

# RAISE \$433,927. WITH 58.5-63.75 MILL RATE

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**BALLINAFAD WOMEN** were kept busy in the kitchen at the United Church here Saturday evening when they served a smorgasbord supper to a large crowd. Pictured above heaping up a plate with meat are Mrs. Norma Sinclair and Mrs. Cam McNery.

### Town Buys Used Street Sweeper Green Light Given Water Project

Does a new broom sweep clean? Within a month there will be an additional 4000 opinions on the subject as a result of Council's action Monday night when it authorized the purchase of a street sweeper.

Councillors Les Duby and Ham Peal started to council on last Saturday's trip to Toronto to view used machines available from the City of Toronto. Both men expressed their previous reservations about buying used equipment but on their inspection they felt the \$1000 cost of the equipment made it an attractive proposition. Cost of new equipment is in the \$15,000-\$20,000 bracket.

**\$500 For One Sweeping**

The delegation reported the Towns of Georgetown and Ajax had each purchased one of the six machines available. The machine Acton will purchase is reported to be in good mechanical condition and is presently being used two seven-hour shifts daily on Toronto streets. Cost of the equipment can be absorbed in the road committee budget. Last year \$500 was expended in rental of a machine to sweep the streets once last year.

The road committee is also inspecting various air compressors and pumps as possible additions to the town's equipment.

By-laws occupied the major portion of the meeting. Construction on the water main and reservoir project was authorized by the passing of a by-law authorizing the signing of an agreement with the O.W.R.C. A letter from the municipal board gave their approval for an additional expenditure of \$27,000 on the project. The total authorized expenditure now amounts to \$177,000.

Contract A for the laying of the cast iron water main extension goes to James Holliday Construction Ltd. at \$57,967.

Contract B for the construction of the 1,000,000 gallon water reservoir goes to James Kemp Construction Ltd. at \$74,107. Other expenditures are land acquisition, 2 fees, \$3500; Engineering fees \$15,000; interest and soil tests \$6,426. It is expected the water-main extension will get underway very soon to take advantage of the extension of the winter works time deadline to May 31.

**Daylight Saving Ahead**

Daylight Saving Time will come into effect in Acton on Sunday, April 29 at 12:01 a.m. and continue through the Summer until Sunday, October 28 at 2:00 a.m. These dates conform with the majority of municipalities which adopted the one hour advance in time.

Another by-law authorizes the installation of a dry type sprinkler system in the Arena and Community Centre. The Grinnell Company was awarded the contract at a total cost of \$8,720. The town will make an initial payment of \$1400 this year and pay the balance in 48 monthly instalments. The monthly instalments will be less than the reduction in insurance premiums saved by the sprinkler system. The town will install a 6" watermain to the building, paint the sprinkler pipes and do the electrical wiring on the installation.

**Fire Agreement**

A fire agreement with the Townships of Esqueving, Nasagaweya and Erin for fire protection in portions of the townships, was authorized. Under the three-year agreement the rural fire area will pay \$1400 per year plus \$100 per call for maintenance and upkeep of their truck and equipment. The town will house the truck and provide the services of the volunteer fire brigade.

Auditor of the financial records of bands receiving grants under the band by-law which provides 1/2 mill annually for bands was approved by an amendment to the band by-law.

Councillor Frank Toth reported complaints about merchants who are not sweeping the sidewalk in front of their stores. The complaint will be forwarded to the retail section of the Chamber of Commerce for their suggestions.

**Chlorine Query**

Councillor George Barbeau posed two questions "Is the chlorinator on the Churchill Rd. well working? Is this the level of chlorine required?" Clerk McGeachie assured the councillor the chlorinator is working and said the amount of chlorine may be reduced later but no change can be made until O.W.R.C. approves. "This is the level they are recommending now."

