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Order Halt to Office Supply Purchases Pending Further Investigation in 1960

Acton council Tuesday evening instructed clerk Jack McGeachie to inform suppliers of office equipment to hold all orders placed by the town in abeyance until further notice. It was also agreed to discuss the situation further with the 1960 council and hydro commission. This action followed a discussion regarding the separating of the newly elected hydro commission from the present town office. Councilors H. L. Lacey and B. R. Hargrave agreed that both the town and the hydro offices could be combined and equipment shared by both in order to avoid expense for new equipment.

Deputy-revee J. M. Greer stated it was his belief that the two offices could be housed under one roof. This was met with disapproval from councillor W. J. McLeod who stated that both offices should be separated.

Clerk J. McGeachie reminded council that following their approval some months ago to order the equipment necessary an order had been placed. He was doubtful if it could be cancelled.

H.E.P.C. Letter
A letter from the Ontario Hydro Commission in Hamilton informed the council the H.E.P.C. indicated that by-law No. 1158 made provision for the dissolution of the present P.U.C. in favor of a hydro commission and noted this action required the consent of the Ontario Hydro.

The letter also stated H.E.P.C. would be pleased to consider a request for their consent as soon as a letter was forthcoming. It was suggested in the letter that the council's solicitor could advise them on any action.

Mayor Cook informed the members that a letter had been sent in reply to the Ontario Hydro.

New Netting
Acton arena this year will present a new appearance for hockey fans with renovations completed in some sections. Players will enjoy new netting on the goal posts this year following council's approval for the purchase of material for this purpose Tuesday.

It was noted that a request for entirely new nets had been received but investigation revealed the framework to be in good condition and new netting only was recommended.

Assessment Up
A Halton County assessment by-law read at council during the two and a half hour meeting informed the members that following the assessment appeal by Burlington, Ac-

Esqueusing Election

Esqueusing township Reeve George Currie was defeated in his attempt to take his 31st term on township council Monday, when Deputy Reeve Campbell Sinclair ousted him from the Reeve's seat. Mr. Sinclair won 619 to 564 votes in the 11 polling places.

About 40 per cent of the township's 3272 eligible voters turned out for the Monday election. Final returns were in from all booths quite early in the evening.

Newcomer Leads Polls
Newcomer Mac Sprawl and incumbents R. J. Cunningham and Clarence Cules led the school trustee vote in that order, defeating Stanley Brown and Thomas Hill for the three vacant seats.

Voting was Sprawl 562, Cunningham 410, Cules 405, Brown 337 and Hill 278. Each receives a two year term on the board.

Deputy Reeve Wilfrid Bird and councillors Walter Lunham, George Leslie and Wilfred Leslie were acclaimed to council.

Present Jackets During Banquet

The presentation of new baseball jackets highlighted a banquet held in honor of the Acton Intermediate baseball team, Wednesday night at the Station Hotel.

S. J. Brunelle, hotel owner and long time baseball supporter sponsored the dinner for the Acton club and treated the players to a roast beef dinner topped off with many fancy and tasty relishes.

During the dinner, entertainment was supplied by Jim Young of Guelph, George Fountain and Lighthouse Phillips, both of Acton.

Hurry Nicols, local merchant and pianist, entertained during the evening with many piano selections and played for a sing-song.

Presentation of ball jackets was made by Chester Peycha, one of the executives.

