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## Acton Water Supply Class "A" O.W.R.C. Report Quite Favorable

Acton council Tuesday evening learned Acton's water was Class "A" according to a recent report from the Ontario Water Resources Commission.

This information was received by No. 7 committee of council and related to council as a whole Tuesday. Samples had been taken in various areas of town and had proved quite satisfactory.

It was also learned from the clerk that a Court of Revision would hear three assessment appeals on November 13 in the town council chambers. Five appeals had originally been filed but two had since been withdrawn. They are all residential assessment appeals.

It was also reported an application had been made by D. A. Rogers for permission to build on his present lot a laundry, a laundromat. Application had been tentatively approved by a committee of council but it was recommended that council decide whether Planning Board or a committee of council should handle the application. At present, Mr. Rogers' laundromat is located in another building on Mill Street West, across from his present premises.

**Various Business**

Learned a public hearing on an application by Ajax Engineering for rezoning property would be held November 5 in the council chamber.

Authorized town workman Don Swackhamer to attend a

senior operator's course sponsored by the O.W.R.C. from September 7 to 11.

Approved accounts for payment totalling \$4,115.35.

Learned a Church St. resident decided 'never to lose faith'. A promise made when Bud McDonald was reeve to raise the resident's sidewalk to proper grade had been completed by town workmen this week.

## Nomination, Election

Acton council set gears in motion Tuesday evening for the coming nomination meeting and, if an election is necessary, established polling stations and times for voting.

Nomination meeting will be held at the Robert Little school auditorium, Thursday, November 26, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Nominations will be received by the clerk up to 8:30 p.m., after which reports of committees will be presented.

If an election is necessary, it

will be held December 8 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Following are the polling booths for each ward and names of deputy returning officers: ward 1, subdivision 1, Acton Y.M.C.A., Mrs. Vera Inglis; ward 1, subdivision 2, Acton Y.M.C.A., Mrs. Mae Dumarsh; ward 2, council chambers, Mrs. Harriet Helwig; ward 3, Luxton Memorial Hall, Mrs. Kathleen Hurs; ward 4, Acton Y.M.C.A., Mrs. Annie Anderson.



ANNE GORDON, attractive high school girl who modelled Tuesday afternoon in the Simplicity Fashion Show at the school, has finishing touches to her evening gown completed at Miss Diane Johnston, commentator, adjusts her string of pearls. Students wore various types of dresses fashioned from Simplicity patterns and paraded before a large audience of parents.

## Santa Claus?

## Council Receives \$1 for \$1 Free Offer Without Strings Attached Tuesday

Acton council Tuesday evening received the best offer this year. A M. Le Masurier, chief coordinator of the Ontario Government Regional Development Branch of federal to match \$1 for \$1 with no strings attached providing Acton is willing to join in a regional development program including Halton, Peel York and Ontario County municipalities.

Mr. Le Masurier was accompanied by G. P. Branch of the Department and gave a very detailed report of advantages of the program. Council learned other areas had formed a development association and elected directors and made policy decisions regarding how funds and staff can best serve the planned growth of the region involved. One stipulation stressed was that the provincial government would not be on the board of each association.

It was stressed that the government development branch would do all economic surveys free of charge and assist in any measure necessary. Mr. Le Masurier explained work which had been completed by his department in other areas showed council members a map of the Economic Region of Ontario and distributed brochures to each council member.

Council was told that \$15,000 could be acquired from the government with no strings attached but prior to the end of the branch's fiscal year an audited statement must be submitted.

The speaker said Caledon East had been the first in this region to seek assistance from his department, and Oshawa followed with a similar request. He said towns and cities throughout this area all had similar problems and by forming such an association many of these problems could be overcome.

**North Loading Out**

Mrs. Les Doby said towns in the southern section of Halton County seemed to have acquired industry when the northern area was losing out. He was told that any town which couldn't afford

an industrial commissioner could obtain the services of an industrial commissioner from the government.

