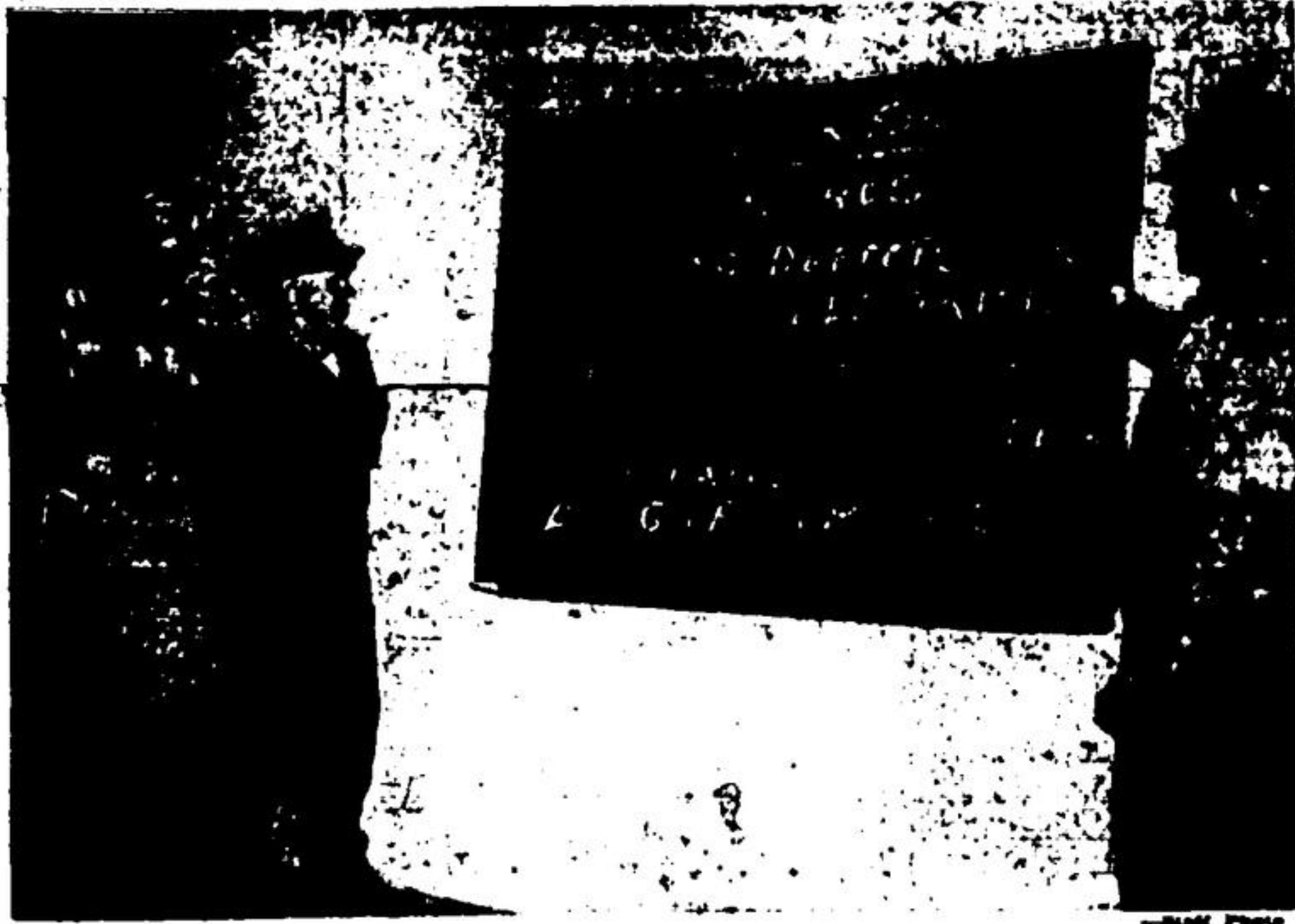


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**ACTON FIREMEN** have been preparing for a concentrated drive on fire causes. Next week inspectors will be combing the area to uncover the causes of future fires. Fire Chief Jack Newton is pictured reviewing some of the causes to look for with Doug Mason, Bern Van Fleet and J. H. Price.

## 48 Speeders Charged, Ban Shooting in Acton

Corporal R. Mason of the local O.P.P. detachment revealed 48 speeders were charged in Acton last Saturday when the radar was posted on Queen and Young Streets.

