

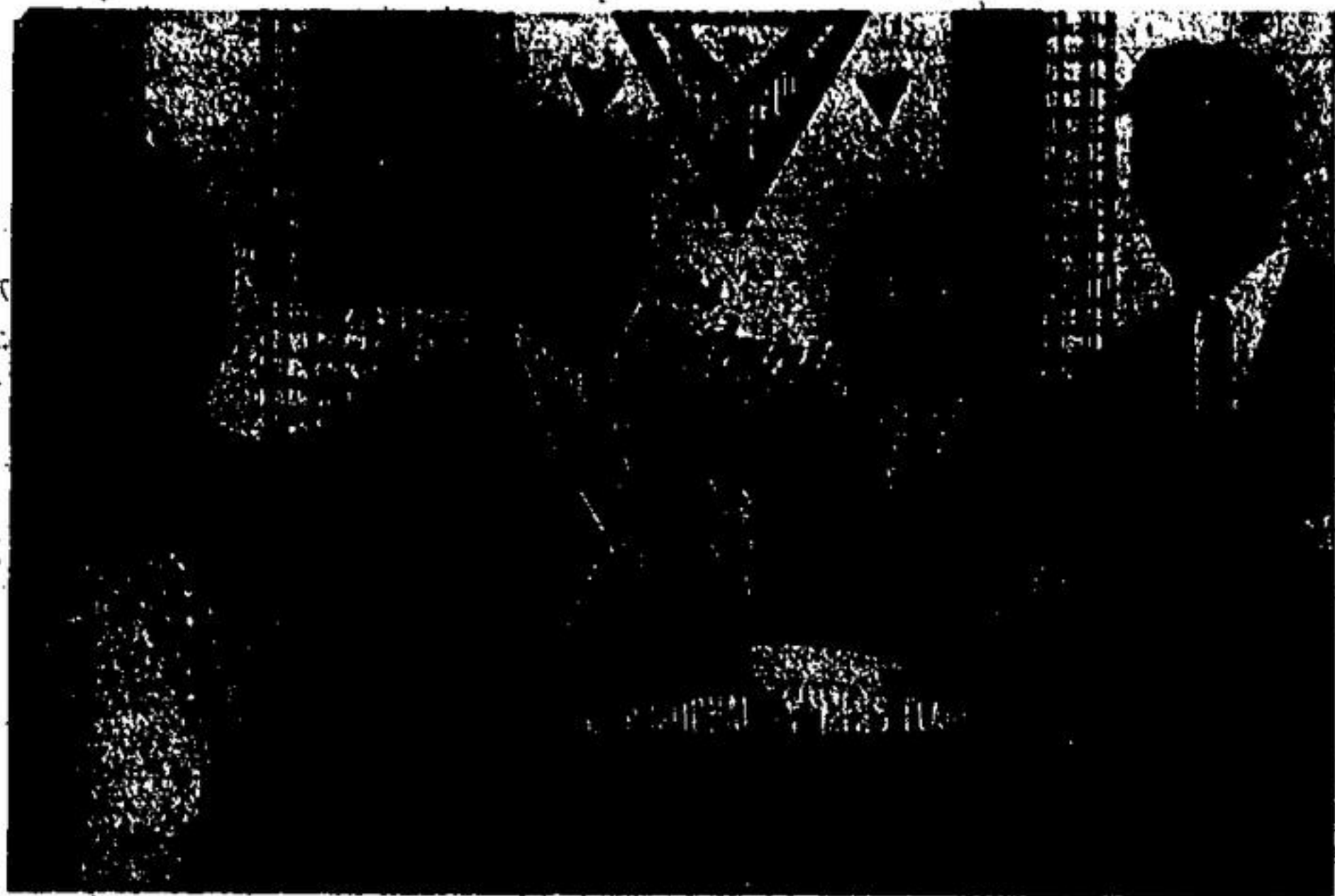
Over 110 Delegates Attend Central District Y's Men's Conference

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E. B. JOLLIFFE Q.C., guest speaker at the Y's Men's Conference in Acton during the Saturday evening banquet, is pictured above second from left with some head table guests. Shown from left to right are, H. Arbie, conference chairman, Mr. Jolliffe, R. McKeown, past president of Acton club, and Al Fallis, past District Governor. Mr. Jolliffe spoke on conditions in China as he found them during a recent visit.



