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## Consultant Stresses Need For Future Town Planning

P. Alan Deacon, planning consultant for the town of Acton, advised the 1959 planning board that consideration should be given for future planning in the town of Acton during the inaugural meeting on Tuesday evening.

The consultant informed the board they should consider the following:

- (1) Close examination of the central commercial area in order to provide a stimulation of trade with off-street parking.
- (2) A park plan for the entire town.
- (3) A preliminary street plan to cope with future highway extensions and expansions in and around the Acton area.

**401 Brings Traffic**  
Mr. Deacon pointed out that the opening of Highway 401 to No. 25 Highway would cause an increase in traffic through Acton, until such time as 401 was completed further west.

It was stressed that traffic would have to bypass the unfinished area of Highway 401 and the logical thing to do would be to follow Highway 25 through Acton to No. 7 and rejoin No. 25 at a more westerly point.

Mr. Deacon noted that for approximately one full year No. 25 Highway would have to carry the burden of truck traffic while No. 401 was being processed and built to Highway No. 8.

"Numbers one priority should be given to the street plan to include a future plan of development," stressed the consultant.

It was also suggested the board could enlist the assistance of the Chamber of Commerce in conducting the downtown street parking problem.

**Re-Route Highway**  
"We are not sure, into five years away until Acton is into the problem of re-routing No. 7 Highway, east of Acton," reported the consultant.

"My main concern is with the town of Acton. No. 7 Highway will never be a feeder road but will be a main road as far as Acton is concerned," stressed Mr. Deacon.

The board agreed that the planning consultant and his associates investigate a road system for the town of Acton.

First business of the new board was to reappoint Joe Whitham as chairman for 1959. Bud Evans was named assistant chairman.

The official plan for the town of Acton, complete with all revisions, was presented by the planning consultant for approval of the board prior to submission to the town council.

**Notice of Hearing**  
Secretary J. McGeachie informed members the Cesna Perini Co. had requested a hearing following a request for some alterations in the zoning by-law in order to comply with building plans for homes in Lakeview Subdivision.

The board reviewed a former meeting with the selector of the company, Mr. Deacon explained that amendments in the by-law had been granted at that time. The consultant also reviewed the further amendments requested by the company.

Ham Peal, newly appointed council representative on the board, remarked "It all boils down to one thing. The boarders should change the type of construction of homes they plan to build."

Mr. McGeachie informed the board that of the 22 lots plans were submitted for, only five plans did not conform with the zoning by-law.

Board members agreed to inform the committee of adjustment that the board was not in favor of granting any variations in the side yards of the affected lots. It was also agreed the chairman and vice-chairman attend the public hearing.

## Parks Board Sets \$3,000 Budget Discusses '58 Chairman's Status

After debating the present status of former chairman George Barbeau, members of the Board of Parks Management set their budget for 1959 at their meeting in the council chambers Tuesday evening.

Council's appointment to the board of two council members for the new year has been made—Mayor Walter Cook and Councillor Frank Watts. Thus Mr. Barbeau, council's representative last year, had been replaced and appointed, in part of other board members has not yet been made.

Therefore Mr. Barbeau, present with budget figures and estimates on a new filtration system for the wading pool, agreed he was, for this meeting at least, not actually a member of the board.

He laughingly took part in the discussions as an "interested delegation."

**Request Appointments**  
Meanwhile, a motion was passed requesting council to appoint him to the board for the balance of the term of E. G. Tyler, who has resigned—one year.

**Another motion, requested—appointing**

**Explorers Begin New Study Book**  
The regular Explorers meeting was held at Knox Presbyterian church, Wednesday, January 14. Mary Grischow very ably took the chair because the president, Lynne Masters, was absent.

Karen Gervais read the prayer. Suzanne Adams read the scripture which was taken from Psalm 24, verses 1-10. Then the offering was taken up. The motto and purpose were read.

After a hymn was sung, there was a short business meeting and Mrs. Armstrong introduced the new study book. To close the meeting, Mrs. Doherty led in some very enjoyable games.

ell to appoint R. H. Parker to the board for a three year term.

