



A FRONT VIEW OF ACTON PUBLIC SCHOOL'S NEW ADDITION



THE MULTI-PURPOSE AUDITORIUM AND GYMNASIUM

## Crowd Auditorium To Open School Addition

### Case May Have Received Cheque

It is quite possible that Acton people were interested in the conclusion of the tax agreement between the Ontario and the Federal government at Ottawa. The agreement was formally signed and the first two cheques to be paid to the province under the arrangement were handed to Premier Frost, provincial treasurer.

Acton School Board presented Premier Leslie Frost with a beautiful full grain leather brief case at the conclusion of his address on Tuesday at the opening of the new public school addition. He promised to use it on what he felt was a very important trip to Ottawa on Wednesday. If so, it is quite possible the brief case presented in Acton was used in the important and historic mission.

### TB Survey Plans Near Completion

Plans are almost complete for the X-ray examination of every Halton county resident.

One radio license is required for each house with a radio or radios and one for each car radio.

During the war, fines were imposed in Acton when licenses had not been purchased as the Department of Transport states, "through neglect, misunderstanding or willful intent."

In Acton, 407 regular radio licenses have been purchased and 10 for battery radios.

### Fun Fair Success For Acton Rotary

The work for Acton and District crippled children and projects sponsored by Acton Rotary club got a fine boost last Friday night when this Acton service club presented its Fun Fair. Over a thousand people attended, played bingo and a wide assortment of games, were entertained by the clown and clowns and many stayed until the big draw for a television set was held and George Musella offered by auction everything, including prizes that anyone wanted, to buy. Only chilly part of the night was the October temperature.

Centre of the whole evening activity was around the bursable but all the booths and Rotarians and their helpers vied with each other to catch the change and get the fund replenished for Rotary work. Returns are not complete but it is estimated that nearly \$1,000 was realized from the big event. This is the best project that has been held by Acton Rotary and will enable them to give attention to the increasing number of cases with which they are confronted and the projects which demand their attention.

Fun Fair was a big night of fun from start to finish and will likely be the big annual project of Acton Rotary. Many lucky ones carried home a variety of prizes and everyone was happy in the contribution which had been made in the game and fun for such worthy work.

Winner of the television set was announced shortly after 11 o'clock when a ticket purchased by Mr. Healden, R. R. 1, Milton, was the lucky one.

Door prizes were also awarded but those persons holding tickets no. 4356 and 1627 were not present to claim their prizes and can secure them on making application to the Rotary club.

Charles Goodyear invented vulcanized rubber.

### Premier Leslie Frost Q.C. Officiates At Ceremony

Premier Leslie Frost officially opened the public school addition on Tuesday of this week as close to 1,000 citizens, ratepayers and visitors filled the auditorium and overflowed into classrooms and halls for the official ceremony that was carried over the school's inter-communication system. In opening the school Mr. Frost said "Acton to me is always an attractive place." He described the community as one of the "bedrock communities of Old Ontario" and commended ratepayers, teachers and board for the addition to the public school.

"One of the outstanding things about Ontario is the character of the people who founded the communities," the premier pointed out. He commended the ratepayers and board for not having destroyed the old school which he described as a monument to the pioneer. "I want to congratulate you on beauty, utility and economy that has been incorporated in this school addition."

Mr. Frost reviewed figures comparing the provincial grants of 1943 with those of the present budget and showing the large increase. "We're living on days of change and altered circumstances," the premier emphasized.

"Children who will attend this school will have opportunities we have never seen. This school is to help them meet the great challenge of life. This school is just one of the instruments that is going to make them live better and do a good job for the community," the premier said.

A holiday on Friday was suggested by Mr. Frost and Chairman Oakey-agreeing with the suggestion. "It is popular with the public but sometimes the parents object," Mr. Frost concluded.

Dr. F. G. Oakes presided over the evening program and outlined the plans and activities that are being carried out in the construction of the school addition. The chairman commended the council, it had dealt with and the Public Utilities Commission, as well as the Department of Education and Department of Municipal Affairs.

Mavor Raeburn explained that while he could usually find something wrong with everything, he couldn't find anything wrong with anything in the new school "from the smallest wash room to this beautiful auditorium."

Rev. Price in dedicating the new addition, asked "God's blessing on our endeavors to educate our young people."

Principal McKenzie in his remarks explained the value of the multi-purpose auditorium room, which could be used for assemblies, lectures, educational films and many other things, making it "the very centre of our school activities." Mr. McKenzie introduced the members of the staff and expressed appreciation for the co-operation he had received.

"There has always been a high standard in the Acton school," Inspector L. L. Skuce declared in his remarks. As an official of the Department of Education, I should like to congratulate the Board, the staff and above all, the ratepayers," Mr. Skuce concluded.

Stanley Hall, M.P.P. introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Frost, and reminded the group that Mr. Frost was the first Ontario Premier to speak in Acton.

Joe Hurst reported on the activities of the Special Gifts Committee set up to guide and suggest the possible gifts that might be included in the new addition.

An impressive list of donors and gifts was read and special mention made of a fund set up for the eventual purchase of a piano for the auditorium.

Members of the senior choir contributed to the program as did their leader, Mrs. Frances Elliott, who sang "Still is the Night" and "The Green-eyed Dragon with the Thirteen Tails."

Members of the Public School Board were introduced and appeared on the stage. Trustees and contractors on the construction of the building were also introduced.

At the conclusion of the program, Miss Daisy Foster presented flowers to Mrs. Stan Hall and Mrs. Isabel Anderson presented a bouquet to Mrs. L. L. Skuce. Mrs. Wolfe, on behalf of the board, presented Premier Frost with a beautiful full grain leather brief case, as well as a bouquet for Mrs. Frost. Mr. Frost promised the brief case would be first used on a trip to Ottawa "where I feel I will do something important for Ontario."

