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LUCK OF THE IRISH be-darned, the perfect hand being held by one-time Acton postmaster Frank Terry is phony—it was posed. The Irish may do anything on St. Patrick's Day. Saturday afternoon the auditorium at the Legion Hall was jammed to capacity as the zone cribbage tournament was held when Branford came out the winners. That didn't prevent Mr. Terry and his partner Jim Gunn from pulling an Irish prank.

Ham Peal Tells

Georgetown's Shady Deal

Councillor Ham Peal's stand in favor of a tree planting program in Acton was aired again Tuesday evening when he informed town council of a successful method adopted in Georgetown. Mr. Peal said Georgetown council purchased seven-foot trees from a nursery at a cost of \$5 apiece and then planted them on private properties (such as front lawns) adjoining town property (sidewalks) at a half price cost of \$2.50 each to willing residents.

Explaining the details of the Georgetown method, Mr. Peal stated the plan has been so successful that council in Georgetown has been deluged with requests from ratepayers in some of the subdivisions anxious to participate in the program.

Mayor John Goy added his approval of a tree planting program and suggested perhaps a horticultural committee should be formed to investigate all channels thoroughly before final approval to any plan is given.

Centennial Projects

Mayor Goy produced a lengthy piece of correspondence and briefed council on a government plan for subsidy on projects under a Canadian Centennial Plan to culminate in 1967. Mr.

Goy stated that several projects could quite easily apply to Acton (such as improving the park) and suggested a centennial committee be formed to investigate further.

Approval was given to:

- Pay consumers' deposits to the amount of \$20.97.
- Pay accounts totalling \$12,272.16.
- Have the mayor declare the week of April 8 to 14 as "Chamber of Commerce Week."
- Hold a special budget meeting in order to strike a mill rate.

Owner Seeks Twin Lakes Trailer Park

The Twin Lakes Park at Speyside on Highway 25 has been purchased and the new owner wants to turn it into a trailer park, Esqueasing council learned Monday night. J. Olliver appeared before council, explaining he had purchased the bankrupt resort and wanted permission to begin a trailer camp.

He showed pictures of other trailer parks throughout the country, but councilors, facing a busy agenda, decided to hold the request over for another meeting.

Bob Lawson appeared at the meeting to notify council the Stewartville Mill Pond was full of dead fish. Sixteen Mile Creek Conservation Authority field officer David Murray also attended the meeting to explain Esqueasing's share of the 1962 levy for conservation. Council had earlier objected to the increased levy.

Agricultural Night At Rotary Tuesday

It was agricultural night at Acton Rotary Club Tuesday when special guests were Lloyd Burt, Lloyd McLean, Fred Spears, C. Cole, C. McKeown and Ray Thornhill.

The guest speaker was William Samis, general manager for the Hamilton Regional Area of the American Growth Fund. A graduate of the University of Toronto, he lectures to students at Ryerson Institute of Technology in Toronto. He spoke on the economy of the country and suggested we must invest more money.

Men with money live eight and a half years longer. Three out of 10 at the age of 65 can retire with a salary of \$10,000 yearly.

Prizes Zoom

His interesting comparison of prices today with 20 years ago included a car, up from \$900 in 1937 to \$2,900 today and a house up from \$6,000 to \$15,000.

Give Now!

The Scout Group Committee is going out for money. And Friday's the day!

Scouts will be delivering envelopes to every door. Friday and the sealed envelopes containing the badly-needed donations will be picked up next Monday.

Money is required for camping equipment, scout hall maintenance and purchase of equipment.

Be prepared when the Scouts call to "Do your best." This is the motto of the Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies and it could also be yours.

Wooden Versus Steel-Clad Roof Tops Off Disposal Plant Troubles

Faced with making a decision between a wooden or steel-clad digester roof at the disposal plant, Acton council Tuesday evening instructed the water and sewer committee to check with manufacturers following engineer's recommendations. The committee was authorized to have the selected type roof installed as soon as possible.

Following the collapse of the digester roof last week, R. V. Anderson and Associates, town engineers, inspected the damage and submitted recommendations to council. Included in the recommendations were estimated prices for a wooden type roof and a steel-clad roof.

The wooden roof, including an entire program of washing down and painting the digester, will cost \$2,500. The steel-clad roof at a cost of \$5,000 does not include washing and painting. According to the engineer's report it is essential to have the digester cleaned out and painted as this has not been done in the 12 years since it was originally installed.

Council learned in the report that it was believed water seeping through the roof had caused the digester cover to tilt, lodging it against the wall of the digester, resulting in motors burned out and other damage. A four-inch gas take off pipe in the centre of the digester had shifted position, but fortunately had not been broken and no sewage had entered the gas pipe system.