Deputy-Reeve Denny wondered what steps had been taken on the stump removal program. The clerk said provision had been made in the Road budget for a removal program but no firm had been engaged. He also reported "there is quite a program of dead tree removal to do. We're taking them down as the staff has time."

**Trim First**

Road Chairman Les Duby suggested a tree trimming program in Bower Avenue before the new street lighting program is instituted. He also suggested a culvert should be installed and drainage on Churchill Rd. north.

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"90 per cent of the home-owners' taxes will be lower or equal to 1961 taxes this year," said Mayor John Goy at a Special Council meeting Wednesday evening called to set the 1962 tax rate. This year the Residential rate will be 58.5 mills and the Industrial-Commercial rate will be 63.75 mills. Last year the rate was 74.78 mills and this year's reduction in the rate has been brought about through the re-assessment of all property.

"The 58.5 mill rate looks good but the higher rate is the one we must watch," the mayor continued. "Next year the difference between the rate may be even greater." The difference in rates is a result of provincial grants which must be used to reduce the tax rate on residential and farm property only. Next year the grants to the high school will have the same stipulations and the difference in rates will be even greater with commerce and industry carrying the higher rate.

**No Deficit Last Year**

Reeve Hargrave commented, "This is the first year we haven't had to budget for a deficit. We have purchased two new trucks and are looking at compressors and pumps. We are going to spend \$4,000 on sidewalks, 70% more than we have ever spent before."

"We must give credit where credit is due. Most certainly the Public School has done a very good job in keeping this in line," remarked Mayor Goy.

Councillor Barbeau said, "I think this is a very good budget. Nobody's budget was cut—it follows that with no budget cuts nobody will spend over their budget."

**Where it comes from**

The tax rate this year is based on a total assessment of \$6,909,656.50. Residential assessment is \$3,791,990 or 55% and Commercial-Industrial is \$3,117,666.50 or 45%. "A 40% Industrial assessment is supposed to be ideal. 45% Industrial must be utopia," said Mayor Goy.

This year the budget has been calculated under four separate headings, General Administration, Public School, High School and County Rate. The budget is summarized in dollars rather than mills because of the change in mill value as a result of the re-assessment program. 1961 actual spending is in brackets for comparison.

RECEIPTS GENERAL ADMINISTRATION		
Taxation, local improvements, supplementary	(\$6,732.37)	\$7,514.50
Debt service recoverable, hydro, water, sewer	(41,656.43)	44,310.12
Grants & subsidies, relief, fire & police, highways, LCBO, county Child-ren's Aid	(17,658.02)	21,462.50
Licenses, dog tax, tax penalties	(3,869.03)	3,600.00
Unconditional grant	(13,032.40)	12,772.00
Other revenues, town hall rent, fires, YMOA, Warren Grove sidewalks	(2,949.50)	1,431.73
Arena, ambulance, cemetery	(4,600.09)	4,500.00
Miscellaneous items, sundry, poll tax, hydro taxes, twp. fire agreement, Robt. Little school, Warren Grove	(7,730.46)	5,046.52
Surplus		14,405.36
Summary of final		115,042.73
Less per capita grant		12,772.00
Total Receipts		\$102,270.73

DISBURSEMENTS GENERAL ADMINISTRATION		
Council salaries, administration salaries, pensions, audit, unemployment, cemetery, insurance, printing & postage, maintenance public bldgs., office administration, legal & court costs, election expenses, Workmen's Compensation, dog control, accident ins.	(\$48,839.31)	\$52,691.25
Protection to persons & property — fire, police, Division Court, street lighting	(41,588.77)	40,142.79
Public works — roads, miscellaneous roads, equipment, sidewalks	(29,639.82)	46,730.00
Sanitation & waste — garbage, dump	(6,704.65)	6,500.00
Conservation of health — health, ambulance	(1,836.26)	1,850.00
Social welfare — relief	(8,419.05)	10,000.00
Recreation & community — library, arena, parks, fall fair, planning, urban board, bands	(13,203.63)	16,484.82
Debt service — except schools	(95,812.89)	97,133.87
Interest charges, water, sewer deficit, taxes written off	(5,833.32)	18,000.00
Contingencies & miscellaneous, Esqueving debentures, Credit Valley Conservation, YMCA taxes, water-works taxes, deficit from previous year, hydrant rental, cemetery land acquisition	(27,659.56)	14,580.83
St. John Ambulance, Retarded School, Dept. of Highways, reserve for working funds		7,470.90
Total Disbursements	\$309,119.11	102,270.73
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HIGH SCHOOL SUMMARY		
Residential assessment, commercial assessment, Legion assessment		\$ 6,929,981.50
Maintenance Levy — \$42,772		
Debt service Levy — \$23,437 — \$66,319	9.57 mills	

