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Local Commission Urged to Conserve Hydro Power

Repairs to Truck are Sanctioned New Assistant Engaged for Vacancy on Staff

A meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Monday evening, Chairman C. M. Hanson and Commissioner J. R. MacArthur were present.

A letter was read from T. A. Hogg, chairman of the H.E.P.C. of Ontario. It contained a request that the local commission co-operate in reducing all possible power loads since the southern Ontario system was badly overloaded. It requested that all consumers cut down on the use of electricity, especially between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. during week days. Acton commission agreed to co-operate in any way possible and decided to insert an advertisement in the local paper, calling on all users of electricity to conserve electricity. Cards are to be sent out to all commercial users asking their co-operation.

Superintendent Wilson reported that the timing gear on the small truck was broken Monday when he was returning home after answering the fire call to the town truck on the highway west of Acton. It will take \$50 to replace the gear and \$150 to place a new engine in the truck. It was decided to have the new engine installed to eliminate other repairs to the truck.

A motion was passed engaging Mr. Kerwin McPhail on the staff of the Commission, replacing Mr. E. Rognevaldson, who had resigned.

Superintendent Wilson reported that the new light had been installed on Queen Street near Mr. H. Fryer's residence, as ordered by Council.

The following accounts were ordered paid:

Hydro Department	
H.E.P.C. of Ont. supplies	\$9.96
E. S. Cooper, supplies	1.85
Highway Garage, gas, oil, etc.	16.40
Ellis & Howard, supplies	1.83
Dominion Cutout, supplies	28.50
Line & Cable Accessories, supplies	32.67
Car Line Materials, supplies	54.38
Northern Electric, supplies	38.00
Can. Gen. Electric, supplies	2.95
F. L. Wright, bond renewal	16.00
J. B. McKenzie & Son, supplies	3.85
Express & Transport	2.30
	\$210.69

TO SPONSOR SHORT COURSES AT ACTON

According to Elwood Johnston, President of the Halton Junior Farmers, there is a strong likelihood that the Ontario Department of Agriculture will hold their annual short courses at Acton during the month of January. Providing a sufficient number of applications are received there will be a short course in Home Economics for the young ladies, and one in Agriculture for the young men. Both courses will be four weeks in length and are open to all. A number of the leaders of the Acton Juniors met with Agric. Rep. J. E. Whitehead on Wednesday evening of last week. Final decision will depend on the number of applications received by December 6th. Eight years have elapsed since the last courses were held in Acton. We understand from Mr. Whitehead that the young people of the district have been circulated by letter. In the event of anyone being overlooked, further information may be secured by contacting the Agricultural Office at Milton.

GERALD R. GRAHAM HEADS PASTURE COMPETITION

The results of the Long Term Pasture Competition, sponsored by the Halton Agricultural Society and the Halton Crop Improvement Association has just been released by J. E. Whitehead, Secretary of the latter organization. Thirteen Halton farmers entered the competition last spring and the fields were scored on three different occasions during the season by Prof. N. J. Thomas of the Soil Dept., O.A.C. Aside from these inspections the competitors exhibited seeds from their fields at the Milton Fair, and rendered reports of the number of pasture days, the number of milk and dry stock days, the milk produced, etc. It is anticipated that one or more of the competitors will give a report of their results and experience at the Annual Meeting of the Halton Crop Improvement Association to be held in Milton on Saturday, January 4th. The winners were as follows:

1st, Gerald R. Graham, Georgetown; 2nd, J. A. Dixon, Milton; 3rd, Wm. Booth, Milton and W. H. Reid & Sons, Georgetown; 4th, M. C. Beatty, Milton; 5th, Ralph Ford, Milton; 7th, Wm. Armstrong, Georgetown; 8th, Harvey Nurse, Georgetown.

Miss B. McKinnon Wins the Zone Competition

Halton Junior Farmers were represented in the Zone 4 Public Speaking Competition and Amateur Entertainment Competition by Ernest West and Blanche McKinnon of the Acton Juniors. The event was held at the Barton United Church on Thursday evening of last week, and was representative of the counties of Westworth, Waterloo, Oxford, Brant, Norfolk, Haldimand, Welland, Lincoln, and Halton. Miss McKinnon and Mr. West were not only winners in the Halton contest held a few weeks ago, but had also been declared winners at the district competition held at Waterdown on November 24, when they were declared winning over the Westworth contestants. Five young people participated in the public speaking competition and there were four entries in the amateur entertainment contest for the Zone. In the latter contest, Miss McKinnon, talented vocalist, won first place and will participate in the finals for the province to be held in Toronto on January 8th. Her selections included "The Wild Rose," "A Little Brown Owl," and "The Lord's Prayer." The public speaking contest was very keenly contested and Halton representative, Ernest West, took as his subject, "The Future of Canadian Agriculture." While he was not successful in winning the judges' top award, Mr. West ably delivered a very thought provoking address and his many friends and supporters predict for him a brilliant future as a speaker. The winner in the contest for the Zone was Miss Elizabeth Moore, of Waterloo County, who took as her subject, "Citizenship."

