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Propose New Apartment On Beverley House Site

Council Tuesday evening learned a prospective buyer for property owned by Beardmore and Co. Ltd., bordering on the corner of Church and Maria Streets, requested a change in property regulations.

The "Beverley House" formerly occupied this wooded corner lot and was owned by the Beardmore family. Some time ago the house was demolished and since then the land was subdivided for housing. During this time a street was planned and decided to the town through the centre of the property.

The prospective buyer requested the town relinquish the portion of the land owned by the town and return it to the owners, as well as zone the area R-M in order to allow erection of an apartment building.

Clerk-administrator Jack McGeachie informed council the zoning by-law which is presently at the Ontario Municipal Board for approval contains the change requested to R-M.

Although council tentatively consented to return the portion of the land owned by the town to the prospective owner, it will be necessary to have legal advice before definite action is taken.

Expect to Call Tenders For New Library in Month

Acton's Centennial Library moved a step nearer realization Thursday evening when the committee unanimously recommended that architect Don Skinner be instructed to prepare the detailed plans for the building. Present at the meeting were Mayor Dudy, Councillors Oakes, Drinkwater and Masdes from council; E. Pratt and Mrs. E. Franklin of the Library Board and David Dills of the Centennial Committee as well as E. Taylor, secretary of the Library Board and Clerk J. McGeachie.

The architect reported he had engaged a professional estimating firm to give a cost on the project. The estimator had come up with a "quite disturbing" cost of \$67,000 on the original plan. Reviewing the factors which have con-

Citizen of Year Is Fred Wright

Widely-known and highly regarded, long-time resident Fred Wright is Acton's Citizen of the Year. He will be honored at the Chamber of Commerce dinner, Thursday, May 12. Announcement is made in advance so friends and family may be present when the recipient hears the citation (which will be published in full later) and receives his engraved plaque.

Orval Chapman announced Mr. Wright as the Chamber Committee's selection for publication today.

Ham Peal Resigns Council Mrs. Fryer Fills Vacancy



HAMILTON PEAL MRS. FRYER

Acton councillors were unanimous in expressing regret when councillor Hamilton Peal resigned Tuesday evening. Mayor Les Dudy commended Mr. Peal for his splendid work and cooperation during his term of office and commended him as a most conscientious chairman.

The vacancy on council will be filled by former councillor Mrs. Doris Fryer, who ran seventh in election last year. Contacted by clerk administrator Jack McGeachie Wednesday morning, Mrs. Fryer accepted the position.

Had she declined, it would have been offered to William Wilson who polled 393 votes to Mrs. Fryer's 448, and third choice would have been Neil Miller who polled 330 votes. Council would have had the authority to appoint someone to fill the vacancy had all three refused.

