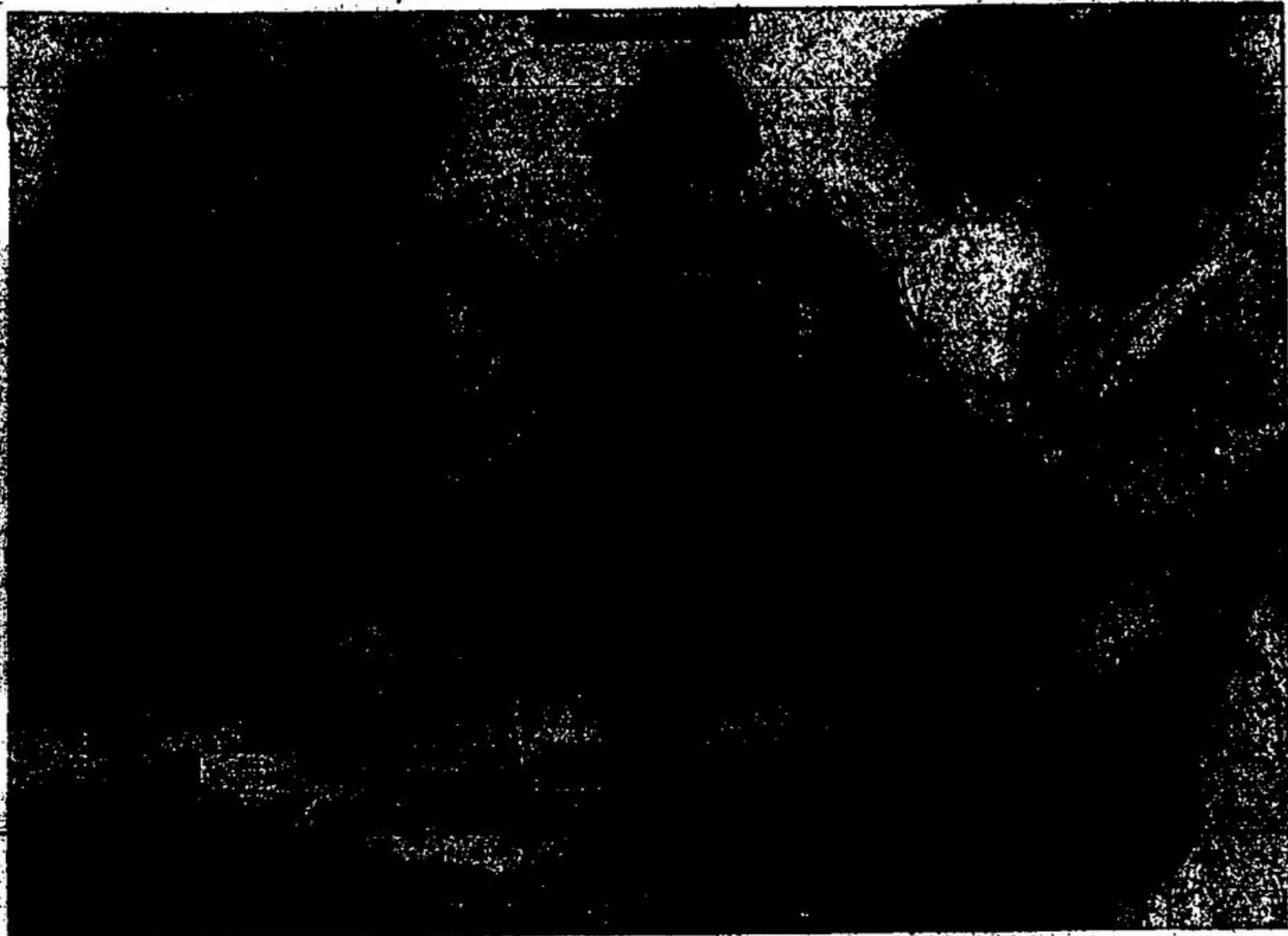


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MONEY GALORE was counted Monday evening in the Bank of Montreal as final returns of the local Cancer Campaign were tabulated. The week-long drive netted nearly \$1,000 and campaign chairman Mrs. R. Johnson hoped to exceed the \$1,000 mark before closing out the account. Shown above seated at the table counting the money are W. McKay, local bank manager, and E. Alcott of Georgetown, chairman for the campaign in Halton County. Standing at their backs are the executive of the Acton Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, who spearheaded the project with the assistance of local and district organizations. Pictured left to right are: Mrs. J. Bradshaw, Mrs. R. Angell, Mrs. F. Stuckey, Mrs. W. Buchanan and Mrs. R. Johnson.

