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## Council Winds Up 1964 Agenda Taxi Change, Farewells Included

Acton council held their final meeting of the year Tuesday evening and tidied up business for a fresh start in January. Present for the meeting to get acquainted with procedure were new members-elect.

**Transfer of Reliable Taxi License**  
From present owner Al Langille to Don Green and Ross Martin was approved pending a report from the police. Normal procedure in transferring of granting new taxi licenses is to have the applicant interviewed with Corporal Ray Mason, who outlines details of operation and rules laid down according to law.

Both new applicants had failed to do this and as transfer date was set for January 1, council approved the application pending the favorable outcome of the interview to be conducted immediately.

Council also amended a by-law established in 1950 which set the rate for taxi drivers' badge and license at \$1. Under the amendment, the cost will now be \$5 and in the event a badge is lost or defaced, replacement will cost \$2. During the No. 2 committee report, it was learned Ajax Engineering Co. had still not picked up its option on land adjoining the present building. Previously,

the company had applied for rezoning of this area from residential to industrial in order to allow expansion of the plant to accommodate storage area. Objection was raised by a Glenora subdivision resident and was filed with the Ontario Municipal Board.

At the time application was made, company officials told council they also had an option on land near Toronto which would have to be picked up by the first of the year. Attempts by council to reach a compromise with the company and the

objecting ratepayer were made and to date, no finalization has been reached.

**Water A1**  
Council also learned that recent samples taken by the Ontario Water Resources Commission of the town drinking water proved the water to be in A1 condition.

It was also learned the new truck ordered by the town some months ago was scheduled for delivery this week. Following a complaint by a resident in Lakeview, a stronger street light will be placed in one of the standards.

Nino Brada and Keith Black were reappointed to Acton Board of Parks Management for a three-year term following recommendation by the board.

A recommendation by the Winter Employment Committee of the Guelph district to have Acton council allow a two-year remission on tax assessment on older home renovations was referred to No. 1 committee for further study.

Decision to attend the Town and Village Section Conference at Delhi January 29-30 was withheld for consideration by the 1965 council.

Deputy Reeve J. Bert Wood, who was defeated in his race for reeve at the polls this year, bid council farewell Tuesday and said he did not expect to be back on council again. He said he had enjoyed the past three years on council and in spite of some heated arguments at some sessions everyone always ended up as friends.

**Bills Farewell**  
In his parting speech, Mr. Wood told council there are times when one thinks a thing cannot be done and as a result, something important might be hampered. In emphasizing his point to not hesitate, he quoted

a plaque which appears in his office, stating "Things are moving so fast today, the man who says it can't be done is disturbed by the man who is already doing it."

He thanked everyone for the enjoyable times and sociability extended him during his term of office and wished everyone success in the future. Councilors Alex Johnson, Eric Johnston and Hamilton Peal, all of whom didn't stand for office again this year, individually expressed their appreciation at serving the town as councillors.

Mayor Les Doby on behalf of council expressed regrets to the ones leaving council this year and thanked everyone for their splendid cooperation and hard work during their term of office. New members present for the meeting, who were invited to sit around the council table at the proceedings, were Deputy Reeve-elect Roy Goodwin and 1965 councillors Dr. J. G. Oakes, Bob Drinkwater and Bill Williams.

—Flooding of the river at Glen Williams necessitated dynamiting the ice on Sunday. An 80-year-old woman had to be rescued by rowboat.

### One Fatal Accident It Wasn't a Human

There was one fatal accident in the Acton district in the past week — but it was a deer that died, not a human.

John Wayne Wilson of Orton was driving along Highway 7 half a mile east of Crewson's Corners, when the doe ran onto the highway and into the front fender of his car. Milton O.P.P. investigated and estimated damage to the car at \$90. The accident happened Monday evening.

### Tree Sale Profit Estimated at \$280

Quick calculation shows the Y's Men's club has made about \$280 from their annual sale of Christmas trees. The amount is just about the same as the amount of Christmas trees remains undiminished at this time of year!

### Tuesday Report Finds Dog Rabid

The first case of rabies in several months was reported Tuesday morning when word was received from the Dominion Laboratories in Hull, Quebec, that the cause of a dog's death was rabies. A farm dog owned by Calvin Kav, Everton, had been acting in a strange manner and Dr. F. G. Oakes was called. The Guelph Health Unit was also contacted and after the dog died samples of brain tissue were sent to Hull, Quebec, for analysis.

