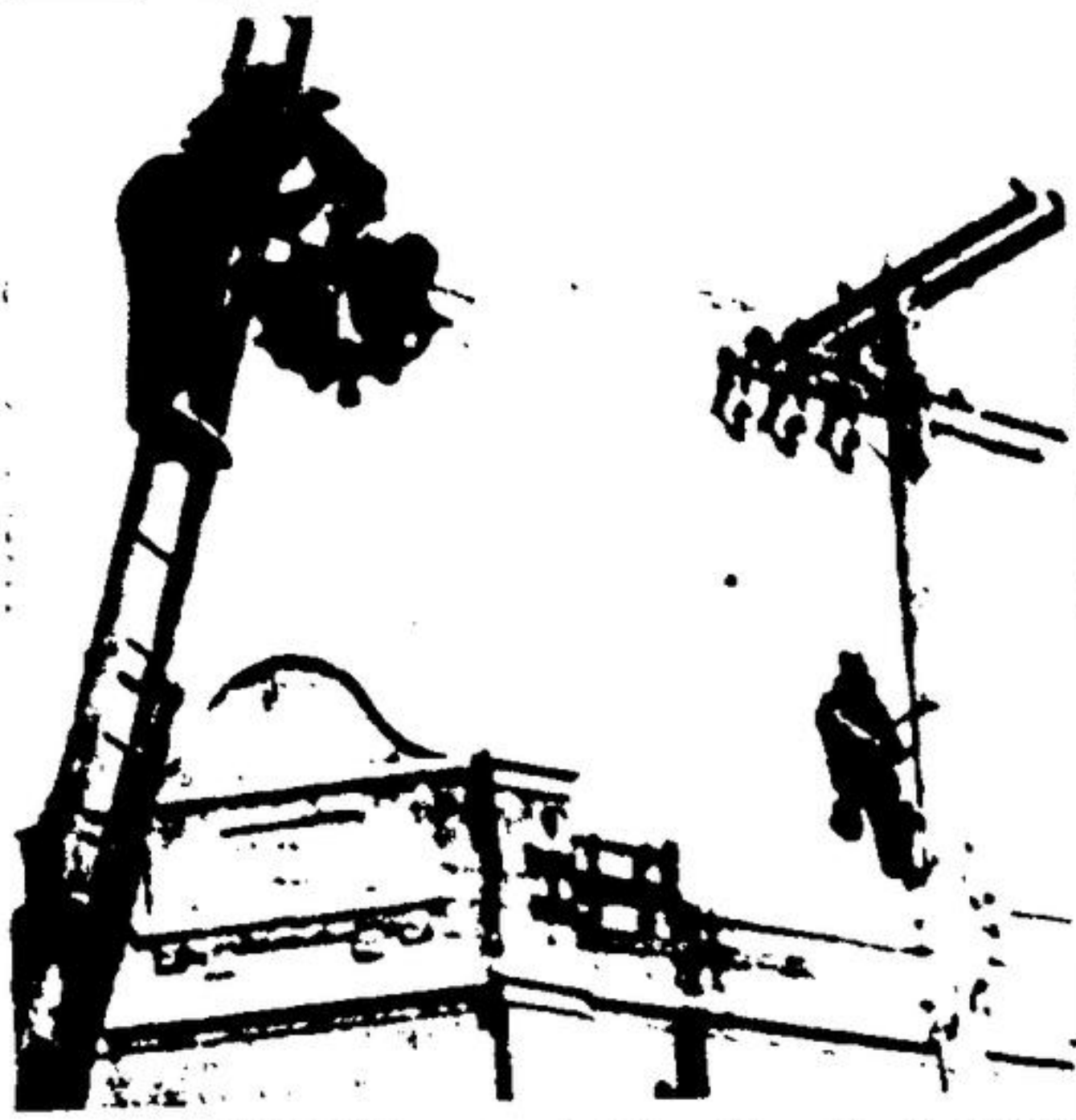


# Events of 1954 Caught in the Eye Of the Camera Illustrate News



**CORNER FLASHER LIGHT** went up at Mill and Main Streets in April. The light was extended long overdue and Department of Highway officials agreed but wouldn't agree to a four way red flasher.