Invite Five Municipalities to Seek Solution to H. S. Board's Dissolution

Following a lengthy discussion on the proposed split of the North Halton High School District Board, the North Halton Urban Board Wednesday night agreed to invite representatives from Esquesing and Nassagaweya Townships as well as Col. G. Brown, secretary of the N.H.S.D.B. to attend next Urban Board to pursue further a tentative plan for submission to County Council, regarding boundaries, assets and liabilities of each individual area.

Deputy Reeve J. M. Greer of Acton enquired if there would still be a N.H.S.D.B. if the three towns (Georgetown, Milton and Acton) broke up into three areas. He was informed by Mayor J. Armstrong of Georgetown, it would be known as separate areas.

Mr. Greer then asked what the position would be regarding County debentures and was told by the Georgetown mayor that if the district splits the possible rule might be that each municipality would be held responsible for their just share of existing debentures.

Mr. Armstrong explained that in his opinion, in the future debenture issues each municipality would assume their respective debentures. Councillor G. McGillivray of Georgetown suggested that the county would assume the debenture debt and assess each community in order. Mr. Greer was of the opinion that each municipality would pay the debenture debt and assess the county for the just portion of each township's share.

Deputy Reeve Greer informed the board that he thought they should lay a plan for the area split and said that in his opinion Georgetown fell down as they should have laid a plan without dumping the issue into the lap of county council.

Explain Position

Mayor Armstrong informed the board that at county council there appeared to be certain reflections regarding Georgetown and he would like to explain the situation. "We (Georgetown) are convinced that the question of operating one area is not as efficient as operating three separate... they are all capable men on the present board and are doing a fine job but we feel with three separate boards there will be a better method of operation as the area has become so large."

Each municipality should look after their own area.

"Our purpose is not to throw a monkey wrench into things but we do feel that three separate boards can operate better," continued the Georgetown mayor.

"What you have said is only repeating what was said at county level, but you will have to spell it out," remarked Mr. Greer.

"You have taken steps to break up the area and should have showed county council a breakdown of the whole affair... if it was figured out to the dollar there wouldn't have been any trouble." Deputy Reeve Greer informed Mr. Armstrong.

Will Co-Operate

Mayor Armstrong said that Georgetown was prepared to co-operate with all municipalities or groups to get the situation ironed out but suggested that Georgetown was not the one to tell how to set the plan up.

Mr. Armstrong suggested it was up to the five municipalities affected to thash the situation out after Mayor S. Childs of Milton enquired who would be responsible.

Mayor W. H. Cook of Acton produced a map and explained it was obtained from Col. Brown, secretary of the N.H.S.D.B. which outlined the various routes for school buses in the area.

At this point board members reviewed the various bus routes and discussed areas affected. Following this Mayor Cook concluded that if the five municipalities affected were to pursue the situation they would have a basis for costs.

Guides Hold Best Cookie Day Cancer Campaign Raises \$1,000 in Acton Area

The Guides' most successful Cookie Day to date was held last Saturday. The girls had taken orders all over town and in the country as well, and followed this by delivering 840 cartons — containing almost 2,000 dozen cookies. This total was 10 dozen cartons more than last year.

Parents helped out with the delivering in the annual project. In attractively designed boxes, the sweet sandwich cookies with filling showed the Guide crest.

Acton and district canvassers for the Cancer Campaign were congratulated by Ernie Alcott of Georgetown, chairman for the Halton County Campaign, after Monday night's tabulation of the drive revealed nearly \$1,000 had been collected.

The local campaign, spearheaded by the Acton Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, was supported by representatives from both local chapters of the I.O.D.E., Rotary Club, Y's Men's Club, Bannockburn W.I., Dublin W.I., Acton W.I., Scout and Guide Association and Acton Legion.

With a quota set at \$500 on account of the late start in Acton, canvassers were more than pleased with the public interest and Mrs. R. Johnson, local campaign manager, this week expressed her thanks to all canvassers and to the public for their response in donating to such a worthwhile cause.

Halton Election Machine in Gear For Provincial Contest on June 11

With three candidates in the field for the June 11 provincial election Halton's election machinery, under returning officer F. W. B. Fitzgerald is getting into high gear.

