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## Municipal Bd. Approves Nassagaweya's New Hall

A three-pointed request from Nassagaweya Township Council received the endorsement of the Ontario Municipal Board on Friday, when O.M.B. representatives David Jamieson and William Greenwood:

Approved construction of a new Municipal Administration Building at an estimated cost of \$39,900.

Approved the issue of debentures for \$18,176 repayable over a term of five years for the purpose of constructing the new building.

Agreed to dispense with a vote of the township electors on the money by law.

In addition the O.M.B. representatives gave tentative approval for the calling of contracts for the construction of a new \$39,900 Township Administration Building in Brookville, directly across the road from the present Township Hall.

### Summed Up Decision

After hearing evidence for nearly three and one-half hours Mr. Jamieson summed up the O.M.B.'s decision by stating that: the municipality could afford debentures of \$18,176 since it is presently in satisfactory financial condition; council acted reasonably in dealing with S.S. No. 3 school and had expert evidence in support of the cost of renovating the school; the new building is needed and the proposed building is reasonable and provides escape routes; the conclusion that the opposition to the new building is tied in with the renovation of the old school, so we therefore think that it is fair to dispense with the vote.

### Centennial Committee

For more than six months Nassagaweya Council has been receiving a steady flow of criticism, suggestions and complaints from

the Nassagaweya Women's Centennial Committee which proposed the renovation of S.S. No. 3 school for use as Township offices instead of the construction of the new building. Council opposed the suggestion from the outset, favoring the construction of the new building in Brookville instead. The proposal from the Women's Centennial Project Committee was that the school could be renovated as a Centennial Project so that grants might be obtained from the Federal and Provincial Governments and so that "a beautiful landmark might be kept."

About 75 electors attended the open meeting in the aging township hall and listened attentively while township solicitor W. S. Sigbee and the spokesleader for the Women's Centennial Committee, Mrs. Maurice Newton, presented evidence.

### Hire Architect

### Ask Loan Okay

### For New Hall

On Monday, three days following receipt of O.M.B. approval to go ahead with their proposed new \$40,000 township hall, Nassagaweya Council took two steps toward making the new hall a reality. They authorized the Reeve and Clerk to sign an agreement with the architect, subject to the solicitor's approval; and also applied to the Department of Municipal Affairs for a \$18,176 loan from the Municipal Loan Fund.

During Monday's meeting council also approved a \$400 grant to the Halton County Federation of Agriculture.

Mr. Sharpe, presented evidence on behalf of the Township, called Reeve William Coulter as his first witness and Mr. Coulter stated that a new township building was needed because the existing facilities offered no provision for individual offices; had no storage space or vault and because the heating system was "rather noisy."

The Reeve noted that in 1961 four acres of land directly across the road from the present township hall had been purchased. He suggested that this was the ideal location for the new office building since it is located on the Guelph Road, the main artery in the township. He noted that if a new building was constructed it would not be necessary to raise taxes and he explained that \$21,500 will be raised from 1965 taxes and the balance could be raised by debentures. He said that in June, 1964, Council learned that it would have a 10 mill surplus because of the taxes from the new Highway Raceway and he reported that council proposed to give Township taxpayers a five mill cut and keep five mills or \$21,500 for the construction of the new building.

Commenting on the S.S. No. 3 School, Mr. Coulter described its location as "one and one-half miles southwest of Brookville on a long narrow road and situated on approximately one acre of land." The building, he said, was about 2,500 square feet in size and he reported that the firm of Proctor and Redfern had estimated it would take at least \$20,000 to renovate it, without touching the floor.

Architect Clare MacLean of Campbellville was hired by Nassagaweya Council to draw up plans for a new Township Building, reported that his plans for the building would give 2,640

square feet on each of its two floors. He noted, "I've tried to present a plan that is not great, but at the same time is adequate for use as Township offices. He indicated that the building could easily be added to if it was found necessary to do so in the future."

