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New Library One Step Closer Purchase School Land for \$1

A new library for Acton is nearer reality. Land has been purchased for \$1 for a centennial library site from the Acton public school board. The architect's sketches are done. All that remains now is proof of financing, approval from the government for the project and construction.

Application will be made to begin. Application for the project must be in the hands of the Government Centennial Committee not later than November 9.

Tuesday night council was informed by the school board land was available fronting on Main and River Streets at a cost of \$1 plus costs for legal and engineering fees. The offer was snapped up and Mayor Les Duby and clerk administrator Jack McGeachie immediately signed the agreement with pleasure and satisfaction. The proposed library will be partially financed under the centennial plan sponsored by the government which is making funds available to any community with a centennial project.

Attractive Corner
Land purchased for the proposed building from the school board is located along Main St. N. extending back 175 feet bordering on River St. Several meetings had been held with Acton Centennial committee and school board after committee members decided the shady, attractive school location would be the most suitable.

Monday evening, a special public school board meeting was held and the decision made to sell approximately 175 x 190 feet of the property for the purpose of building a library. The building is expected to be approximately 2,800 square feet and have a basement and main floor.

Field Trip Here
Wednesday morning, Phil Stone from CHUM radio station, who is Centennial Field Representative, visited the government, visited Acton and viewed details of the library project with representatives of council and centennial committee.

Before the final decision was made on the building site centennial committee turned the midnight of on many occasions. First approaches to school board were met with opposition from two trustees.

Joint Meeting
Last Thursday's joint meeting with committee and board members was considered the first one at which a solution to a building site problem was possible. Members of both groups came within 15 feet of an agreement after board members learned the Department of Education had approved the sale of 175 x 175 square feet of school land. Committee members hung out for an extra 15 feet after trustees tentatively agreed to sale of approximately 175 x 190 square feet of land.

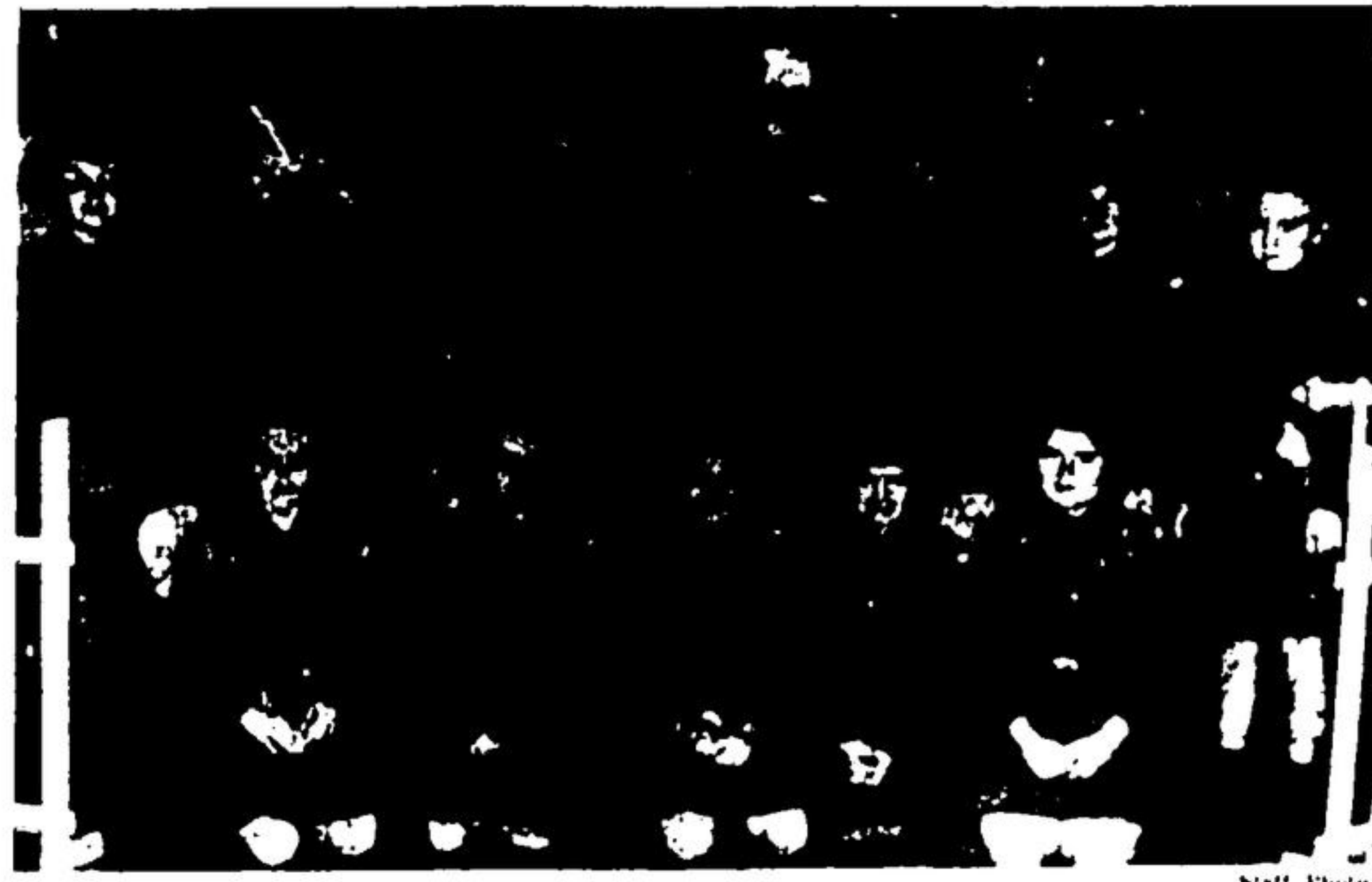
At one point during the joint meeting, school board chairman Doug Manning exclaimed he would like to see the roomy parcel of land given to the centennial committee to do with as they like, to create something the town could be proud of.

