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CEMENT STEPS and a retaining wall for a planter strip have been added at the Community Centre this week. Gravel has been laid and levelled around the Centre for a parking area and a fence installed from the arena to the park gates to keep cars off the grass. Pictured above is Jack Drysdale as he edges the new step. The building is being used by the Fair Board for hall exhibits this Friday and Saturday. The former red barn used for poultry exhibits has undergone a facelifting with new siding and large doors installed.

## Spotlight Swings to 49th Fair Predict Generally Fair Weather

Acton's spotlight swings to the 49th Fall Fair this Friday and Saturday with officials making last minute preparations for the arrival of exhibits and a larger than usual crowd.

Weather officials at Malton predict generally fair weather, continuing hot and humid, with chance of a light shower late Friday or early Saturday. An estimated \$6,000 in prize money will be shared by over 300 exhibitors.

Largest crowd ever is expected; a long and lively parade of floats, convertibles and marching children will set the pace for Saturday afternoon's many events.

At Acton's first fair back in 1913, there was \$1,000 up for prizes; 4,000 people attended. Last year, there were 6,500 at the fair and Acton Agricultural Society hopes for even more this Friday and Saturday.

King Shows, which has contracted for the midway, is expected to arrive today (Thursday). Exciting rides and good game concessions are promised. Limehouse W.A., the Acton W.I. and Acton Junior Farmers will all have food booths.

**Start Judging**  
Tomorrow morning (Friday), from 9 to 11:30 a.m. the hall and poultry and pet building will be open for the placing of exhibits. Friday afternoon will be tense there when the judging starts. Judges include Mrs. C. Graham of Woodbridge, home-crafts; Mrs. R. Fowke, Guelph, canned goods; J. A. Francis, Hal-

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OLD BARN at Acton Park underwent a facelifting this week as the Acton Agricultural Society has new doors and asphalt siding put on. The large doors at the east end of the building will be closed and the two swinging doors being installed will take their place. Workmen shown above are Jack Dennis and Jim McGladrey. Fowl will be exhibited here during the fall fair this weekend.

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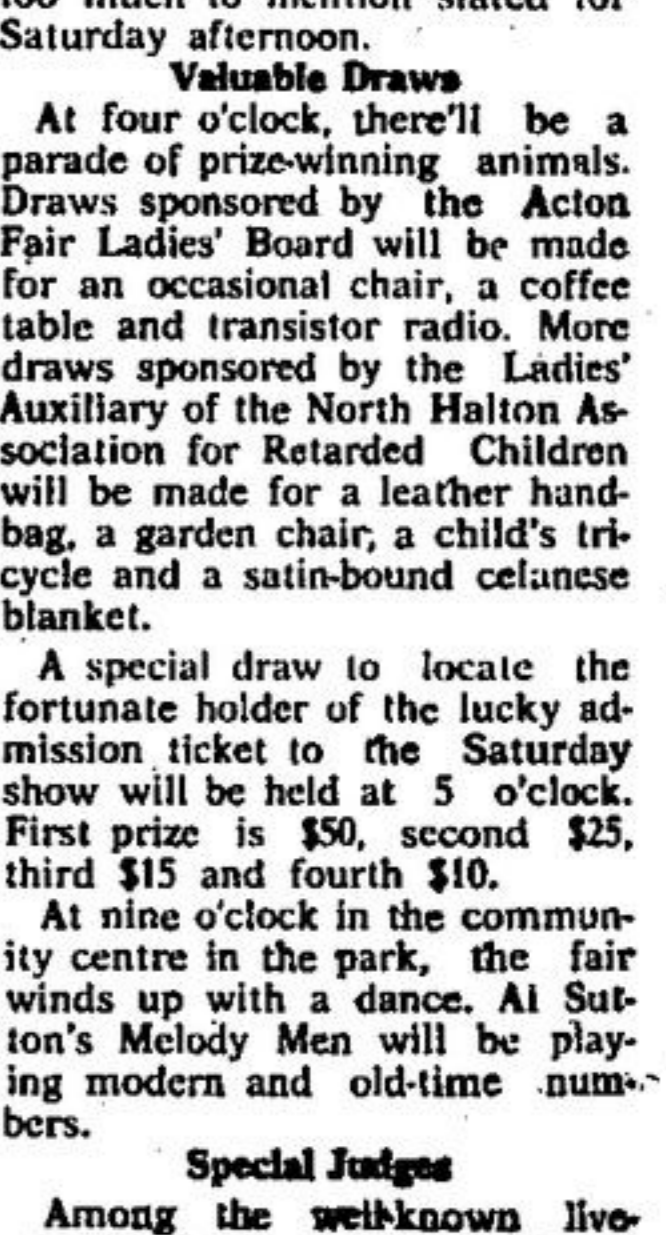
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## Council Determines New Duties For Clerk, Town Superintendent

Clarification of the responsibilities of the town superintendent and the clerk were outlined in a report of the administration committee which was accepted by Council Tuesday evening. With an increase of \$200 per year retroactive to January 1, 1962, Superintendent Doby will have full authority to deal with the work staff. He may hire and fire men of the town staff and can engage temporary help in consultation with the clerk.