THE RONEY-ROSS WEDDING SATURDAY IN TORONTO CHURCH

Windsmere United Church, Toronto was the scene of a lovely wedding on Saturday, December 7th, when Dorothy Lorenz Ross, youngest daughter of Mr. John Ross and the late Mrs. Ross, became the bride of James Foster (Lorne) Roney, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Foster J. Roney. The Rev. W. L. L. Lawrence officiated.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was lovely in a gown of white applique net over satin, her full length veil caught in place with a coronet of seed pearls. She carried deep red roses. The maid of honor was Miss Betty Ross, sister of the bride, wearing yellow silk jersey, and bridesmaid was Mrs. D. H. Patterson, sister of the groom, wearing pink sheer crepe. Both wore matching feather headresses with shoulder length veils and carried nosegays of red roses, carnations and baby mums. Douglas Patterson was groomsmen, and ushers were the bride's brother, Andrew Ross, and the groom's cousin, Roy Clearwater. During the signing of the register, Miss Bubbles Sheppard sang "Oh Perfect Love."

The reception was held at the home of the groom's parents, where Mrs. Andrew Ross, sister-in-law of the bride, received the guests, gowned in turquoise crepe with navy accessories and wearing a corsage of white roses. The groom's mother assisted, wearing brown crepe with brown accessories and corsage of yellow roses.

For travelling, the bride changed to a wool suit of heaven blue, with black accessories and a corsage of red roses. After a trip to Niagara Falls and Buffalo, Mr. and Mrs. Roney will reside in Toronto.

County Council Eulogizes Warden Hillmer Tuesday

Vote to Pay Entire Hospitalization Costs of Children Aid Society and Approve Increased Charges—Representatives of Burlington Oakville High School Boards are Named

(Exclusive report for Canadian Champion and Acton Free Press)

The entire cost of hospitalization for wards of the Children's Aid Society will now be borne by the county, members of county council decided at the final meeting for the year, held Tuesday in Milton.

In a resolution presented by Councillors G. W. Murray and Lloyd Crawford, it stated that it was confusing both for the county and the municipalities to search for wards of the C. A. S. and that beginning on January 1st, 1947, the county of Halton would assume the entire costs of hospitalization of wards, rather than charging fifty per cent back to the municipalities from where they were wards.

Officials explained in many cases wards had been moved and it caused considerable trouble locating them after the county had been billed for the expense.

The members also approved of a resolution increasing the rate for charges of the Children's Aid Society to 90 cents. They said the amount was previously 75 cents, and when there was a deficit, the county always paid the difference. The resolution will become effective when approved by the county judge.

M. M. Robinson, Burlington, was chosen as county representative on the Burlington-Nelson High School Board for the years 1947-48-49, and W. N. Gilbert was elected to the Oakville-Trafalgar High School Board for the same period.

Council approved of granting Warden C. V. Hillmer \$400 as expenses for his term in office. William Dean was also granted \$150 for the efficient services as secretary to the Old Age Pensions and Mother's Allowance Board.

While considering accounts in committee, Dr. C. H. Heaslop informed council that a \$27 hospital account from the town of Milton would be collected from the party concerned. He said the father of the child was working and as soon as the amount was collected it would be returned to the county.

Accounts approved and passed by Council to be paid were:

Finance	\$ 936.85
Hospitalization	1013.05
Education and Health	160.93
County Buildings	936.85
Printing	721.44
Roads Commission	3848.02
	\$7,344.90

Reeve W. H. Biggar reported to the Council it was impossible to have the governor's residence re-roofed at present, owing to the shortage of labor. He also stated, that following an inspection of the county buildings by Fire Chief William Randall, it was decided on his recommendation to purchase four new fire extinguishers.

Referring to the grand jury's report recommending that mattresses be placed on cots in the jail, Mr. Biggar said nothing had been done up to the present, but Sheriff Robertson was obtaining prices on 12 mattresses, which would be submitted to council later.

All members were present at the

meeting, except Reeve Kirkness who was away on business. Deputy-Reeve George Cleave informed council that Mr. Kirkness sent his regrets for being unable to attend.