Mr. Parker, over the duties of chairman.

Board members held office for a period of years until a successor is appointed in Mr. Barbeau's case, his successor had been appointed.)

**Membership—terms of Mr. Parker and Ab Irwin are up in February.**

Mr. Barbeau led the group in the review of last year's expenditures and receipts, including council's assuming of the deficit of \$1,739.65.

**Need \$3,000.**  
Cost of "basic needs" for the coming year reached \$3,000, as members considered maintenance, supervision and some changes.

Estimated receipts were \$1,250. The difference is made up by the levy from council.

With the change station in operation for the full season next summer, members are hopeful of increased revenue from picnics, gate receipts and the sale of season tickets at \$1 each.

Concession rights for the refreshment booth will again be tendered for.

Expected disbursements include, sums for checking, labor, gate attendant, pool attendant, grass cutting, pool maintenance and hydro as well as other miscellaneous expenses.

However, further needs have reached the imperative stage, Mr. Barbeau pointed out.

A lifeguard is a necessity, he said. Hours for supervised swimming were recommended.

**Tables, Parking.**  
His mention of the urgent need for more picnic tables was promptly seconded by secretary Mrs. George Fryer.

A parking area at the far end of the park is also a plan for the coming year. Gravel and gravel are indicated. "I do feel that is a necessity," Mr. Barbeau stressed.

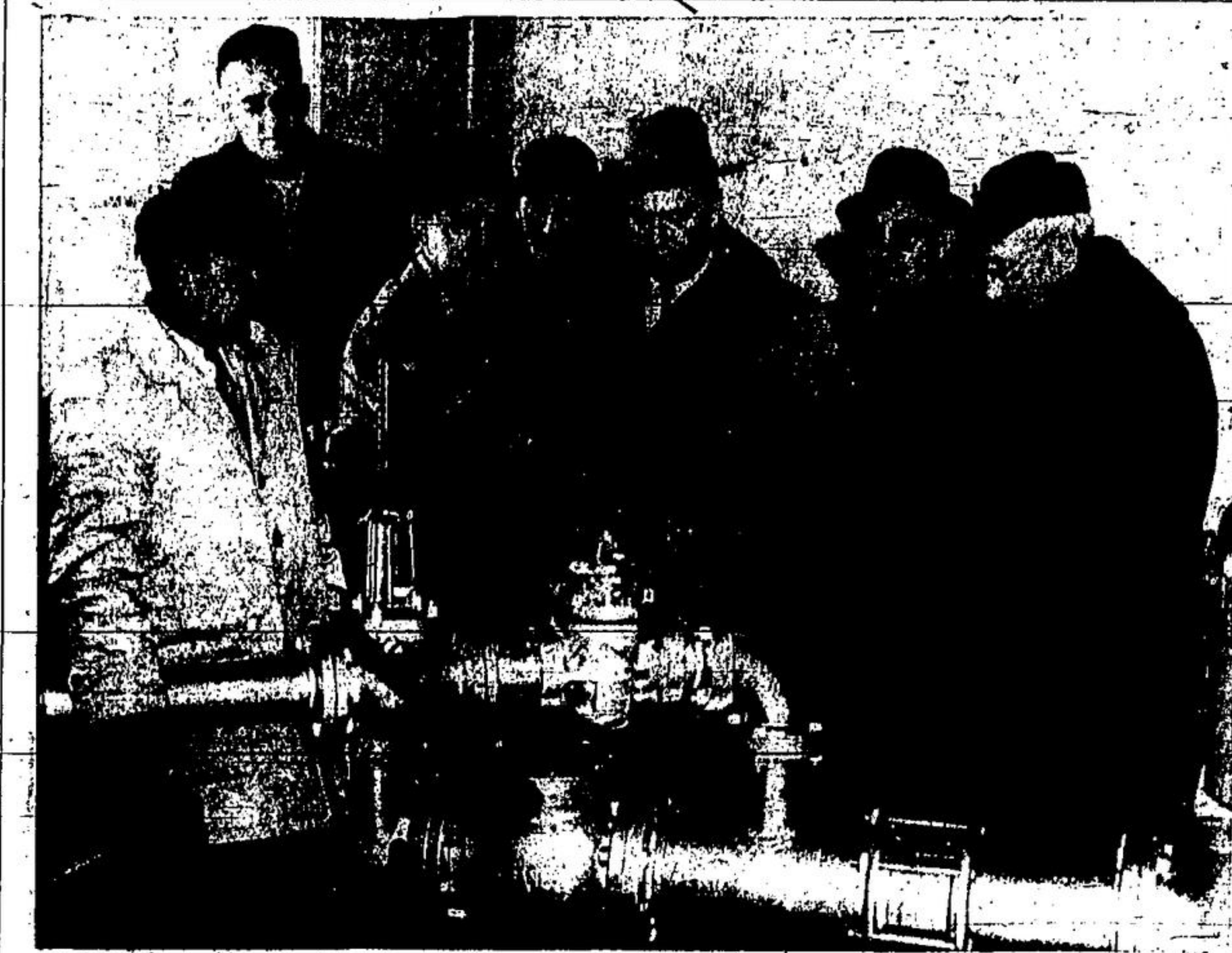
Water in the wading pool was changed several times a week, he recalled, with the fresh water so cold the children could not swim until it had warmed up.