The Liberals were last to name a candidate on Friday night just prior to Premier Frost's announcement on Monday morning.

182 Enumerators

This week the returning officer reported 182 enumerators listing Halton voters for the election with urban enumeration starting on May 11 for completion by May 14 and rural enumeration starting May 13 for completion by May 21.

Eligible voters must be a British subject, 21 years old, an Ontario resident for one year, and resident of the Halton riding on May 4, 1959, when the writ of election was issued.

Mr. Fitzgerald plans 177 polling stations that will require an equal number of poll clerks, and deputy returning officers.

Candidates for the election will be nominated at an official nomination meeting prior to the election but it is not expected there will be more than the three candidates—Stan Hall for the Conservatives, Owen Mullin for the Liberals and Jack Henry for the C.C.F.

Standings in the 98 seat legislature before dissolution were Conservatives 83, Liberals 11, CCF 1 and 1 vacant one.

34,210 Voted

In the last provincial election 43,468 voters in Halton were eligible to cast ballots and 34,210 exercised their franchise.

In the last election there were a total of 2,905,780 eligible voters and the figure now is estimated at more than 3,000,000. More than 300 candidates are expected, with at least 180 already picked by party riding associations.

Lacrosse Club Enters League

Acton's recently formed lacrosse team have registered to play in the Ontario Lacrosse Association League along with teams from Fergus, Woodbridge, Orillia and Scarborough.

Although the date of the opening game has not been announced to date, lacrosse fans can be assured that the local club playing under the colors of Harry Nicoll's Gloaming Store, will be well trained and provide interesting competition for opposing clubs.

Building By-Law Passed For Esquesing Township

After meeting in Stewartstown on April 6, Esquesing township council was forced to adjourn and meet again on April 10 to complete their business. Members were all present at each meeting with Reeve George Currie presiding.

Erection, repair and moving of buildings in the township is now regulated by by-law.

The 1959 assessment of the Sixteen Mile Creek conservation authority amounting to \$843.80 was ordered paid.

The secretary was instructed to forward the first quarterly payment to the secretary of the Milton fire area, amounting to \$455.89.

Road superintendent R. Townsend was appointed to attend the convention of the Association of Assessing Officers of Ontario, to be held at Ottawa on May 18, 19 and 20.

Norman Bird was appointed to represent Esquesing Federation of Agriculture on the Esquesing Community Hall board and Ralph Cunningham to represent the Norval Junior Farmers.

Permission was granted to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority to erect signs showing the way to the conservation areas on the township roads under the supervision of the township road superintendent.

The by-law providing for the normal expenditure of roads for 1959 was passed.

Fire accounts and general accounts were passed for payment.

Nassagaweya Council Okays Conditional Board Dissolution

Georgetown's plan for the breaking up of the North Halton high school district board was discussed Monday evening by members of Nassagaweya township council and members concurred with the suggestion, subject to conditions.

A motion was approved that the township "agree to the division of the area into three boards, providing each area so set up provides education for the rural areas surrounding the existing high schools, and as presently served by existing bus routes."

Arrest Forger Cashed Cheque At Acton Bank

Thomas Neil Lumsden, alias James R. McGarvey, no fixed address was arrested by Kitchener police on April 28 and charged with passing forged cheques in Kitchener and Acton.

A forged cheque drawn on the Fergus Public Utilities Commission was passed at the Bank of Nova Scotia in Acton April 28 to the amount of \$128.20.

At the time the man was apprehended police found in his possession forging equipment used to manufacture the worthless cheques.

Corporal R. Mason of the local O.P.P. detachment this week warned merchants to be careful in cashing cheques without first receiving proper identification.

Police noted that the worthless cheque cashed in Acton had all appearances of being legal.

County Prepares By-law to Dissolve H.S. District

In a special three hour session Thursday night of last week, Halton County Council agreed unanimously to the preparation of a by-law for the dissolution of the North Halton High School District Board as the basis for further discussions.

It was also agreed that the county clerk would seek resolutions from the five participating municipalities — Milton, Acton, Georgetown, Esquesing and Nassagaweya — outlining their wish in the matter.

The special meeting of the County Council was called to discuss a February resolution from Georgetown applying for withdrawal from the district.

