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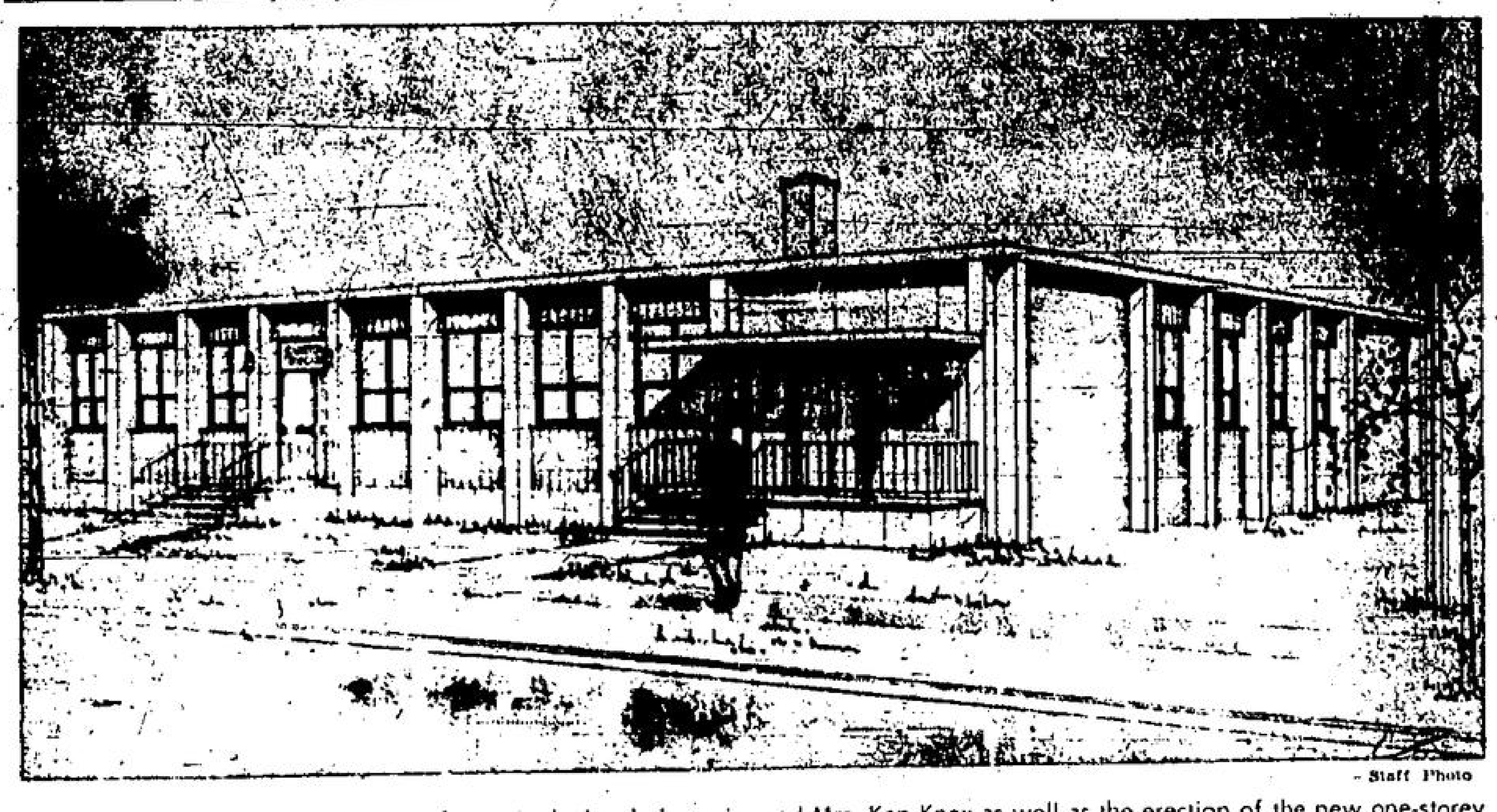

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ACTON'S POST OFFICE for the near future is depicted above in an artist's sketch released to postal authorities this week. Tenders have been called which includes demolition of the former Storey Glove building and the home formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Ken Knox as well as the erection of the new one-storey building. The new post office will be centrally located on the two Bower Ave. lots and provisions made for any future addition.

