

Acton Y's Men's Club Plays Host To Convention at Geneva Park

A total of 257 Y's Men, their wives and families, converged on Geneva Park, near Orillia, last week-end for the 32nd Convention of the Ontario Region of the International Y's Men's Association. With the Acton club as hosts, 31 of the 36 clubs in central Ontario were represented at the program got underway on Saturday after Bill Gault, Regional Director, presided at the Convention open General assembly of the conference committees, all members of Acton Y's Men's Club, was Jack McGeechie.

Early registrants Friday evening enjoyed a winter roast throughout the convention activities. David Doherty, General Secretary of Acton Y.M.C.A., and Mrs. Doherty, were in charge of the entertainment of the younger set, assisted by Acton Y's Men. A full program was planned for the enjoyment of the children.

Saturday saw many more delegates registering. Golf was enjoyed in the morning. After lunch, the business session was opened.

A resolution committee was named, which included H. Stewart, Niagara Falls, W. Cleaver, Woodstock and F. Bayliss, Windsor.

Two important forums were held. The first, held in the afternoon, was a Starting Proposal, led by Bill Gault, International Director, of London, Ont. Proposed was that the individual Y's Men's Clubs should drop from the International and Regional associations.

After considering what Y's Men's International does for local clubs, and what many think it should do but doesn't, it was decided the clubs themselves should be doing more to assist International by giving more to International, it would be possible for them to receive more.

The second forum was titled "To Grow or Not to Grow," led by Emory Kroll. This forum was designed to re-educate the delegates as Y's Men and to show the members that they have something to offer as individuals to their clubs.

It was felt Y's Men often under-sell their own movement. Being a supporting body to the Y.M.C.A. rather than a separate entity, the clubs are often overshadowed by the Y. The leader pointed out Y's Men can develop leadership qualities and self-expression. It promises to train and International understanding. Above all it gives the opportunity to serve others.

At the opening business meeting, Keith Loughheed gave an excellent report on the Y's Men's Leadership Training Course held at Geneva Park in August.

Saturday afternoon, a general assembly party was held for the wives of the delegates, with Acton Y's Menettes as hostesses. Games were held and tea was served.

The Regional Directors' Banquet was held in the evening. After the excellent dinner, The Five Straws, a male quartet from Acton, entertained.

C. W. McKenzie, Lieutenant Director, introduced the guest speaker, Bob Sherman, International Director from Minneapolis. Mr. Sherman opened his address with an acknowledgement of the outstanding contribution that Ontario has made to International Y's Men. He admonished the Y's Men not to lose sight of the international scope of the movement. The clubs should continue to have and to increase a true Christian emphasis and to let this lead to a new and higher goal, stated the speaker.

Mr. Sherman was responded to by St. Fulton, president of the Pet-

borough club, who presented him with a wallet on behalf of the convention.

The balance of the evening was devoted to a dance in Copeland Hall with music provided by the Debbonaires from Acton.

The host club president's breakfast set the stage for the second day of the convention. A spirited auction sale was held and proceeds went to the Bishop's Fund. The golf awards were made. Orillia winning the Golf Trophy.

After breakfast, the delegates attended devotions. Ernest West of Kitchener, Pan-Politic, officiated and carried an inspiring message to the guests.

Mr. West said, "When Christ was on earth, He taught the unfortunate and the more fortunate. He pointed out to the fortunate, their duty to the less fortunate. So it is with Y's Men. They must remember the principle of proportionate giving -- the horizontal plane (our duty to man) and the vertical plane (our duty to God)." After breakfast, a Fish Derby was held. Three more workshops were held during the morning.

A panel discussed Y's Up on Y's. A comprehensive review was made of the aims and objects of the organization.

What Do We Do Now? was an appraisal of the lack of use of past officers and how their leadership training, ability and experience could best be utilized.

