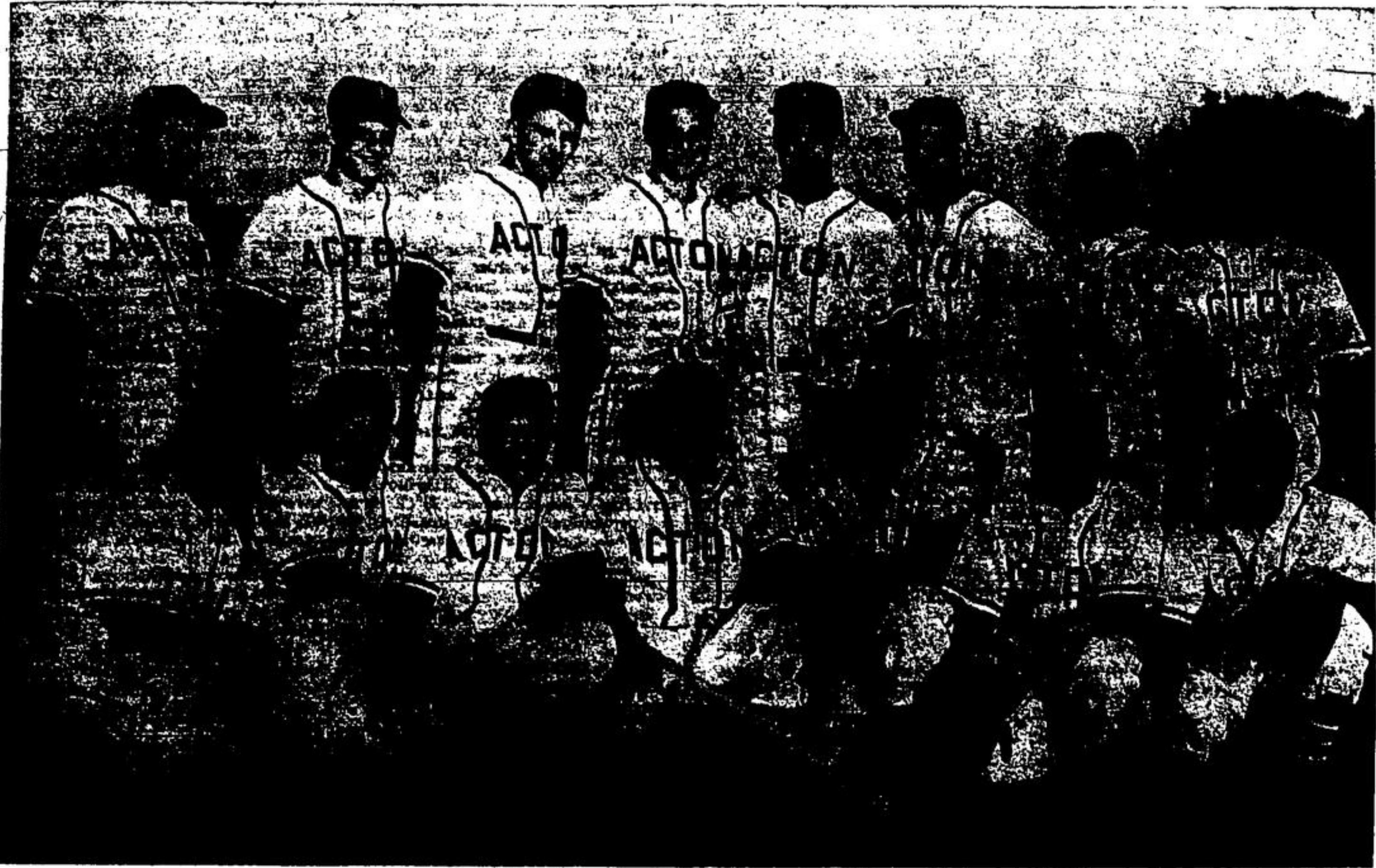


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ACTON'S INTERMEDIATE BASEBALL team is shown in this group photo after the team recently donned new uniforms, supplied by local businessmen. Front, left to right: Sonny Townsley, Red Anderson, Scotty McCristall, Harold Townsley, Bill Skelding, Bill Skilling, John Cunningham; rear, Don Ryder, Paul Lawson, Lloyd Robinson.