### Inspects School

John Redfern, representing Proctor and Redfern, reported that he had inspected the S.S. No. 3 School and estimated it would take \$20,000 to renovate the school and an additional \$1,000 to install a fire proof vault. He said that his company's estimates were reasonable and noted they were very close to the estimates submitted by contractors.

Gerard Sullivan, a Sanitary Inspector for Halton County, reported that he had investigated both sites. He noted that there was no water supply at the Brookville site but said there was a well on the site of the school and that he would not anticipate any great problems at the new site. At the school site, he said, the system was installed nine years ago and that some deterioration could be expected, but that no accurate estimate could be made without checking more closely.

### Objections

Presenting a brief on behalf of the Women's Centennial Committee, Mrs. Newton said "our brief is presented in two parts, (1) the objection to the application by Council to dispense with the vote of the electors on the proposed money by law that would enable them to build a new Township Administration Building and (2) the objection to the building of a new \$40,000 Administrative Office and to the way such a project would be financed and suggesting as an alternative..." (Continued on Page Two)



RINGO TOSS is enjoyed by three boys at Acton Y. Studying points are, left to right, Jim Peycha, Roger Hagan and Dave Ford. Activities at the Y have increased tremendously this season with the engagement by the board of two Guelph students.

## Honor Halton County Warden 300 Guests Attend Annual Dinner

Speeches and presentations honored Halton County's 1964 Warden, Reeve Gordon Gallagher of Burlington, at the annual Warden's Dinner held Thursday evening at the Brant Inn, Burlington. An estimated 300 guests attended the dinner and dance. The Warden was termed a man of "stealing quality" — an excellent Warden" by Reeve Herbert C. Merry of Oakville, who proposed a toast to the guest of honor, Reeve Merry reviewed many pleasant relationships during the past year of County Council, and presented a gavel to Warden Gallagher.

In a brief speech of appreciation, the Warden said he was honored to head the County Council for the past year, and expressed his thanks to all the wyes of councillors and others who had helped make this year a successful one.

County Judge George F. Elliott, proposed a toast to the County Council, linked today's county councils with the Indian league of nations that governed this area in the days of Chief Joseph Brant. While Brant's councillors would be the best hunters, the top warriors and the most dedicated to strengthening the confederacy; today's councillors he termed "men of experience, dedicated to the County of Halton as a single and whole unit — they must be experts in agriculture, finances, conservation, transportation and dedicated to health and education for the citizens of Halton." Acton Reeve H. Hinton replied to the toast.

The toast to the past wardens — and there were about a dozen present — was proposed by Reeve John Elliott, Georgetown. "These are the men who have gained the highest office in Halton County — the people who have guided the County through the past years," he said. "We are very proud and grateful of their service."

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Masales moved to the Main St. house in August 1961 to a house owned by them on Alex St. In 1962 they purchased their present home on Mill St. W. and still live there.

The Masales family will cherish many fond memories of their years in the dairy business and after getting accustomed to retired life, hope to see more of the country together — and not in a milk van.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Wes Masales stated they would miss the busy life after 42 years. They have made many changes and hope they have satisfied their patrons.

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## Acton Box Co. Purchases Dairy Property on No. 7

Gordon Ralston, president of Acton Box Company, announced this week his firm has purchased the former Acton Jersey Dairy building on Highway No. 7 east of town and will move to the new premises the first of next year.

The Box Co. which originally set up in an old building on the Tom Seymour farm, outgrew the facilities and a lease was taken on a new cement block building on the Neil Charlette property south of Acton on No. 25 Highway. Since last June, the business has shown a steady increase and larger facilities were needed.

Following the purchase of Ma-

son's Dairy Limited by Don Timmings, owner of Acton Jersey Dairy, Mr. Ralston purchased the building which had housed the Jersey Dairy.

At present, the Box Company manufactures boxes and crates, but beginning the first of the year, new lines will be added and Mr. Ralston hopes to hire additional employees. More wood working equipment will be installed when the new building is renovated and the present location on No. 25 Highway still used for storage purposes.

Mr. Ralston has two full time and five part time employees now.