Georgetown Election

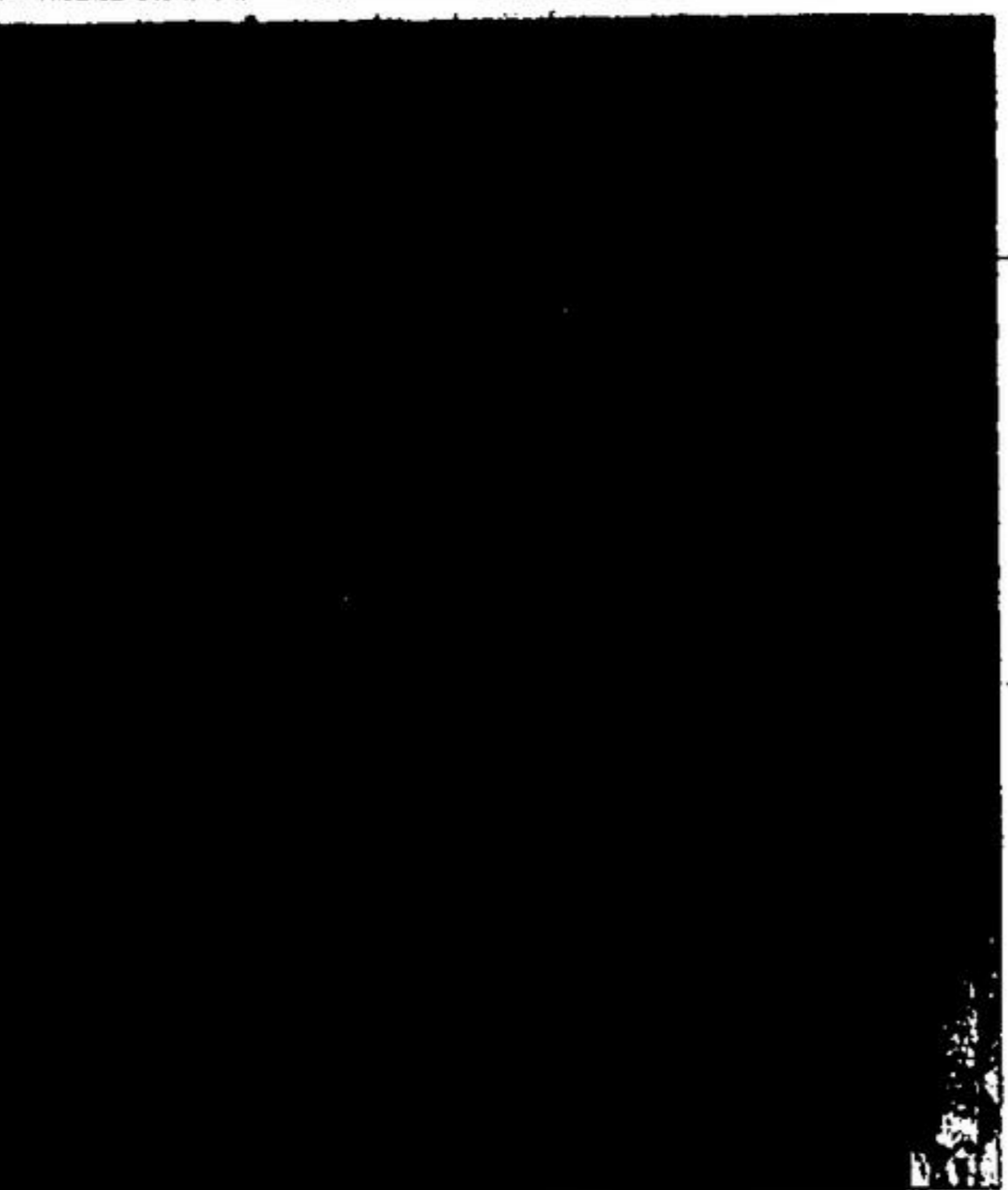
Incumbent Georgetown Deputy Reeve Walter H. Gray defeated his opponent James H. Emmerson 1305-881 in the town's election on Monday. Voters also said a hearty "no" by 1506 votes to 429 favoring a two year term of office for council.

A nomination meeting to name a Mayor will be held December 15 and if necessary, the mayoralty election will be held December 22. Reeve Douglas Sargent was acclaimed to office, as was hydro commissioner E. W. Binkley and school trustees Edwin Wilson, Harry Shortall and Roy Hansen.

Following is the voting for council (first six elected)—John Elliott 1206, Fred Harrison 1137, John Kelly 1078, William Hunter 884, John Gunn 874, Ian Cox 861, Garfield M. Murray 748, John Bentley 708, Harrison Wood 639, William Carr 629, Pearce Porter 586, Mrs. Anne Currie 537, John Zorge 284, Eric Beard 208, Wilfred Brisbois 200.

The regular business meeting adjourned at nine o'clock. Members were requested to remain for a short session after adjournment. The following accounts were approved for payment:

Hydro	\$946.60
Sower	40.38
Water	347.53



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NEW JACKETS were presented to the Acton Intermediate ball club during their banquet last night at the Station Hotel. The banquet was sponsored by Sam Brunelle, hotel manager, and ardent sports fan. Pictured above, left to right, are Tracy Barrager, Chester Peycha, Harold Townsley and Paul Lawson. The three players are captains and Chester Peycha is one of the executives.

To Consider Substation Purchase Following H.E.P.C. Power Report

Notice of a possible hydro rate increase to consumers in Acton prompted Acton Public Utilities Commission to consider the possibility of purchasing No. Two substation from the Ontario Hydro Electric Power Commission.

The matter was discussed at the P.U.C. meeting Thursday evening of last week.

This consideration follows a letter from the H.E.P.C. informing the commission that beginning in 1960, cost of power purchased from the H.E.P.C. would be possibly increased.