With a continued crackdown on speeders in the community, Corporal Mason stated radar equipment would be brought to Acton periodically to check those exceeding the speed limit.

In his report, the Corporal further warned hunters that shooting is prohibited at Fairy Lake and that the game warden has been notified so that patrolling of this area will take place.

## Stock Fairy Lake With 5,000 Bass

Halton County Game Warden, Bob Reed, announced this week that Fairy Lake in Acton, had been stocked with 5,000 small mouth bass, recently.

The fish range in size from 4-5 inches stated the game warden.

The trees are providing a new hue around town as the leaves are changing colors.

# National Film Board Officials Pick Acton Town is Setting for Documentary Film



**DISPLAYING HIS MOUNTED CATCH** is Jim Graham, of Acton, who caught this 33-inch, 15 pound lake trout, while fishing at Walker's point on Lake Muskoka. The fish was caught on a 4 lb. test line and took one hour to land. The proof of the catch will always be on display in Jim's trophy room.

Acton, Acton Park and the Acton Free Press will be included in a documentary film to be produced by the National Film Board for the TV program Perspective. Film Board officials announced this week.

Shooting of the film is expected to be done next week. Initial investigation on the film was started several weeks ago when script author Charles Israel interviewed editor-in-chief G. A. Dills in preparing the script titled "The Editor".

The story has no connection with Acton and the town will not be identified in the film. Middletown will be the name of the municipality in which the situation occurs and professional actors will play the roles.

Director Don Wilder, assistant director George Bloomfield and location manager Jim Pearce have been in Acton several times studying the location and newspaper office atmosphere.

The half hour film, expected to appear on the TV program Perspective, has not yet been scheduled but officials have assured that notification of its scheduling will be relayed to allow local viewers to see the program.

While the name of the town has been changed in the film, the name of the film's newspaper will be the Free Press. A cast of about 10 with extras will appear.

## Nassagaweya Makes Three

# Township Joins Neighbors in Fire Area

A temporary fire agreement was arranged between the Township of Nassagaweya and the town of Acton at the regular council meeting last Tuesday evening.

Following a letter from the township, stating agreement with \$180 per fire call in the township, a temporary agreement to be entered into with the two parties involved. This agreement was to coincide with the recent agreement with the townships of Erin and Epping at the rate of \$180 per call ending October 31, at which time a meeting would be held to reach final agreement with the townships.

A letter was received from the solicitors of the Robert Hudson Company, builders in the Lakewood subdivision, indicating a desire to enter into a proposed agreement with the town of Acton regarding building restrictions.

### Maintain Standards

It was stated by the solicitors that their clients wished to maintain existing standards if similar restrictions applied to any other undeveloped land in town.

Disagreement with some sections of the new building by-law was noted by the solicitors and suggestion was made for a joint meeting with the builders and council to iron out any differences.

Council agreed to refer the builders to the planning board. A further letter was received from the Robert Hudson Company, agreeing to pay \$725 toward the storm water drainage problem in Lakewood Heights. It was agreed by council to have the roads committee meet with the company regarding the drainage problem.

### Confusing Issue

Councillor W. Cook charged that recent correspondence dealing with the North Halton Urban Board had been withheld from the Acton council, although other members of the Urban Board were familiar with the contents of the letter. This took place in a round table discussion near the conclusion of the meeting.

He further commented on a report from R. V. Anderson and Associates, consulting engineers, read at the last council meeting and two days later, upon request, submitted to the P.U.C. The report from the engineers dealt with a suggested industrial sewage plant.

Councillor Cook asked why the report had been read at the commission meeting when council had agreed to have the sewer and water committee consider the matter. Mayor E. Tyler, temporarily dazed at the councillor's intimation, replied the report originally had been read at a public council meeting and reported in the paper, therefore the commission had asked clarification of the matter. He asked the councillor, "Do you think I was wrong in reading the letter to the P.U.C.?"

After considering the question, Mr. Cook replied, "I think you were out of order, Mr. Mayor."

### Disagreeing with the councillor

Mayor Tyler failed to see why such an issue should be so secretive.

### "Ruling Hand"

Councillor H. Lowe remarked that as council had the ruling hand in such a project he could see no reason in burdening the P.U.C. with this matter.

