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## Fish Contest

### Rainbow and Brown Trout Take Free Press Awards

At deadline time on Monday evening of this week, six entries had been received for the Annual Free Press Fishing Contest, held each year on the first week-end of the trout fishing season which opens May 1.

In the adult class, George Holmes, Main Street South, wins a year's subscription to the Free Press and an enlarged photo of himself with his catch, by landing a 23 1/2 inch brown trout weighing three pounds.

Topa in his class in the Public School competition this year is 10-year-old Larry Fletcher, 100 Wallace Avenue, Acton.

Larry's rainbow trout tipped the scales at two pounds and measured 16 1/2 inches. He will also receive a

year's subscription and an enlarged photo of his catch.

Although the winners' fishing spots remain a close secret, both whoppers were caught within a 25 mile radius of Acton.

Other entries in the contest included a 12 inch speckled trout landed by eight-year-old Michael Marceau of Acton and a 10 1/2 inch speckled beauty landed by Ian Jeffers. Both of these were in the public school class.

In the adult class, A. D. E. Jeffers reported an 11 1/2 inch speckled trout and Gordon Thompson caught an 18 inch brown trout, weighing in at two pounds soaking wet.

Congratulations go to all the entrants as well as the winners.

## Consultative Committee Airs High School Future

Secretary L. L. Skuce of Halton's consultative committee on high school education this week issued invitations to all councils, county council and the North Halton high school district board to attend a public meeting next Wednesday to air two very important situations.

The first subject under discussion will be the advisability of retaining the present high school board comprising representatives of Acton, Georgetown, Milton and Managoyne and Esopus townships or dividing it into sections. Georgetown representatives have recently asked to disband the board in favor of three separate boards.

The next question to be decided is the financing of new school construction. With a \$1,045,000 debture issue resulting up for new schools and additions to the three high schools in the district, it has been suggested that Halton county council issue the debtures to capitalize on the lower payment rate in case of any division board, this arrangement may not be possible in future.

Mr. Skuce asked two council representatives from the five municipalities concerned, county council representatives, and as many as

possible of the high school board members to attend the meeting, which will be held in the Court House, Milton.

## North Councils Exchange Views

Members of the North Halton urban based held an informal yet informative meeting in the Milton council chambers last night (Wednesday) when representatives from Milton, Georgetown and Acton councils discussed council procedures, the high school district board, and the new Department of Municipal Affairs manual.

### Lengthy Discussion

A motion to pass the minutes of the previous board meeting touched off an hour and one-half discussion period on council procedures on passing minutes, recorded votes, council motions, the advisability of the clerk recording councilors' views on matters discussed or just listing the motions in his minutes, court of revision membership, methods of dealing with delegations, and views on delegations to council committee meetings.

### Discuss Board Problem

The councilors also thrashed over the current high school district board situation, discussed the advisability of splitting the five-municipality group into three separate boards, noted a saving of \$220,000 if county council issues the debtures on the school expansion programs planned in the three centres, and reviewed the possibilities of the two townships setting up their own high school areas or even their own schools.

### Query Authority

Turning to the D.M.A. manual, Georgetown representatives expressed their dissatisfaction with the method of assessing, and Mayor John Armstrong wondered if the council had any authority to demand that Georgetown use the system. Following a lengthy discussion on the manual and its effects on the County, the board adjourned to meet again in Georgetown June 11.

## Council Approves \$1,045,000 Program Acton School to Receive New Addition

Acton Council approved a \$1,045,000 construction program proposed by the North Halton High School District Board at their regular meeting on Monday, May 5.

The plan calls for a four room addition with gymnasium to the Acton High School, a 12 room addition with gym at Georgetown and a new 12 room school with gym at Milton.

W. S. Graff, real estate broker, was present to discuss the possibility of further development of the Lakesview Subdivision in Acton. He pointed out to council a client of his was interested in purchasing the remaining undeveloped land in the subdivision to build houses.

Mr. Graff told council he had checked the land at the subdivision and found 25 lots completely serviced and 25 lots serviced with water only. He wished to know what arrangements could be made to supply sewer services to the 25 lots with only water supplied.