At the conclusion of business, members of the council asked Warden Hillmer to vacate the chair and Dr. C. H. Heaslop, reeve of Milton was elected chairman. Members in a resolution expressed their appreciation to the retiring warden for his thoughtful, kind and efficient manner in council. They also wished he and his family long life and greeting of the season.

Council adjourned to meet at the Warden's annual dinner, held at Burlington, later in the evening.

ST. ALBAN'S GUILD ELECTS OFFICERS FOR THE NEW YEAR

The December meeting of St. Alban's Guild was held at the home of Mrs. W. Wolfe with 18 members present. After a short business discussion, the following officers for 1947 were elected:

President, Mrs. G. Nelis; vice-president, Mrs. G. Towsley; secretary, Mrs. B. Anderson; treasurer, Mrs. B. Dolphin; assist. treasurer, Mrs. E. Currie; bulletin secretary, Mrs. H. Jolley; press secretary, Mrs. B. Footitt; altar guild, Mrs. S. Jones.

The meeting was closed with the Misses benediction. A very dainty lunch was served.

Acton Factory Ships Equipment to South Africa

Three Carloads of Tannery Equipment Made by the Ajax Engineers

A rather unusual shipment was made by an Acton industry last week when Ajax Engineers shipped from the plant here twenty-three cases in three carloads of machinery to equip a tannery in South Africa. It's unusual in the fact that tanneries in Acton are the oldest industry here and the largest in the British Empire and tannery machinery is usually brought into Acton and not exported.

The shipment made in the plant of Ajax Engineers here was one of the largest sent from the plant. As shown in a Free Press photograph on this page which shows only part of the crates, the plant here was piled high with the 23 cases of machinery before it was finally loaded and sent on its way. Its destination is Port Elizabeth, South Africa. Each case is numbered and its size given on the case. The plant will be set up by native workmen. Information on the principals of the new tannery was not available, but we understand the reason for establishment of the plant in South Africa was because raw materials for a tannery were close at hand.

It is interesting to note that Acton's diversified industries include not only leather industries but industries that make the machinery to supply leather industries, not only in Canada but in foreign lands.

ROCKWOOD

The monthly meeting of the W.C. T.U. was held at the home of Mrs. George Gordon last week, Tuesday afternoon. The president, Mrs. O. Ostrander, opened the meeting. Miss J. Little was in charge of the devotional period and brought a Christmas message. Her central thought was "His name shall be called Jesus for He shall save the people from their sins." The secretary reported a 50 lb. box of books and magazines had been forwarded to the Navy League. She also gave a report on the work being done in the schools by the County Superintendent of Scientific Temperance Education in Day Schools. Mrs. J. Ayles favored with a vocal solo "The Holy City," beautifully rendered. Mrs. C. E. Hower of Knox Church, Guelph, was the special speaker. She gave a most interesting report on the highlights of the Provincial Convention held at Brantford. Her report was very much enjoyed by all. The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Chas. Julliffe. Lunch was served and a social time enjoyed.

Friday evening a congregational supper was held in the basement of the Presbyterian Church, provided by the Ladies' Aid and full justice was done to the good things on the tables. Following the supper all adjourned to the auditorium where a Christmas program was enjoyed with Rev. Fred Williamson as chairman for the occasion. All parts contributed by the young folks were much enjoyed. Piano solo by Phyllis Gray and a duet by Mrs. J. Freeman and Phyllis Gray were much appreciated. A dialogue "Mr. Hawley's Christmas" was enjoyed and a play "Christmas on Sunset Slope" was well given. Owing to Rev. F. Williamson having to leave before the program was finished Mr. J. E. Pearen took over the balance of the program. During the remainder of the evening Mr. Albert Gray came in as Santa Claus to the delight of the youngsters and was assisted by members of the Sunday School in the distribution of gifts.

Sunday evening under the auspices of the W.M.S. of the Presbyterian Church, Miss Dorothy Douglas, a former teacher in the Rockwood Continuation School and now a missionary, home on furlough from Br. Guinea gave an interesting address. Mrs. J. E. Pearen had charge of the program and during the evening a duet was contributed by Mesdames J. D. McNabb and J. Freeman with Phyllis Gray at the piano, was enjoyed. Rev. F. Williamson was also present and read the scripture lesson. Miss Douglas was also engaged in mission work in Formosa previously and will be returning to Formosa on completion of her furlough. Her many friends were pleased to meet with her on her brief visit in town. While here, she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sim.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Nightingale and sons Wayne and Roy, also Mrs. Nancy Glendinning attended the wedding reception and anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Glendinning and Mr. and Mrs. James Glendinning of Acton on Saturday evening. Congratulations.