Although no indication was given that cost to consumers in Acton would be increased, the commission agreed to secure a price for the purchase of No. Two substation.

Last year the P.U.C. completed the purchase of the town's No. One substation, which lowered the cost of power purchased by the commission.

Bonuses Okay
The commission authorized payment of the yearly bonuses to the office staff and superintendents, on the same basis as in 1958.

When the subject was introduced by chairman J. J. Stewart, the mayor conveyed his sentiments as he reminded the commission he had objected to the bonuses being paid when the subject had been aired one year ago.

"I have not changed my mind," stated Mayor Cook. "These people

are receiving good salaries and that should be sufficient."

Mr. Stewart reminded the mayor and commission it had been agreed at the first of the year when the salary structure had been discussed that until the commission completed their term of office, they would continue the yearly bonus to employees.

The mayor agreed that promises should be kept but echoed his feelings about the payment of Christmas bonuses.

Hydro superintendent D. Mason reported that his department had

been busy installing the Christmas decorations on the streets and that the "season's greetings" sign would be installed on the Y.M.C.A. building the same as last year. He also informed members the sign had been painted.

The lights had been installed in the new hydro office and his department had been busy celebrating meters.

Jack Lambert, superintendent of the water department, stated he had been busy checking hydrants for the winter season. He noted he had run into a little trouble with the gas engine at the pump house on the cemetery hill, but this had been rectified.

The superintendent, on behalf of his wife and himself, thanked the commission for the privilege of attending the annual municipal party held at Hilltop Lodge recently. He also congratulated the winning candidates for the office of hydro commissioner.

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Five years in the planning, the new 60-bed Milton District Hospital is scheduled to open next Monday morning, Dec. 14 at 9:00 a.m.

The complete staff has been engaged and most of the supplies are now on hand. The first patients are expected to be admitted sometime Monday or early in the week.

Close Contests for Civic Positions During Milton Municipal Elections

Close contests for the deputy-revee, six councillors and a school trustee were features of the municipal elections held in Milton Monday. Arthur Desjardine, a former councillor, was elected reeve over incumbent R. C. Cunningham. Mrs. Mary Pettit retained her position as deputy-revee in a 38 vote lead over former mayor J. M. Ledwith.

Only 18 votes separated two contestants seeking election for the north ward school trustee with Mrs. Muriel Kernighan the victor over David T. Green.

John Rush long time member of the Milton Hydro-Electric Commission was returned, defeating challenger Frank Jones, 907 to 402. Mayor Sydney Childs (re-elected) defeated ARTHUR DESJARDINE 859, Robert C. Cunningham 460, Roy Smith 34.

Deputy-Reeve: MRS. MARY PETTIT 698, Michael Ledwith 690. Councillors: 8 elected JOHN CHARLTON 787, NORMAN PEARCE 768, CHARLES WILSON 755.

DON MERRITT 716, CHARLES JOHNSON 708, ROBERT REID 671, Glen Roberts 655, Bryn Cross 343, Roy Stuart 326, Charles Menefy 293, Al Skinner 277, Stan Moffat 259, Reg Latham 256.

Hydro Commissioner — JOHN ELLIOTT 907, Frank Jones 463. School Trustees (North Ward) — MRS. MURIEL KERNIGHAN 300, David Green 293.

No Permits

Construction was slow in Naasagweya township during November, with no permits taken out for any type of building.

To date in 1959 there have been permits for 23 homes purchased, for a year's total value of \$282,000.