Councillor H. Rachlin inquired what services were installed under local improvement and the mayor

replied, "Water only." Clerk J. McGeachie informed the council that sewers were installed on a sewer- rental basis.

### Development

Mr. Graff stated he understood a service charge of \$100 was in order for connections and requested council to consider the installation under local improvements.

### Subdividers' Agreement

Mayor W. H. Cook informed the council the town had a subdividers' agreement and suggested the committee of council to discuss the matter and enter into a contract in accordance with the subdividers' agreement.

Asked by Councillor J. Goy if the Robert Hudson Company was involved, Mr. Graff replied only to the point that they own the land at Lakesview Subdivision at present.

The real estate dealer informed council that if a deal could be made to allow building of houses, no doubt the town could receive the money. He pointed out he had been told on good authority that the R. Hudson Co. owed the town money.

Councillor Rachlin inquired to what extent the company owed the town money. The mayor informed him it was quite possible the reference was made to the negotiations with T. Frankowit, which had not been settled yet.

Councillor J. Hurst asked if it was understood the builders would negotiate for streets, lights and roads and Mr. Graff replied they were willing to negotiate for improvements according to the by-law.

It was agreed a committee from council would meet with officials of W. S. Graff, Realtors, to discuss services at Lakesview Subdivision.

### Discussion

A two hour discussion followed submission by Councillor Barbeau of the resignation of Parks Board secretary M. Cox.

Mr. Cox was a sub-contractor for the main contractor, Mr. Barbeau, pointed out the local contractor could not accept work on the new building while sitting on the Board.

Councillor Barbeau recalled a recent phone call from Mayor Cook at which time the mayor had challenged him as to the legality of the councillor acting on the Board of Parks Management.

Mayor Cook corrected the councillor by stating he had not challenged him regarding the legality of his position on the parks board but had asked if he was aware of his position on the board. The mayor recalled at the first of this year, when he was forming committees, he had recommended to council that Mr. Barbeau continue on the Board of Parks Management.

Councillor Barbeau added, "You questioned why I was on the Board."

Mayor Cook stated he couldn't understand the manner in which a parks board meeting was conducted recently. He recalled the meeting was called for 7 p.m. and at that time four members were present to form a quorum. At 7:15 he (the mayor) had asked the chairman of the board to convene the meeting without the secretary as he (the mayor) had to leave at 8 p.m.

Mayor Cook stated further that he had departed at 9:12 for another engagement and the next day read in the paper where the meeting had been called shortly after his departure upon the arrival of G. Tyler and without the secretary present.

The mayor pointed out he had read charges and a statement given to the press, adding he couldn't understand why he queried Councillor Barbeau, "I don't suppose you did it against the town council or me."

The mayor recalled an earlier meeting of the parks board when they had considered tenders for the new building in the park and he had stated if the parks board required a mill, the town would go along with it.

He told Councillor Barbeau, "I don't think some of the remarks made to the press were true. . . . You as a councillor and chairman of the parks board could have averted all this hullabaloo and the remarks in the press could have been avoided."

Councillor Barbeau reminded the mayor it was the opinion of the entire board, not just one person. He asked Mr. Cook if these were his sentiments or the feeling of council and added, "You have cast some aspersions that should be cleared up. . . the council and parks board will only get along with co-operation and I say you and I are not co-operating."

The mayor informed the councillor he was amazed at the statement of non-co-operation.

Councillor Barbeau reminded council the second year of the parks board, they agreed the main project would be to put up change stations in the park. Applying for a one and a half mill grant, it was cut to half a mill. In setting up the budget for this year, the one mill grant had been cut to \$3,000.

He also reminded council the clerk had suggested the budget should be approved in order to get the tax bills out. Mr. Barbeau

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ACTON COUNCIL MEMBERS received special life saving instruction from the St. John Ambulance Brigade, on Tuesday evening in the council chambers. The Brigade are holding a "Save A Life Week" from May 12 to 17th. Pictured above at back left to right are Brigade instructors C. Taylor and J. Denny. Shown using the Holger-Neilson artificial respiration method are councillors W. McLeod and J. Hurst with Clerk J. McGeachie and councillor J. Goy as the victims.

