

# Two False Alarms Alert Director

Recreation director Jim Casburn became initiated into Acton's fire alarm system early Wednesday morning and as a result, received little sleep.

The wall of the siren for the Lebovich barn fire roused him from a deep sleep and when he glanced out his window, he believed the arena was on fire. Dressing quickly, he drove to the arena. When he saw the fire was out of town, he returned home and went back to bed again.

At 6 a.m. the ringing of the telephone awakened him again. Cliff Bradley, Parks Board member who lives next to the Community Centre, informed him the sprinkler system alarm was sounding.

Donning clothes again he rushed to the arena and found a casting on the sprinkler system under the seats had broken. This allowed the air in the pipes to escape and water to enter. Sprinkler heads did not burst as they are only set off at a certain heat, but water leaked out the broken casting.

The trouble was soon repaired, water emptied out of the pipes and an pumped back in.

The recreation director, wide awake by this time, decided to go home, eat breakfast and return to his daily duties at the arena.

# No Debenture Issues In Hydro's Forecast

No capital expenditures for which debentures will be issued are anticipated within the next five years, according to a decision reached at Wednesday evening's Hydro Commission meeting. The decision was reached in order to answer the town of Acton's request for a forecast to be included in the town's five-year debenture capital expenditure forecast to be submitted to the Department of Municipal Affairs.

Commissioners decided all capital expenditures could be financed through current revenue. Over the past years only two debenture issues have been required by the hydro department, one in 1954 and one in 1956. They were issued for the purchase of trucks and for conversion of the distribution system from 25 to 60 cycles.

Mayor Gov expressed his doubts about the method of financing capital expenditures out of revenue. He felt it might be better to issue debentures rather than build up surplus to be used for capital expenditure. At September 30 the commission had accumulated \$20,000.

**Convert Substation**

The conversion of the No. 1 substation by Joyce A. Schweitzer Co. from 25 cycle to 60 cycle was approved. The subject under discussion for many months was resolved when the tender for \$7,592 was accepted. Latest delay had been on the question of battery type to be used. The battery chosen has a 14 year guaranteed life expectancy and will cost \$200 more than batteries also suitable which have a 10 year guarantee. Work is expected to begin immediately.

When the conversion is completed, the capacity of the station will be increased from 1,500 K.V.A. to 2,800 K.V.A. A portable transformer station will be moved in to handle the electrical load while workmen make the change.

**Master Plan**

R. V. Anderson and Associates will be requested to submit a proposal for the preparation of a master plan of the distribution system. An electrical engineer will visit Acton to view the system and discuss with the commission the scope of the proposed plan.

The Commission also:

- Approved accounts of \$18,008.53 for payment.
- Approved a \$100 annual increase for meter reader N. Hurst effective on the 15th anniversary of his employment with the commission.
- Approved an agreement with the Bell Telephone Co. for the joint use of poles.
- Learned the Christmas lights in the business area would be turned in by December 1.
- Received word from Ontario Hydro that the price of power to the local commission would be increased January 1, 1963 from \$41.30 to \$44.10 per kilowatt annually.
- Purchased an animated water heater window display card for \$5.50 from Ontario Hydro.
- Received a letter of appreciation from the public school board for service during a power interruption.
- Learned a commercial building would be electrically heated and authorized the preparation of a rate structure.
- Authorized the installation of a new transformer at the new shopping centre.

# Predict \$1,200 Surplus For Esqueing Council

If the roads department spends all its budget (and it probably won't), the Township of Esqueing council should end up this year with a \$1,200 surplus, council learned from the auditor Monday night at the regular meeting.

Councillors were upset when a letter from the Department of Highways asked council to install street lighting on the East Hill on Highway 7 in Royal. Council members wondered if it was the township's job to light a public highway and charge it to the people of the village.

**Ditch Problem**

CNR Engineer Henry Shilag appeared to seek a solution to a ditch problem of Five Sideroad. The railway has widened the rail way roadbed and filled in a ditch and sought help from council in getting property for a new ditch.

The township also paid \$5 tax levies to Joseph Feldkamp and Adolf Wilhelm, accepted the Ridley Cartage tender for hauling road sand for the winter at \$115 a ton, accepted a price of \$585 from Bob McDonald for installing a pump and equipment for soft water at the new township office, decided to advertise to sell a bulldozer and ordered electric supplies.

# Emergencies Over No More Diphtheria, Rabies

Haltom has no further cases of diphtheria or rabies since last week's report of both diseases in Milton. Dr. A. J. Bull, the Medical Officer of Health reported to county council Tuesday afternoon.

He explained to councillors that a Milton youth had contracted diphtheria outside the county and returned home for treatment. "No other patients have contracted this disease," said Dr. Bull, "and sufficient time has elapsed I feel we will not be having any other cases."

The MOH added that several of the boys contacts had been quarantined and inoculated but all tests had turned out negative. The youth and his family are out of quarantine.