Start by 1967
When the letter from the school board was read at council Tuesday, members learned the sale of the land hinged on the project being started by January 1, 1967 or the land would revert to the original owners. Earth removed for the excavation of the basement will be dumped on school property.

Now the way has been paved for the proposed library, Acton Centennial Committee members have their work cut out for them. Approval must be obtained from the Ontario Municipal Board after proof of financing is submitted. Following this application to the government for the building project must be made by November 9.

Committee members will also have to determine where the building will be located on the newly acquired land, make plans for landscaping and provide details for parking as well as many other small details.

At last it appears that the overcrowded and misused present library accommodation may soon be replaced by a brand new commodious building for adult readers and students.



FLY-UP CEREMONY for 13 Brownies who rose to Guides was conducted at the Scout Hall Wednesday evening as mothers of the girls watched. Kneeling front row left to right are Susan Marchment, Margaret Slaven, Karen Ashley, Elizabeth Gieger and Heather McCutcheon. Second row left to right are Julie Smith, Marie Holmes, Judy Cameron, Jessie Ann David, Carolyn Thompson, Leona Synott, Cathy Cook and Carol McCutcheon. Back row left is Captain Mrs. John Lowrie and right is Lieutenant Mrs. Lloyd Streets.

Delayed all Summer

Chain Link Fence to go Up Residents Drop Objections

A summer long war waged by two Lake Avenue residents against Parks Board action to erect a chain link fence between parkland and private property came to an end when residents called a halt to their battle and accepted the advice from a solicitor to allow the fence to be erected.

Early in the spring, Parks Board purchased chain link fence and had 350 feet of the old board fence dismantled to begin their project of replacing the entire length of board fencing. At this stage, nine residents whose property borders on the parkland raised an objection to the chain link fence at a public meeting. Two of the residents pushed their complaint further and hired a solicitor.

Parks Board called in fence

viewers to make a ruling in order to have the dispute settled. Fence viewers recommended the county judge pass judgment. Judge George Elliot in turn ruled the fence viewers must either take action or resign.

As a result Jack Dennis, William Thompson and Fred Cole, Acton's fence viewers, met with board members and Lake Ave residents to discuss the problem and explain what could result according to law.

Following this meeting the Georgetown solicitor engaged by the two residents was contacted and in turn he advised his clients to drop their complaint. Originally Parks Board agreed to install the chain link fence and assume all costs for erection and maintenance. According to law costs for the erection of the

fence and maintenance costs can be assessed equally among residents involved and the Parks Board.