Mr. Barbeau reported on estimates he had received in Toronto on a filtration plant for continuous change of water. The unit, which is about five by seven feet in size, costs \$750 with the immediate piping. To this would be added about \$150 for the balance of the.

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**First Call**  
"Success stories" prove the value of this small but well-read classified advertisement.

This week a lady mentioned with pleasure selling a large appliance to the first caller after the Free Press was out. She had half a dozen more calls after that.



ACTON'S NEW WATER SUPPLY at the Churchill Road Pump-house was turned on Monday noon of this week and residents of Acton had their first taste from the new source of supply. Pictured above are, left to right: J. McGeachie, town clerk, R. Everdell, commissioner, Reeve Goy, Bert Davidson, former land owner, Dr. Oakes, J. H. Hurst, councillor and J. Lambert, water superintendent.

## Blueprint for '59

### Co-operation Key to Success

A blueprint for 1959 was formulated at the dinner meeting of the Acton Chamber of Commerce, when president G. V. Barbeau unveiled and explained what he termed a necessity for the success of the town of Acton in the future. The meeting was held in the parish hall Wednesday evening.

Mounted on an easel, a cardboard sheet mottled with designs of gears and mechanisms, was piece by piece unveiled by the president as he informed chamber members that first shown were the machinery and gears with only one cog on the main drive wheel appearing.

**Teeth in Gear**  
Next Mr. Barbeau explained that one tooth on the gear would be added, which represented the town council. He noted, however, that council can only turn the pinion one tooth and after that are helpless.

Amalgams must be added, the president pointed out, as he began to add more teeth to the large wheel by including the C. of C., Rotary Club, Y's Men's Club, churches, industries, the press, merchants, ladies' clubs, Legion and many other organizations and people equally as important, until showing on the diagram was a complete wheel ready to turn the machinery.

The next veil removed revealed a large motor connected to the wheels of industry. Mr. Barbeau depicted the motor as people. Explaining the detailed layout, the president informed members that

even though everything seemed complete, an important part of the mechanism was missing and pointed to the bottom of the diagram where a small key was shown.

"The key starts the production," the audience was informed. Mr. Barbeau stressed that only with the use of the key and the co-operation of all parties interested, would the progress of Acton be successful.

**Officers Installed**  
Mayor W. H. Cook was present and installed the officers and directors for 1959. The mayor congratulated the new officers and members and thanked the chamber for the invitation to attend.

The mayor praised the work the chamber had done in the past and informed them the town would progress further in the future if everyone put their shoulder to the wheel.

