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Eight Home Print Pages—Six Cents

Highways Dept. Assume No Costs at Intersection

Council is Told Warning Signs Are to Be Paid For by Town at Intersection of No. 25 and No. 7 Highways—Council Decides to Collect Garbage With Town Truck—Nassagaweya Expresses Appreciation of Neighbourly Act

Acton Council met on Monday evening with Counsellors Nicol and Hotchen and Deputy-Treasurer Tyler present and Reeve T. Jones presiding.

Accounts were paid for payment as follows:

M. Nella, loading stone	\$145.50
Pinder's Welding, sharpening saw	9.00
Acton Public Utilities, services	242.12
Belj Telephone Co services	13.35
R. R. Hart & Co, supplies	31.02
Murphy Paint Co, supplies	27.67
Thompson Motors, gas, etc	15.26
C. E. Hickey & Sons, rubber hats	13.50
Perkins Electric Co, sup	3.00
J. B. Mackenzie & Son, supplies	103.25
Personal Stationery Sales, supplies	5.50
Acton Auto Body, painting sign	2.00
Acton Free Press, ad	11.40

\$768.16

Messrs K Mackenzie and W McMillan on behalf of the Committee formed to erect an addition to the Soldiers' Memorial and put the names of those who paid the supreme sacrifice in the Second War thereon, submitted a report. Present funds on hand were \$1150. Cost of the work was estimated at \$1700. It appeared that \$1500 was in sight. It was desired to have the work completed by November 11th. The Committee was prepared to award the contract and asked Council's co-operation.

The fence-viewers submitted a report on the fence between R. Vyse and Corporation property near War-time Housing. It outlined the section to be built by each party. The fence was entirely on Mr Vyse's property and Council were opposed to using barb wire. The Solicitor was instructed to appeal the decision of the fence-viewers on the above grounds.

Mr J. J. Stewart requested a decision on his line fence, as the present fence was not suitable since War-time Housing had been developed. Council agreed to supply 20 rods of fence posts and hardware with Mr Stewart to erect and maintain the fence and no barb wire was to be used. The fence is to be erected on the line.

Four tenders were received for the collection of garbage for the year. Prices were from \$2000 to \$2500.

An account for an indigent patient was received from Guelph General Hospital.

The Clerk made a report on road work and maintenance of streets following a visit of the department engineer. The Church Street bridge top would be in order if plans were submitted for approval and these were to be secured and tenders called.

Correspondence was read from the Department of Highways regarding the installation of a caution light at Mill and Main Streets.

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Acton Juniors Beat Shelburne By Lop-Sided Score

Acton Juniors journeyed to Shelburne last Saturday and won an exhibition game 16-2 in Shelburne's new Community Park.

The Acton boys showed a lot of get-up and go and looked like a smart ball team until the score got so lop-sided, Acton batters permitted three pitchers for a lot of extra base hits. John Itzrell had five for five. Jr Lawson showed them some clever pitching in the early stages of the game.

The team now is waiting for a game in the play downs and look much better than they did in group competition.

HEALTH UNIT REPORTS ADDITIONAL CASES OF POLIOMYELITIS

Four cases of poliomyelitis have been reported to Halton County Health Unit during the second week of August. These include a six year old girl from Oakville, a twenty year old man from Trafalgar Township, a 13 year old girl from Nassagaweya Township and a twenty months old baby from Burlington. All have been admitted to hospital. Two have slight paralysis. A total of 10 cases of poliomyelitis have been reported in the county this year.

Fire Destroys All New Crop and Barn of J. Porty

Bob Anderson Turns In Alarm On Ten Thousand Dollar Fire

On Friday afternoon at about two o'clock, Mr. Bob Anderson sighting smoke from the Porty farm turned in a fire alarm that took crowds of people to the firemen and truck to one of Acton and vicinity's largest fires.

The barn on the Porty farm half a mile west of Acton was completely demolished by a fire believed to have originated with spontaneous combustion. Although the stock and implements were saved this year's entire crop valued at over one thousand dollars was completely destroyed.

Volunteer firemen from Acton kept the fire from spreading to adjoining buildings but, hampered by the lack of water they were unable to gain control over the burning building.

