



NO. 15 RON SCHMIDT shot Acton Tanners into a 2-1 lead in the opening minutes of the second period of Friday's O.H.A. Int. B opener here but the Acton club was shaded by Cheltenham Harvesters 7-6 in a bang-up game. Fans hung onto the edge of their seats through the contest. The lead sea-sawed back and forth before the visitors sewed the decision up with a pair of goals in the final two minutes. The other Tanner to the left is winger Fred Buchanan. Harvesters goalkeeper Newlove is looking in the right place for the puck—behind him.—(Staff Photo)

First five shoppers win Santarama vouchers

Not one of the five lucky winners in the first Santarama draw was present when the first draw was made Saturday at 3 p.m. at the Y steps. They were all delighted when told of their good fortune.

Selecting the names were two Mill St. clerks, Mrs. Eve Cooper of Paul's clothing store and Lynne Froelich of Cameo Shoppe.

The top award of \$30 in vouchers went to Mrs. P. Venn, R. R. 4, Acton; \$25 went to Mrs. William Price, 21 Meadvale Rd., \$20 to Mrs. Alex Mann, 251 Arthur St.; \$15 to Mrs. C. W. Taylor, R. R. 1, Acton and \$10 to Mrs. Mary Graham, Willow St.

This Saturday the second draw will be made at 3 p.m. at the Lakeside I.O.D.E. bazaar in the Legion Hall. This way the organizers will be sure of an interested crowd, no matter how nasty the weather is.

The vouchers won in the draws are redeemable at the stores of participating merchants—Custom Cleaners, Lakeview discount, Hinton's, Symon hardware, Cameo Shoppe, Red and White, Holland Shop, IGA, Fabric Centre, Lowell Bros., Sports Corner, Gordon Hardware, Benson's shoes, Dills Stationery, A-B Supermarket, Dollar Daddy, Acton Home Furnishings, Manning Electric, Family Store, and Nielsen's Clothing.

Many replies questionnaire

We got letters about the railway service in Acton and questionnaires continue to flow in, which will be forwarded to M.P. Rud Whiting.

Now Ontario Transport Minister Irwin Haskett has told

the Legislature his department will vigorously oppose railways abandoning passenger service. The provincial transport department will study in depth the effect of discontinuing services to communities, Haskett said.

Two accidents damage vehicles

When one car was attempting a left turn, an accident occurred Monday at 4.30 p.m. at the Bower-Mill corner. Involved were drivers Andre Conway and Mrs. Sandy Jean Ripma, and each vehicle received an estimated \$200 damage.

On Tuesday another two car accident was investigated by Acton O.P.P. It occurred at Queen and Churchill Rd. at 11.40 a.m. Drivers were Brian Robinson, Acton, whose car received an estimated \$150 damage, and Henry Lowery, R.R. 3 Milton, whose car's damage was estimated at \$200.

Esqueuing passes holding by-law

Esqueuing Council passed a holding by-law Tuesday night to regulate the use of land and the erection and use of buildings or structures in the township.

The by-law will prevent the use of land, buildings or structures in the township for any other purpose than the one existing, but will still allow development to take place within village boundaries as defined in by-law 16-88.

Ontario director to speak at C. of C. general meeting

B. A. Barnhill, a director of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, will be guest speaker for the Acton Chamber of Commerce general meeting Monday, November 24 at the legion hall.

The Acton Chamber will also review its own by-laws at the meeting which starts off with a dinner at 7 p.m. Also on the agenda will be an election to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of two members of the executive which two other members have filled.

Allan Eastwood, head of the science department at Acton district high school, will contest the vacancy. Mr. Eastwood is a new member of the Chamber and has taken an active part in activities since moving here from Richmond Hill.

The resignation of Don Timmings from the executive was due to lack of the time necessary to sit on the executive and because he moved to a farm in Eramosa township recently. The executive decided the vacancy should be filled by Don

Tik talk on timepiece tempts council to trade

The face on the former Bank of Montreal clock may be a trifle red this week.