"This is the most non-political organization ever seen," stressed the speaker as he explained each municipality only had two votes regardless of size. It was suggested that one elected person and one appointed citizen become representatives.

In conclusion Mr. Le Masurier said there were no restrictions as to how the money was spent, and said it wasn't necessary for each community involved to produce the money immediately, but simply commit themselves by resolution.

**No Quick Results**

He also stated the program was a long range one, and suggested no municipality should undertake the project of looking for immediate results.

Both delegates were thanked for their presentation and told council would give it serious consideration.

## Councillors Learn

## Petition Opposes Industrial Land Buy

Tuesday evening Acton council learned a petition was being circulated throughout town objecting to recent proposals to obtain industrial land from Anthony Hulnagel. This report was given by councillor Alex Johnson during enquiries by members.

Mr. Johnson said he had talked to a prominent businessman recently who questioned council's action in spending \$50,000 to acquire land. He also questioned the cost of installing services to the proposed Lakeview housing development and said he read in the local press that council would pay \$600 and the developer \$600 toward service installations.

on the chart and they were identical. It was the typed report which appeared in the Acton Free Press in its entirety. This fact was pointed out Tuesday evening during the council meeting by the Free Press representative.

Clerk-administrator Jack McGeachie charged the Free Press had been anything but fair on this. They even chose not to

come to the town office for an explanation. He said several times in the past, this had been done. (At times in the past, certain unclarified reports at council have been checked out with the clerk. In this instance, the industrial committee chairman's typed report was identical with his chart as presented to council and there appeared no need for any later clarification.)

## At Hydro Meeting

Acton Hydro commissioners and a committee of council will review a lighting program for Queen Street prior to a contract being let for widening the highway.

Previously, both hydro and council representatives discussed proposals for street lighting but no conclusions were reached. Ontario Hydro would not approve installation of a complete underground service unless council paid the entire cost.

An alternative approved by Ontario Hydro was installation of rider poles to carry services to homes on the north side of Queen St., from poles presently located on the south side.

## Underground Queen Wiring? Further Discussions Slated

subdivision would be all painted by this weekend and a start made on poles in other areas.

Accounts totalling \$330.12 were approved for payment. Commissioner Gordon Beatty noted this was the lowest figure for accounts for the past five years.

The meeting was Thursday evening in the hydro office; present were vice-chairman D. Dawkins, commissioners W. McEachern and G. Beatty, council representative Mayor L. Doby and secretary-treasurer Mrs. A. Urquhart.

## Poppy Display

The annual Legion Poppy Campaign will be held in Acton again this year and highlight of the project will be the attractive display in the window at Acton Home Furnishings Store on Mill St.

Each year, veterans of World War I, E. E. Barr and William Middleton are in charge of the window display and deserve much praise for the splendid job they do.

## Frank Rozee Has Role In Film Board Movie

Shoppers Tuesday morning in downtown Acton and later in the afternoon shots were taken at both the auto-body shop and the Rozee home at Crewson's Corners.

Mr. Rozee, who came to Canada from England, tells his story of arriving in Canada with the hope of setting up his own business and receiving assistance from the Canadian Immigration Department.

According to the Immigration Department similar assistance is available for other immigrants who wish to take advantage of it.

The film is expected to be ready for public showing on the CBC sometime next spring.

They were from the National Film Board, shooting film for the Canadian Immigration branch of the government.

They are taking pictures in sequence in various towns throughout Ontario depicting business opportunities available for English immigrants. In keeping with the theme Frank Rozee, local auto-body repair man, was picked in this area.

Mr. and Mrs. Rozee were captured on film as they shopped

## Sports, Theatre — Even Singing Experiences of Y Instructors

Two Guelph University students, Bruce Riley and Howard Pearce, started Monday of last week conducting a full physical education program at Acton Y.M.C.A. for junior, intermediate and senior members.

