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Staff Photo

NO PARKING SIGNS being considered by the police committee of Acton council on the south side of Mill Street, will possibly relieve the congestion pictured in this photograph of Mill Street as it was on Wednesday of this week. Under study at the present

time by the committee is the possibility of installing No Parking signs on the south side of Mill Street between Main and Elgin Streets. Council plans to erect the signs purchased some time ago on a three month trial basis.

High School Board

Add Home Ec. at Acton High

Home economics courses will be added to the Acton High School as a result of a recommendation to the North Halton High School Board at its meeting in Georgetown on Monday.

The committee on the subject recommended obtaining prices from the architect on equipping a room in the new section for the course. The board endorsed this and the secretary was to obtain prices on the necessary equipment.

In previous years home economics students have gone to Georgetown for the course while Georgetown students in shop have taken that course in Acton. Shop facilities are being installed in the Georgetown school.

Urge Curriculum Change
A submission by trustee E. S. Force urged a return to the 3R program in district schools.

The trustee, repeating an earlier plea, urged the elimination of non-curriculum activity in school hours and the abandonment of inter-school competitions during school hours. Mr. Force suggested the great reduction in the number of students entering grade 9 and graduating from grade 13 is due to lack of achievement and therefore lack of self-encouragement.

Grade 13 "Deplorable"
Chairman M. M. Coles concluded Mr. Force's submission was provocative of more thought. He noted it was deplorable that so few came through in grade 13. Less than half of those who wrote that grade in the district passed, he concluded.

Trustee John Hall noted that two Milton teachers with the greatest number of failures in that school were no longer on the Milton staff.

Trustee W. Coon suggested the Department of Education should

alter its thinking on the minimum age a student must remain at school. He noted that keeping students against their will until they were 16 often placed disturbing influences in classrooms.

Meet Inspector
The inspector was to be invited to the next meeting of the board and the secretary was instructed to obtain a complete breakdown of the results from each of the schools.

"As a board we have a responsibility of trying to improve this situation," Chairman Coles concluded.

A meeting was set for next Monday with the architects to obtain progress information on the building program underway in the

district in the light of school opening.

Purchase of drapes for the Georgetown and Acton additions was approved. The Georgetown contract went to Osborne Co. of Georgetown and the Acton contract to Duncan-McPhee of Guelph.

Approval was granted Clarence Ramsey for his son to attend the Guelph school to take a course in auto mechanics which is not offered in the district.

Members pointed out it cost the area about \$300 to send a student to school in another district. They emphasized that fees of any pupils taking courses in another district that were already available in the North Halton District, would not be paid.

OBITUARY

Former Well-Known Resident Herbert Brown Dies in Hospital

A former Actonian and stalwart citizen well remembered by older citizens, G. Herbert Brown, after a short illness in Kitchener-Waterloo

Hospital passed away on Wednesday of this week.

The son of the late John Terrence Brown and Mary Elizabeth Gibbons he was brought first to Acton when only a few months old and was removed to Sarnia for five years before returning to take up permanent residence in this town.

In 1888 he met and married the former Ida Platt who predeceased him a few years ago. The couple after being married in Parkdale Methodist Church in Toronto took up residence in Acton where they lived on a farm for a short time before moving to town.

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G. H. BROWN

Has Commercial Licence at 20

Determination and hard work paid off for a 20-year-old lad last weekend when Martin Marks, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Marks, Mill Street, received his commercial pilot's licence from the Department of Transport.

The Acton boy, always fascinated by aeroplanes, decided at an early age to take up flying and with a little assistance from his parents, worked in his spare time and summer holidays and took lessons at the Brampton Flying Club.

Saving his money for nothing but flying lessons, young Martin could be seen on many occasions hitch hiking to Brampton several times a week.

No doubt one of the greatest thrills encountered by the young pilot was his first solo flight in a Piper Cub. Following this, his plane could often be seen flying over town with an occasional dip of the wings as he passed over his home on Mill St.

A large light plane is him now that he has obtained his commercial pilot's licence, with many opportunities for interesting employment.

\$250 Damage to Cars in Guelph Accident

Damage amounting to \$250 when a car driven by Charles Hendricks of Acton, was involved in a collision with a car driven by Walter Donnelly of Guelph, on Woodlawn Road in Guelph Monday.

Police reported the Donnelly car was stopped for traffic lights when the Acton car was in collision with it.

Damage to the Hendricks vehicle amounted to \$200 and the Guelph car received \$50 damage.