Y'S MEN'S FLAGS of the international club were displayed at the head table at the banquet last Saturday evening, during the annual Y's Men's Conference in the Acton Y.M.C.A. Some of the head table guests are pictured following the dinner prepared and served by the Y Ladies' Auxiliary. Shown above left to right are: Wilf Cleaver of Woodstock, Mayor W. H. Cook, Acton, Earl Maseles, Acton and Ernie West, Pan Politae president, formerly of Acton.

Over 110 members of Y's Men's Clubs from the Central Ontario Region gathered at the Acton Y.M.C.A. last weekend for the annual District Spring Conference, Saturday and Sunday, to enjoy two days of fellowship, education and entertainment with the Acton Club playing hosts.

Delegates in the conference were present from Galt, Brantford, Brampton, Kitchener, Waterloo, Kitchener Pan Politae, Guelph and Acton, and were billeted in private homes as well as hotels and motels.

Also present for the two-day affair was Y.M.C.A. general secretary Ted Sexsmith from Oakville, who was accompanied by several Y members interested in starting a Y's Men's Club in Oakville.

Two of the highlights of the conference were addresses by F. B. Jolliffe, Q.C., of Rockwood, former Ontario C.C.F. leader and Jason McCoy, International Director from Canton, Ohio.

Tells of China

Mr. Jolliffe addressed over 100 Y's Men and other guests during the Saturday night banquet and reviewed his findings in China during a recent visit after an absence of 32 years.

The guest speaker, who was born of a missionary family in China, lived in that country until he reached the age of 17. He told the audience he recalled many of the problems and situations from his younger days and noted vast changes in the country when he returned last fall for a visit.

In his review of the vast strides China has made in an attempt to modernize in one generation, Mr. Jolliffe remarked, "It is wrong for us to assume that China will not be modernized in this generation. I think it will."

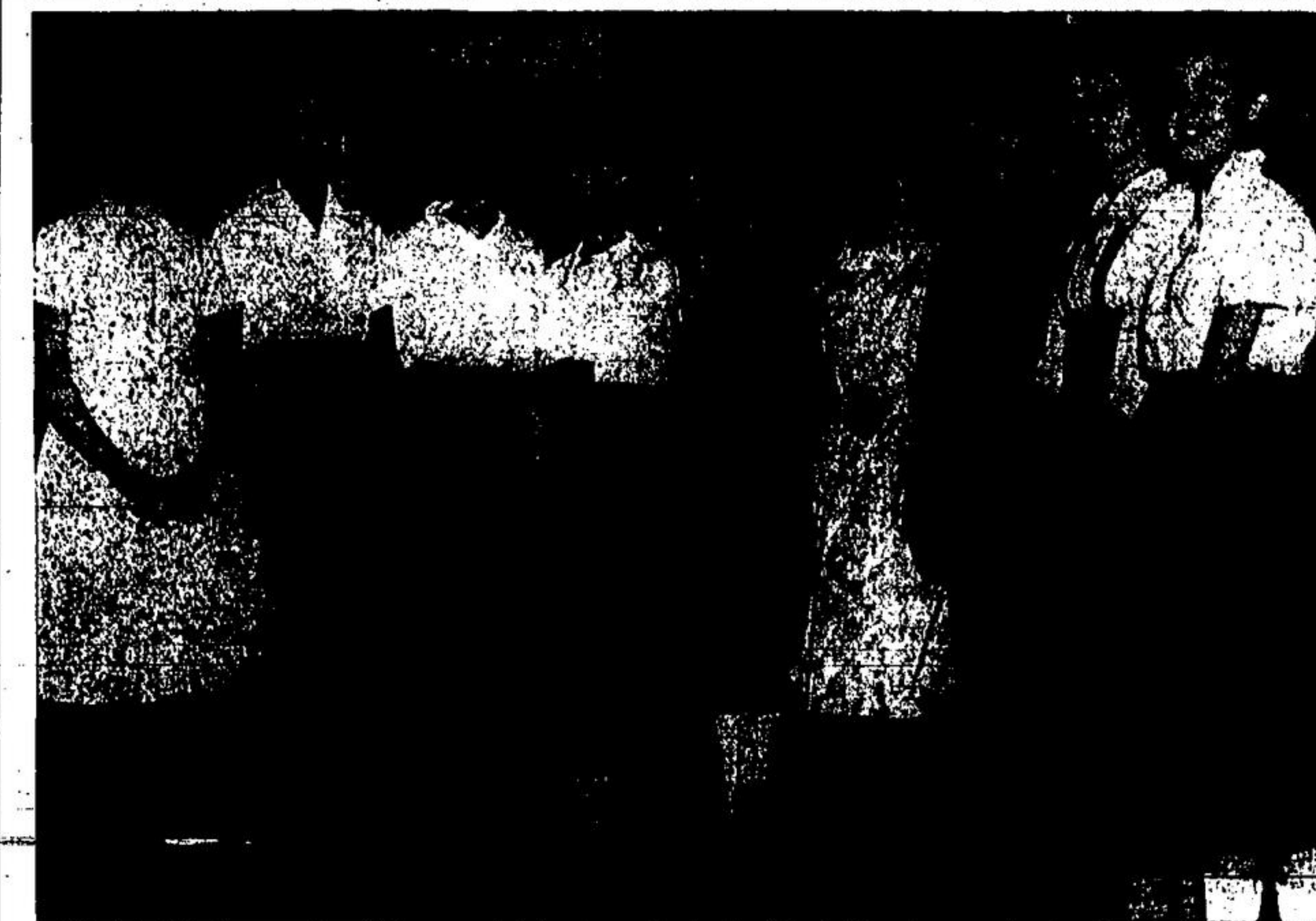
"It is difficult at any time anywhere to find people moving as swiftly as the Chinese of today. Nowhere else in the world do you get such an overpowering picture of history in the making," Mr. Jolliffe informed his interested audience.

