

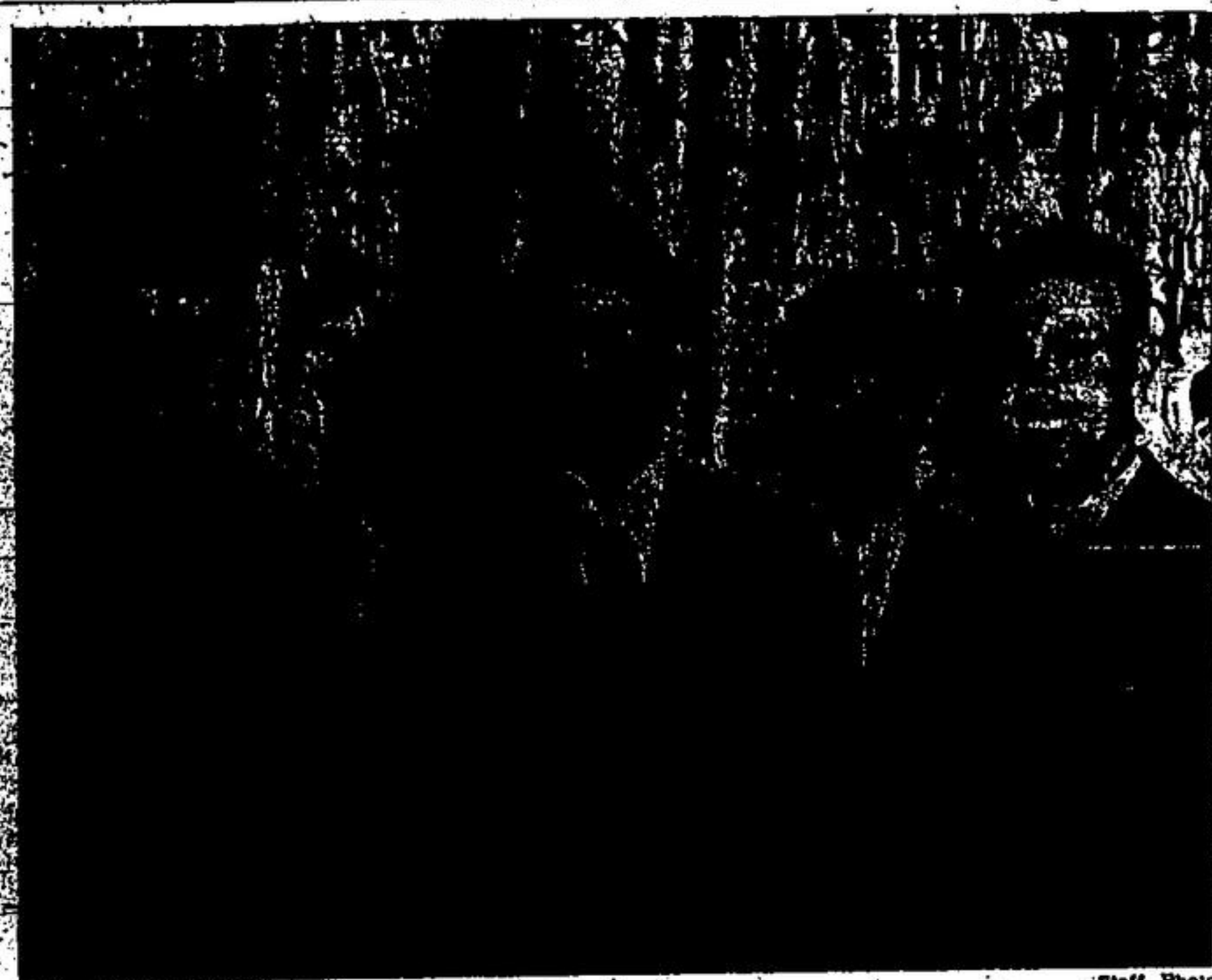
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1962 OFFICERS for the Acton Chamber of Commerce were installed Wednesday evening during a dinner meeting. Pictured front row left to right are Rev. D. H. West, second vice-president, H. H. Hinton, president and Rev. A. H. McKenzie, first vice-president. Back row, William MacKay, treasurer and Murray Harrison, secretary.

