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## Fall Fair will be hub of centennial celebration

Plans to celebrate Canada's 100th birthday in Acton next year call for a four-day fall fair. Tuesday evening, Acton Fall Fair Board agreed the fair would be the hub for Acton's main Centennial celebration. This can only be made possible with the co-operation of other organized groups from Acton and district.

During the Tuesday meeting, R. R. Parker and Brendan Ahern from the Acton Centennial Committee discussed the proposal with the Fall Fair Board and Fair Board Ladies and tentative plans were approved.

It is planned to hold the four-day celebration Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 14, 15, 16 and 17 in Prospect Park and Community Centre.

Tentative plans call for the Thursday to be preparation day

for the program. On Friday afternoon it is hoped to have a live TV show to include an educational program which would be staged for school pupils.

Friday evening the usual arena performance will be held with many added attractions, and Saturday would be the regular agriculture fair in the park to include midway and other features.

Plans also call for a mass church service to be held Sunday morning in the Community Centre and a monster band tattoo in the park in the afternoon to wind up the four-day celebration.

Although nothing final has been reached on these plans, further meetings will be held and at this time it is hoped organized groups in Acton and district will volunteer to assist in the planned program.

## Decoration Day Sunday parade, service planned

People of Acton and district and former residents will converge at Fairview Cemetery Sunday afternoon to remember their loved ones and decorate graves during the annual Decoration Day service.

A parade headed by three bands will form at the C.N.R. station at 2:15 p.m. and march to Fairview cemetery where a brief outdoor service will be held under the auspices of the Acton Ministerial Association.

Legionnaire William Nicolak will be parade marshal and will lead the first section of the parade followed by Acton Citizens' Band. Other sections will be headed by the Guelph Pipe Band and Hespeler Junior Pipe Band. Another feature will be Tillsburg Legion color party, returning a visit paid that legion branch by Acton Legion Choralists.

Taking part in the parade will be Guides, Brownies, Cubs, Acton council, Firefighters and representatives of various organizations.

During the service at the cemetery Mayor L. A. Duby will

welcome the gathering and the call to worship invocation will be given by Rev. A. H. McKenzie.

Rev. Ritchie McMurray will give a Bible reading followed by prayer by Rev. Dwight Engel. Scripture will be read by Rev. Stanley Gammon and the address given by Rev. Samuel M. Thoman. Benediction will be pronounced by Mr. Gammon. At the conclusion of the brief service, graves will be decorated at Fairview, Dublin and Pioneer cemeteries.

The Decoration Day service is under the auspices of Acton council, Acton Legion, Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E., Duke of Devonshire Chapter, I.O.D.E., Acton, Bannockburn and Dublin Women's Institutes, Acton Fire Department, Acton Citizens' Band, Loyal Orange Lodge 467, Acton Lions Club, Acton Rotary Club, Acton Ministerial Association and the Y's Men's Club.

Executive members heading the program include chairman David Hunter, secretary Mrs. Gordon Currie and treasurer Mrs. George Hargrave.

## Home economics classes hold fashion show, tea

Wearing apparel fashioned by girls in Mrs. Alex Orr's home economics classes were displayed Friday afternoon at the high school during the sixth annual fashion show.

Principal E. A. Hansen welcomed the interested parents and students during assembly and reviewed the work entailed in the home economics class. Master of ceremonies for the show was Theresa Marzo, who explained the different styles to the audience as the girls paraded on stage.

Judy Dwyer and Lorraine Servos played an accordion duet as well as individual numbers and Marianne Coles sang a solo.

Included in the designs were fall sewing fashions modelled by grades 9A, B, C, D and E. Fall sewing fashions were completed by home economics girls from grades 10B, C and D, and semi-formals by girls from grades 11C and D.

