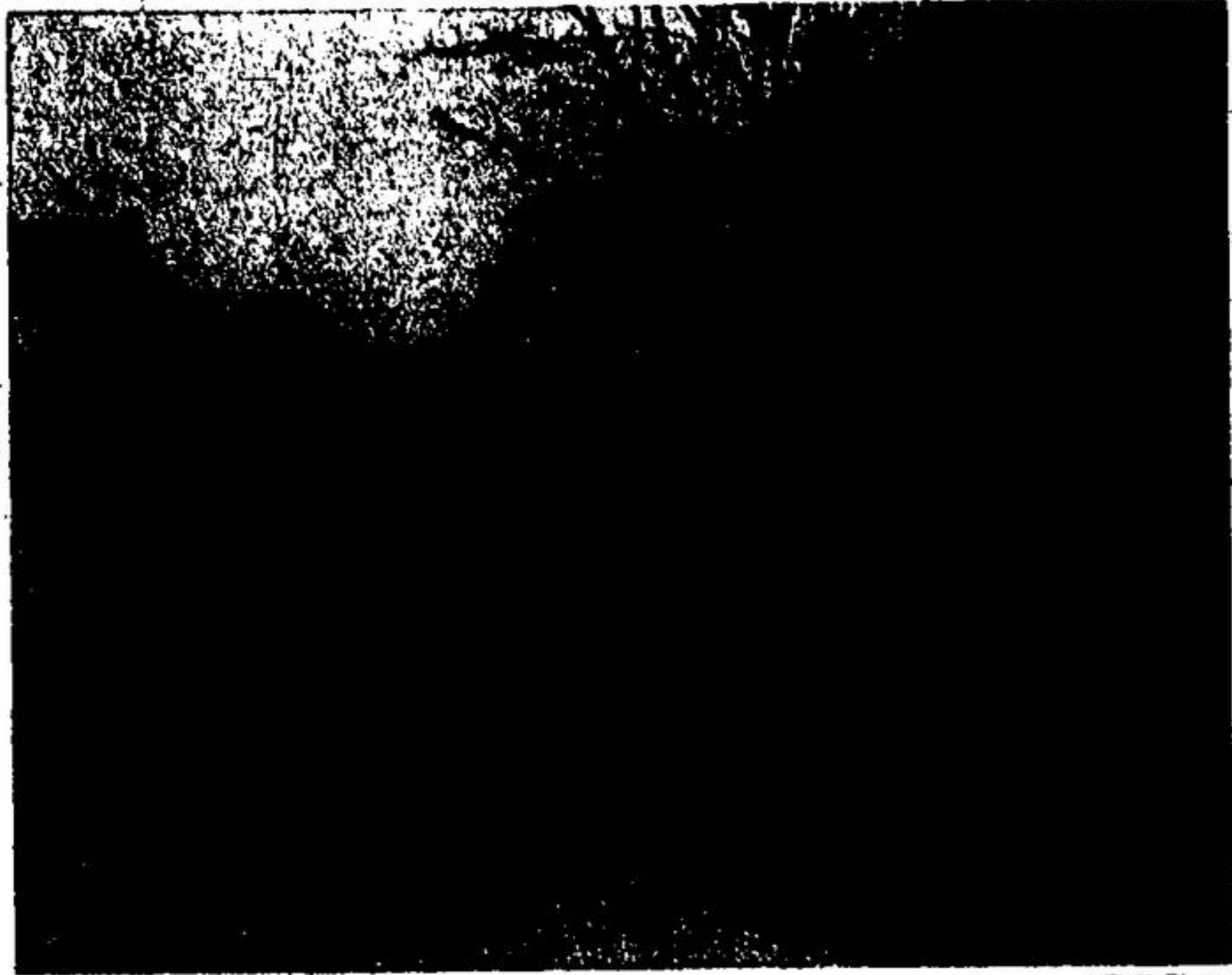


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THE COLOR PARTY line up at Knox Church as veterans and representatives of organizations march into the church for the Remembrance day service on Wednesday. Prior to this service wreaths were placed at the cenotaph where a brief memorial service was held. Acton Ministerial Association took part in both services.

