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## Large Flies Strike Again

Apparently the Harvest Flies are having a field day in the Acton area, as Tuesday evening of this week, about eight of the huge flies were seen at Ross Ballentine's garage on Queen St., and the owner was able to capture two of them for evidence.

Two weeks ago, Adrianna Seelen of Acton brought a one and three quarter inch Harvest Fly as they have been termed to the Free Press after it had lifted a goldfish out of a bowl in their home.

The flies caught by Mr. Ballentine, although of the same variety, would only measure one and one quarter inches in length.

The flies have been viewed by many and cannot be determined as any variety seen around the northern country.

## \$25 Donations To Local Fairs

Donations of \$25 each to Acton and Milton fall fairs and \$10 to the Halton Plowmen's Association were approved by Nassagaweya township council last week at the August meeting.

Council also decided to call for tenders on the erection of washrooms adjoining the council chambers, and gave two readings to the debenture by-law for \$180,000 for the construction of the new consolidated school at Brookville.

### Trailer Restrictions

A by-law set out the regulations for trailer camp standards, and another regulated dumping of garbage, refuse and industrial waste within the township.

Accounts totalling \$150.99 were approved and a road superintendent's voucher for \$3,758.04 was paid.

### Endorse Resolution

Council also endorsed a resolution from the town of Barrie asking that additional brakes be demanded by legislation, for trucks over four tons and buses.

## Spectators Crowd Council Chambers As Pollution, Odor, Comes Under Fire

A gallery of 22 spectators, council and representatives from the Ontario Water Resources Commission during a special council meeting Monday evening heard two Beardmore officials confirm the odor being complained of in Acton was caused by operation of the tannery. However, no promise was given of when this odor might be controlled.

W. J. Beatty, general manager of Beardmore and Company Limited, and R. R. Parker, plant superintendent, advised council they were aware of the situation and noted that attempts were being made to eliminate the cause. To date no concrete solution had been found after years of research and testing, they said.

Also under fire at the special meeting was the problem of water pollution at the south spring following the health authorities' report the water was unfit for human consumption.

### Purpose of Meeting

At the onset of the meeting, Mayor W. H. Cook informed those present the purpose of the meeting was to deal with the odor and the

loss of the water supply at the south spring.

Mr. Beatty said he was not prepared to deal with the technical aspects of the problem, but remarked, "We do know about it and regret the fact the odor is associated with processing. This year seems to be the worst—at any rate, the complaints are greater."

Continuing, Mr. Beatty informed the gathering, "We realize very clearly this is a serious matter but it is nothing to lose our tempers over. We above all would like to remove the cause of the odor

but have not been able to up to now. This does not mean, however, that we have not tried."

### Some Worse

Mr. Beatty informed council that very few industries were able to operate without some odor and noted that some odors were far worse than the tannery odor.

He told the gathering since Glenlea subdivision was built, there have been more complaints regarding the odor and he believed it was because of the westerly winds.

Mr. Beatty told how his company had tried various compounds in an attempt to eliminate the odor but pointed out that no solution had been found to date. He noted that perhaps a solution might arise from the present test being made.

In conclusion, Mr. Beatty informed the meeting, "We regret this situation is so and we are doing everything to alleviate it."

## Tours Plant Here

## Top Disston Saw Agent Visits from New Zealand

Harry M. Fogarty, middle-aged businessman from Auckland, New Zealand, leaves Canada tomorrow (Friday) with many pleasant memories following a brief business trip to Acton, when he visited the Disston Division of the H. K. Porter Company Limited here.

A kind, jovial but serious-minded person, New Zealand-born Mr. Fogarty is the spouse partner in a small town certainly has something of a big city missus.

Even though pressed for time, Mr. Fogarty generously took time out from a business conference to be interviewed by a member of the Free Press staff.

The only plant he will be visiting in Canada is the one in Acton and this Friday he leaves from Montreal for England before returning home.

### Praise for Home

Asked how New Zealand compared with Canada, his comments included nothing but praise for his homeland. Mr. Fogarty told how his country, with a small population of only some 2,000,000 people, is capable of taking care of its own internal products and still exports some 300,000,000 tons in products per year.