Spring sewing fashions were

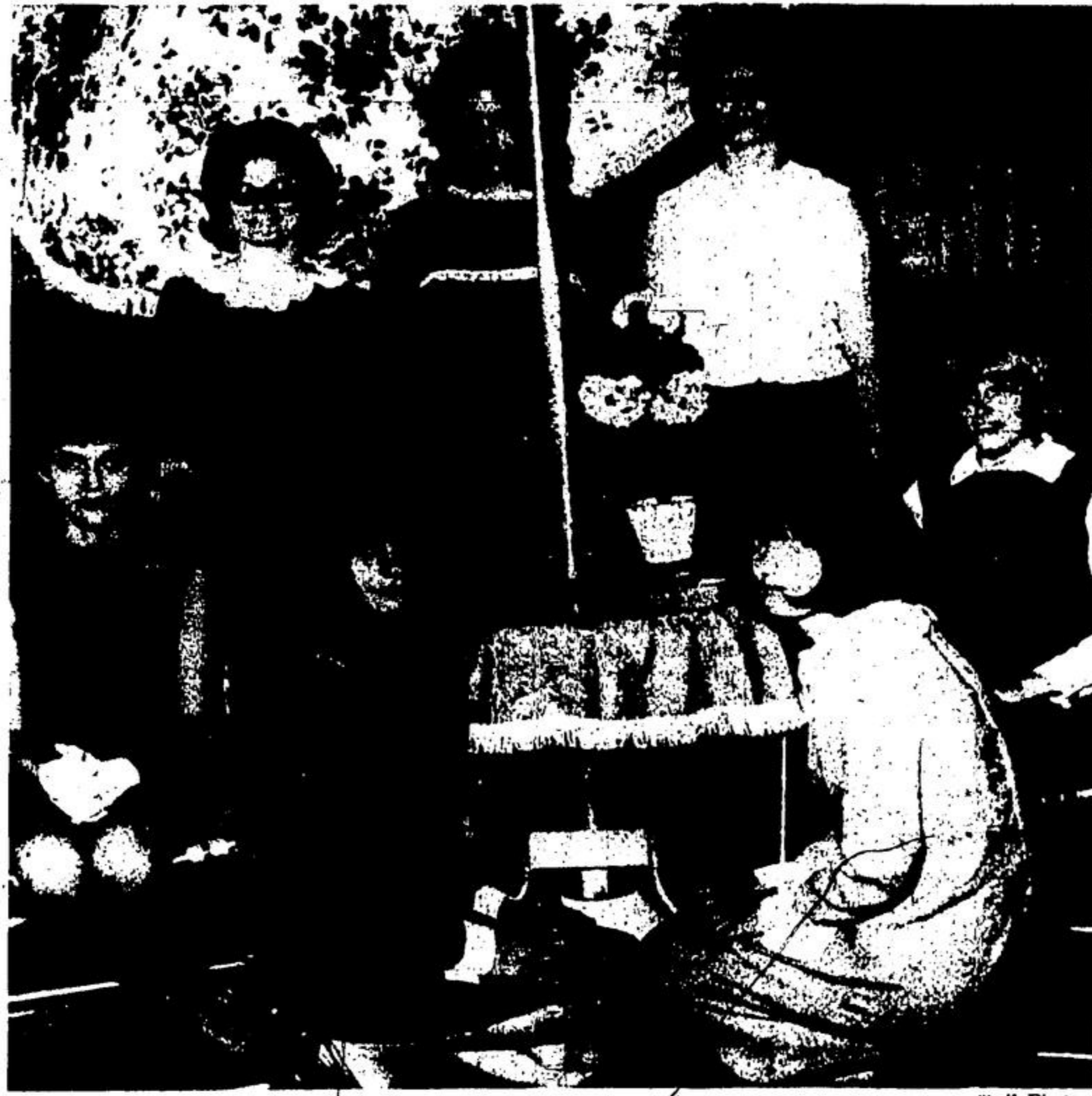
modelled by girls in grades 9A, B, C, D and E as well as 10B, C and D. As an added attraction, some of the girls modelled "granny gowns".

At the conclusion of the program, lunch was served in the gymnasium by the home economics girls. On display at the rear of the gymnasium was work completed by the boys from the industrial arts class. There was also a display in the home economics room.

## Milton Court

Fines in Milton police court Monday totalled \$477 with court costs amounting to \$43 when offenders charged by Acton police appeared before magistrate K. M. Langdon.