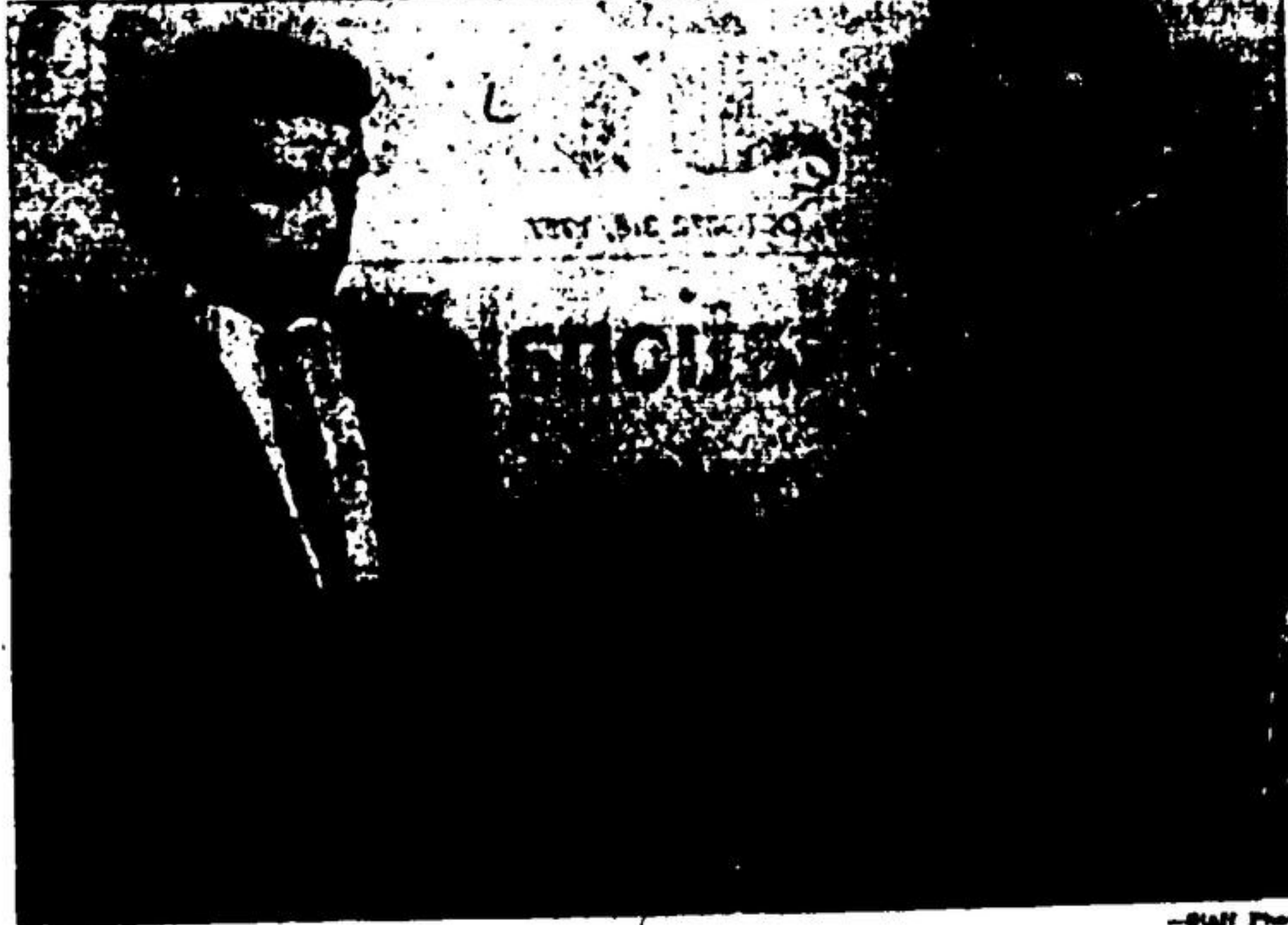
A Leadership Training Workshop was conducted by K. H. Loughheed, Niagara Falls, and Jim Dixon, Hamilton. Y's Men present were divided into eight "buzz" groups. The problem of Y expansion without sufficient trained leaders was considered. The value of Leadership Training Courses was stressed.

The District Governor's Banquet was held at noon Sunday. Guest speaker was Ed Wybourn of the National Council of Y.M.C.A. He spoke of India and the operation of the Y.M.C.A. in that country. The people of India value their freedom and are discovering a new pride in India's history and traditions, said Mr. Wybourn.

The Indian Y.M.C.A. is over 100 years old and exerts considerable influence on the life of the country. Since becoming independent in 1947, India has made tremendous progress in virtually every field, stressed the speaker in closing.

A tired but happy group left Geneva Park Sunday evening as they dispersed to their homes throughout Ontario.

INTERESTING REG DRUMHELLER, Alta (CP)—The dinosaur bones in the Drumheller museum now are accompanied by a 65 year old whisky keg, part of the effects of Cap Kuyler Sloan, who ranched in the Long Lake district of east-central Alberta.



WINNING TICKET \$53 is handed to Dave Manis, left, of the Acton Rotary Club, by John Buckman, as he receives the portable radio, presented by the Rotary Club during their Peanut Day at the Acton Fair.

