

**ACTON
Municipal Council
ACTIVITIES**

Tuesday night's Acton council meeting ended at 9:30 p.m. All members were present. Various items were dealt with or reported through minutes of committee meetings.

About 20 home owners have placed orders for trees under this year's program. Superintendent Doby was authorized to purchase between 20 and 25 trees for the cemetery, town reservoir, disposal plant and other town-owned property.

Brent Marshall was engaged by the public works committee as municipal town foreman, his salaries to commence May 7. Applications were perused by the committee at their meeting, also attended by the town superintendent Alf Doby.

Legality of selling lots at the cemetery are to be investigated. Money received from the sale of lots could go toward a mausoleum in the cemetery. Both committees of council have considered the matter. The official plan and zoning by-law would have to be amended. Cemetery boundaries will be staked out by surveyors so a new fence will be located in the proper place. Prices for erecting a fence at the cemetery have been received by the public works committee.

The Department of Communication has approved the town's request to install and operate a radio system in town with two base stations and five mobile units. This is for the town staff.

Reeve McKenzie reported people wish to place picketed in Fairy Lake. The matter will be pursued, via the conservation authority and Beardmore.

Councillor Elliott asked if the width of Acton Blvd. in front of the M. Z. Bennett school is adequate. Mr. Masales reported it's the standard width of 28 feet, as all normal subdivision streets are. (Bower Ave. is 32 feet wide.) Mr. Elliott relayed the concern of parents who wish to park there to pick up students, say on a rainy day.

Mr. Usher was asked by Mr. Marks to look into the legalities of putting questions to the electors at the same time as the vote on regional government. He suggested a question on the centennial project.

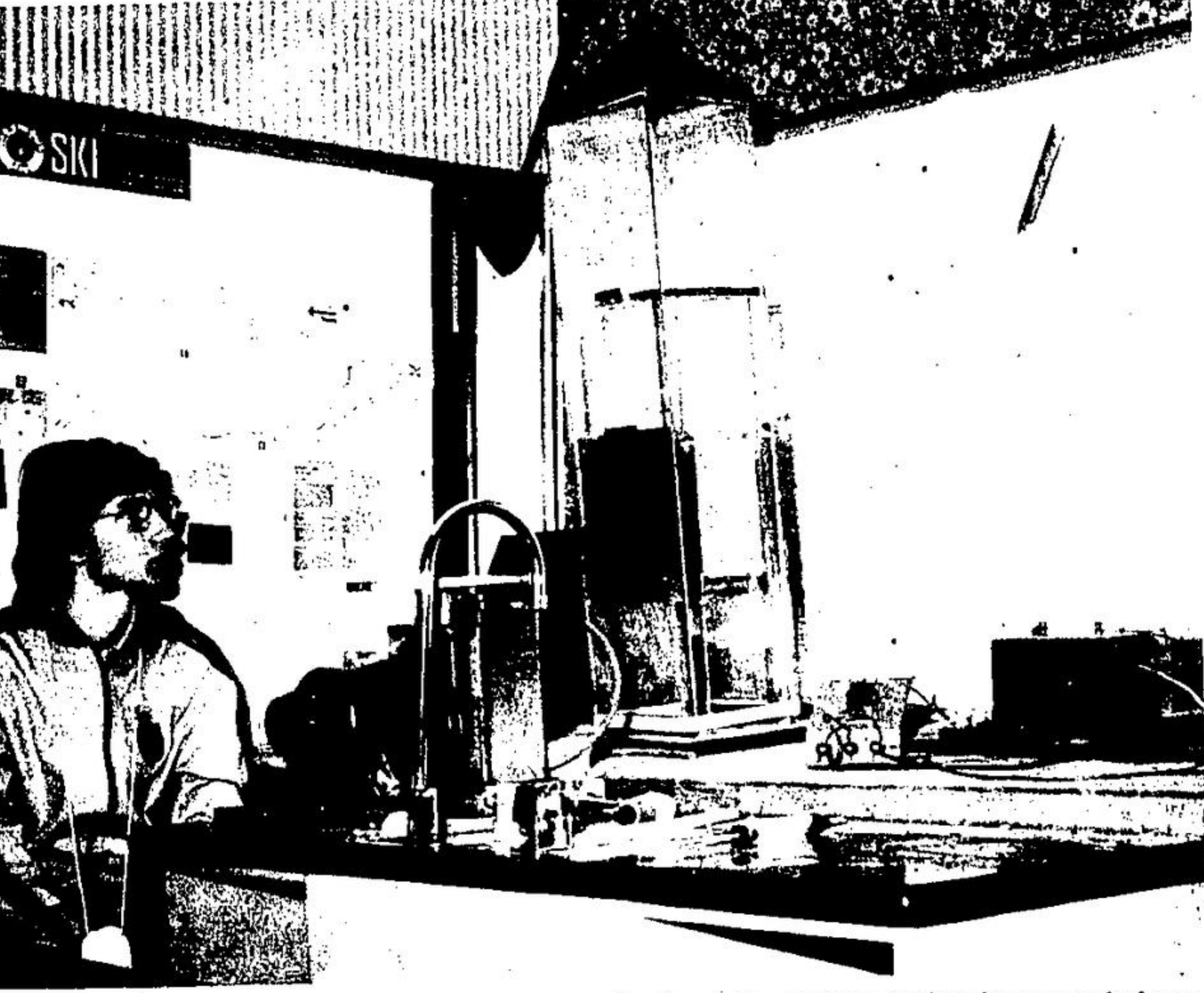
A meeting in Georgetown on regional government was reported on by Reeve McKenzie. He said the officials from the government admitted North Halton has a problem and there could be a penalty for living in the north. They suggested this could be offset by growth in the area and grants.