After discussing the engineer's recommendations further, council agreed it would be foolish not

to adhere to the recommendations and so instructed the water and sewer committee to finalize the installation of the roof. They decide to purchase.

Consider Street Sweeper
When Council learned that five used street sweepers, formerly owned by the City of Toronto, are available at a cost of \$1,000 each, they discussed the feasibility of buying one, as opposed to hiring a company to sweep Acton streets this spring.

Members learned that an amount of \$500 has been budgeted for this year. This amount covers rental of a machine to sweep streets, wages, etc.

This combined with estimates for manual labor last year, brings the entire street sweeping program up to the neighborhood of \$2,000. Leaving this, council appointed a delegation to visit Toronto on Saturday to inspect the machines and bring back a recommendation.

Chlorinator Installed
Approval was given for the payment of \$1,412 to Fischer and Porter Company for the installation of a chlorinator at the Churchill North water well. Mayor Goy said the quantity of chlorine originally put into the water system Friday last week had been reduced considerably Monday.

Council received prices on types of air compressors being considered for purchase and instructed the road committee to attend a demonstration of various types and when satisfied purchase the most suitable.

The road committee was also instructed to purchase a portable

water pump after they have viewed demonstrations of different types and made their decision.

No Assessor
Council learned that the applicant for the position of town assessor, who was under consideration by council, had taken a position elsewhere and the town is without a prospect at the present time.

Issue Warning

Corporal Ray Mason this week issued a warning to everyone especially children against using the ice at Fairy Lake or the school creek. He pointed out that recent thaws has weakened the ice to the point where it could quite easily crack under the weight of a person.

Geachle advised the council the town definitely needs an assessor, but warned against any "panic" to hire one. "Take your time and get a good one," he stated. He informed members the assessment roll has to be completed by September 30, and suggested with the help of the office staff and by keeping H. Perkins employed in this department, it would be possible to complete the rolls without an assessor. Mr. McGeachie recommended this action rather than hiring a young assessor who would possibly take up his time anyway. He cautioned council to be on the lookout for a good assessor and as soon as they located one suitable to hire him immediately. The assessment committee was instructed to investigate the hiring of an assessor.

Water Smelly But Safe Chlorine Douses Seepage

People are sipping drinking water, turning up their noses and remarking, "What's the matter?"

For those with short memories, just a year ago surface seepage from the surrounding area of the Churchill water well contaminated the drinking water and people were warned to boil the water before it was used. At this time the Ontario Water Resource Commission ordered a chlorination system temporarily installed until the contamination cleared up.

Seepage Starting
This year, early tests indicated a possibility of further seepage and the O.W.R.C. ordered a permanent chlorinator plant installed. Last Friday this was done and when first turned on the flow of chlorine in the water supply was relatively heavy to reach all lines throughout the town. This week the dose has been reduced.

The Churchill Road North well is the town's main source of water supply.

Leak Stopped

Pupils of two classrooms at the Robert Little public school, who were evacuated last week because of water leaking through the roof, were returned to their normal classrooms on Monday, following temporary repairs to the roof.

Principal G. W. McKenzie reported this morning (Thursday), that everything appeared to be back to normal again. It is hoped weather conditions will not be such that the roof will begin to leak again.

Valve Shut at Kelso Dam Water Rises 16' in Week

The 64-inch valve at the base of Kelso Dam on the Sixteen Mile Creek, above Milton Heights, was closed for the first time Wednesday morning of last week. A scant 48 hours later, the water at the dam registered 10 feet in depth. Yesterday (Wednesday) morning the gauge showed a depth of 16 1/2 feet and water has been backed up over several acres.

The actual elevation of the water yesterday was 742.5 feet, one and one-half feet below the sill of the gates. The gates have been raised four feet and six sets of logs arranged along the sides of the dam have been removed. In its present state, the dam is set to store 400 cubic feet of water per second and to discharge 600 cubic feet per second.

The regulated spring water level will be 752 feet, or 26 feet from the base of the dam. This leaves a four-foot reserve to the regular level in other seasons, the purpose of the reserve being amount of water flowing into the to store any sudden rise in the or heavy rainstorm further up the Sixteen.

The gates and valve had been kept open pending the completion of a small building on top of the dam which contains a concrete well to the bottom of the dam and instruments recording water elevations and flows. It was completed the same day as the valve was closed.

Operation Of Gates
The operation of the gates is supervised by a Hydro Meteorologist from Toronto. The gates are

operated by the Sixteen-Mile Conservation Authority at present, but negotiations are presently underway to hire an operator for them. The gates will not be closed until all danger of spring flooding has passed.