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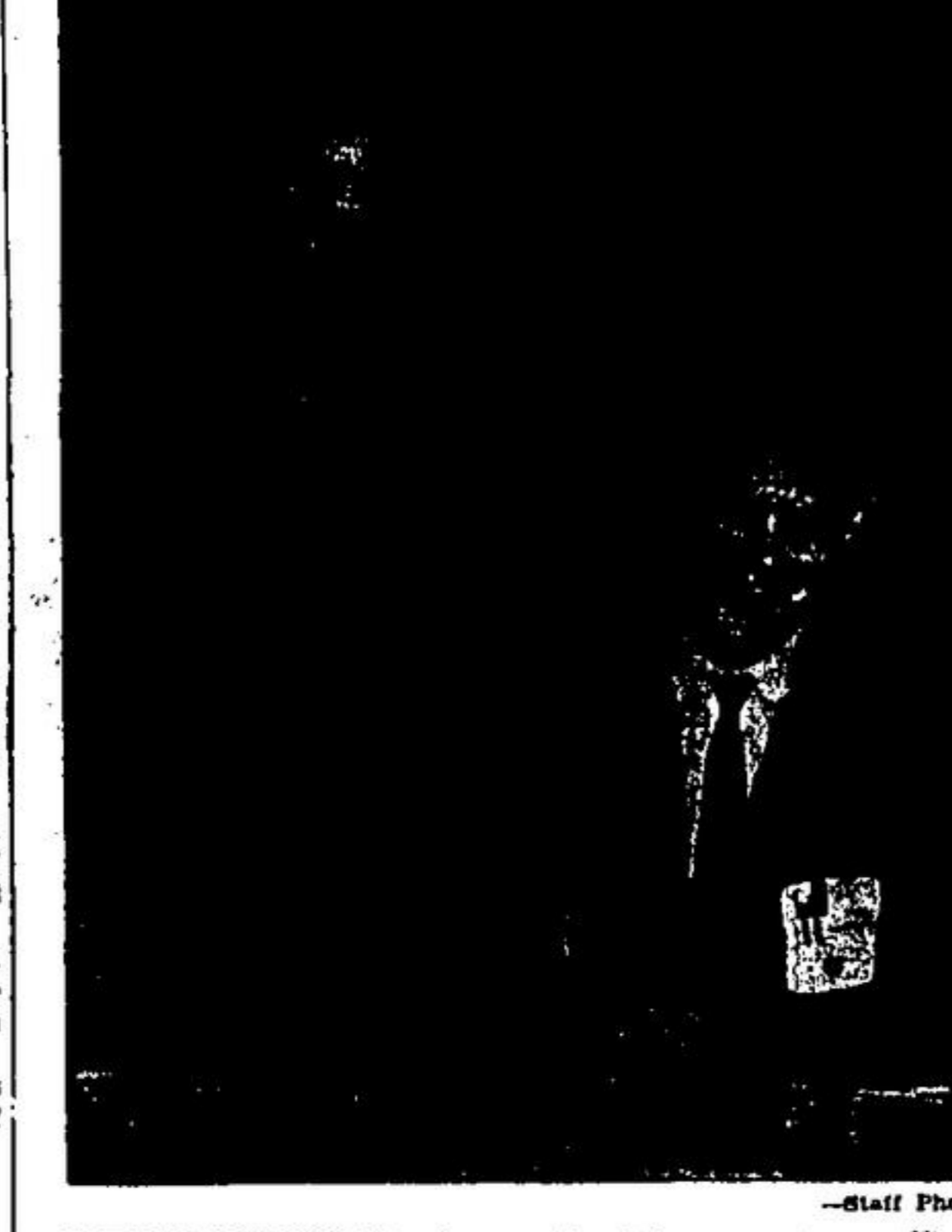
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Arena Renovations Nearing Conclusion

Acton arena is receiving a partial face-lifting prior to the ice surface being made for hockey this winter as workmen work at a feverish pace in order to prepare the inside of the building for winter activities.

The outside north wall has been shored up and placed on cement footings instead of the old system of cedar poles. Inside main braces along the board section have been placed on cement block footings and the two side ice surface boards have been removed and are being replaced with new ones.

Windows are being replaced. Dressing rooms are being cleaned up and toilet facilities improved. Generally, many of the faults at the arena are being rectified.

Approve Expenditure
Contractors have been busy the past few weeks making major changes in the arena's appearance since council approved the spending of \$2,200.30 to make necessary repairs.

Town workmen have been just as busy fixing change rooms, repairing windows and cleaning up inside to make things more comfortable for both players and spectators this winter.

When renovations are completed the ice surface will be started which should suggest no problem at this time of year.

Committees have completed their lists of names for the various hockey schedules. The youngsters are raring to don their skates and start their hockey season come the first sheet of ice at the arena.

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By Helicopter

Santa to Arrive Saturday

July Old St. Nick will hover over Acton in his helicopter this Saturday and land in the park at 2:00 p.m. to distribute bags of candy to Acton and district children.

In spite of his busy schedule, Santa, after being contacted by the Acton Chamber of Commerce, consented to have his helicopter pilot swoop down on Acton to visit all the good girls and boys in the area before returning to the North Pole to complete his packing for the Christmas visit to each and every home.

Sponsored by the Chamber, Santa's visit this Saturday is expected to draw a large crowd of parents as well as children. Christmas music will be supplied by courtesy of the Acton Firefighters' loud speaker system and weather permitting, the helicopter will land in the park area where Santa will distribute the candy.

Clowns to Entertain
Clowns will be in attendance at the park to entertain the children. In the event weather does not permit the visit to be held outdoors, the distribution of candy will be held in the arena.