## Official Centre Opening March Approve Lions' Ice Carnival

Acton Lions Club will sponsor a mammoth skating carnival in the new community centre this year on Saturday, April 7. Last year, the club arranged a carnival at the arena which had to be cancelled at the last minute because the natural ice went out.

This was the final straw and perhaps one of the main reasons we today have a community centre with artificial ice. President Ray Arbic and general chairman Alex Johnson attended the parks board meeting, Wednesday, to make the request for the arena, and explained that skaters from the Galt Figure Skating Club and three other district clubs would be putting on a two and-a-half hour program.

**Skating Club**

Rae West attended the board meeting, requesting the use of the arena, Sunday, January 28, from 8.30 to 10.00 p.m. to hold a general meeting to organize an adult skating club. The request was granted.

A letter was directed to the Curling Club, reminding them of the intermediate hockey game scheduled for Tuesday, February 13, at the community centre.

An electric inspection report

was received, approving the electrical work completed at the arena.

A fee of \$20 was approved for the first dance to be held at the centre by the Lions Club teenage group.

The original fund raising campaign committee is to be requested to arrange an official opening program to be held between March 1 and 15.

The secretary, Joe Hurst, was instructed to arrange painting at the centre.

Properly chairman N. Braida reported no further damage had occurred at the arena this week.

**Building in Good Shape**

He also reported the caretakers were keeping the building in good shape and installing benches in the dressing rooms. He presented a request from the intermediate hockey club for ventilation of the storage room off the team dressing room. The club was granted use of the room on an "as is" basis for this year.

It was decided to install doors on the areas under the stairs so that this space may be used for storage.

Johnny Guy reported on the management committee's meet-

ing with centre employees and the work schedule adopted.

Mrs. Fryer reported on booth operations. It was decided to procure prices on new coffee urns and stoves.

A crackdown on discipline and ice control, in an effort to eliminate the horseplay on the ice during public skating, is on the way. It was decided to have two ice supervisors on skates during these skating periods, who will have the authority and ability to eliminate any problems before they get out of hand.

**Rabid Coon Attacks Driver Near School**

Motorists might well be advised to carry some kind of a weapon to combat rabid animals. Monday afternoon, an Acton motorist travelling on a rural road near town, beat to death a rabid coon, bold enough to put up a battle.

Wishing to remain anonymous, the Acton resident told the Free Press he was travelling between the third and fourth line in Erin Township when suddenly a coon appeared on the road in front of his vehicle. When he stopped his car to allow the animal to reach the side of the road, the coon made tracks for the vehicle. He thought at first the animal was a porcupine.

Realizing the coon was sick, he grabbed a shovel and stood in the middle of the road. When the rabid coon continued toward him intent on attacking, he beat it to death, buried it under the deep snow and on returning to Acton notified a veterinarian who agreed the animal was likely rabid.

Within a few hundred yards, the Woodside school is located. Young pupils returning home from school might have been confronted with the same rabid animal and the story might have been reported as a tragedy.

**Skaters do Twist? Maybe on Saturday**

On Saturday night there's a chance skaters in the arena may suddenly find themselves doing the Twist around the ice. That may happen if the hitting waltzes and lively polkas for skating are drowned out by the hysterical rhythms of the Lucernes band from Toronto who'll be playing for the first public event in the community centre auditorium—the regular Lions-sponsored Saturday night dance. Teenagers will be dancing rock 'n' roll on one side of the windows the length of the room with skaters getting their decrease in their own way on the other side.

The auditorium is not yet completely finished but the band will set up shop at one end anyway. Lions club members will chaperone as usual.

**Brigade Sponsors Teenagers' Dance**

Dressed in their uniforms, St. John Ambulance Brigade chaperoned and sponsored a "Teenage" dance Friday night at the Legion auditorium in order to raise funds.

Approximately 170 young dancers turned out to enjoy the music of the Lucernes, a dance band from Toronto. Syd Lamb, Lions Club member, who runs the "Teen Town" dances, was in charge during the evening.

## March of Dimes Monday Night

Doorbells will be ringing Monday evening as approximately 60 marching mothers blitz the town to raise money in aid of crippled children.

Under the sponsorship of the Acton Rotary Club the campaign is being headed by chairman J. Ledger and committee members William Pendleton, Fred Gordon and Ray Michie.

