

## Publishing Firm Shows Growth; In Larger Plant

Action oldest established commercial business. The Action Free Press has reflected the growth of the community during the past decade as during the past 50 years.

In mid-1930 the Free Press was making its 7th anniversary. The articles reflected on the changes from the early days of hand set type, and a steam powered press. An addition had been made to the Mill St. building in 1949 to double the size of the printing plant.

Another addition. Since that time another addition was made to accommodate a duplex Goss-Cove-type press that produces the Free Press five times faster.

As the decade was bowing out the publishing firm, now the Dills Printing Co., was expanding its quarters to new quarters building on Willow St. The vacant Mill St. building houses Dills Stationery and Office Supply, another new addition to the town's commercial section.

The Big Move. The original building had housed Action's only newspaper and plant for more than 50 years. As the town and county progressed the building became more and more inadequate. The latest modification for a number of years was the addition of a new printing press in the mid-1950's. It is G. A. Dills who served as editor and publisher of the Action Free Press since 1911 and the Canadian Champion. Mr. Dills presided as Editor-in-Chief of the two publishing companies. A staff of nine in 1950 had grown to 25 as this Decade of Development concluded.

During the year the fire at the school burned some of the older school buildings. Municipal rooms were added to the M. Z. Bennett school to bring it up to a 12-room school. An ambulance service established in 1957 was operated by the municipal council when the town was without ambulance service. The school ambulance service on Churchill Road was started. Early tests indicated a supply of 531 gallons a minute. Construction was begun on the new fire hall.

## Town's Development Greatest in Decade

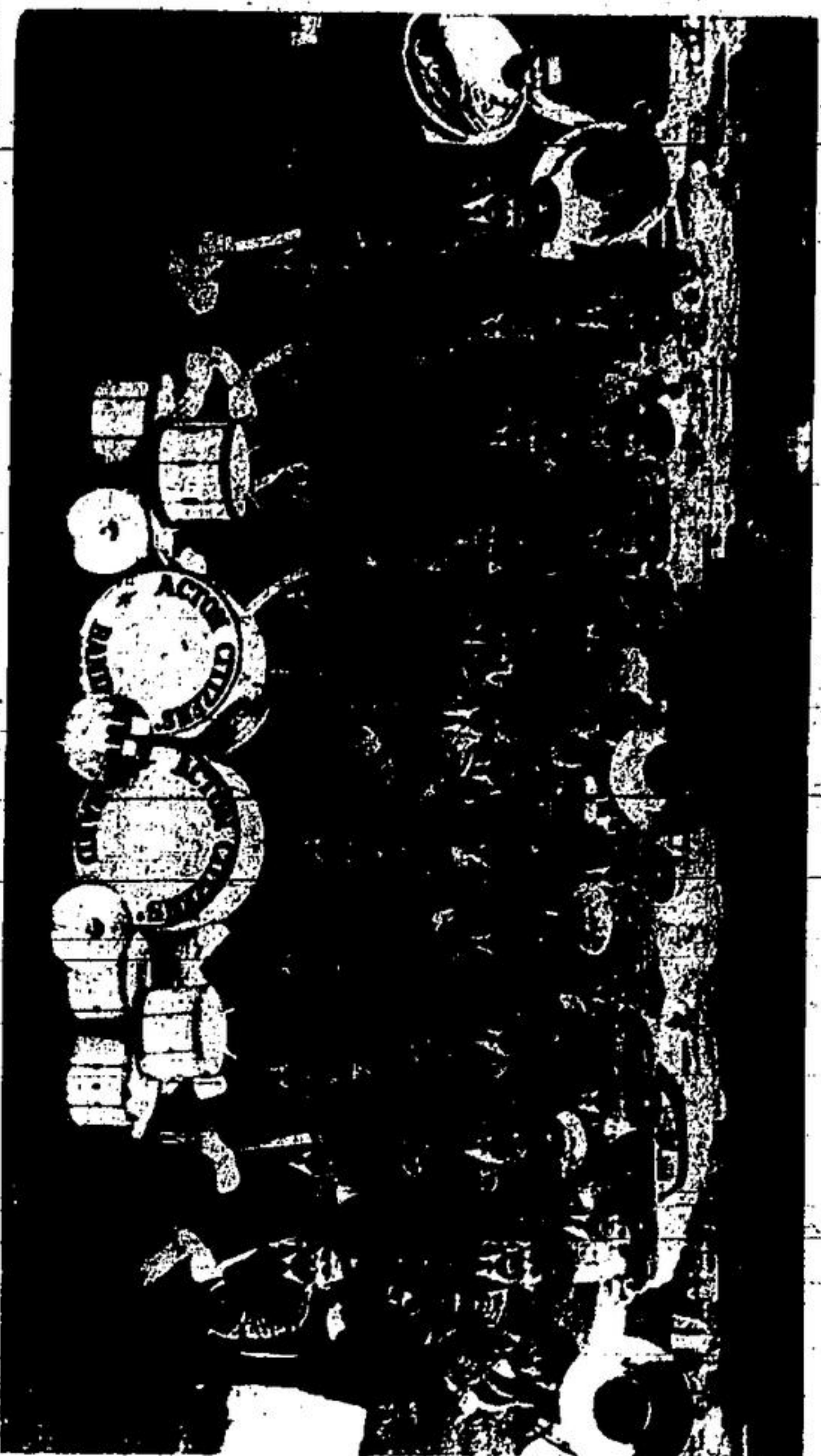
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1956 saw many projects undertaken. Among them were the Maria Street bridge, the P.L.C. garage on Main St. S., the installation of natural gas lines, the pipes for additional water supply, first town dump, and the school fire addition.