## P.U.C. Engage A. Showers as Linesman Study Seven Applications for Position

Acton Public Utilities Commission hired A. Showers of Downsview, Ontario, for their recently advertised position of a Class "B" linesman, following a special interview last Saturday afternoon with three of the seven applicants. He is to commence his duties on May 20.

At the regular meeting on Thursday, May 1, commissioners received applications from seven applicants requesting the position.

A position had been left vacant with the recent resignation of John Palmer, who worked with the department as a Class "D" linesman. The commission decided to advertise for a Class "B" linesman to fill this post.

Applications were received from Toronto, Hamilton, Acton and as far east as Nova Scotia.

Following receipt of the applications at the regular meeting on Thursday, the commission decided to interview L. Preskitt of Toronto, A. Phillips of Hamilton and A.

### Showers of Downsview

The commission agreed the qualifications of Mr. Showers were the most suitable and upon receipt of his recommendation from a former employer, hired him for the hydro department.

Surprise was registered by some commissioners at the Thursday meeting when they were confronted with a tax bill for the hydro shop on Alice Street and the Public Utilities building on Mill Street.

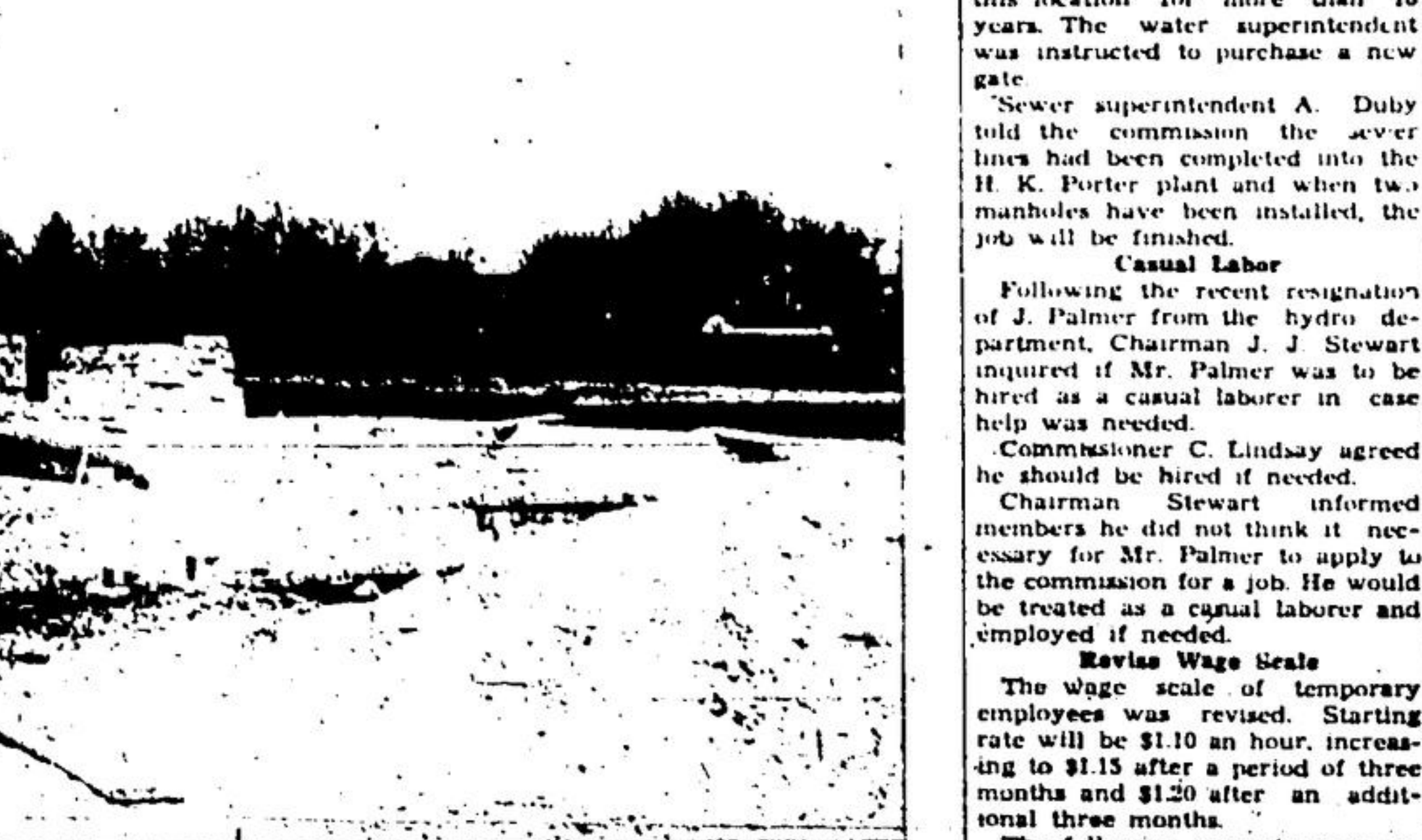
Asked why the commission has to pay taxes, secretary-treasurer J. McGeachie informed members, "You are in business—the business of selling hydro."