"Forced" to Join

Reeve Doug Sargent, Georgetown, initiated discussion when he recalled that Georgetown had been "more or less forced" to become a member and had been reluctant all along. He reviewed that discussion in 1955 by the Consultative Committee had noted accommodation in the three schools was adequate until 1960. He suggested was adequate proof for a need of revised thinking on the subject.

The Georgetown reeve recalled that the district had initially been formed to build a central school at Speyside which had "gone out the window long ago."

"We believe we can get more efficient operation of our school," the reeve suggested in urging approval for Georgetown to withdraw.

Members of county council then discussed what areas would be served by the dissolved units, what is the basic reason Georgetown wants to withdraw, who would pay outstanding debentures, and how to divide the liabilities and assets.

Grants Were Cut

Deputy Reeve Walter Gray, Georgetown, supported his town's stand noting he had given careful consideration to the matter. He reviewed that Georgetown had been forced into the district in 1950 when all the Esquesing pupils had been removed from the school and grants cut considerably.

Reeve Sargent emphasized that Georgetown had joined the district "to avoid persecution" and he couldn't see any serious effect to the other members of the district through its dissolution.

Esquesing reeve G. Currie questioned how the township pupils around Georgetown would be assured of education to which the Georgetown reeve answered he was confident adequate accommodation would be provided for the township pupils.

Joined for Economy

W. R. Stewart, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education of the Department of Education, reviewed the early founding of the district. He pointed out the idea had been to increase the variety of courses available by joining several schools together for more economic operation. He suggested that now the Department felt 400 to 500 pupils provided an economical school. Present enrolments in the area were about 450 in Georgetown, 300 in Milton and 275 in Acton, the representative noted.

He reviewed that the district idea "never did work out too satisfactorily here anyway... If you had built one school I'd say don't break up the district until you grow a bit."

Under the grant structure it was noted there was now no disadvantage to a single town being a district "but this is open to change."

Mr. Stewart suggested that the district should split up (when the time comes) by setting up areas with the town and rural section around forming a district.

One Rich District

Acton's Reeve Goy questioned if it was feasible to break up the district when the whole three towns were in the midst of a construction program. "I suggest you'll end up with one rich district and two poor relatives," Mr. Goy concluded.

Esquesing Reeve Currie was quick to agree pointing out Acton would get the poor end, Milton next and Georgetown the best. He noted this was because of a higher assessment around Georgetown and lower around Acton and Milton.

Department Opposed

Mr. Stewart emphasized that the Department of Education was anxious that districts not break up but the time might come when through their growth they should break up.

Referring back to the efficiency of the board's operation, Deputy Reeve A. R. Service, Nassagaweya, said that Georgetown with five representatives on the board should be satisfied with the efficiency of their representatives.

Acton trustee E. S. Force declared his attendance at the meeting had been a waste of time. "I have seen a beautiful example of him (Mr. Stewart) asking us what we want and switching three times."

He decried the suggestion, made earlier in the meeting and concurred in by Mr. Stewart that representatives in one town are not interested in education in another town, "if the district was ideally created why is it not now?"

Mr. Stewart explained his suggestion had been that while all have a general interest in education people are usually more interested in the town where they live.

Three Secretaries

Georgetown Trustee Goodlet suggested the only difference in cost of operation of the area was dissolved, would be three part time secretaries instead of one full time one. He reviewed that he felt a majority of the board members felt they could do a better job if they only had their own school to look after.