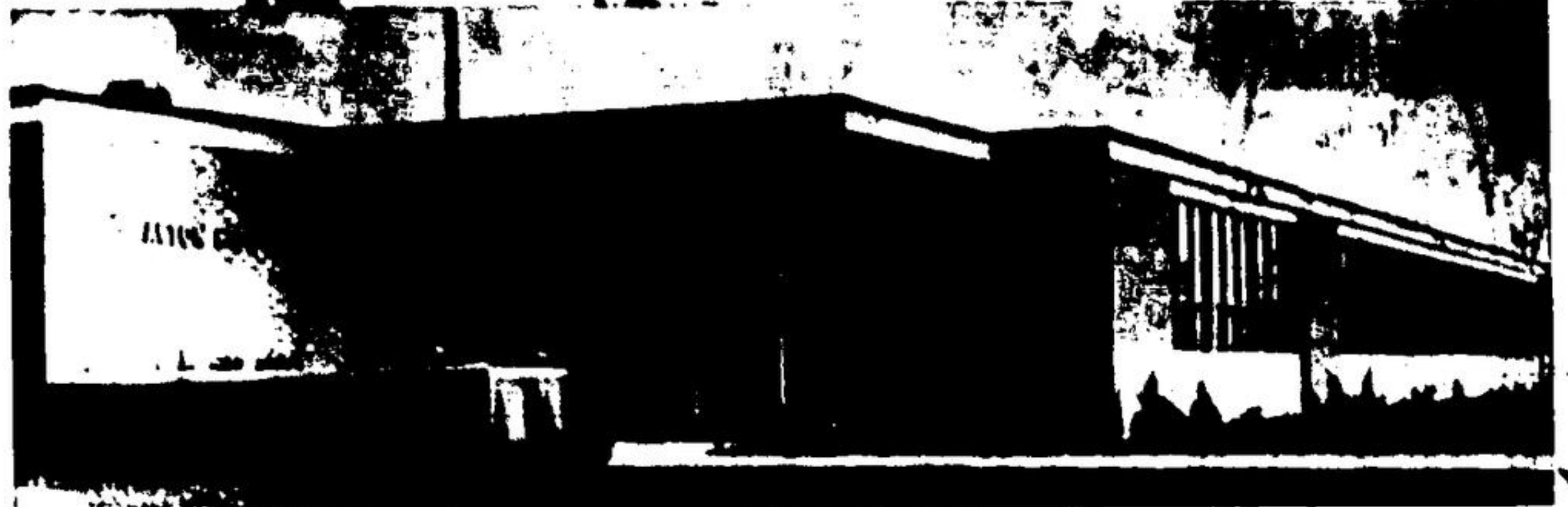
## Photos Recall 1954's Events

News goes one of the many definitions is a change in the status quo. There were many changes in Acton in 1954, some newsy and some not newsy.

A new high school went up, an old mill came down. Downtown Mill Street got a new look. Sewers were extended into a part of town without the service in 1953. In the district an old mill, one of the earliest in the district, burned down, again in the district a fine new township garage was erected.

In Acton one of the biggest changes in the "status quo" was the commencement of subdivision plans on four separate developments designed to eventually add over 500 homes to the face of this community. As the year bows out, construction has already started at two of these new subdivisions.

These are but a few of the changes, and on this page staff photos recall their importance in 1954.



**NEW HIGH SCHOOL**, above, was completed in 1954 and officially opened, but no wonder why this does. District Board members realized an addition would have to be made in 1955 to take care of increased enrollment.



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**THE OLD MILL**, at left, came down while other buildings went up. The Mill St. landmark had a colorful past but finally gave way to the dictates of time.



**WARREN GROVE SEWERS** had a rough road to follow before completion. Above Mayor Tyler and Contractor Schultz smile at the beginning in July. Below, at the end in December, only workmen smile as the last tile goes into place, completing the pipe laying.



**SPECTACULAR NIGHT FIRE** early in July destroyed the old knitting mill in Glen Williams. It was the most expensive blaze in the Acton district in 1954 and the picture above shows all that remains after flames swept away damage of \$100,000. Mutual aid fire system was invoked to help fight flames.

