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Choose Anne Vale to Represent Acton In Halton Public Speaking Contest

Twelve-year-old Anne Vale, a grade seven student at the M. Z. Bennett public school, was judged best of seven finalists in the public speaking contest during the Acton Home and School Association meeting on Thursday, January 21. She will represent Acton in the Halton County finals tomorrow (Friday) night in the Robert Little school auditorium.

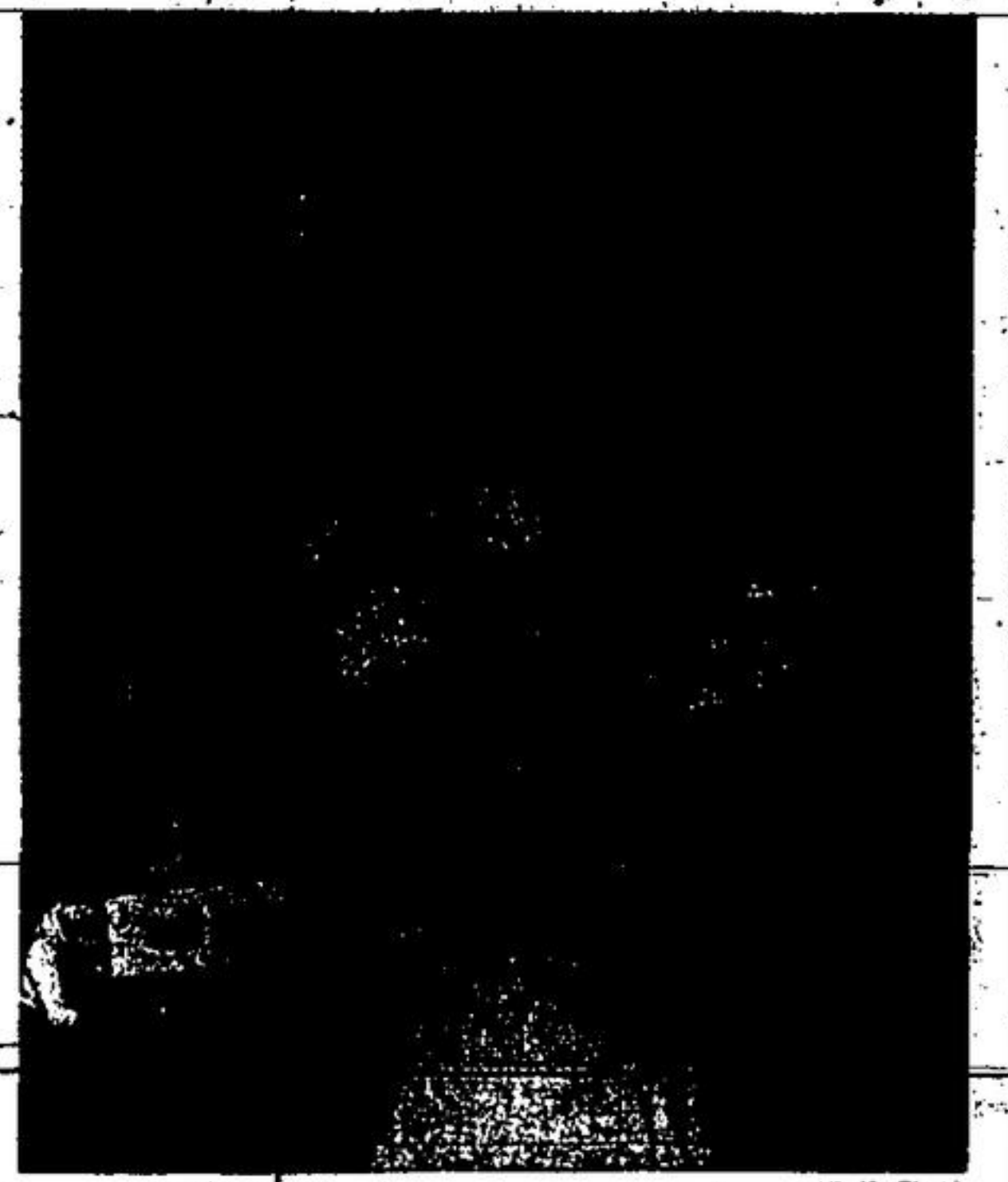
Besides winning the honor of representing Acton in the Halton County finals, Anne will have her name inscribed on the B. D. Rachlin trophy, which this year will be displayed in the trophy cabinet at the M. Z. Bennett public school.

