

Beardmore's Here Past 115 Years, Acton's Pioneer Industry

The name Beardmore & Co. owned and operated a tannery at Leather Co. Limited, and the ed. replaced and the firm was soon again in production. Little wonder that Acton has been called in the past as the plant is now fully equipped with modern refrigeration plant makes possible the storing of hides on a year-round basis. Many changes have taken place during the past decade alone and modern equipment and methods have been added to meet present-day demands.

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Conditions Force Plants to Close
Four industries during the past decade ceased to operate in Acton. The Wool Combing Corporation, Baxter Laboratories of Canada Ltd. ceased operations in Acton and moved to a new plant in Woodville, Ontario, in 1927 to occupy a new \$300,000 building. One of Acton's oldest industries, due to problems in the textile industry.

Officials of one company announced at the time that processing of wool, since the close of the war, drifted back to England and other countries where such work was previously done. Due to the lower rates in England, it was found more economical to comb the wool there.

Any Questions?
Further inquiries about the town of Acton should be addressed to the secretary of the number of Commerce, J. Bert Wood, Acton, Ontario, Canada.

Employees Absorbed
In spite of the loss of these four industries during the past decade, Acton has continued to progress, and employees have been absorbed in other establishments of new industries in Acton.

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Old United Church Condemned Will Erect New Building Soon

The end of the decade found the old United Church, Toronto, will be in the congregation of Acton United Church holding services in the Y.M.C.A. their original red brick building, a beautiful new church building, new facilities had already been planned by the Rev. Louis Pickett, who is in charge of the new church building. The new church building is to be placed just two weeks before Mr. Pickett's death.

He was followed in the pastorate by the Rev. E. A. Curry from July, 1950 to July, 1955. Gifts during the decade include candles, vestments, and other items. After services in memory of Mr. Pickett, the group moved to the Y.M.C.A.

Open Tender
Tenders for the erection of a new church building are to be opened this month. Architect's plans were prepared well in advance.

Vital Decisions
Deterioration of the church building has been the subject of a committee headed by Aif Long.

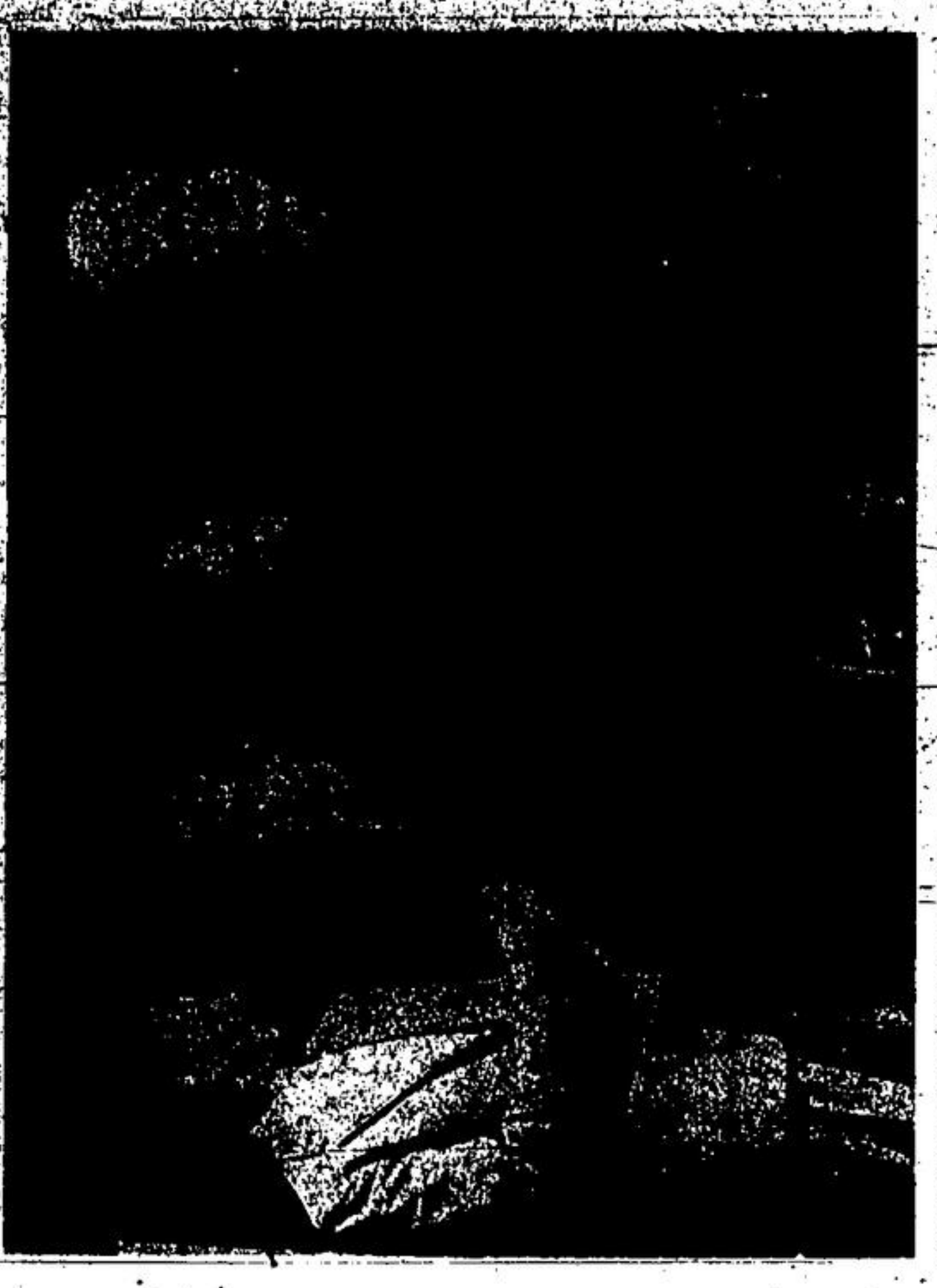
Indicative of the church-to-be is the basement, adjoining a school building. The church was organized in 1928. The building was destroyed by fire in 1938. The church was re-organized in 1948. The church was re-organized in 1948. The church was re-organized in 1948. The church was re-organized in 1948.