Captains of the canvass are representatives from each church and in turn they have picked their canvassers. Representatives from the church groups this year are Mrs. Fred Anderson, Knox church; Mrs. J. Bowman, Christian Reformed; Mrs. E. Blunn, St. Alban's; Mrs. G. W. McKenzie, United; Mrs. D. Cohen, Baptist; Mrs. Beatrice Chew, St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church.

Last year during the canvass \$750 was raised and this year the committee is looking forward to surpassing last year's amount.

## Cat Bites Young Master, Found Rabid Vet, Schoolboy Receive Rabies Shots

A 13-year-old rural boy, Ken Brown and local veterinarian Dr. Frank Oakes are receiving rabies shots. Rabid animals have been reported throughout the area and people are advised to take every precaution.

Kenneth Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Brown, R.R. 2, Acton, was bitten on the leg by his pet cat which attacked him New Year's day. The animal was proved rabid and health authorities advised a series of shots, one per day for 14 days.

The young boy's pet dog and another dog cat have been done away with as well after being attacked by the rabid cat. The head of the rabid animal was sent to the Dominion Research Laboratory in Hull and the report

came back positive.

In an interview, Mrs. Brown told the Free Press the pet cat had come back home one day after being away, with a wound in its head, but no one had paid too much attention to it. She believes perhaps the cat had been attacked in the bush by some rabid animal.

Dr. Frank Oakes, Acton veterinarian, reported several foxes have been found dead with porcupine quills in their noses and confirmation of rabies received from the research lab.

After diagnosing a district farmer's cow as having rabies, the doctor received confirmation from Hull and immediately requested his family doctor to obtain the rabies serum in order to

start treatment himself. Dr. Oakes decided to take the rabies serum himself in spite of disinfecting his hands and arms after inspecting the sick cow.

The veterinarian advises parents to instruct their children not to go near any animals especially if they are out tobogganing or skiing in the woods. The animals are rabid. He also advises taking every precaution when pets are running loose as rabid animals have been known to come near towns.

He stated that many of the rabid foxes have been found near a farmhouse or barn and the most of them have porcupine quills in them. Under ordinary circumstances, a fox will not attack a porcupine but in a sick state with

rabies they will attack anything that moves.

Dr. A. F. Bull, County of Halton medical health officer stated Wednesday afternoon that in cases reported this year of dogs biting children no reports of the animals having rabies have been given. He advises parents however, to keep a close watch on any pet biting anyone for a period of at least two weeks. If at the end of this time the pet appears normal there is little chance of it being rabid.

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## Acton Council

### All-Weather Suits for Workmen Approve Personalized Coveralls

Neither the sleet or snow of winter, nor the heat and rain of summer will keep them from their appointed tasks — town workmen will blossom forth in new all-weather protective clothing soon as a result of council's action Tuesday night. The town purchased seven suits of waterproof protective clothing and two sets of slicks and sou-westers for the town work staff to protect them during their necessary outdoor work. The total program will cost \$145.95.

Councillor G. Barbeau posed the question, "Are the town workmen enthused about this or will they (the suits) go into the bin and stay there?" The clerk reported the men were enthused with the suits and explained they would be stored at the town workshop.

Another project to assist the men will be the supplying of coveralls by a uniform company. Each man will be issued five sets of coveralls, which will be personalized with the workman's name. Every week, the soiled coveralls will be picked up, laundered and returned the following week. The cost of this service will be \$1.15 per man per week. The men have agreed to contribute 50¢ per week toward the cost. Trousers and shirts are also available for the summer months at a cost of \$2.00 per week. The men would contribute 75¢ toward their cost.

**Discuss Replacing Trucks**

Replacement of town trucks occupied council's attention when the property committee re-

ported the 1951 Ford pickup truck required a motor overhaul at \$125 and body repair work at \$258.45. The advisability of spending this amount of money on a truck of this age was questioned. It was agreed that the clerk would determine what suitable trucks would be available on the used car market. It was also decided to call for tenders on a new truck, so all information would be available before a decision is reached on the repair or replacement of the 1951 Ford.

Tenders were also to be called on a one-ton cab and chassis for the works department. The platform from one of the present trucks will be transferred to the new cab and chassis. To be traded in on this new equipment would be a 1946 1 1/2-ton Ford and the 1950 GMC pickup.