Panel of Judges
A panel of judges comprising Rev. A. H. McKenzie, Don Bothwell and Peter Dunham, chose the young pupil after deliberating a lengthy period after the seven contestants had delivered their speeches on "Education". Competing in the finals during the meeting were Anne Vale, Diane Shultis, Gay White, Jill Hurst, Mary Grischow, Marie Huisman and Don Harris. The topic for each speaker was "Education" in any phase—past, present or future.

M. Z. Bennett school principal W. D. Elmer Smith acted as chairman for the public speaking finals and explained to the audience eliminations had been held in both public schools to determine the finalists from whom one winner would be chosen to represent Acton in the finals.

"Education is for Everyone"
The winner during her five minute speech outlined "Education is for Everyone" and divided her subject into two main purposes, vocational and cultural.

Diane Shultis cited TV as a medium of education, upholding her claim as she referred to musical, sports, social studies and scientific programs being witnessed on television programs.



ANNE VALE, an 11-year-old M. Z. Bennett public school pupil, won the right to represent Acton in the Halton county public speaking finals during the eliminations on Friday. Competing against six other contestants the young student was chosen by a panel of three judges. The trophy she is holding was donated by B. D. Rachlin and the happy winner will have her name inscribed on it before it is returned to the trophy cabinet at the M. Z. Bennett School.

Gay White, third speaker, compared the mode of education in Ontario with that of Russia and gave a word picture of a Russian professor in drab garb explaining the word "education" spelled "monotony".
Two Choose History
Early phases of education and progress to date were highlighted by Jill Hurst as she explained

Toronto Girl Hurt In Two-Car Crash

Miss Joyce Baker of Toronto received lacerations to the scalp and damage totalling \$700 to two cars involved in an accident at Spey-side corner on Highway 25 Monday evening.

Install Vendor At Local P.O.

With modern trends leaning toward vendors, the post office department has provided a stamp vendor attached to the outside of the local post office. It was erected by department workers on Monday. Residents may now obtain books of stamps after regular hours and without having to queue up in the post office.

Speaker Talks on Promotion Plans To Rotary Club

The affect of trading stamps and premiums on the buying public was explained to the Acton Rotary Club Tuesday evening by local Rotarian Jim Ledger in a 17-minute talk during the dinner meeting.

In explaining the present day method of merchandising, the speaker reviewed old fashioned operations in the grocery store when orders were filled from the cracker barrel upon request. Advancement in the trade warranted carrying larger stock and bigger display areas, the members were told.

Sales promotion has played a big part in the industry in recent years and as a result more progressive chain stores have adopted different ideas such as premiums and trading stamps to keep abreast with modern times.

The speaker noted that on several occasions the question has been asked "Who pays for this promotion?" He informed his interested audience that increase in sales absorbed added costs in advertising and promotion and larger companies were able to stay solvent under the program.

The speaker was introduced by Ken Hulford and thanked by Rev. A. H. McKenzie.

Present with the local Rotarians for the meeting were J. Bert Wood, insurance agent, and W. Pendleton of the H. K. Porter Company.

Commission Orders Electric Appliances For Home Ec. Room

The home economics room at the Robert Little public school will soon be equipped with a new electric stove, washer and dryer, following a special meeting of the Acton Hydro Electric Commission Saturday morning.

