

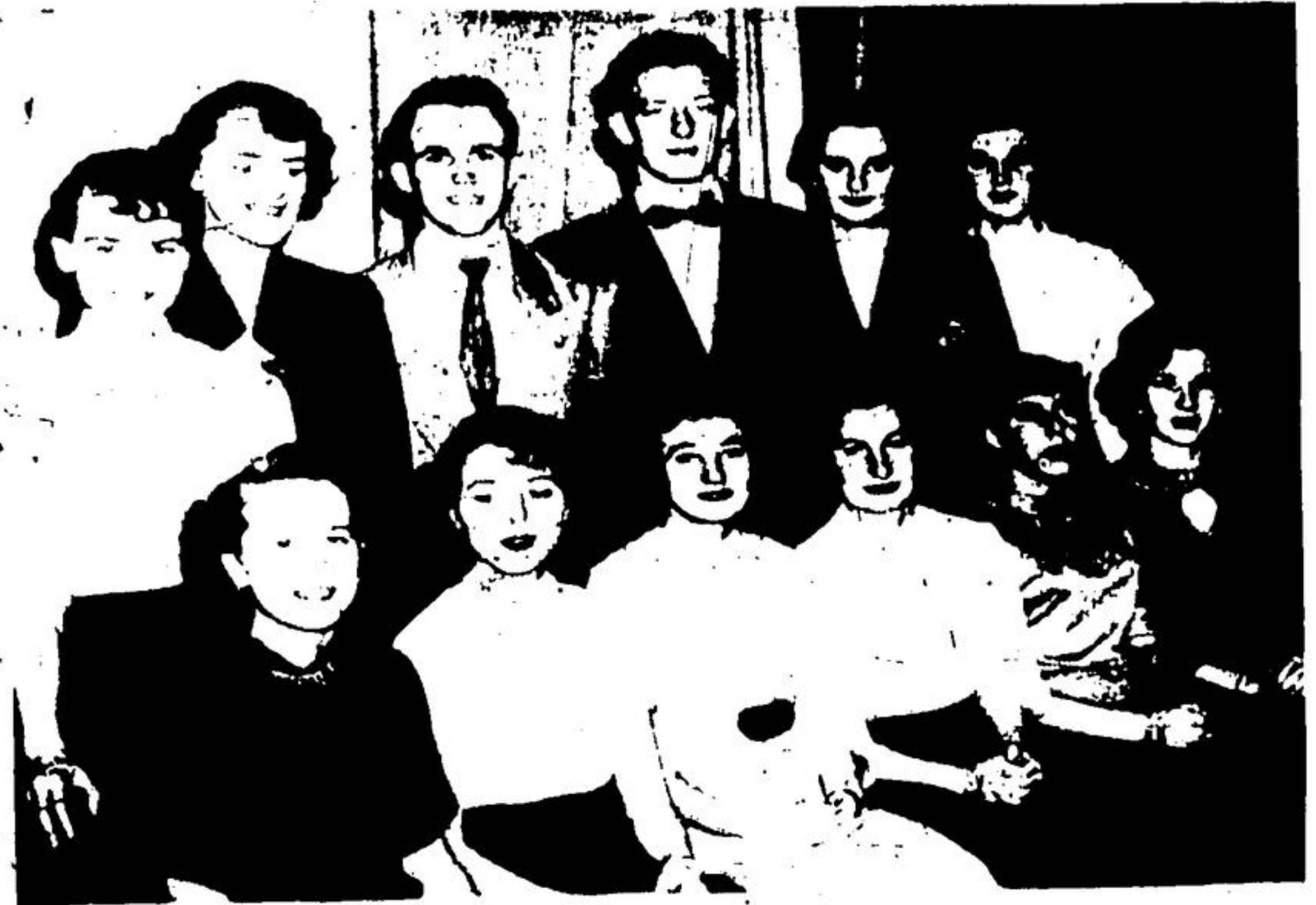
Staff Camera Reviews '52 Acton Events



RAGING FIRE destroyed a building in which sawdust and shavings were stored at Ajax Engineering plant this month. The building was rebuilt by the following week. Sawdust finally had to be loaded on trucks and hauled away to eliminate continued smouldering.



MAC SPROWL was elected president of Halton's 250 Junior Farmers. A native of the Acton district, Mac has been active in Junior Farmer work since 1942.



RECEIVING DIPLOMAS at the annual high school commencement exercises in the public school auditorium were those shown above. In the back from the left are Denise Coles, Yvonne Brunelle, Jack Davidson, Don Dawkins, Jane Elliott, Chris Lamb. In the front row are Dorothy Warne, Pat Terry, Elaine Hufnagel, Marjorie Warne, Joyce Lambert and Betty Price.



TOWN HALL face lifting included removal of the spire part of the tower. The bell remains intact.



A KITCHEN BLAZE followed an explosion at the Darby home on John St. A crowd of people from the business section was attracted by the explosion that resulted as Mrs. Darby cleaned curtains in naphtha gas while a nearby gas stove was operating.



HIGHLIGHT OF BOOSTER NIGHT in Acton arena was the game between the 1939 O.H.A. Intermediate champions and the old-time stars, which resulted in a 5-3 win for the champs although not without surprisingly stiff opposition from the old-timers. The old-timers are those in striped Georgetown Raider uniforms.

INVISIBLE RAINCOAT

Just press a button and your clothes, hats, luggage, gloves, or most anything else can be sprayed with a substance that keeps the water out, but lets the air in. It is easy to apply and dries quickly. It penetrates the fibers, but does not clog the pores, and does not make the clothing sticky, greasy, or gummy.