Smoke was easily discernible from the town as the fire swept from the hay pile and enveloped the entire barn. A terrific heat was generated as the building became a blazing inferno. The grain could be heard exploding as one timber after another was eaten away and went crashing down, leaving only the gutted foundation.

The total estimated loss ranges between eight and ten thousand dollars, part of which is covered by insurance.

DUBLIN DISTRICT MAKES PRESENTATIONS TO MARGARET SOMERVILLE

Dublin District and friends gathered at the home of Mr and Mrs G. R. Somerville on Tuesday evening to honor their daughter, Miss Margaret, on the eve of her approaching marriage. Cards and horse shoe pitching were enjoyed until Mr Stewart Elliot gathered the crowd together on the front lawn. A short program was given with musical numbers by the Dublin orchestra with which Margaret played many times. Little Johnny O'Rourke gave a couple of step dances and Mrs Dorothy O'Rourke played a violin selection. A mock wedding created a lot of fun with Mr. M. Steele as bride, Mr. G. Jordan as groom, Mr. Chas. Cutts as minister, Mrs. D. O'Rourke, mother of the bride and Mr. R. L. Davidson, father of the bride. Following this, Mrs. D. O'Rourke read an address to the bride-to-be and Miss Molly Cutts and Mr. M. Steele presented her with a tri-light floor lamp and a walnut drop leaf coffee table. Margaret thanked them for their beautiful gifts and the many good wishes which were expressed by those in attendance. A bountiful lunch was served by the group.

Prior to her marriage, Miss Margaret Somerville was presented with a double wool blanket by the office staff of Hugh Russell's and Miss Klassen and Miss Vank Talpt entertained at dinner parties and presentations in her honor.

First Seven Months Mark Building Progress in Acton

Twenty-eight building permits have been issued by the Building Inspector in the first seven months of 1949.

Eight new houses have been added to accommodate Actonians. Haven Gordon, T. Sennack, Jones and Vantills, James Moore, Allan Leishman, Harry Gordon, Earl Lambert and Frank Terry all built new homes in different parts of the town.

Many improvements have been made on homes already built in the Municipality by adding garages, verandahs, offices and remodeling. John McMullen altered his dwelling. Millie Rowles remodelled her residence. David Elliott made repairs and renovations to his residence. Mary Zajac erected a garage. Fred Krantz made an addition to his dwelling. Edwin Penzen remodelled his home. Charles Jagello repaired and remodelled his house. J. Backland added a garage. J. Dennis added a house. Verandah Agnes Holloway put a foundation in her dwelling. Charles Hilton made an extension of a workshop. Dr. Garrett added an office to his home. E. S. Force made an addition to his house, and Donald Greeney each added a garage to their property.

The Free Press also made an addition doubling their work shop area and Ballantine's garage added a refreshment booth to their property. The Wool Combing is also working on a large addition to their property.

If the first seven months are an example of what may be expected in the latter five months of the year, Acton will certainly have expanded in 1949.

Acton Leading In First Two Games Playdowns

Hamilton Studebakers Drop First Two Games in Playdowns to Acton

Three pitchers couldn't stem Acton's powerful hit parade last Saturday as the A's manufactured hits galore in chalking up their second consecutive play off win on the hapless Hamilton Studebakers in Hamilton. The Acton club really made it convincing, taking a 2-0 lead on the last of five series.

Smashing out fifteen bingles the locals accounted for fifteen runs while Studebakers knocked Sam Snyder and relief hurler Bill Leader for only 10 hits and nine runs.

Studebakers nominated Kereluck for mound duties but he was shelved from the hill in the third to be followed by People who fared little better as Acton chouted singles, doubles, triples and home runs. In desperation May was elected to replace People in the sixth May, who did better managing to set A's down more effectively than his predecessors.

Snyder wove a seven hitter until the eighth relying on his precipitous drop ball to bamboozle the Studebakers. He had a ten run working margin in the bottom half of the seventh, going into the eighth when Studebakers finally began to touch his offerings with any effect. Matt Taylor injected the work horse of the Acton squad, Bill Leader, to protect the sizeable lead and Bill finished allowing one scratch single that coupled with a free ticket and an error at third base scored two runs.

