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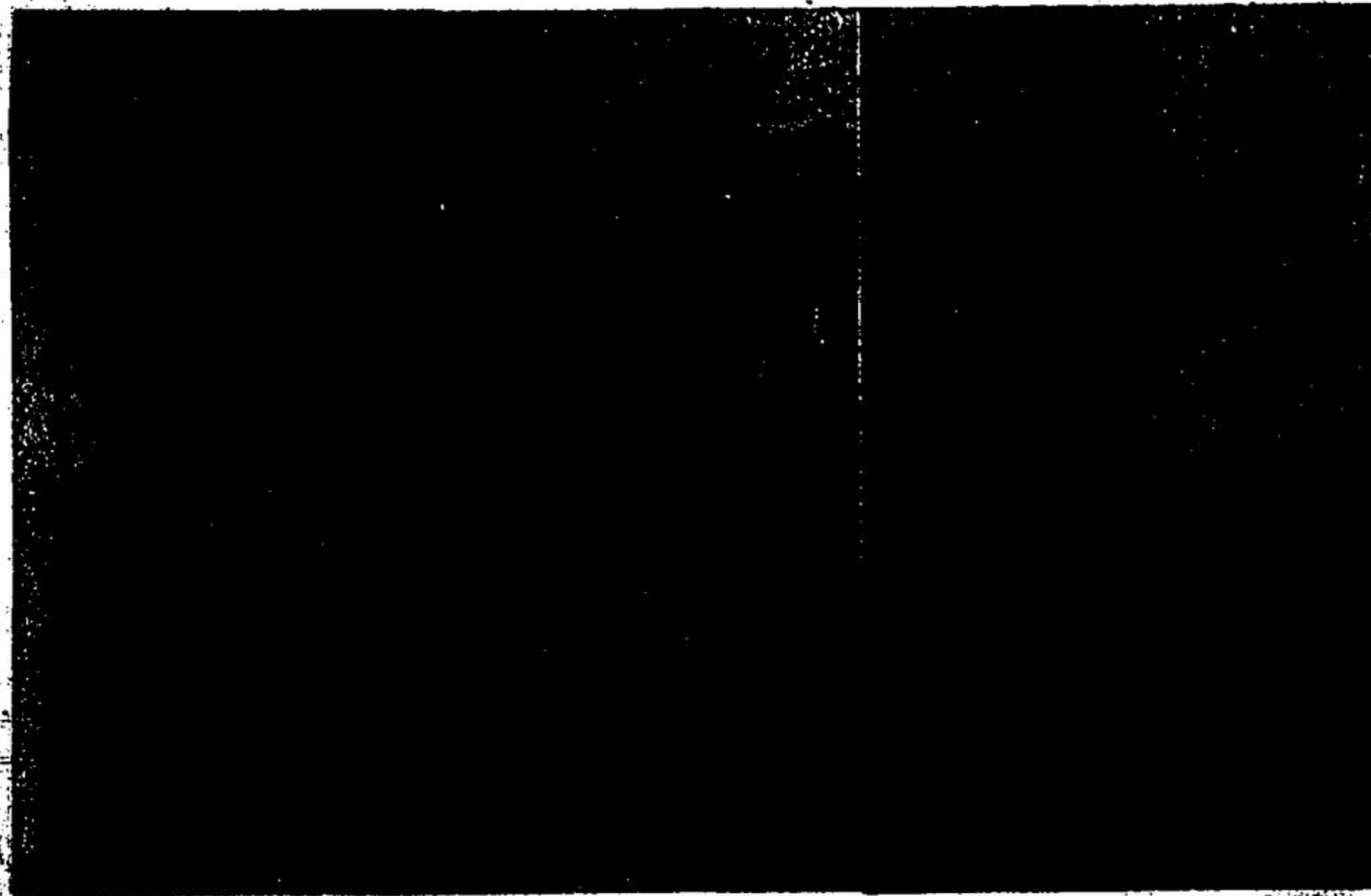
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TUESDAY OF THIS WEEK was the deadline for the steel smoke stack at the former Baxter Plant to remain standing or leaning. Workmen equipped with an 80 foot boom on a huge crane removed the stack, and after a portion of the roof was removed, lifted out the five ton boiler below. The pictures above show the operation in the various steps. Some citizens speculating the smoke stack would tumble before it was removed might be disappointed if bets were laid but the entire operation was not marred by a single incident.