Harry Lawson, Bob Tyler, Bob Bruce, Spike Scott, Ross Morton. Absent are Lorne Masters, Ken Adamson and Lloyd Masales. O.B.A. playdowns for the Intermediate "B" grouping start next week with Acton taking on Milton in the first of a best three-out-of-five series.

## Natural Gas Turned on in Milton At Friday Morning Ceremony

### Esqueusing Boy Hurt In Tank Explosion

John Brown, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Art Brown, R.R. 2, Acton, was released from Toronto hospital this week after suffering painful face injuries August 2 at his father's auto yard on the Seventh Line.

The boy was working on a refrigerator unit when an ammonia tank exploded in his face. Taken to Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto, the sight of both eyes was reported in danger. However, his condition has improved and his sight is not expected to be permanently affected.

## 18 Teachers For Esqueusing School Staffs

Completion of an 18-teacher staff in the 11 schools administered by Esqueusing township school area is announced by the board secretary, Ern Batkin.

There will be seven new teachers in the district in September. Ten teachers are remaining in their present positions, and one will switch to another school still within the area.

Principal Douglas Copeland, Mrs. J. T. Cascarden and Miss Ora Carson will all return to their positions at S.S. No. 7, Nuxval.

Mrs. William Cromar will continue to teach at S.S. 3, Ashgrove and Miss Margaret MacEdward at S.S. 5, Waterloo. Mrs. Rita Shortill will also continue at S.S. No. 14, Blue Mountain, and Mrs. Patricia Mellon at S.S. No. 8, Dublin.

Miss Hilda Boyes is switching from S.S. 12, Lorne to S.S. 11, Glen Williams. She will be replaced by Mrs. Lucinda Leach, who has been teaching at Churchville. Other members of the five-teacher staff at the Glen are: Principal Ralph McKown and Mrs. Edna Beaumont, who are returning, and new teachers Misses Gail Wheeler and Marjorie Kouritz. Miss Kouritz comes from Niagara Falls and Miss Wheeler is a Glen girl, who graduated this year from Toronto Teachers' College. Mrs. Nellie Gardiner, Misses Lois Milsam and Thelma Brown are leaving the staff there.

Mrs. Mary Giffen, has left the staff at S.S. 8, Stewarton, and Mrs. Elwood Snow, Ballinacree, will be taking her place. Mrs. Lyla Pollock will continue on the staff.

Miss June Lindsay of Acton is replacing Mr. Stevenson at S.S. 10, Dufferin.

At S.S. 13, Bannockburn, Mrs. Helen Rognvaldson is the new teacher, replacing Miss Ritchie.

Miss Anderson has left the school at S.S. 1, Milton Heights, and Miss Anna Olsen of Bracebridge will teach there next term.

## Charge Laid After Saturday Accident

A local man was charged with impaired driving following an accident Saturday afternoon at Queen Street and Churchhill Road.

A vehicle driven by Wilbert McMullen, Acton, was in collision with a car driven by George Shaw of Guelph. Mr. Shaw's wife was treated for shock.

## Ernest West Gives Impressive Address

Ernest West, formerly of Acton and now a lawyer in Kitchener, was the speaker at Acton United church Sunday morning in the absence of the minister, Rev. Gordon Adams. He gave a very impressive message heard with interest by the congregation and about 25 scout leaders from a course at Blue Springs scout resort. One of the latter, an ordained minister himself, particularly congratulated Mr. West.

## Buffalo Meet, Girls' Day Camp Y Highlights

August 5 touched off a week of bustling activity for Acton Y.M.C.A. as members of the local track team visited Buffalo, New York, for the Buffalo firemen's game and the American relay championships.

Although the local boys did not bring home any trophies from this meet they had the pleasure of seeing the East York Track Club of Toronto win the American sprint relay championship.

On Monday the group stopped at the Niagara Police games on the way home and competed against many of the Olympic stars from Canada and the United States.