Acton council, following a suggestion from the mayor, is having second thoughts about installing the \$3,000 clock, donated to the town, in front of the municipal office. And there's a strong possibility the bank may install a new one of their own if they receive council's permission to hang one from a standard over the sidewalk in front of the bank.

Mayor Duby, shuttling between Bracebridge and Acton one day recently, noted the new Bank of Montreal in the northern town has

a timepiece more elaborate than the one hauled down in Acton. Any possibility of one going up in Acton? The mayor asked manager Ted Pratt.

A strong possibility, if the town gives permission to hang it from a pole in front of the bank, the manager replied, after consultation with bank brass.

"With the advent of regional government (town offices) may not be a municipal office," the mayor told council. So maybe the clock the bank gave us should go somewhere else. "Get your thinking caps on," he advised. Time marches on but No. 2

committee will make a recommendation to council about the proposed location for a new bank clock by the next meeting.

No. 1 committee is baling out No. 2 again, suggested a member of No. 1, his grin broad and brazen.

"No school teachers and doctors on our committees, just truck drivers and skinners men," Councillor Groer countered. Why all the fuss about a clock?

Council wants to make sure there's a large timepiece in a prominent position along the business section since the old post office clock, now tolling the hours again, may soon be torn down along with the building.

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Hydro hopes to hold line

Acton Hydro Commission is going to make a good try at holding hydro rates in spite of the fact that it has been 15 years since there has been a change.

The local Commission, along with all others in the province, has been notified rates they pay for power from Ontario Hydro will be raised 6% on the first of

January. This will mean an increase of approximately \$1,600 per month in Acton's power bill but the commissioners feel they can hold the line again.

Power rates have risen for the Commission five times since 1951 but the Commission has been able to absorb the increases