Leader choked Hamilton's belated bid in the ninth but not before two men got on board through bobbles to Scott and Rod Ryder, catcher and right gardener respectively. A's committed five boos in a display of inept fielding similar to the foregoing. Fortunately they came at a point where power hitting was the dominant factor and A's had ample lead.

Acton got off to an early start by scoring three runs in the first frame when Masters singled, Footitt tripled and Masales drove a lower of home run clear out of the park. It was the first of two circuit clubs. Rod Ryder smashed out another in the sixth. From that point on there was little doubt of the outcome.

Although the tail end of the batting order wasn't hitting frequently, the top half were in fine fettle. Masters clipped two singles and a double in four trips, Footitt continuing his streak, clouted a triple and two singles in five trips. Landis was two for five, Masales with a home run, a double and a single in five trips led the heavy guns, and Rod Ryder with a four master and a single in three trips overcame his penchant for hitting deep into centre plunk into the fielder's hands by driving them over their heads. To complete the parade, Gil Jordan and Hamstatter both made singletons.

Johnston was the only Stude to get two hits. Twice Hamilton lunched three hits for two runs in the 2nd and again in the 6th but none exceeded a single base.

Studebakers stranded nine on the base paths while A's left four on board. Snyder whiffed six batters and Leader three while all three Studebaker hurlers chalked up 7 out on strikes.

The series resumes here on Saturday in what possibly could be a decisive game. Game is called for three o'clock sharp.

In the event Acton wins the series, it is general feeling Oakville, because of their proximity, will be next. They have finished the loop schedule of the Toronto Vindict circuit.

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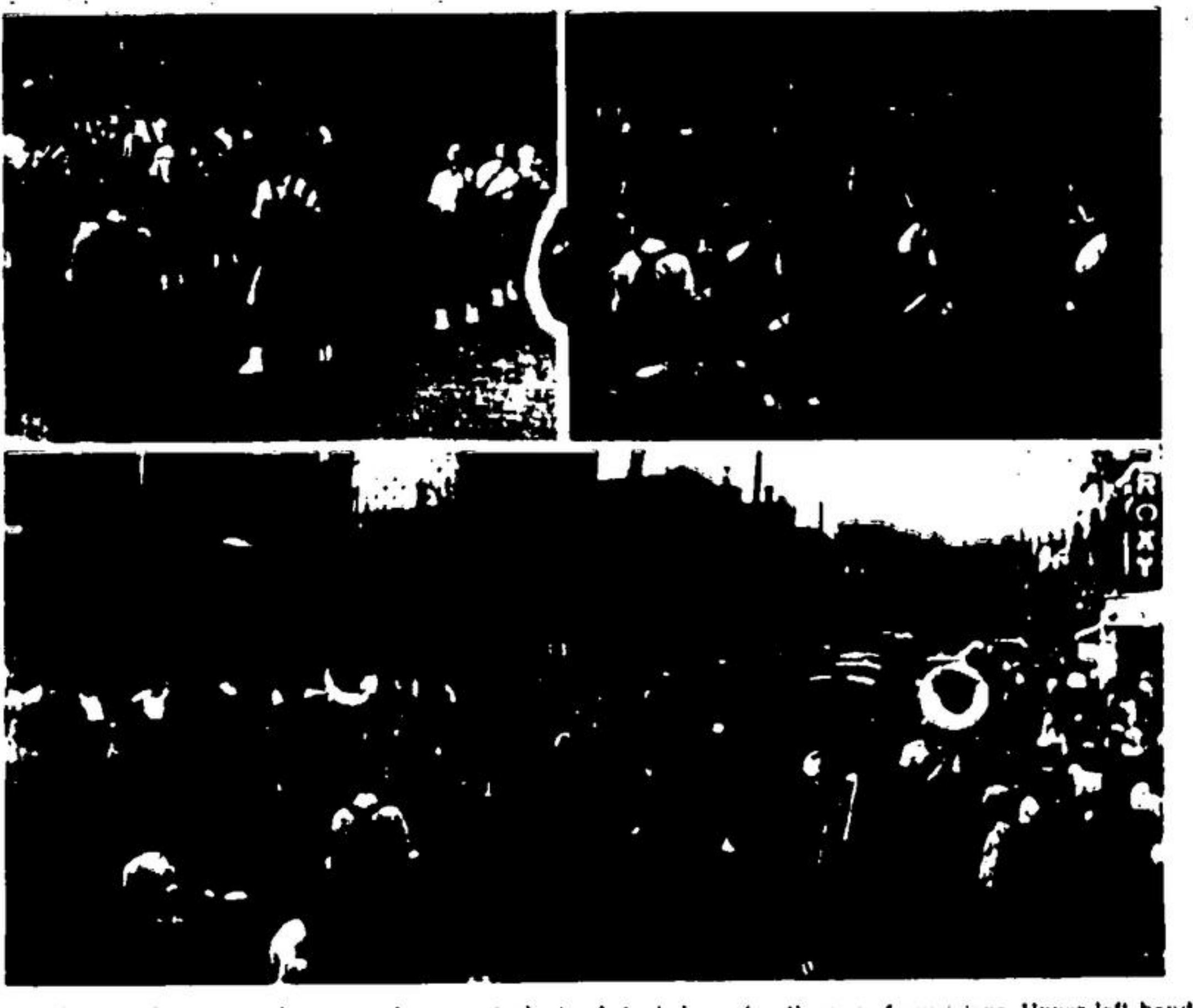
Acton — Masters 3b; Footitt cf; Runstadler ss; Lindsay 1b; Masales 2b; Ryder cf; Jordan lf; Scott c; Snyder p; Leader, p in 8th.