Acton runners gave a favorable account of themselves at the meet. Frank Cooper placed fourth in the 100 yard dash and Wayne Arbie ran a close fifth. Wayne made the fourth spot in the 220 yard dash and placed fourth in the hop-step and jump event.

Maurice Van Hemmen ran fourth in the 440 yard dash and then amazed the spectators and officials by also placing fourth in the mile and the broad jump. Maurice has shown wonderful endurance through the season and should do well at the forthcoming Canadian Olympic trials.

Closer to home a day camp for girls was operated by the Y.M.C.A. and the girls enjoyed a trip to Malton airport where they inspected one of TCA's North Star aircraft, and discussed plans for the future with two of ACA's stewardesses.

The girls also spent a day in the woods. On rainy days movies and a talent show were the feature of the day, with top honors in the talent show going to Miss Helen Bentley.

## 36 Scout Leaders From All Canada Take Course Nearby

The first Canadian scout leaders' training course to be held at Blue Springs is underway there. The scout reserve east of Acton is used almost exclusively for training courses.

The 36 scout leaders attending come from British Columbia, the prairies, Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes. Among them are seven women. On the staff are eight leaders from the Canadian headquarters of the Boy Scouts Association at Ottawa.

Uniformed scouters attended church services in Acton last Sunday morning. The course ends this week-end.

## Board Reviews Compiled Plan Draft

The meeting (He said he was prepared to register the new plan of subdivision if the Board would permit sale of the 13 fronting lots individually.)

This proposition was discussed at length and members indicated they would go along with the idea if the town passes a by-law restricting the type of houses to be built and lot sizes in the area. Some time was also spent discussing sidewalks for this subdivision.

Early in the meeting a representative of Canadian Petrofina Ltd. holder of a lot at the corner of Queen St. and Churchhill Rd. where it is proposed to build a service station, reviewed his company's plans to date. Members raised some questions about lot dimensions and location of buildings, which were not fully answered. The matter is to be revived at a later meeting.

## Seven Injured As Truck, Car Smash Saturday

Four people in a pick-up truck and three others riding in a car were injured Saturday afternoon when the two vehicles collided at the intersection of the Sixth Line of Esqueusing and the Limehouse Road (No. 20 Sideroad).

The 1955 model car driven by Kees Van Lyere of Glen Williams rolled over two times in the north-west ditch, police said, and came to rest on its roof. The driver suffered a fractured left arm and a passenger, 17-year-old Alice Gills of Glen Williams, received severe head injuries and suffered concussion. They were both rushed by ambulance to Guelph hospital.

Michael Buckley of R.R. 3, Georgetown, a passenger in the truck, received head lacerations and back and chest injuries. He was rushed to hospital by a different ambulance.

The driver of the truck, Bruce McClure, and passengers Donald McClure, five, and Gordon Wingfield, all of R.R. 3, Georgetown, received minor injuries and were treated at the scene by Dr. Thompson of Georgetown. Jerry Gills, six, a passenger in the Lyere car, was also treated for minor injuries.

Police Constable George Moore estimated the damage to the truck at \$300. About \$1,000 damage was done to the car.

## First Since 1920

Acton's compiled plan, the town's first collection since 1920 of separate subdivisions plans, lot measurements and boundary lines into one comprehensive blueprint, was tabled Monday night when the Planning Board met in regular session.

Members noted, however, that the plan is still not complete, with scattered and numerous boundaries still lacking complete measurements and various other lot surveys yet to be made before the plan can be filed for registration.

It was suggested it may be a year or more before the loose ends are cleared up and the compiled plan finished.

Fate of the 44-lot Wool Combing subdivision on Queen St., owned by E. Coles of Hamilton, was discussed when Mr. Coles appeared at

## Draws at Open House Of Thompson Motors

Thompson Motors inaugurated their new location at the former Garner garage site with an Open House. Films, refreshments and a car display were enjoyed by many.