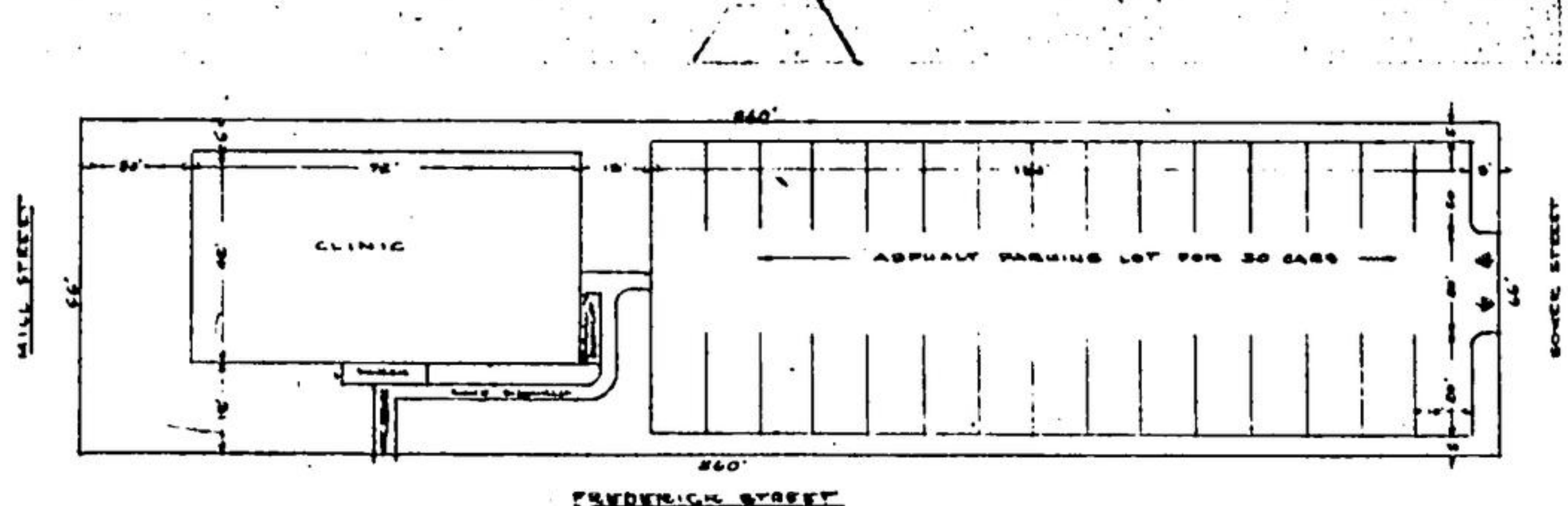
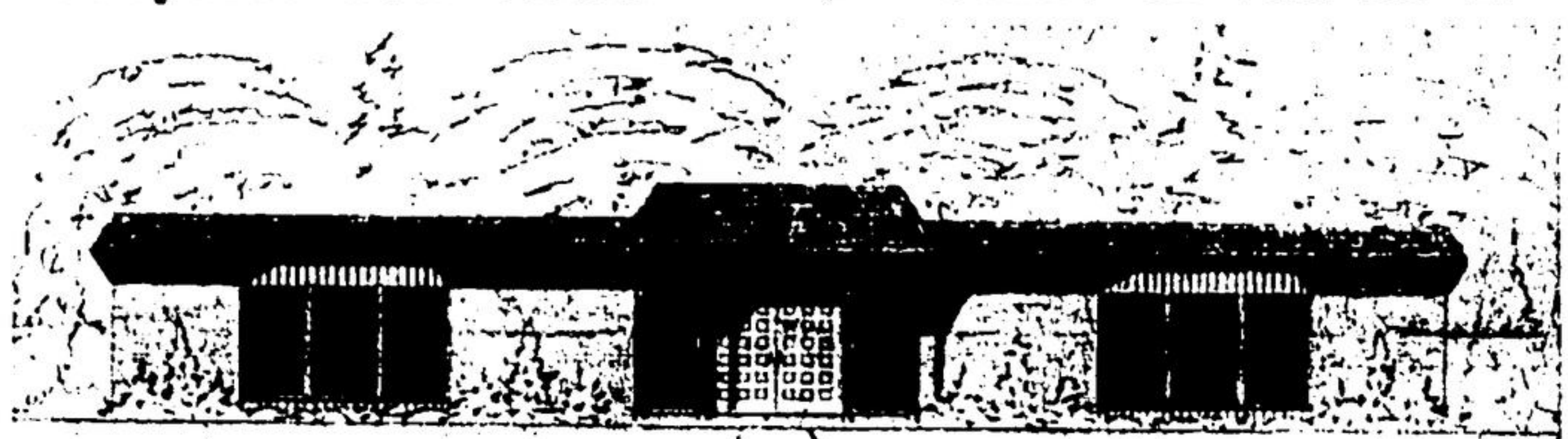
on every occasion, except one, when a few consumers were billed under a different system. Others found their rates were lower, balancing that raise.

The Acton Commission points out that although the cost of living has risen by 25 per cent, hydro rates in Acton have not soared for consumers since

1954. Will they be able to hold the line? "We've absorbed raises before. Maybe we can do it again," said Chairman Will McEchern.

Many other municipalities in the district have already announced they will pass the extra cost on to the consumer.

Proposed new Acton Medical Centre on Mill St. E.



FOUR DOCTORS who form Acton Medical Group are proposing to provide better facilities in this new building. It's to be located at 93 Mill St. E. at the corner of Frederick St. The lot, where Rydars lived for many years, would have to be rezoned from residential to

commercial. If the zoning change is approved, building would begin next spring. The doctors associated in the Group are T. B. Moore, C. Hutchison, D. W. van der Bent and J. A. Omelon.

Ratepayers none the wiser about proposed race track

For the second week in a row, Esqueuing township ratepayers who had come to a council meeting to protest about a proposed race track in the township between the Third and Fourth Lines, south of Five Sideroad, were unable to obtain any more information about the proposed track than they already had.

Reeve George Currie had told ratepayers at last week's meeting of Council that the buyers of the land involved were supposed to bring plans and specifications for the mystery project to the next council meeting.

Reeve Currie told ratepayers at Monday night's meeting that the promoter of the project had phoned to say that he would not be able to appear, but would attend council's regular meeting Monday, November 24.

When Mrs. Derek Jones, one of the ratepayers, asked the reason for the delay, clerk-treasurer Delmar French replied that engineers are still in the process of drawing up plans of the project for council to look at.