Chairman Cliff Bradley this week reports Parks Board will continue with construction of the chain link fence and assume all costs.

During the period of time the dispute has been going on, 50 feet of chain link fence was stolen from the park, work has been halted and visitors to Acton park have stared at an unsightly section of snow fence instead of the sturdy new steel fence.

Whether the new fence is erected this fall or left until next spring, whether the entire section of 750 feet is erected or only a portion, is a decision which Parks Board members will make as soon as possible.

Debate Variety of Tropics

J. McGeachie Named Urban Bd. Secretary

Jack McGeachie, clerk-administrator of Acton, was named secretary to the North Halton Urban Board recently, taking over a position vacated by the death this summer of Milton's clerk-administrator Jim Costigan.

Mr. Costigan had served the Urban Board for several years prior to his sudden death. The Board comprises councillors from Milton, Acton and Georgetown, who meet monthly to discuss mutual problems of municipal government.

Variety of Topics
During the September meeting members from the three towns held discussions ranging over a wide variety of subjects — including centennial projects, high school budgets, auditoriums, housing by-laws, new subdivision services, street lighting, annexation and the Ontario Municipal Association.

In the discussion on centennial projects, Georgetown members

announced they had offered \$80,000 to purchase the former Cedarvale Girls' School for a public park and community centre program. Acton delegates noted they are pursuing a new library as a centennial project, estimated to cost about \$40,000, while Milton members reported they have applied for grants on a \$20,000 project that will convert the null pond in central Milton into a public park.

Milton councillors, faced with a request for an auditorium at the Martin St. school that the public school board wants to convert into a senior public school, asked what auditoriums are available in the other towns. Georgetown has six public and separate schools, with one auditorium and one to be erected next year. The Acton delegates reported two schools with one auditorium, and the high school has a combined gym and auditorium. In Milton there are four public and separate schools, with no auditorium.

Loitering, Apartments
Loitering by-laws were discussed, in light of the recent plaza jams and downtown loitering problems that were besetting police. Georgetown members wondered if other towns had much control over basement apartments, and noted they recently had one single family dwelling that was occupied by 35 people at one time.

Delay Land Purchase For Special Session

Further action to pick up an option on approximately 75 acres of proposed industrial land from Anthony Hufnagel was postponed Tuesday evening by council and will be dealt with at a special meeting next week.

During Tuesday's meeting with only six members present, council received a recommendation from the industrial committee to purchase the Hufnagel property at an estimated cost of \$50,000. Before completion of the purchase a by-law must be passed for presentation to the Ontario Municipal Board for its approval for the transaction.

Second Appraisal
Council members also learned only one appraisal of the property had been made instead of two which had been ordered by the O.M.B. Mayor Les Duby as special members the second appraisal would be made immediately.

The clerk reminded council the offer of purchase was supposed to be in the hands of Mr. Hufnagel's solicitor not later than Wednesday, September 30, and reported the land owner had been hospitalized in Toronto Tuesday morning.

Present for the Tuesday meeting were Mayor Les Duby, Reeve H. H. Hinton, Deputy Reeve J. Bert Wood and councillors Mrs. George Fryer, Alfred Truett and Eric Johnston. Absent were councillors Ray Arbie, Alec Johnson and Hamilton Peal.

Anyone interested in renting a room at their home for a polling booth? Council will pay \$15 for a home in Ward 1, subdivision 2, and one in Ward 4 for the coming municipal elections.

Previously polling booths were located in the Y.M.C.A. for these wards but council is seeking private homes where polling clerks can be comfortable and warm. Other polling places will remain the same as other years.

Careless car drivers came under fire at council Tuesday when Mayor Les Duby sparked the fire with his story on seven recent complaints from ratepayers. The mayor said the residents had complained about cars screeching tires around corners as late as 2:40 a.m. in the morning.

Mr. Duby stated the citizens should take the license numbers of offending vehicles and report to police and lay charges. He told members council would have to back up police after charges were laid.