Interest, Enthusiasm Sparked At C. of C. Meet Wednesday

The Acton Chamber of Commerce held the first general meeting following the summer recess on Wednesday evening in the basement of the United Church. The 24 members present enjoyed a most delicious dinner prepared and served by the ladies of the Friendly Circle.

Nominating Committee
President George Barbeau and past president Frank Terry, John Goy with secretary J. Bert Wood were named to form a nominating committee to bring in a new slate of officers at the next general meeting.

The chamber agreed to appoint a committee to approach council regarding street signs for the town.

It was the opinion of some members that the chamber was not as active as it should be and suggested that four general meetings a year were not sufficient to keep the whole membership active.

Discus Projects
A shopper's guide and community directory published by the Chamber of Commerce in Georgetown was brought to the attention of the meeting and left with the civic committee to investigate as to cost and work involved. The results are to be reported at the next executive meeting.

The doctor and dentist situation in Acton was brought up as a project for the chamber.

Following some discussion on the subject, it was agreed that the situation was still an acute problem and one that the Chamber of Commerce executive should follow up.

Suggested projects for raising funds to help the treasury were noted to be dealt with by the directors, as was a suggestion to raise the membership fees.

Organization of an Acton Night of Entertainment at Halton Centennial Manor, for which the chamber could provide transportation for all church groups, was another suggested project.

Submit Reports
The industrial committee report was submitted by E. G. Tyler Sr., chairman, and given by Norm Branda. It advised the members the committee had had an active summer and had contacted new industries who desired new locations. It was noted three interested parties had been contacted regarding the Wool Combing property. It was further noted that due to conditions existing at the plant, plans had not materialized for the sale of the building.

The industrial display at the Acton Fall Fair was reviewed. The committee agreed it had been a worthwhile project and plans are being made for another display next year.

Stand on Air Pollution
The committee report advised members the chamber had taken a stand regarding the possible adoption of an air pollution by-law and the effect it might have on attracting new industry to town.

This sparked a heated debate. It was agreed to review the entire situation further at a meeting of the chamber.

The report also pointed out attempts were being made to boost the membership of the St. John Ambulance Brigade following re-

Six Acton Veterans to Join In 164th Battalion Reunion

Many memories of World War I will be recalled in Acton this Saturday evening when the 164th Battalion Dufferin Regiment hold their annual reunion in the Acton Legion Auditorium.

Although only six Acton members of the battalion are presently living in town they will be joined by many of their buddies, some of whom enlisted with the Acton recruiting unit and others in nearby towns.

Recruiting first began for this battalion on December 27, 1915, and was under the supervision of Sergeant Wilfred Coles who had been repatriated home with wounds. The first two Acton boys to enlist were Ralph Swackhamer and Clarence Mathews but they were joined shortly by many more.

In four weeks time the ranks had swelled from two soldiers in Acton existing in this battalion to 20 and in another two weeks 41 had signed their name to join.

Names too numerous to mention will be recalled at the reunion this Saturday. Expected among the many veterans will be the six men still living in Acton, E. E. Barr, J. Loeker, J. Loutett, Dr. A. J. Duchanan, Gus Clifford and Sam Snow.

Police Capture Trio Wednesday in Acton
Corporal Ray Mason of the local O.P.P. detachment captured three teen-age girls in Acton at 12:45 noon on Wednesday after receiving a report they had escaped from the Marysville school at Windsor.

Another girl had escaped with the trio but the fourth was not with the girls picked up in Acton. She was found at her home in Hamilton.

The three caught in Acton were turned over to the Hamilton Children's Aid Society for their return to the school in Windsor.

Speculation Ends

Steel Smoke Stack Removed

This week marked the end of a local discussion among some residents as to when the steel chimney at the former Baxter plant might go, crashing to the ground.

During recent months several people glancing toward the chimney have made silent bets as to how long the "Leaning Tower," as it had been termed by some, might cash.

Hopes and doubts were quashed on Tuesday when experts from Laacke Brothers in Kitchener, equipped with an 80 foot crane, cables and expert workers, removed not only the 80 foot stack without mishap but hauled away a five ton boiler from inside the plant.

