



**JUDGE ALAN E. SPRAGUE**, the new county court judge of Halton, was officially sworn into office Friday afternoon at the court house in Milton, at the same time it was announced that Milton lawyer K. Y. Dick had been appointed to the judgeship for Oxford County. The two new judges are shown here, with Judge Sprague on the left and Mr. Dick at right. In the centre are Judge Sprague's wife and his father-in-law Joe Lake, a former Acton resident who worked at the Acton Free Press from 1903 to 1907.

## Personal Notes . . .

Of Actonians Visiting Out-of-Town Points and of Visitors in Acton Homes

Mr. Gary Dawkins is a patient in Guelph General Hospital.

Miss Marilyn Young visited in Petrolia over the weekend.

Mrs. H. L. Bennie is a patient at Georgetown District Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sterritt and family have moved from Acton to Georgetown.

Mr. John Wilson is convalescing at home after surgery at Guelph General Hospital.

Mrs. George Inglis is a patient in Guelph General Hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Lavolette of Oshawa visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Rogvaldson.

Roy Baxter of Toronto was back in Acton visiting on the weekend.

Friends of Miss Minnie Somerville will be sorry to learn she is a patient in Guelph General Hospital.

Friends hope for a prompt recovery for hydro commissioner Orville Brown, a patient in Guelph General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Frank and members of the family were in Wingham, Monday, attending the funeral of the late Mrs. J. Henry.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom P. Armstrong from Rouleau, Saskatchewan, visited with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. McKenzie on the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Landshorough and Ralph spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Park, Petrolia.

With clock winder Colin MacColl Jr. in Guelph General Hospital, the clock in the old post office ran down on the weekend. The MacColls live in the apartment upstairs.

Earl Wilson, D.D.G.M. of Guelph, paid his official visit to Walker Lodge Monday evening. There were also guests from Guelph, Georgetown, Erin and Orangeville.

Miss Ruby Clark and Mr. Boyd Clark have returned from Florida.

Representing Acton at Halton fire brigades' Mutual Aid banquet in Milton on Saturday night were Mayor and Mrs. Les Duby, Mr. and Mrs. Don VanFleet, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Kelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Sinclair of Toronto visited over the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Landshorough and family. Mrs. Sinclair was organist at the Baptist Church on Sunday.

Representations of Acton Lions went to Brampton this Monday, to Erin last Thursday and to Streetsville last Monday to speak on behalf of Allan Lauder who is running for zone chairman.

The annual meeting of provincial chapter of the J.O.D.E. was held last week at the Royal Connaught Hotel, Hamilton. Several members of Lakeside Chapter attended on two different days, with Mrs. Gordon Currie carrying Lakeside standard and Mrs. Rudolph Spielvogel carrying the standard of the Duke of Devonshire chapter. Others attending were Mrs. Cam Leishman, Mrs. H. Helwig, Mrs. J. Inglis, Mrs. Ann Talbot and Mrs. C. Nelles. One of the speakers enjoyed by the Acton members was Rev. Richard Jones, chairman of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

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## Council . . .

(Continued from Page One) report of the April 6 meeting. The committee recommended the inclusion in the capital works forecast of a figure of \$50,000 in both 1965 and 1966 for industrial development.

Whether the resolutions passed at the committee meeting were unanimous or not was discussed. Reeve Hinton objected to the term "unanimous" on these resolutions; as chairman of No. 1 committee, he had not recorded his vote. Under rules of procedure of council meetings, any vote is considered for a resolution unless a vote against is specifically registered. It was recommended that a resolution authorizing the use of the rules of procedure as used at council meetings be presented to cover committee meetings as well.

A number of high school and public school teachers will attend the Ontario Educational Association convention in Toronto during Easter holidays.

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## No Pay Increase Board Chairman

At the Acton District high school board meeting Wednesday of last week, board members at the suggestion of chairman Dwight Engel, refused a 25 per cent increase in honorarium for the chairman above the present \$20 per month.

A letter read by secretary William Middleton from the Ontario School Trustees' Council stated the chairman could, at the discretion of the board, pay the chairman an additional 25 per cent honorarium.

The board also:

- Increased the salary of secretary Mrs. Alan Lauder from \$2,000 to \$2,200.
- Agreed to purchase outright an adding machine presently used by the secretary-treasurer.
- Approved and adopted insurance policies covering the new school addition.
- Approved a tender of \$183.75 from Earl Van Norman for wiring the lab and another of \$732.20 for connecting up new lab desks from Shortill and Van Norman.
- Approved payment of accounts totalling \$28,595.40.

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## Citizen of the Year Citation . . .

In the army in her home town of Woodstock. They were married in 1920, and two years later moved to Acton where Bill was a relief agent with the C.N.R. In 1934 he was the successful applicant for the job of Customs Agent in Acton, and retired from this position in December of 1959.

Practically from the moment of moving to town, Bill adopted Acton as his home town, and became a busy and devoted fan of Acton and its residents. He was an enthusiastic worker with the hockey and baseball teams - so much so that, if my memory serves correctly, in one of our northern towns during prohibition he had to be bailed out.