Councillor Cook asked why the P.U.C. wanted to stick their noses into sewage affairs now? "There's something funny about this," he claimed, Mr. Cook and noted, "There's something tangible and something not tangible, something evident and yet not evident, to

which I take very great exception."

Mayor Tyler replied, "If you don't think I did what was right, I will ask for a vote of confidence."

Reeve Hargrave stated he was in a state of confusion in the matter. Although on the sewer and water committee, he did not understand one-tenth of the discussion.

Councillor Guy expressed agreement with the Mayor as a council representative to the P.U.C. relaying information to them. "I agree with the Mayor on this point but the P.U.C. are going to tool their horns, let them assume more responsibility," stated the councillor.

Councillor S. Brunelle pointed out the letter had been read at an open council meeting and could have been published word for word and made public.

### The matter was dropped after

approximately an hour and a half discussion.

### Road Shoulders

A letter was received from the Department of Highway with re-

gard to the condition of the road shoulders in the town limits on No. 25 highway.

It was stated in the letter the town was responsible for 50 per cent of the cost of repair.

The clerk was instructed to inform the Department of an agreement to improve the shoulders on the town boundaries.

Council agreed to make Arthur and Mill streets north one-way streets.

R. S. Hart, superintendent of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, was present and gave a progress report to the council.

Council received assessment notices from the townships of Erin and Epping for the land owned by the town in townships.

An assessment notice was also received from the town for the Y.M.C.A. building.

### Humane Slaughter

A letter including a pamphlet from the Oakville District Humane Society was received regarding the inhuman slaughter of animals for eating endorsement was

asked of the pamphlet for presentation to the Minister of Agriculture. Council ordered the letter filed.

Town clerk J. McGeachie noted that no answer had been received from Dr. Berry's department regarding the recent letter submitted to the O.W.R.C. regarding air pollution in Acton.

Council agreed to purchase 13 pictures for the M. Z. Bennett school at a cost of \$123.

A letter was received from C. F. Leatherland regarding the recent county equalization hearing, and an attached statement of his account for services amounting to \$430.98.

An account from the Toronto General Hospital for an indigent patient was refused by council.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Welfare	\$172.50
Administration, finance	142.27
Fire, police	46.58
Roads	262.82
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$624.17</b>

## St. John Ambulance Brigade Receives Official Charter

An impressive ceremony was held in St. Alban's Parish Hall last Friday night when the local St. John Ambulance Brigade received their official charter.

The Brigade has been active for almost a year and has served at numerous special events such as the Acton Fall Fair and civic holiday celebrations. They have recently acquired uniforms.

After the singing of The Queen, Mayor E. Tyler welcomed the guests and paid tribute to the smartness and efficiency of the brigade. It was quite an achievement that the organization had succeeded in a town of less than 5,000 population, the Mayor stated.

He mentioned the members of the new organization were fine, hard-working citizens who finish any job they start.

### Area Officials

Hamilton area superintendent Charles Jenkins introduced visiting officials from St. John Ambulance headquarters in Toronto and Hamilton. These included Col. I. R. M. Sinclair, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., who is provincial commissioner; Dr. J. H. W. Hutchinson, Hamilton area commissioner; Robert Niven, provincial secretary, Toronto; Mrs. W. Denison, provincial superintendent, Toronto headquarters; Mrs. L. Waldick, Hamilton area officer; O. T. Flint, superintendent, Guelph division; Fred Raetzle, district officer, Guelph.

Robert Hart, superintendent of the Acton brigade, accepted the charter from Col. Sinclair. Dr. Hutchinson presented certificates to the following members: Dave Spicer, Wally Gordon, John Buckman, John Chapman, Derek Milne and Clint Taylor, Brigade sergeant.

Miss Bella Maye Roszell read the script for a humorous skit presented by the members, which pointed out the right and wrong methods of first aid.

Refreshment were served by the nursing sisters of the brigade at the close of the program.

## World War I Veterans To Parade in Acton

On Saturday October 5th, the veterans of the 164th Battalion, C.E.F., will march to the music of the Acton Citizens Band as they parade to the cenotaph in Acton to honor the fallen dead.

Each year, under Regimental Sergeant Major, R. S. Laidlaw, of the original Brigade, the remaining members of the brigade, hold an annual re-union to renew old acquaintances and honor their fallen comrades.