Mr. Fogarty noted that in spite of the labor government in New Zealand, they have shown more liberality than anticipated from the importing and business point of view as things have been much freer recently.

Proud of the fact that the un-

employment situation is almost negligible in the New Zealand, pointed out how the newspapers took pride in publishing the few unemployed.

Asked why so few were unemployed, Mr. Fogarty replied, "The only unemployed are the unemployable or those who do not wish to work."

### Tells Story

Asked how Porter products were accepted in his country, the businessman sat back in his chair, relaxed and remarked, "Let me tell you a little story, dating back before the turn of the century."

He proceeded to tell of the big lumber industry and how cross-cut saws were the common tool used to fell trees. The biggest company involved in this type of work had realized that a different type of saw was necessary for the work.

After failing to get any results from other manufacturers, a letter was sent to Disston's in the United States with instructions for the kind of saw desired. Shortly after a letter was received, accompanied by the new "Lancer Drowsouth Saw" which fitted exactly the demands.

"Smilingly, the businessman said, "It has been the product used in New Zealand ever since."

Although his trip has been a most pleasant one, Mr. Fogarty is anxious to return home to his other daughter, son and eight grandchildren.

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HARRY M. FOGARTY, manufacturer's representative for the Disston Saw Division of the H. K. Porter Company, paid a visit to the plant in Acton this week, during his first trip to Canada. Mr. Fogarty was accompanied on the journey from New Zealand by a married daughter. Pictured left to right are, Mr. Fogarty, G. A. Harrap, Canadian export sales manager and L. Leonardi, general manager of the Disston Plant in Acton. The three men are examining one of the saws from the display rack.

## Spectators Urge Council Action Suggest By-Law on Air Pollution

Acton council chambers for the second time this week was crowded with spectators from the Glenlea Subdivision and on Tuesday evening heard spokesman Roy Moss register a complaint regarding odors given during a special meeting the previous evening by Dr. Berry of the Ontario Water Resources Commission.

The special meeting Monday evening, attended by representatives from the O.W.R.C. and Beardmore Company, was called to deal with the contamination of the south spring water supply and the odor assumed coming from the Beardmore plant operations.

In registering his complaint the spokesman urged council to consider further action in passing an air pollution by-law, prohibiting the Beardmore tannery from spraying effluent in the fields on their property.

In his query to council regarding their further action Mayor W. H. Cook informed Mr. Moss it was council's intention to pursue the situation further.

odor was noticeable in the subdivision area.

### Only Authority

The mayor told the group of spectators the O.W.R.C. was the only authority council could approach and emphasized the fact council was as concerned about the odor as anyone. He noted that if there was any possible way to eliminate it, an attempt would be made.

Mr. Moss stated it had been seven years since the company had been trying to relieve the situation and asked for a concerted effort to adopt an air pollution by-law.

"Either the O.W.R.C. have their hands tied or are reluctant. If the by-law comes into effect the onus will be on the council to prosecute," claimed the spokesman.

### Company Stop Spraying?

Mayor Cook assured the people present council could not prevent Beardmore from spraying, after Cyril Bishop, resident of Glenlea, stated he felt the cause of the odor was from the spraying and suggested council ask the company to stop this process.

"The taxpayer in Acton is carrying a burden and shouldn't have to put up with this rubbish," emphasized Mr. Bishop.

Councillor Lowe although in sympathy with the residents of the subdivision.

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## P.U.C. Order Engineer Engaged To Review Town Water System

Acton's water system and maze of underground pipes is destined for close scrutiny by competent engineers following a decision by the Acton Public Utilities Commission during their regular meeting Thursday, August 6, to have a review of the entire water system in town made.

This action was sparked as a result of a discussion with officials from Disston Saw and Micro Plastics plant in Acton.

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### Led the Field

New Zealand itself has led the field for the past 25 years as the best market for H. K. Porter products and the company owned by Mr. Fogarty can boast of nearly a half million dollars in sales the past year in Porter products alone.

Departing by C.P.A. Airlines from New Zealand, the businessman and his daughter had their first encounter with a hurricane when at the Fiji Islands their plane was grounded by Hurricane Dorothy. While there they saw much destruction and damage.