May Overcome Downtown Congestion With One-Side Three Block Parking Ban

An attempt to relieve parking and traffic problems on Mill Street in Acton, is under study by the police committee of Acton council following a recommendation to post "No Parking" signs in three blocks from Main to Elgin Streets on the south side of Mill Street.

This action of council on Tuesday, stemmed from a recommendation by a traffic engineer from the Department of Highways after a traffic survey had been taken this week in the presence of Mayor W. H. Cook and councillor W. J. Middleton.

Mayor Cook intimated council that several tie-ups in traffic had occurred during the traffic check and a strong recommendation was made by the engineer to create a "No Parking" area on one side of Mill Street.

Water Pressure Causes Washout

Discarded fire escape pipes used at the old section of the Robert Little School, are being pressed into service this week as town workmen attempt to provide a solution to a washout at the C.N.R. tracks near the Glenora Subdivision.

Apparently the water flow from the storm sewers in the subdivision is too great to be accommodated by a 31 inch cement culvert running under the tracks. The pressure caused a washout on the south-west side of the embankment near the track.

Fearing further deterioration of the bank C.N.R. officials called the sewer superintendent Tuesday evening in order to have the trouble rectified, as soon as possible.

Following investigation by town officials and the engineer it was agreed to install the fire escape pipe in order to relieve the situation.

The water from the subdivision is carried through the cement culvert into swamped ground on the opposite side of the C.N.R. tracks.

Convicted Monday On Assault Charge

Convicted of assaulting a Woodbridge lacrosse player during a game in the Acton arena three weeks ago, Fred Kenner Jr. local delinquent, was sentenced to two days for seven days pending a probation report next Monday in Milton court, during night sessions held in Acton last Monday.

A number of the local Nicke's lacrosse team, the delinquent was detained by Magistrate E. Leighton, about taking for tax pay his coat and jacket and jockey shorts to the wash and dressing room.

Constable Mervyn Burgess of the local O.P.P. Department is credited with the seizure of the coat and jacket but testified the jacket had stopped before he arrived.

Both Kenner and Leighton were penalized for obstructing justice during the game and Kenner's jacket was not in a police box. The two players were given a three month ban and a \$100 fine.

The fight which took place during the Acton player entry at the Woodbridge dressing room.

Council was also informed "No parking" signs had been purchased by the town some time ago. The signs

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and helpful attention, both as a

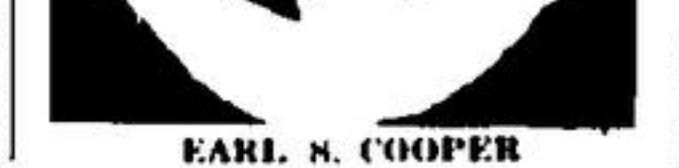
struggled and a citizen.

Graduating in 1923 from the University of Toronto with a degree in Pharmacy, Mr. Cooper moved to Lander Lake where he worked in the drug business before coming to Acton in 1944 to take over the drug store purchased from A. T. Brown.

Conscientious and thoughtful for the welfare of his customers, the druggist built a modern up-to-date store in 1947, renovating it again this year on a modern self-serve basis.

Very active in Walker Lodge, No. 1229, and Income Worshipful Master in 1944. He was also a member of Royal City Lodge of Perfection, Guelph Chapter, Rose Croix of the Scottish Rite in Guelph.

He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, the former Josephine Jackson, one son Frank, and his mother, Mrs. Ella Cooper, all of Acton. Also surviving are a sister Olive (Mrs. G. McDougall) of Woodbridge, a brother Gordon of Newmarket and an aunt, Mrs. J. Hilton of Acton.



EARL S. COOPER

this morning (Thursday) following a short illness.

The many friends he made in Acton since opening his drug store in 1944 will miss his kind

No Parking in this area was suggested for a trial three month period before any further action was taken.

No Doctors

Councillor H. Lowe, chairman of the welfare committee, informed council that at the time of an accident at the Beardmore plant, on Wednesday, August 19, no doctor was available in Acton to treat the injured person.

The councillor suggested it was a pity there was not a doctor in town at the time and noted that the Guelph ambulance had been called to take the patient to Guelph hospital.

Mr. Lowe informed his colleagues the ambulance had arrived at the Beardmore plant within 14 minutes after receiving the call but the injured person had been taken to Guelph hospital in a private car.

The councillor also pointed out it had been difficult to obtain a doctor in Guelph and the patient had been later rushed to Toronto hospital for treatment.

Various suggestions were discussed to relieve the situation and the clerk was authorized to write each doctor pointing out the difficulty encountered and the chairman of the welfare committee was instructed to visit the doctors and discuss ways of correcting the problem in the future.

