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E. A. HANSEN, shown at the right was inducted as president of the Rotary Club of Acton on Tuesday night when retiring president **W. Matlock** handed over the gavel, symbol of the office. Charter president **A. Mason** extended congratulations to the two officers and offered best wishes for success in the year ahead.

OBITUARY F. Day Interred Was Postmaster

An active member of church and district groups for many years, Frank Day, the former Rockwood postmaster, passed away on June 16 after an illness of two weeks. He had lived in Rockwood and district for the past 30 years, and was the postmaster of the village from 1928 to 1945.

Mr. Day was a member of the Canadian Expeditionary Force in France in 1917 and 1918. From 1920 to 1928 he was a trustee of S. S. No. 8, Eramosa. He was clerk-treasurer and collector of Eramosa township from 1932 to 1945. From 1948 until 1956, he was secretary-treasurer of the Eramosa township school board and was chairman of the Guelph suburban high school district board in 1949.

Held Church Positions
A steward of Rockwood United Church from 1924 to 1948, he was then an elder from 1949 to 1953. He was a member of the executive of Guelph Presbytery executive committee of the United Church from 1947 to 1953 and a commissioner to General Council in Vancouver in 1948.

Deeply interested in the history of the district, he compiled and published an historical booklet giving many interesting facts and illustrations concerning Eramosa and the county of Wellington. He had a wide personal knowledge of the district which was helpful in compiling this booklet.

He himself played an important part over his lifetime in the building up of the Rockwood district and had a wide circle of friends who mourn with the family, his passing.

Born in England
Mr. Day was born in Swarvesy, Cambs, England on January 4, 1887 and came to Canada in 1907. He was married at Crewson's Corners in 1909 to the former, Ella Leslie Wainwright, who survives him. Four children remain, C. R. A. (Fred), Ancaster, Ontario; George F., Rockwood, Ontario; E. (Mrs. M. G. Green), Aldershot and Roy C., Toronto.

Also surviving are brothers: Alfred, Swarvesy, Cambs, England; Cyril, Bogsworth, Cambs, England; Christopher, Kawambwa, Northern Rhodesia, Africa; sisters: Beata, Swarvesy, Cambs, England; Rachel (Mrs. R. Parish), Prestbury, Cheshire, England and Mary (Mrs. M. Parish), Wilmshaw, Cheshire, England.

Rev. G. A. B. Moore officiated at the funeral service at the Rumley Funeral Home, Acton, on June 17. Interment followed in Rockwood cemetery.

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Council Holds Secret 1 a.m. Session Mayor Assures Details When Finalized

High School Area Unchanged

The Consultative Committee on High School Education in Halton County, appointed by Halton County Council in December of 1957, this week submitted its report on North Halton high school education and the future of the North Halton board, to members of County Council at Tuesday's meeting.

The report suggested the continuation of the board in its present form until there was a more definite demand for an alteration in the constitution.

Members of the Consultative Committee were: M. M. Robinson, chairman of Burlington Board of Education, suburban D. A. McCune from Oakville, K. C. Landay of Esopus township, senior Halton Public School Inspector L. L. Skonec, and G. E. Johnson, high school inspector.

Blood Clinic

Miss Janet May, director of the blood donor panel for the area announced this week a blood donor clinic would be held in the Milton Legion Hall on Tuesday June 24.

The director pointed out that recent clinics in both Acton and Milton have been too small singly and donors from Acton and area are asked to attend the clinic in Milton.

Wind-Whipped Flames Cause \$50,000 Damage

The barn of Wolfgang von Richthofen at Haltonville, one of two large barns destroyed by fire Monday evening during a furious wind, will be rebuilt as a horse barn, it was learned Wednesday.

Mr. von Richthofen's barn and the barn owned by J. T. Allison, almost half a mile north-west were levelled during the Monday night fire which threatened the small community three miles north of Campbellville, and caused an estimated \$50,000 damage.

The rash of fires began, firemen said, by spontaneous combustion at the Allison farm and in minutes, the whole building was blazing. Fierce winds, estimated at nearly 50 miles an hour, fanned the blaze and scattered sparks and burning embers for nearly half a mile to the south. Flames broke out in the Allison home within minutes, and a volunteer brigade extinguished the flames and carried out household furniture.