  

PUBLIC SCHOOL SUMMARY		
Residential & commercial assessment		\$ 6,550,762.50
Maintenance Levy	179.281	
Debt service Levy	51,584 230,865	
Less:		
Balance from 1961	11,043	
Grants for 1962	97,767	108,810
To be raised by taxation	122,055	
Commercial, industrial assessment—18.63 mills		\$8,460.78
Residential Assessment—16.77 mills		63,591.67
Total		\$ 122,057.15
County of Halton Levy — 4.84 mills		\$ 33,442.74

### Hold Double Induction During Y's Men's Meeting

A double induction, visit from firefighters and a member of the Fire Marshal's office and a business session kept Acton Y's Men on the hop Thursday evening March 22, during their regular meeting.

Highlighting the evening was a visit from Moffat Hill, International director from Etobicoke, who teamed up with area vice president G. W. McKenzie for the induction of officers from both the Acton and Brampton clubs.

**Fire Services**

George Alexander from the Fire Marshal's office accompanied by local firefighters attended the dinner meeting and spoke on fire prevention and services provided by the firemen. To emphasize the seriousness of fires he showed two movies on the Chicago school fire.

During the business session the club authorized a donation of \$500 to be forwarded to the Y-Board and a \$25 donation to be sent to the Judge Paul Alexander Scholarship Fund.

Acton officers inducted during the evening included: president,

### Finalize Wilchar as Contractor for New Post Office

A \$144,300 contract has been awarded by the Department of Public Works to Wilchar Construction Limited of Dundas, Ont., for the construction of a Federal Building at Acton, Ont. It was announced today by C. Alexander Best, M.P. for Halton, on behalf of the Honourable David J. Walker, Minister of Public Works. The firm submitted the lowest bid of nine in response to advertising for public tenders which closed on January 24, 1962. The highest bid was \$172,913. The work is scheduled for completion in 10 months.

An official of the Wilchar Com-

### Youngster Fights for Life After Being Struck by Car

Four-year-old Michael Flatt is fighting an uphill battle for his life after being struck by a car Sunday afternoon in front of his home at R. R. 4, Acton.

Rushed to Georgetown and District Hospital in serious condition, the child was transferred to Toronto Sick Children's Hospital shortly after Wednesday, his parents were called to the hospital in an attempt to rouse the youngster but all efforts failed.

His condition is reported improved, however, Mr. and Mrs. Flatt were informed by doctors he is suffering from a fractured skull and concussion. An operation is not believed necessary at the present time.

The youngster is able to take liquids and occasionally opens his eyes and flutters his eyelids but if he recognized his parents Wednesday, it was not apparent to the doctors.

Four-year-old Michael had just alighted from a car in which he, two sisters Doreen and Sharon and his grandmother had received a ride home, when he darted into the path of a northbound car driven by Jack South of Acton.

The impact hurled the youngster to the ground on his head and after being treated at the scene he was rushed by ambulance to Georgetown hospital and later transferred to Toronto Sick Children's Hospital.

Constable Bruce Kressler of the Acton O.P.P. detachment investigated.