Murray Smith, chairman of the public school board, was present at the meeting. He informed the commission the board had approved the purchase of an electric stove for the school and would accept with thanks the offer of a free clothes dryer from the Ontario Hydro and a free washer from the Acton Hydro Electric Commission.

A resolution to purchase these pieces of equipment from a local dealer was approved with the Acton Hydro to assume the cost of the washer, Ontario Hydro the cost of the dryer and the school board the cost of the stove.

National Electric Week
Following a discussion, the commission agreed to purchase

Sell Alice Street Property to Hydro Town to Purchase Land on Main Street

Acton council Tuesday evening delved into the real estate business during their first regular meeting when they sold a piece of property on Alice Street to the Acton Hydro Commission and authorized the purchase of land from A. C. Braida on Main St. S. The land on Alice Street bordering the present hydro building had been considered for future expansion by the former Public Utilities Commission. An offer of the P.U.C. to purchase the land at \$1,000 was turned down. Council offered the land at \$1,500. Negotiations were discontinued until this year.

Recently the mayor, during a hydro meeting, informed members the property was for sale and requested them to make an offer. Tuesday night, council agreed to sell the Alice Street property to the hydro commission for \$1,000.

Real estate deals continued when the council authorized the mayor and clerk to sign an agreement to purchase a piece of property from A. C. Braida on Main Street S. at a cost of \$2,500.

The Braida property, 130 feet by 165 feet, adjoins the present water tower and pump house property on Main St. South. Purpose for which the land was purchased was not indicated.

1960 Wage Scales
Wage scales for town employees were approved Tuesday night. The following are the rates retroactive to January 1, 1960:

J. McGeachie, clerk-administrator, \$4,800 plus \$15 per month car allowance plus \$5.00 per committee meeting up to five meetings a month; J. T. Hurst, bookkeeper, \$3,900; Mrs. J. Preston, \$4,200 per week; Mrs. L. I. Clarke, \$36 for the first three months, \$38 for the next three months and \$40 per week for the balance of the year; A. Doby foreman, \$4,250; J. Lambert, assistant to foreman, \$4,000; A. Kirkness, foreman, \$4,250; S. Tennant, assistant to foreman, \$3,900; J. D. Ladouceur, assessor, \$3,200; T. Fryer, \$1.25 per hour and other town employees at the rate of \$1.35 per hour.

Over time after 5 p.m. until 7 a.m. the following morning will be paid at the rate of time and a half. The starting rate of town workmen is to be \$1.15 first three months, \$1.25 next three and \$1.35 after this time.

Combine Departments
Council agreed to combine the sewer and water departments into one department and appointed A. Doby as foreman to work under the supervision of the town administrator.

This is the account of the first regular meeting of Acton Council in 1960. Under the newly introduced system of administration, Council met earlier this month. On Monday evening the entire council met as a Committee of the Whole for discussion of reports of the committees. The regular meeting of council then followed on the Tuesday evening.

Council also considered an extension of the water mains under the C.N.R. tracks on Queen St. from Hillcrest Road to Young Street.

Applications from two taxi owners for renewal of licences were referred to the police committee for further consideration. During the two hour meeting on Tuesday council also:

- Received the police report and the minutes of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority meetings.
- Received a request to take out membership in the Ontario Good Roads Association. This was referred to the roads committee for their recommendation.
- Received requests from the Canadian Mental Health Association and the Association of Retarded Children for donations. The letters were referred to respective committees for further investigation.

- Read a letter from the Ontario Fire Marshall's office regarding fire fighting courses scheduled for the Fire College at Gravenhurst.
- Heard a resolution from the Parks Board stating their willingness to meet with council regarding ways and means of the board taking over the Acton arena. This was referred to the administration committee.