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Acton Council Monday night adjourned their regular session at 11:10 to meet privately. Mayor Cook explained, prior to the regular meeting from which the press would be excluded. He suggested the information regarding the closed session would be released when finalized.

At press time today, no information was available on the subject or discussions. Indications were that the matter might not be concluded for a week or two.

The secret session continued until 1:05 a.m. and it is understood further meetings and committee meetings are being held this week.

No Prohibitive Legislation
During the regular meeting Councilor Guy, reporting for the sewer and water committee, informed council a reply to a letter of May 16 had been received from Dr. A. E. Berry of the Ontario Water Resources Commission that advised as far as he was aware there is no legislation prohibiting the development of a well on property owned by a municipality to secure water although it might effect the water supply of an adjoining owner.

It was pointed out in the letter that many places have an arrangement or procedure followed when a water supply effects the supply of others. It stated that this was done strictly on a voluntary basis and not through compulsory action.

The letter of May 16 was a request for information from Dr. Berry regarding possible action if the new water supply at the Churchhill Road pumping station affected neighboring water supplies.

Councilor Guy also pointed out that R. V. Anderson and Associates, consultant engineers, had recommended the equipment for the pump house be procured from the International Water Supply Company at a cost of \$1,794.

It was pointed out that a guarantee of services on the equipment should be received before final payment was given. An interim chairman informed council that the township was not satisfied with the condition of the third line road since the services had been installed by the town. He told council it was stated the road should be top dressed and also pointed out that the road bed was water than the culverts.

Mr. Guy told members the sewer and water committee were to hold a meeting with a committee from the township council and the engineer to discuss the condition of the road.

Dariusz Nuisance By-Law
Aldo Braida, solicitor, was present to discuss the nuisance by-law of the town of Acton. He informed council he had reviewed the nuisance act and found 12 nuisances were defined.

The lawyer told members it would be impossible to incorporate all these in one by-law and enforce them. He pointed out that many cities had separate by-laws for each nuisance, adding "You'd have an awful time enforcing a general by-law."

Mr. Braida suggested it might be possible for him to meet with the administration committee to discuss the matter further. Asked when the nuisance by-law in the town was last revised, Mr. Braida answered April, 1927.

Council agreed a revival of the by-law might be in order and a meeting as suggested is to be held.

A letter from the Ontario Municipal Board advised approval of the amendments to the zoning by-law submitted by council some time ago.

The clerk and one member of council were authorized to attend the O.M.B. convention in Fergus on June 21.

A letter from W. Denny, insurance agent, requested a share of town insurance. Approval was given to share an equitable amount of the insurance.

Band By-Law Invalid
During the time council went into committee of the whole to deal with items on the agenda listed

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County Delays Second Reading High School Debenture By-Law

Approval of the by-law to issue \$1,000,000 in debentures to cover costs of high school expansion in North Halton was bogged down before the North Halton high school district board can purchase it. Milton council requested approval of the ten-acre annexation three weeks ago, and Trafalgar council approved the suggestion Monday evening of this week. The annexation request will now have to be approved by the Ontario Municipal Board.

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Enquiry for Lifeguard Leads to Investigation

Acton Board of Parks Management gave the most of approval for an investigation into the possibility of a lifeguard at Ferry Lake on Sunday following an enquiry by letter at their meeting Tuesday evening.

A letter from Mac Simon requesting the board on the improvements at the park also expressed alarm at the increasing number of users of the lake for bathing and pointed out the dangers of a fatality. Mr. Simon asked consideration be given to supplying a lifeguard at the beach area.

After a lengthy discussion and consultation with J. Metcalfe, the board agreed to contact the Y.S. Men's Club to ask their consideration in assisting with a lifeguard at the park.

It was decided a lifeguard could be employed to supplement Sunday days, the day a park change was made.

Pool Use
By Dorothy secretary of the Y.M.C.A. was present to request use of the wading pool for the Y.S. Men's club to conduct swim classes for beginners.