NEW BATTERY

A new automobile battery can be shipped dry without the acid in it. It can be handled safely without any danger of spilling, for the acid is sent in a separate container that keeps it ready for instant use. Just before the battery is sold the acid is poured into the battery, developing the full charge, and none of it has been wasted.



FARM NEWS

From Halton's Farm Lands

AMAZING CORN YIELDS

High grain corn yields in Ontario are normally associated with southwestern Ontario. Yesterday, however, we had a chat with Sam Newell, who operates around 150 acres on the Wentworth side of the Town Line near Millgrove.

During the past two or three years, we have heard reports of high yields of grain corn on the Newell farm, and rather revolutionary methods being practiced by Sam. So much so that we had definitely planned this past summer to pay him a visit. However, it was another case of plans which didn't materialize. Yesterday, however, we got at least part of the story and to say the least, we are amazed.

As everyone knows the summer of 1952 was a dry year. Despite this, Sam informs us his 65 acres of grain corn averaged 74 bushels of shelled corn per acre. What to us is even more startling, two-thirds of the acreage was in corn for the fifth consecutive year, and the remaining 20-odd acres in corn for the fourth consecutive year. Sam describes his farm as a very rolling and ranging from blow sand in spots to black loam in the valleys, and gravelly on the knolls.

SPRING PLOWING

Here in Halton on our heavier clay loams the recognized sound procedure is to fall plow. In fact most of us feel that fall plowing is practically a "must" if the crops the following year are to be worth while. However, Sam has a different soil type and furthermore, it is normally the first of December or even later before he gets his corn picked. Consequently for the past three years at least he has practiced spring plowing.

The first operation is to run a shredder over the refuse of the previous corn crop. This chops or shreds corn stalks into a condition which makes plowing much easier. Prior to plowing, however, he spreads 400 lbs. of 0-12-20 commercial fertilizer over each acre, plus another 100 lbs. per acre of Ammonium Nitrate (32% Nitrogen).

In other words he plows in 500 lbs. per acre of commercial fertilizer containing 32 lbs. of Nitrogen—48 lbs. of Phosphorus—and 80 lbs. of Potassium. Then at planting time, and by the way he uses a corn planter, he side dresses with another 200 lbs. per acre of 4-12-10. Then along about the last cultivation, when the corn is about a foot high or better, he side dresses again with

200 lbs. per acre of Ammonium Nitrate. That according to our mathematics totals 900 lbs. of fertilizer per acre in one season, or in terms of Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium, means 72 lbs. Nitrogen, 72 lbs. of Phosphorus, and 100 lbs. Potassium per acre. Yes, Sam also practices spraying with a chemical weed killer to control such annual weeds as lambs quarters, pigweed, etc.

CONTROLS EROSION

The idea of growing corn year after year on the same land is contrary to all orthodox ideas. We would normally anticipate that such procedure would burn all the

organic matter and fibre out of the soil. How long this program can continue, we frankly do not know. On the face of it, it seems all wrong and yet Sam states his yields in recent years have been higher than a few years ago. At that time he was plowing down alfalfa. He also states that by leaving his corn stalks standing in the field over winter there is less erosion than when he left it in grain stubble.

In 1951 he had a 90 bushels per acre crop. His lower yield this year in his opinion was entirely due to lack of sufficient moisture in mid-summer. Sam also informed us that he is working closely with R. J. Brydon and Ted Heeg of the Soils Dept. at the O.A.C. In short, he is following their recommendations and so far it is paying off. All in all, it is an amazing story and a program that should be worth watching.

HALTON NIGHT SCHOOL RE-OPENS JANUARY 6

Halton Night School enthusiasts, despite the Christmas season, are already making plans for the re-opening on Tuesday, January 6th. To this end the local Planning Committee met earlier this week to "iron out any snags" which may exist.

We understand from A. T. Woodley, chairman of the committee, that to date there is a paid up enrollment of 471. We also understand that the average nightly attendance prior to Christmas was 434. In short interest is keen and wherever one goes in the county one meets someone who is talking Night School and looking forward to the re-opening on January 6th.

Poet's Corner

God bless thy year,
Thy going in,
Thy coming out,
Thy rest thy journeying about.
The rough,
The smooth,
The bright,
The drear,
God bless thy year.

An operator who drives 176 miles a day for five days a week, 50 weeks a year, for 30 years, could have driven 63 times around the world if he had kept in a straight line.

TO SAVE TIME on your LONG DISTANCE CALLS

Keep a list of numbers you are likely to call—in your *Personal* TELEPHONE NUMBERS BOOKLET

ALWAYS CALL BY NUMBER and your Long Distance calls will go through much faster.

We're wishing you the happiest New Year ever. Enjoy in the months ahead the spirit and warmth of the holiday.

Symon Hardware

NEW YEARS GREETINGS

WE HOPE THAT THE NEW YEAR SEES THE FULFILLMENT OF YOUR EVERY WISH—YOUR EVERY DREAM.

VICTOR B. RUMLEY AND STAFF

The Harlequin strums a happy New Year's message to all of you from all of us the best of everything in 1953.

COOPER'S MEN'S WEAR

NEW YEARS GREETINGS

Our heartfelt thanks for your patronage, and our best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

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BEST WISHES 1953

Happiness unlimited in the New Year, is our warm wish for you.

J. K. GARDINER
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