On their arrival at Vancouver from Honolulu, the couple were quite impressed by the magnitude of the mountains and the magnificent scenery. Their trip across Canada to Toronto by rail was also

## Buffers Headaches

Mrs. Almond, a resident in Glenlea, told council it had been stated during the special meeting the previous night that it was not known whether the cause of the odor was from the spraying or the effluent stored in lagoons. She suggested perhaps someone could accompany a Beardmore employee on duty at the time when spraying was started and stopped to contact various residents by phone throughout town to attempt to see within the odor was most prominent.

Mrs. Almond told council she had no sense of smell or taste and claimed the odor gave her a headache. When this occurred she asked her husband if there was an odor.

It was also pointed out that when the windows in her house were closed the headaches stopped.

Councillor T. Pope informed council he understood that R. R. Parker of the Beardmore Company had a workman living in Glenlea who contacted him at any time the

## Bike Rider Hurt In Car Collision

Bill Holmes, 12 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Holmes, 46 Main Street, Acton, suffered cuts and bruises when the bicycle he was riding was in collision with a motor car on number 7 highway, Thursday, August 6.

The young Acton lad returning from a visit in the country with a friend was travelling west on highway 7 and pulled off on the shoulder of the road when an oncoming car approached.

Police reported the bicycle rider appeared to have lost his balance as the car was passing and struck the side of the vehicle.

The car was driven by Ubaldo Stebbins, of 229 Tannock Street, in Timmins.

## G. Barbeau Saves Mimico Youth As Twin Brother Drowns in Lake

A 15-year-old Mimico youth, Paul McMinn, owes his life to the prompt action of George Barbeau, of Acton, when he pulled the youth from the choppy waters of Lake Simcoe on Thursday, August 6.

Mr. Barbeau, holidaying with his wife and family at Cooks Bay was working around the cottage when he saw two neighbors, Paul and Peter McMinn, twins, in the water of the lake with the family boat bobbing nearby.

Realizing the two lads were drifting towards a canal dredged out of old boats to pass through and sensing the youngsters were in trouble Mr. Barbeau called to his son Brian age 14 to assist him in rescuing the family boat.

### Struggle in Water

Wasting no time in helping in his boat, Mr. Barbeau took off at top speed in the direction of the two youths who by this time could be seen struggling in the water.

Leaving shore in such haste Mr. Barbeau neglected to lock the motor down on the boat and as he steered the boys and boat he motor intrenched, he oversteered his mark and realizing his plight tossed the jackets to the bushes.

As the life jackets fell short of their mark, Mr. Barbeau wheeled his boat around and immediately pulled up by the struggling youths about eight inches below the surface of the water.

### Disappeared from Sight

By the time Paul had been hauled safely into the boat, his brother had disappeared entirely from sight and a search with divers and grappling hooks began immediately.

The search went on until 11 p.m. that night and when the body had not been recovered, Mr. Barbeau set out a buoy as a marker at the spot where he last saw the boy disappear.

Early in the morning searchers began looking once more for the body and around nine a.m. the lad's body was recovered near the spot where the marker had been set out.

It was reported that Paul was in the family boat and when his brother Peter appeared to be in trouble, both boys are non-swimmers, he jumped into the water to go to his assistance.

Earlier this summer Mr. Barbeau went to the assistance of young Brian Robinson, and brought him to shore when he got into trouble in Fairy Lake at Acton.



G. V. BARBEAU

As he neared them, Paul cried out "Save me and the rescuer grasped the lad as he was hauling him into the boat, noticed Peter's head

## Nassagaweya Builds \$160,000 Eight-Room Brookville School

A new eight-room consolidated school will be built near Brookville in Nassagaweya township next year, it was officially announced this week. Cost of the project has been estimated at \$160,000 and township council agreed Wednesday of last week to arrange for the financing through debentures.

The new centrally located school will draw students from all the township except the village of Campbellville.

### Multi-Purpose Unit

Besides eight classrooms, the school will include a multi-purpose room with a portable partition for future use as a classroom if necessary. There will also be a teachers' room, small office and storage facilities.

An option has been taken on the site but the land purchase was not expected to be completed until next week. Architect for the construction is Kruehen and Bailey of Oakville. Construction is scheduled to begin in the spring of 1960 and the school is to be opened by that fall.