### New U.C.W.'s First Project Fills Robert Little Auditorium Monday

Over 300 basked in the aura of sun-bright spring and summer clothes Monday evening when they filled the Robert Little school auditorium. Veteran fashion show commentator Mrs. Ewart Leyland introduced over 20 models wearing 72 outfits — the newest clothing from the Paultie Fashion Shop and Paul's Men's and Boys' Wear. These

two stores are run by the husband and wife team of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nielsen and two of the youngest models were their children.

This was the first project for the recently-formed United Church Women, explained president Mrs. H. R. Force as she opened the program and welcomed the expectant crowd.

**Two Tableaux**

The fashion show itself was divided into two parts with engaging settings. The first portrayed a garden on a steamy summer day. From the tableaux models strolled one at a time down the ramp while Mrs. Leyland pointed out features of their garments.

In the second half more formal clothes were shown in an "afternoon tea" setting. This concluded with a perennial show-stopper — a wedding scene. This one was complete with a kiss which brought down the house.

During the intermission Allan Lauder played an "around the world" medley and Whispering Hope on his harmonica.

**Thanks And Gifts**

At the end of the show Paul Nielsen presented Mrs. Leyland with a sweater.

He had special thanks for Carlene Nurseries who supplied the flowers "banking the platform. Mrs. Charles Heller who played the piano, J. R. MacKellie and Son men for putting up and taking down the ramp, Simon Hardware for the barbecue, Rakhlin's jewellery store for the jewellery and Benson's Shoe Store for the luggage.

To climax the evening there were three draws. The stovetop gift a voucher for a dress, was won by Dorothy Perry, a voucher given by the U.C.W. by Miss Fern Small and a pot of yellow mums given by the U.C.W. by Mrs. David Ditt.

Candy was sold at the door.

**Tight And Bright**

Jauntily wearing their sports clothes down the ramp were Moira McKelvey, Brian Spurgeon, Syzke Bessen, Joanne Force, Paul Elliott, Mrs. Ross Swackhamer, Mrs. C. de Jong, Kate Garrett, Bob Duby, Mrs. Jack Gordon, Paul McGeachie, Ricky Currie and the chef at the outdoor barbecue, Bert Halladay.

Remarkable were the gaudy colors worn by the young men as well as the girls'. Outstanding turquoise slims and orange overblouse; those low-backed swim



**MODELLING CLOTHES** can be a lot of fun and three of the models Monday evening are caught by the camera as they "hammed it up" prior to the Fashion Show beginning. Shown are Paul Elliott, Bert Halladay and Moira McKelvey. The three modelled fashions in the beach scene at the beginning of the show.

Successful contestant in the recent Clerk of Works competition was also announced this week by Halton's M.P. Alexander (Sandy) Best. He is E. C. Rogers, 33 Edwards St., Georgetown. He will be the government's representative on the site while the work is in progress.

The one storey building, measuring 80 feet by 62 feet with partial basement, will be erected on the south-west corner of Alice and Bower Streets. Designed for a future second floor addition, the general construction will be concrete walls, concrete columns, concrete beams and floor and roof slabs. The exterior walls will be brick veneer and the columns and base will be covered with Canadian limestone.

**Inside Materials**

The interior partitions will be masonry construction and the finishes will include plaster, plywood, terrazzo, linoleum and tile floors. The postal counter, screening, public writing desk, office case, interior and exterior mail receivers, lettering and the exterior railings will be of aluminum. All windows, except in the basement, will be sealed, double glazed units, installed in aluminum frames. Lighting in the working space will be fluorescent and heating will be by a coal stoker fired hot water system. A reversible conveyor will be installed between the basement and first floor working area.

The building will provide accommodation for the Post Office Department and the Customs and Excise Division of the Department of National Revenue.

Plans and specifications were prepared in the Toronto District Architect's office of the Department of Public Works J. E. Kelly, District Architect for the Department at Toronto, Ont. will be responsible for supervision of the work.

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