The board agreed to allow the following items to be allotted for pool use for this purpose, Monday to Friday inclusive from 10 a.m. to

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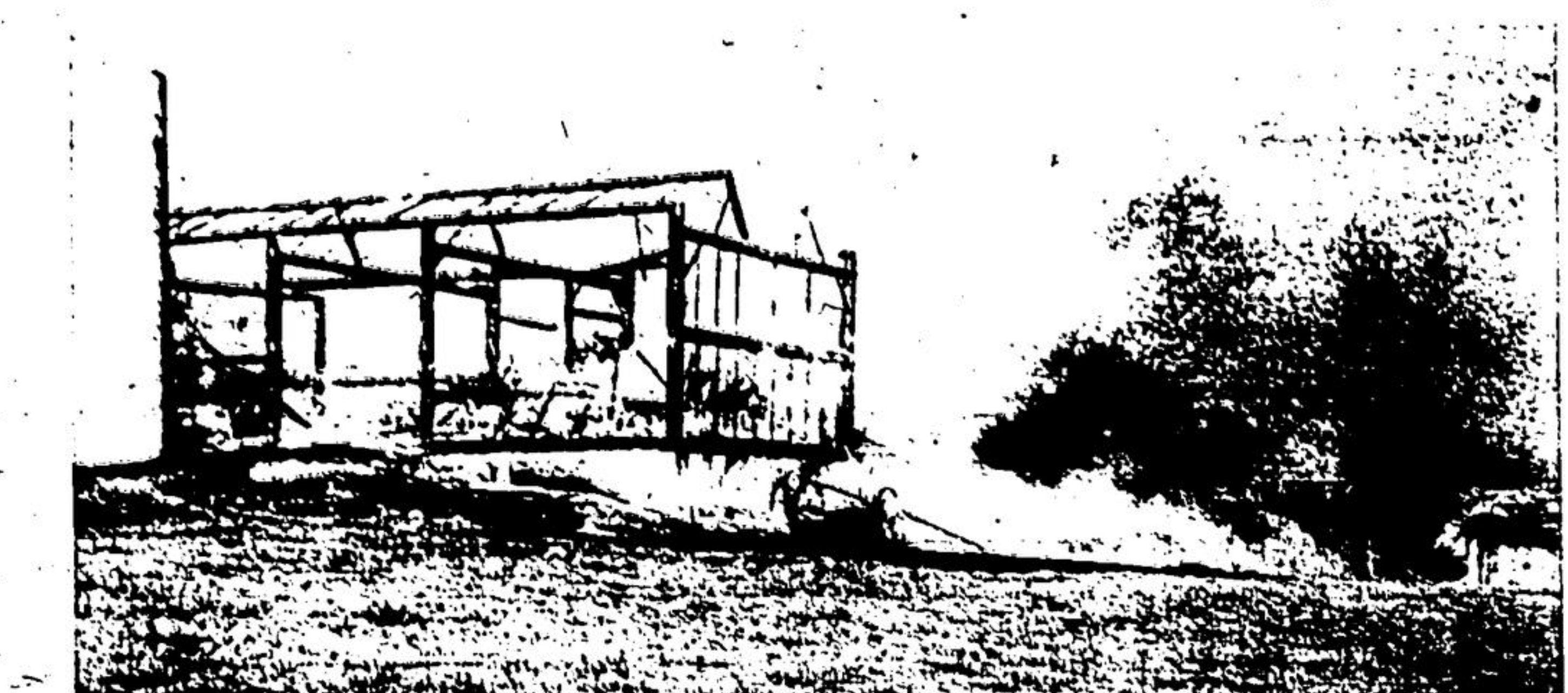
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TWO HALTONVILLE BARNs were levelled and several homes threatened Monday night when high winds scattered sparks and embers for half a mile. Above is the barn of J. T. Allison, which started first. No plans had been made up until today for rebuilding the structure, which was completely levelled along with other outbuildings like the one at the right of this picture. Several cattle and pigs were lost in the blaze which also threatened the nearby home.



SPARKS FROM ONE BARN FIRE at the home of J. T. Allison, Haltonville, ignited the roof on this barn on the farm of Wolfgang von Richthofen nearly half a mile distant, and within minutes the whole building and an attached pig pen were consumed. Neighbors in the foreground had just finished removing three racehorses from a field neighboring the barn, but attempts failed to rescue a thoroughbred mare in foal, a mule and a donkey which were trapped inside the barn.