Secretary Mrs. A. Fletcher reported enrollment for this fall term for 13 classrooms in the 10 township schools is an estimated 360 pupils.

Force Mary Jane — Eng. Comp 73, Eng. Lit 76, History 60, Botany 56, Zoology 71, Chemistry 70, Latin Auth 72, Latin Comp 76, French Auth 73, French Comp 72

Hamilton, Michael W. — Eng. Comp 65

Homer, Michael — Chemistry 55, Eng. Lit 60, History 52, Botany 56, French Comp 51

## Announce Grade 13 Upper School Students' Examination Results

Hurst, Michael D. — Eng. Comp 54, Eng. Lit 61, Chemistry 50, Trig and Statics 51

Johnstone, Wm. J. — Eng. Lit 52, Chemistry 51, French Auth 50, French Comp 54

Koski, Eric M. — Eng. Comp 61, Eng. Lit 50

Landsborough, N. Ruth — Eng. Comp 62, Zoology 50, French Auth 51, French Comp 54

Lindsay, G. June — History 53

Macpherson, J. Bruce — Geometry 68, Trig and Statics 50, Chemistry 50

Mason, Shirley J. — Eng. Comp 54, Eng. Lit 60, History 52, Botany 56

Zisler, 65 Latin Auth 52, Latin Comp 52, French Auth 69, French Comp 64

Morrison, Margaret R. — Eng. Comp 53, Eng. Lit 58, History 50, Geometry 51, Botany 54, Zoology 53, French Auth 53, French Comp 53

Newton, Dianne S. — Eng. Comp 57, Eng. Lit 72, Botany 61, Zoology 52, Chemistry 52, Latin Auth 51, Latin Comp 50, Fr. Auth 53, Fr. Comp 54

Skippin, Nancy G. — Eng. Comp 70, Eng. Lit 63, History 60, Botany 58, Zoology 68, Chemistry 56, Fr. Auth 66, Fr. Comp 68

Varey, Valene P. — Eng. Comp 72,

Eng. Lit 68, Physics 52, Chemistry 50, Latin Auth 59, Latin Comp 58, French Auth 70, French Comp 73

Young, Marilyn M. — Eng. Comp 65, Eng. Lit 66, Botany 50, Chemistry 61, Latin Auth 58, Latin Comp 76, French Auth 73, French Comp 80

### Girls Did Well

Principal Ted Hansen was well satisfied with the marks obtained by the girls who tried the examinations. The boys' results were disappointing.

Grade 13 will carry off seven graduation certificates at commencement—a higher number than for the past few years.

## In Competition

## Acton Pipers Place Sixth In Syracuse Highland Games

Acton Junior Pipe Band gained sixth place in the open competition at the Highland Games at Syracuse, New York, on Saturday August 8 and two of their members, Andrew Knox and Steven Wolfe, won medals for placing first and second respectively, in the 14 years and under solo class.

Band leader Phil Caddick placed sixth in a class of 18 pipers in the adult class. The band leader noted that the Acton band made their highest score in any competition entered this year.

F. Wright, president of the young pipe band, entertained his carload of youngsters following the competition on a tour of the city and visited many interesting places during their stay, after the other members had departed for home.

Passengers in Mr. Wright's car who enjoyed the sightseeing tour were:

## 8 Homes, Garage \$87,000 Permits

Eight new homes and a garage and service station permit issued by Nassagaweya township made a total construction value of \$87,000 during June and July.

Year's total to date now stands at \$213,000.

## Sheila Harty At Health Unit

School children, mothers and babies in Acton and district will soon become acquainted with their new public health nurse, Miss Sheila Harty, who replaces Marion McAdam in the local office.