To Buy Treats
Members of council approved a \$30 donation to Milton Sports to help defray the cost of feeding over

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New Valve Installed at Main St. Spring Saves Water Consumption P.U.C. Informed

Acton Public Utilities Commission learned during their regular meeting Thursday, August 20, that the addition of a valve at the Number One well on Main Street North had reduced the water flow through the system by nearly 1,000,000 gallons during a weekly period.

At a previous meeting, water superintendent J. Lambart informed the commission that more water was being pumped at the well than was being used by consumers and suggested installation of an extra valve to reduce the excess demand on the pump.

The superintendent also pointed out that the excess demand meter had shown a reduction from 190,000 gallons to 900 during the week that passed with the new valve installed.

The commission also learned that 50 gallons of water per minute at 30 pounds pressure was being pumped at the Number One well.

Approve Promotion
The commission accepted the promotion of J. Lambart to water superintendent, effective December 1, 1959.

The commission also reported the work of the committee, Kenner, who was engaged, was doing well.

A request from the hydro commission was made for the installation of a meter at the Number One well.

The Alice Street building was turned down but the superintendent was advised to utilize a cement block portion of the building formerly used for a coal bin and North had reduced the water flow through the system by nearly 1,000,000 gallons during a weekly period.

The commissioners pointed out the room was suitable for installation of a shower and suggested layout to accommodate a shower.

Water Diverted
Deputy Reeve J. M. Greer, representing council in the absence of the mayor, informed the commission that 90 per cent of the water used at the Metro plant on Main Street had been diverted to the town drainage system and was told by sewer superintendent Al Duby his department had not received word of this.

Mr. Duby suggested that some of the water running in the town system was not water. He was informed by the deputy reeve it was pure water used in treating the plastic product.

The sewer superintendent suggested that screens should be installed to prevent pieces of plastic entering the disposal plant and stated that pieces of plastic, the size of golf balls, had often appeared at the disposal plant when Metro manufactured at their former location.

Mr. Duby explained that sewage taken from the Metro plant on Main Street North had to go

through the pump at the lift station whereas waste from the former plant was dispensed to the disposal plant by gravity flow.

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Fountain Stays Council Decides

Council Tuesday evening defeated a resolution to remove the drinking fountain at the Y.M.C.A. because it created a dangerous hazard to youngsters.

The resolution, sponsored by councillor B. D. Ruchlin, was supported only by the councillor with other members voting in the negative.

In presenting the motion Mr. Ruchlin explained that on several occasions he had witnessed children almost being struck by a car as they dashed across the road to get a drink and reported that one child this week came quite close to being struck by a car.

It was suggested to the councillor perhaps a second fountain be installed on the opposite side of the street to prevent this problem.

During the discussion Mr. Ruchlin said he did not believe too many adults used the fountain but other members of council agreed it was often used with many children making use of the convenience themselves.

Chairman C. W. Bradley Places Corner Stone at 12 Room Robert Little Public School Addition

Progress at the Robert Little School 12 room addition took a forward step on Monday morning when school board chairman C. W. Bradley, accompanied by Mayor W. H. Cook and members of the board, laid the corner stone in a brief ceremony, witnessed by a handful of residents.

As construction workers continued the rapid pace being kept on the eastern portion of the new addition, chairman Bradley silently placed a plastic case in the wall containing records of the school's progress since 1851 copies of the Acton Free Press containing information of the new addition since its beginning, a picture of the front section of the old school before it was demolished, current plans and names of the architect, school board trustees and the contracting firm.

Once the case was carefully placed in the wall the chairman is placing a silver trowel, put cement on the edges and assisting a workman to lift the corner stone into place.

12 Rooms
The new addition, consisting of ten classrooms, one home economics and one industrial arts room, will be completed and furnished at a cost of \$170,000.

A. G. Barnes, architect for the project, assured school board members that five rooms will be ready for occupancy when school begins

on September 8 and was backed up by the contractor who has his men working at a feverish pace to meet the deadline.

