

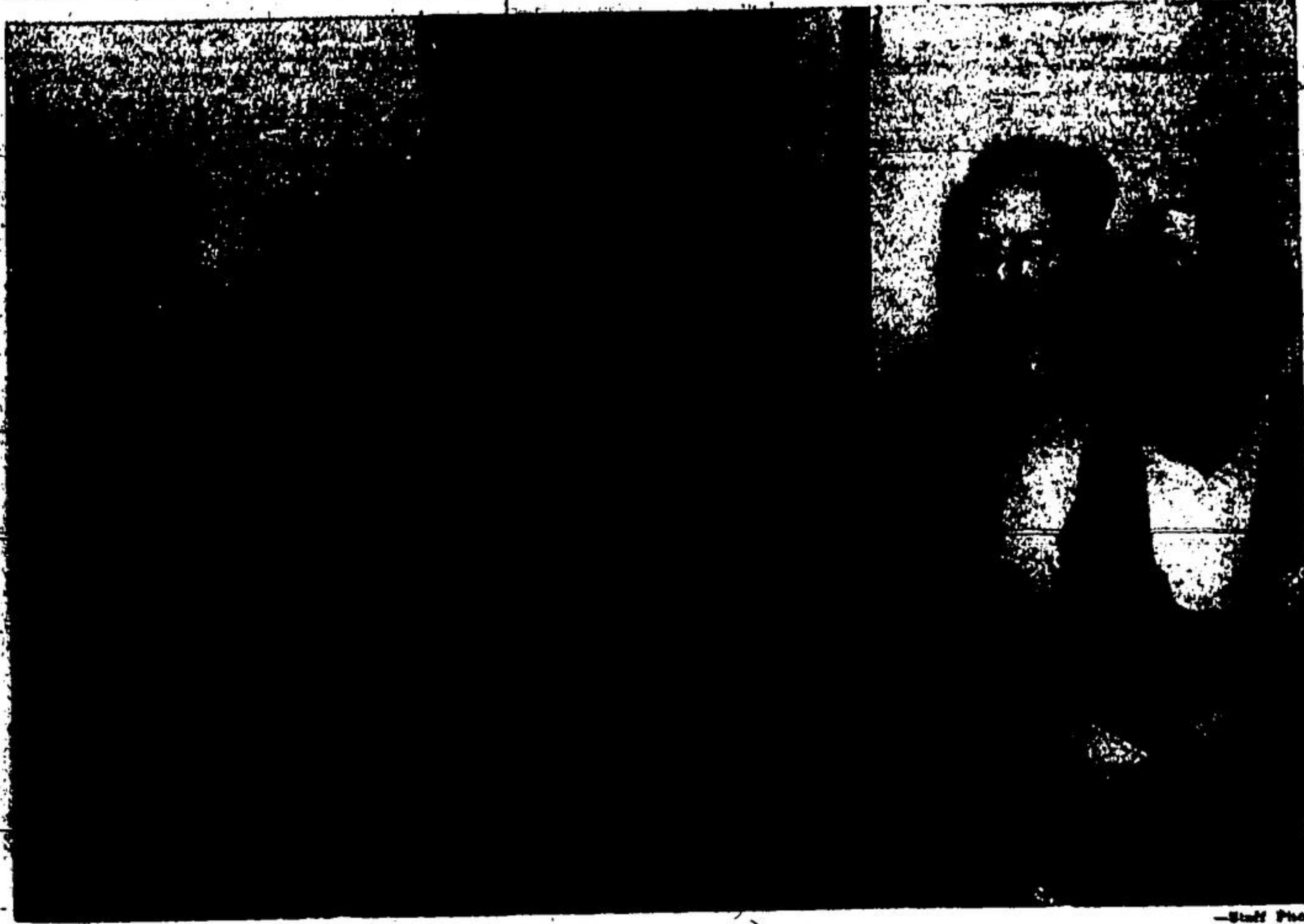
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**NEW INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT** of Y's Men's clubs G. W. McKenzie, centre, shows some of the gifts and souvenirs he received at the international convention in Buffalo. Left to right are Mrs. McKenzie, Mrs. John Wirt, Mr. McKenzie, John Clegg, international delegate at the convention from England, and Mr. Wirt, international travel co-ordinator for Y's Men, from Sanger,

California. Their gay hats are convention souvenirs, and Mrs. McKenzie wears a carefully-preserved beautiful mauve orchid lei, fashioned of 3,000 Hawaiian orchids, which was given to her. Mr. McKenzie had a lei too, but sent it to Nova Scotia with a departing delegate. Mr. McKenzie takes office in September.