Under the new set-up, the work will be laid out and scheduled by the clerk. The superintendent will be responsible for the carrying out of the work and will attend one council committee meeting per month. No increase in the size of the permanent work force may be made without council's approval.

The mayor said, "They both know exactly what their duties are and where they start and stop. It will be better for both of them. When the superintendent is away, the clerk will either do the job himself or delegate someone else to do it."

**Wages Increased**  
The wages of the town workmen were increased retroactively

for the period January 1, 1962 to February 1, 1962. The men had been granted the increase effective in February. The starting rate is now \$1.25 per hour, with a high of \$1.40.

The resignation of Councillor Frank Proulx, who is moving to Saulx Ste. Marie, was accepted, effective September 30. The clerk was instructed to follow the authorized procedure to fill the vacancy. Under the Municipal Act, the seat is to be offered to the next highest candidate at the last municipal election.

**Interim Report**  
The interim auditor's report for the period January 1 to June 30 was received. It will be studied by the finance committee, who will report to the next council meeting. The report shows a deficit in the water department of \$1,750.30 and in the sewer department of \$8,184.18. \$14,000 had been budgeted to cover these deficits and the auditor pointed out that the \$9,000 on sewer repairs incurred in the first six months will not recur in the last six months.

Council decided to send a delegate to the Attorney General's office when they learned the mag-

istrate had transferred all cases during October and November to would have to appear in Oakville. This action was taken when the ramifications of the transfer were outlined. The clerk explained that all policemen lay charges and would have to appear in Oakville. The situation could arise, through remands, where all police would be absent from Acton at the same time.

Additional cost to the town would be incurred because the police would use their personal cars to travel to Oakville, for which they would be reimbursed, and for appearing, they would receive an extra day's holiday, for which a replacement constable (Continued on Page Eight)

## Still May Sign For Night Class

Registration night for Acton night school brought over 100 to the high school Friday evening to sign up and pay tuition for 28 courses offered. By Tuesday evening when the night school committee met there were 115 applications in and committee members were hoping for more.

The earlier dates and different system of registration might have confused some prospective students, they felt, so a registration booth will be set up at the fall fair Saturday afternoon for additional registrations. More applications will be received in all the classes offered as none so far have over 15 applications.

Of the hundred who registered Friday, 40 came from out-of-town. Erin, Hillsburgh and Rockwood and particularly Georgetown where there is no night school this year.

## Review Budgets; Plan Season For Community Centre Program

Still serving in a dual role as Parks Board and Community Centre Committee members during a brief meeting Wednesday evening discussed budgets and plans for the opening of the Community Centre season.

Jim Casburn, newly engaged recreation director, arrives Sunday to begin his duties in Acton. Board members intend to meet with the new director to discuss the coming season's program. Equipping of an office in the Community Centre will be also arranged.

Secretary Joe Hurst stated the bank balance for the Parks Board at the end of August was \$452.25 and the Community Centre \$151.08. He pointed out several accounts were still outstanding and it is hoped members can avoid a deficit budget for the year.

was decided to have caretaker Roy Arnott paint the boards around the arena in his spare time.

Board members were elated to learn that receipts at the park gate this summer totalled \$1,145. Of this amount, local residents contributed \$106 in season's tickets.

**Electric Time Clock**  
Acton arena will have an electric time clock installed this season, courtesy of James B. Ledger. Members are seeking further sponsors for advertising space on the scoreboard adjoining the timer.

The Community Centre building is undergoing a facelifting and shrubs will be planted in the front section by John Rol of Cranline Nurseries as his contribution toward the centre. Gravel has been spread for parking areas and fences installed to prevent cars parking on the grass. Members expressed their satisfaction with the results of the summer work done by the caretaker and improvements in the park.



**50 YEARS MARRIED** Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Braida received a large number of relatives, friends and neighbors Sunday. A special Mass was sung Saturday morning in St. Joseph's church after which the ladies of the church served an anniversary dinner. Many letters of congratulations and gifts were received by the well-known couple.

## Labor Dispute

### Set Meeting With Conciliation Officer

Acton Hydro Commissions during a brief meeting Thursday, was advised by the Ontario Labor Relations Board to discuss their union problems with a conciliation officer during a special meeting set for Tuesday morning in Acton.

Commissioners were informed, by letter, the board's decision to refer the current contract dispute with local 1766, United Electrical Workers of America to the Minister of Labor was taken before Acton Commission made a declaration under section 89, exempting it from provisions of the Labor Act.