Tuesday morning confirmation was received by Dr. Oakes the animal had been rabid.

Strange-acting wild life should be suspected, officers warn.



**LAUGH, CLOWN, LAUGH!** Children just love clowns and Saturday, Dec. 19 at the Legion Christmas party there were plenty of the funny men to please them. Bill Taylor stops for a chat with Cathy Grise prior to Santa's arrival.

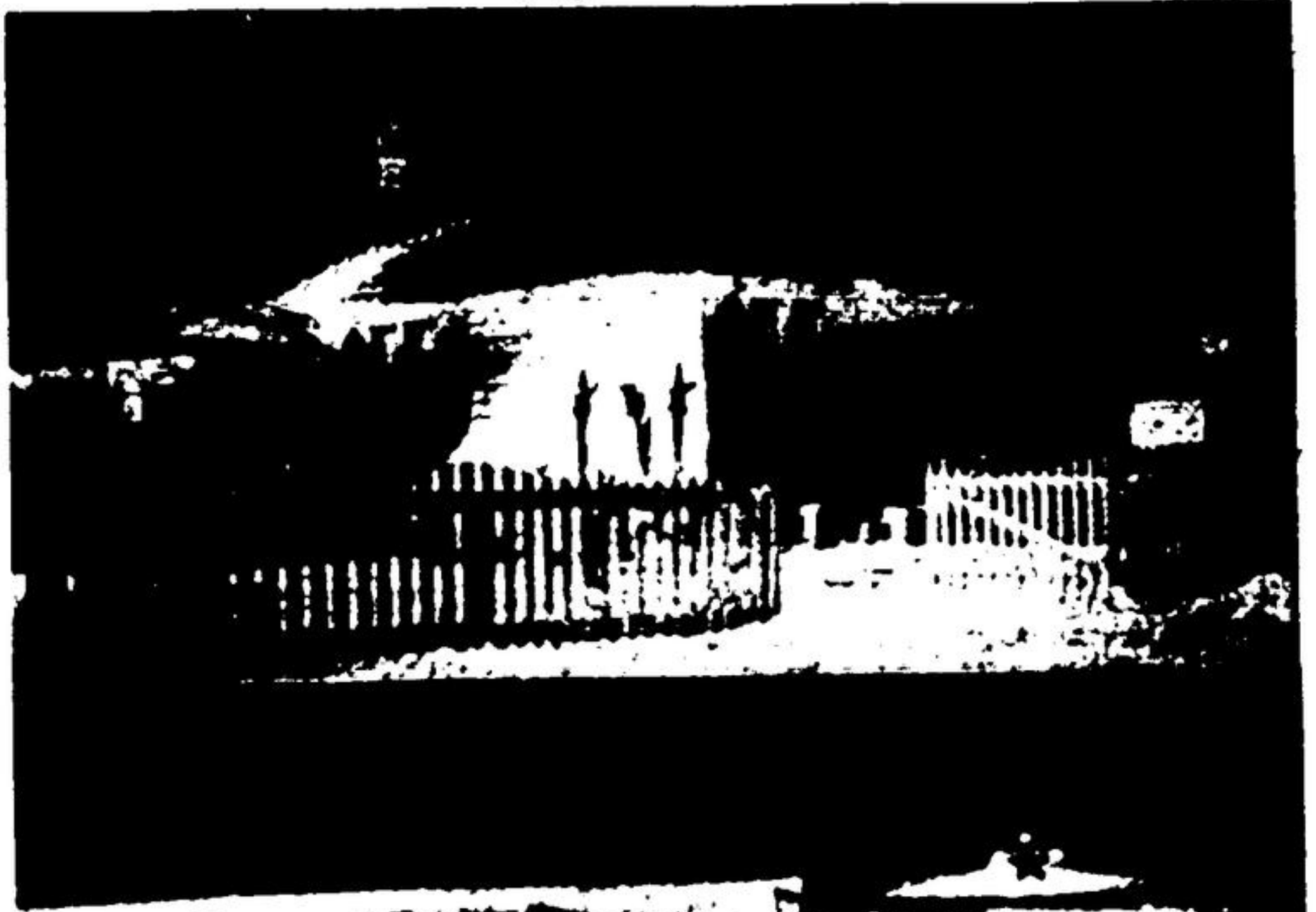
## Trees Go to Blazes January 6 Near Dump

Wednesday, January 6, sharp at 8 p.m. Mayor Les Doby and Chamber of Commerce president Paul Nielsen will light the torch to set thousands of Christmas trees into a monster blaze.