Mr. Peal, who has been a resident of town the past 28

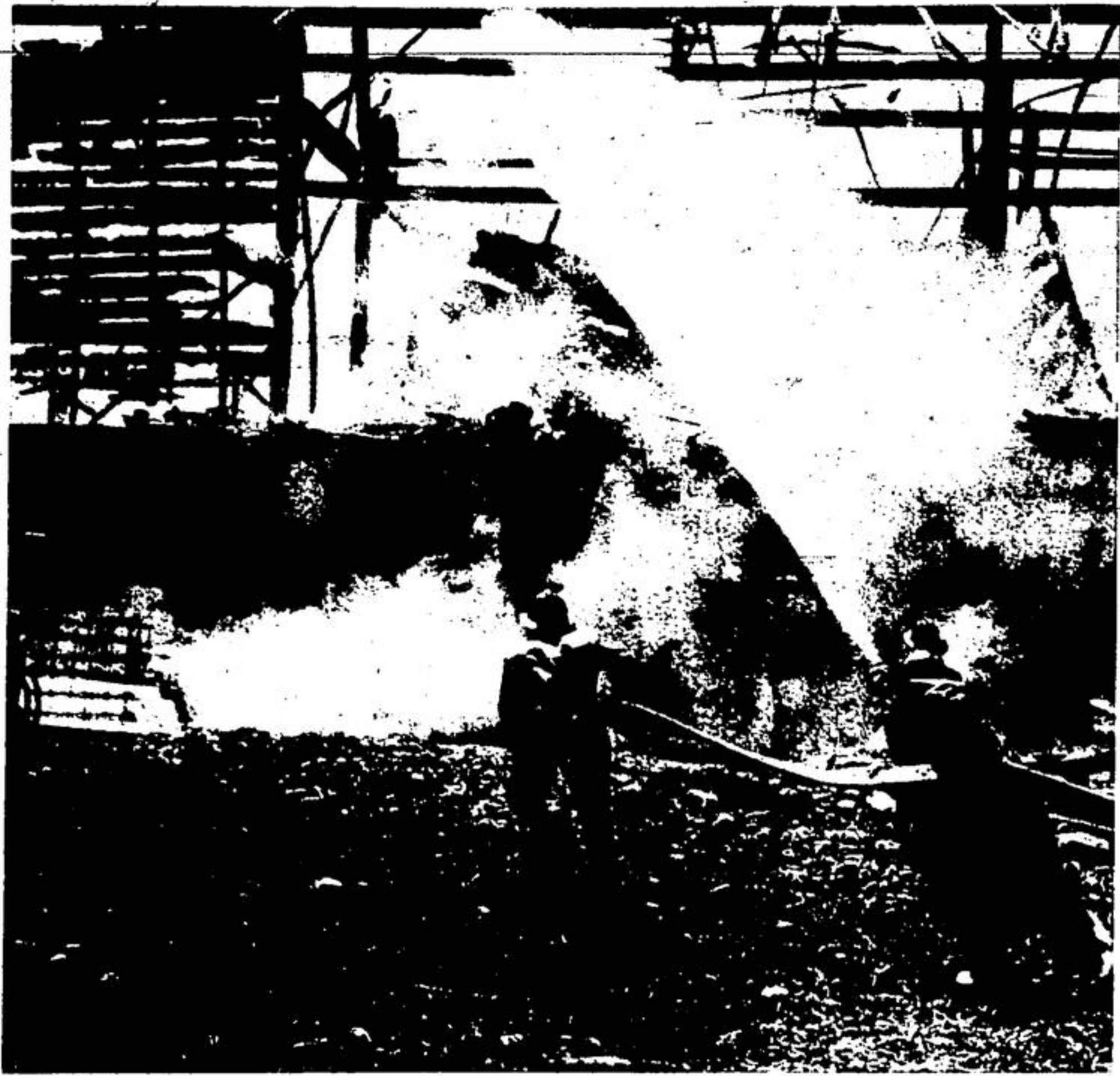
years, completed four years on council and this year began his fifth term. He also served two years as a member of Acton Planning Board. He is leaving Acton to take a position with a trucking firm in Sarina.

Married with three children, one married and two at home, Mr. Peal and his wife Ada expect to move to Sarina as soon as their home here is sold.

Past President

He is a past president of the Royal Canadian Legion at Branch 197 and this year was appointed poppy chairman there. He sings with the Legion Choralists and has been a diligent worker for the Branch.

Tuesday evening at council, the resignation came as a shock to members who indignantly expressed their regrets and congratulated Mr. Peal on his fine work at council level.



73 PIGS were lost Friday when the barn owned by Peter Whitton, R. R. 1, Acton, went up in flames. The fire was raging out of control before Acton Firefighters left town. Within five minutes after the fire was spotted by a passing motorist, Rudy Hanousek, the entire barn was a mass of flames.

73 Pigs Burned in Friday Fire As Area Barn Completely Guttled

Seventy-three pigs burned to death Friday noon during a barn fire at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Whitton, R.R. 1, Acton. Acton Firefighters were called but the barn was beyond saving by the time they arrived. Cause of the blaze is unknown. Fire Chief Mick Holmes estimates the loss around \$12,000.

Burned inside the blazing inferno were 65 piglets and eight pigs which were heard squealing momentarily by the crowd of spectators which gathered at the noon hour fire. Flames and heat prevented their rescue. Also lost in the blaze was a quantity of grain and straw and a set of harrows.

Out of Control

The wind-fanned fire was raging out of control by the time the firefighters arrived and sweeping across tinder-dry grass in fields. The fire was clearly visible for miles across the countryside.

Rudy Hanousek, R.R. 2, Rockwood, first spotted smoke rising from the upper corner of the barn as he drove along No. 25 Sideroad. He knocked on the door of the Whitton home but received no answer as Mr. and Mrs. Whitton had left for Acton where they both work. Mr. Whitton is employed at Micro Plastics and Mrs. Whitton at Beardmore and Co. Ltd.

Mr. Hanousek then went to the nearby Murray farm and alerted

State Conditions For New Subdivision

Lacking a quorum of members at a scheduled meeting of the Committee of Adjustment last Thursday evening, the chairman G. W. McKenzie discussed the application of T. Sevnyck and Cranston Griese with the men and with two councillors, C. F. Leatherland of the Development Commission and R. Drinkwater of the Planning Board. The Thursday meeting was called to review information requested at an April 7 meeting of the Committee of Adjustment.

A special meeting of the Committee was held on Monday, April 25, at which the chairman Mr. McKenzie and the committee members, Murray Smith, considered the application and gave approval to the proposal subject to two conditions. The first condition is that T. Sevnyck sign an agreement with the town of Acton concerning the future street pattern on the balance of Lot 315. The second condition is that Cranston Griese enter into a planned subdivision agreement with the Town of Acton on the six acres to be separated under the application.