"Isn't council in business, too?" inquired Commissioner R. Everdell.

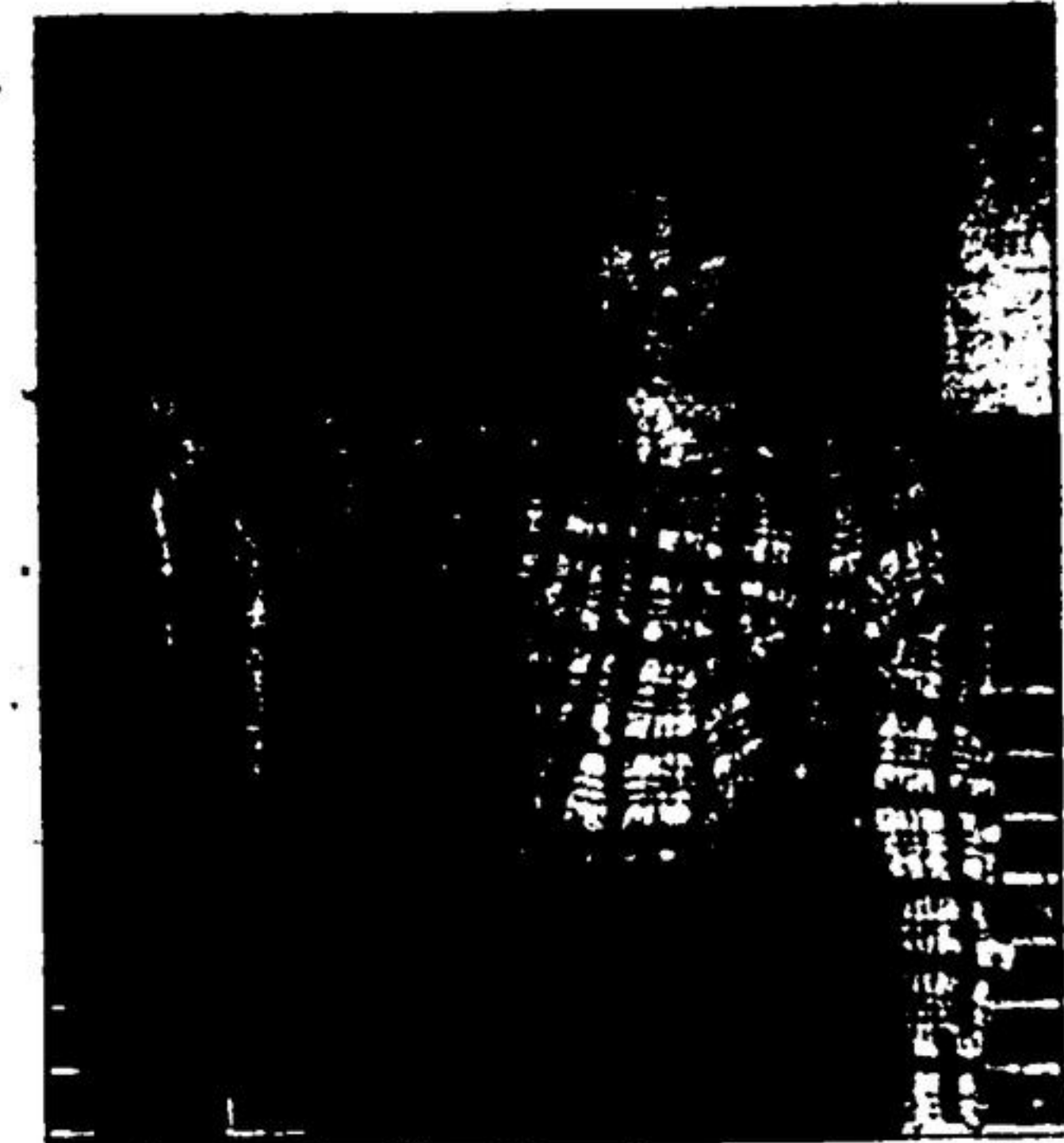
Mr. McGeachie pointed out that council transacts business but does not sell anything. He informed the commission, under the Municipal Act, Public Utilities buildings were assessable.