Demolish Two Buildings To Pave Way For Acton's New Federal Post Office

Tenders have been called for a new Federal Post Office in Acton, estimated around $550,000. Blueprints are now available for contractors to view. Tenders call for the demolition of the old Storey Glove building and the home formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Ken Knox as well as the construction of the new one storey building.

The new building will be of one storey construction and measure approximately 80 feet by 62 feet with provisions made for an extension on the Alice street side. Paved parking facilities will be provided at the rear of the building with an entrance off Bower Avenue and exit from Alice street.

The basement area will accommodate rural mailmen's facilities and the main floor will house the customs office as well as the post office.

Demolition of the two existing buildings is expected to begin soon after tenders are let. This will be followed by the construction of the new building. Tenders called by the Department of Public Works, are to be let Jan. 24.

Try it First

Open Curling at Arena Monday Instructors Show Everyone How

Wondering just what curling is like?

Monday night on the new artificial ice at the community centre there'll be an evening of "open curling" when everyone is welcome to try tossing a stone or two before deciding if they'd like to sign up for the league games. There will be instructors on hand to show you just what is making curling such a popular sport in Canada. No charge will be made for these trial games.

Over 100 people have already filled in the application forms to indicate their interest in the game. Of these, about 80 specified they'd like mixed curling which is apparently by far the most popular all across the country. Way behind come applications for men's and women's curling separately. All can be accommodated in the schedule.

Temporary Committee

The temporary committee investigating the curling for the new arena decided Saturday morning to hold the open curling night next Monday January 8 at the arena at 7.30. Everyone who has signified interest is asked to be on hand as well as any others who would like to try it or at least see it before signing up.

The program for the evening has been arranged so that everybody will have an opportunity to try his or her skill and also receive instruction in curling. The same evening they will have the opportunity of discussing the whole curling program and paying the annual fee.

Memberships will be $25 for the first member of a family and $10 for each additional member from the same family. It is anticipated this will be sufficient to operate the program for the first year.

Dress Warmly!

All stones, brooms and other equipment will be on hand. The only thing you need to do is be there warmly dressed. It is considered best to wear rubber footwear—boots or regular rubbers. (No skates are needed at all.)

Bill Coon and John Hufnagel are responsible for the provision of equipment. Gord McCutcheon and Cliff Bradley will be looking after curling instruction and ice supervision. Charlie Kirkness and Jack Doherty are in charge of membership contact and information.

Membership certificates will be on hand on Monday. Regular league curling will begin on January 15 and continue every Monday. Details will be announced later.

Curling markings are already on the ice. At first glance the game is something like shuffleboard. Two teams play together, with four to a team; five rinks at once. This means 40 people can play on the ice at one time. Monday night each person will just toss a few stones to get the "feel" of it and learn a few rules. But a regular game takes over an hour.

Applications will be joggled to arrange for teams and times to suit everyone. Some may curl in the afternoons but most said they'd like evenings.

Several national magazines have had stories on the giant curling boom in the last few months. Some clubs have long waiting lists. Those who apply early here will naturally get first consideration.

Discarded Trees Light Up For Last Time Friday Night

Town workmen stacked hundreds of Christmas trees in a pile near the town dump Wednesday as they gathered the last remnants of Christmas in readiness for a tree burning ceremony Friday evening.

Trucks were stacked high with trees and workmen chased some of the smaller trees which were blowing around in the wind Wednesday.

Friday evening, the Acton Chamber of Commerce headed by president F. G. Tyler Sr. will stage their second annual Christmas tree burning ceremony. Mayor John Goy and president Tyler will touch matches to set the huge pile aglow.

Steaming cups of hot coffee and tasty doughnuts provided by the Chamber of Commerce will be served free to the crowd expected to gather to watch the flames light up the sky. Many watched last year.

