeds to put the call through for you. Each action is simple, but the overall effect is a complicated one — that is, getting your call through to the one telephone out of the millions throughout the world that you want to reach.  
 "The coming of the dial telephone is a very important step in the communications history of Acton, but it is certainly not the final one. Starting Sunday, we'll be able to dial our own local calls. In a few years, we'll be able to start dialing our long distance calls."  
 "The dial central office, which we know today, will be succeeded by what is called an electronic central office. Such offices are already in use on a trial basis. They don't simply connect calls, but also do many other things. For instance, when you are served by such an office, you might — before leaving your home or office — dial a code which would instruct the electronic equipment to transfer any calls to a number at which you might be reached; it would also re-route incoming calls to another line if your line was busy; it would enable you to use the extension telephones throughout your home or office — dial a code which would enable your mother to call the family for dinner by dialing a code which would ring a buzzer.  
 "And it would make it possible for a person waiting for a busy line to be connected with it as soon as the previous conversation was completed.

**Ice Time**  
 Thursday, the Midgets go from 7.30 and then the Juveniles take over from 9.10.30.  
 Friday, the Pee Wees appear at 5.45-6.45, followed by the Bantams from 7.8. At 8.45, the Intermediates play their home games.  
 Saturday morning, there will be children's skating from 9.11. Minor Sports come in from 1.15 for their league. In the evening from 8.10, there will be public skating.  
 Sunday afternoon, there will be family skating.  
 During the week, the high school will use the ice in the afternoon for their physical education program.  
 Any changes from the public skating schedule will be announced by a sign in the town office window in the Y.M.C.A.  
 Fees set were: Pee Wees \$5.00 an hour; Minor Sports \$10.00 for Saturday afternoon; Intermediate hockey, a 60-60 split, including one hour practice a week; all other ice time at \$7.50 per hour; curling will be charged \$10.00 an hour until the end of December.

## Allot Ice Time to Groups Schedule Centre Program

Last Thursday evening, representatives of the various groups interested in the use of the facilities at the Community Centre met with the Acton Council. The council is responsible for the operation of the arena until the Parks Board takes over in January, 1962. The meeting considered the requests of the various groups and set a schedule which will be in effect until January. The fees to be charged for the use of the ice were outlined to the various groups.  
 Monday evening has been allotted to the curling club. However, curling will not be completely organized until January, so in the meantime, the time is being used for additional practice. Tuesday evening, the Midgets practice from 8.9 and the Intermediates from 9.10.  
 On Wednesday evening, the Bantams lead off from 6.7, the Pee Wees from 7.8, with public skating from 8.10 p.m.

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## One Day Visit

### Commissioner Recruits Aid To Form St. John Council

A one-day visit from Provincial Commissioner Brigadier Eric Snow of Toronto, proved fruitful to the local St. John Ambulance Brigade Thursday, December 7, and as a result of the visit formation of a local branch of the Ontario council is quite evident.  
 Spending a week in the Fergus, Guelph and Acton area, the commissioner is endeavoring to get local branches of the Ontario council established in order to have a public relations group of interested citizens to offer assistance to the St. John Ambulance Brigade.  
 After making a personal visit to several interested citizens and conducting an interview, Brigadier Snow is quite confident a local branch will be developed. Volunteering to act as chairman on such a council is Sydney K. Lamb. During the day 12 other citizens

volunteered to assist the local brigade.  
 Local branch superintendent R. S. Hart, this week stated his pleasure at the response when the commissioner was in Acton and is hopeful of a branch council being established in Acton.  
 During his stay in Acton Commissioner Snow remained during the evening and attended the regular meeting of the Brigade and members had an opportunity of discussing various problems with him.  
 "The weather has been un-Christmaslike and many are hoping for some snow to make it a white Christmas."

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## Four New Members Join Lions Club

Four new members were inducted into the Lions club Tuesday at the regular dinner meeting in the Station Hotel Tuesday — Vic Bristol, Murray Harrison, John Blundell and Hartley Coles. Pete Papillon and Alec Johnson conducted the ceremony assisted by Allan Lander, Art Gordon and Ernie Markk.  
 After dinner, films taken at the Minstrel Show rehearsal by Tom Mullen were shown by Jack Doherty. The club is making plans for the skating carnival under the chairmanship of Alec Johnson. Jack Doherty and Ray Arbie were presented with special awards for membership month.

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