However, it was in the forties that Bill came into his own. He was the driving spirit behind the Acton War Service League, an outfit that every one of us here who served overseas will vouch for as being second to none in its effort. I have heard more than one citizen relate how this man stayed at this job, and his only regret was that there were only 24 hours in each day.

When the war ended, Bill had still not exhausted his energies, and almost single handedly took it upon himself to build a home for his old pre-war love of children. He built the Scout Hall, which has been used by hundreds of children, and will be used by thousands more.

Bill has always loved children, and in the thirties decided to teach the boys in town who were Boy Scouts to become signallers. Being Bill, he decided that if we were going to become signallers, we were going to be the best, and we were the best in the county for years. Day after day, winter and summer, come rain, snow or sunshine, every hour there were anywhere from four to 20 boys on Mill Street in front of Middleton's sending Morse and Semaphore by flag. He was a top man himself, and insisted that every one of us become a top man.

I could go on for hours about Bill, but it will suffice to say that he has been a devoted husband and homemaker, a member of both baseball and hockey activities, an instructor in signalling and Scoutmaster, Secretary of the Acton Public School Board for 25 years, and of the High School for five years, a faithful and active member of Branch 197 Royal Canadian Legion and of Walker Lodge, Secretary of Acton and Vicinity War Service League, the organizer of the Red Cross in Acton, Treasurer of the Board of Stewards at Trinity United Church, in other words, a very busy man!

Yet Bill is never so busy that, if anyone of us were to have troubles of any kind tomorrow, he would be first on the scene with a cheery word, a little flower, some sound advice, or an offer of help with transportation, a dollar, or a word of comfort. The last four months of my father's life in 1949, every day at 5 p.m. Bill was at the door, bringing him the news of the day in Acton, reporting the first bird back from the South, the first spring flower, the little things, the important things in life.

There are a lot of us sitting here tonight who are devoted friends and supporters of Bill's. We have all, at some time, been bullied, browbeaten or tricked into helping Bill in his enthusiastic work for the good of our community, and we have all crabbled and complained to, or about, him. But we all admit that it is too bad that more of us are not endowed with his fault of sincere enthusiasm. This man has an enviable record, and as the Free Press stated last week, is one who can be called a Solid Citizen of Acton.

What more can we ask of any man?

## Skating Carnival . . .

(Continued from Page One) with Karin Whitfield with whom he won the 1965 Western Ontario Novice Pairs Championship and Silver Dance Championship. These youngsters were loudly applauded.

Everyone was on the ice for the finale, and a bouquet of roses was brought from the train by one of the bunnies for Miss Whitfield.

Since the Acton figure skaters had missed the guest stars, their teachers' solo and Andrew Drenters' comedy act with the bull, these were specially repeated after the program as the scenery began to be dismantled.

Costumes, props, curtains and light shields were borrowed, rented or made here to complete the full-dress show. Vic Bristow operated the big spotlight, and other fathers assisting included Phil McCristall, Orval Chapman, Harold Townsley, John Buckman, Garrett De Bruyn, Phil Elliott, Michael Rippon, Hugh Patterson, Charles Perry, Harris Roe and Emmerson Baxter. Also helping were Jim Inglis taking tickets, Don Ford on lighting and Dave Scott as one of the clowns.

Mothers assigned to dressing rooms included Mrs. J. Dunn, Mrs. K. Papillon, Mrs. McNaughton, Mrs. G. Malcolm, Mrs. G. Jordan, Mrs. E. Baxter, Mrs. S. Reed, Mrs. O. Chapman, Mrs. J. Buckman and Mrs. N. Braida. They also applied makeup.

Phil McCristall is president of the Skating Club with Phil Elliott secretary-treasurer and executive members, Mrs. Harold Townsley, Mrs. Gil Malcolm and Mrs. Emmerson Baxter.

## Pass Course

All the members of the Commodore Car Club have passed the First Aid course given by the St. John Ambulance brigade.

The young men are still seeking accommodation for their club. Says recreation director Harris Roe: "These boys should be given a chance to show that they can work on their cars without making the usual noises that we all associate with the so-called 'hot-rodders'. If it turns out that the neighbors do object to their noise, it is very simple to put the padlock back on the door."

## Norman Braida Has New Position



The appointment of Norman J. Braida as general manager of Beardsmore & Co. Limited is announced. Mr. Braida has had 27 years' service with the company in sales promotion and product development. For the past several years he has held the post of assistant general manager.

## Safety Patrols Taken To Match in Gardens

As reward for a "good job well done", members of the school safety patrol were treated by the school board to a junior 'A' hockey game at Maple Leaf Gardens Sunday afternoon between Niagara Falls and Marlboros.

A total of 46 crossing guards from the Robert Little and M. Z. Bennett public schools climbed aboard a chartered bus along with teachers and school trustees for the Toronto trip. As each patrolman alighted from the bus, he was handed \$1 for treats to enjoy during the game.

## Bye-Bye, Birdie

The badminton club held its last session of the season on April 8. Plans for next year are already being made.

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