## Meet Credit Flood Levy From Current Revenue

At the request of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, Acton Council on Tuesday agreed to notify the Ontario Municipal Board that Acton would meet its annual levy for Flood Control and Water Conservation from current revenue. At the present time the general levy for the Credit Valley Authority is 90c per capita. The authority feels the levy for Flood Control and Water Conservation can be raised within this 90c levy. Any increase in the amount of annual general levy would be covered by the natural increase in population.

In the 15-year Flood Control and Water Conservation project, Acton's annual levy will rise from the 1977 figure of \$249.8 to the 1992 figure of \$300.0. Reeve Hinton pointed out that the 90c per capita levy in the Credit Valley Conservation Authority compares very favorably with the \$1.25 per capita levy in the 16 Mile Creek Authority.

### Ed MacDonald Appointed

Ed MacDonald, Mowbray Pl., perennial candidate for municipal office, was appointed to the planning board. Recommended by the Planning Board, Mr. MacDonald will fill the unexpired term of R. H. Elliott who has resigned due to the "pressure of other interests."

Office manager Joe Hurst, acting as clerk during the vacation of J. McGeechie, was given power of attorney to sign cheques, along with the mayor or reeve.

### Billowing Smoke

Councillor Wood reported calls to complain of smoke from the dump which billows over Glenlea subdivision. He wondered if it would be possible to use the landfill method to eliminate the burning. Mayor Duby reported it had been suggested a new dump site be located and the committee was investigating. He reported the workmen don't have time to cover the dump with earth each week.

The subject was referred to

No. 2 committee which will attempt to have a contractor cover the open face of the dump.

### Dust, Chlorine

Councillor Peel related complaints he had received about a dust problem from the parking lot at the Mayfair Restaurant. The dust from the lot settles on the homes and gardens of the nearby residents. He also reported complaints about the amount of chlorine in the drinking water. He said he didn't "think chlorine was needed in the water now."

### Industrial Committee

Joe Hurst reported to council on the activities of the Halton Industrial Committee on which he is Acton's representative. The committee is preparing a display for the World Plowing Match in Peel County this fall. He was asked to request the erection of sign board promoting location of industries in Halton on No. 7 highway at the west and east approaches to the county. The monthly police report was received. This sparked Police

Chairman Bert Hinton to recommend a study of the feasibility of establishing a municipal police department. The clerk is to request from Georgetown and Milton a copy of their budget in regard to police costs.

### Extended Phone Area

Representatives of Bell Telephone Company will attend a committee meeting to discuss with Council the merits of the proposed extended area service to Guelph. Council received notification from the County that the bounty paid on taxes has been increased to \$7.

Having completed three months work with the town, D. Swackhammer and Matt Johnston were advanced to the next pay category.

Work is under way on the ditching program on Victoria Ave. Workmen will move in to the project on Mill St. E. so that work will be completed by the deadline. Workmen will then start on the sidewalk and drainage on Mill St. W.

## Distinguished Y's Men Visit Pleasant Evening Starts Late

Although the guests of honor didn't arrive till 10.30 p.m. there was a pleasant gathering of Y's Men and their wives last Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rognvaldson to meet two distinguished Y's Men, John Wirt of California and John Clegg of Weston-Super-Mare, England.

Mr. Wirt, who came with his wife, is co-ordinator of overseas delegates and Mr. Clegg is one of those delegates, as well as a friend of the Rognvaldsons.

### Up From Convention

The three guests, the hosts and most of the others had been at the international Y's Men's convention in Buffalo last week when G. W. McKenzie was elected international president of all the clubs.

