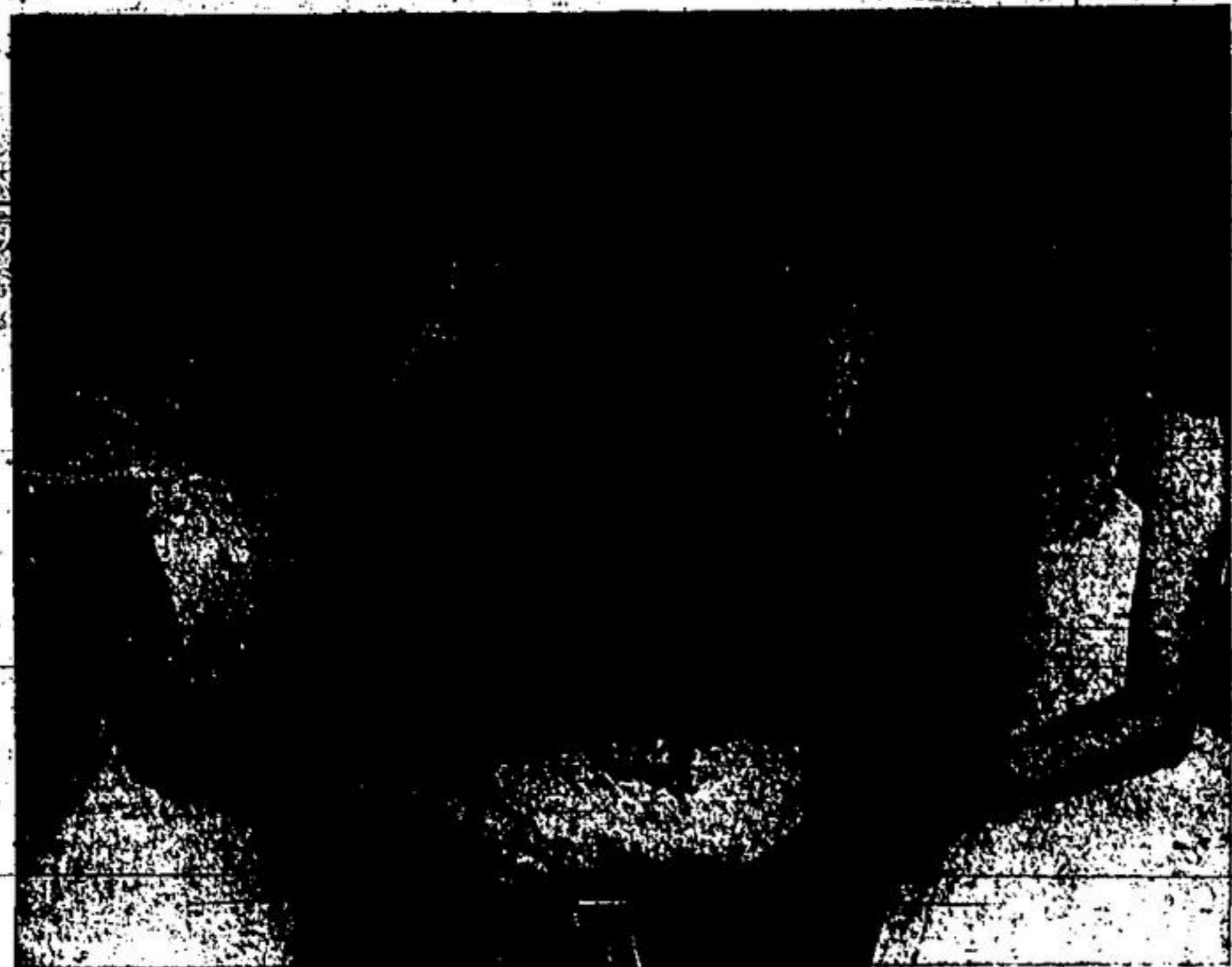


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**IN CHARGE OF LUNCH** girls of the Acton High School serve their principal E. A. Hansen, during the annual At Home last Friday evening in the school auditorium. Pictured above left to right are: Anne Daintith, Jean Moffat, Mr. Hansen and Shirley Mason. Missing from picture was Linda Lovell, who was also on the lunch committee. Many parents joined their family and enjoyed an evening of dancing.

## Vandals Create Havoc at Georgetown High School; Ink, Food Splattered

North Halton High School District Board heard a report from the Georgetown school board last week when the vandals had forced entry to the school and had created considerable havoc in the interior of the school. Main damage was centered in the home economics classroom where supplies of foodstuffs had been uprooted and thrown on the walls and ceiling. Among the other rooms damaged was the principal's office where duplicator ink had been

plastered over the walls and furniture. Students' lockers had been broken into and the contents strewn about the building. The secretary reported that the Georgetown Police Department were pursuing their investigations with vigor. The building is covered by a malicious damage insurance policy.