## Fluoride Content of Water Supply Equals That Added in Other Places

The Public Utilities Commission learned at its meeting last Thursday evening that the fluoride content of the Churchill Road well was equal to that of municipalities in which fluoride is added to water. This information was contained in the O.W.R.C. report of the town's water supplies.

It was reported that work on converting the body on the three-quarter ton truck had been completed and it was ready to use.

Superintendent Daby reported that sewer flushing had been completed. The job had taken about ten days to complete. A large volume of sand, probably from street sanding, had been cleaned from some of the lines. He recommended the sewers be flushed out in the spring and late fall of each year.

Mr. Daby also requested information from the commission on his position in the pension plan when the sewer department is no longer administered by the utilities commission. He was informed it was council's intention to continue the plan when they were operating the department.

Superintendent Lambert in his report to the members outlined his work in raising and repairing hydrant and water meters. He also reported a break in the watermain in Mulberry Place had been repaired.

It was interesting to hear of the method used. Dry ice had been used to freeze the pipe and then repairs were made. After repairs were completed, the pipes were

thawed and service was restored without a great loss of water.

It was reported that 107,000 gallons of water had been used during the sodding of the stretches in the Glenora subdivision.

The chairman was authorized to sign a lease for the renting of an office in the Van Gils apartment. The office will be opened in January for the Hydro Electric Commission.

Office furniture and supplies were ordered for the news office from Dills Stationery in Acton and Barlow Stationery in Brampton.

Accounts passed for payment were:

|            |          |
|------------|----------|
| Waterworks | \$119.13 |
| Sewerage   | 209.85   |
| Hydro      | 1632.11  |

## Skirl Sendoff For Sole Scot

There was a touch of Scotland at the C.N.R. station Monday evening when the skirl of the bagpipes sent Scotman Duncan McCrea merrily on his way to his homeland.

Four members of the Acton Junior Pipe Band piped the proud Scot on board the evening train as nearly 30 people cheered their friend on his way.

Mr. McCrea, a resident of Acton since arriving from Scotland three years ago, worked at the Micro Plastics plant here. He is returning to his homeland to join his wife and take up employment there.

He made many friends while living in Acton and was wished "bon voyage" by the large gathering. The huge diesel attempted in vain to drown out the skirl of the pipes.

Pipe major Phil Caddick, assisted by Bob Foyers Jr., Betty Cook and Michael Ross, provided the music for the occasion, reminding the departing Scot of the highlands back home.

## Jean Moffat Heads Council

After a rickety campaign with gaudy posters and rousing original cheers, executive of the high school student council was elected last week.

Jean Moffat is president, Lynda Lovell vice-president, Peter Newton secretary and Leslie Anne Daby treasurer.

The form representatives are: 9A Ron Heller, 9B Gary Masala, 9C Brian Cargill, 9D Rex Gilmore, 10A Mary Kay Gibbons, 10B Brian Spurgeon, 10C Arnold McPherson, 11A Peter Hurst, 11B Paul McGeechie, 12 Don Lindsay, 13 Bruce Macpherson.

Election procedure was modeled on municipal elections with classes voting in turn in the home economics room last Thursday. Student scrutineers supervised the secret balloting.

Results were announced that afternoon over the intercom by the principal, Ted Hansen, with a prompt reaction of cheers.

## Final Count

Final count of the UNICEF pennies collected on Halloween: \$128.50.

And one of the best gestures pennies handed out in rolls!

## Rev. G. Adams Goes to Sudbury

The Rev. Gordon Adams has accepted a call to St. Paul's United Church, Sudbury, Ontario. Although his plans are not final, he expects to begin his pastorate there about the end of January.

He goes to a new church which has just been completed.

Mr. Adams has been the minister at Acton United Church for the past four and a half years. He and his family have made many friends during their stay at the parsonage here and will be missed. Their children are Janet, Suzanne and Kenneth.

## Recover Stolen Car Arrest 17 Year Old

A car stolen in Brampton at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday was recovered in Acton by Constable Bob Moreau of the local O.P.P. and a 17-year-old district youth was arrested and charged with theft of the car and a set of license plates, last night (Wednesday).

A district man, Bob Foyers, noticed his license plates had been tampered with. On closer observation he saw they were not his own and reported the incident to the police.

When a check was made, it was learned the markers put on the Foyers car were those from a car stolen in Brampton earlier in the afternoon.