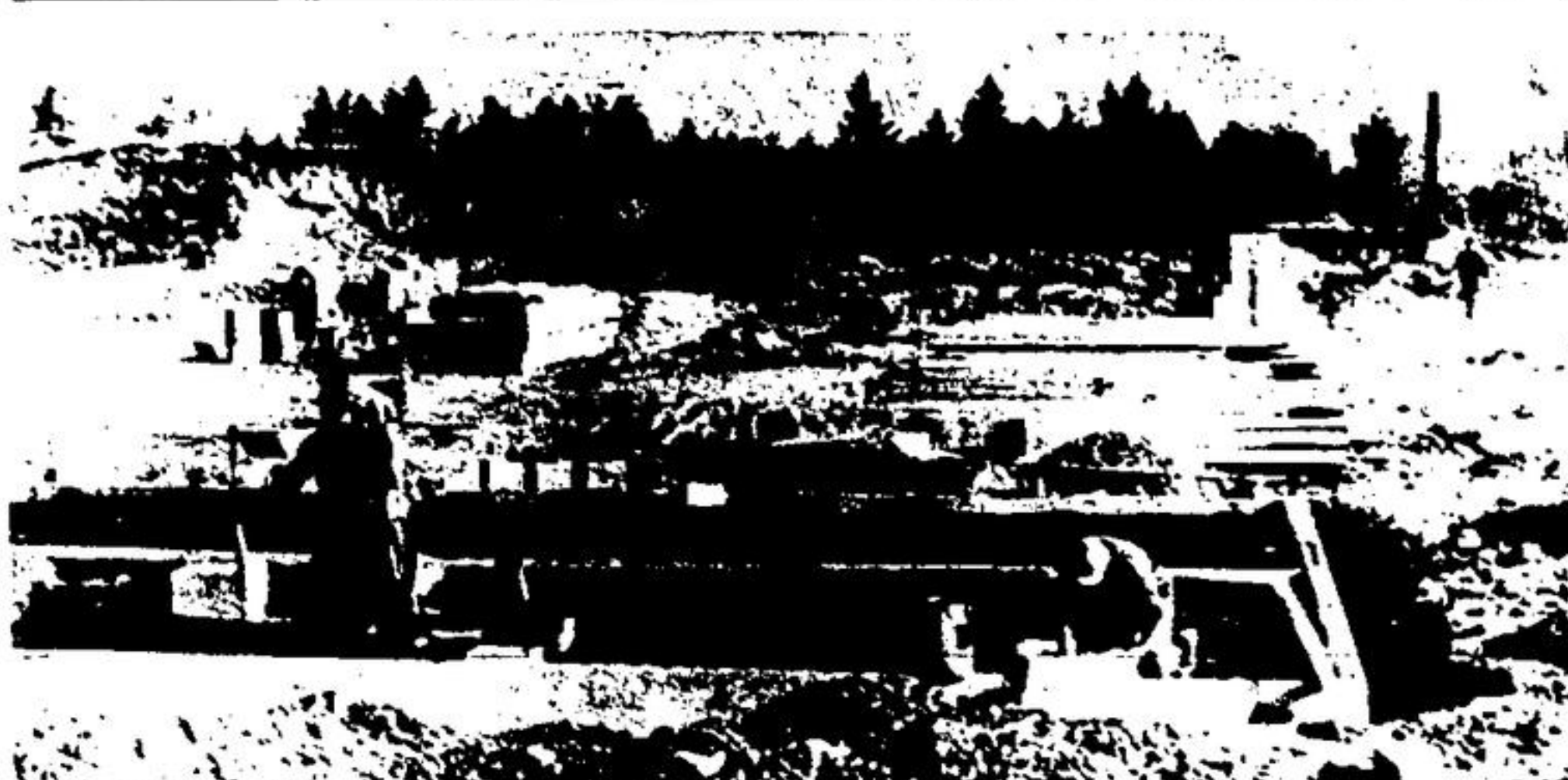


**A WIDER MILL STREET**, from John to Elgin Streets, plus new sidewalks on the south side enhanced downtown Acton this summer. Several venerable residents had to move to make way for the new look. Above, one stately maple tree crashes down to the street.

**HURRICANE HAZEL** struck on a wild night in October and in the days that followed tons of food and clothing were sent to stricken areas near Toronto. Acton was quick to aid, sending over a transport-full of supplies to inundated areas in the Bradford district.



**MASSAGAWEYA'S NEW GARAGE** was completed two months after the Glen Williams fire. The sturdy new building, above, was opened at a special ceremony in Brookville and hailed by officials as a milestone in the progress of the township. Speakers from other municipalities also commended.



**ACTON'S SUBDIVISION FEVER** broke out early in the year and gained heat as 1954 progressed. Plans were laid for four developments and two, the 10-lot Cobble Hill subdivision, above, and the 200-lot Glenlea subdivisions on far right are two of the cul-de-sacs, began construction by late autumn.