Studebakers — Bryce 3b; Hall cf; Strong ss; Johnston c; Herd 1b; Ataris 2b; Kereluck p; People p in 8th; May, p in 6th; Haber rf; Zuzack lf; Mullens lf in 5th.

Umpires—Fisher and Tuck.

The Warriors-Day Council which conducts the Warriors' Day parade at the Canadian National Exhibition is authority for the statement that there will be between 40,000 and 50,000 service men and women in the parade this year. Forty bands will provide marching music, Navy, Army, and Air Force will be represented. As usual there will be numerous American Legion Posts in attendance with their bugle bands.

TEN BANDS ENTERTAIN IN BAND TATTOO



Ten bands presented a very fine spectacle in Acton's largest gathering of musicians. Upper left hand photo is of the recently formed Oakville Pipe Band. Upper right hand photo shows the featured 11th Field Regiment Trumpet Band in a fine display of precision marching. The bottom picture shows the Lorne Scots and gives a very good idea of the crowd that watched and followed the giant street parade. Free Press Photos

RESULTS OF EXAMS PUPILS AT THE GUELPH COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

Many Free Press readers will be interested in the result of some students at the Guelph Collegiate in recent departmental examinations. Miss Josephine Boyd, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. H. Boyd was one of the top three students at the Collegiate, obtaining 10 firsts in subjects written.

John Barr, son of Mr and Mrs Ernest Barr obtained Eng Comp II, Eng Lat C, Alg I, Geom I, Trig I, Phys II, Chem I.

Dena Brandt, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Brandt obtained Eng Comp C, Eng Lat C, Geom C and Chem C.

CEMENT BLOCK ADDITION TO WOOL COMBING WILL ENLARGE ACTON PLANT

Since early spring work has been progressing on the addition to the Wool Combing Corporation plant on Fredrick Street.

The two storey addition of concrete and cement block is being constructed by J. B. Mackenzie & Son. The building is 337x207. It is expected that the top floor will be used for shipping and receiving and the bottom floor for manufacturing.

This is quite an addition to the present factory and a reminder of the continual expansion of this company.

Population Census of Acton Shows Increase Over '48

Reasonably Accurate Estimates Win Subscriptions for Two Actonians

After several weeks work, Mr. W. Coles has completed his work on the census of Acton. This official count of the men, women and children of Acton was arranged by the Council for up-to-date figures for municipal purposes.

The Free Press offered two prizes for the persons estimating the population with the greatest accuracy. Of course, as Mr. Coles said it was impossible to have exactly perfect figures. The final count given by the census taker last night however came out to 2651. These figures may vary a trifle but for the purpose of judging the competition this figure is used. Winner of the two year subscription to the Free Press was Mr. Ron Cripps whose estimate was 2673. Mrs. Cullen was the second closest and she wins a one-year subscription to The Free Press for estimate of 2687.