Sea gulls and ducks have already decided that the lake being created is an ideal haven for them and they have invaded the area in quantity.

On the Job

Acton Firefighters answered the call in record time Monday evening. When the siren sounded, firefighters were right in the hall waiting to begin their regular weekly meeting.

Racing to the scene of a car fire on Guelph Street West, firemen learned the blaze had been doused when the car owner, Doug Clinker, threw sand on the blaze.

The driver was able to start his car and drive it away shortly afterward.

Dumps, Dogs, Planning, Purchases Busy N. Halton Urban Board Agenda

Dog control problems, tree planting, dumping methods, regional planning, water pressures, bulk purchases and grants for retarded children's schools occupied a busy agenda at a meeting of the North Halton Urban Board in Georgetown Wednesday evening of last week.

The Urban Board is an informal gathering of councillors from Acton, Georgetown and Milton, held once a month to discuss municipal problems of municipal administration.

Will Have To Move
Dog control — always a bane to North Halton's council representatives — got a brief airing when Georgetown councillor reported their dog control officer Cecil Robertson wanted to use a tranquilizer gun to subdue rambunctious mutts he was forced to chase. Councillor Jim Emmerson said the dog officer's idea had caused hard feelings in Georgetown, and "if he uses a tranquilizer gun I think I'll have to move from my neighborhood."

Councillor Jim Brown, Georgetown, thought the dogcatcher's methods were well accepted by the people and his work was better than the service provided for Milton residents by the Oakville Humane Society. But Councillor Les Duby, Acton, said there had been complaints about Mr. Robertson's method of pickup.

Councillor Brown summed it up with the thought that there was a need for an educational program for dog-owners to keep their pets from ruining others' properties.

Tree Programs

Councillor Duby reported on Acton's tree planting program, and announced the town was trying to set aside \$200 for trees this year. Georgetown representatives reported a successful program, whereby residents petitioned for trees and paid half the cost of each tree (\$2.50), with the town workmen and horticultural society doing the planting. This, they found, gave residents a more personal responsibility toward looking after the trees.

The council in Georgetown has voted another \$500 toward a tree program this year. They offered the name of a nursery that guaranteed the trees.

How's Your Dump?
Discussing control of the town dump, members traded ideas on dump operations. Milton and Georgetown councillors reported an annual cost of around \$3 per capita for their sanitary land fill method, and Acton representatives explained their open dump idea.

Turning to regional planning and the coming series of conferences planned for local municipalities, members heard Georgetown's Rex Cock charge that the federal government should be responsible for area planning. "They found it a political issue, so they handed it down to the municipalities to settle," he said. Town, township and counties are too involved with local planning to take on any additional work like planning for an overall region, he maintained.

Pressure Up
The Acton representatives reported on a new system planned to give a better water pressure to their town, and asked questions about pressure in the other municipalities. The clerk was asked to check into the possibilities of the three towns going together to purchase items (salt for the roads was mentioned as an example), thereby affecting a saving on the price. While on this subject, Georgetown representatives reported they were trying an experiment with salt — placing a block in each catch basin to prevent freezing of the basins in winter.

Last month the Urban Board agreed to petition other Ontario municipalities for better government grants for local retarded children's schools.

Calling All Firemen

Halton Fire Radio System on Way

Acton's two fire trucks will be equipped with two-way radios. Wednesday the G.M.C. truck was equipped with the radio system. The Ford truck which is used mainly on rural calls will have a radio installed later this week.

When the job is completed, firemen will be able to communicate from the truck sitting at a fire to other firemen in the fire hall in the event further assistance is necessary. Firemen in the hall can also contact the truck.

If no one is in the fire hall, by switching the control button on the radio, the fire truck driver can direct radio contact with the county control office at Oakville. There the fireman on duty can, by pressing a certain frequency control button, sound the siren

in Acton to alert firemen here. Another switch enables firemen to call for assistance from other departments throughout Ontario by communicating through the Fire Marshall's office.

Special Lessons
Fire chief Mick Holmes was instructed on the use of equipment and other firemen will receive similar instructions as soon as possible.