**Was Immunized**

The youth who contracted the disease had been immunized and received his last dose in 1956. Dr. Bull noted he said the Health Unit was interested to learn that an immunized person had managed to catch the disease, but the immunization had probably accounted for the "mild nature" of the disease.

The rabies situation is passing he continued. One rabid dog was found in the built-up section of Milton, and health officials were concerned that this case might start an outbreak of rabies.

However all suspicious animals were being observed at the Oakville Humane Shelter, and to date



BOARD PROFICIENCY AWARDS were presented during the commencement exercises Friday night to the top students in each class. Pictured above left to right are top grade 11 student Joan Cook, top grade 12 student Fred Dawkins, top grade 13 student Elizabeth Force who also won the University entrance award and top grade nine student Margaret Mackenzie. Missing when picture was taken is top grade 10 student Neil Franklin.

# County Council Briefs

**Make New Town Hall Centennial Project?**

Haltom County Council convened for the first time in its new council chambers at the newly opened County Administration Building on Tuesday afternoon.

To mark the occasion, Warden C. A. Martin suggested the name of each councillor should be listed in the minutes, and arranged to have each of the 14 members move or second a motion so their names would be on permanent record as attending the first meeting in the new building.

Councillors gathered in the lounge adjoining the council chambers for a brief reception at the conclusion of the meeting. All were pleased with the modern new facilities.

Reeve Irving Ryckman of Burlington and Reeve John E. Burt of Georgetown suggested a letter of thanks should be forwarded to all newspapers, radio and TV stations for successfully publicizing the opening of the building. They noted a large crowd attended the Sunday open house in response to the publicity. Letters are also to be sent to municipal councils and building suppliers and contractors, who provided flowers and refreshments for the opening ceremonies Saturday.

Council learned a committee of department heads suggested last month had been formed and first two meetings had been held. The group is to meet regularly to promote more efficient administration of, and cooperation between, the county boards and committees. First job of the new committee is to set a personnel policy that would be applicable to all departments.

Children's Aid Society director J. Paul Lottie submitted a C.A.S. report covering the first nine months of 1962. It showed a big increase in requests for service to families, unmarriageable parents and adoptive applicants. 205 to date compared to 110 in the same period of 1961. Mr. Lottie reported a homemaker is being engaged before March 31, 1963 as a pilot project to test the value of homemaker service and to assist in the work of protecting children from neglect.

# Fall Fair Exhibitor Wins Award

An 18-year-old showman at Acton Fall Fair Roy Stoney of Guelph who walked off with J. B. Ledger challenge trophy, for the Grand Champion steer of all beef breeds this year, stepped the Queen's Guards at the Royal Winter Fair with the same animal.

The young showman has been a yearly exhibitor at Acton Fair and has won several awards. His 14-month-old Aberdeen Angus cow, classed 230 other steers at the Royal Winter Fair, this week captured the historic \$6,000 award now listed at \$750. He also took the Angus championship.

**Swarm in Ring**

When the judges' decision was announced, friends and competitors swarmed over the boards in the show area and carried the young competitor around the ring on their shoulders. During the trophy presentations in 1962, the Guelph showman placed among the top 10 steers with his steers. This year is the first championship for him. His father, Roy Stoney, has been a competitor at the Winter Fair since 1949. Roy is eligible for the championship since he won this year.

The A. J. Verducci Society, with Ed Egan and the local exhibitors at Acton Fair are offering a challenge to the young showman.

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# Court Studies 19 Appeals \$22,950 Decrease Made

During a two-day Court of Revision in Acton, 25 assessments were reviewed. 19 appeals were lodged.

Appeals dealt with by the Court of Revision included the following reductions: R. J. Holmes, \$950 on residential buildings; M. Hinton, \$75 on residential land and \$975 on residential buildings; J. E. Smith, \$50 on residential land and \$175 on residential building; N. Merkle, \$25 on residential land and \$400 on building; D. Dawkins, \$750 on residential building; W. Dumarsh, \$475 on residential building; \$200 on commercial land and \$50 on business assessment; P. Unger, \$25 on building; H. Hufnagel, \$225 on residential land; W. McLeod, \$575 on residential land; R. Gowling, \$375 on residential land; \$700 on residential building; \$25 on commercial land, \$125 on commercial building; \$425 on commercial building and \$150 business assessment; J. Bruce, increased \$25; McEellan Estate, \$300 residential land increase; \$25 residential building; \$200 commercial land and \$25 commercial building; Mason Knitting Co., \$6,575 industrial building; \$1,925 industrial business assessment; A. Orr, \$225 residential land; Beatty and Co., \$40 residential land; H. Grahame, \$25 residential land; Mrs. L. Wreck, \$1,300 residential land; D. I. Moore, \$150 business assessment; Simpsons Sears, \$175 business assessment.

Total reductions granted amounted to \$1,350 for land, \$17,500 for buildings, \$4,400 for business, resulting in a total reduction amounting to \$22,950.