There are three members on the Committee of Adjustment so two constitutes a quorum. Committee member Ernie Marks was unable to be present.

The application before the committee is for a land separation of approximately six acres, a part of Lot 315, Plan 1098, off Acton Boulevard, near the High and M. Z. Bennett schools.

Councillors Leatherland and Drinkwater appeared at the meeting as representatives of the Development Commission and Planning Board to present the recommendation that provision be made for insuring access to Churchill Road, Wallace Avenue and Acton Boulevard. Councillor Drinkwater said there were some changes he would like to see in the plans and there may be others Planning Board would want.

Chairman McKenzie summed up the discussions saying there appeared to be an area of agreement subject to two provisions. He said the separation must be satisfying to Mr. Sevnyck and Mr. Griese as well as to the Council, the Planning Board and the Department of Townships. "There is no use sending it to Toronto for approval unless we are in agreement here."

At the special meeting on Monday approval was given subject to the two conditions. The agreement between the town and Mr. Sevnyck was presented at Council on Tuesday evening and is to be studied by the solicitor.

New Golf Course North of Acton

A new golf course is presently under construction on the first line of Erin township just two and a half miles north of town.

Work on the project began last fall but due to poor weather conditions it was impossible to make much headway. This spring work resumed and is being rushed in order to complete the first nine holes. Future plans call for an additional nine holes to complete the membership and pavilion play course.

Six partners are involved in the project with George Gibson of Ingleton matroning it. Mr. Gibson presently owns a golf course on Lakeshore Boulevard. Other partners include Mrs. Helen Hamilton, Snelgrove; Perc Tizzard, Terra Cotta; George Reeves, Brampton; Jerry Padmore, Watford; and George McGowan, Dixie.

Plans call for a clubhouse to include dining area and pro shop with a large parking area. Seeding and sodding may be completed this fall on nine holes. A natural spring on the property will provide plenty of water for irrigation.

Although the land is not too hilly, the layout of the course will call for plenty of skill over water holes and through bush with dog legs added for interest.

At present a home is being erected near the entrance for Mr. McGowan who hopes to occupy it within a few months. Later on, other partners expect to build homes for themselves.

The close proximity to Acton is expected to attract town golfers, who presently drive many miles to play in the club.

The location is just north of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Shields and family on the first line.

Just Seven Appear In Court in Milton

Acton cases in Milton court Monday were light this week with only seven offenders appearing. A total of \$94 in fines and \$20 in court costs was paid.

A charge of failing to yield was dismissed but four speeders were convicted and paid a total of \$42 in fines. Failing to stop at a stop street and causing an accident cost a driver \$40 in fines and another involved in a traffic incident paid \$12 in fines.

Returns to H.S.

Michael Bevan has cabled from England to say he will be returning to teach at Acton high school. He has been on a year's exchange, teaching in a British school. He was replaced here by exchange teacher Miss Rosemary High.

Peal's Last Stand

Councillor Presses for Stop Lights At Dangerous Mill-Main Corner

Councillor Hamilton Peal's parting words to colleagues Tuesday evening after he tendered his resignation was to urge for Stop and Go lights at the Mill-Main intersection.

Deputy Reeve R. R. Parker opened the subject when he asked if the Department of Transport had indicated a definite time a traffic survey would be taken at this corner. Mr. Parker, speaking from experience (he was involved in a minor accident at the intersection), stated the intersection is extremely dangerous.

Copy Georgetown

Road chairman, councillor Peal suggested council do the same as Georgetown — install traffic lights and let the Department of Highways rule on them later.

"We have a stronger case than Georgetown. The intersection is the junction of two main highways, whereas Georgetown installed lights at the intersection of a highway and side street," commented councillor F. G. Oakes.

It was agreed to have the clerk-administrator investigate the possibility of a traffic survey being conducted as soon as possible.

Garbage Change

Normal procedure each summer for council is to adopt two-day per week garbage collection early in May. However, this year it was decided to postpone this procedure for a week or two until the new garbage packer arrives.

Lights and sanitation committee chairman Robert Drinkwater, in recommending this action, suggested that adopting the usual method of two-day pickup at the normal time, when a week or two later the program might be changed, would be confusing. He also suggested it might be possible to continue a two-day

a week pickup throughout the year when the garbage packer arrives. Reeve H. H. Hinton opposed delaying the two-day per week garbage pickup.