Bob Marshall won the coke cooler in a draw. Other winners were Doug Brown of Milton, Dave Dills, T. E. Watson, C. L. Kirkness, W. Brown, Cam Sinclair, Melvin Walker, Ted Hansen, R. Goodwin, E. Tyler, Bill Nicolae, Andrew Frank, Jack Cooney and A. Gervais.

## Report Irritates Council

# Protest Highways Refusal To Allow Stop Lights Here

Strong protest was made by Acton's councillors Tuesday night when a Department of Highways report again turned down a request for stop lights at the town's busiest corner, Mill and Main Streets. This is the second time in as many years the application has been refused.

Quick exception was taken to the reasons Department statisticians quoted for the decision. The report contended stop lights were not warranted at this corner for several reasons. In the last two years, it said, six accidents were reported at this corner, yet none of them were of the type that could have been prevented by stop lights.

The report quoted figures on traffic rates, southbound, eastbound and westbound—and claimed flow of vehicles in all directions had not substantially increased in the past

year. Tests had shown the 30 miles per hour speed limit was, with few exceptions, being adhered to, the report added.

Councillors agreed with none of these points in the report.

Recommendations Snubbed  
Recommendations also got an impatient reception. The Department report called for retention of the present flasher signal and use of a police officer at the corner during peak traffic periods.

In view of Mill and Main corner being a junction of two highways, council failed to understand why the Department had apparently approved recent installation of stop lights in Milton and Georgetown where provincial highways handle the same movement of traffic as in Acton.

Mayor E. Tyler said the matter was not finished. He said he would protest to the district Highways engineer over the report's decision.

Early in Tuesday night's regular meeting, S. McIsaac appeared to complain again of the perennial drainage problem in front of his garage. He declared the gutter installed by the town last year was no good.

"I used to get 50 per cent of the drainage water, now I get 100 per cent of it," he said.

Mr. McIsaac went on to warn council he had no intention of letting the unsatisfactory drainage condition damage his property "for another six years." He mentioned legal action.

Council advised the road committee would consult with the engineer as soon as possible and make every effort to find a solution.

U.S. Bond Sale Unlikely  
Councillor W. Cook reported from an interview with an investment firm representative that Acton has little likelihood of selling its bond issue block on the American market. Clerk J. McGeachie added information to support this and council reviewed the present unattractive state of the Canadian money market for municipal bonds.

Council agreed to hold on to its unsold debentures in the hope of more favorable sale conditions.

Report on the Planning Board's study of the town's compiled plan draft was given by the clerk. Some points of concern in council were discussed, including a question of ownership of the public school lane. Legally, it was pointed out the lane is owned by the Public School Board, but is maintained and used by the town as a public road. A delegation is to appear before school trustees to discuss the designation of the road for the compiled plan.

Council was asked if a firm decision had been made on the proposed R. N. Brown 147-lot subdivision, submitted to the Planning Board earlier this year.

The question raised a flurry of talk on the present tight rein on mortgage money for residential construction. Acton's balance of assessment, the need for more industry here and other related or unrelated subjects.

Council's motion to permit no more subdivision activity was called and Councillor Brown, objected to the terms of this restriction. Nevertheless a motion carried, that the former resolution be reiterated to permit no more subdivision development here at present.

Would Sell Lots Singly  
Development of another area, the Wool Combing subdivision on Queen St. W. which two years ago was written in an agreement with council for services, came up for discussion as a result of the Planning Board meeting Monday night. Council was told of owner E. Coles' proposition to sell 13 individual front lots off the 44-lot area, since money for full-scale development under C.M.H.C. is not available.

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Councillor Cook also complained of weeds around Glenlea. A motion was passed that the town cut the weeds on property owned by Bradley and Houghton and bill them for the work. Reportedly, the owners had been requested to cut the weeds before this, but no action has been taken.

## Softball Finals To Start Friday

Haltom Rural Softball finals start Friday. Omagh has defeated Hornby four games to none and tied one while Palermo won both their semi-finals over Tansley and Trafalgar.

Omagh will meet Palermo in a best two out of three series, each game going nine innings, for the Haltom County championship. The games will be under the lights at Lowville starting at 8 p.m. on Friday, August 17, and continuing Tuesday, August 21, and again Friday, August 24 if necessary.