**Chimneys in Poor Shape**

Chimneys at the town hall came in for attention when property chairman Ham Peel reported on their condition. The chimney used for the gas furnace has no flue-liner and is badly deteriorated. Three other chimneys are no longer in use and are also in poor shape.

General Contractors will remove the four chimneys and repair the roof (where the chimneys go through) at a cost of \$32 each. A metal-clad, insulated chimney will be installed on the gas furnace at a cost of \$210. This chimney will be installed in the interior of the building and go out through the auditorium

on the second floor and the roof. The clerk was instructed to petition the Department of Highways for the subsidy on 1961 road expenditures of \$10,296.

**Request Support**

A letter from the St. John Ambulance Association requesting support was referred to the budget committee. 1,227 hours had been put in by members of the association at local functions last year. Deputy Reeve W. Denny said, "If we see the way clear, I would like to give them some help."

Mr. Denny reported on the administration committee's meeting with the county assessor. 21 properties of eight owners are under appeal to the county judge.

The fire committee meeting with the fire brigade had been postponed to January 30. The clerk reported the township area had held a meeting and was prepared to meet with Acton representatives.

Council accepted an invitation to tour the plant of Canadian Johns Mansville at Port Union, February 1 to see the process of manufacture of transit pipe.

Tenders will be opened February 6 for the water extension and reservoir project.

**Membership Paid**

Membership in the Mayors' and Reeves' Association at a cost of \$20 was approved. The association convention this year will be held in Port Arthur.

An invitation to attend the Timmins Golden Jubilee celebrations was received and the clerk

was instructed to write, extending the greetings of the town.

A suggestion to proclaim this week Minor Hockey Week was received. While council was sympathetic to the cause, it was suggested another year the request be made earlier, so a proclamation could be issued before Minor Hockey Week.

Community Centre accounts amounting to \$4,040 were approved for payment. Councillor Toth reported there has been damage to cars at the Centre. The police committee was to take action and an effort will be made to improve the lighting.

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## Charles Kirkness Named Library Board Chairman

Next chairman of Acton's library board is Charles Kirkness, chosen at the inaugural meeting Thursday evening of last week. He succeeds George Lee, who becomes vice-chairman.

The Rev. D. H. West was welcomed as a new member appointed by the public school board. Mr. West was chosen chairman of the book buying committee, to serve with Mrs. E. G. Franklin, Charles Kirkness and any other members available for buying sessions.

Peter Dunham is chairman of the finance and building committee with vice-chairman George Lee. The third position on the committee was left vacant until February.

The decision of William MacKay to retire from the board was accepted with regret. His three-year term of office has expired. The vacant position will be filled by a public school board appointment next month. He was thanked for his valuable service to the board.

A new location for the library was again discussed briefly. Attending the first meeting of the new year were Mr. Kirkness, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dunham, Mr. MacKay, Mr. West and councillor Les Dubsy. Assistant librarian Miss Esther Taylor is the board's secretary.

The financial report and circulation report will be given in February when there will be a full board.

## Dial Exchange Architect Wins Award for Design

The architect who designed the Dial Telephone Exchange building in Acton has received an award for its design. He is H. D. Leonard Morgan of Toronto, the Bell Telephone Company regional architect.

The design of the Acton building earned a merit award for Mr. Morgan. The competition was among building designs submitted by architects who planned the 2,000 buildings erected in Canada and the United States for Bell Telephone System Companies and associated companies. The Bell Telephone Co. of Canada is the country's largest corporate builder. The company spends more than \$200,000,000 a year on constructing new telephone buildings and facilities.

**Designs of All Sites**

The competition in which the Acton building design was entered is intended to stimulate busi-

ness in improving architectural design of telephone company buildings. Entries included designs of all sites of buildings.

Judges in the competition were three former presidents of the American Institute of Architects, Leon Chateleine Jr., Washington D.C., Douglas Ott, New Haven, Conn. and John N. Richards of Toledo, Ohio. Practicability and cost were both important factors in the judging as was the building's appropriateness to its surroundings.

**New H. and S.?**

Interest was keen when 23 parents turned out to enjoy the music of the Lucernes, a dance band from Toronto, at a school to discuss the formation of a Home and School Association for that school only. A committee was formed to investigate further.