Mr. and Mrs. Wirt are both school teachers. They have two daughters. Louise 17, is touring Europe this summer with the California Girls' Choir as featured soloist. Their other daughter, Sherron, 19, is office manager for a Y camp in California for the summer.

John Clegg is an architect with

the firm of R. H. Gallanachs in Somerset, England.

Chatting with them for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Mansell Nellis, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Bonnetto, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Fyfe Somerville, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilson, Harry Arbie, the Wirt's hosts, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. McKenzie and the Rognvaldsons, Mr. Clegg's hosts.

After a tour of Acton and a trip up north Saturday, Mr. Clegg left Sunday for the States by plane. He'll be visiting clubs there for several weeks.

Mr. McKenzie received a gold signet ring with the Y's Men's crest from Ontario Y's Men. The presentation was made Monday.

## Bob Duby Passes Embalming Exams

Bob Duby has completed his apprenticeship and was successful in passing the examinations of the Canadian School of Embalming for the Province of Ontario. He will be associated with Bruce Shoemaker at the Rumlly Shoemaker Funeral Home.

## Dr. W. Kenney Retires From Medical Practice

Dr. W. G. C. Kenney, who graduated from medical school in 1926 and began practising in Acton in 1941, has retired this week due to ill health. He is presently in Guelph General Hospital.

His Mill St. office is closed and he and Mrs. Kenney will be moving from their apartment there to a house just outside Acton.

### Citizen of Year

In April, 1960, Dr. Kenney was given the town's highest honor and named Citizen of the Year for his "dedication to the medical profession, his philanthropic works and his humanitarian service to the people of Acton."

His family has been associated with Acton for 105 years. He went to school here, left to work as a printer's devil at the Free Press, went west, graduated from the Ontario Veterinary College and then served overseas in World War I. He was invalided back to England and on his return to Canada went to medical school.

### On Hospital Staff

He was a doctor in the Sick

Children's Hospital and St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto, was senior house doctor in gynaecology and obstetrics at Toronto General Hospital and was associated with the Toronto College



DR. W. G. C. KENNEY

of Obstetrics. He practised in clinics in Ontario before opening a practice in Newmarket and then Bracebridge.

He began his practice in Acton in 1941 and has conscientiously tended hundreds of grateful patients. He is a favorite of the children. He has had long office hours seven days a week, and seldom had a holiday other than a single afternoon.

It is hoped he will long enjoy his well-earned retirement.

## New Dentist Coming Soon

Acton will have a third dentist. The badly-needed addition to the ranks of the dental profession is Dr. Cedric Dey, a native of British Guiana, who has been practising in Toronto for the past three years. He received some of his education in the States, and graduated from the University of Toronto in dentistry.

He will be opening his office in the Hinton building as soon as the rooms are prepared—likely in September. He will commute until he finds a home for his wife and young daughter.

He stood near the top of his graduating class and has an excellent reputation. He was interested in track and field events at university.

## Trailer at Construction Camp, Men's Belongings Lost in Fire

Five of unknown origin early Wednesday destroyed a 35-foot trailer housing the bunk rooms and kitchen of the W. R. Greenley Construction camp north of Limehouse. The trailer, built to house nine camp workers, was home for four men presently working in the gravel pit. Losing all their possessions, except the clothes they were wearing were Grant McPhail, Earl Hicks, Carl Newman and Cameron Jackson. The men were away from camp for the evening and returned to find their quarters a mass of flame.

W. R. Greenley, owner of the camp, was asleep in another trailer at the site. Mrs. Greenley was visiting neighbors.

Acton firemen responded to the alarm about 2:00 a.m. and fought the fire with water carried on the pumper. A second fire pumper from Georgetown arrived and held the fire in check while the Acton pumper went to a creek and refilled water tanks. Firemen didn't come back to town until 4 a.m.

For a time it was feared propane storage tanks might explode. However, the only explosion occurred when a fire blew out. Propane gas was used to operate the refrigerator and for cooking.

A truck attached to the trailer was disconnected by the workmen and was driven out of danger.

At the fire Mrs. Greenley esti-

mated the loss could run as high as \$4500, part of which was covered by insurance.

