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Council Approves Pay Increase Sets Up Work Force Schedule

Acton council met during a special session Wednesday evening to discuss methods of adjusting the town work force working hours and rates of pay as well as determining supervision of the staff.

During the meeting, attended by all members with the exception of Reeve Jack Hargrave, the recommendation of the administration committee that no supervisory personnel be maintained on the outside work staff with the exception of town superintendent Alf Doby was accepted.

It was also resolved to alter the salary schedule for A. Kirkness, S. Tennant and J. Lambert by putting them on an hourly rate. Each of the three employees will alternate weekends doing

necessary duties at the sewer and water plants. They will be paid on a time and a half basis for Saturdays and Sundays. All town work force employees will be paid for eight statutory holidays throughout the year.

Following a discussion members agreed to allow the work staff an increase amounting to five cents per hour, effective January 29. It was also agreed that, with the exception of the town superintendent, no employee will be allowed to take town equipment home unless on weekend duty.

Prior to the conclusion of the meeting council approved a salary increase to town superintendent Alf Doby amounting to \$200 a year.

Hilton Elliott Returned Planning Board Chairman

First meeting of 1962 for the planning board was held in the council chambers last Thursday evening. Hilton Elliott, serving third year of a three-year term, was named chairman for the second year. Vice-chairman is Ken Hardman, former chairman of the committee of adjustment. New members of the board appointed by council are Aldo Braidia, Syd Lamb, Ken Hardman and Bert Hinton. Council's representatives, who were appointed to the board last year, are Frank Prouse and Ham Peal. Jack McGeachie is secretary-treasurer.

Off-Street Parking Report

A three-man sub-committee will report to the next meeting on off-street parking for the business sections. Mr. Braidia is chairman with Mr. Hinton, who made the proposal, and Mr. Lamb. Mr. Braidia recalled that the Chamber of Commerce several years ago had taken a parking survey and wondered if this information would still be on file. Mr. McGeachie agreed to try to locate the survey.

On recommendation of planning consultant P. Alan Deacon two C2 (commercial) lots on Highway 7 at Churchill Road in Glenlea will likely be rezoned to C1 (commercial). As the first step, the secretary was instructed to prepare a formal motion for the next meeting. Any change in zoning must come up before a public meeting of taxpayers who live in the immediate area. The lots do not conform, Mr. Deacon said. (Public hearings may now be heard by the local

First Dance In New Centre

Purple and gold streamers, placards with the lion's head and dimmed lights were the setting for teenagers when they did the "Twist" and other fancy steps during the Lions Club's dance at the Community Centre auditorium Saturday evening. This was the first public event to be held in the new auditorium.

A young group of university musicians named "The Lucernes" provided the music for the teenagers who jammed the centre. Meanwhile out on the ice surface hundreds of skaters were waiting to be recorded music piped throughout the arena area.

Although the auditorium is not completed, officials of the Lions Club were pleased with the large crowd of teenagers in attendance.



THE TWIST was a common dance Saturday evening when teenagers attended the first dance to be held at the Community Centre auditorium. The dance was sponsored by Acton Lions Club and a large crowd attended. Two local dancers were caught by the cameraman as they danced in front of the orchestra. Pictured are Joyce Rennick and Andrew Smith. The orchestra from Toronto is a group of young university students.



TRADITIONAL DISH, haggis, was piped in Saturday evening when Acton Scottish Dance Club members and guests honored the Immortal Bard, Robbie Burns. Pictured above piping in the haggis are left Lawrence Doby and right Bob Foyers Jr., while Bob Currie, Guelph, carries the haggis accompanied by Bill Connal, Guelph, who gave the Selkirk Grace.

Mothers' Blitz Nets \$642 Rotary Hopeful More Yet

The 60 "marching mothers" who collected Monday night for crippled children under Rotary auspices brought back \$642.80 — a disappointing drop from last year's total of \$750. They blitzed the entire town in well-organized teams and took their money, ranging from \$10 bills to pennies, directly to the Dominion Hotel to be checked in by Fred Gordon. Rotarians provided hot coffee, sandwiches and cookies for the chilled volunteers.

Campaign this year — Rotary's second — was, under the chairmanship of Jim Ledger with committee members Bill Pendleton, Fred Gordon and Ray Miché.