Demand for Trees

Canada's 100th birthday next year is creating quite a demand on Red Maple trees as council found out. Continuing its tree planting program started in 1963, council advertised maple trees for sale on a share-the-cost basis with ratepayers. A total of 43 trees was requested and road chairman Peal notified council Tuesday he had been unable to locate any Red Maples as the demand had been so great.

Deputy Reeve R. R. Parker told the chairman County Council had ordered close to 800 Rubrum Maple trees and was of the opinion Acton could obtain some from the same source. The clerk was authorized to place an order for 50 trees through County Council.

Subdivision Plan

Council studied a draft plan of subdivision on land proposed for sale by Tony Sevnyck to Cranston Griese for future development. It has been proposed to have both Mr. Sevnyck and Mr. Griese enter into an agreement with the town regarding road allowances throughout the property. Before this is done, William Sharpe of Milton will be engaged as the town's solicitor to study the agreements.

Current accounts totalling \$7,607.79 were approved for payment. Also approved for payment were accounts for the months of January, February and March totalling \$20,573.25. These accounts include salaries, fringe benefits and other payments which must be made at due date. The clerk receives au-

thority the first of the year to pay such accounts when due, and final approval they have been paid is noted at regular council session. Due to work on the town budget, several regular council meetings were cancelled and these accounts were not noted until Tuesday.

Trip to Ottawa For Rita McCrea



RITA MCCREA

Grade 12 student Rita McCrea has been chosen to represent Acton high school in the annual Rotary-sponsored Adventure in Citizenship. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCrea, Scene St. She flies from Milton to Ottawa Sunday, May 8, and returns Thursday, May 12.

She will be reporting to her sponsors, the Rotary Club, and writing an article for the Free Press.

Acton high school first began sending a student each year to Ottawa in 1952.

This year about 240 students from all across Canada will see Ottawa's highlights and meet fellow students.

Rita, who is 17, has lived in Acton all her life. She hasn't been to Ottawa before.

Mayor, Reeve, Councillor Involved in Cross-Fire

A recommendation to appoint Joe T. Hurst to Acton's Development Commission Tuesday night at council meeting sparked a heated argument involving Mayor Les Dudy, Reeve H. H. Hinton and councillor Robert Drinkwater.

Reeve Hinton, who was a member of the commission last year, but was not included on this year, said he wasn't opposed to Mr. Hurst but asked both the mayor and councillor for their frank statements why he wasn't wanted on the Development Commission.

Reeve Busy

Councillor Drinkwater said he left strongly about this and noted it was apparent the reeve had difficulty attending some of the meetings last year because of other commitments. He also stated he was of the opinion the reeve would find it more difficult to attend meetings this year because he was warden of the county. "I don't think you have any more right to be on the commission than anyone else," remarked Mr. Drinkwater.

Mayor Dudy told the reeve there was nothing personal in his decision but wondered if the reeve's conscience was bothering him. Mr. Dudy explained it had been understood the reeve had given the impression he would be too busy this year. It was the mayor's decision not to appoint Mr. Hinton to the commission, he said.

Councillor Drinkwater informed the reeve there was no reason the reeve couldn't help develop the town even though not a member.

Mr. Hinton noted he had just returned from a development conference in Seattle and indicated his interest in this line of work.

Mayor Dudy stated the trip was strictly of a personal nature but as mayor he was interested in anything developed from the trip worthwhile for Acton. "I have no reservations on this, you were never slighted," concluded the mayor.

Reeve Award

The decision to appoint Mr. Hurst to the Development Commission was reserved for further study at committee level.

Fire chief Mick Holmes and firefighter Harry Ottenheim were present to receive an award of merit certificate won during a Canada-wide Fire Prevention scrapbook contest.

The award, presented by the National Fire Protection Association with headquarters in Boston, cited Acton Fire Department with honorable mention in the contest for communities with a population of under 5,000. Mayor Dudy and fire committee chair-

Gloomy Future For Urban Bd.

The fate of the North Halton Urban Board rests with council members in Georgetown, Milton and Acton who must decide to attend future meetings or disband the organization.

Wednesday evening of last week only three members attended the April meeting in Acton. Attending were Mayor Les Dudy and councillor Robert Drinkwater from Acton and the 1966 chairman, deputy reeve Jim Young from Georgetown. Milton council was not represented.

The entire meeting was spent discussing the merits of continuing or disbanding the Urban Board. It was decided to write each individual council and request three council members attend future Urban Board meetings.

In the event cooperation is not given by each municipality it is expected the board will be forced to disband.

Council also:

- Approved superintendent Ali Dudy attending a road superintendent (Continued on Page Seven)



TCA AIRLINE HOSTESS Miss Mary English was one of the guests at Acton High School Careers Night Monday who spoke to the students. Left to right are Rotarian Jim Ledger who introduced her, Miss English and assistant principal Joe Bray.