## Consider New Name for United Church Elections, Reports at Annual Meeting

Acton United Church may have a new and distinctive name. About 60 people attending the annual meeting of the congregation Wednesday evening decided to put 10 names previously suggested to a vote of members of the church on three consecutive Sundays. At the end of the first ballot, four names were eliminated, at the end of the second ballot, two and at the end of the third ballot, the new name

signed, is an honorary elder. Trustees are G. W. McKenzie, M. Nellis, B. Veldhuis, O. Johnson, K. Allen and A. Long. Reported as auditors are George Bowman and G. W. McKenzie.

**Session Report**

The session report said elders were given new districts of about 43 families each. The community was divided into four sectors with a captain for each. An instruction class was held for both adults and juniors. The junior class was interviewed by the session prior to confirmation.

The sacraments have been administered regularly and the ordinances of the church have been observed. The session has been concerned about the large proportion of the membership which is absent from the service of the sanctuary. A campaign is planned for the next two years with the aim of helping non-active members in a state of congregational participation. Finding that their names would be suspended from the communion roll.

Statistics showed a total membership last January 1 of 449 with 35 received by transfer, 21 received by profession of faith, 10 removed by death and eight by transfer with a total membership at December 31, 1961 of 487 with 68 non-resident members, making a total resident membership of 419. Total resident membership a year ago was 385, total membership 449. There were eight marriages, 18 burials and 23 baptisms.

**Normal Year Ahead**

The steward's statement of revenue and expenditures showed receipts totalling \$36,827.94 (including \$10,117 in loose collection), \$19,338.85 in envelopes and \$1,090.50 in M. and M. enve-

lopes; total expenditures of \$36,501.67, with a balance of \$326.27. Mr. Engel looked forward to a "normal operation" year after a difficult year with the new church building program.

Mr. Engel, acting as treasurer since Walter Woodburn left for Toronto, explained some of the figures.

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## Financial, Statistical Reports Given at St. Alban's Meeting

Annual financial and statistical reports were presented at the well-attended annual vestry meeting of St. Alban's Church in Luxton Memorial Hall Monday evening.

Frank Van Wyck was reappointed rector's warden and Mrs. William Spruston, reappointed clerk. These appointments are made by the rector.

People's warden is John Creasey Sr., who succeeds Sam Snow and deputy-warden is Mr. Snow. Lay delegates to synod are again William Denny, George Gold and substitute Ken Blow.

Treasurer is Harold Denny, envelope secretary A. Clifford, chairman of siltmen George Haggert. On the advisory board are all of the above with Jim Graham, J. Rol, C. F. Leatherland, E. Coker, L. Dubsy and G. Williams. Auditors are again Fred Salt and Vic Bristow.

Les Dubsy presented the report of the nominating committee.

The meeting opened with prayer by the rector, the Rev. D. H. West. Mrs. Spruston read the minutes of the previous meeting.

**Happy to be Here**

The rector presented his report in which he stated how happy all of the above with Jim Graham, J. Rol, C. F. Leatherland, E. Coker, L. Dubsy and G. Williams. Auditors are again Fred Salt and Vic Bristow.

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## Irish Theme

M. Z. Bennett school pupils are warbling some of the songs from their upcoming operetta but no leads are chosen yet or dates set. It has an Irish theme.

Tenders were opened Wednesday for demolition of two buildings and construction of Acton's new federal post office.

**Mortgage Burned**

The financial statement was presented by treasurer Harold Denny. The people's warden in his report summarized the highlights of the past year including the burning of the parish hall mortgage.

Statistics presented showed 260 families in the church register for 1961 including 870 persons. Total attendance was 11,728 and total number of communicants 4,417. Sunday School membership was 109. These figures showed a very slight decrease from 1960.

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HOSPITALIZED SINCE OCTOBER 10 with a badly broken leg, Burlington Reeve F. Irving Ryckman has missed the last five meetings of Halton County Council, but that was soon remedied. County Councillors broke precedent and made history Tuesday afternoon when they held the regular January meeting in the Reeve's room at the Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital. Nagsaweya Reeve John Milne, Warden Wilfrid Bird of Esquesing, and Esquesing Deputy Reeve G. Leslie are shown talking with Reeve Ryckman.