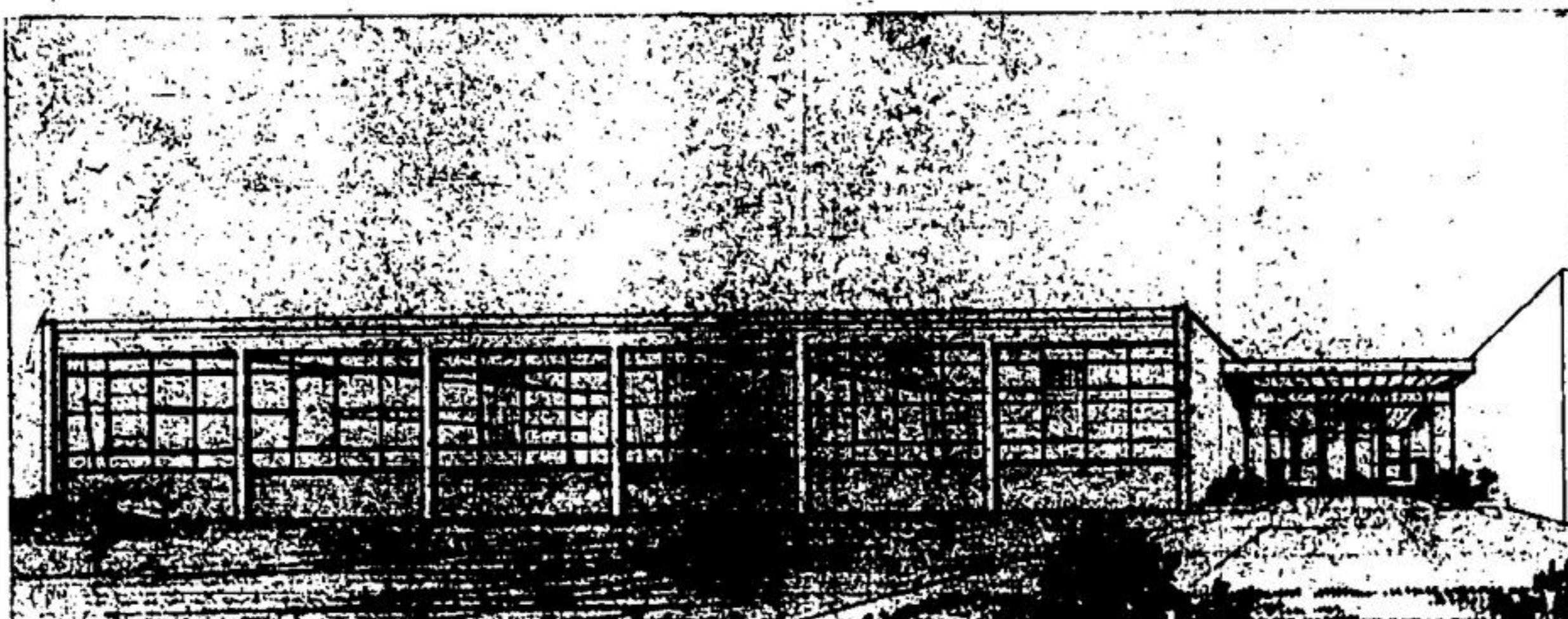
Board chairman M. M. Coles noted there had been inferences the board had been inefficient. He reviewed that during his five years on the board the slogan had been "each for all and all for each." The chairman explained "councils have appointed diligent members to provide the best possible means for education."

The chairman concluded there would be a time for dissolution but that time was premature.

Expresses Amusement

Georgetown's mayor Armstrong entered the fray reviewing the history of Georgetown's joining the board. "I'm amazed that one member of county council who is at your table tonight is opposing the break-up when he opposed its establishment at the beginning."

He noted Georgetown had always co-operated with Esquesing and



Architect's Conception of New 12-Room Addition to Robert Little School

Building By-Law Passed For Esquesing Township

structed to advertise for tenders for a new maintainer. Council petitioned the Department of Highways for permission to spread the payments on the new maintainer over a period of three years, one payment in 1959, one in 1960 and one in 1961, subject to the approval of the Ontario Municipal Board being first obtained.

Assessment commissioner A. W. Benton was appointed to attend the convention of the Association of Assessing Officers of Ontario, to be held at Ottawa on May 18, 19 and 20.

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Georgetown Job Seekers Stopped in \$2,000 Crash