The speaker also informed those present that the situation in China was both strange and unusual since the Communists had taken over the country.

Largest Country

He noted that China was the largest country in the world with a population of over 650 million people and stressed that it was increasing each year. Mr. Jolliffe also compared the acreage with Canada, stating it was almost the same as Canada, and if the water resources of the Great Lakes were discredited, China was larger than Canada.

The former C.C.F. leader noted the many changes in the natural resources of the country and said he was much impressed with the



A TRIPLE TRIO from the Robert Little Public School entertained over 100 Y's Men from various clubs in the Central Ontario District during the Spring Conference in Acton last weekend. Pictured above left to right are: Pat Quocnell, Mary Beth Elliott, Carol Evans, Caroline Hibbard, Helen Landsborough accompanist, Karen Heller, Helen Benton, Susan Heard, Janet Rogrvaldson and Pat Graham. Susan Heard and Mary Beth Elliott also sang a duet and Helen Benton entertained with a solo. The group were trained and directed by Doug Copeland, school teacher and member of the Acton Y's Men's Club.

immensity of material changes such as new houses, industries, power dams and steel mills.

The conference delegates and guests were told that at present China is enjoying the first peace in over the last 100 years, due to the communists.

Deserve Credit

In reviewing the present social welfare of the Chinese, Mr. Jolliffe stated that the communists deserve a lot of credit for cleaning up the situation which reigned for so many years.

The speaker considered the fields of education, public health and welfare, stating the new regime had made staggering achievements as it brought order out of chaos. "Corruption and moral decay have been replaced by principles embracing honesty, sobriety with a firm purpose and complete dedication to a new way of life."

Mr. Jolliffe noted that radio and television programs consisted mainly of classical operas with a new modern twist. He noted no rock and roll existed.

He also informed the gathering that primary schools were now teaching the new written language using 26 letters of the English alphabet to get better results.

In stating the methods adopted by the communists, Mr. Jolliffe said, "I don't think it is healthy for everyone to think the same way as it leads to progress sterility."

All Think Alike

The speaker stressed his amazement at encountering the unanimous conformity of thought in Communist China, people thought alike. He also noted that in other countries heretics and dissenters were not welcome but noted that in China this type was conspicuous by their absence.

"The Communist Party is proving that psychology is a more formidable kind of armor than any other weapon," remarked the speaker.

Mr. Jolliffe informed the group that on his return to China he had been welcomed everywhere he visited and noted that the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. were quite active in that country.