Portion Roof Removed
The steel stack was the first to be removed, followed by the boiler after a portion of the roof was removed.

Unfortunately for some of the sidewalk bettors, they did not see their "Leaning Tower" disappear but the silent few who watched the operation can assure them no figs or muffs was encountered.

The operation proved so interest-

4,190 People

Despite the fact many families have left town during the past few months following the layout at Malton last February, the town's population has increased 36 since last September, town clerk J. McGeachie reported yesterday.

Having completed the summer population figures he finds 4,190 people in town at present in comparison with 4,154 at the same period last year.

The chart also urges everyone to assist the firemen in keeping the slogan for this year "Don't give fire a place to start" and adopt a few more safety measures not only for the week of October 4-10 but every week throughout the year.

Distribute Literature
In keeping with fire prevention week the Acton fire fighters will distribute literature door-to-door on fire prevention and safety, inspect schools and mercantile properties as well as industries.

On Friday evening, October 9, the firemen will hold "Open House" at the fire hall and films on fire prevention and safety will be shown. Citizens of Acton and rural area will have an opportunity to inspect fire fighting equipment and will be able to ask questions about fire fighting.

Chief Newton reminds all citizens that from the period December 1957 to December 1958, the department answered 20 rural calls and 19 local calls. As a result of these fires, five people were left homeless to date this year, the fire fighters have answered 17 rural calls and 24 local calls.

Low Fire Loss
Although the fire loss for Acton amounted to only \$2,146, the chief reminds everyone that fire can happen any minute. He urges the utmost of caution at all times.

Citizens are reminded that a volunteer home inspection to point out fire hazards will be conducted by the firemen on request.

In case of emergency, call your fire department by asking the operator for 300.

Burlington Settled Assessment Jumps For Rest of County

An out-of-court settlement between seven Halton municipalities and the town of Burlington on Monday resulted in an increase of \$160,848 in Milton's assessment for county purposes.

The settlement was made at the start of an Ontario Municipal Board-ordered hearing into Burlington's appeal against the Halton County equalization by-law for 1959, which was to have begun Monday morning at the Court House, Milton. Just as the hearing got underway, Burlington solicitor A. B. McIlmoyle asked for a recess so the lawyers representing the municipalities could discuss procedure.

During the recess, an agreement was reached, and was announced later that afternoon.

The agreement will lower Burlington's equalized assessment from \$72,281,813 to \$70,967,506. Increases in other municipalities' assessments were Acton \$115,636; Georgetown \$268,881; Milton \$160,848; Oakville \$470,462; Esquesing \$131,676; Nasagaweya \$45,193; Trafalgar \$1,293,291.

Solicitors and assessors of the various centres agreed the new assessment method, used by Burlington made a variance in the true assessment picture, as compared with others using the older system.

The board, under the chairmanship of Wentworth solicitor D'Arcy Lee, accepted the settlement as their judgment.

Plan Visitation Sunday

St. Alban's, Knox in Sector Plan All Training Meetings Held Here

The ladies of St. Alban's served hot roast beef dinner to the men and women before they received instructions on the Every Member Visitation Sunday—November 15. This is the first year that St. Alban's church has participated in the sector plan, but the third year in a row for Knox. Nearly 1,500 churches are taking part altogether. The Rev. H. Stokroef is the general chairman of the steering committee, and explains that plans are being made at these meetings which will assure the full Christian impact will be made on the community. "The Every Member Visitation is to get every member fully committed to Jesus Christ as well as a financial campaign," he stressed.

Director of the sector plan is the Rev. Douglas Gordon of Guelph; secretary is Mrs. Jean Craig of Guelph and the counsellor is the Rev. Stan Gentile.

A sound film strip, Two Sides to the Coin, was shown with the Rev. A. H. McKenzie at the projector. The Rev. M. McFarlane of Georgetown gave the benediction.

Each Acton church has its own committee.

For Knox, Jim Greer is the general chairman with Stan Norton in charge of program; Miss Inez McEllan, materials; Witt McEeachern, visitations; Mae Snowpl, resources.

