

Consider VON Services For North Halton Towns

Four written requests from Acton sources for VON services greeted North Halton Urban Board at its inaugural meeting at Acton council.

Acton Medical Centre, Mrs. Alfred Long and spokesman for two Trinity United Church youth groups, Patricia Sampson and Diane Bousfield wrote of the need for home nursing care in this district.

Urban Board was asked to consider bringing The Victorian Order of Nurses into North Halton to relieve the patient load, (Medical Centre point). Examples of definite need were quoted by the three church representatives.

While reacting in various ways to the proposal, Acton and Georgetown councillors agreed the requests were justified. The vote was unanimous to invite a VON representative to the February meeting.

Strewing the route to this decision candid comments by the Georgetown Reeve Bill Hunter

"Who pays for VON services?" Suggestion:

The board's secretary-treasurer, Milton clerk-administrator Jack McGeehan's counterpoint with a suggestion to Mr. Hunter "If the county (Halton County Council) got wise and doubled its staff, the Health Unit could provide this service."

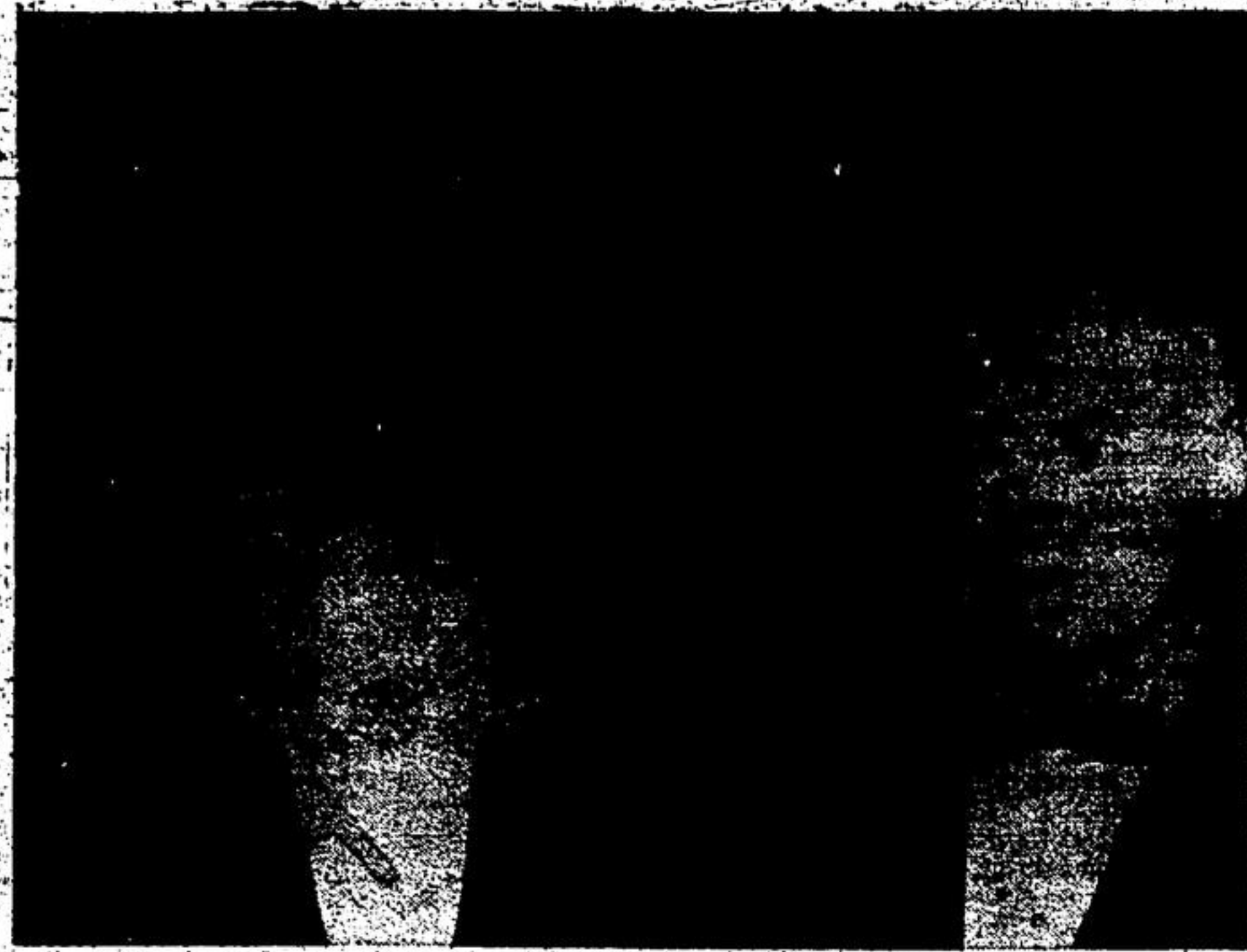
Acton road chairman, Earl Massie also had an inspiration. "In Guelph, the VON operates successfully from the old CPR station. Maybe, a branch could set up here in our CNR station."