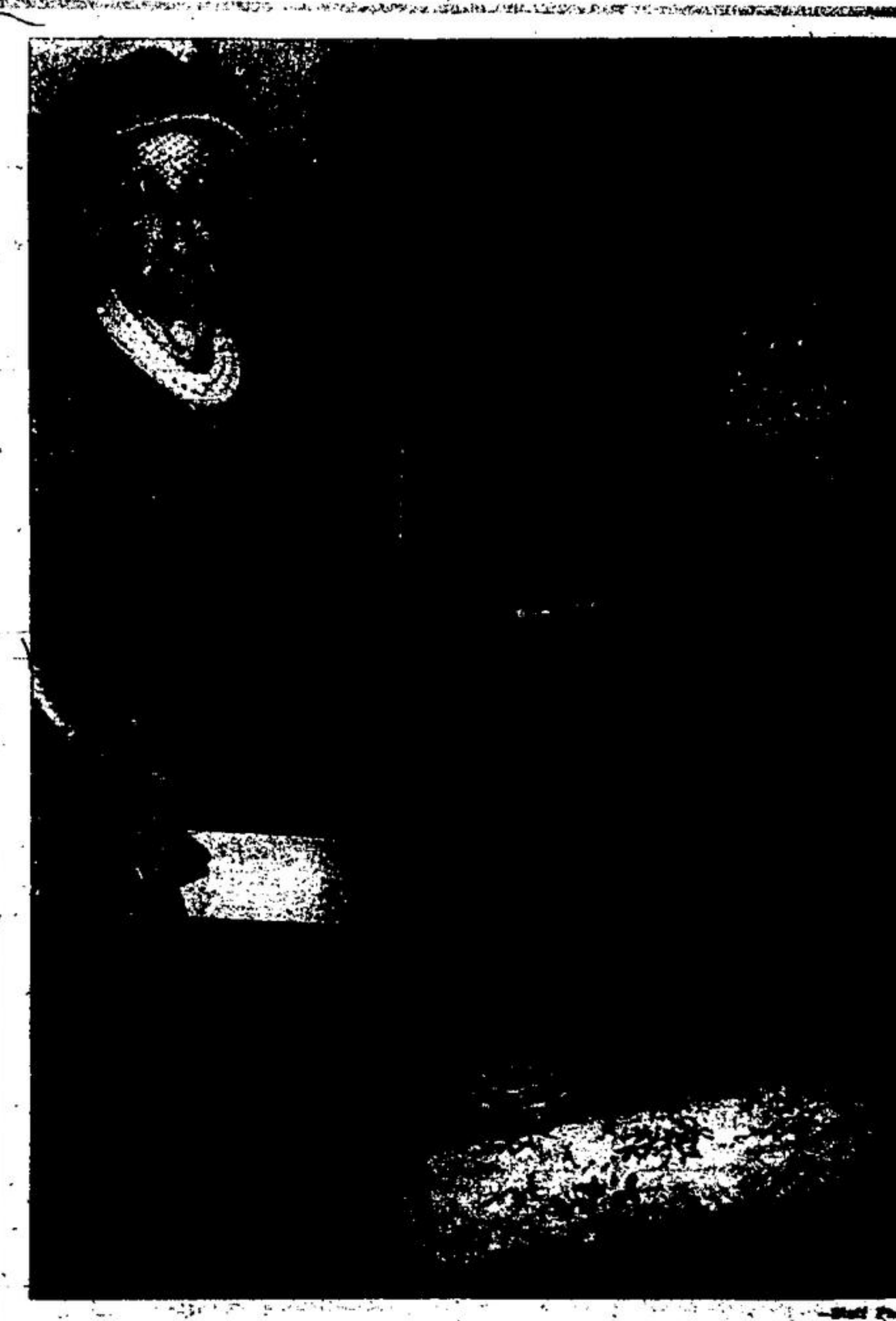
The system is being installed

in every Fire Department throughout Halton County as a project of the Halton Mutual Aid Fire Services and the Emergency Measures Organization.

The truck driver and chief, riding in the cab will be at the seat of trouble as the main radio equipment is installed under the front cushion. The microphone and control panel are mounted on the dash for accessibility. A dinky aerial on the roof is all that is noticeable from the outside.



RECEPTION LINE for the high school dance Friday evening greeted over 200 guests during the evening. Pictured above just leaving the reception line are Peter Newton, former student, and Moira McKelvey, included in the reception line were principal and Mrs. E. A. Hansen, Mayor and Mrs. John H. Goy, trustee the Rev. Dwight Engel and Mrs. Engel, student council president Mary Beth Elliott and her escort Hans Van Witzenburg.



MRS. E. J. HASSARD, an active church worker, was honored Tuesday afternoon when members of the Knox Presbyterian Ladies' Aid and W.M.S. presented her with gifts prior to her leaving Acton. Mrs. Hassard will live in Oakville near her son Martin and family. Pictured above left to right are Mrs. A. McPherson, president of the Ladies' Aid; Mrs. Hassard and Mrs. O. Moran, president of the W.M.S. Gifts included a wallet and key case, a leather purse and money.