



HONORARY memberships in the Y.M.C.A. were presented to Acton's two public school principals Elmer Smith and Garnet "Pat" McKenzie last Wednesday night in recognition of their long service to the Y.M.C.A. and local Y Board. Their wives Vivian Smith and Mary McKenzie were presented bouquets of roses.—(Staff Photo)

## Honor principals for long Y service

Long and meritorious service to the Y Board and Y.M.C.A. by two well-known Acton school principals was recognized last week, when Garnet "Pat" McKenzie and Elmer Smith were presented with plaques and honorary memberships in the Y.

Presentation of the plaques by Y Board member John Last highlighted the board's annual dinner and meeting held at the Dominion Hotel.

Mary McKenzie and Vivian Smith, wives of the honorary members received bouquets of roses from Shirley Broostad and Marie Tremills.

Thanks board  
A former international governor of the Y's Men's Club, McKenzie thanked the board with these words:  
"Belonging to the Y has changed our way of life. We'll never be able to repay the Y.M.C.A. for the things that have come our way". Smith, a past president of Acton Y's Men conceded he'd done a few things around the Y.M.C.A. building.  
"But then I've been around for a long time," he added jokingly.  
"Anything I ever did for the Y, the reward was immediate," he said sincerely.

Guest speaker  
Guest speaker, National Council association consultant Bob Smith extended congratulations to the pair from National Council.

Head table guests for the dinner included Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Smith, Bob Smith, John Last, Pat McGrenere, John Baumans, and Mayor Les Duby.

Programs committee  
Chairman Alan Tremills reported enrolment in the rejuvenated Y program is now 185. Activities include ladies slin 'n' trim, swimming, judo, boys' club, girls' 3F club, Basketball and junior art club. He said the board hoped to organize more activities especially for the teenage and men's groups.

### Ebenezer

## U.C.W. donates \$500 to church

By Mrs. Ron McLean  
Owing to illness among the members, just 14 ladies enjoyed the February U.C.W. meeting.

New president  
Reporting for outgoing president David Swetnam newly-elected president Alan Eastwood said the biggest problem in organizing programs is getting enough adult volunteers to act as supervisors.

Also named to the board were vice-president Pat McGrenere, secretary Marie Tremills, treasurer John Last and directors Dave Hunter, Shirley Broostad, Don Perry, George Scott, John Isaac, Lloyd Broostad, Rev. Harry Dawson and Alan Tremills. Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Smith are honorary members.

Don Perry conducted the election of officers.

Y Week in Acton was very successful. Parents dropped in at the Youth Clubs to see their children in action. On Saturday morning, the girls from the 3-F Club acted as hostesses to their parents, serving coffee and refreshments. It was very encouraging to see so many parents out to view the crafts the girls had made, and to join in games with the girls.

Special thanks to all the leaders and volunteers who helped make Y week a big hit. Several volunteers were gleaned from amongst the parents, and they have offered to assist with the different activities. Volunteers are always needed. If you have a couple of hours available to spend working with children, please give me a call at 853-2483.

New executive  
At the Y annual banquet, Alan Eastwood was elected as the new chairman, with Pat McGrenere as vice-chairman, Marie Tremills as secretary, and John Last as treasurer. A good time was had by all, bringing together members who had been in the Acton Y for many years, and those new to the Y. It was a very worthwhile evening.

We should have a dinner meeting more often, so we can get together socially and exchange ideas and incentives to make sure the Y serves as a useful service in the community.

Art Club  
The Junior Art Club is underway again, under the capable leadership of Mrs. Dittich. We can probably take a couple more youngsters. This club meets in the basement of the library at 10 a.m. each Saturday morning.

Many of the members received oil painting equipment for Christmas presents. So you can see, we really have many budding artists in Acton. Mrs. Dittich gives the children an exposure to many forms of art including sculpturing, water paints, oil painting, sketching, etc.

Last week the swimming had to be cancelled due to the bad storm. Many mothers were pleased to hear I had cancelled it, as they were concerned we would not make it to Guelph and back again.

If you need any information on the Y programs you can telephone me.  
See you at the Y.

To avoid accidents, always turn handles of pots and pans inward, away from the edge of the stove.



NEWLY-ELECTED Y Board chairman Alan Eastwood accepted the gavel from past chairman Pat McGrenere at the Board's annual dinner and meeting last Wednesday night. Guest speaker Bob Smith, association consultant for the National Council and Y program co-ordinator Mary Debenham look on.—(Staff Photo)



## Y.M.C.A. news and happenings

By Mary Debenham  
Y.M.C.A.  
Program Co-ordinator

## Y takes on new region

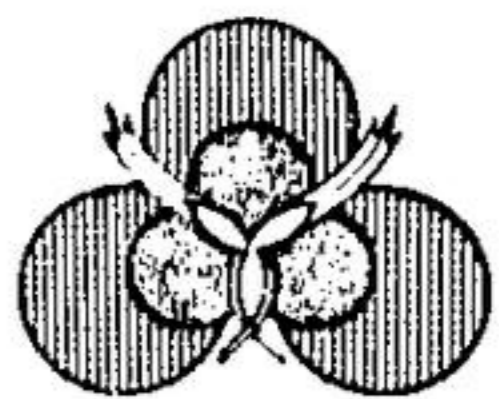
Structure of the Canadian Y.M.C.A. movement is about to be changed in a way that will have real meaning for Y.M.C.A.'s in small cities and towns. National Council association consultant Bob Smith told the annual meeting of the Acton Y board Wednesday night.