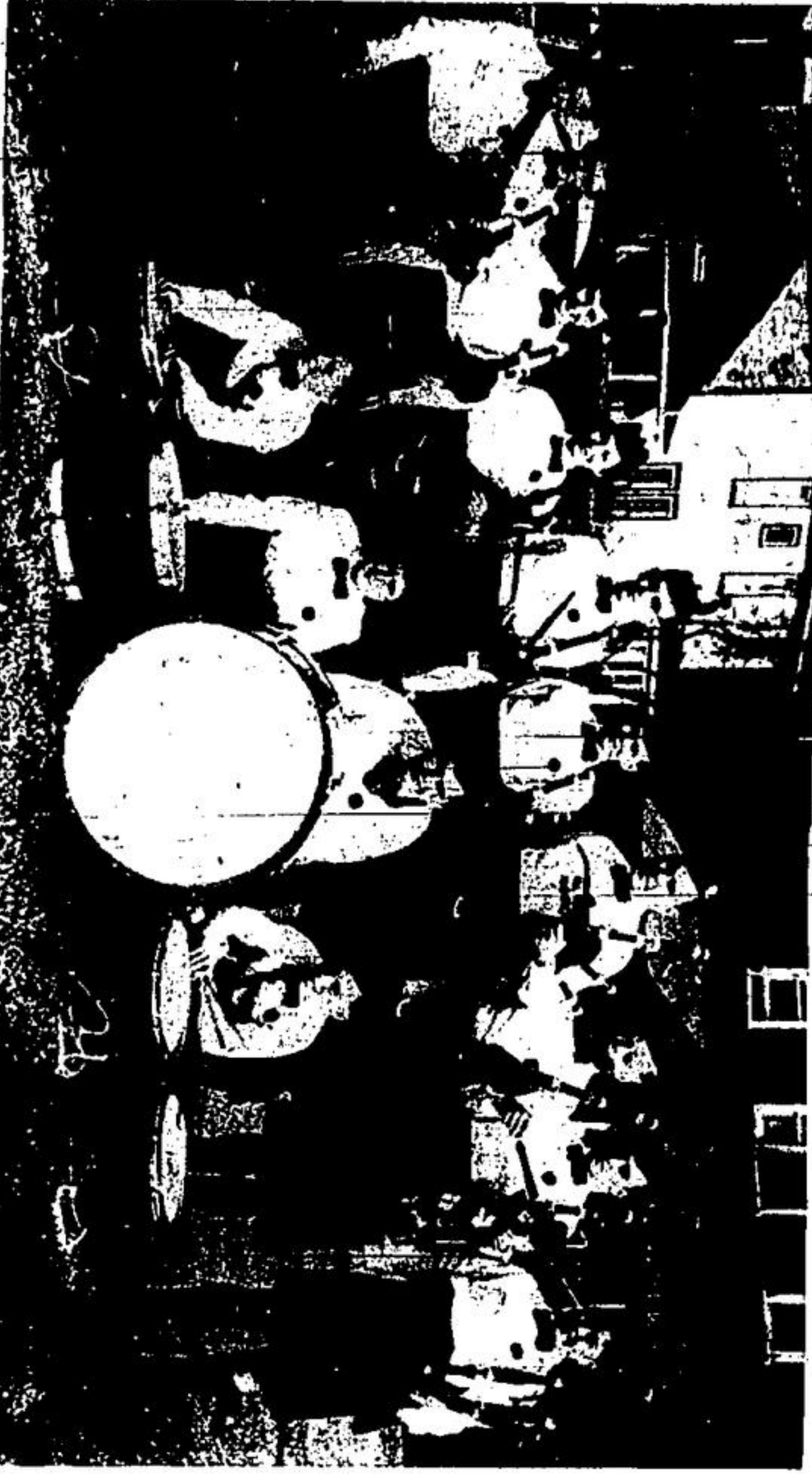
Plant Changes. In the industrial field the Wool Combining Corporation of Canada plant was shut down and H. K. Porter Co. Ltd. purchased the premises and started construction of the new plant. The plant is now under construction. The plant is now under construction. The plant is now under construction.