Offenses included traffic violations, impaired driving, drinking under age and having liquor in other than a residence, and one case under the motor vehicles claims act.



FASHION MODELS relax under a beach umbrella during the high school fashion show Friday afternoon. Included are Nancy Morris, Thelma Kirkwood, Cathy Gervais, Wendy Masters, Linda Franklin, Yvonne Yeman and Judy Photo.

## Sarnia architect to meet hydro regarding proposed building

Acton Hydro Commission members still have their sights set for a new building on Alice Street to house office, meeting room and workshop. A meeting with William Andrews, an architect from Sarnia, has been set up for Wednesday, June 8, to discuss plans.

In two previous attempts, tenders for the proposed building proved in excess of anticipated costs and the program was temporarily scrapped. Architect Donald Skinner was engaged to draw initial plans.

Thursday evening of last week commissioners reviewed a recent visit to Strathroy where the new hydro building there was inspected. The Strathroy building was almost twice as large as the one proposed for Acton and built at three-quarter

the cost of submitted tenders received by the Acton Commission.

Mayor Les Duby, council representative on the commission, reported the Acton Centennial Library committee would be visiting Strathroy to see the new library building there as well as inspecting the Strathroy hydro building.

It was agreed to sell a hydro water heater at the Commission's cost to future builders of all-electric homes. The local commission will do the installation free of charge.

It was also agreed to send two commissioners as well as superintendent Doug Mason to the A.M.E.U. convention in Ottawa June 8-10.

Property committee chairman

Orval Brown reported the spare seat for the new hydro panel truck had been ordered.

Superintendent Mason reported his department had received the post-hole digger and it had been installed and was working to satisfaction. He also reported working on underground wiring in the new section of Lakeview subdivision would be started as soon as possible. He noted primary cable was not expected for delivery for a few weeks. He also reported work on line building on Church Street would begin this week.

The commission agreed to hire casual summer help to assist the hydro department as in past years. Accounts totalling \$3,451.27 were approved for payment.

## Summer program, arena repairs concern of recreation committee

Chairman Len Lovell succeeded in holding a meeting of the recreation committee Monday night after two previous attempts. Failed to produce enough members to form a quorum. The committee had many items of business to attend to including reports from committee chairman on activities already in progress and a summary of the summer program from recreation director Howard Pearce.

The chairman informed members on the decision of the administrative committee to engage Roy Goodwin to operate roller skating at the community centre and run the booth. Cost of the program was negligible to the committee since officers from other companies required capital which was not available.

"As far as I can see the roller skating program is quite successful," commented Mr. Lovell. Harold Townsley backed the chairman up by stating the roller sessions were meeting expenses on week nights and Saturday nights were a complete sell-out. A dance after the skating on Saturdays has drawn increasing patronage with 181 attending last Saturday. Music is supplied by a local rock and roll band.

"It's loud but the kids really go for it," said one member, and the dancers are well behaved and orderly.

Dancing is from 10 p.m. until 12 and some committee members felt perhaps they might receive complaints about the hour some of the younger dancers stay out.

"If too many complaints are received we could switch the roller skating from 7 to 9 and have dancing from 9 to 11," said member Townsley.

Discussion on the need for improvements in the community centre and repairs found the committee in agreement that Frank Thompson should work part time all summer on the projects.

Property chairman Townsley disclosed a door had been cut in the corner of the storage area and arrangements are being made to install a suitable floor.

The boards have been painted and new plastic stripping has been installed on the edges of the seats. Screening needs repairs and a screen will go over the electric score board and timer when the new screen is installed.

"The arena needs painting, the seats need a coat of paint and I'd like to see the toilets done too," said Mr. Townsley. "That would be a good job for Frank."

The committee agreed since Herb Ritchie was a full time employee of the town that he should receive two weeks vacation with pay, one week paid by the recreation committee and the other by park board.

Plans for a huge trophy case 46 feet long were unveiled by Harold Townsley and he received a green light on the project. Approximate cost of the case would be \$300 and Mr. Townsley reported part of the expense would be defrayed by donations from other organizations.