**Insurance for Additions**  
Mr. Kennedy, representing the insurance company with which the board is insured, discussed the insurance of the two additions to the school now under construction. Following the discussion the board

decided to insure the additions with their insurance company rather than have the contractors insure the buildings with possibly another company. It was explained that with only one company involved, should a claim occur, it would be much easier to settle the claim. The premiums would be charged back to the contractors.

Mr. Kennedy also discussed, with the board, the company's position in relation to an accident which occurred to a boy while playing in a game over a year ago. The board's insurance had paid some medical expenses at that time. The boy at the present time required additional medical care above the amount provided for under the board's insurance.

## Order Rabid Cow Killed Thought Bitten by Fox

A four-year-old Hereford cow owned by A. J. McIsaac, R.R. 4, was found to be rabid and ordered destroyed by the Federal Health of Animals branch office in Brampton on Tuesday of this week. Dr. F. G. Oakes, local veterinarian, was called to the farm at 11 a.m. Tuesday morning to attend the beast which was frothing at the mouth and bawling almost continuously.

Upon arrival Dr. Oakes diagnosed the case as that of rabies and immediately called Dr. McCabe of the Federal Health of Animals office in Brampton, who confirmed the local veterinarian's diagnosis three hours later.

Dr. McCabe immediately informed the cattle owner the sick cow had to be destroyed and buried. He suggested the remaining animals on the farm be vaccinated.

**Vaccinate Others**  
Dr. Oakes was recalled to the farm later in the afternoon to administer vaccine to the remaining farm animals, including a young collie pup.

Mr. McIsaac reported seeing a fox near his barn approximately four weeks ago which appeared to be acting strangely and the possibility that the fox seen at that time might have bitten the four-year-old cow has not been overlooked. Dr. Oakes reported that if only a shallow bite had been made by the fox four weeks ago it is quite possible the rabies had incubated four weeks in the cow.

Dr. Oakes also noted that to his knowledge this is the first case of rabid cow in Halton County.

**Same Birthday**  
The 25th anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns brought a busy weekend for Fred Wright. He and his wife attended the dinner and dance of the Acton Scottish dance club, of which he is a member, on Friday, Jan. 23, when they attended the party of the Guelph Pipe Band, of which he is president.

And he observed his birthday—the same date as Robert Burns—January 23.

## Churchill Road Spring Main Water Supply, P.U.C.

Following a water report from the Ontario Water Resources Commission regarding the condition of the three water supplies in Acton, the Public Utilities Commissioner reported the main supply of water for the town was now being produced by the new Churchill Road pumping station, at the regular commission meeting, Thursday, January 22.

The report from the O.W.R.C. outlined the pumping facilities at the south spring and the Main Street spring, as well as recommending changes for completion of the Churchill Road pumping station.

**Main supply**  
Acting chairman F. G. Oakes noted the main supply for Acton consumers was now being supplied by the new well on Churchill Road which since 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 21, was the sole producer of water.

The south spring well had been shut down as a result of a recent recommendation by Dr. A. Bull of the Halton County Health Unit. The Main Street well had been shut down to allow the sewer and water committee of council to ascertain the capacity of the new well.

**60,000 Gallons Nightly**  
Sewage superintendent A. Dudy

informed the commission Board and Co. Ltd. was pumping 40,000 gallons of sewage into the town disposal plant each night but up to the present time was not pumping on the weekends.

The superintendent pointed out the company was only pumping according to the flow going into their ponds.

The commission decided not to enter a co-operative advertising program sponsored by each municipality for promotion of electricity. Acton's share of the cost of the program was outlined at \$150.

**Furnace Trouble**  
Superintendent Dudy reported he was still having some trouble with the furnace at the disposal plant which would occasionally stop. Secretary-treasurer J. McGivach informed members the engineer had inspected the plant but had not sent in any report to date.

The need of approval was given for commissioners and the sewage superintendent to attend a convention in Toronto sponsored by the OMAU and O.M.U. on March 17.

Mr. McGivach reported he had received quotations on additional insurance to the P.U.C. trucks. He was authorized to have completed.

## \$13,000 Fire At Local Store

An estimated \$13,000 damage was caused to a shipment of groceries and a tractor-trailer truck at 10:45 this morning when an auxiliary cargo heater set fire to a trailer owned by the Oshawa Wholesale Company at Ledger's I.G.A. Store, Main Street.

Driver of the truck, Hubert Blackmur of Oshawa, stated he had opened the rear doors of the trailer and had just backed up to the receiving platform at the local I.G.A. store when employees of the store informed him the load was on fire.

Jumping into the cab of the truck, the driver immediately pulled the trailer to the middle of the parking lot away from the building and unhitched the tractor, containing nearly 100 gallons of gasoline in the saddle tanks.