Accounts totalling \$7,267.29 were approved for payment. Council also agreed to pay the balance owing on the Urban Board fee amounting to \$235 as well as an account to Inverleigh Construction Co. for work on Church and Brook Street bridges amounting to \$7,822.72.

Underground Wiring \$3,000 For New Queen St. Lighting

Acton Hydro Commission postponed a decision regarding improving lighting on Queen St. E. until council representatives could be present. This action was taken Thursday evening of last week after blueprints of the area were reviewed. Due to other commitments, no council representative was present for the Hydro meeting.

At previous meetings, three alternatives had been presented for the commission's consideration but no decision was reached Thursday night. It was learned the extra cost for underground services on Queen St.

would be approximately \$1,000. This information prompted commissioners to take another look at earlier propositions and seek additional information from council.

It was also agreed to have linesman Dorson Fizzell assist with line work and light standard painting following his recent illness and hospitalization. Commissioners agreed the linesman could be a great help operating the truck and aerial bucket as well as supervising painting light standards with casual labour.

Amendments Next To Plan of Town

An official plan for the town of Acton was reviewed Thursday evening of last week when representatives from Project Planners and Acton Planning Board reviewed the plan. Messrs. Warren and Flood represented Project Planners.

Each board member received a copy of the plan to study prior to the next meeting. At this time, it is expected some amendments will be made and the plan accepted for submission to council for its approval.

Once approved by council, it will be returned to the Department of Planning and Development for final approval and acceptance.

Board members also granted severance of a small piece of land owned by Elma and Nino Branda to B. Consolo in order to make Mr. Consolo's building lot conform with the zoning by-law.

Tooting Trains in Early Hours Necessary, C.N.R. Official Says

Tooting trains sped into Acton council's agenda once again Tuesday evening when a letter was read from L. B. McDonald, training master-foreman of the C.N.R.

Following complaints at a previous council meeting regarding early morning trains tooting whistles for an extensive time and awakening residents, a letter of complaint was sent to C.N.R. officials.

The reply Tuesday stated regret at any inconvenience caused by the trains but stipulated engineers were obliged to sound whistles at all crossing grades unless a town by-law prohibiting

whistles was approved by the Department of Transport.

Council approved a recommendation from the administration committee to have the Emergency Measures Organization recruit and establish an auxiliary volunteer police force in Acton.

No Hearing Yet
During enquiries by members Reeve H. H. Hinton asked if any word had been received regarding a public hearing over the Leishman parkland which council intended to sell for building lots. He was told the Ontario Municipal Board had been contacted but no date for a hearing set.

Mrs. George Fryer, only lady councillor, asked if any further action had been taken regarding spotlights at the Mill-Main intersection. She was informed the Department of Transport had been in town for three weeks taking surveys but no reply had been received by the town regarding the outcome of decision.

Mayor Duby suggested next year's council seriously consider some means of safety for school children walking on Wallace Avenue. At present there are no sidewalks in the area and children are forced to walk on the road.

At Legion

114 Area Donors Give Blood At Annual Red Cross Clinic

In spite of a poor start weatherwise Thursday of last week, skies cleared and 114 donors turned out to the Red Cross Blood Clinic to donate a pint of blood.

For the first time in two years the Hamilton branch of the Red Cross were on hand again and were equipped to handle as many donors as cared to donate.

The clinic, sponsored in conjunction with the Red Cross was supported by Branch 197 and the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary with volunteer helpers on hand to assist.

Helping prepare hot coffee, tea and cookies for the donors were Mrs. Lloyd Masales, Mrs. Del Jordan, Mrs. George Lazenby, Mrs.

Jim McKnight, Mrs. Charles Townsley and Mrs. Albert Irwin. In charge of registrations were Mrs. William Finley, R.N., and Mrs. Frank Toth. On the reception committee were Mrs. Arthur Ford and Mrs. George Angell with Mrs. W. McHugh, Mrs. G. Fryer and Mrs. George Hall assisting in the cloakroom.