Members felt there was a real need for a case to display trophies but also felt interested organizations would donate more money towards it. Chairman Lovell will ask interested organizations for more substantial donations.

Fire safety at the community centre, next item on the agenda, produced a lengthy discussion when fire chief Mick Holmes told the committee fire safety in the arena was not always the best and was causing him some concern.

"It's a lot better than last year when papers were accumulated at the bottom of the seats but wiring one of the fire exit doors

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## Advise centennial library tenders called on June 8

Tenders will be called June 8 for Acton's Centennial Library if Council accepts the recommendation of the Centennial Committee at a special council meeting to be called for Tuesday, June 7. The committee recommended council call tenders on June 8 after final plans have been submitted by architect Don Skinner. Closing date for the tenders will be June 30.

A visit to Mr. Roedel of the Department of Education by clerk J. McGeachie and Library board member Ted Pratt brought back the recommendation that council, rather than the library board, should construct the building. An annual rental would be charged the library by the town and would represent approximately 30 per cent of the annual library operational budget.

The possibility of using wall-to-wall carpet, rather than vinyl asbestos tile, on the floors will result in a tender call, with and without floor finishing. Other variables in the tender call would indicate the cost differential between using plate glass or thermopane windows, and the extra cost for installation of an air-conditioning system at the time of construction.

Mr. Skinner estimated it would cost up to \$1,500 to use carpet rather than tile on the floors.

The bridge to cross the school creek from River Street to the new building was not included in the contract for the library building. It was suggested the landscaping along the creek should be planned so that a bridge, harmonious in concept to the whole project, could be designed.

Design of the landscaping for the property will be instituted immediately so that when the building is opened for use the whole project will have been completed.

Fred New, one of the library board members who visited Strathroy on Saturday, May 28, gave the following report.

Four members of the Library Board — the chief librarian, one assistant, the mayor and one councillor — visited the town of Strathroy, population 5,600, to view the library complex, opened November, 1965.

The visit was arranged through the mayor and the purpose was to determine the validity of our own thinking on libraries against the achievement of the town of Strathroy.

The authorities of Strathroy have to be congratulated on their approach and the result achieved. Until November 1965 the Strathroy facility was one room, hopelessly overcrowded, books piled on the floor, and the library was kept functioning by a dedicated staff (it sounds quite a familiar story). After many council meetings and delays, with ever mounting costs, tenders for a single floor complex of library and culture centre were called for and the complex erected.

A site, adjacent to the War Memorial, was selected. The building lies well back from the side walk and fits into the surrounding area. It is a cement block building with cathedral type ceilings. The entrance separates the library from the cultural centre and consists of two glass doors, well marked. One enters the doors from a

wide path onto a natural slate floor.

Facing the door is a variegated tile wall, into which is mounted a glass exhibit case. To the left is the library and to the right is the cultural centre which encompasses a boardroom, janitorial and toilet facilities.

One enters the glass doors of the library on a Texmark covered floor, directly in front of the reception desk. The desk is in two halves. The children's hall is miniaturized to suit the small fry.

The library, with its cathedral ceiling, is spacious and well lit. The adults' section is complete with reading tables and is equipped to hold 18,000 volumes. The adjustable metal shelves, at this time, hold about 4,000 books, which is about the figure of 2.5 books per citizen. It has a good reference and historical section.

Window area is kept to a minimum. Two eight foot windows at each corner provide an ideal balance of light against the illumination of the recessed lighting.

Located immediately behind the tiled wall of the entrance are the archives room, complete with flipbook door and the store room. Entrance to this area is possible through a standard door from the library.

Leaving the library, and crossing the natural slate floor one passes on the right the janitorial and toilet facilities and the boardroom. To the left is the main door of the cultural centre. The walls of the centre are panelled with burlap for exhibition of local art and handicrafts and, to emphasize such exhibits, the lighting can be adjusted locally to suit.

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## Cancer canvass sets record \$2,717 delights organizers

The Acton Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society reported another highly successful canvass this year — in fact, the best to date here. A total of \$2,717.68 was raised in Acton and district. The area for the first time this year included Eden Mills.