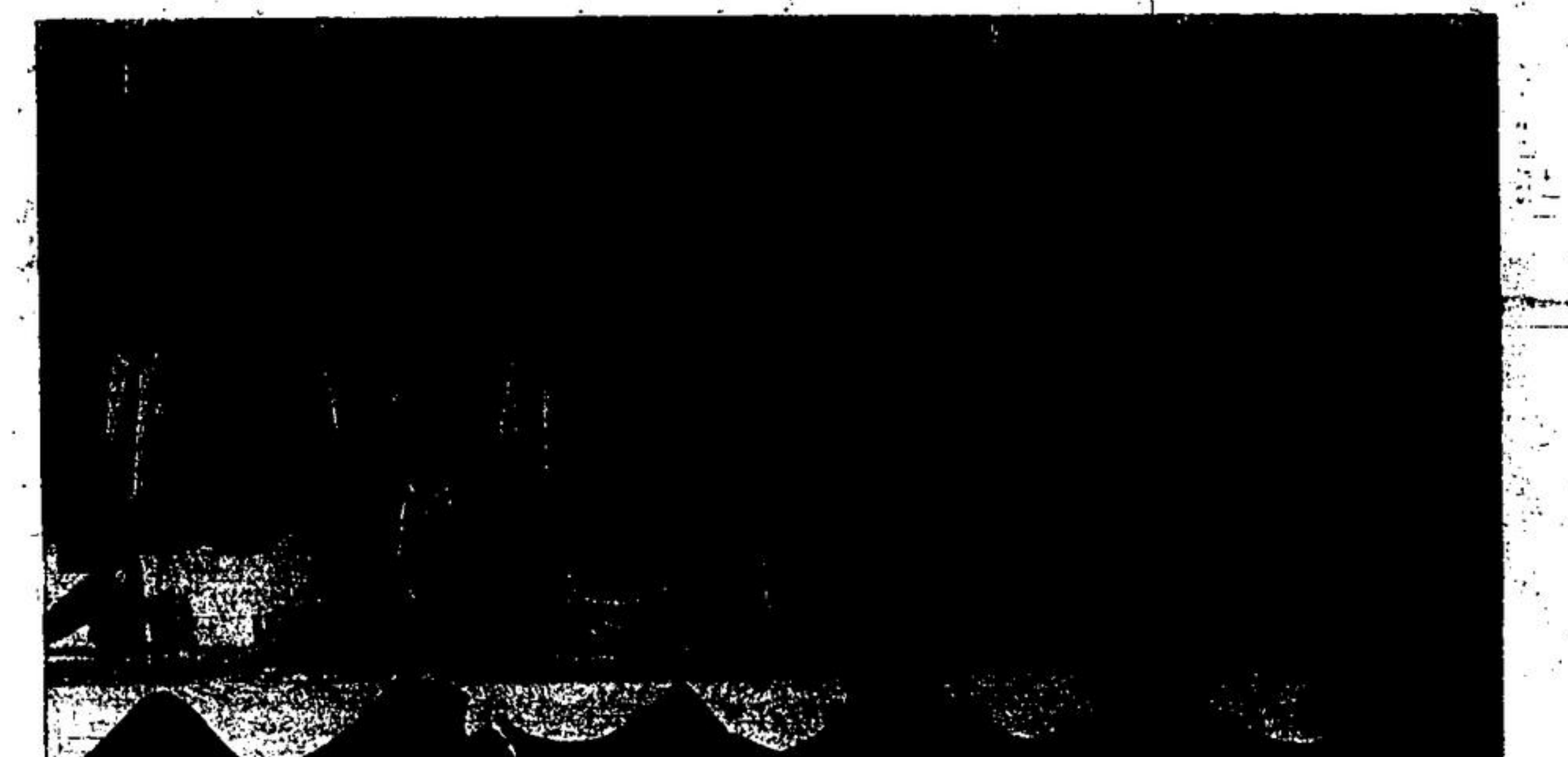
- Heard a resolution from the Acton Hydro Commission stating their agreement to read the water meters at a scheduled rate. No action was taken during the meeting.
- Received replies from resolutions supported by Acton council regarding assistance to unemployed over the age of 40 and a request to petition the Credit Valley Conservation Authority to curb further capital expenditures for a three year period.
- Read a reply from the Ontario Hydro accepting the dissolution of the P.U.C. in favor of a hydro electric commission.
- Agreed to take out membership in the Ontario Association of Rural Municipalities at a cost of \$15.00.
- Appointed I. Kilby and A. Johnson for a three year term to the Board of Parks Management.
- Appointed Bert Hinton and Ham Peal for a three year term on the Planning Board. These citizens had requested appointment to the board.
- Authorized the clerk to send a letter to the Acton Legion Minor Sports and a duplicate copy to the Acton Legion protesting unauthorized use of the arena on Sunday noting any deviation from regular schedule must be authorized upon application to the town administrator.