Mr. Leonard Nightingale Jr., Miss Elsie Bamaley of Guelph, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nightingale attended the Ice Capades in Toronto last week.

Mr. Fred Lambert and son Neil visited relatives in Acton Saturday.

Elections for police trustees for the village take place next Monday. Mr. Leslie J. Ayles is a candidate for trustee.

Week-end and Sunday visitors: Mr. and Mrs. Milton Greer and son of Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Alyward and son of Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Little and latter's mother, Mrs. Trout returned home Friday morning from their trip to the western provinces.

The many friends of Mr. Fred Smith will be pleased to learn that he was able to return home during the week-end. He has been in hospital since last September.

Mr. Wm. Dunbar and son Wynne have twin lambs on their farm below the village which saw the light of day November 21st and 23rd.

The many friends of Miss Elva Pearen will be pleased to learn she is improving from an infection in her left arm. She was in hospital at Guelph for a few days.

The pupils of Rockwood Public School are preparing for their Christmas entertainment.

A quiet wedding took place Saturday afternoon at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Guelph when Doris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Milne was united in marriage to Ted Justin of Everton. Rev. F. Williamson officiated. Only immediate relatives of contracting parties were present.

Mrs. Lloyd Hunter of Canastota was her sister's attendant and the groom assisted by his brother, of Everton. Following wedding supper, the couple left for a short trip and on their return will reside in Everton. Congratulations.

As a result of cold spell last week, the young folks of the village enjoyed a brief bit of skating on the river.

Elections in Acton on Monday for All Municipal Offices

One Reeve, Four Councillors, Three School Trustees and One Commissioner from State of Eighteen

Municipal elections will be held in Acton on Monday 18th with voting from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Voting will be for the following candidates. Vote for whom you like but be sure and cast your ballot. Vote for not more than one reeve, not more than four councillors, not more than three school trustees and not more than one Public Utilities Commissioner. Vote as early in the day as possible. Polling booths are at the Town Hall and the Y.M.C.A.

FOR REEVE
(One to be Elected)
W. J. Benson, Manager
F. J. McCutcheon, Gentleman.

FOR COUNCIL
(Four to be Elected)
R. M. Aylworth, Lawyer.
R. F. Bean, Office Clerk.
C. L. Cook, Chemist.
Wm. Coon, Manager.
J. H. Creighton, Office Manager.
J. F. Davison, Barber.
Sydney Lorne, Foreman.
Wm. McLeod, Painter.
John Wood, Clerk.

FOR SCHOOL BOARD
(Three to be Elected)
Thos. Jones, Wool Sorter.
Grant Kirkfield, Chemist.
Alfred Kibness, Tanner.
Leonard Lovell, Butcher.
Frank Terry, Foreman.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSIONER
(One to be Elected)
Henry Jolley, Clerk.
Robert MacArthur, Printer.

CHRISTMAS MEETING OF WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION OF UNITED CHURCH

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Association of the United Church was held at the Parsonage on Tuesday with Mrs. L. Agar presiding and the devotional period taken by Mrs. S. Reid.

The ladies are not doing any more quilting this year. Cards are to be sent to sick and shut ins during the Christmas season. A short Christmas program in charge of Mrs. G. McDonald was presented. It included a reading "A boy's first Christmas" by Mrs. D. Richardson; "Jumbled Christmas Thoughts" with prizes to Mrs. R. Bean and Mrs. S. Reid; Several Christmas carols were sung. Rev. A. W. Fosbury closed the meeting with prayer.

Mrs. Fosbury assisted by Mrs. B. Veldhuis and Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Baxter served lunch and a social time was enjoyed. A very hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. and Mrs. Fosbury for their home and hospitality, also lunch assistants.

MR. AND MRS. LINDGAY MARK 55th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

On Monday, December 2nd, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Lindsay celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. They were entertained by their daughter, Mrs. Hattie Price, along with the immediate families. Among the gifts was a beautiful bouquet from Mr. Hugh McCallum, the groomsmen of 25 years ago, who now resides in Regina, Sask.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events under this heading, are charged, in cents per line, with a minimum charge for all announcements of 50c.

Concert and Dance at Dufferin School, December 17th at 8.15. Admission 25c and 50c. Ladies provide.