Last year's total was \$2,368.83. Campaign chairman Mrs. Ray Arbie is delighted with the result and points out every penny — and more — is urgently needed for cancer research and treatment.

Sums collected in the various nearby districts are: Eden Mills, included for the first time, \$39.25; Nassagaweya, \$264.75; Bannockburn, \$213.35; Dublin, \$507.10; Highway 25 south, \$63. The balance was donated in the town of Acton.

Canvassers were as follows: Glenora area, under Mrs. Pat Lynch; Mrs. John Blundell, Mrs. Gordon Ralston, Mrs. George Bowman, Fred New, Glenn

Banks, Betty Knapton, Mrs. L. Harkley, Mrs. Joan Barr, Mrs. Vera Hietala, Mrs. Jane McCallum, Mrs. Marg Howard, Mrs. Bea Ginger, Mrs. Dolly Robinson, Mrs. Katherine Fern, Robert Hart.

Under Mrs. Doris Kentner: Mrs. Phyllis Patrick, Mrs. Grace Townsley, Mrs. Doris Townsley. Under Mrs. Mae Symon: Barbara Symon, Alex Orr, Mrs. Hazel Cripps, Mrs. Peggy de Bruyn, Mrs. Edith Heller, Mrs. B. Chew, Mrs. Dorothy Carnochan, Mrs. Rosemary Black.

Under Mrs. H. R. Force: Mrs. Alex Frank, Mrs. Jack Smith, Mrs. Charlie Landsborough, Mrs. Jim Van Fleet, Mrs. B. Johnson. Under Mrs. Don Van Fleet: Mrs. Mildred Kelly, Mrs. Lois Norton, Vera Smith, Mrs. Norma Marchment, Mrs. Ada Gils, Miss Olga Dwyer, Mrs. A. J. Buchanan, Mrs. Oral Norton.

Under Mrs. Mary Irwin: Mrs. Marjorie Jordan, Mrs. Shirley (Continued on Page Five)

## Centennial planning urgent, clerks told

Clerk-administrator Jack McGeachie joined with other Halton County clerks during the dinner meeting Wednesday of last week at Halton Golf Club in Georgetown.

Guest speaker was a representative from the Community Centennial Planning Branch of the government who outlined the urgency of centennial projects. He stressed the importance of citizens in each community backing the program and not leaving projects entirely up to elected personnel. The dinner meeting was sponsored by Georgetown council.

## Acton Lions in big parade

Acton Lions, complete with clown band on a decorated truck and a dwarfish gnome in a big hat hiding Bill Taylor, marched in Sunday's convention parade in London. An estimated 100,000 people watched as 300 entries took over three hours to pass the reviewing stand.

Bill (Weep) Taylor's unique costume was one of the parade's hits drawing laughs from spectators all along the three mile route. He was the special target of photographers.

Three Lionettes, Lynn Johnson, Gwen and Nancy Lauder were on the Acton float with the clown band, arrived in minstrel show costumes and long morning coats and stove pipe hats. Included in the band were Ted Tyler, Jr., Charlie Kingsmill, Dave Peal, Rudolph Spicvogel, Frank Spicvogel, Bing Ramsden, Ray Agnew and Julian Zlatar.

Acton's entry was arranged by convention chairman Neil Miller and his committee of Art Gordon and Jim McLennan. Several of the Acton Lions spent the weekend in London with zone chairman Al Lander attending until Wednesday.

## 96th birthday

Charles Kelly Browne, Acton's oldest active merchant, will celebrate his 96th birthday Saturday. The nonagenarian who seldom misses working in his variety store on Main St. N., expects to greet his many customers and former friends on the day of his birthday in his store.

Mr. Browne has been a member of the Orange Lodge for many years and took his first walk on July 12 at the age of 12. He still attends conventions and lodge meetings and has been honored on many occasions.



Photo by Esther Taylor

POPULAR, HARD-WORKING Elmer Smith was the surprised recipient of honors at the Y's Men's ladies' night in Guelph last week. Lined up behind the Y's Men's International flags are

family members son Brian, son David and wife Anne of Galt; Mr. Smith, Mrs. Smith, son Norman, daughters Vivian and Julie.