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HEAD TABLE GUESTS at the annual Acton Scottish Dance Club's Burns' Night Dinner held at the Royal Hotel in Guelph last Saturday night are pictured above. Shown left to right, in the front row, are Mrs. R. Foyers, Mrs. Gowan, Dr. R. Smith, Mrs. R. Buckner, Rev. P. Stirling, Dr. R. Buckner, Mrs. P. Stirling and Mrs. W. Wilson. Back row, left to right, Bob Foyers, Robert Murray, Mrs. Murray, R. Connell, Robert Currie, Mrs. Currie, Bill Wilson, Herb Saravanamuttu, Helen Buckner, Jackie McGeachie and Mrs. McGeachie.

advertising brochures pertaining to "National Electric Week" and have them delivered by the meter reader.

Chairman E. G. Tyler informed members meter reader N. Hurst had been cleaning the office floors after his regular office hours and after a discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Hurst would do this work in his regular office hours for the present time.

The secretary-treasurer was instructed to write for reservations for the superintendent and three commissioners to the annual G.M.E.A. and O.M.E.U. convention.

Prior to the special meeting, the commission viewed the property on Alice Street near the present hydro building offered for sale to the town. No decision was reached regarding the purchase of this land.

Over 200 Toast Immortal Bard At Club's Annual Burns' Night

The Elizabeth Room of the Royal Hotel, Guelph, was ablaze with color Saturday evening. Against a backdrop of a stately Scottish lion, brilliant plaid mingled with more subdued dinner dress as the Acton Scottish Dance Club honored the "immortal memory" of Robert Burns.

The ladies, some with sashes of gay tartans complementing trim party dresses; the men, often in handsome kilts and sporrans, dined and danced and listened as Scotland's national bard was extolled in story and song.

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education was presented by Mrs. J. W. Wolfe to Mary Jane Force. The scholarship donated by Amos Mason to the student making the greatest progress was presented by Mrs. Charles Kirkness to Dianne Newton.

The Canadian Legion scholarship for general proficiency to the student in grade 12 or 13 who continues to an institution of higher learning was presented by Legion vice-president Mel Jordan to Marilyn Young, who is now a student at Ryerson Institute.

32 Certificates
Annual awards of the Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. Never-Absent Certificates were presented on behalf of the chapter by Mrs. W. E. Smith and Mrs. R. Spielvogel to Patrick Churchill, Richard Currie, Karen Damm,

Kay Dennis, Bob Doby, Laurence Doby, Lesley Anne Doby, Roy Dunk, Elizabeth Force, George Harris, Elizabeth Hostede, Betty Lemon, Doreen Marolt, Wayne Mason, Stuart McDonald, Joseph McKeachie, Jane McPiedigan, Christopher Norfolk, Rosemary O'Rourke, Brian Otterbein, Garry Owen, Wayne Ridley, George Robinson, Trudy Scott, Ruth Spielvogel, James Swackhamer, Ross Swackhamer, Irene Varey, Valene Varey, Barbara Ware, Andy Williams, John Williams.