Constable Moreau arrested the youth after sighting the stolen car cruising around Acton and he was turned over to Brampton police.

## Hold Service At Haltonville

In spite of pouring rain, a good sized crowd of local residents gathered at the cenotaph at Haltonville for the annual Memorial Service on Wednesday afternoon, when wreaths were placed and the names of the fallen soldiers in two world wars were read.

Following the service at the cenotaph, a church service was held in Nassagaweya Presbyterian church with the guest speaker, Rev. R. P. E. Jeffares addressing the congregation.

He was assisted in the service by K. Griffiths and Rev. H. C. Murray. Wreaths were placed by St. John's R.C.A. for Halton, on behalf of the Province of Ontario, Reeve J. A. Milne for the township and B. Loutlet on behalf of Legion Branch 197, Acton.

A number of local Legionnaires attended the service with Max Storey acting as parade marshal. W. D. Elmer Smith sounded the Last Post and Reveille at the cenotaph service and Dr. B. D. Young raised and lowered the flag.

## Name J. McGeachie New Administrator To Head Town Working Force for 1959

Acton Council Tuesday evening appointed J. McGeachie as town administrator to guide the entire working force of the town, for the balance of 1959, following a recommendation by the administration committee. This action received the objections of councillors H. Lowe and E. Pope.

The new administration plan, outlined at a recent council meeting, has one administrator guiding the working force who is responsible only to council.

When the resolution to appoint Mr. McGeachie as town administrator was tabled, councillor Lowe enquired if he had the assurance of the administration committee that no changes would be made in town staff salaries this year. He was told this would not happen.

In opposing the resolution Mr. Lowe told council he was afraid council was setting up something that may cost a great deal of money before they were through.

The councillor further informed his colleagues that it was unfair to have clerk McGeachie set up an administrator system and then possibly take the position away from him at the end of the year. He was informed by the clerk he had only consented to take the position until the end of the year.

Both Mr. Lowe and Mr. Pope informed council they did not believe the town was ready for an administrator system as planned.

Council also agreed at the Tuesday night meeting to spend \$2,200.00 on arena renovations to put the building in shape for use this winter.

This action followed a review of estimates submitted by J. B. MacKenzie and Son outlining alternate suggestions for repairs.

After perusing the estimates which did not include plumbing, heating or lighting, a resolution was tabled and lost to spend \$3,140.00 for complete renovations plus water toilets.

It was also agreed to charge the Minor Sports a flat rate of \$250 per year for their regular hockey nights on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights of each week. Charges for skating were set at 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for students and children. However, J. H. Goy voted against this charge.