The Greenley crew have been working in the pit at Lot 25, Concession 5, Esquesing for about a

month and expected to remain one week longer. A stock pile had been completed for the Township of Esquesing and this week work was started on a supply for the County of Halton.



DESTROYED IN middle of the night blaze was a 35-foot trailer at the W. R. Greenley Construction camp north of Limehouse. Acton firefighters were at the blaze for two hours early Wednesday morning, assisted by Georgetown firemen. The four men living in the trailer lost all their possessions. Loss was partly covered by insurance.

## St. Joseph's Parish Has Distinguished Guest

Members of St. Joseph's Parish in Acton were honored for the past two weeks with the presence of Monsignor Benigno Didero of Italy who was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Braida.

Monsignor first visited Canada when he was four years of age and then returned to Italy with his family and parents. After completing seven years in the Seminary in Italy, he came to Canada with his mother and two brothers, following the death of his father. He studied in Toronto for a year and returned to Italy for his Ordination in 1923. He was subsequently elevated to the rank of Monsignor and is at present Secretary to the Bishop of Ventimiglia whose residence overlooks the Italian Riviera. He is well known in Northern Italy for his fine oratory.

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### Hold Power Reunion At Farm in District

Live steam engines will be in action at the Pioneer Power Reunion of Canada on Friday and Saturday, August 23 and 24, at Leslie Lowe's farm, R.R. 1, Campbellville. Big crowds are expected to inspect the pioneer equipment. There are contests and prizes.

Tuesday morning after it rained all night park caretaker Roy Arnot kept the cars off the track and newly-patched holes were awash.

## Mrs. C. A. Grant Engaged School Board Secretary

Mrs. C. A. Grant of Stewartville was engaged as Secretary of the School Board at its regular meeting on Tuesday, Mrs. Grant will cost \$475.

Start her duties on August 15. Tenders for drapes for the new Pinesview School were opened; no decision will be made pending further investigation by the caretaker at the new Pinesview city committee.

A proposal for furniture for the school by E. S. A. was accepted. The board agreed the cost of supplying teachers' desks and chairs, furniture for the principal's office, and furniture for the teachers' room is \$1100.

Furniture for the principal's office will be of a walnut finish. In the teachers' room the wood will be a cork finish while the teachers' desks will be birch.

### Progress Payment

A progress payment to the contractor, approved by the architects, amounting to \$17,121.62 was approved for payment.

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### Paving Tenders

Companies at Hamilton were accepted for paving at the Limehouse and Milton Heights schools. A grading and graveling tender of H. Trowbridge for work at Milton Heights school was also accepted. Tender price was \$675.

Cost of paving was \$1944.42 at Limehouse and \$758.34 at Milton Heights. A white acoustic plaster ceiling will be installed.

### Open Fair

Dr. Carl Martin, Halton's warden, has agreed to officially open the fair.

The biggest midway in the history of the fair has been guaranteed. King Shows will bring between 10 and 12 rides. 25 Pinatas. Officials were delighted to learn 25 floats have been entered in the parade as well as the usual section of marching children. A dancing school will also enter horses and there'll be antique cars and buggies. (Continued on Page Five)

### ing will be sprayed on two classrooms at Milton Heights by Bob

Watkins at a cost of \$200. Painting of the ceiling would have cost \$475.

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## Grocery Store Changes Hands

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Walther have sold their grocery business on Young Street and are moving to Brampton.

The new owners are Mr. and Mrs. Albert Leather, who come originally from Hamilton but recently have had a hotel business in Ridgeway. They had liked Acton passing through and prefer a small town so when the opportunity presented itself they decided to come here. They have a daughter, Carol Ann, 11, and they'll live in the apartment above the store. Mr. Leather served in the air force during the war.

## Fair Directors Hear Parade Contest, Midway Shaping Up

The three street banners advertising the 50th anniversary edition of Acton Fall Fair will go up this week. 26 enthusiastic directors learned at their meeting last night (Wednesday) in the community centre. An archway to go over the park entrance will go up as soon as it is finished, and posters and bumper stickers will be put out.

Final arrangements have been made for the Canadianna Square Dancers who'll be a special attraction on Saturday afternoon. There are three sets of girls from eight to 12 years of age.