## University Students' Survey Looks Into Future of Acton

The future of Acton is tied in with that of the Golden Horseshoe area, pointed out co-ordinator Robert McCabe, director of the University of Toronto student survey of Acton last year at last week's Chamber of Commerce meeting. Mr. McCabe reported on the composite "Plan for Acton" prepared as a composite from the individual studies completed by each student.

"Acton's growth will be influenced by factors beyond the control of local councils. It is important that the town be conscious of what's happening," he explained. He suggested further studies be made on industrial location, economic base, central business area, and gravity and interaction models, to determine the size and area of Acton's influence.

"Regional studies and regional planning are sacred in the eyes of planners. It is hard for Acton to decide on plans for its future until planning at the regional and provincial levels has been formulated."

Worth \$15,000 Mr. McCabe, who holds his B.A. and M. Com. from the U. of T., is presently studying for his diploma in Town and Regional Planning. He reviewed the qualifications of the various members of the study group and pointed out that a study, as was made by the students, would cost over \$15,000 in fees if it was carried out by professional consultants.

He said Acton had been chosen for the study because of its size, proximity and importance in the region. The study was prepared within certain limitations. The university staff left free under certain conditions to

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## One Dairy Now Serves Acton and District Masales Ltd. Sells After 42 Years in Town

## Don Timmings Expands Buys Town's Other Dairy

After serving Acton and district for the past 42 years in the dairy business, Masales Dairy Ltd. has been sold to Acton Jersey Dairy. Completion of the deal was made late Saturday and the new owner, Don Timmings, took over Monday morning.

Mr. Timmings celebrated his 44th year in the dairy business on the date when he enlarged his business Monday by acquiring Masales Dairy.

The entire business will be operated by Mr. Timmings from the Main St. location where the Masales family homestead has been located for 64 years.

The building where Acton Jersey Dairy was has been sold to Gordon Ralston, president of the Acton Box Co.

No major changes are anticipated by Mr. Timmings and present employees of Masales Dairy will continue to work at their jobs.

Mr. Timmings, who came to Acton November 21, 1951, had worked prior to this for Silver-

## Masales Family Retires From Dairy Business

Starting in the milk delivery business at the age of 17, Wes Masales officially retired Saturday night. Masales Dairy Limited, which was owned and operated by himself and two sons, Lorne and Earl, was sold Saturday to Don Timmings of Acton Jersey Dairy.

Although Mr. Masales didn't go into the dairy business on a full time scale until 1922, prior to this he peddled milk to many patrons in town with a horse and buggy. Milk was carried in a large container and dished out with a pint measure. A few old residents still living in town recall taking milk from Mr. Masales at this time.

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## Power Off On Thursday

Acton was enveloped in total darkness Thursday night of last week when a crossbar pin became loose and the wooden bar fell over high tension lines on Acton Boulevard.

Industrialists with night shifts operating became alarmed and contacted the hydro department. Citizens wondered about the power failure and passing motorists no doubt were puzzled at the blackout.

Hydro superintendent Doug Mason and his linemen contacted the Guelph headquarters, only to learn lights were shining brightly in the area. Power was switched to No. 1 substation and within an hour, lights began to flicker and homeowners doused candles in the main section of town. Residents living east of the C.N.R. tracks were still without power until repairs were made to the line on Acton Boulevard.

Although there was a high wind and rainstorm at the time, this was not the cause of the failure.



RECEIVES B.A. Kenneth F. Trowbridge, principal of Brookville Public School in Nassagaweya and a former principal of Bruce St. school, Milton, and teacher at Campbellville School, received his Bachelor of Arts degree at recent graduation ceremonies at McMaster University. Mr. Trowbridge has been taking subjects toward his B.A. for the past seven years.



ICE MACHINE purchased by Acton Lions Club for the arena got a thorough workout last week after it arrived. The equipment which scrapes, clears and floods the ice surface in one operation is operated from a tractor with a power takeoff. At the controls of the tractor is Frank Thompson who is helping recreation director Harris Roe and ice maker Bill Feltham.