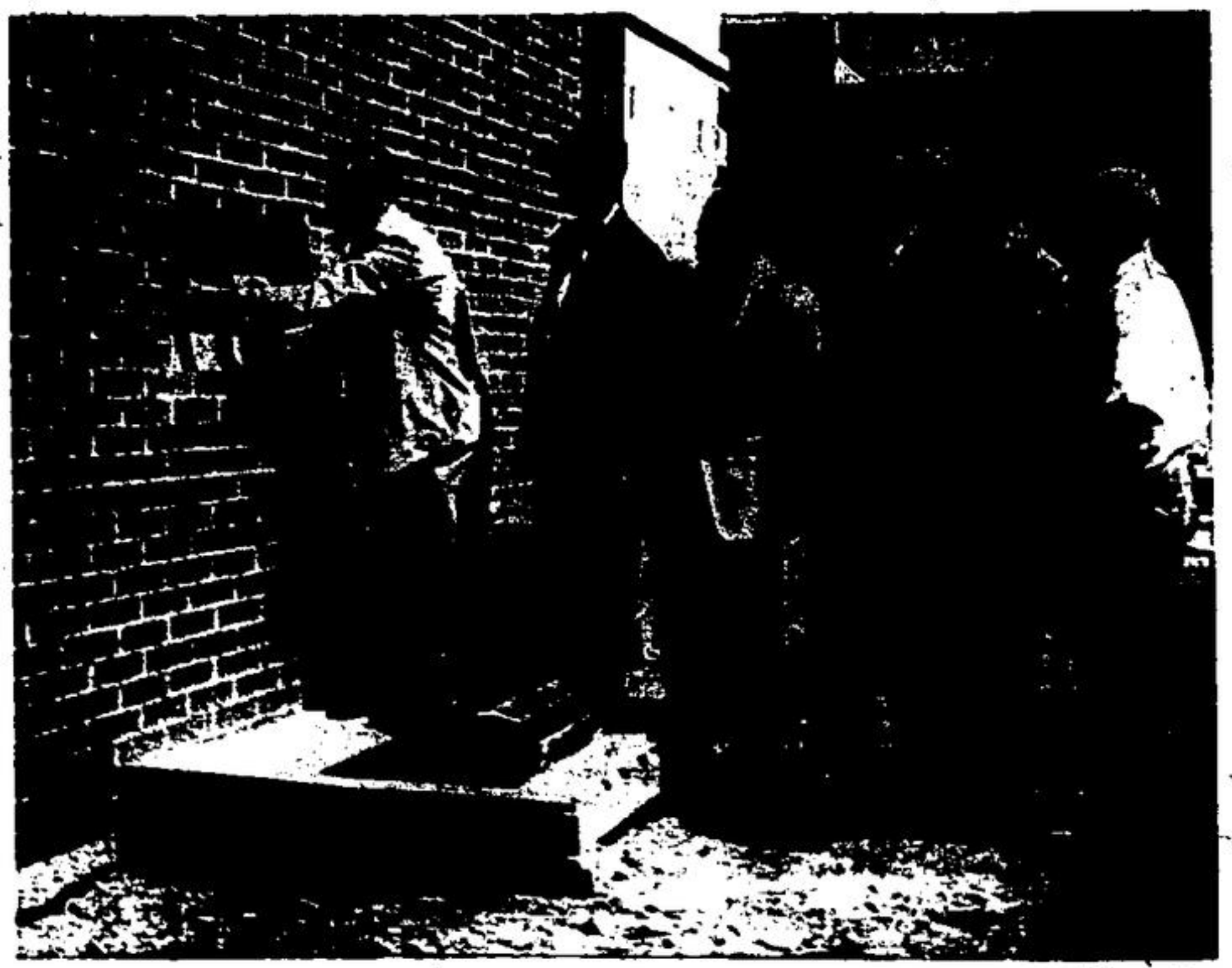
During the past 20 years, since principal G. W. McKenzie took over duties from Miss M. Z. Bennett, he has seen the public school buildings in Acton grow from eight rooms to 34, including the present addition.

In 1948 one room was added to the former Smith residence which was serving as the Acton High School and is now being used by the Robert Little School and not until 1951 did further expansion take place in the school building.

Addition Built
At this time six rooms plus let and heating accommodation, auditorium, principal's office, nurse's quarters and staff room were completed at a cost of \$227,000.

In 1957 the increase of school children necessitated the building of the new M. Z. Bennett School in Acton Boulevard and the same year, fire damaged the old section of the Robert Little School, making it necessary to alter plans for the M. Z. Bennett School from six to 12 rooms. Cost of this school was \$236,000.

Progress in the development of modern educational facilities in Acton has been plentiful and pupils can be assured that only the best accommodation is being provided.



The corner stone at the Robert Little Public School addition was officially placed on Monday and pictured on the left, school board chairman C. W. Bradley places a container with valuables in the compartment of the corner stone at the Robert Little School addition. Shown with the chair-



man left to right are: Mayor W. H. Cook, M. Smith and E. T. Marks, trustees, G. Barnes, architect and W. Middleton, board secretary. Pictured on the left as the corner stone cemented into place as the officials admire it. Shown is Mr. Bradley being congratulated by Mayor Cook.