Assisting the Red Cross were Mrs. Dave Gordon, R.N., and Mrs. Doug Rogers, graduate nurse, as well as Belle Mac Russell, Mrs. George Hargrave and Mrs. Eddie Heffernan from the St. John Ambulance Brigade. Typing lists during the afternoon and evening were Mrs. Mac Symon and

Mrs. William Dumarsh. Red Cross workers under the supervision of Mrs. Irene Costie R.N., included Mrs. L. Douglas, Mrs. L. Borbath and Mrs. P. Wilkowsky. Mrs. D. Kelly, Mrs. G. O'Brien, Miss D. White, Mrs. A. Kalupnick and Mrs. I. Cserhati all of Hamilton.

Organizers for the clinic were Mrs. Finley of the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary and James Gunn, president of Branch 197, Royal Canadian Legion.

List Donors
The following is a list of the donors during the day and evening.

William Coker, Hope Weir, John Krapek, Don Ryder, Bob Vlietstra, George Ware, Victor Bristow, Alex Commando, Gordon McCutcheon, Lorna Chisholm, Keith Livermore, Alice Duby, Leslie Duby, Henry Earle, Herbert Hinton, Edward Hansen, Wm. Douglas Mason, Frank Toth Jr., Victor Patrick, James Caird, Emerson Baxter, Richard Gammon, Rev. George Gammon, Victor Ruach, Mark Latimer.

Charles Homer, Arthur Turnbull, Elda Fryer, Wilmer Fryer, Geraldine Bowman, George Wingate, John Proper, Marie Proper, Allan Gordon, Linda Ensing, Richard Lee, Albert Ford, John Van Stralen, Michael De Jong, Alex Gordon, John Crossy, Nellie Van Arragon, Donald Lindsay, Donald McIntyre, Dirk Van Stralen, Gail Van Stralen, George Hargrave, David Hargrave, Noah Rowse, Ray Thompson, George Gidman, Harry Ensing, Charles McCarron, Clarence Coles, Wilma Coles, Lois Douglas, Roy Knappton, Keith Ramey.

William Nicolak, S. D. Gunn, J. V. Metcalf, Fred Sampson, Edna Sampson, Jessie Price, Gordon (Continued on Page 5)

Scottish Country Dances Shown Younsters at Y

On Friday evening eight Guelph lassies visited the Y to show the Scottish country dances which they had learned with their teacher Jack Crosbie. The young ladies were Linda Burns, Wendy Forewell, Ann Kearns, Barbara MacKay, Jeannie McLaughlin, Heather McKinnon, Elspeth Raitan and Helen Sare.

Driven to Acton by Mrs. Forestell and Mr. Burns, they danced happily and gracefully performing "Hoopers Jig", a reel, "The White Cockade" and "La Tempete", named "Scoush" which aptly describes the carefree dashes up and down the room.

Mr. Crosbie explained the various tempos of the dances to the audience in the Y. Then he invited the Acton children to form a circle with the Guelph visitors, in white dresses with Bruce Tartan sashes, and without more ado they were all going through the basic steps necessary to know when performing the country dancing.

How quickly and early the young learn with the infectious Scottish tunes all seemed quite simple.

Next Mr. Crosbie formed the group into sets of eight and was soon explaining the formations and the young people were piecing together one of the organized dances.

The Acton children taking part were Bonnie and Linda Bannan, Debbie Drinkwater, Diane and Debbie Bousfield, Trudy Howson, Mary Frances Marcoux and Patricia Sampson.

UN Seminar
Avel Nieszczeri spoke to Rotarians Tuesday on his experiences at the United Nations seminar held in Waterloo. The Rotary club was one of the town's sponsoring groups. The high school student was introduced by Ted Hansen and thanked by the Rev. A. H. McKenzie.



"YOU PUT THE RIGHT FOOT OUT" was one of the first instructions given Acton youngsters when they took their initial lesson in Scottish dancing Friday night from Guelph instructor Jack Crosbie. Receiving instruction front row left to right are Deborah Bousfield, Debbie Drinkwater and Lynda Bannan. Back row left to right are Mary Frances Marcoux, Patricia Sampson, Diane Bousfield and Carol Patterson.



150 YEARS OF TOOTING their horns is the combined record these three Acton bandmen have racked up. Ray Agnew and Rudy Spilvegel have played in bands 45 years each and Charles Mason, centre, has a total of 60 years as a bandman. Mr. Mason played at his 60th Acton Fall Fair this year.