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In an interview with R. R. Parker, it was revealed the proposed project would cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000 and the Parks Board have \$1,000 on hand to be used for this park improvement.

Any organization or individual wishing to contribute to the building project can do so by contacting any one of the Parks Board members, stated Mr. Parker.

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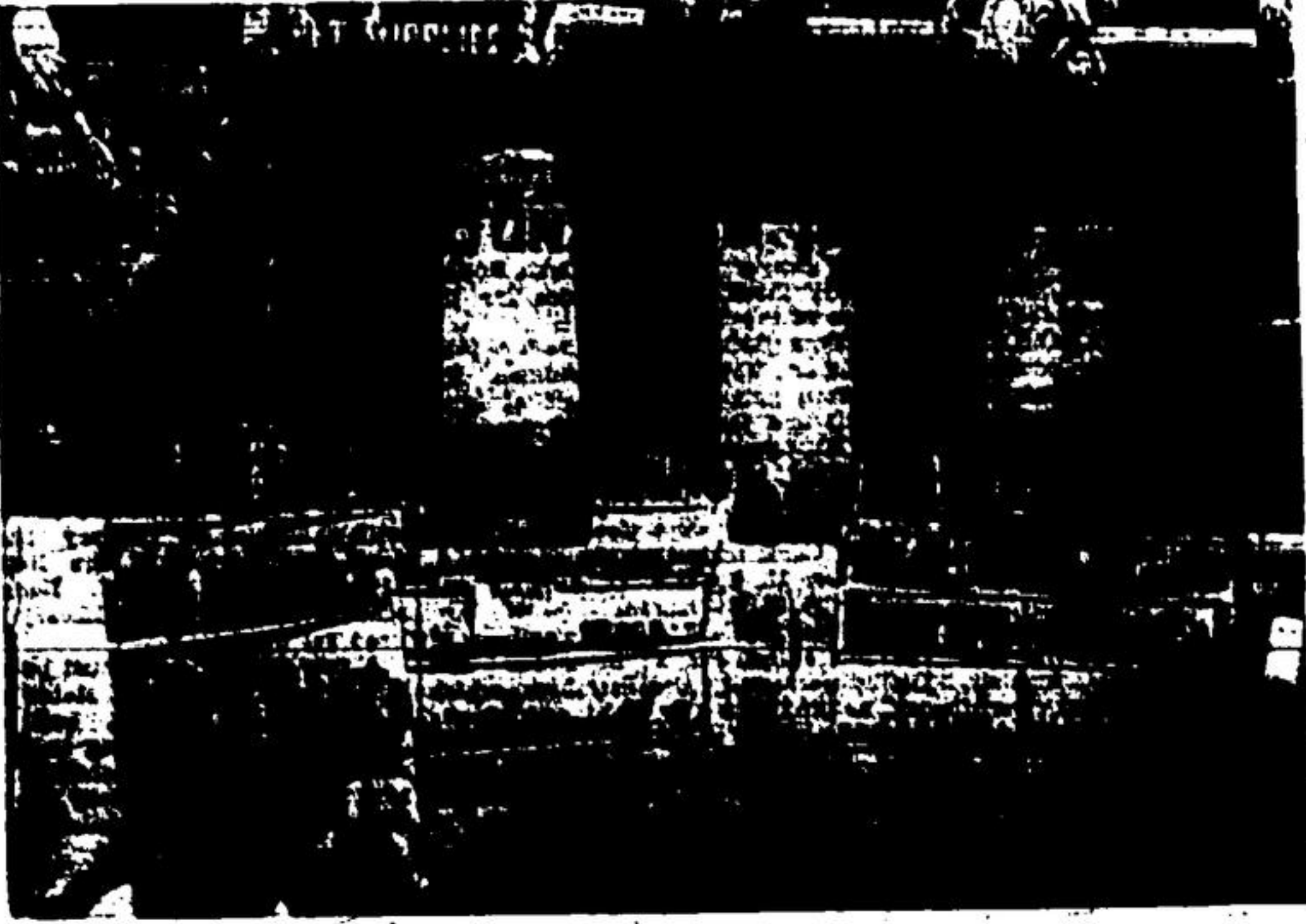
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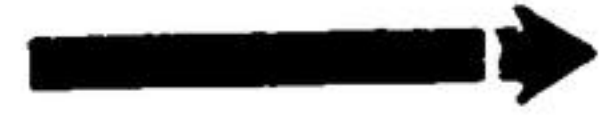
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