He stressed, however, that there were a great number of people in the government who were not communists, but belonged to other political parties working in coalition with the communists.

It was noted that China placed great stress on physical fitness with soccer and basketball the main sports.

Educational Progress
"China has made tremendous progress in the field of education

stressed the speaker as he noted there were presently several hundred buildings used by the universities as against 30 or 40 a few years ago.

At the conclusion of his address, Mr. Jolliffe forecast that the present Chinese government was here to stay and quoting Walter Lippman, emphasized that we must learn how to co-exist in several worlds and also learn how to live and co-exist on the same planet.

The guest speaker was introduced by Ernest West, president-elect of the Kitchener Pan Politae Club and former Actonian.

Congratulatory Clubs

Harry Arbie, conference chairman, presided for the Saturday evening session and dinner and thanked the many club members for coming to Acton to attend the annual conference. He congratulated the various clubs for taking an interest in Y's Men's affairs.

Following the delicious and wholesome dinner, prepared and served by the Y Ladies' Auxiliary, assisted in serving by the Y's Men's Club, Joe Hunter of the Galt club led the group in a sing-song.

Mayor W. H. Cook of Acton tendered a civic welcome to all those present and praised the Y.M.C.A. throughout the world on the splendid work they were doing.

District Governor Al Fallis of the Brantford Club congratulated Harry Arbie on the splendid work the Acton Y's Men's Club was doing in supervising the Y.M.C.A. programs and praised their excellent interest in repairing and decorating the Y.M.C.A.

Numbers Presented

G. W. McKenzie, International Director and local school principal, introduced a triple trio from the Robert Little public school, who, under the supervision of Y's Men Doug Copeland, entertained the people present with several choruses. Those taking part were Helen Benton, Mary Beth Elliott, Susan Heard, Pat Graham, Pat Quocnell, Carol Evans, Caroline Hibbard, Janet Rogrvaldson and Karen Heller.

Susan Heard and Mary Beth Elliott sang duets and Helen Benton sang a solo much to the delight of the audience.

During the Sunday afternoon program Margaret Davidson and Leslie Anne Dohy sang a duet and Sheila Paul entertained the group with two violin solos.

Singers during the two days were accompanied at the piano by Helen Landsborough, vocal music teacher.

Head Table Guests

Ernie West introduced the head table guests present for the occasion.

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Y's Men Keglers Roll Five Pins.

While the bowling was out of the calendar of championship bowling the competition was keen on Saturday afternoon when teams from Acton, Brantford, Brantford, Galt, Kitchener Pan Politae and Kitchener Waterloo Y's Men clubs took part in the district program of the Central Ontario District Conference of Y's Men.

The team from Brantford, consisting of T. Remick, R. Brown, J. Goodson, D. Stern, E. Eason and D. Lyons ran up a team score of 2771 to win top honors. Kitchener Pan Politae gave the Brantford team a run for their money with 2720.

These two teams, it is noted, will meet on Friday, April 24th, Brantford 224, Acton 241, Kitchener Waterloo 243, Galt 240.

Tom Ruffner of Brantford was high scorer for the day with 824. A Men from Brantford had high single with 290. See the end of page for the district program of the Y's Men.

A wake-up breakfast at a Y's Men's club was in charge of Ralph McKee, past president of the Acton club, with 2000 and 1500 taken by Roy Gordon Adams of Acton United Church.

New officers for the 1959-60 season installed by G. W. McKenzie.

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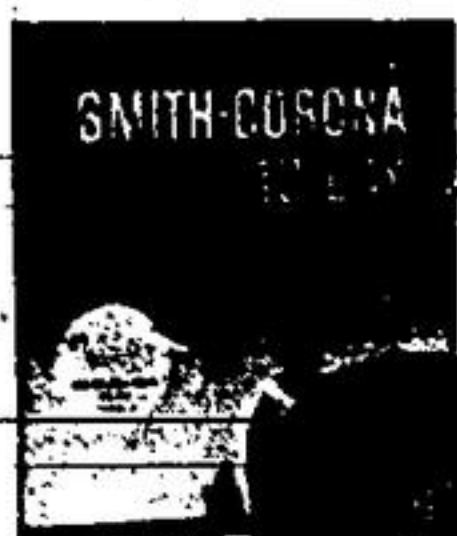
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