Smith said the Y will begin to work through regional structures. Regions, he said, will be very similar to those of the Y's Men's Clubs. Acton will be in the Lake Ontario Region.

He said the Y more than any organization is able to do something about some of today's greatest problems such as drug abuse and alienation.

"Recreation is here to stay. The more leisure time we have, the more need there is for an organization to fulfill the time," he said.

Recalling some of the Y's previous accomplishments, Smith pointed out it invented basketball and created volleyball. He said the movement of evening university courses originated from a Montreal Y.M.C.A.



## Centennial notes:

Does anyone not know Acton has a Centennial coming in 1974??  
It is the most talked about event in town, in fact it is being talked about all over Canada. Would you believe in the U.S. as well?

There is a lot of action going on as well and the ground work taking place now will show up in our Centennial year to everyone's pleasure and profit. The Commission worked their way through a mammoth meeting or series of meetings this weekend. One such session started Saturday lunchtime and wound up Sunday morning. That's the kind of dedication needed to make the programs a success.

Still need more volunteers for street committees. Want to help? Send your name to the Commission Box 100, Acton, or let one of the Commission know and they will see that you are on the right mailing list. Get in the habit of helping, it's going to be

fun, with a little work on the way no doubt, but it will be worth it. Visiting press this week interviewed Acton residents about centennial especially the town's bid for the Grey Cup. They were surprised to find everyone really serious. It was good to see they reported. There is a spirit about Acton that shows the great interest everyone has for the town. We are pleased to hear it looks that way, because we are.

### Centennial Donations

The nickles and dimes add up. The project fund grows each week and has now reached the \$100 mark. Not bad seeing that it is comprised of all small donations. All the money donated goes towards the Centennial Project.

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## Erin twp. council briefs

At the regular February meeting, Erin township council:  
—Passed a motion approving the Guelph Rotary Club's sale of lottery tickets to finance a centre for handicapped children.

—Read a letter from G. Abernathy who was concerned about the safety of citizens of Hillsburgh, especially children, with the increasing number of snowmobiles. Mr. Abernathy wrote that the machines were driven in the village at high speeds and at all hours, without concern for fellow citizens, and the operators were disrespectful. He asked for control of snowmobiles in Hillsburgh.

The village trustees told council that they thought the people in question were fairly conscientious and safety conscious, and added that residents "get all up tight at first, every year, then simmer down later on in the season." They asked Council to place the letter on file.

—Appointed Elwood Snow, Edward Smith, Ida Smith, Lillie Givens, Henry Burnett, William McLean, and Thomas Hill to the Ballinfad community centre board for 1972.

—Questioned the bill from Eramosa Township, boundary line account. Of the \$6,000, \$917.52 was for superintendence and overhead on a four and half mile stretch of road. Council thought the amount was excessive. Reeve Lang offered to discuss it with the reeve of Eramosa before paying it.

—Noted payments to the Dept. of Highways under the first by-law, were \$2,800 higher than in 1971, even though county council had said there would be a cut in 1972.

—Discussed garbage collection in the township, after receiving a request for an increase in pay, from \$50 to \$70 a month, from one collector. Mentioned in the discussion, was the fact that another collector carries his load down to the Esqueving dump.

—Passed a motion to donate \$40 to the Wellington County Soil and Crop Improvement Association.

—Discussed furnishing a waiting room for use of employees and delegations waiting to see council.

—Raised their remuneration to \$600, plus \$600 expenses for the reeve; \$350 plus \$350 for the deputy-reeve; and \$250 plus \$250 for council members. Councillor Griffin commented that "Even though other townships are higher, we don't have to follow suit."

—Heard a report from Alec Duncan on the dog control situation. Mr. Duncan stated two charges have been laid against Erin residents for non-payment of 1971 dog taxes, and asked that there be a limit for payment of 1972 taxes. He suggested July 1. He also asked for authority to call in a professional dog-catcher from Eramosa if unable to catch dogs on his own.

Council granted permission, commenting that if a truck came just once on a Saturday morning and picked up all the loose dogs, they wouldn't have to be called too often after that.

## Work in Angola

The program dealt with the life of the late Dr. Syd Gilchrist. He devoted most of his life to Angola, where his work among the lepers has caused that dread disease to be no longer a great problem. He believed that it is better to build a fence at the top of the cliff, than to have an ambulance down in the valley. His monument is the health service in Angola.

Birthday cake and candles were served to surprise Mrs. Early, who has reached the three score years and ten mark.

Duet at church  
Sandra Early and Paula Kitching sang a duet, "Saviour, hear us, we pray, may we rest in Thy care," at the church service.

Mr. Finley's sermon was the first of two dealing with Christ's miracles.

Mrs. M. Moffat, of R.R. 2, Elora, is suffering from an attack of erysipelas.

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