A souvenir program was issued carrying the story of the new school from the idea stage to a completed project. The program carried pictures of the interior as well as a description of the addition.

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## Board Seeks Approval of \$555,000 Building Plan

Last but by no means least of a busy agenda on Monday night, North Halton High School District Board tackled the building program. The motion of July, calling for a start on the program with a school in Acton, had not been acted upon. A subsequent special meeting held at the house of the chairman in Georgetown had brought forth another proposal for building in three towns at an estimated cost of \$555,000. The original program for construction in three towns called for an expenditure of approximately \$900,000 and was opposed by Esqueping and Nassauways.

Acton members of the Board told of a visit with the Minister of Education and department officials which they had held because no action had been forthcoming on the motion passed in July by a vote of 9 to 3. The Acton members objected to any changing of this motion until Georgetown showed an inclination to assume their share of the costs as requested by the townships. The motion was left in the records until after municipal councils held their November meetings. The Acton members stressed the need for a building in Acton in view of the fact that High School accommodation must be ready in 1954.

Esqueping council, in special session that same night, passed the following resolution, which was read by the secretary:

"That the council of the Township of Esqueping will agree to the building program costing not more than \$555,000 for the improvement of the Georgetown, Acton and Milton high schools proposed by the North Halton High School District Board on the condition that all of the municipalities comprising the North Halton High School District shall agree to be liable for such proportion of the principal and interest payable under the debentures and of the expense connected therewith and the costs of maintenance of the said High Schools in the said district and all other expenses of the North Halton High School District Board as the equalized assessment of each of the municipalities bears to the equalized assessment of the whole district."

In view of this township motion, the following motion was passed unanimously by the Board, "That the Board proceed immediately to contact all municipal councils with the suggested building program for Acton, Milton and Georgetown at a total cost of \$555,000." Contact with all the municipal councils is to be made next week. A grant of \$5 to the Poppy Fund in each town was approved.

### POST OFFICE ANNOUNCES 417 RADIO LICENSES SOLD SINCE APRIL

Over 400 radio licenses have been sold in Acton since last April, it was announced at the post office this week. This total is already higher than last year's. One radio license is required for each house with a radio or radios and one for each car radio.

### "LA BOHEME" BY PUCCINI STUDIED MONDAY BY ACTON GROUP

"La Boheme" by Giacomo Puccini was the opera studied by the Acton music study group which met on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Charles Heller, Mrs. S. Mrs. Heller, Mrs. J. Jany, Mrs. W. Rudwick and Mrs. C. Heard took part in the program.

A letter from past president Mrs. Mary Gowdy, now living in the United States, was read.

Mrs. A. Buchanan was in charge of the meeting in the absence of the president, Mrs. M. McCullough.

47 out of 100 Canadian homes have mechanical refrigeration.

### REV. E. SINCLAIR GUEST SPEAKER AT UNITED CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Special music by the choir, addresses by guest minister Rev. Elmer Sinclair of Toronto and, in the evening, a service to which members of other Acton congregations were invited, highlighted Acton United church anniversary last Sunday.

Rev. Elmer Sinclair spoke on "Christ's Formula for a Troubled World" at the morning service, suggesting the best way to live is in "day-tight compartments," or only one day at a time. "Lay hold upon today," he stressed.

Two anthems, "Enter Into His Gates" and "Hast Thou Not Known" were sung by the choir and a solo, "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings" by Mrs. B. Veldhuis.

Members of other congregations attended the United church in the evening, when Rev. Sinclair, who had to leave early, preached early in the service. He chose as his topic, "The Grandeur of Divine Forgiveness," stating that God forgives not only for the sake of the individual but for His own sake, since His heart yearns to forgive. Anyone who turns in true repentance to God from a wayward life may be sure of forgiveness, he said.

This congregation was led in prayer by Rev. Robert Armstrong of Knox Presbyterian church. The scripture selections read by

## Wins \$56,000 in Sweep

Good news arrived at the Neil McNabb home on Wednesday morning when word was received that Mrs. Colin McNabb, who visited in Acton a few weeks ago with her husband and his people, had won \$56,000 on a sweepstake ticket.

Presently living in Eleuthera Island near Nassau in the Bahama Islands, Mr. and Mrs. Colin (Peter) McNabb just returned to their home there on October 17 and while they visited in Acton they bought a sweepstake ticket.

The receipt for the ticket is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Neil McNabb, who were overjoyed yesterday at hearing the news of the win on Sunny Brae.

Mrs. C. McNabb was one of five in Southern Ontario who won a total of \$224,000 with sweepstake tickets on high placing horses in the Cambridge race at Newmarket, England. Mrs. Robert Meehan of Erin also won \$56,000.

An agent called Wednesday morning and from then on Mrs. Neil McNabb was busy talking to newspaper reporters and friends who called to have their congratulations. "Dinner was a pretty hard thing to get ready on Wednesday in the McNabb house."

Later Addition—Since the meeting on Monday night, we learn that Georgetown council has held a meeting and passed a resolution similar to the one passed by Esqueping on Monday night in an effort to clear the way for the much needed building program in the district. Councils of the remaining municipalities are to be contacted at their meetings next week and if agreement can be reached, it would appear the educational needs of the district can receive immediate attention.



HON. LESLIE FROST, who officially opened the Acton public school addition on Tuesday of this week, presented a silver key to Dr. F. G. Oakes, chairman of the school board at the conclusion of the evening's program, attended by nearly 1,000 citizens, friends and visitors. Other speakers of the evening included Inspector L. L. Skuce and Stanley Hall, M.P.P. —Staff Photo