At St. Alban's W. H. Denny is the general chairman. In charge of the program committee is Harold Denny, assisted by Tom Dawkins; materials, Vic Bristow with T. S. Newton; visitations, C. Leatherland with Ken Knox; resources, Dr. Frank Oakes with George Barbeau; hostess committee, Mrs. T. Cochran and Mrs. G. Barbeau.

Milk Prices Up Today

Milk prices in Acton — effective at both dairies — rose one cent today (Thursday). Quarts of regular and homogenized, two per cent homogenized, skim, and buttermilk are affected by this one cent increase.

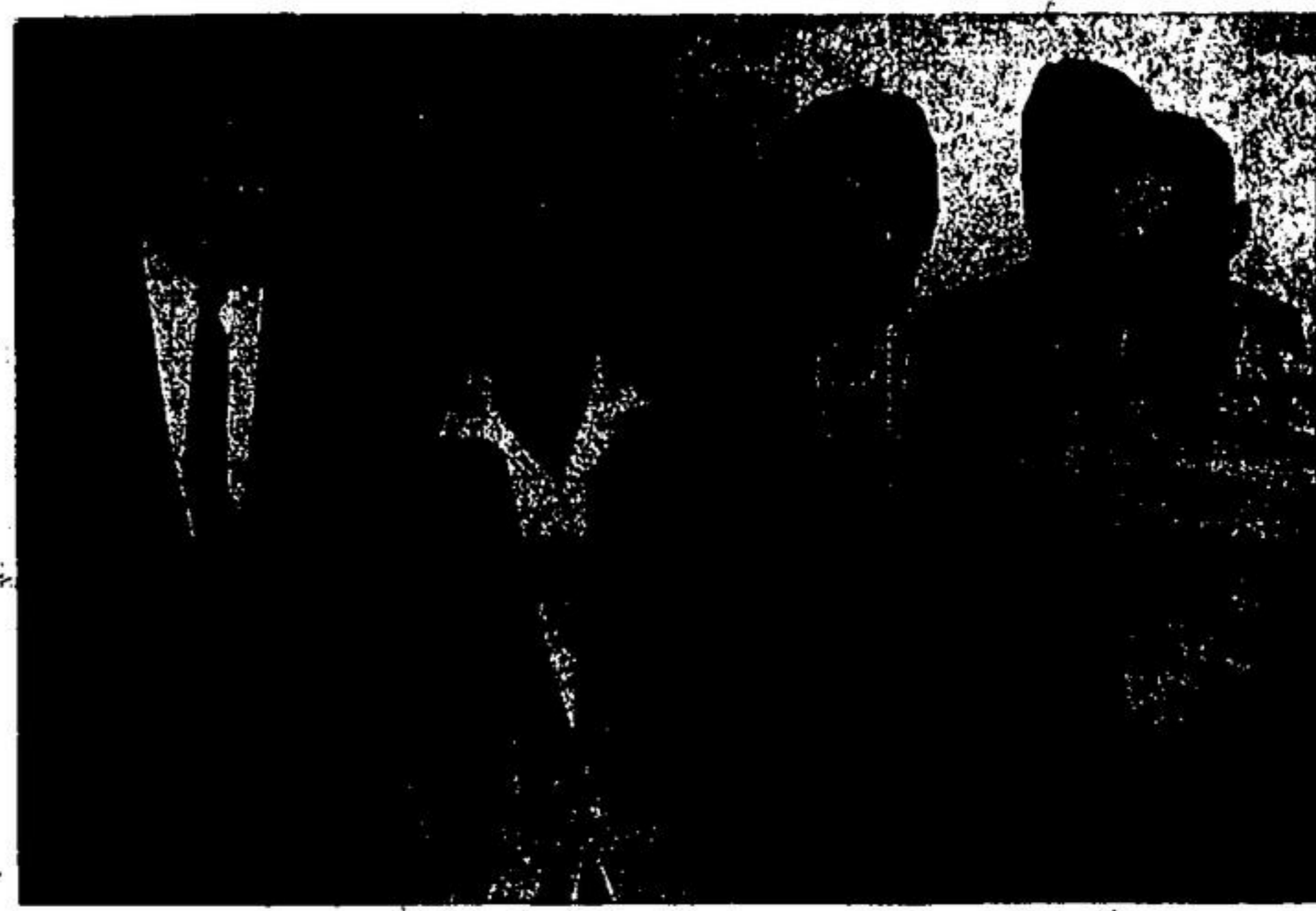
Chocolate milk in both pints and quarts remains unchanged as do pints and half pints of white milk and cream.