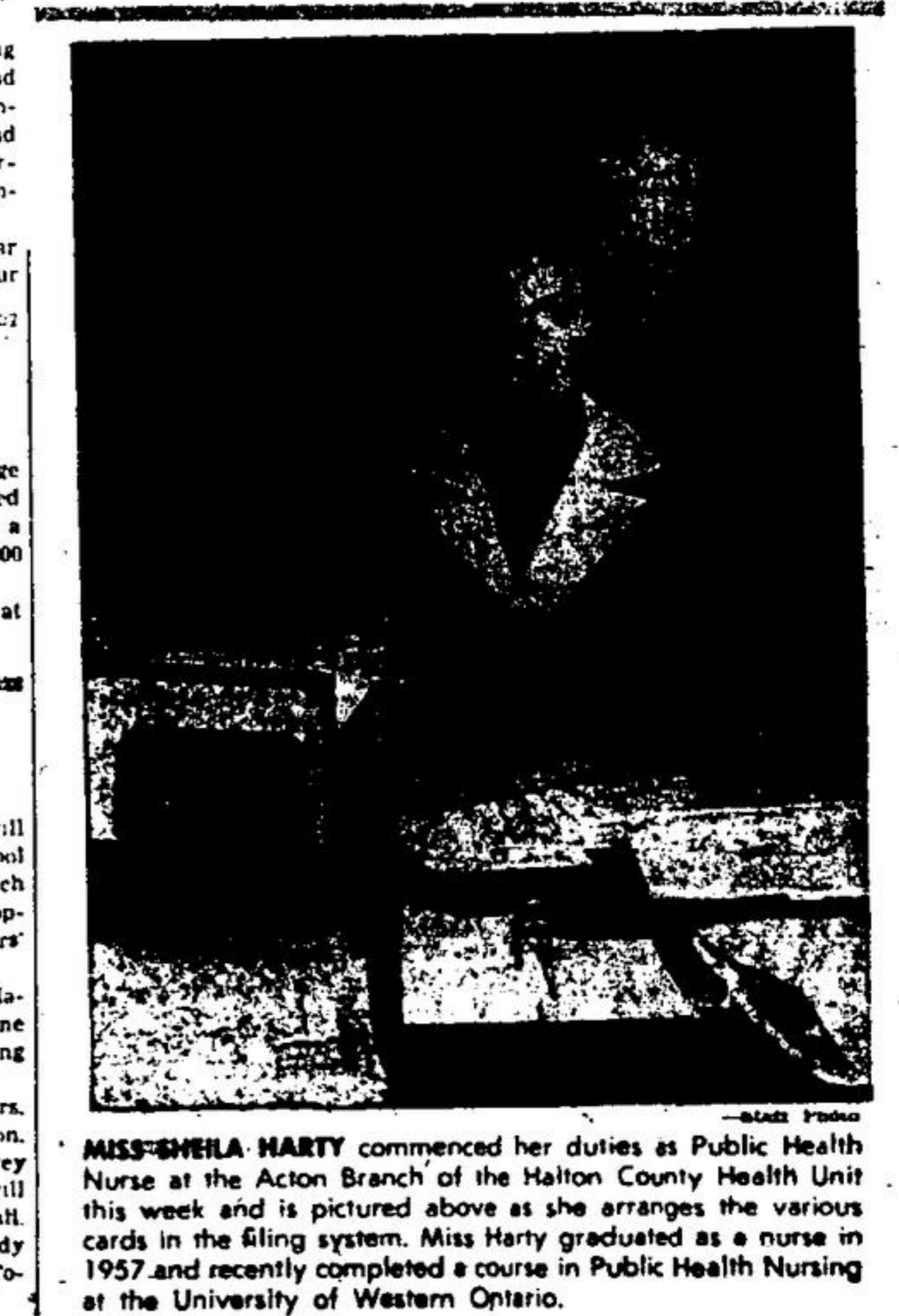
Miss Harty, who hails from Toronto, went into the nursing profession at St. Joseph's Hospital there and graduated in 1957.

Following her graduation she nursed at the hospital for a short time before taking a position with the Saint Elizabeth Visiting Nurses in the city.

After working for one year, Miss Harty returned to Western University in London where she took a special Public Health course and after graduation there came to Acton for her first assignment in this capacity.

The new Public Health nurse is reading with Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Elliott on Bower Avenue and is fond of sports, especially tennis and swimming.

She is hoping she'll find time for her hobbies, although the clinics, home and school visits and many other duties will keep her very busy.



MISS SHEILA HARTY commenced her duties as Public Health Nurse at the Acton Branch of the Halton County Health Unit this week and is pictured above as she arranges the various cards in the filing system. Miss Harty graduated as a nurse in 1957 and recently completed a course in Public Health Nursing at the University of Western Ontario.