Murray Mc Cokes, chairman of the 1959 North Halton High School District Board, awarded the proficiency scholarships, which are based on academic standing in all subjects. The first prize is \$15, and the second \$10.

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1959 HONOR GRADUATES of grade 13 at the Acton High School received their graduation diplomas during the annual commencement program last Friday, held in the new school gymnasium. A packed house witnessed the evening's program as scholarships and diplomas were distributed to deserving students. Pictured above are six of the seven graduates following the ceremony. Seated in front on the left is Mary Jane Force and on the right, Marilyn Young. Standing in the back, left to right, are Dianne Newton, Shirley Mason, Valene Varey and Margaret Morrison.

Parents Jam New High School Auditorium for Commencement Night

Welcoming an audience which nearly filled the new High School auditorium for the annual commencement exercises on Friday evening, January 22, principal I. A. Hansen stressed the noticeable difference in atmosphere in the school and general attitude and interest of each and every student since the completion of the new auditorium.

One year ago Mr. Hansen told the crowd gathered in the Robert Little school auditorium for the commencement "the high school has reached its capacity" and stated, "Perhaps by this time next year we will have our own auditorium."

The principal told the Friday night audience the pupils and staff had been looking forward to holding their commencement

in the new addition. He praised the graduating class, noting they were among the first grade nine students to occupy the new school building when it was first erected in 1954.

Increase in Awards
Mr. Hansen compared six students receiving never-late never-absent certificates last year with 32 this year and credited the new auditorium in having some bearing on the increase by encouraging more school interest.

The principal pointed out the home economics room helped to make the school a more complete unit. In previous years, pupils were transported to and from Milton and Georgetown for this class.

to none and stressed the cooperation of the student body with the teachers in general. He congratulated the graduating class and urged them to carry into the real world with which they pursued their studies in Acton and wished them the success they so well deserved.

Represents Class
Shirley Mason, valedictorian for her classmates, was introduced by Mr. Hansen as a conscientious, hard working student whose extra curricular activities included being president of the student council in her grade 12 year. Miss Mason is at present taking a teachers' course at Hamilton Teachers College.

In her valedictory address, Miss Mason recalled that in 1954 she and her school mates were

the first grade nine pupils in the new high school. There were two grade nine classes, where there are four now.

New liberties were "foreign and disturbing" at first, she recalled, but she attributed to the teachers as she reviewed some of the highlights, year by year, of her days at school, including the "excellent example of true friendship" given by the caretaker, Rudolph Spielvogel.

Valuable Experiences
Athletics, dances, commencement and field days came in for review and were assessed as "valuable experience."
"Grade 13 is a climax in our lives. Those who have been through it feel that the struggle is well worth the effort."
"We would be nothing without

our teachers," she said, adding extra words of appreciation for the principal, vice-principal and school bus driver, Ted Tyler Sr.

The first grade nine students in the new high school were also the first to graduate from the new gymnasium and so were "especially honored."

In comparing the lives of the graduates to streams, Miss Mason said impressively, "So we flow along, growing broader in outlook, understanding and horizon as each hour passes. Not without snags or difficulties—but still time passes. So the brook becomes a mighty rushing river whose voice is heard and with which one must reckon."

"It depends on each individual whether they remain a minute stream or a powerful river." She

closed her valedictory address with her challenge, "The decision is yours to make."

Win Scholarships
Mary Lou Creighton received the Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. scholarship of \$25 for the student in grade 12 who in one year completes the course in grade 12 with the highest standing and continues to upper school. Mrs. D. E. Smith made the presentation.

Greatest proficiency in the commercial option course won Melbriacis scholarships for David Graham of grade 12 and Lorraine Richardson of grade 10. The awards were presented by Don Boothwell.

The Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. bursary of \$100 for a student proceeding to higher ed-

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