### Car Found

A car stolen from Ray Atkinson, Main Street South, Acton, was recovered Monday behind the C.N.R. station in Milton. Constable Ron Rupert of Milton is investigating. He reported the abandoned car is in good condition.



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LARRY FLETCHER, 100 Wallace Avenue, Acton proudly displays his prize 16 1/2 inch rainbow trout, that tipped the scales at 2 lbs., winning him a year's subscription to the Free Press and an enlarged photo of himself with his catch. There were two other entrants in the Public School class.

## Board Engages Nine New Teachers For 1958 Fall Term at Acton Schools

Nine new teachers were engaged for the fall term at the Acton Public Schools at the regular meeting of the school board on Thursday of last week.

The teacher engagement committee reported the nine teachers were: G. Banks for music, E. Brasse, D. Byerlin, Miss J. Dolan, Miss Marilyn Gordon, Miss Joy Neal, Miss E. Sawatzki, Miss Marlene Taylor and Mrs. Marjorie White. Property committee chairman M.

Smith reported the playground at the M. Z. Bennett school has been seeded and the landscaping was progressing favorably. The board approved installation of an outside drinking fountain at the M. Z. Bennett school.

The secretary reported receipt of a portion of the \$25,000.00 legislative grant, also receipt of \$130.00 non-resident fees for April.

An application from Miss Allen of Brampton for the use of the

## Double Manor Accommodation Is Board Plan

Tentative plans for an expansion program which will almost double the bed capacity of Halton Centennial Manor in Milton were announced this week by the Mayor and superintendent Stanley Allen.

Primary ideas on expanding the Manor from the present 105 beds to 200 beds are being discussed with the Department of Welfare this week and the board hopes to meet with the architect next week to finalize drawings, financing and construction.

The present plan being discussed includes additions to all wings of the Manor, including men's and women's normal care wings, the special care wing and the infirmary section. According to the superintendent, the present heating system should be adequate for the increased size of the building and an addition of small kitchen facilities between the infirmary and special care wings should handle the increased need there.

Mr. Allen decried statements in a Hamilton newspaper that it will take three years to accommodate the Manor's waiting list of elderly people. "We've got a waiting list, but we've always kept up with it," he said.

He said overcrowding at present was confined to four women using a room usually shared by two couples, because of lack of sufficient accommodation in the women's wing.

The Board will submit its recommendations on expansion to County Council for final approval.

## Grunts and Groans Council Learn Life-Saving

Acton council chambers Tuesday evening took on the appearance of a wrestling ring as council members practiced artificial respiration under the supervision of the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

This action was prompted at a council meeting earlier in the week when Brigade members suggested town officials take the training prior to the starting of "Save A Life" Week from May 12 to 17.

Prepared for anything that might come, councilors arrived dressed in their gardening garb with one member even equipped with an air mattress.

The St. John Ambulance Brigade, always prepared, provided blankets for the councilors to lay their tired but willing bodies on, during the practice session.

Following an explanation of the methods used in artificial respiration, council members chose a partner and paired up to apply the knowledge learned from R. S. Hart, Division Superintendent.

At first, like true grunt and groan artists of the wrestling circles, council members appeared to be giving vent to personal grudges as their partner lay writhing on the mat. Soon corrected by Superintendent Hart, and the proper pressure applied, their rhythm seemed to echo through the room like the steady beat of a clock.

Smiles of triumph were seen on Brigade members' faces as the motions of the volunteers smoothed out and the victims, fully revived, leapt to their feet to take their turn at applying pressure.