Not At Home?

To raise the total Rotarians are hoping that the many who were not at home when their doorbells rang will bring their donations, however small, to Ledger's IGA, Acton Lumber and Supplies or Gordon Hardware.

Church Teams

The captains represented various churches and selected their own canvassers. They were: Mrs. Fred Anderson, Knox Presbyterian church, captain, with Mrs. Greenville McLennan, Mrs. N. McEachern, Mrs. ER-Masters, Mrs. James Van Fleet, Mrs. Doug Mason, Mrs. George Barnes, Mrs. W. Nellis, Mrs. J. Wilson, Mrs. J. Scriven, Miss Barbara Norton, Miss Julie Holmes, Miss Marjorie Hall, Mrs. Harry Lawson, Miss Lorraine Lasby and Miss Ruth Spielvogel.

Mrs. F. Blunn, St. Alban's church and Scout and Guide Mothers, captain, with Mrs. George Haggitt, Mrs. Eric Lynch, Mrs. Doris Cooke, Mrs. Syd Newton, Mrs. W. Jeffrey, Mrs. Peter Vale,

Mrs. Jack Dunn, Mrs. H. Wilkinson, Mrs. S. Jerome, Mrs. J. Lloyd, Mrs. Bob Robinson, Mrs. R. Gardner, Miss M. Coker and Mrs. Sam Snow.

Mrs. Beatrice Chew, St. Joseph's church, captain, with Mrs. Larry Nolan, Mrs. Andy Nolan, Miss Barbara Smith, Mrs. Ken Marchmont, Mrs. Garnet Rose, Mrs. R. Talbot, Mrs. Michael Bennett, Mrs. Ilio Marzo, Mrs. Jean Marcoux and Mrs. Hartley Coles.

Mrs. J. Bowman, Christian Reformed Church, captain, with Geraldine Bowman, Mrs. J. Kamminga, Mrs. J. Kral, Mrs. J. G. Vos, Willie Van Arragon, Mrs. Tom De Vries, Mrs. John Luovenga, Mrs. John Van Arragon, Mrs. Chris Duiker, Mrs. Bert Huisman and Mrs. K. Kamminga.

Mrs. D. Cohen, Acton Baptist Church, captain, with Mrs. H. Freuler, Mrs. J. L. Lingham, Mrs. J. Eadd, Mrs. Bulger, Mrs. H. Helwig, Mrs. C. Landsborough, Miss Shirley Cohen, Elda Fryer, Mrs. M. Cohen, Mrs. L. Wagner.

Mrs. G. McKenzie, Acton United Church, captain, with Mrs. W. Waterhouse, Mrs. F. Kentner, Mrs. A. Lauder, Mrs. S. Reed, Mrs. C. Rogvaldson, Mrs. M. Symon and Mrs. C. Walker.

Captains were given guide leaflets and canvassers had kits. The record of what has been accomplished in the past 10 years has won the wholehearted support of the people of Ontario for the annual March of Dimes. The marching mothers received a warm welcome at most homes they visited.

Rotary hosts who thanked the canvassers at the hotel included the committee and Dave Man

Wilchar Tender \$144,300 For New Acton Post Office

Wilchar Construction, Dundas, Ontario, submitted the lowest tender and is the probable contractor for the construction of the new Federal Post Office in Acton. The company bid for the post office was submitted at \$144,300.

The contract for the post office includes demolition of the former Storey Glove Shop building and adjoining home formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Knox on Bower Avenue. Before the contract is officially let, authorization for the expenditure must be given by the Treasury Department at Ottawa.

During a telephone conversation this week with an official of the Wilchar Company, the Free

Press was informed that a telegram had been received from the Department of Public Works informing them their tender had been the lowest of eight submitted and the company was the probable contractor.

The official reported that demolition of the two buildings would begin immediately after final word is received. This is expected within four weeks.

Although engineers from the Public Works Department, Ot

tawa, speculate the project will take in the neighborhood of 10 months, the Wilchar Company is confident the new post office will be ready for occupancy within six months.

Local Men Employed

The company official informed the Free Press that local men would be employed as much as possible. The project will be classified under the winter works program.