Mr. Pearce, who hails from Hagersville, is 20 years of age, is in his first year of a two-year course at Guelph in recreation and has completed grade 12 and part of grade 13. He worked

## Attend Workshop

Secretary Mrs. Audrey Urquhart informed commissioners of a members' workshop at the Seaway Hotel in Toronto, November 19 and 20, and it was agreed to have superintendent Doug Mason select an employee to attend and bring back a full report.

The superintendent reported steel light standards in Lakeview

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will be basketball, floor hockey, volleyball, archery, boxing, badminton, wrestling, calisthenics and various games.

Monday evening is set aside for boys and Wednesday for girls. Already a large number of members have joined and anyone wishing to become a member may do so easily as the Y will be open every evening with someone in charge.

## Inquest Jury Rules Acton Driver Negligent In Care of Injured Companion at Accident

After hearing evidence from 13 witnesses in two and a half hour sittings, a five man jury Wednesday of last week, inquiring into the death of Harold Alan Drake, Acton, on October 6, deliberated for 90 minutes and ruled:

- That Drake died from a fractured neck and severed spinal cord as a result of a motor vehicle accident at 12:15 a.m. on October 6.
- That the fact he was left at the roadside and moved by people unskilled may have been a contributing factor in his death.
- That Patrick Churchill was negligent in driving while his licence was under suspension; in not reporting the accident promptly, and in his care of the injured companion.
- Conflicting Testimony
- That the jury was disgusted with inconsistencies and conflicting stories told by some witnesses under oath.
- That Clifford Wedge "did not know all the facts and got placed in an unfortunate position and that he should not be censured for his action".

The fatality happened following a single car accident on 22 Sideroad east of Highway 25, October 6. Drake died in Milton District Hospital at noon that day.

Mrs. Patricia Bryson, a nurse at Milton District Hospital, testified a patient was brought to the hospital early Tuesday October 6 by two youths she identified as Patrick Churchill and Clifford Wedge. She was advised he had been hurt in a motor vehicle accident and the police had not been notified. She summoned Dr. J. W. McCutcheon and the Ontario Provincial Police. She testified the youths had placed the injured man on a stretcher. It was not possible to obtain a blood pressure on Drake and the pulse was very feeble, she testified.

When Mrs. Bryson was unable to testify as to the exact time of the patient's arrival she suggested the supervising nurse was perhaps the correct witness. She testified that after treatment by Dr. J. W. McCutcheon in the emergency section, the patient was placed at the nursing station for constant observation since his condition was judged critical.

Later in the inquest Mrs. P. Walker, the supervising nurse testified she had been on duty at the time the patient arrived. She recalled he was in the front seat of the car where the youths said they had placed him. "He seemed conscious when he arrived," she said.

Crown Attorney P. K. McWilliams questioned the nurse on who placed the man on the stretcher in the car, and Mrs. Walker testified the youths had done this. "When he had been lifted into the car any damage would have been done," she suggested, after noting she subsequently learned the patient had a broken

neck. She reported the patient arrived at the hospital at 2:25 a.m. On arrival there was no pulse, the temperature was sub-normal and there was no blood pressure. She indicated the pulse gradually returned and the patient was not permitted to be moved after being placed on the stretcher.