Firemen on Hand

Matches will be set to the used trees at 8.30 p.m. to leave plenty of time for Friday night shopping beforehand. Firemen and the fire truck will be ready to douse any wind blown sparks and wet down the burning embers after the flames subside.

No cars will be permitted past Longfield Road and Church Road South corner. Longfield Road is the most southerly street in Glen... subdivision. This will leave the road beside the dump free for spectators and will ensure the fire truck a road out in the event the siren sounds.

The trees dumped into garbage trucks... Wednesday still carried a few trails of tarnished tinsel and broken scraps of candy canes.

DEDICATION of gifts to Knox Presbyterian church was made Sunday morning by the minister Rev. A. H. McKenzie. Pictured above left to right are some of the donors, Mrs. A. H. McKenzie, who presented a Bible Marker in memory of her late father, Thomas Robinson of Seaforth; Mrs. Lackie McKersie, Mrs. J. Jocque and Miss Inez McLellan, who presented a brass lectern with revolving book-stand supporting a lectern Bible, in memory of their late mother Isabel K. McLellan. Also in the picture are Carol McKenzie and Shirley Jocque. Other gifts included a pulpit Bible presented in memory of her late husband by Mrs. Dean Leslie, a velvet Pulpit Fall, by an anonymous donor, and a set of brass "Revell-ware" flower vases, presented in memory of the late William Cooper and the late Earl S. Cooper by a grandson and son Frank Cooper.

Broken Main

Town workmen under the supervision of Jack Lambert and A. Duby were kept busy Friday when a watermain on Church Road South broke. A backhoe was brought in and repairs made.

—Now that the Christmas festivities are over for another year thoughts will begin to turn to the coming spring-cleaning.

Mayor Predicts Good Year As Council Begins Term

Acton Council for 1962 stepped off Tuesday evening into another year's full work. Clerk J. McGeachie administered the oath of office to Mayor John Goy, Reeve Jack Hargrave, Deputy-Reeve Bill Denny and Councillors Les Duby, George Barbeau, Hamilton Peal, Frank Toth Sr., Frank Prouse and J. Bert Wood. Rev. D. H. West rector of St. Alban's and representing the Ministerial Association, offered prayers.

Mayor Goy in his inaugural address welcomed members of Council and offered his congratulations on their success at the municipal elections. "I am sure council will be strengthened by your being here. I feel we are going to have a very successful year . . . I am sure we are going to continue to progress in Acton."

The mayor continued, "I can foresee the completion of our waterworks project and our new post office . . . Industrial expansion will continue with expansion at Micro Plastics and Blow Press and other leases signed which will have other industries in production early this year."

"We can look forward to continued progress . . . we should give consideration to the establishment of an industrial survey through which Council can supply and control some industrial land fairly cheaply . . . a rail siding has been started and a high pressure water line will be installed. By establishing an industrial road, we would open up considerable industrial land."

"We admit a small problem in our secondary education. I have yet to find a solution to any problem by criticism. If a problem does exist, Council must provide leadership to assist those in charge . . . we may have to give thought to increasing the size of the School Board.

"Council must set policy which will best serve the majority . . . our good administrative staff of J. McGeachie, Joe Hurst and Alf. Duby are very competent. We must give them a free hand to do the jobs we give them."

"We must watch our new assessment and not consider it an additional source of extra income . . . strive to find greater economies in the use of the tax dollar . . . with the shift of the tax burden a small change could upset our very good industrial picture. It is our job to provide good government and growth within the amount of money we can afford."

"We should consider new methods by which council can do its work. You don't have to accept them but we should try to cut down the repetitious work council and the office staff is required to do." The mayor suggested council would meet four times each month and cut out the regular committee meetings which have been held the past few years. The administration committee was instructed to investigate the new system of Council work.