The annual twelfth night blaze is under the sponsorship of the C of C who will serve free coffee and doughnuts to everyone present.

Town of Acton employees will

make a special Christmas tree pickup beginning Wednesday morning at 9 a.m. and everyone is asked to be sure and have trees out for pickup. In the event anyone forgets to do this, president Paul Nielsen asks them to bring their tree to the site of the dump on Churchill Road S. to make sure the blaze is large enough to keep everyone warm until coffee is served.



**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS** brightened many homes throughout town during the holiday season and the staff photographer captured the beauty on film with time exposures. Top photo shows the home of Mr. and Mrs. Colin McColl, Cameron Avenue, with wooden figures and many lights. Middle photo shows the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Gibson, Mill St. W. with a silhouette in one window and brightly lighted figures. Bottom are three homes in Lakeview subdivision.

### Band Serenades Night Shoppers

Wednesday night of last week the band serenaded Christmas shoppers for an hour from the steps of the YMCA. After a business meeting in the town hall, the group divided for two Christmas parties. The Y was opened for about 25 young boys who are studying instruments under band instructors, and here they played games in the gym, and were served hot dogs and pop by Mrs. Gordon Gibbons and daughters.

The men went to the home of Ted Exler Jr., where hot roast beef was the highlight of a delicious meal.

### Quiet Holiday

Acton police enjoyed this Christmas more than many in the past. There were no reportable accidents to mark up the register during the holiday weekend.



# HAPPY NEW YEAR

From Management and Staff at the Acton Free Press

### SANTA'S FRIENDS



**TWO BROTHERS,** Steven and Paul Brunnelle, received a few words of advice from Santa as they sat on his knee at the annual Legion Christmas party. The auditorium was packed with children and parents for the party. Acton Citizen's Band played carols and clowns distributed novelties and balloons prior to Santa's arrival.

### Order Architect Call Tenders Nassagaweya Township Offices

After months of wrangling, followed by an Ontario Municipal Board hearing and an election, Nassagaweya Township moved one step closer to having new municipal offices when Township councillors requested that architect Clare Maclean call tenders on the proposed new building. At a special meeting on Monday, the five Township councillors, Reeve William Coulter, Deputy Reeve Dr. B. D. Young and councillors Ross Gordon, Alan Parsons and William Mahon, unanimously agreed to ask Mr. Maclean to call tenders immediately on the proposed new building which will cost in the neighborhood of \$39,900.

Construction on the building will begin as soon as possible after the tenders have been awarded, Township Reeve William Coulter reported, and he hoped that the building might be completed by the first of April so that grants could be received under the winter works program on labor costs. If plans go as scheduled, the building will be officially opened sometime during the summer of 1965.

