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ACTON FIREMEN set up their improvised catch basin prior to the Halton County Mutual Aid practice run in Acton last Saturday afternoon. Eight fire departments with eight pumps used the draft system in pumping water from Victoria Street at Fairy Lake to the swimming area of the park. Trucks were stationed at the corner of Lake and Park Avenues, inside the park and at the swimming area as well as the foot of Victoria Street. This session marked the opening of the fire prevention week in Acton.

ROCKWOOD

First Teachers, Early Trustees Recalled at Addition on Opening

A formal opening ceremony for the two new rooms at the public school was well attended last Friday evening when W. R. McVittie had charge of the occasion.

Among those present were members of the township school board, Wm. Handley, Alex. Kingsbury, Wm. Oakes and Wm. Jackson. Duncan McPherson was unable to be present. Mr. Schindler, contractor for the work, was at the ceremony. All D. Hales M.P. spoke at some length. Mr. McVittie called on others to speak, including the teachers for the new rooms.

Former Teachers
Stewart S. Royce also spoke in regard to former students of the school and asked Richard Harris to give some information. Mr. Harris mentioned some teachers who were there in the late '20s, John Taylor and also Adon Shultz, who was principal.

Trustees at that time were John R. Harris, secretary-treasurer, Robert Hamilton and George Young. Following Mr. Shultz as principal was John Strachan and his sister, Miss Margaret Strachan. A. M. Black was also on the school staff.

Further information was given by Mr. McVittie. He noted that Alex Hill was the first teacher in the '20s. His brother, J. J. Hill, first saw the light of day in a log house some distance east of St. N. N. E. He was the great, railroad magnate of St. Paul, Minn., in the early days of the north-west.

Reverend Joseph Oakes and Councilor Rutherford were also present. Refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed.

Resumes Studies
John Hutch student minister of the Presbyterian church, resumed his studies last week at Waterloo College.

A number from the village attended the supper at Eden Mills Presbyterian church last Wednesday evening.

Extensions to the bridge sidewalk were laid down over the weekend. Levelling off of soil and stone on north side of roadway adjoining the river was also done. Both sides of the new bridge have been getting a coat of cement paint which adds much to the appearance.

As a result of Sunday night's heavy frost, the leaves of walnut trees were loosened and pretty well scattered on the sidewalks.

Hoop Champ?

OAKVILLE — Oakville Journal reports 10-year-old Joan Murchison has made her hula-hoop revolve 1,181 times while she stood reading. At the end of six pages of her comic book, she stopped the hoop whirling.

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Days of Horse Sheds Recalled in Verses

An item in the "Fifty Years Ago" column of the Free Press last week reminded Alex Pringle of R.R. 1, Acton of some verses he had written.

The item mentioned damage to the horse sheds at the Methodist church by careless farmers.

When the sheds at Nassagawera church were taken down only two or three years ago, Mr. Pringle wrote these lines about them:

The Way of All Horse Sheds
The sheds that angled round the hill-top perch
Of venerable Nassagawera church
Flanking three sides in low and drab array,
Built by hands now dead in a forgotten day,
Lone in desolation have now been cleared away.

Here sheep-bells ring in an evening sound,
Welcomed the faithful to the lowland ground,
Alike the sunsets and more devout of day,
Tied up their horses and went in to pray.
Or gathered round to pass the time of day.

The Parson's flock was larger then it seems,
The sheds had shelter for some forty teams.
All brushed and cared for the night in busy zeal,
Wags for their chanks and whinny for their feet,
Good rags and stretch robes made outfit complete.

Gone is old Dobbin and his lovely shed,
A painted iron horse grows in his stead,
With fangs of a hurricane at sea,
That sweeps him on his course in reckless glee,
Or finds a place where he will ever quiet be.

Fond memory views the horses reign,
In retrospection tinged with some disdain,
For the substitution that an era ends,
Grim for a friendly horse makes puny friends,
A cutter rade had thrills beyond a motor-lunge.

Alex Pringle,
R.R. 1, Acton, Ont.

Plans are being made for the high school commencement about the middle of November.

LIMEHOUSE
Two lads in hospital under observation.

We regret to report Bobbie Rughley and Teddy Brown are both in George General Hospital under observation.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cook of Harriston visited Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Harding on the weekend.

Communion services were conducted by Rev. A. Carter at Lameuse Presbyterian Church last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Patterson and Mr. Edgar Patterson of Shelburne visited with the Pattersons on Friday.

Mr. F. F. Price and Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Harding attended Caledonia Fair and spent the weekend with company at Jays's on week-ends.

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The Oakville and District Society sponsored the seal drive and funds to raise this year are earmarked for a specific purpose. The Society, which has its shelter located in Oakville is awaiting delivery of a high altitude chamber for the euthanasia of animals. This method is the most modern and most humane according to officials across Canada and the United States.

Society Expands
While the Oakville society has expanded its services to almost every part of Halton County, they are anxious that branch societies may be organized in this community in the near future.

As an indication of the great amount of work done by the society last year a total of 1,125 dogs, 1,400 cats and kittens were handled. 750 animals were reported lost and 629 were recovered through the lost and found system. In addition, 34 farm inspections were made as well as 15 truck inspections. Rescue crews have taken 49 animals from trees, out of traps, places, papers, etc. There were 144 calls to investigate cruelty to animals in the com-

Liaison Feature of Dance Clubs

A meeting of the Acton Scottish Dance Club executive members was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Buckner, when it was decided to conduct the annual annual meeting at the opening of the year. The meeting was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Buckner, when it was decided to conduct the annual annual meeting at the opening of the year.

The liaison between Hamilton Acton, Guelph and Milton is a very interesting feature this season.

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OBITUARY
N. Dakota Pioneer Was Born in Acton

When funeral services were held Monday, September 22, at Castle North Dakota, for Alex. "Sally" MacArthur, residents had to feel the loss of a pioneer settler of Huron township.

Mr. MacArthur was born in Acton and was a brother of the late Jack and William MacArthur of Acton. Another brother, David, passed away in the west.

The large number of relatives and friends attending the funeral in the Clide school gymnasium testified to the wide circle of friends and his family gained since 1905.

OBITUARY
When he first started farming at Clide

Mr. MacArthur, who had been in failing health, died on September 19, 1958, at Clide, Methodist Church and Salem Memorial Church conducted the services.

Interment was in Clide Evangelical cemetery.

The Heather Club baking and opportunity sale in the classroom at Knox church Saturday afternoon was well patronized.

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