From freshman Orval Chapman, Acton, came a key question: How many nurses in the county unit?

Mr. Hunter thought, "about 18, but don't quote me." He asked confirmation from a Hamilton reporter, who quoted a grand jury report that the health unit is understaffed by 18 nurses.

New board chairman, Georgetown councillor Sandy Mackenzie stated "the county simply cannot hire nurses."

Reeve Hunter summed up: "I don't care what the title, any nurse who can't give a needle, there's something the matter."



NEW LODGE MASTER — Worshipful Brother Douglas Latimer, left, newly-installed ruling master of Credit Lodge AF & AM No. 219, GRC, with Worshipful Bro. Jack Addy, a past master of Credit Lodge. Sixteen years ago the new ruling master had his desire to find an interest in Free Masonry kindled through his friendship with the Addy family and was duly initiated into Credit Lodge. Through hard work and the confidence of his brethren he has attained the office of W.M.



—Photos by Charles Trott

IN A LIGHTER VEIN during the installation of Wor. Bro. Douglas Latimer, Wor. Bro. Ed Wilson receives a token gift for the W/M from, left to right, Wor. Bros. L. Youngblut, S. Newton, and E. Franklin, all past masters of Walker Lodge, Acton.

Youth Plays Big Part In Supporting Hospital

by Lee Clark

Every time that a number of students protest or take part in a demonstration, no matter how small the group, it inevitably leads to big black headlines in many cases magnifying the actual incident out of all proportions. And this, in today's world of mass communication, may be as it should be. However it is just too bad that the creative and the plus sides of student activities aren't as well reported.

What's this to do with the Hospital, you say? Quite a lot, when the actual amount of financial aid to the Hospital is added up, through the efforts of various students and student groups. We shall list the various groups and individuals later, but in this column shall deal with their efforts generally.

Quite a number of public schoolers raised funds by bazaars, carolling and other activities, and these donations, although quite modest, are the very lifeblood of the Hospital, because it shows a continuing interest, especially among the young, who of necessity will some day carry the burden of financing and operating the Hospital.

Especially we'd like to mention the large group of High Schoolers, who took the time out to serenade various parts of town with carols just before Christmas, and collect donations which they gave to the Hospital. The amount was in excess of \$300, a rather large amount for this type of project. They were adequately supervised by members of the music staff and teachers, and from the many rather pleasant things we heard about their activities, everyone who heard them, thoroughly enjoyed the impromptu concert. Altogether, we think about 250 teen ager took part, and split into various groups, serenading districts of the community.

The evening was not only a financial success, but showed once again that the vast majority of our teen agers are serious, intelligent citizens, who have a high set of values and take their responsibilities as citizens quite seriously.

Thanks once again from the members of the Board. Incidentally, we are sure



that a member of the Board, now continuing his studies in Reading, England, will read of this activity with interest. We refer of course to our valued members, Tom Beer, who is on a sabbatical from his position in the Science Dept. of GDHS.

At Christmas time, Tom, wife Patricia and family are enjoying their stay in Reading, but are looking forward to returning to town at the end of the course.