The original 164th Battalion, recruited from Halton and Dufferin Counties, during World War I, marched from Camp Borden, to their winter quarters in Hamilton, passing through Acton, 41 years ago.

The parade will form up at the Acton Legion at 7:30 and march to the cenotaph for a brief ceremony and later gather at the Legion Auditorium for a dinner and get-together.

## Start Libraries For Two Schools

The Acton Public School Board announced a change in library book distribution for the school children, this week.

Once a week the school children will obtain their library books from the librarians at the Robert Little and the M. Z. Bennett schools, where a junior library has been set up.

A new library card must be obtained for this purpose, stated librarian Mrs. P. Watson, but any child presently possessing a blue card can continue obtaining library books at the library at the Y.M.C.A. during the regular hours.

## Industrial Group Buys 262 Acres

Two hundred and sixty-two acres of the nine hundred acres optioned in the area, lot 13 to 15 east and west of Erin Township has been purchased by the Inish Industrial Group who will in due course set-up a plant to process building materials, etc.

Two hundred acres, the farm of Norman Nixon, lot 14 and 15, con. 11 west, and sixty-two acres the property of Fred Wilson, lot 15, con. 11, east, Erin Township is the land sold to date.

Negotiations for the sale of land owned by Rose Overland and Fred Wilson in Caledon Township and other properties in the district are at present underway.

## Announce Winners In Corn Competition

Acton Agricultural Society entailed corn competition was judged by S. R. McLaughlin of Guelph on September 18-19 with 24 entries in the competition.

The following is a list of the winners released this week: Clayton Davis, Rockwood, field of Dekalb corn, 92½ points; Arthur Swackhamer, 92 points; A. H. McPhedran, 91 points; Charles McNabb and Son, 90½ points; Melvin McCullough, 90 points; D. McPhedran, 89 points; Mac Sprowl, 88 points; Jack Allen, 87 points; Wm. Ritchie, 86½ points; Harvey Bayne, 86 points.

The fields are scored on general appearance, freedom from disease and insect injury, thoroughness of cultivation, competition finish, neatness of headland and fence rows, yield and quality of fodder.



**ACTON BRIGADE** received its charter, last Friday evening, when dignitaries from Toronto and Hamilton headquarters were present at the Parish Hall, to participate in the ceremony. Here, Col. I. R. M. Sinclair, right is pictured as he presents the charter to R. Hart, superintendent of the St. John Ambulance Brigade in Acton.

## Assessment Up Over 3% Town Population 3,903

Theron Jones town assessor, revealed figures this week on the population and assessment figures for 1957-58.

In a breakdown on the assessment roll, the assessor noted that 1958 taxes will be based on an assessment of: residential, \$2,903,725; commercial and industrial, \$1,204,588.54; and business, \$452,500, making a total of \$4,560,813.54.

In comparing figures of 1957 of \$4,333,405, including residential, \$2,850,550; commercial and industrial, \$1,014,010; and business \$458,845. It shows an increase of \$137,408.54.

## Gold Bearing Rock Goes to Refuse Pile

Don't suppose anyone took the trouble to salvage the gold-bearing piece of rock that was in the centre pillar of the park entrance gates, which were recently demolished because few knew it was there.

When stone pillars at the park entrance were erected about 1925 by the late Walter Lamb, the late George Dills had as a souvenir a piece of gold bearing quartz. It was built into the centre of the pillar which was recently removed.

We thought it best to mention this. Some-day someone may dig in a pile of rubble and find some gold ore. We wouldn't want a futile gold rush to be started here in the future.

## THE JUNIOR GIRLS' GYM CLASS

at the Y.M.C.A. are pictured Lamb, N. Rogivaldson, J. Landsborough, K. Gervais, S. Adams prior to beginning training on Monday afternoon. Dave Docherty and B. Gibbons; centre: J. Hursi, D. Landsborough, S. Flemming, Y. Secretary, announced Junior classes were filling up rapidly. V. Smith, K. McKenzie, M. Braam, C. Hibbert, A. McCabe, C. Camp and R. Leatherland; back row: V. Churchill (instructor) J. left to right, front: M. Grischow, N. Doby, J. Van der Brink, R. Groeneboer, W. Terwinski, S. Tolley and A. Dainith (instructor)