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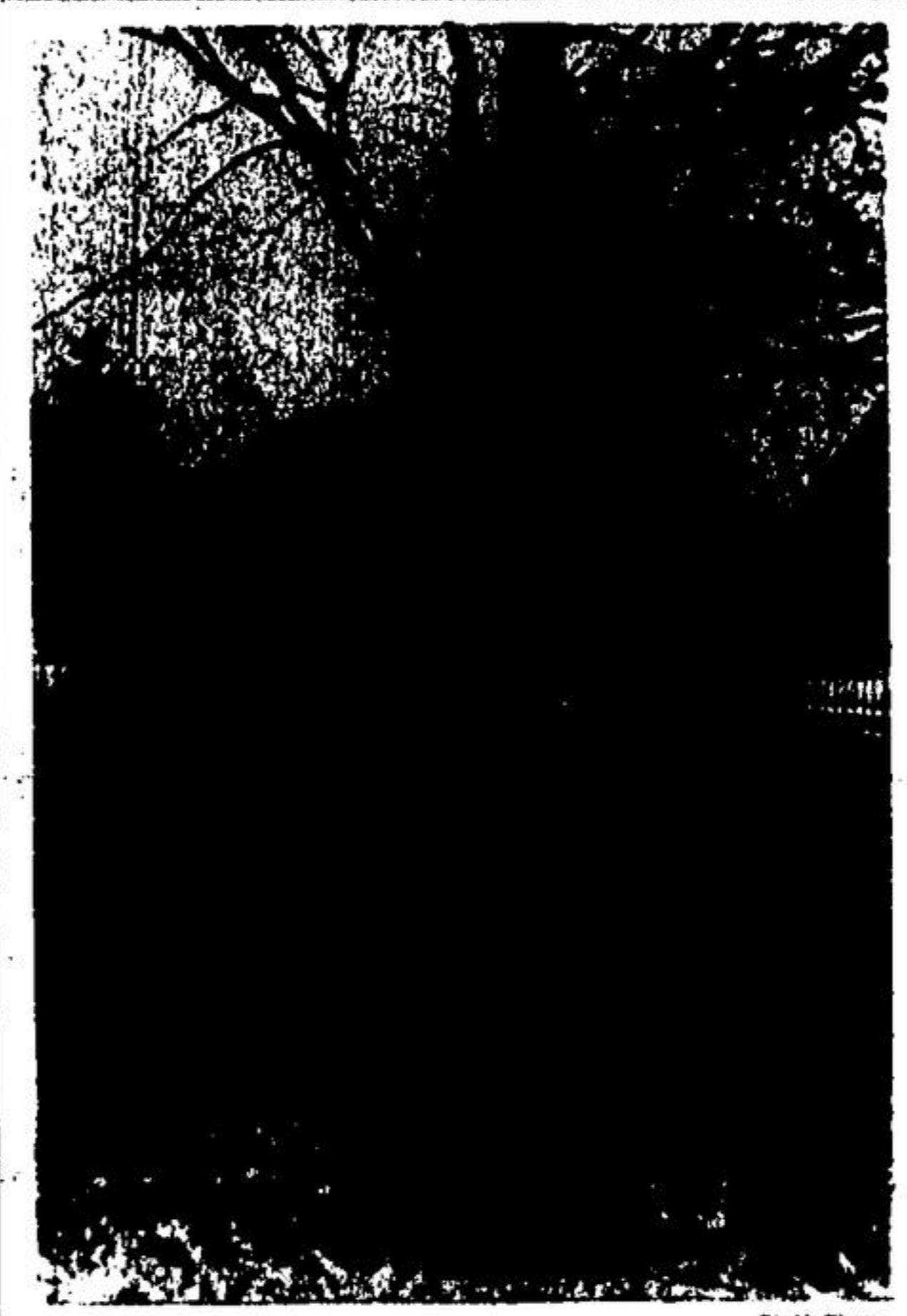
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This suggestion was received favorably by council and Minor Sports was authorized to approach interested parties to formulate a plan.

Mr. Johnson explained that if council would make a grant to the arena commission to assist in any necessary repairs it would be the responsibility of the proposed commission to operate the arena.

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REEVE J. A. MILNE of Nassagaweya is pictured above as he places a wreath on the cenotaph at Haltonville during the Remembrance Day service on Wednesday. In spite of the pouring rain in the afternoon many district residents attended the service and paid their respects. Members from the Acton Legion assisted in the ceremony.

## Public School Early Birds, Slow Pokes Necessitate Change in Guards' Hours

Complaints from some members of pupils' tardiness on the way home and early arrival at the school prompted the Public School Board to review crossing guards' hours at the regular meeting of the board Thursday evening.

The guards' hours were revised and they will now be on duty from 12:40 until 1:10 p.m. on school days and from 3:35 until 4:15 after school. The board felt this would contribute in some measure to the safety of children on the way to and from school but members were not satisfied this would be enough.

Too Early

Some of the children arrive at the schools as early as 8:00 o'clock in the morning. "What can we do about them?" queried trustee T. Watson.

"We try to discourage this as much as possible," said Principal G. McKenzie of the Robert Little school, "but sometimes meet with little success."

Also under fire was the alleged blocking of traffic by high school students walking on the road sometimes four and five abreast on the way home from classes.

"It sets a poor example for public school children but this is a police matter and does not concern us," commented the chairman.

Members heard a directive read by the secretary taking the onus off the board for the action of children after leaving school. Outlined was the fact that children are out of the board's jurisdiction after leaving school property and parents are then responsible.

Milk Hazard

In his report to the board, Principal E. Smith of the M. Z. Bennett school outlined some of the hazards pupils face with bottled milk and wondered if some alternative could be found. On the suggestion of trustee Murray Smith that bulk milk be used, with paper cups supplied, the board decided to investigate whether this method would be feasible.