Mr. McKenzie said they agreed our situation would be better if Milton were included in the area, but wouldn't consider a change. MPP Jim Snow said he felt we would be well satisfied and if we weren't, after first reading in the House, we could petition again before the region becomes law.

relocating hydro poles on Church St. would be approximately \$10,000. A bylaw passed unanimously dedicating a 17-foot strip on Church St. N. to the town. Widening the road permits owners to proceed with building there.

Council approved a resolution from Petrolia to request the government to provide assistance equal to 50 per cent of costs incurred by municipalities of town and village status who provide their own law enforcement. Councillor Chapman pointed out this resolution was also approved at the conference of town and village representatives in Leamington last week.

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AN ELECTROSTATIC precipitator which separates dirt particles from polluted air was the 1973 Science Fair project entry of four Acton High school students, including Roger McEachern shown here. Jim McNabb, Ian Campbell, and Bruce Swift and Roger worked over 200 hours during a two month period to build the model precipitator. (D. Gibbons photo)

Electrostatic precipitator Science Fair entry

Well over 200 hours of work during a two month period went into a model electrostatic precipitator molded together by four Acton High students Roger McEachern, Jim McNabb, Ian Campbell and Bruce Swift. The project was one of many entries in the annual Science Fair for schools in the Hamilton district held at McMaster University April 12-14.

The device is useful in the control of air pollution since it takes solid particles out of dirty air by the use of electricity. Dirty air is pumped into the precipitator, a 20,000 volt DC current is passed through wires in the device and dirt particles are collected on 17 lead plates located below the wires. These plates are electrified with a negative charge. A power source converts AC current into DC reducing the voltage from 110 to 6. Six volts DC are then passed

through an induction coil to raise the voltage up to 20,000. The four young men who are all Grade 12 students were able to collect materials to build the precipitator from the school and from local industries. Jim McNabb continues to experiment with the machine as part of his final Grade 13 biology project.

Huge electrostatic precipitators are used in industries such as the Stelco plant in Hamilton. Smaller ones can also be attached to home furnaces to prevent dust from collecting in air ducts. Last year Roger combined with Steve Van Fleet on a particle accelerator which won them a trustee merit award of \$100 at the fair.

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Lone objector to payment

Council approved payment of the 10 per cent holdback to Warren Bitolithic Limited for Bower Ave. paving. Councillor Orval Chapman Tuesday night opposed the payment which amounts to \$8,050. Payment was recommended by R. V. Anderson Associates, the town engineers. Mr. Chapman said he has doubts about the road, which continues to show signs of pitting. He thought as much as half of it might have to be resurfaced. Clerk Grant Usher pointed out the payment is due and the engineer has approved. Deputy-reeve Marks agreed council is now duty bound to pay it. The mayor added no job can be expected to be perfect. Payment was approved of \$12,321.79 to Civiero Construction for the Wallace St. culvert extension into the industrial park. Committee had received the completion payment certificate from R. V. Anderson. Payment of \$9,294.28 was also approved to Acton Hydro for Bower Ave. underground lighting. Acton Hydro informed council committee the estimated cost of

Friends meeting

The Friends of the Museum held their annual meeting Thursday, May 3, at the Halton County Administration Building, Milton. Among those present were John McDonald, president; Mrs. Irene Saunders, past-president; Mrs. Judith Goebelle, Adams-president; Mrs. Marie Adams, secretary; Grahame Goebelle, treasurer; Ray Trace, auditor; Mrs. Eria Brittain; museum auditor; and Dr. Hal Newman; museum director. Plans were made for the third annual museum festival which will be held Sept. 7 and 8 at Kelso Conservation Area. In the past this event has been held in the spring. The Friends of the Museum, an auxiliary which has been in existence for three years, raises funds for the museum by organizing social activities there.

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