In making the announcement Don Timmings of Acton Dairy and Wes Masales of Masales Dairy said the dairies could not be blamed for the increase and explained that a letter from the Milk Industry Board of the Department of Agriculture instructing them to raise the price to the farmer.

Mr. Masales noted that the board set the prices paid to the farmer by the dairies affected. This, coupled with the recent rise in cost of all dairy supplies — bottles, caps, sterilizing equipment and solutions — plus general overhead made it necessary for the dairies to increase the cost to the consumer.

Mr. Masales also pointed out the farmers are getting a 19 cent per hundredweight increase in milk effective today. "The government ordered us to pay this increase," he said.

This brings the total to \$5.10 per hundredweight paid to the farmers who ship to the dairies.



THE NEW EXECUTIVE to head Acton Legion Minor Sports was chosen Monday evening following a buffet luncheon in the Legion Auditorium. Pictured above, front row, left to right, are E. T. Marks, first vice-president; V. Masters, president; A. Johnson, past president; and J. Bullough, second vice-president. Back row B. Drinkwater, secretary; I. Kilby, superintendent of records and G. McCutcheon, treasurer. During the general meeting plans were made for the coming hockey season and by-laws checked.

Back to Normal

Pupils Move into New Quarters

Occupation of part of the new 12 room addition at the Robert Little public school began this week when four rooms were occupied by students attending staggered classes since the start of school, September 8th.

On Monday morning grade 7 pupils, occupying the Scout Hall as temporary quarters, pitched in and teamed up to carry desks to their more permanent although still temporary quarters in the new addition.

With much finishing work still to be done, pupils will use the four rooms until they are re-allocated in fully finished rooms to permanently settle down for the term.

The two grade 7 classes taught by Keith Black and Keith Martin have been using the Scout Hall. On Wednesday, the heat was turned on and tested and by today the cool weather will have no effect on the pupils as they study their lessons.

The school principal noted this week that the move would relieve all traces of doubt as to proper instruction could more work for the pupils and allow more harmony while learning.

Other class in the auditorium. The move Monday brought relief not only to the pupils but relieved the tension and anxiety of the teachers, especially school principal G. W. McKenzie.

Although the heat had not been turned on in the new addition Monday, fortunately the weather was warm and children were able to study in comfort and enjoy the new surroundings as they spent the first full day of the fall term at their lessons.

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School Board Meets Inspector "In Camera" to Discuss Results

Remand Five Youths Charged After Fracas

The Tera Falls youth case from Oakes B. and an Acton man appeared before Magistrate Kenneth Langdon in Acton Court on Monday charged with creating a disturbance outside the Acton Cafe last Saturday evening.

As a result of the fracas, the restaurant window was smashed.

Bill Wang, proprietor of the restaurant said the magistrate the fight began inside his premises and spilled out outside resulting in one of the boys being pushed through the plate glass window.

The case was postponed until October 26.

An "in camera" session to discuss the results of students in the three North Halton high schools occupied members of the district high school board for three and one-half hours in Monday evening at a meeting in Milton high school.

Chief District Inspector Johnson was present to assist the board with its discussions, and at his suggestion the board went into committee of the whole and reported the long process representative by a majority vote. Mr. Johnson explained he could not discuss teachers with anyone but the board, and would not comment on the results in front of the reporter.

The press was ejected at 8:15 p.m. and Mr. Johnson left the meeting at 11:50 p.m.



A HAPPY MOVE both for teachers and pupils was the one made at the Robert Little Public School on Monday, as four rooms of the 12 room addition were occupied for the first time. Some of the boys assisting in moving the desks and equipment are pictured above as they enter the back entrance to the school. In the meantime, since school began, grade 7 has been holding staggered classes in the Scout Hall, grade eight, staggered classes in their regular room and grade four staggered classes in the auditorium. It is hoped that the complete new addition will be completed shortly in order to have the classes settled for good.