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## Sunday Deadline

### 700 New Plates to Go

A good many Acton and district motorists will pay fines as high as \$50 if they are found driving cars with 1964 license plates after midnight Sunday. According to statistics from the Acton office of the Ontario Department of Transport, there are still approximately 700 license plates to be sold. The Acton office at the home of Jack Hargrave, Arthur St., will be open all day Saturday to accommodate late purchasers. It is expected that a total of 2,800 passenger car and 150 station wagon plates will be sold at the Acton office. As of Tuesday, Mr. Hargrave reported sales totalled 1,144 of the total number possible. Although there hasn't been any lineup to date with the exception of a few minor spurges, he expects this weekend to be quite busy for him.

## Y Board Members Named G. W. McKenzie Chairman

A regular meeting of the YMCA Board was held on February 18 and after the minutes were read and adopted a motion was passed appointing J. Van der Kooy and P. Elliott to the board. Members were chosen by ballot to serve out the following terms: three years: Clarence Rogynaldson, Elmer Smith, Jack Van der Kooy, two years: Bill Wilson, Earl McKenzie, Phil Elliott, one year: Walter Dubois, Garnet McKenzie, John Last. As Y's Man President, Gus Ross retains membership for duration of his term of office.

Establishment of officers resulted in chairman, Garnet McKenzie; vice-chairman, Clarence Rogynaldson; secretary, Bill Wilson; treasurer, Elmer Smith; Finance, Phil Elliott; Property, Jack Van der Kooy; program, Walter Dubois; public relations, John Last; world service, Clarence Rogynaldson. Senior Citizens who were also meeting at this time requested the presence of Mr. McKenzie at their nominations, and the chair was temporarily occupied by Clarence Rogynaldson.

**Trip to Europe**  
Chairman McKenzie who is past-president of international Y's men is slated for a visit to Britain and Europe in May. He will carry all our greetings and well-wishes. Treasurer Elmer Smith presented a credit balance of \$560.88 and reported a very welcome donation from the Orenda Engines Employees Welfare Fund.

## Committee Quits, But

### Flood Relief Still Expected

In spite of reports which appeared in a Toronto daily paper, residents in Glen Williams who suffered a loss during the recent flood have not been abandoned and assistance in paying repair bills may be close at hand.

Following a meeting of representatives of Esquimesing council with Municipal Affairs Minister Wilfrid Spooner, Esquimesing council approached three Glen Williams residents and received their approval to serve on a "Flood Relief" Committee which had been suggested by the minister. Mr. Spooner told the township representatives the government would match contributions raised by the committee for flood victims.

Saturday evening town ship council called a special meeting with Tom Hill, Roland Hames

and William Korzak who were appointed to the committee. Plans were outlined and the flood relief plan began to take shape.

Monday morning township clerk K. C. Lindsay received a letter of resignation signed by three men. Mr. Spooner's directives were followed to the hilt, explained Mr. Lindsay on Tuesday and what action the Esquimesing council takes now hinges on a letter which is expected to arrive from Mr. Spooner later this week.

As well as residents living in Glen Williams there are other homes along the river in Esquimesing township which suffered damage. Mr. Lindsay stated donations for flood relief can be accepted from anywhere in Canada and do not necessarily have to be raised within the village.

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CAN CAN GIRLS have their makeup touched up prior to dancing for the audience at the Robert Little school Saturday evening. The Town and Country Variety Show sponsored by the Fair Board ladies attracted a large crowd. President Mrs. Don Matthews watches as Joyce Carpenter applies makeup to Joanne Laverty. Dianne Bousfield and Mary Frances Marcoux wait their turn.

## Procedure Delays Permission For Rogers' Building Addition

Appointed members to the local committee of adjustment learned there are plenty of headaches involved when it comes to handing down decisions involving zoning regulations.

William Greenwood representing the Ontario Municipal Board, reserved his decision Tuesday morning of last week during a public hearing in the town hall involving an appeal by the minister of Municipal Affairs against the local Committee of Adjustment's approval of an application to build a commercial addition in a residential zone.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Rogers, Mill St. W., who operate a confectionery in a leased building opposite their farm supply and two-story residential building, applied to the committee of adjustment last November for a permit to build an addition to their

**Crown King, Queen At Valentine Dance**  
Somewhat late due to cancellations two weeks ago on account of the N.H.L. Old-Timers game at the arena, high school students held their Valentine dance at the school Friday evening. Highlighting the evening was the crowning of the King, Ralph Matthews, and the Queen, Karen Gervais. Students enjoyed the evening dancing to the music of "The Shyness," a local orchestra.

**Trip to Ottawa For T. McKeown**  
Tom McKeown, grade 12 high school student, has been chosen to attend the annual "Adventure in Citizenship" conference in Ottawa, May 10-13. Tom is the son of postmaster and Mrs. Gordon McKeown and was chosen from among grade 11, 12 and 13 students by teachers and principal at the high school. He was chosen on the basis of his scholastic ability, interests in extra-curricular activities, character and maturity. His entire trip will be sponsored by the Acton Rotary Club and he will be one of 250 students from Canada to attend the conference. After returning Tom will report to the local Rotary Club on his experiences.