Contest estimates ranged from 2349 to a very optimistic high of 3842.

It may be of interest to note that the last census figures compiled showed a population of 2545 and these figures reflect a growth in the past year of well over 100.

Tattoo Thrilled 2000 As 350 Bandsmen Join

New Assessment Will Be Completed For 1950 Tax Rate

The new system of assessment known as the equalized assessment which has called for a complete re-evaluating of property and buildings throughout the town has almost been completed in Acton.

This system is being carried on throughout the County and will eventually spread across the entire province. It is fully expected that this system will be put into effect as of January 1950 and that the taxes for that year will be based on this equalized assessment in Acton and some other municipalities.

Prior to the inaugurating of this system it was customary for assessment to be based on fifty per cent of the value whereas the new system calls for assessment at one hundred per cent of the value as in 1940.

It should not be surprising therefore for owners in the Municipality to find their assessment in most cases doubled. This of course does not mean that taxes paid by the owner will be doubled. For instance a property valued in 1949 as \$1,500 at the tax rate of 69 mills would call for taxes of \$103.50. Under the new assessment however the same property will, generally speaking, be assessed for \$5,000. Basing the tax rate on last year's expenses, it would be 34 1/2 mills which would leave the taxes the same. Simply speaking, if the assessment is doubled, the mill rate should be halved if expenditures are kept the same. This system will raise the same amount of money with a lower mill rate.

Assessor E. E. Harrop said, "Naturally this new way cannot be one hundred per cent perfect the first year and as time goes on some adjustments will have to be made," continuing the assessor said, "There should be no cause for alarm as a higher assessment means, generally speaking, a lower mill rate."

Both Schools Are Re-Decorated For Fall Terms

With less than three weeks until the re-opening of schools for the fall term, decorating in Acton schools has been completed.

In the High School all except the new addition has been completely re-decorated. The plaster in the washrooms has been repaired, the floors refinished and the desks are gleaming. The school is decorated in two shades of green which matches last year's addition. New blinds are yet to be added.

Five of the ten rooms at the Public School have also been re-decorated. Grade five and six are decorated in a pearl grey and the other rooms are done in pastel green. In this school, too, the floors are refinished and the desks varnished.

It will not be long now until the students will be settling down in these new surroundings for another year.

Largest Group of Bands Ever Gathered in Acton Provided Fine Evening of Music, Marching and Fancy Drill to Two Thousand Enthusiastic Spectators

Eleven bands treated Actonians and visitors to one of the biggest musical events ever presented in Acton. On Saturday evening the Band Tattoo sponsored by the Boys' and Girls' Band drew two thousand people to witness the big array of fancy drill, marching, massed band numbers and other events that contributed to this successful affair.

Participating in the event were the Hillsburgh band, the Oakville Pipe Band, the Streetsville Boys' Band, the Guelph Police Boys' Band, the Lorne Scots, the Alton Bugle Band, the Weston Band, the Mount Forest Band, the 11th Field Regiment R.C.A. Trumpet Band and the Acton Boys' and Girls' Band.

The street parade, led by the local band started the event as the ten bands marched at intervals down Mill Street to Main and down Knox Ave. to the Park.

Arranged in the park, the bands received a welcome from the Town extended by Reeve Tom Jones and Mr. R. R. Parker acting as Master of Ceremonies conducted the evening's program.

The bands all marched past the grandstand and played a number of their own choosing on the stand in front. The 11th Field Regiment R.C.A. Trumpet Band and the Acton Boys' and Girls' Band, featured band of the evening, presented a very fine display of marching and fancy drill that drew rounds of applause from the enthusiastic audience.

One of the outstanding features of the Hillsburgh group was that

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FIRE TAKES BARN AND ENTIRE CROP



One of the Acton districts worst fires claimed the barn and all this year's crop on the Porty farm just west of Acton. The \$10,000 blaze swept through the structure and firemen were hampered by the lack of water. This photo shows the blaze at its height as parts of the building began to fall. Free Press Photo