In the O.R.S.A. play-offs, in the Intermediate B section, Palermo will play Copetown. Hornby will play the winner of the Eramosa league.

In Intermediate C, Omagh plays Morrison and Tansley plays Badenock.

## Champion Bean

How have your beans been? Can you beat this one?  
Mrs. H. W. Hinton reports a Scarlet Runner pole bean that is 12 and a-half inches long, in her garden on Lake Ave.

With further points to be clarified, council approved the Planning Board's recommendation to allow Mr. Coles to carry his proposal through.

Council also approved for the Planning Board the draft of Acton's official land use map presented by town planner P. A. Deacon last month.

Notification was made that arbitration on the town's well-worn "Blankiewicz case" will be heard before a judge September 21. The court will seek to settle a price for land expropriated by the town.

Name Trench Inspector  
Council, informed by the Department of Labor that it was compelled to appoint an excavation inspector, named A. Doby by-law for this post under the Trench Excavators' Act.

Council passed an indigent patient account, turned down one application for relief in view of legal circumstances but accepted a second application for relief.

Tentative approval from the Ontario Municipal Board for the proposed \$120,000 new public school here was recorded.

The annual unconditional per capita grant for Acton from the Ontario government was received, based on the 1951 census figure of 2880 and revised on the present population of 3367. Total amount received was \$5,275.20.

A Health Unit report stated a duplex house on Church St. was found through tests to have the sewer outlet connected to the storm sewer. Clerk McGeachie said the owners have been notified, but there is some question if the town or the owners will be responsible to correct the situation. Further investigation to ascertain responsibility is to be made.

Council approved a Georgetown Hospital Fund tag day in Acton August 24 and 25. This request was made through the local Legion Ladies' Auxiliary.

Claims Damage by Drainage  
The owner of a Mill St. house, Mrs. Lauretta Veit, complained through a Guelph legal firm of property damage said to be caused by a change in drainage flow off the sewer.

Wallace St. Council questioned the claim but agreed to look into the matter.

Council's long-awaited water survey from R. V. Anderson Associates was received and read. It was agreed to hold a special meeting to thoroughly review the findings and recommendations of the report, which was produced as the first step in the 1956 council's project to increase water supply and storage capacity in Acton.

The special meeting will be held next Tuesday evening.

Deputy-reveve W. Wilson asked about grading plans for the north stretch of the Third Line. On a totally different subject he objected to use of profanity in the council chamber.

Councillor E. Frotitt was told the revised by-law for a new fire hall is not yet ready for submission to the municipal board. He also questioned about lighting on the Maria St. bridge and requested for a Main St. resident, removal of earth left piled on this property after the school creek was dredged.

Councillor Cook queried about the whereabouts of work sheets and was told they were available.

Brief Talk on Dump  
He also initiated a discussion on the dump which was taken up by all councillors as the pros and cons of using the sanitary land fill method of disposal and land reclamation were talked over. This method involves hiring or buying a bulldozer. Other aspects of the method were considered but councillors agreed to seek further information before the new dumping site is put into use.

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## First Memorial Service At Ballinacree Cemetery

A large crowd gathered for the first Memorial Service ever held in Ballinacree cemetery Sunday. Fine weather enhanced the occasion.

The Hill orchestra provided music for the hymns, "The Lord's My Shepherd, We Cannot Think of Them as Dead and Abide with Me." They also played during the taking of the offering, which was received by Floyd Shortill and Roy Warne, descendants of pioneer families.

The Ballinacree choir sang two suitable selections, "Beyond the Sunset" and "The Haven of Rest." An Nelson gave a splendid sermon, exhorting people to be true and loyal Christians in daily life.

F. W. Shortill thanked all who had taken part.

## Free Press Editorial In Legion Magazine

In the current issue of the Legionary comment is made on the Decoration and Memorial services held in many communities in Canada. The comment made on the Acton service this year in the editorial columns of the Free Press was reprinted in full.

Such events are proving more popular and Legion branches deserve much of the credit for promoting them elsewhere just as they have in Acton.