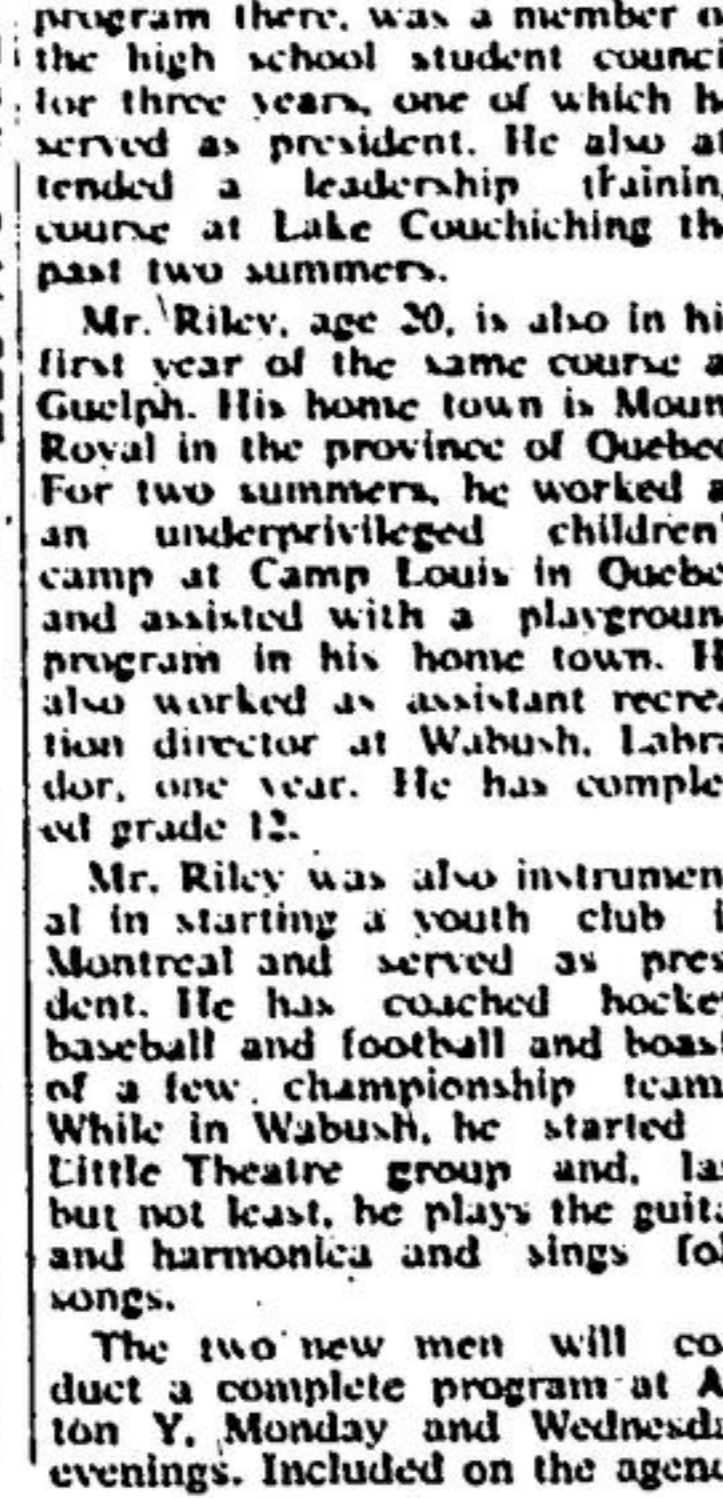
During the night the patient became conscious and told her his name and that he worked in the Lumberyard at Acton. His blood pressure returned between 2:30 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. he had a faint pulse. The patient subsequently died near noon.

Dr. V. R. Waldorf, regional (Continued on Page Three)

## Howard Pearce



## Bruce Riley



## Four Vehicles Involved, In Chain Reaction Crash

A chain reaction accident involving four vehicles Sunday afternoon tied up east and west bound traffic momentarily on Main St. N. until police arrived. The accident involved three cars and a pick-up truck and injured three persons.

Included in the accident was a car driven by Robert Marshall Jr. of town. Fred Hayward of Milton and the truck driven by Clare Wilson, R. R. 1, George

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town. Police reported the fourth car, which was not damaged, had stopped to pick up a passenger and was driven by James Ralston, Acton. All vehicles were northbound on Main St.

Dr. Brian Moore arrived on the scene and attended Mr. Marshall, who received four stitches, two broken teeth and several teeth loosened by the impact. Mr. and Mrs. Clare Wilson were also injured in the crash.



M. Z. BENNETT SCHOOL pupils gathered pennies for UNICEF Friday afternoon at the high school after students held their annual United Nations Day program. Left to right dressed in national costume are Jessie Ann Davidson, Howard Coultrup, Anita Braida, Henry Van Sirelen and Lynn Dunn. Standing at back is Danny McLennan.