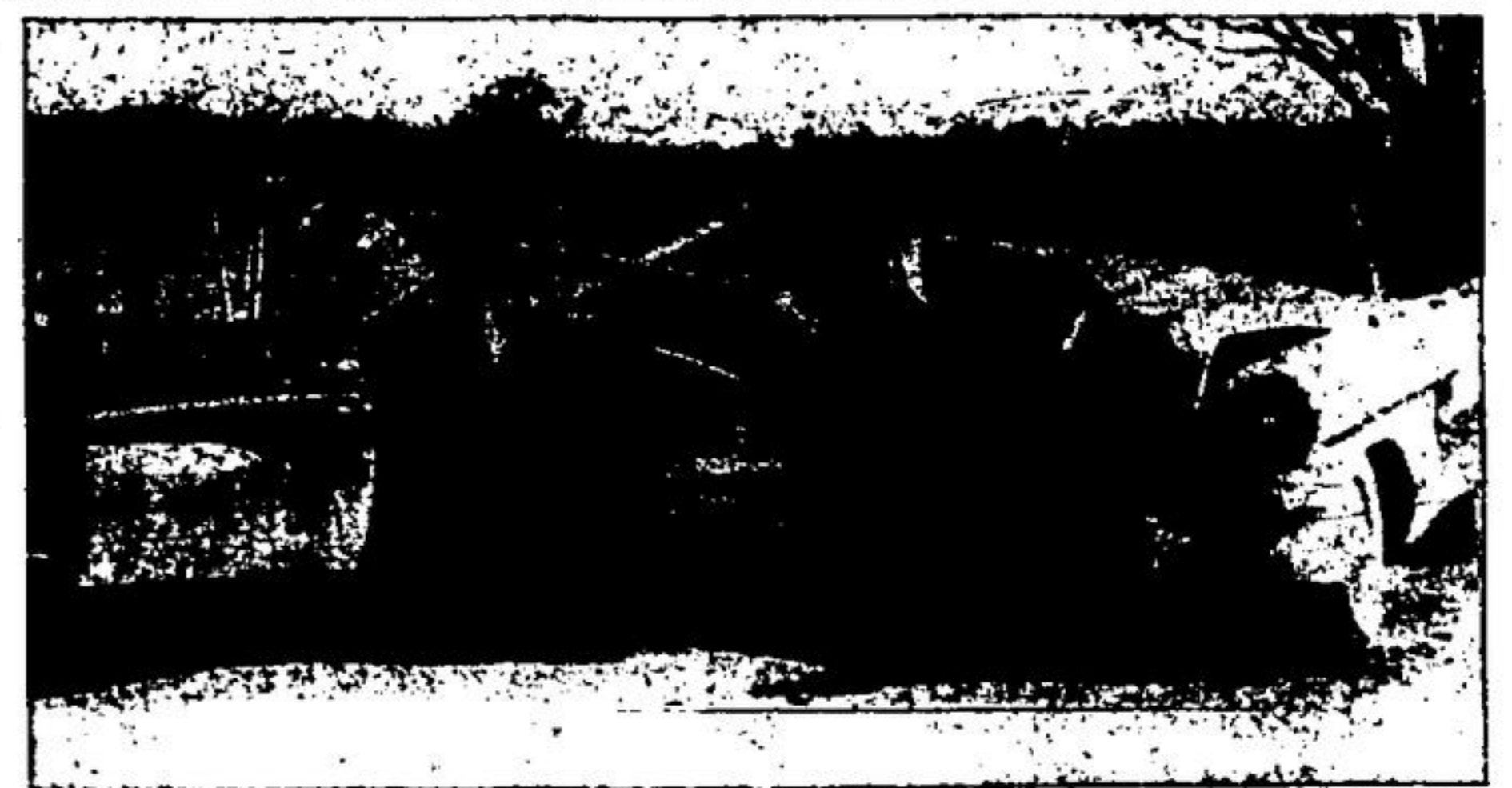
Two Georgetown men, Bertram Burley and Eric Ellis, ended their job hunting trip abruptly Tuesday morning when the vehicle they were riding in was involved in a head-on crash with a late model car driven by James Baker of Kitchener, causing over \$2,000 to both vehicles, at the intersection of rumble 7 highway and the Eden Mills' cut-off, approximately five miles west of Acton.

Police from the Guelph O.P.P. detachment investigated the accident and reported the Burley vehicle failed to signal a turn as it proceeded off the highway onto the gravelled portion of the road, when it was struck by the oncoming car.

Mr. Ellis, a passenger in the Burley car, was taken to a Rockwood clinic for treatment of minor bruises and a small cut but was allowed to return to his home after treatment.

Police constable Bob Mackenzie and Corporal Gord Craig reported damage to the Baker car at over \$700 and over \$1300 to the Burley vehicle.

Mr. Burley reported that he and Mr. Ellis had left their home town in an effort to seek employment.



OVER \$2,000 DAMAGE was caused to the above vehicles in a head-on crash west of Acton Tuesday morning, when a station wagon driven by Bertram Burley of Georgetown, travelling west, crashed head-on into a late model car driven by James Baker of Kitchener. Police reported Mr. Burley failed to signal as he attempted to proceed onto the Eden Mills Road off number 7 highway. The Burley vehicle was damaged in excess of \$1300 and the Baker car was over \$700. Eric Ellis, a passenger with Mr. Burley, received treatment for minor bruises by a Rockwood doctor. The drivers of both cars were only shaken up in the accident.