Council established the two committees of Council. On No. 1 committee and chairman of the sub-committees are: Administration and Industrial, Deputy-Reeve Denny; Finance and Education, Councillor Barbeau; Welfare, Councillor Prouse and Fire and Police, Councillor Toth. On No. 2 committee are: Roads and streets, Councillor Duby; Water and Sewer, Councillor Wood; Property, Councillor Peal; Assessment, Reeve Hargrave.

Council also passed the borrowing by-law providing for loans to the town of up to $250,000.

Council also:

- ★ Decided to meet Tuesdays at 7.45 p.m.
- ★ Authorized the Reeve to act in place of the Mayor at the request of the Mayor and with the same power.
- ★ Appointed a Budget and E.M.O. committee of Barbeau, Denny, Duby and Prouse.
- ★ Appointed a Court of Revision of Goy, Peal, Barbeau, Hargrave and Wood.
- ★ Authorized the Mayor, Reeve and Clerk to sign cheques.
- ★ Authorized the payment of requisitions of the Public School Board and High School Board and debentures.
- ★ Appointed J. McGeachie, clerk for 1962.
- ★ Appointed to the Park Board, Joe Hurst, Nino Braida, Garnet McKenzie, Cliff Bradley, Mayor Goy and Councillor Barbeau.
- ★ Appointed Councillors Peal and Prouse to the Planning Board.
- ★ Appointed Councillor Toth to the band committee.
- ★ Appointed Councillor Duby to the Library Board.
- ★ Authorized payment of municipal employees.
- ★ Authorized payment of regular accounts as they become due, postage, pension plan, hospitalization, income tax, unemployment insurance, welfare, office rent and cleaning.
- ★ Reduced the Committee of Adjustment hearing fee from $25 to $10.
- ★ Appointed R. R. Parker to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.
- ★ Learned the Court of Revision had upheld more than 50% of the 85 appeals and had granted reductions in assessment of $73,957.

Work recommended for consideration by the various committees was:

Roads—additional black topping, sidewalks and bridges.

Water and Sewer—new water sidewalks and bridges, reservoir and mains; south spring revenue, Main Street South water tank.

Assessment—hiring of a new assessor.

Fire negotiation of an agreement with the Townships.

Administration — establishing the wage schedule, before budget time; establishment of a parking authority and acquisition of the old post office building.

Council received notification of the Ontario Arena Association meeting in Kitchener and passed the information to the Park Board.

Mayor Goy pointed out that in 1961 it had been necessary to raise $14,000 to cover a 1960 deficit. The surplus on 1961 operation has been estimated at $9,000. He felt it might possibly be $5,000. It was his opinion this would materially assist in maintaining the amount to be raised by taxation at last year's figure of $435,000.

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1962 COUNCIL held their inaugural meeting Tuesday evening with the Rev. D. H. West present from the Acton Ministerial Association. The council and Mr. West are pictured above prior to the meeting. Included in the photograph are Mayor John H. Goy, Reeve Jack Hargrave, deputy-reeve W. H. Denny, councillors, G. V. Barbeau, Les Duby, Frank Toth Sr., Hamilton Peal, Frank Prouse, J. Bert Wood and Mr. West.

Firemen Rush Woman To District Hospital

Fire chief, Mick Holmes and firefighter Hilliard Price, had their New Year's dinner interrupted Monday evening when they made an emergency run to Georgetown District hospital.

Just after sitting down to dinner around 5 p.m. fire chief Holmes received a call on the fire phone from a Georgetown doctor who was attending Mrs. H. L. Bennie, Mill Street South. He requested ambulance service for the Acton woman to Georgetown hospital.

When informed, the firemen didn't operate the ambulance service but would supply oxygen if this was requested. When chief Holmes arrived at the Mill Street home with the oxygen tanks he called firefighter Hilliard Price and accompanied by the woman's daughter Mrs. Robert Forrit, Georgetown, they drove the Acton woman to the hospital administering oxygen enroute.

Mrs. Bennie is reported to be resting quite comfortably in the Georgetown hospital.

Court of Revision Grants Reductions Amounts to $73,957

In six days of sittings the five-man County Court of Revision heard 78 appeals against the town's assessment for 1962 taxation, granting reductions in 48, confirming 26 and increasing three. One appeal was withdrawn prior to the sittings.