Mrs. Jones then put the reeve right on the spot. "Is it or is it not going to be a race track?" she queried.

Reeve Currie replied that all he knew was that it was going to be some kind of car racing. What kind, he didn't know.

"Well, we don't want it and we aren't going to have it," Mrs. Jones snapped back. "If I have to stand on an orange box and stop each car from coming in, I will".

McKeough still sees merit in union of Halton, Peel

Minister of Municipal Affairs Darcy McKeough told members of Halton County Council he continued to see "positive merit in the union of the counties of Peel and Halton, regardless of the ultimate decision on Burlington".

In a letter to the County Council he congratulated Halton for their discussions on municipal consolidation.

"The internal municipal boundaries outlined by the map appear suitable for the purposes of legislation," he wrote while acknowledging the possibility of "minor changes to these boundaries".

The Minister expressed reservations about the county's proposal for representation on a Halton unit. "I am prepared to accept the recommended system of representation on a tentative basis only".

During the meeting Cal McIntyre, chairman of the county industrial committee,

presented a certificate indicating the latest win for the County Film. It was received by Warden George Currie.

A letter from Mr. and Mrs. V. Bridgman expressing concern that the county might open up an unopened road allowance at Lowville and create hazards at the park, was referred to the county road committee.

Discussion on a Nasagaweya request to lower the speed limit on the Guelph Line between Brookville and Haltonville failed to alter the road committee's previous rejection of the request.

Reeve A. MacArthur emphasized the need for the reduction and Deputy-Reeve G. Agnew reviewed the facilities including the school, township hall, works yard, and municipal offices in the area. The representatives promised a map would be submitted to the road committee to detail the problem.

Pass amendment

Digit dilemma at special meet

Take by-law 1416, shake it up, mix in some 1462 and refer back to 1358 and you'll have a lethal concoction; not even Acton councillors are sure of what is contained without prior consultation with clerk-administrator Joe Hurst or the chief interpreter from the Ontario Municipal Board.

Acton council went into special session Monday night to amend the text of by-law 1416 which an O.M.B. official told the Acton town fathers had an error in section 12, which refers to rural zones. This, said he, is holding up delivery of 1358 which is the zoning by-law, which in turn is holding up the Official Plan.

"By deleting the error in 1416," Mayor Duby told almost the entire council, "we should be able to clear 1416 and 1358."

Why all the fuss? Council does not want to be the goat for any more holdups on the Ontario Housing Corporation project planned for Cobblehill Road, which has been delayed since way back when waiting for the O.M.B. to process the by-laws.

After councillors had spent some time digesting the latest fuel in the war of nerves, they speedily passed the amending by-law which would fix up 1416 and they hoped eventually result in 1358 coming through unscathed.

But they are not holding their breath. Speedy passage of the by-law has been hoped for before. Results have been frustrating.

"If we follow directions," the mayor declared, "at least we won't be guilty of holding up the OHC units."

Car missing

A Tyler Ave. resident reported early Sunday morning to police his car had been stolen.

Film matinees

every Saturday

The boys' and girls' committee of Acton Lions club is attempting to fill a need for the youth of Acton by showing feature length movies at the M. Z. Bennett school every Saturday afternoon.

Admission of 50c is charged, which the Lions expect will help offset all costs of the project. First showing was last Saturday when the program was the film "Smoky" with Fess Parker and included shorts and cartoons.

Films are being hand picked to suit an audience from 7 to 14 years of age but depending on the success of the project, the Lions hope to get films for older groups later on.

Lions Ertle Mubler and Vic Bristol are commencing the matinees which they hope will fill some of the void created when the old Remy theatre closed its doors several years ago. The V's Men's club also carried on the program for many years.

EVERYONE WINS LAS VEGAS NITE NOV. 14

FOR THE ADMISSION PRICE of 50c students at "Las Vegas Nite" at the high school Friday were given \$1000 imaginary money to spend on games of chance, as they pleased. AT the end of the night students with the most money left were given their choice of prizes. Here teacher Margaret Tamblin and Jon Hartin dole out \$100 to Paul Hansen. For more pictures see the Free Press Youth Page.—(Staff Photo)