Names of companies and the amounts of their bids were: Wilchar Construction, Dundas, \$144,300; Ramsay Construction Co. Ltd., \$148,338; Carera, Boles and Trimble Ltd., Guelph, \$156,738; Dunker Construction, Kitchener, \$156,987; Andeen Construction Ltd., Brampton, \$157,000; James Kemp Construction, Hamilton, \$160,700; Webran Construction Ltd., Toronto, \$166,115; J. B. Mackenzie and Son Ltd., Georgetown, \$172,913.

Tons Done

The 600-ton pile of sand in the town yard is almost exhausted. Continued sanding of icy streets and roads has made constant inroads on the huge stockpile in the town yard on Main St. South. If the cold weather continues and ice persists an additional supply might have to be purchased, according to reports from the town office.

Halton county and Esqueving township both have exhausted their winter supplies of sand already and had to obtain more.

There were 300 tons of sand left over from last year and 300 more were added for this year's winter sanding.

Firemen Slipping But Douse Flames

Acton firefighters took time out from their evening meals Sunday and "slipped out" to the country home of Cecil Cripps, R.R. 2, Acton, to douse a chimney fire. Country roads were a glare of ice and as a result firemen made the cold, slippery ride unaccompanied by curious spectators. Firemen had the blaze under control within a few minutes of their arrival and damage was limited to smoke throughout the house.

No Rush Yet

Local issuer of license plates Jack Hargrave reported this week that sales were slow but on par with the same period last year.

New Christian Education Building Closer Knox Church Receives \$5,000 Legacy

Knox Presbyterian Church congregation moved one step closer toward the realization of a Christian Education Centre during the annual meeting last night (Wednesday) when they approved setting up a building committee to proceed with planning and financing.

This action resulted from a recommendation from minister Rev. A. H. McKenzie after he informed members the church had received a \$5,000 legacy from the estate of the late Miss Agnes Gould. Miss Gould willed the money to the church in memory of her late brother, W. J. Gould, and his wife.

Fund for Building

Some time ago, plans were made for a Christian Education building some time in the future and at that time, a building fund was established. Wednesday evening, Mr. McKenzie recommended the \$5,000 legacy be included in the building fund and immediate action be taken to plan a building program beginning not later than May 1963.

The minister's recommendation to form a committee consisting of 10 members was accepted. The committee will comprise two elders, two managers, one man and one woman representing the congregation, one woman from either the Ladies' Auxiliaries or the Heatter Club, one member from the Youth Group, and one member from the Church School staff, with the minister as officio.

Appointment of representatives from the congregation were planned to be made at a congregational meeting following a church service in the near future.

Recommendations

Recommendations by the minister which were approved during the meeting included:

- Increasing contributions to Iona and Glen Mhor Synod camps.
 - Increasing the contribution to the building fund for Ewart College.
 - Forming a pastoral visitation committee.
- During his report to the congregation, Mr. McKenzie said he was "disturbed" at the significant decrease in stewardship,

particularly in connection with the church budget. He suggested more promotion would be needed in this respect.

The minister stated there had been a definite increase in attendance during the past year but pointed out the choir and several organizations were in need of replacements due to resignations.

Congregational Officials

Church officials for the year are as follows: Kirk Session: C. J. Aitken, W. J. Benson, R. N. Brown, A. J. Buchanan, C. M. Coles, H. D. Coles, M. M. Coles, rep. elder, N. S. Elliott, W. K. Graham, E. A. Hansen, S. K. Joe, roll clerk, A. M. MacPherson, Harry Mainprize, A. K. Mann, clerk, K. W. Mann, A. H. McKenzie, moderator, D. G. McLellan, J. L. Moore, Harry Murray, William Near, R. S. O'Hara, R. R. Parker, J. R. Patterson, H. L. Ritchie, George Smith, M. C. Smith, roll clerk, R. M. Sprowl, D. D. Waldie, J. B. Watkins.

83 Adults Skate Sunday Evening

Skating enthusiasm is so keen in Acton this year, an adult skating group has been formed and Sunday evening 83 took to the ice. Formation of the group resulted from crowded Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon when over 400 have attended.

The Sunday evening skating is limited to adults and the newly formed executive of the "club" will be responsible for payment of ice time to the Parks Board.