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Harold Townsley heading a delegation from the Acton Fire department was granted permission to submit the name of Acton as a possible place to hold the firemen's convention next year.

Mayor Cook in giving the report of the administration committee noted that 13 applications had been received for the position of assessor and that six had been selected for personal interview.

Approval was given to have the front door of the town hall replaced and necessary repairs made at a cost of \$125.

Auditor Okay

Councillor H. D. Rachlin, chairman of the finance committee, informed council the auditor had submitted a report and it appeared as though there might be a deficit of \$7,425.94. Councillor Rachlin noted that of that amount \$3,900 was collectable through the Community Centres Act and the remaining possible deficit would not appear too great considering the deficit taken on from 1958.

A letter was received from the H. K. Porter Company thanking council for its efforts in making it possible to have a wig-wag system installed at the Main Street C.M.R. crossing following the accidental death of one of their employees.

Clerk J. McGeachie informed council that five copies of a map outlining the town water system and including hydrants and underground pipes, etc., had been received from R. V. Anderson and Associates. He also noted that maps would be available shortly outlining the sewer installations.

Approve Accounts

The following accounts were approved for payment:

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Road accounts           | 9.20    |
| Police accounts         | 1571.43 |
| Administration accounts | 224.25  |
| Building accounts       | 10.15   |
| Welfare accounts        | 104.83  |

## Name Ted Tyler New President To Head Chamber of Commerce

E. G. Tyler Sr. will head the Acton Chamber of Commerce next year following his appointment, by acclamation as president of the organization at the annual meeting and election night on Wednesday evening.

Assisting the new president will be Norman Braids as first vice-president and Bill Benson, second vice-president.

Directors for a two year term are Dave Mann, William MacKay, Jim Ledger and Fred Gordon. Appointed as director for a one year term was Ted Tyler Jr.

Treasurer is W. Woodburn and J. Bert Wood will carry on as secretary until another appointment is made.

Dinner Meeting

Held in the form of a dinner meeting at the Baptist church, a large turnout of members enjoyed the dinner served by the ladies of the church before entering their business discussions.

Following the reading of the minutes by secretary J. Bert Wood, president George Barbeau presented a suggested schedule for increase in membership dues, approved by the board of directors, for consideration and adoption by the members. The suggested schedule was approved and accepted after a short discussion.

Phil Unger, on behalf of the membership committee, introduced the following new members, J. J. Stewart, Nino Braids and Garnet Rose.

Before the conclusion of the meeting, the newly elected president advised the membership more projects were planned and he asked for the assistance of all in carrying them out.

## \$94,933 Speyside School Ready for September '60

Land was broken this week for the new \$94,933.79 five-room public school to be built near Speyside by accommodate the pupils from Esquing School Area Number One.

Total area of land purchased amounts to six and a half acres; it was pointed out.

The school board secretary, H. E. Barkin, this week reported the plans for the construction of the school had been finalized during a meeting on Thursday, September 3, and the contract awarded to the Schiedel Construction Company of Hespeler.

The new school will be situated at the corner of the 17 Sideroad and No. 23 Highway on the land where the Lorne Mullin farm is situated. When completed it will be designated the "Speyside school".

Believe Congestion

Occupancy is promised for next September. The school board expects the new school to relieve the congestion at Lorne, Bennochburn, Duffin, Dublin and Waterloo schools. Pupils from some of these schools are presently attending the new school at Stewarttown.

Barnett and Rieder have been engaged as architects for the new five room school and work is expected to continue rapidly in order to meet the deadline next September.

## 97 Prizes

A total of 97 prizes was won by Mrs. Norman Robertson at Acton and Milton. Mrs. Robertson has learned that she has won the Simpson-Gleason special for the person with the most points at both fairs in the baking, pickles and heavy work divisions. She received 41 prizes at Acton Fair and 56 prizes at Milton.

She has been entering for the past eight years and has received silver and bronze medals in her winning divisions.

GROUND WAS BROKEN this week for the new five room school being erected for the Esquing school area Number one. The new school will be located at number 17 sideroad and number 25 highway on the Lorne Mullin property. Cost of the new school is estimated at \$94,933.00. It is slated to be ready for occupancy next September.