Chairman Gordon-Beatty expressed his opinion the issue hinged on whether the commission was dealing with a certified union or whether the commission's action was valid under section 89.

Negotiations with two employees of the commission who belong to the local union were at a standstill on bargaining for a new contract. In the opinion of the commissioners it was impossible for them to bargain with the union certified under the slate of the former P.U.C. as it no longer existed.

**Refuse Settlements**  
Two Lakeview residents who consider a \$63.75 hydro account an insult to their integrity decided not to settle out of court when Acton Hydro Electric Commission billed them for meters operating on flat rate without the commission being notified.

Following lengthy correspondence and investigation the commission approved an extra capital expenditure amounting to \$1,500 for new batteries at number one substitution to complete the changeover program. Joyce-Sveener Company originally tendered for the project and at that time considered the present series of batteries adequate. Later it was determined the present batteries were obsolete. The original contract for the changeover was estimated at \$6,092. The added expenditure is subject to approval of the Ontario Hydro.

### Agree By-Law Valid Union Not Certified

Negotiations between the Acton Hydro Electric Commission and Local 1766 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers reached another stage when they met with a conciliation officer on Tuesday of this week.

The union had represented the Acton employees and had a Collective Bargaining agreement with the Acton Public Utilities Commission. When the Hydro Department was switched from a Public Utilities Commission to a Hydro Electric Commission, the union did not apply for recertification as the bargaining agent.

**Commission Exempt**  
This year, the Hydro Electric Commission passed a by-law to invoke Section 89 of the Ontario Labor Relations Act. Under this by-law, the commission is exempt from the provisions of the Act.

The conciliation officer of the Labor Relations Board met with the union and commission on Tuesday and various aspects of the relations between the two groups were discussed. It was agreed that the by-law passed by the commission was valid and the commission is exempt under Section 89. The commission and employees may now negotiate terms of employment.

**Maintain Position**  
Chairman Gordon Beatty of the commission said, "The commission met with the union, employees and conciliation officer and decided to maintain their position and remain under Section 89 of O.L.R.A. The commission suggested bargaining could begin immediately with the employees, but it was the employees' decision not to begin now, but to consider their position before making the decision whether they would do so."

### Water heaters will be prominent at Acton Fair this weekend.

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During hydro superintendent Doug Mason's report it was learned the meter installed at the pumping station at Beardmore and Company was found officially to be faulty. The meter has been under discussion for some time and had been tested to determine its accuracy.

### Two Years in Army David Grahame Lieut.

After only two years in the Canadian Army, 20-year-old David Grahame, Acton, has risen from buck private to second lieutenant. He received his commission three weeks ago.

The young officer enlisted at Hamilton and was first stationed at Camp Borden before being sent to Calgary, where he was stationed with the Lord Strathcona Horse Regiment to take an officer cadet course.

His graduation exercises took place at Camp Borden while with the 8th Canadian Hussars. In October, he will be posted to Petawawa. He recently became engaged and will marry prior to his posting.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Grahame, 247 Mason Boulevard and has one younger brother Phillip at home and one sister Carol (Mrs. Hume) of Georgetown. He is home every weekend from Camp Borden visiting his family and grandmother, Mrs. Cecil Maplesden.

## I.O.D.E. Members Behave Like Kids

Lakeside chapter I.O.D.E. members wearing assorted youthful styles were amused by a "children's party" at their meeting in the Legion hall Tuesday. Childhood pictures were displayed for a very amusing quiz. Big hair bows, short skirts with scratchy crinolines and frucks that had been worn years ago brought laughter. One member was wrapped in a blanket wearing a baby bonnet and waving a bottle of milk.

The November 24 bazaar was planned with Mrs. George Somerville and Mrs. Stan Matthews in charge of the penny sale, Mrs. J. Jocque and Mrs. Rae West in charge of knitting; Mrs. George Musselle and Mrs. Anne Talbot in charge of baking; Mrs. J. Inglis and Mrs. W. Middleton in charge of candy and Mrs. Frank VanWyck in charge of aprons.

Mrs. Dorson Frizzell will buy a doll for the bazaar draw and a child's card table and chairs may be added to the draw if enough IGA tapes are collected.

A list was made of I.O.D.E. entries for the fall fair. Entries are to be taken to the home of Mrs. Bert Hinton Thursday evening (tonight).

Mrs. Rudolph Spielvogel reported 56 new Canadians had received their citizenship papers at the June court when five chapter members served refreshments.

## Start Hall

Work commenced today (Thursday) on the Bellfield Community Hall project and contractor William Hall of Guelph has moved equipment to the site to begin excavation work.

Although the expected amount of \$10,000 has not been raised, officials are hopeful public subscription will see this fulfilled before the building is completed.

A list of donors will be published in next week's issue.