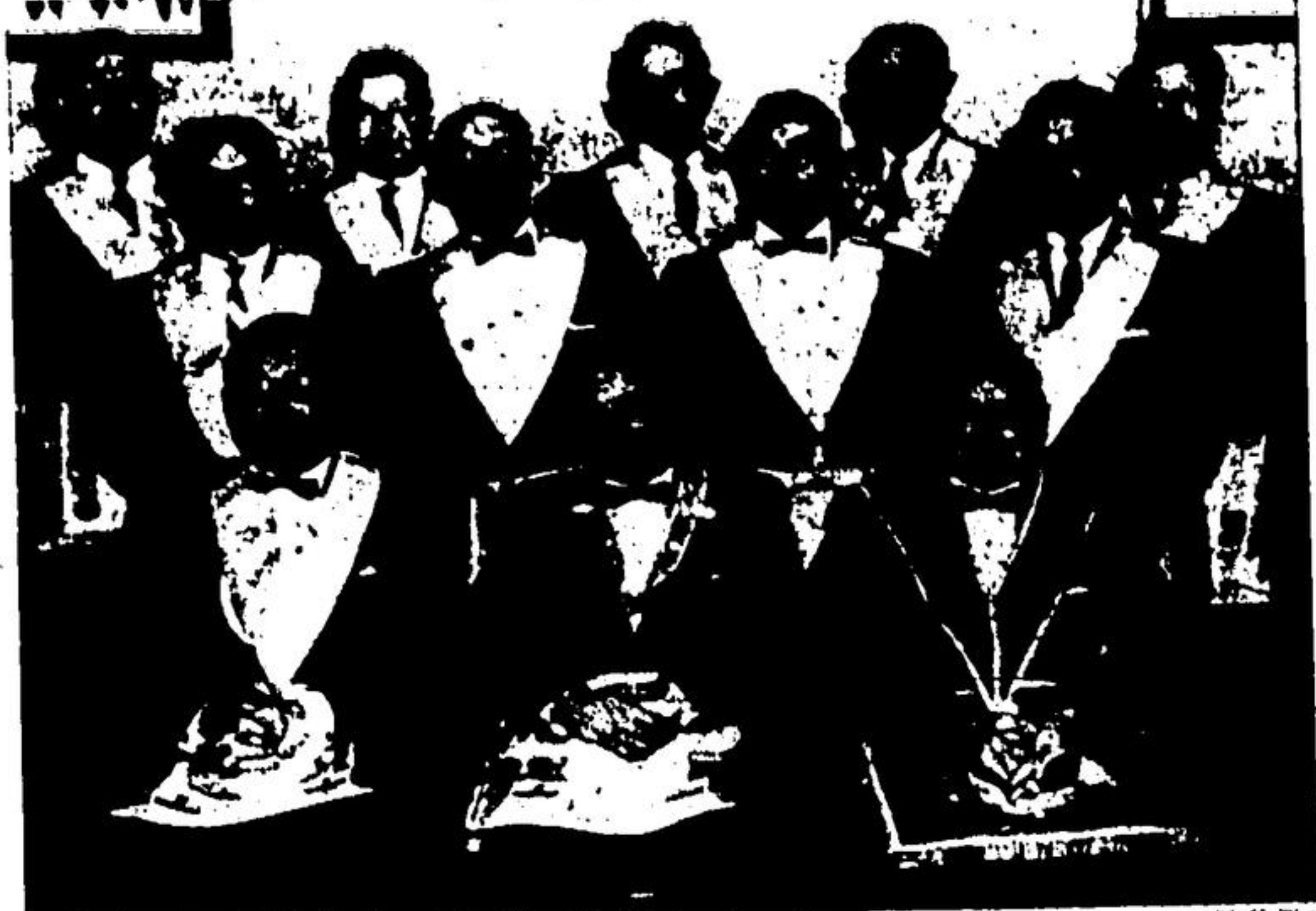
Township clerk J. C. McIntyre reports that the deadline for receiving bids on construction of the new offices will be 5 p.m. on January 15. The new offices will be constructed on a four-acre Township-owned site on the

Guelph Line, directly across the road from the present offices and just south of the works department garage. The site is the old historical "check line" and is situated on Lot 17, which is the geographical centre of the township. The initial \$39,900 estimate does not include architect's fees and furnishings, which would bring the total cost to around \$46,700. Councillors have stated that some of the furnishings on which quotations were received are not necessary at present and the \$4,400 quote for furnishings could be lowered considerably.

Council has been considering new offices for several years and conditions in the present back room office in Brookville hall have been crowded since a full-time clerk was hired. Presently the clerk and an assistant, work in the single 20 by 26 foot room at the rear of the Brookville Hall and the same quarters are also used as council chambers.

Main opposition to the construction of new Township offices came from the Nassagaweya Women's Centennial Committee headed by Mrs. Elva Newton. This committee suggested that new offices could be obtained by renovating the vacated S.S. No. 3 school and that grants could be received for the renovation under the Canadian Centennial Projects grant system.

### INSTALLATION MONDAY



**INSTALLATION NIGHT** at Walker Lodge A.F. & A.M. was held Monday evening when new officers took their oath of office. Seated left to right are Past Master Gordon Beatty, Worshipful Master H. B. Ramsden and Very Worshipful Brother Herb Ritchie who conducted the installation service. In the second row left to right are Brothers Don Van Fleet, Ted Franklin, Sid Newton and Rae West. Back row left to right are Brothers George Lee, Vic Patrick, Ross Swackhamer, Alf Doby and Clarence Rognvaldson.