First Pastor
In January, 1955, the Rev. Kenneth Reid came to Acton as the first pastor for the congregation. Services were held in the Y.M.C.A. building.

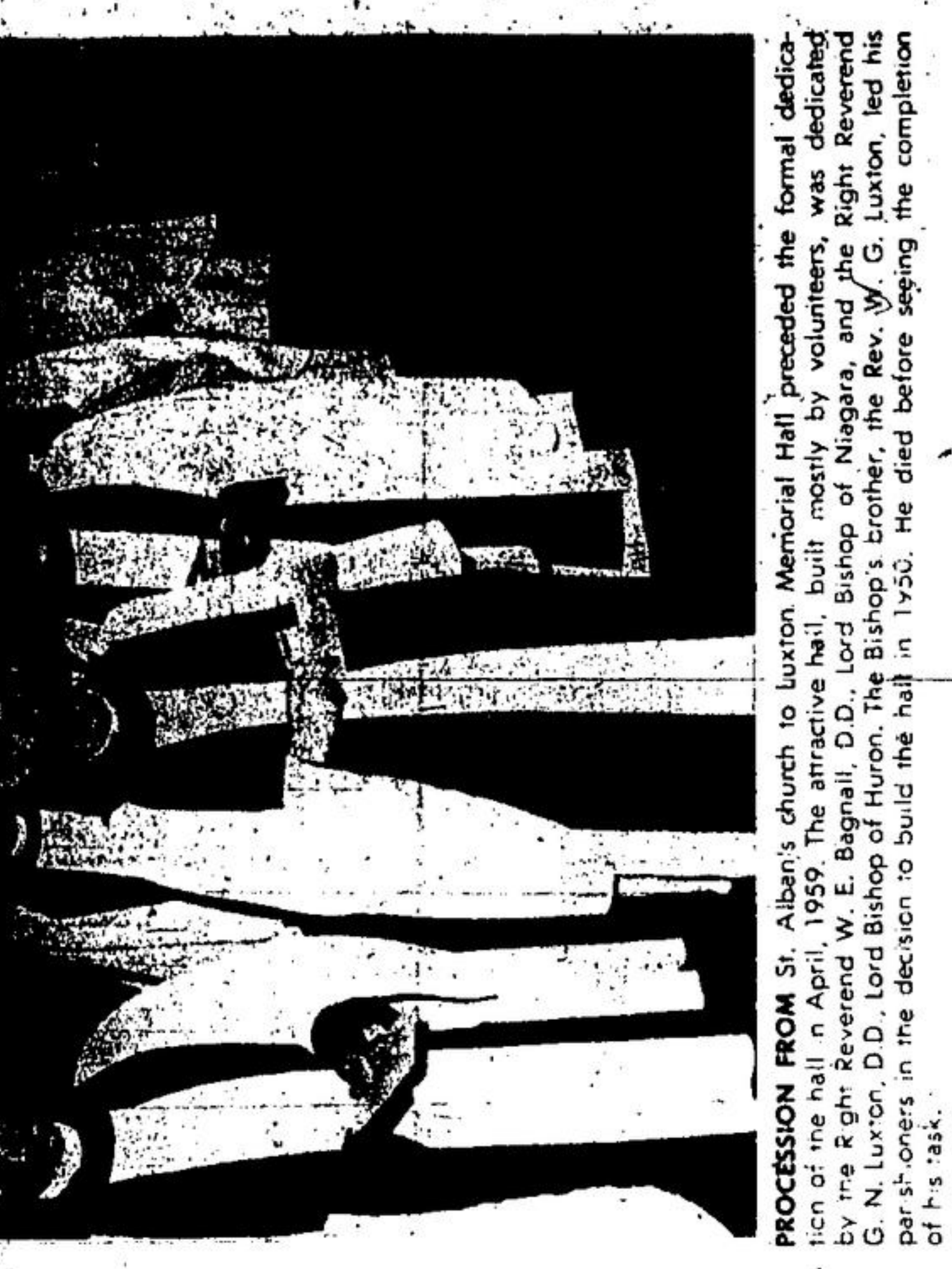
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First Pastor is Leader In Building New Church
The congregation of Acton church was organized after much discussion. The church was re-organized in 1948. The church was re-organized in 1948. The church was re-organized in 1948.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION building adjoining the condemned United Church was dedicated at a service in September, 1958. Left to right are Cyril Leighton, Sunday school superintendent, Aif Long, chairman of the building committee, the Rev. G. Adams and Orwell Johnston, clerk of session. A church will be built above the basement section to house the congregation, now worshipping in the Y.M.C.A.



PROCESSION FROM St. Alban's church to Luxton Memorial Hall preceded the formal dedication of the hall in April, 1959. The attractive hall, built mostly by volunteers, was dedicated by the Right Reverend W. E. Bagnall, D.D., Lord Bishop of Niagara, and the Right Reverend G. N. Luxton, D.D., Lord Bishop of Huron. The Bishop's brother, the Rev. W. G. Luxton, led his parishoners in the decision to build the hall in 1956. He died before seeing the completion of his task.

Membership, Givings Increases Reflect Knox Growth
Membership in Knox Presbyterian church has increased 32 per cent since 1950 while receipts for all purposes are up 116 per cent. In 1959 church membership was 425, now 567.

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