Named as president to head the adult skaters is Rae West, with Mrs. Harry Otterbein secretary-treasurer and Mrs. Kerwin McPhail, membership convener. Membership cards will be available as soon as rates are established. Meanwhile, skaters are paying a regular admission. Plans are underway to book ice time each Sunday during the month of February and if this materializes, membership cards will be distributed.

Honor Two World War 1 Vets Receive 25 Year Legion Pins

Two World War I veterans, Gilbert Kingsbury and Sam Snow, were presented with their 25-year membership pins Saturday evening during the annual members' dinner, sponsored by Acton Legion Branch 197. Unable to attend were Ernest E. Barr, Arthur Padbury and Dr. W. G. C. Kenney who will receive their pins at a later date. Veteran F. L. Wright made the presentations.

During the dinner attended by 110 veterans and other special guests, Mayor John Goy, himself a Legionnaire, told the gathering two things of importance in Acton were "a good town and a strong Legion".

Gordon McCutcheon acted as master of ceremonies for the brief after-dinner session, which consisted of a few words from the mayor, introduction of head table guests and a tribute to long term members. Mr. McCutcheon told Legion members that only through the hard work and determination of the long term members was the success of the branch assured.

Second vice-president Jim Gunn expressed thanks to the Legion Ladies' Auxiliaries for catering to the turkey dinner and for their constant support throughout the year.

At the conclusion of the dinner, members joined in a sing-song led by Bob Loutett, with Ray Agnew at the piano and

Rudolph Spielvogel playing the violin. Veterans enjoyed reminiscing with friends and everyone welcomed Boer War veteran Fred Coles, a familiar figure at Legion functions.

Head table guests introduced by past president Max Storey included: Sandy Best, M.P. for Halton; Stanley Hall, M.P.P. for Halton; Rev. Dwight Engel, Union.



WORLD WAR I veterans were honored Saturday night during the Legion annual banquet when they received their 25-year membership pins. On hand to receive the pins were Sam Snow and Gilbert Kingsbury. Unfortunately unable to attend were E. E. Barr, Dr. W. G. C. Kenney and Art Padbury. The presentation was made by veteran F. L. Wright, one of the first recipients of the pin. Pictured above left to right are Mr. Snow, Mr. Wright, Jim Milne, Legion president, and Mr. Kingsbury.

Board of Managers: J. D. Black, M. A. Blow, J. L. Davidson, L. H. Doherty, G. Dawkins, Albert Ford, C. L. Kirkness, N. K. Livermore, M. McCutcheon, G. Wallace, Wm. Near, Vic Patrick, Herb Price, A. Patcai, H. Jobb.

Organist and choirmaster, E. A. Hansen; church school superintendents, Herb Jobb and Clarence Coles; treasurer, Mrs. J. R. Patterson; assistant treasurer and envelope secretary, J. A. Robinson; budget treasurers, Miss Inez McLellan and Mrs. J. Joque; auditors, W. K. Graham and W. J. Benson; church officers, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred McEachern.

Reports of the various organizations were presented in printed form and after a brief review, accepted by the meeting.

During the report of the Kirk

session, some highlights of the year's activities were listed. At the end of 1961, there were 592 members on the roll, classified as follows: 486 active members and 106 inactive (and of this number, 66 are non-resident and 40 are resident).

During 1961, 13 names were removed from the roll, six by issuance of certificates, six by death and one by session resolution (defection). 41 names were added, 29 by profession of faith and 12 by certificate. The minister officiated at 12 weddings and 19 funerals (three in Toronto). 23 persons were baptized, of whom seven were adults.