PORT OF ENTRY. Due to an increased volume of business at the customs office, Action was made a part of entry on January 1, 1957. The customs office opened here in 1916. The office was operated by Mr. M. J. Bennett until 1916 until 1934 and Billy Middleton from 1934 until 1959.

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FALL FAIR ATTRACTION in September, 1958 was Action Citizens' Band. The band traditionally leads parades in town and this time was no exception. The present day band has 35 members and is under the leadership of A. H. Perron. A schedule of winter practice sessions reads: the group for a series of summer engagements. Additions during the decade: the smart red jacketed uniforms and a powerful drum section. Band's history goes back to 1872.



JUST OVER THREE years old, Action Junior Phil Band is already a plebeian stirring sight at parades. Pipe Master Phil Coddick directs 20 fully certified musicians now and has seven learners. The group started with nine young people in 1956. Both town bands was taken.

## Related Finally Have Own School

Thanks to some indefatigable progress during the past decade, the related children of Action and district have a place to go. No more are these mentally slow children hidden in closets and dark corners. No more are they shunned by other children.

Although it is not located in the town, the school for the related children is in the town of Rockwood, Ontario. The school is a 12-room school. The school is a 12-room school.

Several organizations and individuals from Action have assisted with the construction of the school. The school is a 12-room school.

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## Oldest Retail Business Operator Marks 60th Anniversary This Year

J. B. Mackenzie and Son, Ltd. is the oldest retail business operator in Action, marking its 60th year of business at 12 Church St. this year.

Started in its present location 60 years ago, by the late J. B. Mackenzie, who was born three miles south of Action, it was originally a carpenter shop and store. Over the years more and more equipment were added. In 1916 a 1000 sq. ft. building was built. In 1924 a 1000 sq. ft. building was added. In 1934 a 1000 sq. ft. building was added. In 1954 a 1000 sq. ft. building was added.

The business has been carried on by the Mackenzie family for 60 years. The business has been carried on by the Mackenzie family for 60 years.

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## Lost Everything But Knowledge To Communists, Established Here

When Bill Matuszak had his face less than 10 parts of a cent in the building in the Communist Government, with an average of 27 employees, he had lost everything but his knowledge of business. He had lost everything but his knowledge of business. He had lost everything but his knowledge of business.

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## Reeve Operates Trucking Business Serving Industry, Stores, Homes

One of the most important industries in Action is the trucking industry. The trucking industry is one of the most important industries in Action. The trucking industry is one of the most important industries in Action.

## Acron's Oldest Bank Here Past 60 Years

An important feature in any growing community is its banking facilities. The Bank of Montreal is one of the oldest banks in Action. The Bank of Montreal is one of the oldest banks in Action.

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### 1623 Members for Library

Membership in the Action Public Library has almost doubled in the past decade. Ten years ago, the library had 800 members. Today, it has 1623 members.

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