During the committee reports, the chamber was urged to promote the town further by preparing an attractive brochure, enlarging the Santa Claus parade by making it strictly a local effort and investigate fully the parking problem in the downtown area.

**New Members**  
Seven new members were accepted into the chamber during the meeting when vice-chairman Orville Chapman sponsored the acceptance of the following: Mrs. Kay Mathews, Mrs. May Gold, Mrs. Erna Thomas, Bruce Payne, Al Newton, Harry Nicolls and Art Gordon.

The evening was sparked with

a humorous aspect as president G. V. Barbeau rewarded various directors and chairmen for their efforts during the past year as he presented them with appropriate novelties.

A smorgasbord dinner entered by St. Alban's Guild had members returning to fill their plates time and time again.

At the conclusion of the business session, Jack Carpenter showed moving pictures of the CF-100 and the Santa Claus parade, which were enjoyed.

**Fishy Tale**  
Local ice fishermen frequenting the frozen waters of the north are boasting of many odd catches. One of them pulled up his line with a large fish on the hook. But the fish opened its jaws, fell back into the water—and left a small mackerel dangling on the line.

Sounds "fishy."

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## Nassagaweya Reeve John Milne Chosen 1959 Warden of Halton

### Committees and Boards Named

John A. Milne, Nassagaweya township's Reeve, was chosen Warden of Halton County for 1959 on Tuesday afternoon at the inaugural meeting of the County Council. Crown Attorney Peter K. McWilliams administered the oath of office to the Warden and presented him with a new gavel. In turn, Warden Milne presented the old gavel to retiring Warden William Card, Reeve of Oakville.

Reeve R. C. Cunningham of Milton and Reeve Douglas Sargent of Georgetown, both nominated for the position, declined to stand for the nomination but declared their intention of trying for the Warden's seat next year if returned to County Council.

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**Three New Faces**  
New members to council this year are Reeve Goy of Acton and Deputy-Reeves Ryckman, from Burlington and Service from Nassagaweya. Mr. Service has previously spent three years on the county council.

Committees struck at the inaugural included the following: agriculture and reforestation, Near, Service, Currie, Ryckman, Cunningham, assessment, Goy, Phillips, Gray, Sinclair, Tyrrell, County buildings, Cunningham, Tilley, Greer, Near, Sargent, Sinclair, Finance and hospital, Card, Tyrrell, Phillips, Currie, Pettit, special annexation, Phillips chairman, plus all Reeves; civil defence, Phillips, Greer, Currie, Ryckman, Pettit, roads, Currie (3 years), Phillips 4, Tyrrell 2, Card 1, Sargent 3, planning, Tilley, Greer, Near, Sargent, Service, Tyrrell, Sinclair, legislative-by-law and reception, Tyrrell, Tilley, Goy, Service, Cunningham, printing, education and special communications, Sargent, Near, Ryckman, Sinclair.

The first named in each case is the chairman. The only new committee is the legislative, by-law and reception, while the hospital and finance committees, formerly separate, were joined this year.

**Board Appointments**  
Named to boards were: minor board, Card, Currie, Sargent, Milne, Goy; board of health, W. T. Dales, Ray Thomson, Pettit, Gray, Bob Marshall; community parks board, Pettit; Service; county board of