By the time firemen arrived, flames were shooting out the rear doors of the truck and the cargo of groceries was beyond saving.

**Prompt Action**  
Prompt action by the local fire department extinguished the blaze and saved more serious damage to the trailer.

In the short period of time the truck was backed up to the receiving dock, the heat was so intense the walls of the building were scorched. Only quick thinking on the part of the driver prevented more serious damage to the store and saved the gasoline tanks from exploding.

The driver pointed out there was no sign of fire when he opened the rear doors before backing into the receiving platform.

Ken Hurlford, proprietor of the Acton Bowling Lanes, situated above the I.G.A., said he was cleaning the alleys when he saw a wall of flame shooting up the outside of the building near a rear window.

**Demerit Plan**  
With the demerit plan going into effect this Sunday, drivers are warned to drive carefully and obey the traffic laws to avoid being penalized at the outset of the program.

Each driver starts with 12 points and for each infraction of the law he commits a certain number of points are taken away.

## Crash Victims Under Treatment After Head-on Accident in Fog

Four local men involved in a head-on collision Wednesday, January 21, in which a fellow passenger was killed, are reported to be progressing favorably following treatment.

The accident, which happened after 5 p.m. approximately four miles east of Acton, involved a car proceeding east and driven by Jack Roy Hill of Toronto and a station wagon proceeding west driven by Fred Richardson, R.R. 4, Acton. The automobile which contained three other Acton men, Svi Dwyer, George Haggart and Allan Ineson, all of Glenora Subdivision and Elmer Cyril Clifton, of Guelph who was killed.

Mr. Richardson is reported to be still in St. Joseph's Hospital under treatment suffering from shock, a smashed knee and an injured ankle.

Mr. Hill was released from Guelph hospital this week after treatment for a broken nose and other injuries.

Of the other three Acton men, none are back to work at Milton and reports indicate that Mr. Ineson is up and around while Mr. Dwyer, who received facial lacerations and bruised shin bones and an ankle injury is still under treatment.

## \$5,200 Mill

In 1959, the mill will raise \$5,200 according to figures presented to council Tuesday night by the finance committee.

Committee chairman J. Hurlst pointed out the 1958 assessment was \$5,200,821.83 with residential assessment sharing 60 per cent of the total and the balance consisting of commercial, industrial and farm, making up the 40 per cent balance.

In a breakdown of the total assessment Mr. Hurlst explained that 60 per cent for residential assessment represented \$3,119,625.00, while commercial showed \$738,971.83; industrial, \$1,311,300.00 and farm \$228,125.00.

**Adhere to Overall Intent**  
Prior to allowing the variance the committee agreed that the

## Refer \$200,000 Public School Addition For More Study by Finance Committee

A request from school board chairman Cliff Bradley for council's approval to proceed with a new \$200,000 10-room public school addition in Acton, was referred to the finance committee for further investigation, during a four hour meeting on Tuesday evening when council covered 10 items of a 23-item agenda.

Council met in the Robert Little public school auditorium due to the cold conditions in the council chambers in the town hall.

Mr. Bradley, accompanied by Watson, school trustee, and W. Middleton, secretary, presented an outline of a recent survey of pre-school children indicating more accommodation at the Robert Little school is necessary immediately.

He also pointed out that tentative approval for the proposed 10-room addition had been given by the Department of Education through the county inspector, R. F. Barnhill.

**Looking Ahead**  
The school board chairman informed council the board was basing its calculations entirely on the present day conditions in Acton, but was looking ahead to asking for a 10-room addition. He noted that it would be only a year before the entire addition would be utilized.

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The committee chairman then asked the planning board chairman if he had any opinion of the situation had changed since hearing of all aspects and was informed by Mr. Whitham it had not.

**Name Opinion**  
I don't see how you can come here with an opinion based on incorrect information and after hearing correct information you can still be of the same opinion."

Mr. Kerr charged the planning board chairman.

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## 2,000 Jobless

R. Robson, manager of the Unemployment Insurance Office for this area, reported this week that there were 1,275 males and 596 females listed as unemployed up to Thursday, January 22nd.

He also reported that there were just 12 male positions unfilled and 35 female positions unfilled in industry.

The manager noted that the territory covered included as far north as Arthur, west to Puslinch, east to Erin and took in Guelph and Acton.



**TRAINS AND MORE TRAINS** were displayed the past week in Benson's Store window by the Black Creek Model Railroad Club of Acton as pictured above. The club's 11 members strong at present, includes seven adults and four young boys. Dealing strictly in HO gauge, members build their own models from kits and also from prototype plans using raw materials.

The club meets twice a month in their club room in the YMCA with president H. O. Otterbein instructing. Photography is another of the members' hobbies as they spend countless, week-ends travelling throughout the country snapping pictures of fast moving trains. The Acton Club is affiliated with the International Model Railroad Association, with 10,000 members.