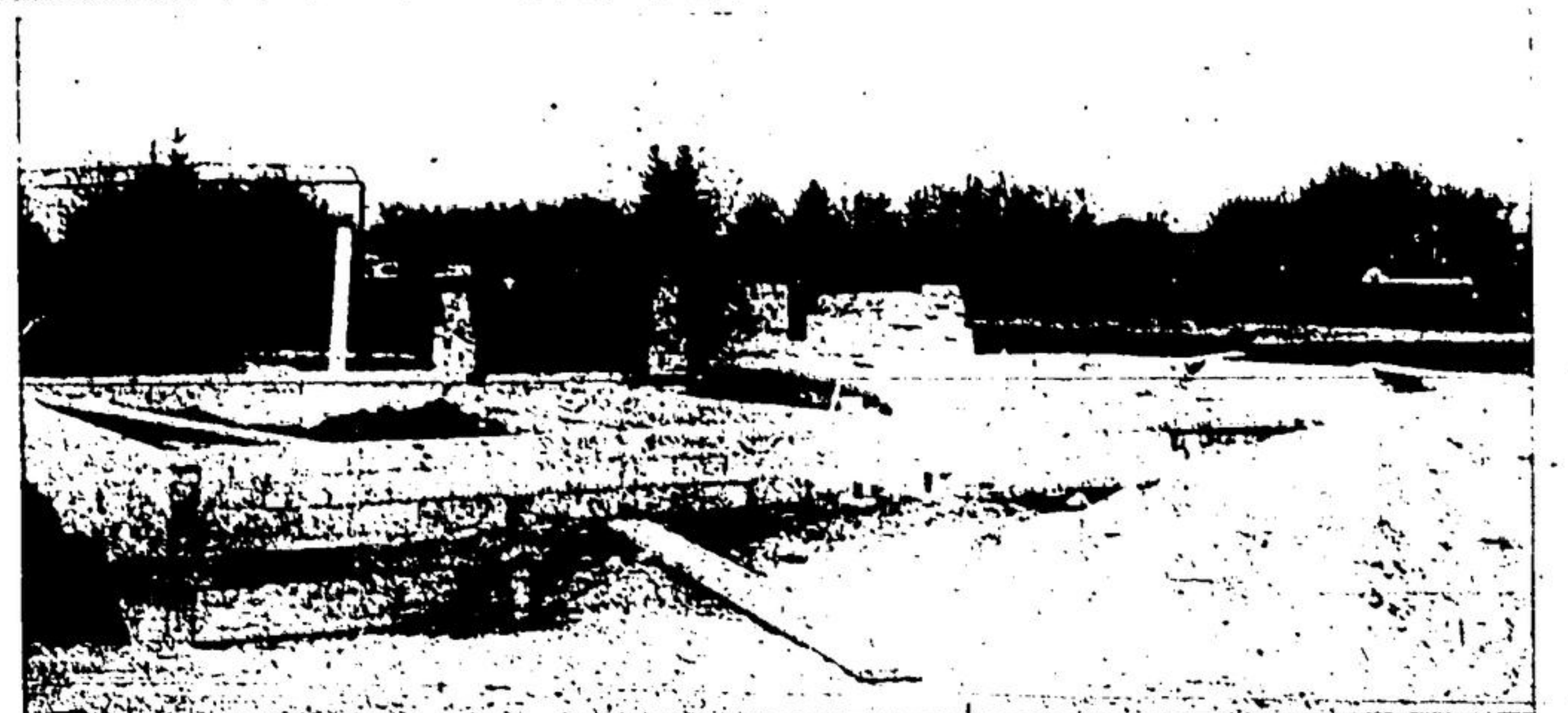
On completion of the evening's training, Mr. Hart presented each council member with a wallet-sized certificate, indicating their

## Council Learn Life-Saving

completion of the brief course.

Present from council for the short course were: Mayor W. H. Cook, Clerk J. McGeachie and Councillors E. Fosdick, G. Barbeau, J. Hurst, W. McLeod and J. Goy.

Instructors for the evening from the Brigade were: R. S. Hart, C. Taylor, W. Gordon and J. Denny.



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