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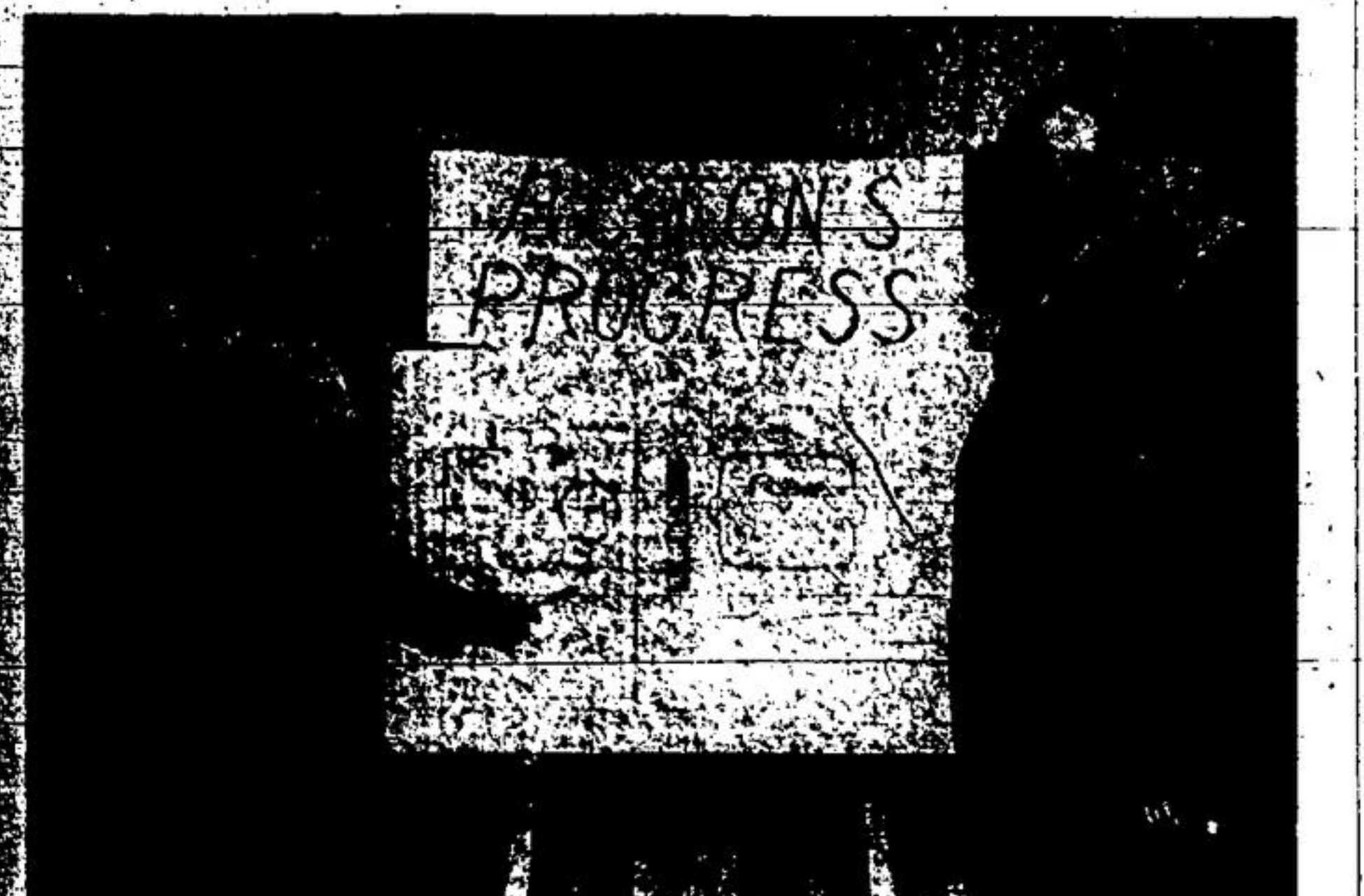
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## 13-Year-Old Student To Represent Acton In Public Speaking

Judges chose Helen Benton, 13-year-old grade eight student from the Robert Little public school to represent Acton at the Halton County finals on the 30th of January, during the inter-school finals on Wednesday morning in the school auditorium.

Elimination trials held at the M. Z. Bennett and Robert Little schools on Monday morning saw students from each school speaking on "Ontario Hydro." Finalists chosen were Graham Windell, Linda Parker, Helen Benton, Joan Cook and Gay White.

Judges, Rev. A. H. McKenzie, high school principal E. A. Hansen and music supervisor G. H. Hansen, strained their ears to catch every word spoken by the contestants as senior students from the schools inwardly cheered for their representative.

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