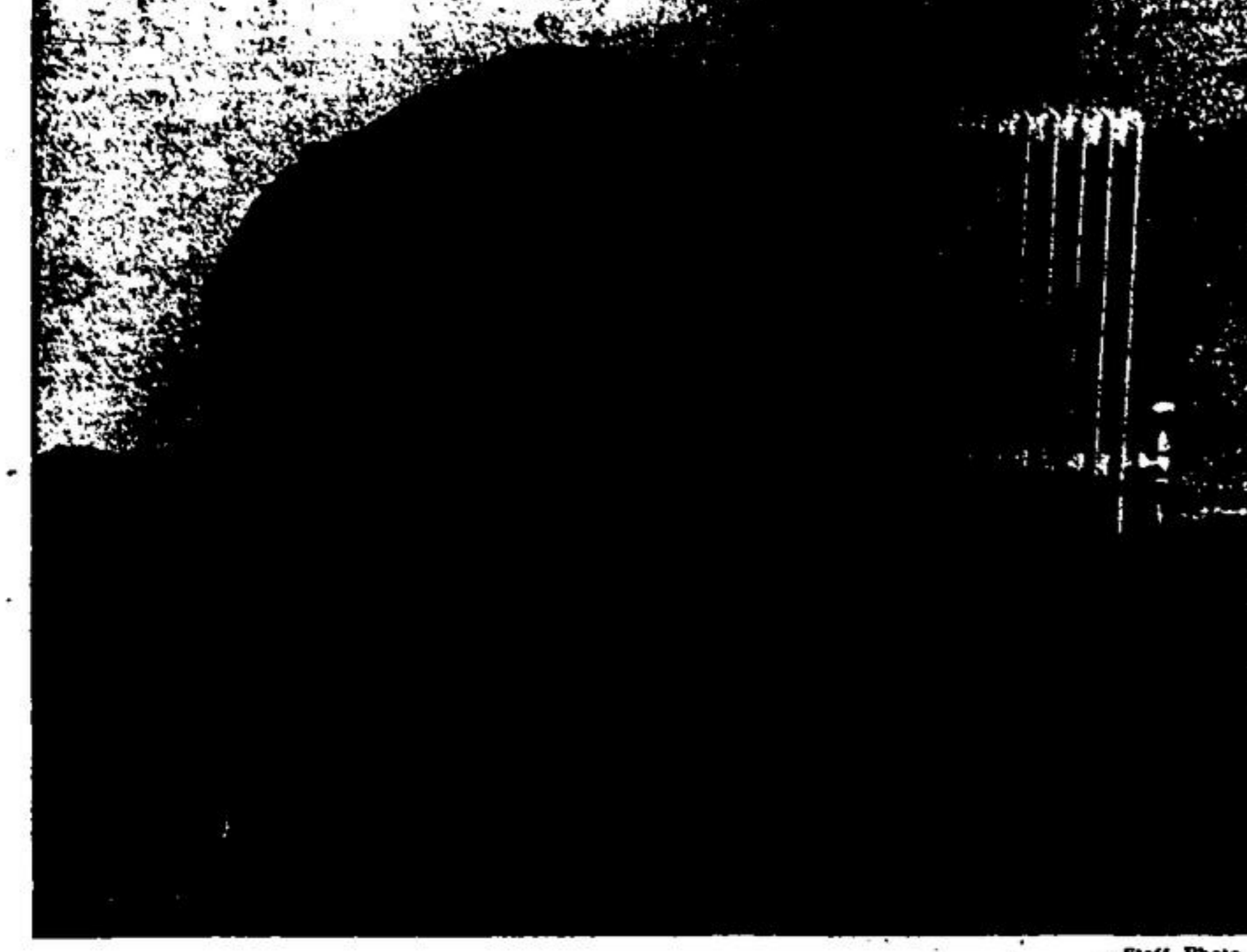
In preparation for Christmas and Santa's visit, Acton Chamber of Commerce have through the cour-

Issue Warning

This week Corporal Ray Mason of the local O.P.P. detachment issued a warning urging all car drivers to keep vehicles off the streets in Acton between the hours of midnight and 7 a.m. each morning.

The corporal pointed out that according to the by-law, any of a finder would be subject to a fine and his department would be enforcing the by-law accordingly.

It was noted by the corporal that the no-parking ban between the hours of midnight and 7 a.m. was to allow street workers to plow the streets during the night.



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LAYING FLOOR TILE at the newly leased Hydro Commission office is Albert-Van Gils, owner of the building. Preparations for the newly elected hydro commission to move into the building are being completed. A portion of the office equipment arrived this week and will be installed as soon as the building is ready for the installation.