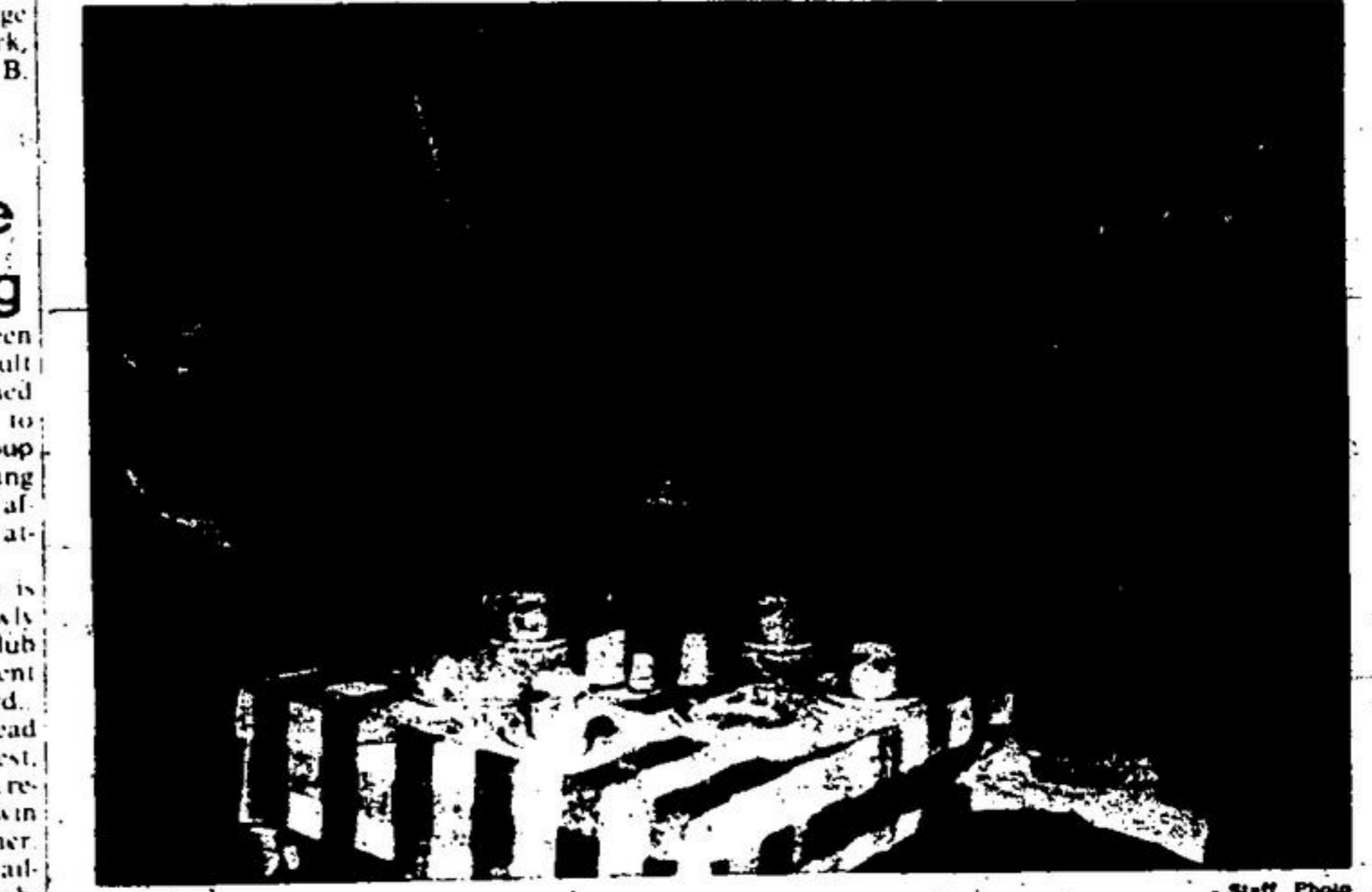
In June, six new elders were ordained to the eldership. On the last Sunday in December, the session received and dealt with a number of gifts: a pulpit Bible, a brass lectern and a set of brass flower vases and a set of brass flower vases and a Bible marker.

To Use Main Portion

A motion was approved to attempt to encourage the use of the main portion of the church sanctuary for services and use the gallery only in the event of an overflow crowd.

F. A. Hanson was elected chairman for the meeting and Mac Snow acted as secretary to record the minutes.

Charles Kirkness expressed the gratitude of the board of managers to Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred McEachern for their cooperation and excellent work as custodians of the church. At the conclusion of the meeting, everyone enjoyed lunch.



MARCHING MOTHERS who canvassed the town Monday evening for the March of Dimes campaign were treated to hot coffee and sandwiches by the Acton Rotary Club after their returns had been made. Four of the ladies are pictured above in the dining room at the Dominion Hotel where the Rotarians set up their headquarters for the Blitz. Left to right are Mrs. C. Rogvaldson, chairman James Ledger, Mrs. G. W. McKenzie, secretary Fred Gordon, Mrs. M. Symon and Mrs. S. Reed.