**Congratulations**  
This week congratulatory ads from contractors and suppliers who helped in the building of Gov. Carriage Ltd. new warehouse, appear on pages B3 and B4 of this issue. President John Goy, is holding Open House March 6.

## Cut Work Week to 40 Hours Employees Earn Same Pay

Under terms of a new salary schedule and work agreement, town workmen will have their working hours reduced from 45 hours per week to 40 hours and receive a pay boost to compensate for the fewer working hours. However, the men will be punching a time clock as they check in and out of work and coffee breaks will be continued to the job site.

Water and sewer operators will also be equipped with a punch clock which will determine regular visits to various pumping stations and the disposal plant. The new equipment operates on the same basis as a night watchman's clock and registers the time the operator punches in at each station. A \$300 a year increase was approved for town superintendent Al Dubs in view of the many hours of overtime he puts in without extra pay. With the exception of Reeve Hinton and Councilor Robert Drinkwater, the superintendent council endorsed the amendment and wage schedule.

**New Agreement**  
Commend Acton Firefighters

Acton firefighters were handed a verbal bouquet by council members Tuesday evening on the "wonderful" job they are doing and also received an "honorary" boost in keeping with a proposed new fire agreement with Erm, Esquimesing and Nassagaweya townships.

Last year fire fighters received a \$4,350 honorarium and Tuesday night were voted a yearly payment of \$9,950 over a period of three years. Under terms of the proposed fire agreement with townships a total of \$7,000 will be paid to the town per year for a period of three years. Township councils will also be responsible for supplying one truck (which is already housed in Acton) and maintaining it and providing equipment and gasoline.

Previously townships paid at the rate of \$100 per fire call and this will be eliminated with the new agreement. A standby payment was also paid by townships last year. Councilor Albert Brown told council the townships would now pay a known quantity in place of the previous standby payment and \$100 per call. Deputy-Reeve Roy Goodwin said the one big complaint from township councils appeared to be payment of \$100 for a fire call for a burning car which didn't belong to a township resident. Reeve H. Hinton said the firefighters have done a wonderful job in the past.

**Knox Church Approves \$11,000 Renovations Lower Basement Two Feet, Replace Pillars**

Renovation of Knox Presbyterian church basement and the area behind the church gallery will begin early in March. The congregation, at a special meeting in the Sunday School room last Thursday, authorized the Board of Managers to proceed with the \$11,000 changes which will greatly improve the usefulness of these areas of the church.

The basement will be deepened by two feet. The bearing walls will be underpinned and buttressed by a retaining wall. Weeping tile will be installed to carry off water and the walls will be sealed. A new concrete floor will be laid.

**Larger Area**  
The partition will be removed from the present storage space in the north-west corner of the church basement and this area will be added to the lower auditorium.

Two new washrooms will be built in part of the present furnace room. Six brick pillars will be replaced by steel posts. Increased height of the kitchen will allow more storage space. The minister's study and choir room will remain unchanged.

**Upstairs**  
Behind the gallery, where Sunday school rooms are located, new closets will be built in both wings. The wall separating the gallery from the rooms will be insulated for soundproofing. Renovations will be made to provide better and larger facilities for the Sunday School classes and junior congregation during church.

About 50 attended the meeting, with the Rev. A. H. McKenzie in the chair and Mrs. J. Joque acting as secretary. Mr. McKenzie explained the reasons for the meeting and Murray Scovine, chairman of the board of managers, outlined events leading up to the meeting.

Chairman of the property committee of the board of managers, Bob Algie gave details of the proposal. The final event in the church basement before work begins will be Thursday, March 4, when the



FAIR BOARD LADIES entertained a packed house Saturday night at the Robert Little school auditorium when they presented a skit. Seated front-row left to right are Mrs. C. W. Swackhamer, Mrs. Stan Morrison and Mrs. Ed Archibald; back row left to right are ladies' president Mrs. Don Matthews, Mrs. Cal Aiken, Mrs. Ralph Denby, Mrs. Walter Linham, Mrs. Bill McDonald, Mrs. Jesse McEnery and Miss Elva Pearson.



FLYING OR WALKING, young Brownies couldn't care less how they get there as long as they make the grade to Guides. Youngsters receiving their wings Tuesday evening at the Mother and Daughter banquet are Patricia Sampson, Cathy Papillon, Cheryl Hackenbrook, Cathy Ash, Janice Franklin, Mary Frances Marcoux, Kathy Stingerland, Joanne Pavli, Christine Eling, Nancy McCutcheon, Wendy Fryer, Sharon Jerome, Gay Nessit, Nellie Van Der Kooy and Kathy Psych.