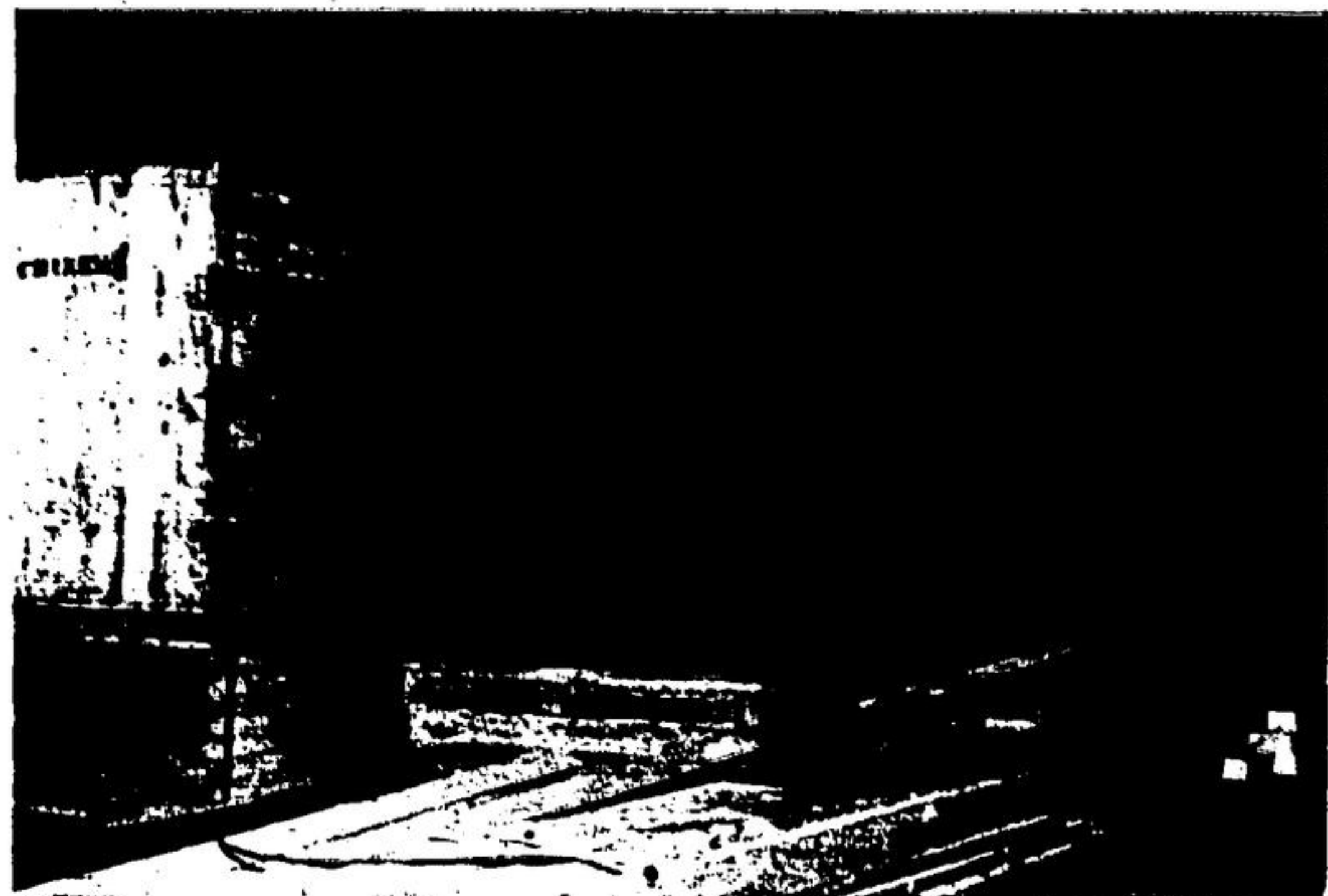
Come to Bannockburn School Christmas Concert and Dance to be held on Wednesday evening, December 18 at 7.45 o'clock.

Dancing every Saturday night, Acton Town Hall. Auspices Acton Branch Canadian Legion. Good orchestra. Admission 50c. TF

The Sunday School of Knox Presbyterian Church will hold its Christmas Concert on Friday, December 20th at 8 p.m. Silver collection. 23-3

Presentation and Band Concert, Gregory Theatre, Georgetown, Sunday evening, December 15th, 8.15. Band festival awards being presented to Lorne Scots Band by Prof. C. F. Thiele of Waterloo. 23-3

S.S. No. 7, Namagaways are having their Christmas Tree and Entertainment in the School on Monday, December 23rd, at 8 p.m. Good program of dialogue, cantata, recitations and songs. Admission 25c and 15c. 23-3



Just a section of the three carloads of tannery machinery made by Ajax Engineers, Acton, and shipped last week to establish a new plant in South Africa. The Free Press Camera took this picture as the plant was piled high with the shipment just before loading started.