Members of the court of revision included John B. Au, Alder, Near, Gordon Brown, Dewar, Flemming and George Esh.

# Renew Program Sabin Vaccine When Released

As soon as Sabin polio vaccine is officially released we will be making plans to carry on a program in Haltom," Dr. A. Bull commented this week.

Dr. M. B. Dymond, Minister of Health for Ontario has endorsed the resumption throughout Ontario of the Sabin polio vaccine program if certain recommended conditions are observed.

**Salk A Must**

The Sabin vaccine will not be administered to anyone who has not had the basic Salk vaccine protection nor to anyone who is not in a state of good health.

About 30,000 school age children in Haltom received the Sabin oral vaccine prior to its suspension in September. Dr. Bull noted he would expect to have the second dose of vaccine administered before the end of the school year in June to the eligible students, preschoolers and adults.

The Department of Health provides Sabin oral vaccine free to the local health departments.

The Limestone school will be officially opened on November 30.

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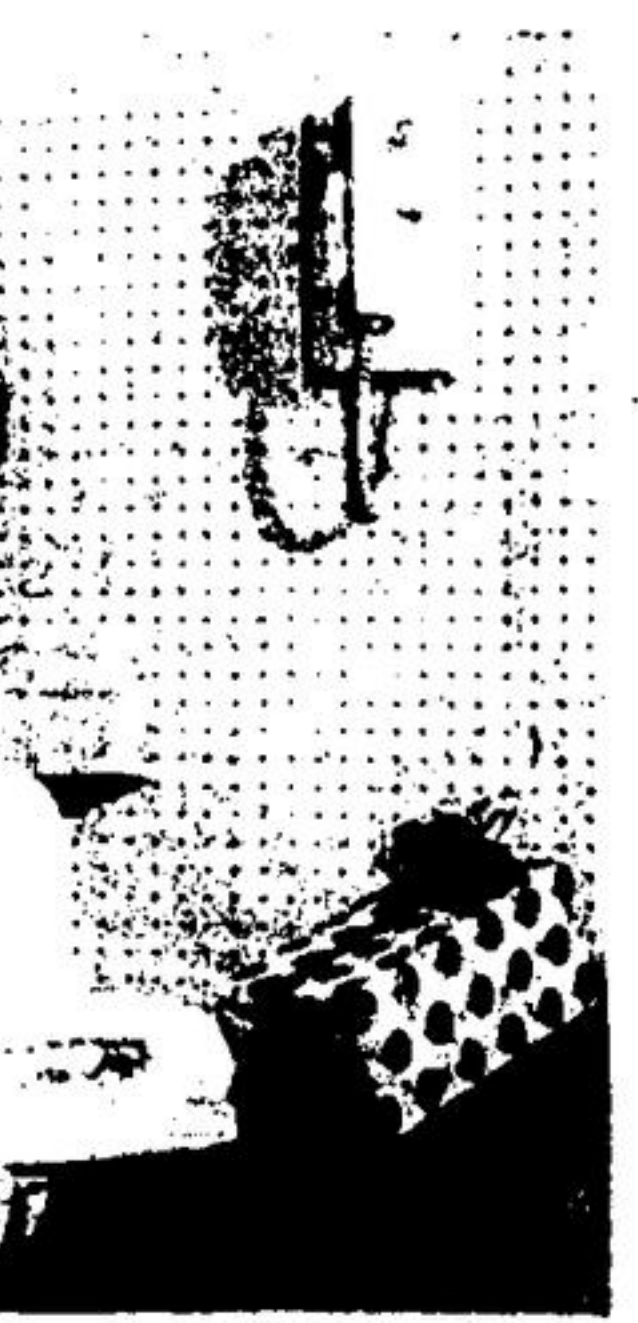
Warden C. A. Martin, Reeve of Milton will host county councillors, the county staff, past wardens and other guests to the annual Haltom County Warden's Dinner November 29 at the Riviera, Club, Norval.

J. F. Whitelock, a friend of the Warden's has accepted a request to be chairman of the banquet. Dr. Emory G. Stewart of Kitchener is to be guest speaker. Several presentations are on the agenda.

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The Acton Fire Department reports that the placing of the FIRE NUMBER (853-1212) on all telephone instruments in the area has helped to make many more people aware of the number but hasn't completely solved the problem of false alarms.

Bell Long distance operators have found that this program has also created a few problems. It seems that some customers, becoming confused as to which is the FIRE EMERGENCY NUMBER and which is their own number. When you place a long distance call, the operator asks for the number you are calling from and quite often the customer gives her the FIRE NUMBER. As you can imagine, this leads to incorrect billing of charges and generally poor service to all concerned.

The Fire Department in Rockwood is now planning a similar program and telephone users in Framas Township should be careful to quote their own telephone number when placing a call and not the Rockwood FIRE NUMBER (856-9511).