The annual meeting of the Hospital Association is now less than two months away — and just for once it would be most encouraging to members to see a "full house" at this annual meeting. This year we should like to see the dining room at the hospital full, and this so far has been anything but the case.

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Membership in the Association is a large one — because of the fact that anyone who contributed more than \$50 became a life member. However, their interest in the Association has been very poor — the most prevalent attitude being that "it (the hospital) seems to be operating well, so why bother?" A generous attitude, no doubt, but not too good from the Board's point of view.

Anyone may become a member by paying a small yearly fee, and applying at the office of the Hospital for their card. Or as we have already said, a donation of \$50 or over makes you a life member.

How about giving the matter some thought, and being on hand at our annual meeting? A good response from existing members (of whom there are around 1,000) would mean we would have to move the locale for the meeting to the High School auditorium, a change the Hospital Board would find most stimulating.

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This could develop into a future project for the club but it could also be quashed at the next directors' meeting.

This is how our activities get started and as one falls by the wayside another comes up for investigation. We keep digging until one day something will click and there is another Lions' project in operation.

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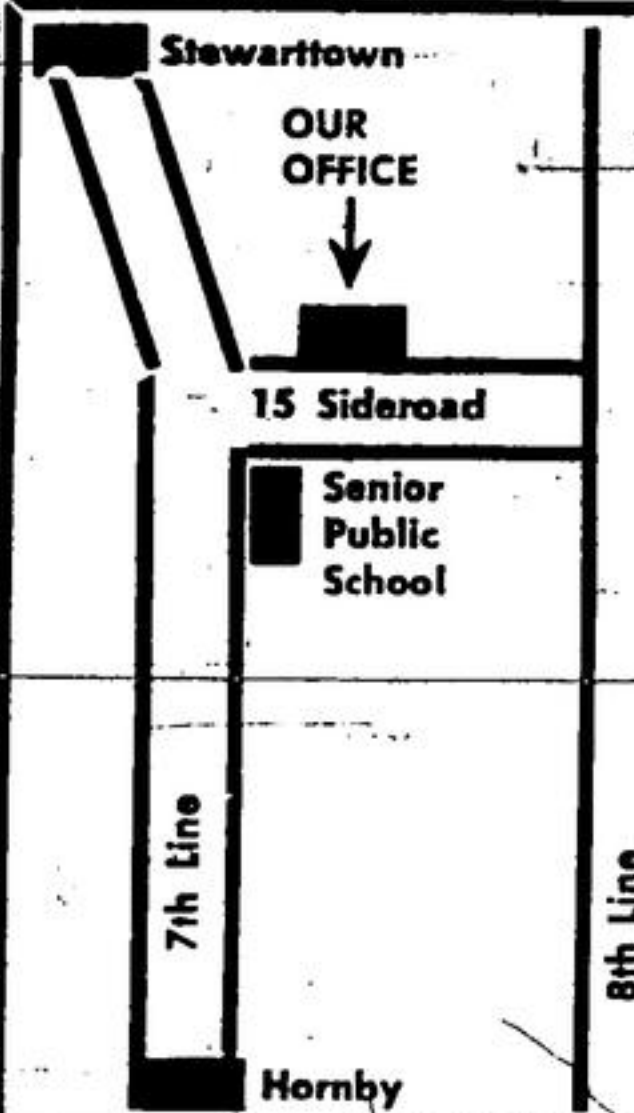
by Donald Gosling

Our programme chairman, Lion Ernie Bodnar, had a very interesting guest speaker at the last dinner meeting by the name of Rud Whiting, "Our Man in Ottawa." Mr. Whiting gave an extremely interesting talk on the inside story of a successful nomination and election. He also spoke of the life of a "backbencher" which was quite interesting and informative.

At the last directors' meeting the plans for the east end park were approved in general by the club directors. This now authorizes the park committee to proceed with the plans and finalize the project.

Many projects are presented at the directors' meetings, a majority of which do not even get written in the records because someone knows of the problems which will probably occur. Some get to the investigation committee stage, but these are rare.

One that is going through this stage at present is the investigation of the possibility of purchasing the "burnt-out" theatre on Mill Street as a potential Community Centre.



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