Total decrease in assessment amounted to $73,957, bringing the original assessment tallied at $7,059,606 down to $6,985,649.

Chairman for the six day session was Alex Near, Nassagaweya, with other members including George Brown, Esquesing; George Fish, Oakville; John Blair and Dewart Flemming, both from Burlington.

Detailed Report Later

More detailed reports will be available when final computations are made and official notice of the decisions have been sent by registered mail to each applicant.

Appeals are still subject to revision by the county judge.

Court of Revision sittings ended Friday.

Pipe Band Honors Leader At Farewell Banquet in Y

Pipe Major Phil Caddick and his wife were guests of honor during a farewell banquet staged by the Junior Pipe Band Thursday, December 28 in the Y.M.C.A.

Mr. Caddick, former industrial arts teacher at Acton district high school, who is leaving Acton to take a position on the staff at Lindsay, was one of the originators of the Pipe Band five years ago. Other members of the original executive included president Fred L. Wright, vice-president William Wilson, secretary Jack McGeachie, treasurer, Bob Fryers, drum major Bob Ridsdale and members Jack Calder and Bob McVey.

[illegible]

Mr. Wright [illegible]

[illegible] Y.M.C.A. [illegible] Mr. Caddick [illegible] working with the young members and moulding the group into a prize band. He was robed in his praise by [illegible] Bob Ridsdale, former Acton merchant.

Further compliments were paid the retiring pipe major by piper Bob Fryers Jr. past and present executive members including Mr. McGeachie and Mr. Wilson, current president George Holmes, Bert Rennick and band members Lawrence Duby and David Peal.

During his farewell message, Major Caddick expressed his hopes the band would continue to thrive. He pointed out the band had played in nine competitions, and is regarded by the Pipers Society as ranking among the best in the "B" bands in the province. Mr. Caddick noted the band had played engagements in Fergus, Milton, Guelph, Georgetown, Galt, Waterloo, Mimico, Mount Forest, Strathroy, New Toronto, Hamilton, Rockwood, Syracuse and New York. They have taken part in many parades and special events in Acton as well.

He stressed the importance of keeping the Pipe Band active and informed his audience the band was in excellent financial condition having accumulated nearly $2,500 in uniforms and equipment. In reviewing the various places the band has held practice sessions he pointed out that with the Community Centre Band room, the Pipe Band would be assured of a permanent home and the band's future should be more assured.

In conclusion he thanked everyone for their kindness and support to the band and praised the members for their interest.

Special Uniforms

When the band was first formed chanters were begged and borrowed to start the young pipers on their musical career and only after a grant from the town was made were the young bandsmen able to purchase new equipment and branch out with uniforms. After much thought, the decision was unanimous to purchase the Caribaun tartan and kilts were specially woven at Hespeler. Last year tunics were imported from Scotland to complete the uniform.

Executive members are hopeful the band will be able to continue and offer the town of Acton and other [illegible] this popular Scottish music.

About [illegible] guests enjoyed the dinner.

Steal $100 Cash, Merchandise During Bowling Lane Break-in

[illegible] $100 in cash and merchandise [illegible] Saturday morning [illegible] window was smashed [illegible] Bowling Lanes [illegible] Ken Hadford [illegible] opened for business at 8.45 Saturday morning.

Footprints in the snow on the roof at the rear of Lukey's I.G.A. [illegible] a 12 x 18 inch window was smashed [illegible] board removed and a plywood panel knocked loose to allow the thieves access to the Bowling Lanes.

Cupboards and display stands were ransacked and cigarettes, cigars and sundry items packed into boxes. [illegible] $49 are [illegible] Corporal Ray Mason of [illegible] Acton O.P.P. detachment was [illegible] investigation.

Mr. Hadford reported he had left the premises about 1.15 a.m. Saturday morning after making his nightly rounds of the building, checking for lighted cigarette butts. He reported nothing disturbed and no one in the building at that time.